

## OCTOBER DOCUMENT 2004

### EVENTS NOTICES.

#### **PROPOSED COACHING WEEKEND, 11th & 12th December**

A dedicated coaching weekend has been suggested for the second weekend in December. Consolidate the year's orienteering experiences, progress towards moving up a level.

Prepare for the Oceania Championships and other challenges of 2005.

Venue: Warrington, Seacliff, Waikouaiti area. Possible to come for whole week-end, staying overnight, or just come out for part of it. We plan parallel sessions for different skill levels, from beginners to top orienteers, and to cater for all age groups.

Much orienteering coaching happens informally, in discussions at events, but weather and other commitments interrupt. It is time everyone had a chance to pick up some new ideas, to progress or to make their orienteering more enjoyable

**BUT** we have left organising this quite late. **If you are at all interested in attending, please get in touch with Myles or any other committee member STRAIGHT AWAY. The weekend will not go ahead unless members indicate that they will support it.** Alternatively, if you think it is a good idea, but happen to have other plans for that weekend, let us know when you would prefer.

Jennifer has the entry form for the 2004 WOA Champs on 6th and 7th November.

**SOUTHLAND ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS - Waikaia      13-14 November 2004**

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

#### **From the President**

Myles Thayer.

This month the only events held were the school championships. Unfortunately we struck the worst day for months and had to cancel the South Island Schools Champs at Narrowdale on the Sunday. For both safety and fairness reasons we felt we had no choice. The weather was just too extreme for safety and the snow on the ground would have lead to obvious tracks. The maps have been put away and will be used for the Otago Schools Championships in April 2005. At least all the hard work of Tane Cambridge (planner) and Annie Grant (controller) will not be wasted.

The Otago Schools Championship event at Waikouaiti on the Saturday started very well in balmy spring conditions but deteriorated into bitterly cold hail showers. The conditions certainly made the event more difficult than expected and I know several competitors withdrew because of the cold. This was quite understandable in the circumstances. I would like to thank Don Melville (planner) and Bunny Rathbone (controller) for their interesting and challenging courses. It was a stroke of genius to have the start in the shelter of the large macrocarpa hedge.

We now have some novelty events to look forward to before the South Island Champs at Labour weekend. Remember that entries close on the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

I look forward to seeing you at the Adventure O at Logan Park next weekend and the MTBO at Waikouaiti the weekend after that (remember to enter early and get the discount). The MTBO is on the club website.

### **From the Committee**

#### **Mapping:**

Brian reported a group had looked at some areas, including a private farm; more information to come.

Jane is to check out Ferntree Reserve.

Ross Creek permanent course. It had been reported that the map there had deteriorated.

Ben is to check out putting up a new one, with contact details.

### **A Brief Note from The Western Isles.**

Ken and Anitra Dowling.

We were highly impressed at the number of participants in the ski orienteering. Sixty seven! And if for some strange reason you don't think that is impressive then just compare it to this year's Victorian ski-o meet which attracted just 25-30 people. That was considered a good turnout. Note that the population of Vic approaching that of the whole of NZ and there are many more XC skiers and orienteers here.

So all credit to your event organisers and promoters.

A few weeks ago Ian Holden rang and mentioned that the DOC Family Trophy had just been awarded. To tell the truth Ian had to remind us what it was. We were amazed that the coffee table is still alive and kicking. Perhaps it gets hidden in garages and wardrobes during each tenure! However when Jennifer Hudson sent us a photo of the presentation a few days ago we were very pleased to note stains that indicate it gets some usage. I remember buying the coffee table in a shop in Caversham. Which is where I also bought the ships compass that became, I think, the NZOF course planning trophy. A specialty timber company in the wharf area donated a beautiful piece of jarrah which revealed to be a gorgeous rich, deep red. I vaguely recall the compass sprang a leak a few years later so it is probably down there with the General Grant – no, not the Hudson one.

Anitra will be glad to see the back of her role as an Australian world champs mountain bike orienteering team selector. She is amused at the opportunities certain people make to talk to her at events when normally she would hardly see them for a month or so at a time. I am course controller for the first selection race this Saturday. Anitra and I went to check part of the area just after the map was produced. We weren't looking for map deficiencies but immediately found significant ones. I think the club members thought we were overstating the case but after they surveyed the whole area they were as shocked as us. The map was done by a person too inexperienced but seemingly forced onto the club. So it has meant a lot of extra work in a hurry for everyone and I won't see the final map before tomorrow night.

Our first night in two weeks without the TV on! Australia getting so many medals (I think NZ did better on gold pro rata?) was great – except it meant the number of replays of medal winning performances went on ad nauseam. Fortunately one of the national broadcasters (SBS) was able to pick up sports that the commercial Olympic station didn't want to show. So amongst very few adverts, we saw on SBS gems such as the slalom kayaking and canoeing, road cycling, triathlon and some field events. Coverage of the mountain biking was dismal on the commercial station.

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## **Otago and South Island Schools Championships 18-19<sup>th</sup> September 2004**

By Matt Radford

The Otago Schools Champs started off in beautiful sunshine. Then the clouds rolled in and pounded competitors with sleet, rain and wind. However even the weather could not stop the competition between runners. There were strong fields in all grades with plenty of PAPO people trying to beat DOC. Ryan Cambridge had a good run to win the Intermediate Boys Championship, Rhonda Thayer won the Senior Girls Championship trophy and Riki Cambridge being the fastest DOC runner won the Senior Boys Championship trophy.

Held out at Waikouaiti the red course provided a good challenge, especially the bush in the centre of the map. The long vines and prickles made navigation hard and slow, with short and technical controls. This gave me a lot of trouble until I concentrated and started over again on the controls. This was a sharp contrast to the open forest at the south end of the map, which offered quick running and easier navigation. The map was very small but controls were placed well using all the space possible. One mistake I did was I didn't read the scale for the course thinking it was 1:10,000 so for the 1<sup>st</sup> few controls I kept overshooting the controls until I noticed the scale was 1:5,000. Thanks to the planner Don Melville and controller Bunny Rathbone for a great course on such a hard course to map. Thanks also to organiser Jane Cloete and helpers who had to contend with trying weather conditions. The tents were flapping everywhere and a board nearly flew into someone.

I woke up on Sunday and looked out the window to see snow falling. Then I got the message that the event was cancelled, which was a good thing as running in that weather would have been terrible, and there was the possibility of people getting hypothermia. Thanks to the planner - Tane Cambridge, controller-Annie Grant and the organiser- Myles Thayer for doing all that work and being unable to use the course. Hopefully the same planned courses can be used for a future school event.

## **NZOF NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2004**

### APPOINTMENTS

The NZOF is pleased to announce the appointment of –

- Graham Teahan, who will act as NZOF Coaching Director for the remainder of the year. Graham can be contacted at graham@mdc.govt.nz, phone (06) 329 3938.
- Sandy Turner & Gillian Ingham as Assistant Manager & Coach respectively for the NZ Schools Team.
- Trevor Knowles & Rob Garden as Assistant Manager & Coach respectively for the NZ MTBO WOC Team.

### VACANCY: ANZ CHALLENGE TEAM MANAGER

Applications are invited for the position of Team Manager for the 2005 ANZ Challenge to be held in Auckland in January 2005.

The manager is responsible for the financial and logistical matters pertaining to the team and is expected to attend the ANZ Challenge events with the team. Direct expenses will be reimbursed within the budget. A job description is available from the General Manager. Applications close 30 September.

### KIWISPORT MANUAL

The revised version of the manual is now available and is on the NZOF website. The new manual makes the links between kiwisport orienteering and conventional orienteering stronger and gives more context to the exercises and games described. All clubs have been sent a printed copy.

### STRATEGIC PLANNING

Following the workshop at the end of July, the NZOF Council set a timetable for the implementation of a new strategic plan for the federation, as follows:

- draft plan to be circulated to clubs during September;
- workshops at each Area Championship to be organised to discuss the plan;
- feedback to the NZOF Council for its meeting on 28 November;
- final draft to be adopted at the November Council meeting;
- final plan approved at the 2005 NZOF AGM.

Your input is welcomed.

### NZ SPORT AND RECREATION FUNDING DIRECTORY

Clubs are advised that SPARC has established a directory of funding sources at [www.fis.org.nz/sparc/](http://www.fis.org.nz/sparc/).

The searchable directory contains information about philanthropic trusts, gaming trusts and other community organisations that support the sport and recreation sector. SPARC has made the directory available in order to assist organisations that are not eligible for financial support from SPARC, such as individual sports clubs, to identify potential funding sources.

The search engine enables you to specify, in general terms, the type of project, your location, the type of expenses for which funding is sought and the level of funding. You then obtain a list of those funding agencies most likely to fund your specific requirements. For further information see [www.fis.org.nz/sparc/](http://www.fis.org.nz/sparc/).

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