

SEPTEMBER DOCUMENT 2004

EVENTS NOTICES.

SOUTHLAND ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS - Waikaia 13-14 November 2004

**SOUTH ISLAND ORIENTEERING CHAMPS AND
MARLBOROUGH/NELSON OY OCTOBER 24TH -25TH**

South Island Champs – October 24th – Big Rabbit
Marlborough OY – October 25th – Sam's Creek

HAWKE'S BAY ORIENTEERING CLUB

Invites you to the...

NEW ZEALAND ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

25 – 28 March, 2005

We have selected the best terrain we can find in Hawke's Bay for this championship with the mapping of two new areas currently underway. We offer you a touch of culture, some spectacular Hawke's Bay scenery and some tough local competition - you won't be disappointed!

- Day 1: Sprint Historic **Te Aute College**, is the opening venue, 20 minutes south of Hastings.
- Day 2: Long **Whanawhana** – nestled beneath the ranges and beside the Ngaruroro River, 40 minutes north-west of Hastings.
- Day 3: Middle **Springvale** – experience some beautiful native forest, 40 minutes south-west of Hastings.
- Day 4: Relay **Smedley** – totara and kereru aplenty, 40 minutes south-west of Hastings.

We recommend you book your accommodation early - visit www.hawkesbaynz.com for options in and around Hastings.

For event information contact Pamela Morrison, phone (06)877 4870 or email pamela.m_at_xtra.co.nz.

2005 DOC DRAFT Event Programme

Jan	6	Oceania Champs	Score Event
	8	Oceania Champs	Day 1 Classic
	9	Oceania Champs	Day 2 Classic
	10	Oceania Champs	MTBO
	11	Oceania Champs	Day 3 Classic
	13	ANZ Challenge Individual	Day 4
	15	Oceania Champs	Day 5 Classic
	16	ANZ Challenge Relay	Day 6
Feb	9	Summer Series 1 (Sch 1)	Kettle Park
	16	Summer Series 2 (Sch 2)	Town Belt North
	23	Summer Series 3 (Sch 3)	Ross Creek
	26	NZ Rogaine Champs	

Mar	2	Summer Series 4 (Sch 4)	Chingford Park
	5	S.I. Night Relay Champs	Gladbrook
	6	OY 1	Gladbrook
	9	Summer Series 5 (Sch 5)	Town Belt South
	16	Summer Series 6 (Sch 6)	Logan Park
	25	Easter Nationals	Hawkes Bay
	26	Easter Nationals	Hawkes Bay
	27	Easter Nationals	Hawkes Bay
	28	Easter Nationals	Hawkes Bay
Apr	8	Otago School Champs	
	16	Otago Champs	Naseby
	17	S.I.Challenge	Mt Ross
	30	South Island School Champs	PAPO
May	15	OY 2	Christies Gully
Jun	4	Queens Birthday	
	5	Queens Birthday	
	6	Queens Birthday	
	19	OY 3	Allans Beach
Jul	10	OY 4	Pyramids
	22	N.Z.Secondary Schools Champs	Wellington
	23	N.Z.Secondary Schools Champs	Wellington
	30	Ski O	Waiorau Snowfarm
	31	Ski O	Waiorau Snowfarm
Aug	20	Otago Short O Champs	Seacliff
	21	Dunedin Club Relays	Waikouaiti
Sep	11	OY 5	Cuttance
	25	Adventure O	Logan Park
Oct	8	MTBO	Waikouaiti
	16	Street O	Town
	22	Labour Weekend	
	23	Labour Weekend	
	24	Labour Weekend	
Nov	6	OY 6	Narrowdale
	19	South Is Champs	PAPO
	20	South Is Challenge	PAPO
Dec	4	Fun Event & Picnic	Chingford Park

CONGRATULATIONS.

Andrew Pohl on being selected as a Member of the New Zealand Junior Cross-Country Ski team to compete at the Kangaroo Hoppet at Falls Creek, Victoria.

From the President

Myles Thayer.

This month we have had our annual weekend of Short O and relay events. Congratulations to all the winners, especially to Jim Cotter for his comprehensive win on the long red Short O course and to Ian and Bunny for their wins in the short red courses. The fact that 70 year olds can beat everyone else should be the spur we all need to get out and do some more training. In the relays, special congratulations to the Cambridge family for their overwhelming win in the family relay event. The "Family Orienteering Trophy" a.k.a. the coffee table is now installed at Easter Crescent.

There has been some discussion about the future of these events, e.g. the format, time of year and the numbers of entrants. The committee is very interested in hearing everyone's ideas. We are considering next year's event programme (see the draft version elsewhere in this DOCUMENT) and all opinions are most welcome. Remember comments on any aspect of the proposed event programme are welcome.

The Winter Street series has also finished this month. There is a report elsewhere in this DOCUMENT.

Later in September we are holding the Otago and South Island Schools Championships. If you know of any school pupils who might be interested in competing please make sure they have an entry form. There are courses for novices as well as experienced orienteers. And one other item: we will need some helpers for these events so if you are available please let me know.

From the Committee

Jane Forsyth.

Leaning Lodge Hut on Rock and Pillar Range

The club has received a letter from the Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club asking for our support to retain their hut on the Rock & Pillars. With control of the area passing to DOC, there is a risk that the hut will be removed and not replaced. OTMC would like the hut to stay or, if that is not possible, be replaced with a new building.

Please send your thoughts on this to the OTMC via caseysouth@xtra.co.nz. They would appreciate hearing from any of our members who support having a hut on the Rock & Pillars, so they can make a case to DOC.

The 2004 Winter Street Series

	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Totals
Name	Helena St	Victoria Road	Castle Street	Mayfield Street	Bellevue Street	Mitchell Avenue	Totals
Riki Cambridge	22	24	19	21	25	25	136
Tane Cambridge	26	24	20	17	19	23	129
Matt Radford	19	21	20	21	22	23	126
Brendan Thayer	18	20	20	21		23	102
Duane Pleace	14	20	15	20		19	88
Jennifer Hudson	16	18	16	14		19	83
Grant Hudson	16	18	16	14		19	83
Dave Browning	19	22	18			22	81
Don Melville	19	20	18	16			73
Margaret Tagg	10	7	11	13	14	12	67
Judy Browning	15	17	14			19	65
Jane Forsyth	13	16	15			16	60
Genevieve Webb		16	13		18		47
Andrew Pohl	14	15	18				47
Ryan Cambridge	13	13	14				40

The 2004 Winter Street Series - Myles Thayer

The 2004 Winter Street Series ended on Sunday 29 August at Mitchell Avenue in Maryhill. This was a new idea to fill a few weekends during the winter. It was envisaged that the events would be fairly informal and provide opportunities for socializing. The score format was chosen because we are all together at the beginning and the end. Most people treated the events as training runs with chocolate spot prizes at the end. Overall, 78 people came to at least one event and the average attendance was 33. Many participated as groups and feedback has been positive so we are planning to hold the series again next year. My thanks to all who helped to mark the cards and distribute the chocolate after each event.

As with all orienteering events some people can't help but "compete", especially some of our younger members. Therefore I have compiled a table of results and can declare Riki Cambridge the club Street O Champion. The table shows only those who came to at least half the series and ran on their own.

Otago Short O and Relay Champs 21-22 Aug 2004

By Jackie Wilson

The Otago Short O champs and Otago relay champs were held on the weekend of the 21st and 22nd August at Christies Gully and McLeod's farm. Maybe the short O event title would have been better as the "Mud-O". The weather was beautiful all weekend (until the piles of snow Sunday night), but the recent snow had left its mark in the form of mud at both Christies Gully and McLeod's farm, so you were doing well to get around a course and stay upright! It made map reading somewhat interesting when your map was covered in mud! I certainly learnt that having shoes with spikes is a worthy investment! There were low numbers at both events, but those who were there really enjoyed the two events.

The Short O champs on Saturday went very well – many thanks to the McLeods and the Brownings for all their work in planning, organising, controlling and everything else that goes with running an event like this. Everyone seemed to enjoy the courses and some very fast times were posted (even in the mud). Ryan Cambridge blitzed the orange field with some super times (although I tried hard to match these, he is just too quick!). Jim Cotter took out the long red courses (and had enough energy to kayak some of the Taieri River during lunch and collect controls after his afternoon run!). Bunny Rathbone won the women's short red and Ian Holden the men's short red. Best coverage of mud would have to go to Helen More, who managed to slip over in both events, and to Ben Ludgate who looked like he had been having a bit of a lie down (admiring the views he said!). The best spectator event of Saturday was watching Brian Buschl, Owen Cambridge and Svend Pedersen breaking into Helen More's car after she was locked out! Brian was overheard to say 'I've done this heaps of times'!!

The Otago relay champs were held on the Sunday at McLeods farm in fantastic weather - the calm before the storm. Due to the lack of juniors there were only 2 three person teams (one from DOC and one from SOC), with the rest made up of two members (one person running the long leg, the other the medium). Family teams were well represented with 5 teams. The courses were once again fairly muddy and very very steep. Thanks to the McLeods again for planning the courses, Ian Holden for controlling, the Brownings for holding it all together and the Buschls for organizing. Both Ben and I were amazed listening

to Dave Browning attempt to explain to us how to work out times on the cards – it seemed like he was making up the numbers, but it seemed to work for him!

The courses were really good – lots of opportunities for errors to slow runners down, a killer first hill that slowed everyone down, and a great spectator control on the side of the cliff above the pond. This was a fun control - a few different route choices (including Brendan Thayer's running directly up the hill behind it and then straight down to the control!), but I think most people preferred to go around the hill and then along the side. Grant Hudson was directly in front of me on my way to this control and I could hear people yelling at me to pass him from over near the start line – not that easy given that the safest route was a tiny sheep track and I wasn't too game to venture off it! Jim Cotter made like a mountain goat and made it look really easy!

Congratulations to the Cambridge family who comprehensively took out the family relay title (Riki on the long leg, Tane the medium leg, and Ryan the short leg) and claimed the coffee table trophy. We think that with the skills the boys are showing at the moment that this family might be one to be reckoned with in the next few years. Well done. Jennifer Hudson and Stuart Melville took out the 2 member team race and the DOC team (Ben Ludgate - long leg, Jackie Wilson – medium leg and Emily Buschl - short leg) edged out the SOC team for the 3 person team race. Comments were made that if all the really young kids seen at the relays stay in the club, that we'll have some good juniors soon. Perhaps we can get some more teams next year! The string courses were really well received, although Brendan Thayer commented that he found it a bit hard!? Apparently he couldn't fit through one of the gaps on the course!!

All in all it was a great weekend - lots of fun, tons of mud and we will see you again next year.

Organisers Report.

Judy Browning

Thanks for entering and to all of those who helped. We were so lucky with the weather and I am sure that we all enjoyed it, especially when I look outside now and see the amount of snow. Someone was definitely on our side.

We were pleased to see that so many of the younger club members, and others, took the chance and tried out the string course. Thank you Margaret for the course. The unicorn went down well.

For the relays there were split controls within each leg and these have been shown as A, B or C in the attached results. The short course did not have any splits at all. Hope that you can all read the attached file.

Short O Comments from the Setter.

George McLeod.

My first idea was to run a chasing start through the forestry but there was too much gorse so we reverted to the tried and true. My grateful thanks to David Tipa, the land owner, his ewes had begun lambing yet he happily allowed us access.

Thank you to Dave for his really good ideas without ramming them down my throat and also for doing all the paper work, bagging the maps, getting the gear etc.

Thank you Judy for your organisational skills, results etc you're always cheerful.

Thanks must also go to Barrie Foote for drawing the maps, his computer skills and the late nights for both events.

Thanks to Jim Cotter, Robert Scurr and Bunny for collecting controls.

It was very pretty last week putting out the controls in six inches of snow, it dried up well for the event though you might not think so!!

Relays: Comments from the Setter

Eunice McLeod

When Aaron needed someone to stand in for him for the relay planning George found some old courses that he said we might be able to use, that was when I offered to help out.

The forestry controls had to be changed, the rest is history.

Thanks to George, Ian as the controller as usual did a great job, Dave and Judy made things easy as they are so organised, Brian on the day took his task by the horns, thanks to Jacky and Ben and everyone who helped with whatever, control collectors etc all very much appreciated.

Thanks also to the competitors who made the event what it was.

We were so fortunate with the weather. The rain began just as we loaded up the caravan.

THE LAST CONTROL

Contour Lines has been smuggled a leaked OSH document. It makes for some interesting reading!

Obsessional Silliness and Hilarity

“Cotton wool from cradle to grave” Agent 006

As we are all aware, sports injuries are not work-related and do not directly come under the aegis of OSH. Having said that, the person who injures himself on Sunday does not turn up for work on Monday, and the loss to the nation in terms of GDP is huge. It has been estimated that sports-related injuries reduce our national productivity by over 2%.

To deal with this problem, I thought I would infiltrate various sporting clubs and expose the unsafe practices that are taking place there. What better sport to start than orienteering! This insane activity should really be banned, but unfortunately we can't find a

legal way of doing this. It involves poorly dressed people running in atrocious weather over rough and unfamiliar terrain looking for ridiculous checkpoints, armed only with a map and compass. Needless to say, risks of ankle injuries, falling over cliffs, hypothermia, getting lost, etc, are great.

The first thing I noticed was that the clippers used to record the checkpoints have sharp needles. I pricked myself, and this could be serious if someone with, for example, AIDS had previously done the same. I recommend at least that the length of stakes supporting these clippers is increased to beyond the reach of very small children. This is only reasonable: better safe than sorry. My next observation was that one could easily choke on the control cards (there is nothing on them to say that they are only for external use – I note the club contains some Australian members).

Then there was the large number of ponds and waterways on the course. Drowning is a major cause of accidental death in New Zealand, and we are all aware that it is possible to drown in 50 mm of water. I recommend that all stretches of water deeper than this amount be identified by plastic warning tape. Talking of tape, I tripped over some plastic tape laid on the ground to mark the route of a junior course. When I fell over I banged my head on a rock, and – if I hadn't gained consciousness quickly – might easily have drowned in a shallow puddle of water. Tapes themselves constitute a hazard, and there should be a preliminary tape warning of the imminent appearance of the other tape.

I was also disturbed to see a number of rabbits hopping around quite brazenly in the full sunlight. I realise that rabbits are not normally considered hazards, but it is possible that one day that fearsome disease, rabies, could reach our shores. In that eventuality, it would not be hard to imagine a rabid rabbit leaping at a competitor's throat and gnawing through the jugular. I recommend a watching brief be kept on this potential hazard.

Lastly, one hazard that is often not mentioned in these reports is the presence of OSH inspectors themselves. I know we do not like to admit to this unsavoury fact, but we have been the cause of a number of recent accidents. The cause is complex and difficult to grasp. For some strange and unfathomable reason, a number of the public have developed a strong aversion to OSH inspectors and have taken to attacking them on sight. We inspectors, therefore, have quite naturally adopted the obvious precaution of defending ourselves with batons and pepper sprays. A number of people have been hurt by these defensive measures. (By the way, what has happened to my request for body armour and Uzi sub-machine guns?).

Next week, I will submit my report on The Hazards of Origami.

Thanks PAPO for sharing this