

JUNE DOCUMENT 2004

EVENTS NOTICES.

MIDWINTER SOCIAL

Come and have a relaxed social occasion with other club members after the Pyramids event on SUNDAY 20 JUNE at FILADELFIO'S, in North Road opposite the Gardens shops. Some tables have been booked from 5 pm onwards. Please let Ben Ludgate know if you intend coming, for a rough idea of numbers.

Ben Ludgate: Phone: 464 0087 Email: benandjackie@clear.net.nz

New Zealand Cross-Country Ski Orienteering Championships 2004

Venue: Waiorau Snowfarm Wanaka

Dates: Saturday 24th July - Warm up and coaching if required

Sunday 25th July – NZ Championship Ski Orienteering Score Event

Short Score Event Start at 11.45am

Long Score Event Start at 11.30am

Briefing at 11am

Prize Giving between 2pm and 3pm on Sunday

Entry Fee: \$10

Any enquires Cross-Country Ski Orienteering, contact Allan or Annie Grant

Ph: 03 488 3254 Email agrant @clear.net.nz

Trail fees: Adult \$29 per day, Student \$25, Child \$10. Half Prize special for both days

Ski hire: Adult \$20, Student \$15, Child \$10

Introductory Lesson: Adult \$55, Child \$30

Accommodation available at Albert Town Lodge and Wanaka Motor Camp

(First in First served) There is also accommodation available on the mountain.

Please send entries to Annie and Allan Grant with a \$10 map fee

Make cheques out to Dunedin Orienteering Club

URGENT URGENT URGENT.

The Club is still looking for a new area to map, preferably one with a varied terrain and land cover. Some good ideas have come forward, and are being evaluated by the committee, but more ideas are still wanted. Club members, please keep a lookout on your travels. The Club is offering free membership for a year, as well as free entry to all club events for a year, to anyone who finds an area which is chosen for a new map. The area selected needs to be within 1.5 hours driving time from Dunedin.

From the President

Myles Thayer

Winter is starting to bite and orienteering events are more sporadic. This year we are organising a few street score events to fill in those cold bleak Sundays when no-one wants to be in the forest or out on the Strath Taieri hills. The first three are advertised in this DOCument and if they are successful, three more will be held later.

I've been spending some time inside, orienteering on the internet, and one of the things I looked at this week were the latest NZOF rankings. They've been updated since the National Champs at Easter and several DOC members are ranked in the top ten in their class. If you're at a loose end one of these snowy nights that'll arrive any day now, take a look at the new NZOF website. Its been completely redesigned this year and is quick and easy to navigate around.

Another thing to think about while tucked up inside out of the cold is the upcoming NZOF strategic planning weekend. This is going to be held at the end of July and is your once-in-four-years opportunity to put forward all those great ideas and "obvious" suggestions. Please share anything you think might be of value with someone on the committee. We'll make sure they get a mention.

Lastly, I haven't heard of anyone going to Auckland for Queens Birthday weekend, but if you are, good luck.

Planners Report – Gladbrook 28th March **Judy Wilson**

Jesse and I thought no-one would turn up to the event with a forecast of "cold southerly gale force winds, snow to low levels". We were very surprised to see around 70 people brave the elements and it was very satisfying. Thankyou to those who turned up and especially the Invercargill stalwarts were noticed.

Jesse Robertson was the planner and decided to introduce a fresh look to Gladbrook with a different Start and a change of direction of courses. The Finish had to be changed to the farm track due to the wind. If we had left it where it was originally planned to be, those on the finish would have ended being blown off to Oamaru.

As we were late getting this course underway we were rushed at the end to get the control descriptions and fine tuning accomplished. Nonetheless the event seemed to run smoothly and provided an enjoyable day for most. The wind got a few competitors down I think.

I would like to thank Jesse for carrying out his ideas. I would also like to thank the Mortimer and Pohl families for carrying out the organisation in the face of powerful gusts and showers.

DUNEDIN STUDENTS SHINE AT SANDY POINT

By Pat Ehrhardt

A small group from King's High School and Macandrew Intermediate travelled to the Southland Schools Event at Sandy Point.

Riki Cambridge convincingly won the Senior Championship by more than 20 minutes. This result can be attributed to superior tactics. His nearest rival did lots of bush bashing but Riki chose a route which made full use of the extensive track network proving that the fastest way is not necessarily the shortest way.

Ryan Cambridge, slicker than any Southlander, took the Intermediate (Years 7 & 8) Championship. 2 out of 2 for the Cambridges!

In the Junior Championship (Years 9 & 10) Bede Robertson and Vincent Pettinger both ran well, making good decisions and keeping in contact with the map. Although

comparatively inexperienced Y9 students, they showed that they belonged in the Championship rather than the Novice grade. We were delighted to see Bede's name near the top of the results board; for a time he seemed to be 2nd but was pipped into 3rd place by a later starter. Vincent came 8th.

It was a great day. The weather was perfect, and the event was really well organised, with a good atmosphere. There were lots of entrants, especially in the Novice grades. Many of these were seniors from James Hargest High School, who were achieving credits in Phys. Ed. for completing an orienteering unit, but it was also obvious that club members had put a lot of effort into encouraging other entries. Most of Southland Orienteering Club helped on the day, so there were plenty of people in the registration area to welcome and explain things to newcomers or out on the courses to rescue and advise anyone in difficulties which made it a very positive experience for all the competitors.

SOC always put on an excellent event for the schools. It is highly recommended to juniors from Dunedin in future years.

Meanwhile, Dunedin Juniors, get ready for the Otago and South Island Schools events on 18th and 19th Sept. Hone your own skills and improve your fitness, and bring friends along to one or two events and persuade them to enter the novice classes.

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NZOF CONSTITUTION

The changes to the constitution, made at the AGM in April to take account of the establishment of the Sports Disputes Tribunal of New Zealand, have now been registered with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies. Accordingly the revised constitution is now available on the NZOF website, under N.Z. Orienteering Federation.

WACO DISAFFILIATED

I advise with regret that, as of 1 May, Waikato & Auckland Campus Orienteers (WACO) has been disaffiliated from the NZOF for non-payment of debts.

MOUNTAIN BIKE ORIENTEERING (MTBO)

With the World Championships being held in Australia in October, New Zealand is aiming to be as well represented as possible. The NZ MTBO Championships are being held at Waiuku on 3/4 July and these events will also double as trials for the selection of the team.

Notice of the procedures for selection to the team is being sent separately to all clubs.

Please note that applications are still invited for the position of manager for the team, as follows:

WOC MTBO 2004 Team Manager

Applications are invited for the position of manager for the New Zealand team to this year's World Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships. The 2004 championships will be held in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia, 18-23 October. The team manager will be responsible for financial and logistics matters pertaining to the team's participation including preparing Gaming Trust applications for team funding. A full job description is available from the General Manager.

OTHER VACANCIES

NZOF High Performance Director

This is a newly established part-time, paid position.

The primary role of the High Performance Director is to assume overall responsibility, within guidelines established, for the high performance operation of NZOF. This will include, and is not necessarily limited to:

- ◆ strategic and annual planning;
- ◆ management of elite/junior elite competitions (eg WOC, JWOC, elite test matches with Australia, SuperSeries). Specifically **excluded** is any involvement with non-elite/junior elite competitions (eg ANZ Challenge, NZ Secondary Schools team), and elite MTBO / Rogaining;
- ◆ management of National and Development squads;
- ◆ financial management of high performance activities, including the preparation of funding applications (eg to Gaming Trusts)

Applications close 30 June. A Job description is available from the General Manager.

NZOF Schools Tour of Australia Team Managers (2)

Applications are invited for the positions of:

- ◆ Pre-tour Manager
- ◆ On-tour Manager
for the New Zealand Schools team to this year's Australian Schools Championships, to be held in NSW, 28-29 September.

The Pre-tour Manager will be principally responsible for seeking funding for the tour (eg from Gaming Trusts), as well as organising travel, accommodation and other logistical details for the team.

Applications close 15 June.

The On-tour Manager will be responsible for management of the team in Australia, including representing the team (eg public speaking duties), attending to technical matters and liaising with officials, team morale and discipline, as well as providing ancillary support.

Applications close 30 June.

Job descriptions for both positions are available from the General Manager.

Expressions of interest are also invited from people who would be interested in acting as Assistant Managers on tour.

This issue of NZOF NEWS is also available at www.nzorientteering.com