

NOVEMBER DOCUMENT 2006

CONTROLLER FORUM NOVEMBER 11TH/12TH

John Robinson, of the NZOF technical committee, has agreed to come to Dunedin to run a course for us. Here's the invitation from John:

The Forum

Will be...social
Will be ...participant active
Will be ...educational

Definitely not to be missed.

Some of the topics we will cover.

Role of the controller--- the referee
Course quality---to be a good controller there is a need to understand course structure.
Field check methods----check list, tick the boxes
Risk management-----how to cover your position
Ident----this will be taken by the Sport- ident gurus Alistair and Joanna Stewart
Best practices-----for park/promotion from a successful model
Recent mistakes-----how to avoid them for your event

And of course YOUR input----most welcome

This will be a modern presentation.

Please come to this forum. I was born in Milton and would love your company.

John Robinson

More details: from Jane Forsyth

The course will be held over Saturday and Sunday, but it's ok if you can come to only part of it.

It's to be held in the Hill City harrier club rooms (on the Logan Park map) unless you hear otherwise.

NZOF and the club will pick up the expenses, so you should only have to bring your lunch (or lunch money).

Some people will attend from out of town, so please offer a billet if you can manage it.

Anyone who has planned a course can benefit from this, even if they have not yet been a controller.

I hope everyone who's intending to plan or control next year will come along.

Any more questions, contact me ([sandymount at actrix.co.nz](mailto:sandymount@actrix.co.nz))

Cheers, Jane Forsyth

CHRISTMAS EVENT AT ROSS CREEK

Sunday December 10th

Come and try some dotty Alphabet Orienteering at Ross Creek. Not a seriously challenging event, this is a fun event suitable for all ages and levels of fitness! There will be one longish course, one a tad shorter, and lastly there will be a choose-your-own-distance!

!! BRING A PEN OR PENCIL !!

The start will be on the grassy area by the water treatment station off the Burma Road. Start any time between 11.30am and 1pm.

NATIONAL JUNIOR ORIENTEERING TRAINING CAMP

18 – 22 DECEMBER 2006 ROTORUA

Application form available From: "Darren" [rebnda at xtra.co.nz](mailto:rebnda@xtra.co.nz)
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FROM THE COMMITTEE

Jane Forsyth

The National Events Database of O events can be seen on the maptalk website (www.maptalk.co.nz) but I found it easier to see via the NZOF website (www.nzorienteering.com). Simon Addison is responsible for the database. Find out what's on where.

Owen Cambridge has kindly agreed to take over the club's website from Nick Mortimer. Thanks very much Owen.

More people are needed for the committee next year. Please give some thought to whether you could manage one night a month assisting the running of the club.

Chris Forne & Denis de Monchy went on recently to win the world champs in Australia (where rogaining was invented).

TAIERI MOUNTAIN BIKE ORIENTEERING 7 OCTOBER.

Barrie Foote

I hope you all enjoyed the event. The comments directed to me all suggested that you did, but I guess if that wasn't the case you wouldn't tell me.

Most of the controls appear to have caused little problem. A few, however, caused some hassle to some.

49 - sorry, someone appears to have removed a concrete mixer from the driveway since I set the questions. I dithered over whether that or the boat at 10 were more likely to be moved.

Murphy's Law.

46 - I'm not sure what happened there. Noone got the answer I got so if you had an answer, I gave it to you.

38 - 5 people read the clues carefully and got the name on the gate post, rather than the name on the letter box.

51 - again it is important to read the clue carefully. It asks what is **inside** the red object. The answer was a scarecrow, as 2 people recognised.

62 - Sorry that appeared to be too cryptic for everybody. For those I didn't see afterwards, on the concrete drive the name Tony is etched. (Toe, Knee for those still puzzled)

It would seem that only 3 people got the white markers. It seems that single tracks weren't too popular (or were there not enough points on offer). It took me 35 minutes to retrieve the tapes. That's about 2 min per point. The winner got 186 points in the 6hrs and he's much fitter than I am. It seemed fair enough to me.

In an event of this type, it is expected that if you have an answer, you have been to the control. That means that guessing is out. So is watching the 6hr people, getting the answer to a question or two, then writing the answer on your sheet when you start the 2hr event. I might have to put in a penalty for wrong answers next year.

Talking of penalties, some scores suffered badly by being late. It is important to have a watch, and plan your route carefully to make sure you are back on time, or at least very close to it.

Do you prefer the cryptic clues, and risk missing out if it's too cryptic, or would you rather have very obvious clues. Let me know your preference sometime.

The control sites most frequently visited were - 31, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 92. A lot of you missed 92, even though it was on the flat close to Mosgiel, and could easily have been picked up at some stage, even by the 2hr group - 5 from this group did so, just over half of all competitors did so. .

Talking of the flat, if you had stayed on the flat and got all the possible controls, you would have scored 209. Might have been worth doing if you are not strong on the hills, especially by the 6hr and 4hr groups.

If you have any ideas on how to improve the event, or comments on what you thought worked well, please let me know.

The results are listed below. Any problems or questions either send me an email, or phone on 4544931 during the evening.

