

JULY 1999 DOCUMENT

NEXT DOC EVENT.

Night O and YODA fun event at Kuri Bush on the 24 of July

CROSS COUNTRY SKI ORIENTEERING

Sunday 18th July

Morning - Introductory lesson- to Ski Orienteering or Fun Skate Race 3km & 10km (for those who have cross-country skied before).

Afternoon - Ski Orienteering Score Event

1. Short 45 Minutes

2. Long 90 Minutes.

Prices: Child Adult

Entry Fee (with ski lesson)

\$ 5 \$15

Ski Hire \$10 \$20

Executive Hire \$20 \$30

Accommodation is available on the Mountain Saturday or Sunday night at \$65 a night includes breakfast and dinner. Send bookings for accommodation to : Waiorau Snowfarm

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Any enquires about the cross country ski orienteering see Allan or Annie Grant. Phone: (03) 488 3254

THE PRESIDENT'S (SOMEWHAT OCCASIONAL!) REPORT.

Bruce McCormick

We all get busy from time to time and something falls by the wayside – least that's my excuse. It got me thinking about the voluntary work done by our planners, controllers, organisers and committee, etc. There are many hours that go into making an orienteering year successful – mostly unsung, not acknowledged or rewarded. Even our younger members assist – by providing food, the Naseby YODA event and Peter Wilson setting up a web page for the club (<http://homepages.ihug.co.nz/~wilson/doc/>), to name just a few things. In my view, the Dunedin Orienteering Club, is fortunate in the hours of effort that are so freely given to make our calendar such a success! To all those who help – a big thank you! Since I last wrote, we have had the NZ Secondary School Championships, our own Otago Championships, the YODA Naseby event and three other events including the Club Relays. Looking forward for the rest of 1999 there are another 10 events – so plenty of orienteering for all levels. Over the next week or so, planning starts for events for the year 2000. If you have any suggestions to improve our programme, ring

Pat Ehrhardt, Suzanne Clegg or me immediately! Congratulations go to Barrie Foote and Bruce Collins for their ongoing support for New Zealand Orienteering. The committee has a project underway to update the Planners, Controllers and Organisers booklets. If you have recently had one of these roles, or will in the near future, and can contribute to making them more useful in the future – please ring me with your ideas. I trust you are all keeping warm now that winter has come, are keeping fit and looking forward to our next O events! Good Orienteering.

MESSAGES FROM THE DOC COMMITTEE.

1. Cups. Request from the committee that anyone who is holding or knows someone who has in their possession any of the cups or trophies of the club to please contact: Don Melville ph 454 2575 sthlink@xtra.co.nz as soon as possible. The intention is to make a proper inventory of these, and have recipients sign to say they have received them, as they disappear from time to time.

2. New Map - Call for expressions of interest. The club committee has decided to map the area behind the Dunedin Stadium in Victoria Road. It extends from John Wilson Memorial Drive to the Tennis Club. The main purposes for having this map are to have an area where we can introduce school pupils to orienteering and for coaching clinics. We have been granted funds for this and would like to hear from anyone who is interested in doing the mapping.

3. Equipment Register. We are compiling a register of equipment to assist organizers and keep a track of the club assets. If you are presently storing anything for the club and haven't been contacted yet, please let me know. Myles Thayer, 24 Chisholm Place, phone 454 2385.

MESSAGE FROM JULIE GRANT.

Hi!

How's O going at the moment? I heard you recently had the National SS in Dunedin. That would've been a lot of work like the Nationals last year but I hope everything went ok. (No misplaced keys?) Well Malaysia's great. Its hard to believe I've already been here almost 5 months-its gone so fast. I'm staying in Langkawi Island which is in the North of Malaysia near the Thai border so the AfS organised a trip for us to Phuket in Thailand which is probably the highlight of my trip so far. It was really great. Ten of us from the Northern chapter went from Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Japan and NZ (of course). Everything was really cheap but you had to bargain for it so we did lots of shopping, swimming in the evening at the beach (like the time at Willy's minus the waves), a monkey show, snake farm where we got to hold pythons around our necks, the longest caves in Asia, and some Buddist temples. It was all really interesting. I think I'm Lucky cause Malaysia has got 3 Cultures living together, the Malay, Chinese and the Indian so I get to celebrate them all. I think the most amazing thing is the Typusam (can't spell) which is a way the Indians thank their god when they ask for something. They go into a trance and I saw one man get a spear put through his forehead and another with about 30 lemons hooked into his back on hooks and then he danced with them jangling up and down. Today was the first day back at school after a two week holiday. In the holidays I went with my family to my Dad's kampung(village) in Perak and then later visited Penang for 2 days. My family are Chinese so they speak Mandarin and Hokkien which is really hard because of the characters. Malay is easier though. I can speak the basics now if they don't speak too fast but everybody here is really friendly. My parents are optometrists and must work very hard but they are very well off. Recently we shifted to a new house which is like a hotel. Its really different to see the different way of living between the two houses. I'm really lucky cause we share a pool and gym with our neighbours. My sister Ping who's 10 and I swim almost every day cause its really hot here. Soon we have the rainy season though, so sometimes we have thunderstorms and it buckets down. We also have a maid living with us from Indonesia. At first I found this really strange because I'm not expected to do anything. She's really nice. Here there is no O, well as far as I know anyway. The closest I got to O was a game at the beach last week where they gave us

a map with directions on how to find plastic coke bottles hidden in the sand. The only problem was the tide came in so the place where it was hidden was deep underwater. We tried diving for it but it was pretty imposs. The beaches here are really beautiful. Langkawi is really nice but can be a bit quiet sometimes. I'd better be going. I hope all is well with DOC and YODA (I just saw Star Wars the other day and got given a Yoda drink bottle which they are giving out at KFC). I don't like to eat there though cause here the food is so good, especially the fruit and ABC(AiS Kacang- a type of crushed ice with condensed milk, corn, redbeans, rose syrup and Sarsi)

Did Naseby go ahead? Well now my Mum will be satisfied as I have finally written to DOC. Jumpa lagi

NZ TEAMS.(Information from Michael Wood via the O-Net).

Following simultaneous trials in Britain, Sweden, and Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, the team for the World Championships in Scotland has been announced. It is:

Women: Jenni Adams, Sasha Middleton, Tania Robinson, Rachel Smith, Antonia Wood. Rebecca Smith is reserve.

Men: Darren Ashmore, Greg Barbour, Rob Jessop, Alistair Landels, Bruce McLeod. Shaun Collins is reserve. Jessop has since withdrawn.

The team for the Junior World Championships in Bulgaria has also been chosen. It is: Women: Lisa Frith, Penny Kane. Kane has since withdrawn.

Men: Matthew Backler, Stu Barr, Aaron Prince, Jamie Stewart.

CLUB RELAYS - PLANNERS REPORT.

Bruce McCormick

Planning for this relay event started some months ago – in practice not too difficult to do with only 5 courses required – a short, medium and 3 long is all that's required. I wanted to plan at Allan's Beach as I enjoy the map – its flat! Though I do have difficulty finding my way around the sand dunes. To me it's an ideal club relay event as the courses aren't too difficult or too long.

I really enjoyed working with Barrie Foote as my controller. It also helped that he has the OCAD information. My first trip out to Allan's Beach indicated that the map needed to be changed, as there was now a house and fenced home paddock! Indeed a driveway went in on the Friday and Saturday prior to the Sunday event. While we managed to make a number of changes to the base map, the maps were printed prior to the driveway. I am amazed that changes to the map can be made so easily with OCAD. I also recognise the time that Barrie puts into this aspect of his commitment to orienteering. With the lead up to the event it turned out that neither of us was able to be onsite at the same time, which made our work more difficult. Thanks for your assistance Barrie: combining some of the 3 long courses to reduce controls, making better use of the forest by using it both on the outward and inward legs, correcting my doglegs and by producing the maps for me. I must take responsibility for the error for some teams relay legs wrongly described. For those that had a long leg instead of something shorter, I apologise. I cannot take any credit for the weather, either – it was terrible, but I was pleased that the planned start and finish area provided some shelter. I hope no one ended up with pneumonia! I continue to find the time put in to planning very useful in developing my O skills. Having time (and not under race conditions) I was able to look closely at map, sometimes coming into likely control sites (like depressions) from different directions building a better mental picture of the contours. I'm sure this will assist me in the future on other maps. I can recommend planning as a way to develop your O skills – especially for those relatively new to Orienteering.