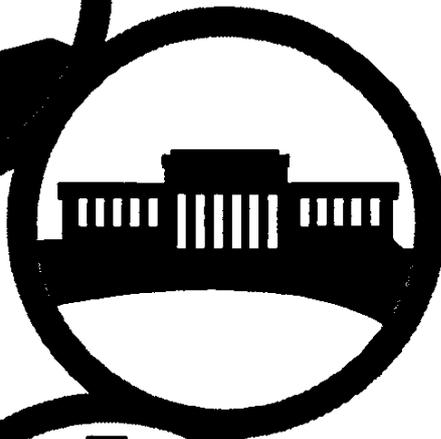


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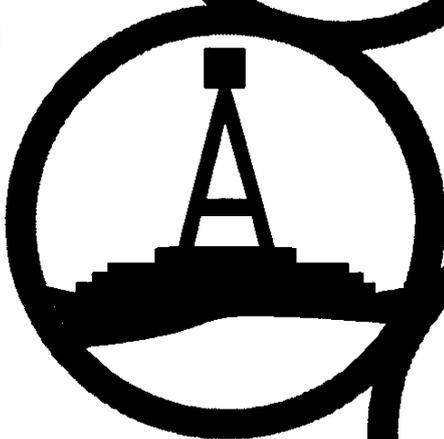


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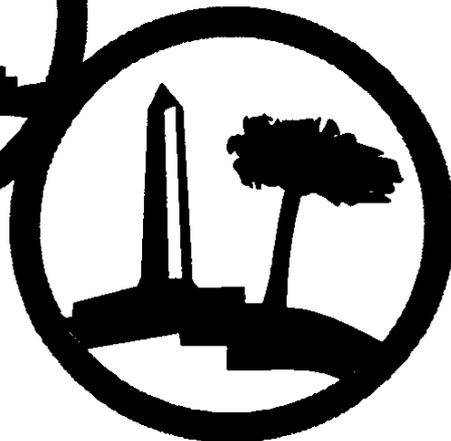


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1995



December 1995

DECEMBER 1995

It seems that there is no NorthWest Club meeting this month.

- 2-3 S Southland Championships
- Sun 3rd HV Karapoti Rogaine, entry deadline 18th November, info Michael Wood 04 566 2645
- Wh **North River Station Score event**, 2 or 3 hours, mass start 12am, Waipu
Details in November issue, pre-entry, deadline 26th November
- NW **NorthWest OC Annual Dinner and Prizegiving**
Monterey Park, Upper Harbour Drive, 18:30
- NW **Long Bay, National Bank Have-a-Go Day**, 10:00-15:00, 2 novice courses only, FREE
- Mon 4th CM Counties-Manukau Club Meeting, 19:30, all Club members welcome
Brighthouse residence, 27 Coulthard Terrace, Papakura
- Tue 5th C **Summer Series, Churchill Park**, Kinsale Road, Glendowie, 17:15-19:00
- Wed 6th C Central Club meeting, all club members welcome, 19:30
Jessop residence, 40 Batkin Road, Avondale
- 9-10 NZOF Mapping/OCAD Workshop, Manukau City, contact Mark Roberts 520 5993
Details in the November issue, all mappers welcome
- 9-17 NZOF "Junior" Training Camp, 17-20 year olds, call Michael Wood 04 566 2645
South Island - Christchurch and Otago
- Sat 9th NZOF NZOF Development Group meeting, Taupo
- Sun 10th H 4 Brothers / Kapamahunga, 11:00-13:00,
Signs from Whatawhata on Hamilton/Raglan road
- R Whaka Forest, a fun event using a mountain bike network
Entry from SH5 on Waipa Mill Road, massed start at 12:00.
- P Ngatira, signposted from Lichfield, 11:00-13:00
- Tue 12th C **Summer Series, Mangere Mountain**, Mangere Bridge, **REDRAWN MAP**
17:15-19:00
- Wed 13th AOA Second meeting of AOA Development Group, details in this issue
19:00 Brewis residence, 32 Dingle Road, St.Heliers
- Wh **Mair Park Score Event and AGM**, start at 19:00 for 40 minutes
- 17-22 E/NZOF Junior Training Camp, 13-16 years old, New Plymouth
Details in November issue, contact Annie Sanderson 06 753 3541
- Tue 19th C **Summer Series, One Tree Hill / Cornwall Park**, Archery, 17:15-19:00
26-1 APOC'96, Hong Kong

JANUARY 1996

6-11	Oz	International 5-day event
13-31	Squad	Elite series, North Island, pre-entry, entry form in November issue
Sat 13th		Entry deadline Masters Games, Dunedin
	Squad	Elite Series, Ngapuketuru, Woodhill, 10:00-12:30
Sun 14th	C	Volcanic Traverse One Tree Hill, Epsom, Mount Eden, Domain, three courses of different lengths Pre-entry or enter on the day for short course, mass start 10:00 (?) on longer courses Use your Elite Series entry form for this event, details in this issue
Mon 15th	Squad	Elite Series, Paparoa, Woodhill, 10:00-12:30
16-21	NZOF	Junior Training Camp, Invercargill, 13-16 year olds, Jill Smithies 03 218 2707
Wed 17th	Squad	Elite Series, Mangawhai, Whangarei, 16:30-19:00
Thu 18th	Squad	Elite Series, Waiuku Forest, Pukekohe, 16:30-19:00
Sat 20th	Squad	Elite Series, Kallamey Lake, Te Aroha, 10:00-12:30
Sun 21st	Squad	Elite Series, Mamaku, Rotorua, 10:00-12:30
Mon 22nd	Squad	Elite Series, Waipapa, Taupo, 16:30-19:00
Tue 23rd	C	Summer Series, Western Springs, Zoo, 17:15-19:00
Wed 24th	Squad	Elite Series, Okawa Bay, Taupo, 16:30-19:00
Thu 25th	Squad	Elite Series, Ngamotu, Rotorua, 16:30-19:00
27,28	E	Taranaki Turkey Trot and Traverse, entry form in this issue
Sat 27th		Taranaki Turkey Trot, Ratapihipihi, New Plymouth
Sun 28th		Taranaki Traverse, New Plymouth, mass start
Mon 29th	Squad	Elite Series, Knottingly, Bulls, 10:00-12:30
Tue 30th	C	Summer Series, Self's Farm, Tidal Road, Papatoetoe, 17:15-19:00
Wed 31st	Squad	Elite series, Gordon Kear, Palmerston North, 16:30-19:00

FEBRUARY 1996

3,4,6	C	Waitangi 3 Day
	D	NZ Masters Games, Dunedin, secretaries have entry forms
Wed 7th	C	Central Club meeting, all Club members welcome, 19:00 Roberts residence, 23A Shore Road, Remuera, please park across the road
	H	Donny Park
Sat 10th	NZOF	Council Meeting, Feilding
Sun 11th	NZOF	Some sort of unspecified meeting to make plans?
Tue 13th	C	Summer Series, One Tree Hill / Cornwall Park, Pohutukawa Drive, 17:15-19:00
Wed 14th	H	Waikato University

17,18	HB	Kaweka Challenge, Hawkes Bay
Tue 20th	C	Summer Series, Mount Eden, Clive Road, 17:15-19:00 NEW MAPI
Wed 21st	H	Forest Lake
Sun 25th	CM	Totara Park, Manukau Festival of Sport, Manurewa, 10:00-12:30
	H	Whatawhata 2
Tue 27th	C	Summer Series, Domain, Grandstand, Carlton Gore Road, 17:15-19:00
Wed 28th	H	Sandford Park

MARCH-DECEMBER 1996

March 96

5	C	Summer Series / SecSch, 1 Tree Hill
6	H	Rose Gardens
9/10	Squad	Ahuroa Valley & Woodcocks
12		Moire Park SecSch
17	C	Lloyd Elmore Park
	H	Whatawhata 1
24	NW	Autumn Series / SecSch
30		Autumn Series?
31	CM	Autumn Series
	H	Pakaroa

April 96

5-8	H/E/P	National Championships, PioPio
8-12	Spain	Veteran World Cup
12,13		NI Sec Sch Championships
14	H	Four Brothers
20-21	NZOF	Annual seminar / AGM, Bulls
28	CM	Totara Park, SecSch
	P	Hodderville

May 96

5	H	Glenora
12		Autumn Series
	P	Redwood Reserve, Tokoroa
26		Autumn Series
	H	Sanatorium Hill

June 96

1-3	NW	QB3Day
9		SecSch
	H	CDOA OY Kairangi
16	CM	Autumn Series

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	P	Crossing
23	C	Streets/parks
	H	Kapamahunga
25		Auckland Sec Sch Championships
30	C	Streets/parks

July 96

7		AOA OY1
12,13		NZ Sec Sch Championships
21		AOA OY2
28	C	Streets / parks
	H	Rose Gardens / Sandford Park

August 96

4		AOA OY3
18		AOA OY4
25	C	Streets / parks
	H	Hamilton Lake

September 96

1		AOA OY5
8	H	CDOA OY MtEliza
15		AOA OY6
29	C	Streets / parks
	H	Kairangi
28-6	Oz	Aussie Championships, Tasmania
		Southern Cross Junior Challenge

October 96

6		AOA OY7
19,20	CM	Auckland Championships
26-28	HB	3 Day event

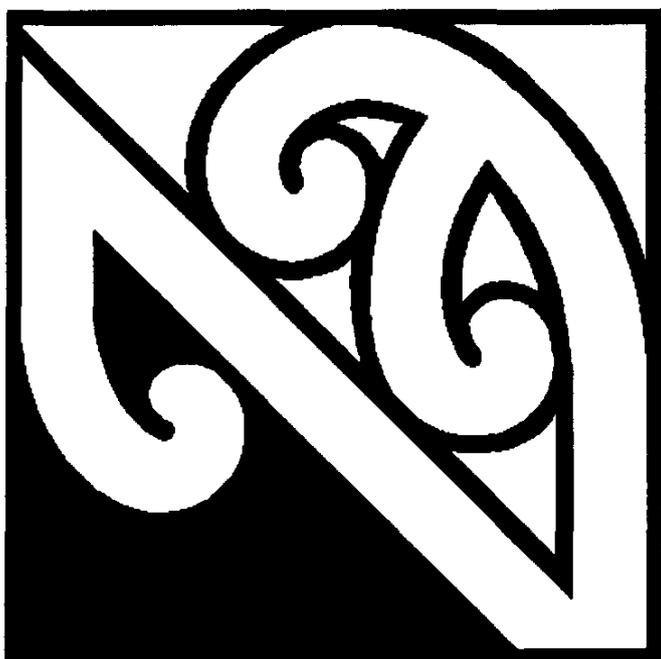
November 96

- 3 C Auckland Relay Championships
 H Glenora
 9,10 E CDOA Championships
 16,17 D South Island Championships

December 96

- 8 H University

NORTHWEST NEWSHOUND



After so many consecutive weekends of events, my body is looking forward to a non-competitive weekend.

Almost 100 orienteers enjoyed bagging controls at the Team Relay event set by Geoff Mead and Mike Beveridge at Muriwai. The beautiful forest clearing combined with a fine day, not to mention a strategically locked gate, to ensure that many stayed on to picnic and attend the presentation of OY series trophies.

I had not run on the Kallamey Lake map for about ten years - when it was known as Tuahu. Like others, I came to grief in the native bush and Supplejack vines. Late starters had an exciting time maintaining their balance on steep slippery slopes and ridges. It was bliss to relax in the hot pools after such physical courses.

There was barely time to recover from the CDOA

Championships before fronting up for 4 or 5 back-to-back races at the Woodhill Great Day O. 45 runners deciphered complicated instructions, debated whether they should run the blue or red courses, and then surged off on a mass start on the Muriwai map. A very green leg halfway through the event soon sorted out the field. Overall it was a gruelling day, with a real sense of satisfaction for completing the distance, but once a year is enough. Thanks! Congratulations to Bryan Teahan who won the 5 course category.

Tidelinez

NorthWest members Michael Hood, Roel Michels, Geoff and Lisa Mead, Sean Bowler, and also Scott Vennel of COC all competed in the 22km Tidelinez coastal race on 19th November. Michael chose the 20km kayak option. Roel was first NWOC home in just under 100 minutes, while the Meads took 3rd place in the Relay section.

On the same day, more loyal NWOC members enjoyed the team memory event set by Dave Middleton as a prelude to the NWOC AGM at Muriwai. We hear that Mark Lawson impressed his team by memorising and locating three controls at once without recourse to the map - which had to remain at base.

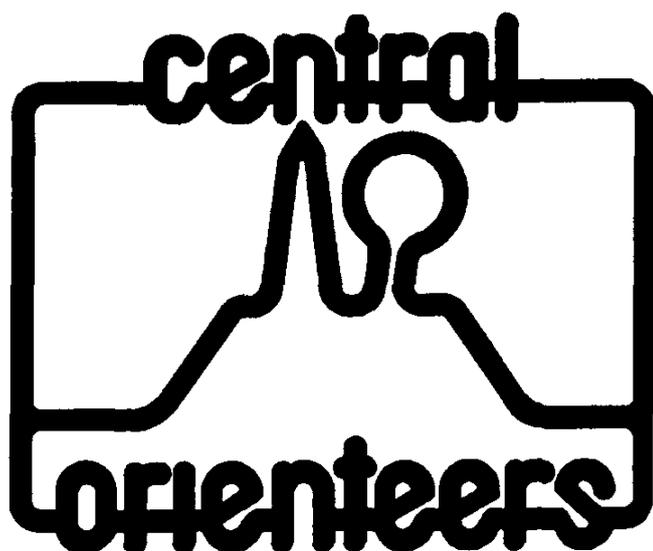
The committee for 1996 features familiar names - goodbye and hello again!

President	John Watson	835 0519
Secretary	Ann Fettes	827 5358
Club Captain	Phil Johansen	444 4390
Treasurer	any volunteers?	
Social Convenor	Lesley Stone	478 8224

Congratulations to the winners of the ASB Secondary Schools Sports Awards in orienteering - Neil Haddon and Gabrielle Henderson. Thanks are due to Graham Peters and students of Birkenhead College who organised and manned a display at Shore City Shopping Centre on 4th November. It's great to see youngsters broadening the base in what seems to be a rather middle-aged sport!

LISA MEAD 445 4555

CENTRAL CHATTERBOX



Have a Go

Shock your business lunch partner, grandmother, maid, kid on the corner, teacher, librarian, the nurse, uncle, cousin, the casual employee, the parson and the last person who said to you "I've heard about it but always wondered what orienteering was like". Grab copies of the summer series programme too and get rid of them on these people.

If Mangere Mountain was to erupt again like its cousin further down the line, and you had missed out on a run using the new redrawn map, you would be unhappy. You would be sorry. So don't miss the excitement and take in a course there soon, December 12th.

Annual General Meeting

Held on Friday 24th November, this year's AGM was surprisingly ill-attended. Much fun was had by all, much wine was drunk and barbecue eaten. The meeting itself was mercifully short although some important issues were aired.

The new committee are remarkably similar to the old committee, with the exception of a new President. Our grateful thanks for the efforts of Tom in this role for the last two years:

President	Leon McGivern	576 4567
Past President	Tom Davies	302 0506
Secretary	Rae Powell	624 1513
Treasurer	Rod Ball	817 4133
Mapping	Mark Roberts	520 5993
Events	Scott Vennell	529 0150
Membership	Clare Codling	526 0245
AOA	Hilary Weeks	579 2731

	John Powell	624 1513
Coach	Rob Jessop	828 4907
Auditor	Terry Nuthall	358 1960
Equipment	John Powell	624 1513
Without portfolio	Tom Clendon	634 4253

We do lack a number of officers, any takers?

Publicity

KiwiSport

Permanent courses

Following an animated discussion the club subscriptions for 1996 were set at the same level as 1995.

O-Suit

More ideas are springing forth for a design for the club uniform. Lets have at least the word "CENTRAL" across either the front or the back so that we stand out more than we would otherwise. Those who have thoughts on what that means and how we might design an O-suit should have a word to Darren Ashmore.

Finished

The meaning of the word "finished" has been suggested as "a serious alternative to DNF". It also means exams are finished for many members. One of those is Richard Bolt who is now out doing engineering "practical work" towards his uni degree. Good luck to all of you in the upcoming exam results.

"Finished" also means that's it from this columnist and personal pre-editor, and a big thankyou to all of you who have contributed details, news and sometimes secret information for making the Central Chatterbox remain in excellent health.

Equipment hire

The Club has a new general policy about the use of its equipment by members for non-Club purposes. In short, the policy is that all equipment is available at the discretion of the Equipment Officer, with the possible exception of the computer, plotter or clock which deserve special attention; and that there should be a bond paid, and a written record of the loan.

Next club meetings

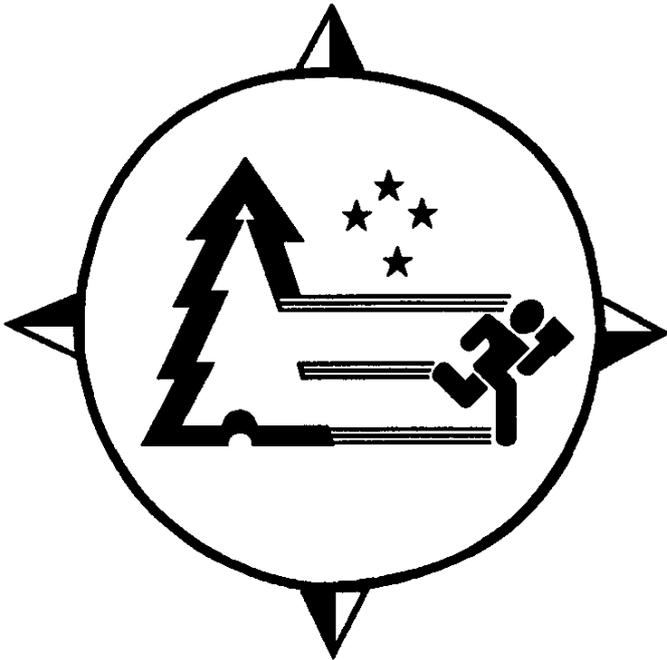
The December club meeting will be held at on Wednesday 6th December at 19:30 at the Jessop residence, 40 Batkin Road, Avondale. All club members are welcome.

The first committee meeting for 1996 will be held on

Wednesday 7th February at 19:30 at a venue to be decided. There will be no January meeting.

CATHERINE AND BRUCE HORIDE 836 0095

COUNTIES-MANUKAU NEWS



Events

The club's only event this month was a disappointment for me - I had the misfortune to have my car done over while planning the courses and I lost among other things my valued camera. The lesson could be while training in Totara Park always leave your vehicle with the crowd - a solitary car must attract thieves.

The event itself was a benefit for the local Brownies and Guides who used it to gain badge credits. Only ten orienteers turned up.

John Robinson is having more success with his Onewhero events for the locals: 57 beginners on three courses. He requests that any serious contender for next year's AOA Championships should give these Thursday evening events a miss because the maps are embargoed.

Six CMOC members have entered the Wellington Championships, a bit different to the days when we took a minibus to away events. And where are our juniors? Only James Currie at the training camp.

New maps in the offing, the Polish mapper Pawel "Pavo" Moszkowicz will be doing some mapping at Onewhero over Christmas.

Next year's programme has been formulated, and volunteers are required to run events. Get in early and choose what you want.

And volunteers please for various committee roles including "Scribe" - I would welcome a break. The thought crossed my mind after the last AOA Championships that a few years ago I would enthusiastically get my O gear together and clean my glasses and compass the week prior to the event, but this time I arrived having forgotten my O shoes.

Jeanine Browne ran in the recent Taupo to Tauranga Relay where her team, two male cyclists and JB running, took 9 hours.

The Tuesday weekly Stride and Stroke series have started at St. Heliers. This is a good fun way to keep fit and was well supported by orienteers last year.

Next club meeting

The next club meeting is at the Brighthouse residence, 27 Coulthard Terrace, Papakura, on Monday 4th December at 19:30 - all Counties-Manukau Club members are welcome.

KEN BROWNE 299 8413

ELITE SERIES 1996

11 days of squad-organised orienteering plus the Auckland Volcanic Traverse and the Taranaki Turkey Trot and Traverse. The series is open to anyone, though the three courses offered on the majority of days won't cater for all ages and abilities.

These are pre-entry events. There is still time to enter: entries will be accepted up to 30th December 1995. Entry forms were in the November issue of the Auckland Orienteer, or you may contact Alistair Cory-Wright on (W) 379 9463 (H) 445 0140.

The Elite Series has been organised to provide some summer competition for NZ Elites and as a focus for Northern Hemisphere elites wanting to escape winter. We are hoping to attract lots of NZ orienteers too.

Some of the venues and dates have changed since the original entry form was issued. See the Calendar for the latest details. Because of strong interest from a wide cross-section of orienteers, the shortest course has been made shorter still - EWT 40 minutes for W40A. Course One is 65 mins for M21E

and course Two is 50 mins for W21E.

Note that all of the weekday events are in the early evening to allow you to run after work.

You may use your Elite Series entry form to enter the Volcanic Traverse and the Taranaki Turkey Trot and Traverse, even if you don't want to go to the other events.

LEPPIN GREAT DAY O 1995

Five consecutive courses, using the adjoining south Woodhill maps of Muriwai, Pulpit Rock and Ngapuketuru. Another classic event under the banner of the Leppin Great Day O. Roel Michels and Rob Garden produced a memorable event using a mass start of all competitors and a winning time of about 3 hours. Innovative development included a time handicap system based on age, and time penalties (not disqualification) for missed controls.

The "enjoyment" in taking part in events like this is in finishing and reflecting back upon the event. The grassy creek bank by the finish saw competitors discussing their experiences from a prostrate position, because standing up hurt too much.

A long "green" leg half way through the first course split up the mass start pack. Ngapuketuru (3rd course) was a testing combination of terrain and challenging navigation. A long leg with multiple route choices was about two hours into the event and just before the map change onto course 4. By this stage the aim was to finish, not to achieve a placing. I was part of a "committee" decision on the best route choice; 3 fatigued minds are better than one. This allowed for a chat while we jogged the leg!

The fifth course included sound effects from cramping runners and one of those finishes that course setters think are cute. Competitors' comments cannot be printed. A control was sited 100m from the finish with an excellent view of the finish banner; but there was still a loop of 3 controls to go, with several rough ridges to struggle over.

Just what an orienteer needs after 3 hours of running.

GEOFF MEAD [NWOC]

RUDE LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mark

As Editor of the national orienteering magazine "NZ Orienteering" (please note spelling!) I am dismayed, distraught and deeply offended by your comments in the last issue of that pathetic little A5 organ "The Auckland Orienteer".

I refer to your reference that the Leppin Great Day O event was advertised in my publication (and not yours ha ha ha!!) How dare you say that it never occurred to you to tear a page out of your national mag!! What's a photocopier? Duh! Anyway why not tear a page out? What is wrong with my magazine that you cannot tear a page out?!

I am so upset with the inference that events should not be advertised in "NZ Orienteering" (Note the spelling! It is not NZ Orienteer!!) that I demand honour be satisfied by a head to head orienteering race in the new year. You should be in my grade, M40A, by then. You certainly look old enough! The loser of the race has to publicly apologise and concede that the winner is a better Editor, better looking and a better orienteer of course!

Awaiting your reply (if you dare) with interest.

PS I thoroughly enjoyed the Leppin Great Day O as did the others from out of Auckland who wouldn't have read it in your magazine anyway!!

PPS Please find enclosed entry form for the 1996 Nationals. Please insert this in your magazine every issue up until closing date to ensure Aucklanders know the event is on!

BRUCE COLLINS [HOC]

Dear Bruce

As editor of this magnificent magazine, much cheaper, much more frequent, more timely, better spelled, more grammatical, and less prone to resort to adverts to fill up the space, I am pleased to take up this challenge.

No I won't be in M40A in 1996, but I don't mind slumming. How about the Taranaki Traverse?

By the way, do you use glossy paper so that people are blinded by the glare and don't realise that the articles are rubbish?

PS Did you mean "implication"?

PPS I couldn't think of anything else but I didn't want you to think you had beaten me by having a PPS as well.

PPPS Ha ha ha. Do please write again.

MARK

NORTHERN REGIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

AOA Championships, NRL #11

North-West 74, Counties-Manukau 30

Pinelands / Taupo 51, Egmont 0

Rotorua 54, Hamilton 48

Poutu, NRL #12

Central 29, Hamilton 20

North-West 69, Rotorua 13

Counties-Manukau 0, Pinelands/Taupo 0

Some clubs had only one runner from the "selected" team actually running. The problems which developed earlier in the year for some clubs in selecting a team became widespread. Only North-West fielded a full team in the last three events. I abandoned calculating the results for the CDOA champs as there seemed little point. The competition constructed around club selectors had died - not with a bang but a whimper.

Michael Hood has suggested the use of a combination of team selection and best 5 runs for calculating the team score as a way of retaining the advantages of team selection while minimising the difficulties. He suggests that clubs nominate a team only when competing in their own district. Otherwise the best 5 runs from different grades is used. This seems to me to have a lot of merit and worthy of trialling in 1996.

Egmont was unable to participate in any meaningful way and will not be included next year. The last competition event will be chosen so that I can publish the final result in the AOA December newsletter. I will action the above unless I receive an objection from a club.

JOHN POWELL [COC] 624 1513

THRILLING FINAL TO NEW ZEALAND ELITE LEAGUE

The NZ Elite O-League has gone to two Auckland orienteers, but not without a struggle in the last two of the five competitions. These were held last Saturday at Glenroy in the Wairarapa and on Sunday at Gordon Kear in the Manawatu, both areas about two hours from Wellington.

Winners Marquita Gelderman and Phil Wood have both won air fares which they will use to train in Australia next year.

After tailing one point going into Saturday's event at Glenroy, NZ Champion Tania Robinson won by two and a half minutes to take her score to 70, one up on Gelderman. Antonia Wood, winner of race three of the league, was another three and a half minutes behind, and her score of 58 would require a final-race upset to catch up.

Phil Wood's Saturday win consolidated his three-point lead over Shaun Collins, although Collins was so close behind that he only conceded a single point. But Wood had a poor result in race one of the series, which would be discounted by the formula, so his effective margin was 11 points. A third placing to Darren Ashmore brought him up from fifth in the series. With a missed race to drop he was looking certain for a place, but there was no way he was going to catch the leaders.

Saturday's race was classic orienteering distance, with target times of 80 minutes (Men) and 65 minutes for the women. The final event on Sunday by contrast consisted of two short-distance races of half normal length. This puts real pressure on the orienteers as they can run at higher speed, but there is little time to recover from any navigational errors.

All three top women finished within 35 seconds in the morning short race, with Gelderman 10 seconds ahead of Robinson. Barring disasters which would let Antonia Wood through, the league would be decided by the afternoon race. In heavy rain, Gelderman confirmed her fine form, and took another 35 seconds out of Robinson to win. Wood was third.

Collins caused a stir in the men's class by beating Phil Wood in the morning by nearly a minute. Outsider Simon Teahan and junior Karl Dravitzki were 21 and 36 seconds behind Wood. Ashmore was only one second later. Collins took even more

time out of Wood in the afternoon, increasing his gross score to 83, the same as Wood. But after discarding the lowest score, Wood remained ahead by 7 points. Ashmore's total time for the two short races gave him third place on the day, and third in the league.

National Orienteering Squad Coaching Coordinator Rob Garden says that Wood's performances in the league would put him amongst the 6-strong men's team sent to the World Champs this year. Wood hasn't yet represented NZ at the Worlds, but must be considered a real possibility for Norway in 1997.

MICHAEL WOOD [HVOC] ON O-NET

TEAM TRIALS AND SELECTION

Junior World Championships

Potential JWOC runners must apply to NZOF by 31st January 1996. JWOC is in Rumania, dunno when.

Southern Cross Junior Challenge

Held in Tasmania 29th September - 6th October 1996 along with the Australian Champs. You must apply to the Selectors by 1st April 1996.

The Trials are 1996 National Champs at Easter; 1996 QB3; also NI and SI Secondary Schools Champs.

1997 Australia - New Zealand Challenge

Christchurch, early January 1997. You must apply by 30th September 1996 and compete in at least two of 1996 Auckland Champs 19,20 October; Hawkes Bay 3-Day 26-28 October; CDOA Champs, Egmont, 9-10 November; 1996 SI Champs 16-17 November.

NZ O-LEAGUE FINAL PLACINGS

W21E	1	2	3	4	5	Total
M Gelderman	12	20	19	18	20	77
T Robinson	20	15	15	20	17	72
A Wood	16	8	20	14	10	60

K Ambler	7	7	7	7	7	28
M Edwards	6	6	6	6	6	24
M21E						
P Wood	7	20	20	20	16	76
S Collins	14	16	14	19	20	69
D Ashmore	0	10	12	12	13	47
W Teahan	15	15	3	3	10	43
D Melrose	10	12	9	0	7	38
S Teahan	3	7	10	5	8	30
R Bolt	9	2	0	6	5	22
R Jessop	20	0	0	0	0	20
M Tuck	0	4	8	4	4	20
B Teahan	0	8	8	0	0	16
R Crawford	4	0	0	9	2	15
D Teahan	0	0	2	2	2	6

OCAD WORKSHOP

9/10 December, Manukau City

Response has been excellent to this opportunity to learn about the use of OCAD with plenty of hands-on experience. Keen mappers are coming from as far afield as Nelson! The Auckland clubs are well represented already, but there is still space for anyone else with an interest in mapping (not computers - they are just a tool).

MARK ROBERTS 520 5993

TALL STORIES

Orienteering is an sport which can have some great true (tall) stories. At nearly any event there will be some competitor telling in great length and detail to anyone who will listen what happened on the course - mostly explanations of how they came to make an error and usually not their fault.

Here are some of the more unusual stories I have heard (most of them about night events and relays):

- At one night relay one team member came in late because she had to come to the help of a person who had fallen down a deep tomo (pit) and couldn't get out. What made this rescue story more interesting was that the person in the pit was standing on a live cow, also stuck!

- There once was a world-renowned follower who at

one night event was shadowing another competitor very closely for several controls. However for some reason he lost contact and waited around for others so that he could carry on. He thought he was lucky as he quickly latched onto a group of runners and they ran very fast on the rest of the course to finish in what he thought was a good time. He looked around the finish area and couldn't recognise anything. He soon realised his mistake - he had followed runners that were competing on the same map but for a different club and he was actually 7 kilometres from his own finish.

- At one night relay a pack of 20 runners came to a high fence that was almost impossible to climb. The lead runner spotted what looked like an old abandoned car next to the fence. In a flash he jumped on the bonnet, onto the roof and hopped over the fence. Every single one of the pack did the same leaving the car with its roof caved in and bonnet dented.

To this day the irate landowner and owner of the car whenever he sees Orienteers runs and gets his shotgun and tries to shoot at them.

- Again, the herd instincts of a pack of Orienteers came into play in this story. A group of runners were running very fast trying to keep up with the leading runner. The leading runner was running very fast and trying to keep ahead of the pack. He was not reading his map and went on the wrong side of a lake. By the time the group realised something was wrong they were 500m off course and facing a 2km extra run around a long narrow lake. One of the runners hit on a good idea and the rest followed. They 'borrowed' the canoes from a small village to get across the lake.

- Still another lake story. A small pack again were led astray by the herd instinct and ended up on the wrong side of a long narrow lake. They decided to all swim the 10m or so across the lake. This relay must have been a grudge match between competing clubs because the runners had to win at all costs. Everyone threw their maps across the lake so as to not get them wet. There was a ferocious battle to swim across the lake. The first one out of the lake picked up all his competitor's maps and threw them back across the lake.

- Another Night Relay. It was the start of the first leg of a huge night relay. All the runners had to run a small distance to collect their maps. On GO, everyone rushed to get their maps but ran in the WRONG direction. Only a few had the presence of mind to realize their error and turned around to go the right way. The spectators started yelling hysterically at them to 'go back, go back - you have

to follow everyone else!'. The pack ran for 1 kilometre before they realized they hadn't picked up their maps yet. The radicals who realized early what had happened and who had to overcome almost insurmountable opposition from the crowd and fellow runners ended up 5 minutes in front.

BRYAN TEAHAN ON O-NET

Here are a couple of moments from LOK folk-lore. I promise you they are both true (he would say that wouldn't he)

1) The British Championships for 1990 were held near Sheffield, about 250km north of London. A certain person drove to the event, and arrived to find there were no signs up. He then realised he had come one week too early. He drove home, and then went back the following week. The mistake on its own is bad enough, but we never understood why he told anyone about it.

2) The area around Bordeaux in France is known for its sand dune areas on the Atlantic coast. At one event the cartographer had got a bit carried away, and drew a blue border all around the mapped area. A certain LOK orienteer got a little lost and decided to relocate by running until he hit the "sea" at the edge of the map. Unfortunately he decided to set off east. The first sea you come to by running east from Bordeaux is the Adriatic, after about 1000km.

SIMON ERRINGTON OF LONDON
ORIENTEERING KLUBB (LOK) ON O-NET

1996 AUSTRALIAN ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1996 Australian Orienteering Championships Carnival will be held between September 28 and October 6 1996 in Australia's Island State, Tasmania (that's down under, down under).

The carnival gives you the opportunity to participate in 5 orienteering competitions plus 2 warm-up/model events in 9 days. The Australian Individual and Relay Championships events (the main part of the carnival) will be held on the East coast of the State close to the areas used for the 1992 VWC.

Of particular interest to junior orienteers and junior coaches is the inclusion of a series within the

carnival called the Southern Cross Junior Challenge. This competition is designed for juniors (M/W -16,-18,-20 an individual and a relay) and although its format has been, when previously conducted, an Australian Inter-State (6 Australian States and the ACT) and New Zealand competition, it is intended in to widen the entry to all Southern Hemisphere and Pacific Rim countries.

The event is aimed at giving a high class international competition to many more juniors than would normally be invited to attend a JWOC.

HOWARD SMITH, CARNIVAL ORGANISER, ON O-NET.

ARCHIVES DEC'85

After reading Jill Dalton's "Trivia from the ancient past" I have found someone who can ably take over The Archives - please? The inclusion of those little bits that I did not record make interesting reading.

I recall that Lyndsay and Phyllis were in hysterics when during my preamble to the 50 American soldiers the Sergeant interrupted to order a private to "put up the truck tailgate" and he refused. Orienteering was forgotten as several arguments developed and after ten minutes the sergeant did it himself.

For December 1985 I see that the calendar was empty other than a Central Club promotional event on One Tree Hill. This was probably the break that we say we need nowadays.

Paul Dalton wrote a four page article on O in Auckland with its problems and possible solutions. The same questions and answers in 1985 and in 1995.

I spent Christmas Day getting my motorcycle tuned for Boxing Day races much to the disgust of my family and neighbours. The Pilbrows, Laurents, Shukers and Crisps visited Tongariro. JB and Joanne Cunningham organised a social gathering at Omana Reserve (leave your O gear at home and have some fun!)

KEN BROWNE

WELLINGTON CHAMPS WINDS UP SPRING SEASON

The Wellington Championships in the southern part of the North Island was the last of the four regional championships held this spring. Philip Wood ran a nicely judged race to win M21E at Glenroy in the Wairarapa district. This map was first used for the North Island Champs in 1994, held as part of the Asia Pacific Carnival, and consists of steep gully-spur terrain with mature pine forest.

Wood's time of 81:06 was 1:26 ahead of his fellow coach of the NZ Development Squad, Shaun Collins. The pair beat Darren Ashmore, the only member of this year's World Champs team to appear, into third place. Three others of that team currently live overseas, Rob Jessop is injured, and Aidan Boswell has university exams. JWOC entrant Richard Bolt ran very well for 6th place.

And in W21E, NZ Champion Tania Robinson beat Marquita Gelderman by 2:38. These two were NZ's top competitors at the World Champs, Tania finishing 24th in the short and Marquita 27th in the classic. Antonia Wood who qualified in the world classic at her first attempt, was third. The winning time was 63:19.

Most of the current elite women took part, except for Jenni Adams (overseas) and Katie Fettes who hasn't been seen at a major event since Easter.

The event was the fourth out of 5 races in an elite O-League, with the Wellington Short-Distance Championships the following day being the last.

MICHAEL WOOD [HVOC] ON O-NET

AOA DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The first meeting of this apparently informal group took place on 20th November at the Brewis residence in St. Heliers, chaired by Andy Brewis.

Many representatives of the Central, Counties-Manukau, "Onewhero" and NorthWest Clubs discussed how to increase participation in orienteering and how to convert more participants into "doers" of the hard work.

Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats were listed, possible strategies discussed, and two immediate courses of action were identified:

(A) Building a bridge between park and forest events - to be addressed by Jean Cory-Wright, John Powell and Rob Jessop.

(B) Reviewing the orienteering year in the light of available resource - to be addressed by Selwyn Palmer, Rob Crawford, Jill Dalton and Hilary Weeks.

Apparently it is entirely coincidental that all of these people are Central members!

If you want to join in, turn up on the 20th, contact Andy Brewis (new Chair of AOA) on 575 6989 or contact one of the people mentioned above.

W100

Moving into my 70th year I feel again that grandmotherly urge to knit. Of course nowadays grandchildren don't wear a great deal of woolen clothing - the labelled sweatshirt is the uniform. Still I guess I can channel the urge to Knit One Purl One back into the Red course at orienteering.

Thus it was on that cool day at Kallarne Lake I once again laced up the O shoes and trudged up a mountain. Instead on One Plain One Purl it was one step up and two steps backwards to the start. On arrival at the steepest part of the climb, shoes already doubled in weight by mud, it gladdened my heart to see Andy B racing for the Start line up a precipitous spur and puffing too.

As the pattern tells me "Pass the Slipped Stitch Over" so I proceeded to Number 1 control, slipping and crossing over gullies, wet cow trails and slippery stones. All the time I was carefully watching my aging feet were under control, and missing the control that was under my nose. At some stage the rain stopped enough for me to locate a boulder marked on the map and a depression hidden in ferns and a long leg around the lush lake.

More like a bog really, but I guess some Irishman (*who couldn't spell - MR*) was reminded of home. Keeping high above the morass I thought it time to measure the distance. Here is where it all started to unravel. As if a cat had got into the wool, my brain lost its thread. Best, I decided later, to sit down at this stage and really take stock. A minute lost there might save ten later. Did I notice the stream and block of trees were 3 contours apart? No, it was as if I had cast off 3 stitches on the same side of the neck twice. The whole map was being held lopsided. Truthfully I never even looked properly.

I edged around the muddiest cow trails anxious to arrive home without a broken leg, looking only at the stream while trees waved above my downcast eyes. Ten minutes later I found myself struggling up, up and more up, heart straining, legs pumping, breath non-existent, to desperately clip the control and clutch a tree for fear of dropping dead.

A downhill rush to finish across a bridge, more mud. But the damage was done. My race had dropped stitches, one-sided neck opening, too long, all a bit of a disaster. But what's new?

I have gone back to being a grandmother, am casting on stitches for a soccer boy's purple and yellow hat.

W100

NEWS FROM AL

I'm currently struggling to train in the sub-zero temperatures (-4 today) and snow (4 inches but rising quickly). I went skiing (downhill) last weekend and will maybe go cross-country skiing this weekend. I went skating on a local lake 2 weeks ago too. The competitive O'ing has completely stopped and there is only a bit of training going now.

I'm living 10 minutes run from a big X-C ski area and a massive typically Swedish forest (unlimited terrain) - rocky, blueberry (in the summer), hilly and technical. I'm living in an apartment in a Red-house (Rob. J. could describe what it's like - similar to where many of the Swedes in Borlange live).

I'm working as a software consultant for a company called Pythagoras who sell my time to the Swedish National Road Administration where I'm developing an application in Visual Basic 4, in Windows NT 3.51 using ODBC and Object Oriented techniques.

Hi to everyone - I hope to be back in NZ sometime in the next 18 months for probably just a visit.

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ALISTAIR LANDELS [COC] VIA THE INTERNET

NZOF NOMINATIONS

Rob Crawford [COC] and Rob Garden [NWOC] have been reappointed as Manager and Coaching Coordinator of the National Squad.

Nominations to Les Warren are invited by 9th December for the following roles:

- Members of the NZOF Technical Subcommittee
- Members of the NZOF Selector Subcommittee (2 year term)

Nominations also by 20th January 1996 for the following NZOF roles:

- Coaching Director
- Promotions Officer
- Property Officer
- Development Squad Manager
- Editor NZ Orienteering
- KiwiSport Coordinator
- Development Squad Coaching Coordinator(s)
- Secondary Schools Coordinator (Ian Donaldson will not be reupping)

Announcements to be made after the Council meeting on 10th February 1996.

JUNIOR REGIONAL CHALLENGE #3

Held at Te Aroha, 4/5 November 1995

	Day 1	Day 2	Total
Auckland	242.5	268.4	510.9
Central Districts	237.7	259.1	496.8
Wellington	228.7	247.9	476.6

The Auckland Junior team was:

W-14 Katherine Bolt (CE), Fiona Monks (NW), Meredith Rouse (NW), Anne Smale (NW)

W-16 Lise Moen (NW), Claire Rankin (WHO), Natalie Rouse (NW)

W-18 Paulette Ashmore (CE), Charlotte Hood (NW), Georgina McPherson (NW)

M-14 James Currie (CM), Nigel Hammond (NW), David Stewart (CE), Andrew Tierney (NW)

M-16 Jamie Munro (CE), Mark Stewart (CE), Simon Thorpe (NW)

M-18 Nic Foster (NW), Anthony Foxall (NW), Neil Haddon (NW), Marc Isted (NW)

Congratulations Auckland, a grand effort. Fiona Monks W-14 and Paulette Ashmore W-18 had wins on both days and Neil Haddon won M-18 on day one. Newcomer Ann Smale finished second on both days,

a wonderful way to celebrate her 13th birthday.

Most of the juniors stayed at the Opal Springs Hot Pools with the team from Wellington. They enjoyed long hours of soaking in the pools and an impromptu fireworks display on the Golf Course next door.

The next challenge will be the Katoa Po all night relays in Taupo. I will be looking to take two teams from Auckland again next year so if you want to be included let me know.

LORRI O'BRIEN, TEAM MANAGER

DO YOU HAVE YOU A PROBLEM?

Many people today slide into addictive behavior without realizing it. Only objective evidence can persuade them that they indeed have a problem. To help with one of today's most common problems, here's a short test you can take.

1. Have you ever experienced a loss of memory for events that happened while you were orienteering?
2. Do you ever orienteer before noon?
3. Have you ever felt remorse after orienteering?
4. Have you ever told yourself "I can stop orienteering any time I want to?"
5. Do you get cranky and irritable after a few days without orienteering?
6. Have you ever spent time on orienteering that you had budgeted for other things?
7. Have you ever had a "short O run" turn into a major binge?
8. Do you ever orienteer alone?
9. Do you associate with a lower class of people when you're orienteering?
10. Do you believe you can't have fun with your friends without orienteering with them?
11. Have you ever lied to your colleagues, friends or family about how much orienteering you do?

If you answered "yes" to two or more questions then you may have a orienteering problem. Call the Orienteers Obsessed Organization. Let us help. We care.

BILL TEAHAN [HOC] ON O-NET

ETCETERA

VWC 1997

Information is now available from O-net on the Veteran's World Cup 1997, September 30th - October 4th, Minnesota, USA.

Onewhero Embargo

Counties Manukau Club announces an embargo on use of the Harkers Reserve and Four Seasons maps by orienteers until the 1996 Auckland Championships. You may run in Robbie's events but you will be unofficial at the Champs.

Summer Series

Enclosed with this issue is a Summer Series calendar for you to pin up at work, school or gym.

Entry forms

Are now with Club Secretaries for the Australian Easter 1996 4 Days (which conflicts with our Nationals) and for O Ringen 1996.

Macpac Kaweka Challenge 1996 17th/18th February 1996, Hawkes Bay

The highest mountain race in New Zealand has \$9,000 in prizes and a new "short solo course of "only" 28km. Entry forms will be sent to those who participated in the last four years, and also to clubs, or you may contact them at Box 46 Hastings or fax 06 876 0078. The controller is Alan Berry.

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(There will be no January issue)

Mail your contributions to Box 99612 Newmarket, or deliver to 23a Shore Road, Remuera, or fax to 263 4794, or call

me or my machine at home on 520 5993, or call me at work on 263 4793.

The deadline for contributions for the February AUCKLAND ORIENTEER is Friday 19th January.

Disks please, if you can; ASCII text with no hard returns, or Microsoft Word, on DOS 3.5" disks for preference. I will, of course, return your disk, but remember to write your name on the label!

If you can't supply on disk, and the article is fairly long, please supply as camera-ready copy, on A4 with a 16mm border all round (265mm x 178mm), and font size at 11 points. Careful! This border is smaller than your WP or typewriter would normally be set up for, and the font size is bigger.

I am perfectly happy to type articles or letters if necessary!

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If you change your address, please contact your club membership officer or Marquita Gelderman on 412 8879. If you want a back issue of *The AUCKLAND ORIENTEER*, please contact your club membership person, or Marquita, or me.

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MARK ROBERTS 520 5993

AUCKLAND TEAM RELAY CHAMPS RESULTS

Muriwai, Sunday 29th October 1996

PLACE	TEAM	TIME	TEAM MEMBERS
1	COC 1	54.25	Jessop/ M Stewart/J & R Powell
2	COC 3	54.43	Roberts/ Brewis/ R & M Howard
3	NW 9	55.15	Moen/ Wagner/ N Foster/ Hammond
4	NW 10	57.04	K Fettes/ Moen/ C Hood/ Monks
5	NW 7	60.17	Teahan/ Martin/ McPherson/ L Moen
6	NW 12	60.55	K Ambler/Bowler/ Wistrand/ Middleton
7	COC 2	61.44	A Stewart/ Cory-Wright/ McGivern/ D Stewart
8	CM 2	65.16	T & V Robinson/ P Aspin/ J Shuker
9	NW 8	68.14	D Middleton/ Smale/ Brothers/ G Ambler
10	WHO 1	70.18	Nevin/ Still/ Collins/ Cyprian
11	NW 2	71.12	Johansen/ Peters/ L Stone/ J Nash
12	CM 3	75.22	J Robinson/ Pilbrow/ Shuker/ K Lewis
13	NW 1	75.37	Mead/ Ranson/ Beveridge/ M Nash
14	COC 4	76.11	A Cory-Wright/ Ball/ A Brewis/ J Stewart
15	NW 11	76.39	Marra/ K & A Stone/ Chapman
16	CM 1	76.44	Aspin/ Snedden/ L Brighthouse/ Pilbrow
17	NW 13	78.59	Ambler/ O'Brien/ A Fettes/Tierney
18	CM 4	82.09	Brighthouse/ L Shuker/ U Lewis
19	NW 4	83.13	Bruce/ King/ Bottomley/ Kouwenhoven
20	NW 3	85.51	Michels/ Paver/ Carswell/Wackrow
21	NW 5	99.33	Foster/ M Hood/ Watson/ A Smale
22	NW 6	120.45	Lawson/ Foxell/ Mellsop/ Newsome

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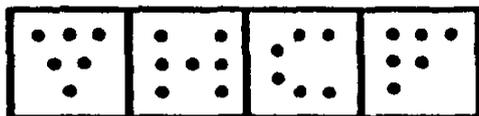
The NZOF Rules for Orienteering Events, rule 27, states:

27.1 Each competitor shall have a control card. He/she is responsible for marking it clearly in the right square at each control using the equipment provided. The control card shall be handed in at the finish. When a competitor has made an incorrect clip he/she shall make the correct clip in an unused part of the card and continue the right marking sequence in the next box.

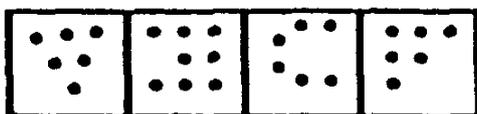
27.4 When a competitor has lost his/her control card or a control clip marking is missing, or it is established that he/she has not visited the controls in the prescribed order he/she has to be disqualified.

Rather heavy going and very useful, but in practice what does it actually mean? The above rules are applied at the finish of an event when the Controller has to check the control card of every finisher and see that the rules have been complied with. One mistake and you are disqualified.

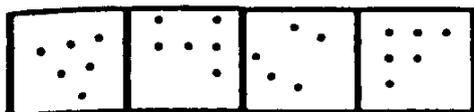
Some latitude is often exercised in the application of the rules. A good way to clarify this is by use of some examples. These shall be related to age grades as follows: M21E (NZ championship event), M45A or W-12A (provincial championship event) or club event. These represent different levels of experience and age (eg M45A v W-12A) and the importance of the event (eg NZ champs v club event). As club events are the main introductory and training forum for young and/or new orienteers, application of the rules has the most latitude at this level.



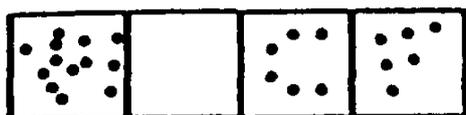
These controls have pin patterns in an equilateral triangle shape, 'H' shape, 'C' shape and right angle triangle shape. All punches are in the correct order and are within the correct boxes as required by the rules.



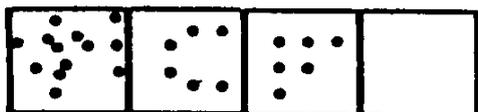
Oh dear, this competitor has been to the wrong control no. 2. Disqualification for all of the above grades.



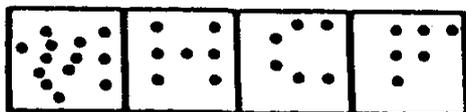
These punches are light and indistinct. The 'H' and 'C' have holes missing, but otherwise look like they could be correct. The W-12A and club entrants would be accepted and given instruction. 21 and 45 year groups *might* be after *very* close inspection.



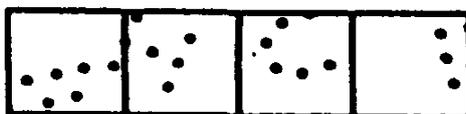
Bit of a booboo here! With close inspection you might conclude that no.1 is correct and no. 2 has been punched in the same box. Outside the rules I'm afraid. M21 and M45 would be accepted *only* if they explained what they had done. Younger and experienced people would be OK as they have demonstrated that they have visited all controls even though a rule has been broken.



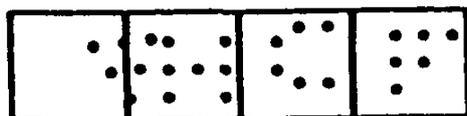
Similar botch up with no. 1 & 2 punches in same box. However controls 3 & 4 have been punched in boxes 2 & 3. The rules state that correct punching should continue in correct boxes. Similar acceptance to above.



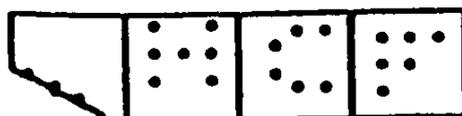
Similar situation to above. Correct punching has been continued after box 1 so we are making some improvement! Again similar acceptance as above.



What a mess, punches everywhere! They are all present, so the competitor has completed the course, but the rules have been forgotten. M21 & M45 would be disqualified for the mess. Younger and club entrants would be accepted and given further instruction.



Bit of a mess with no. 1, but otherwise OK. One indiscretion can be overlooked and would be accepted.



That's torn it! This person can't prove that they went to no. 1. Should have repunched in an unused box. All disqualified.

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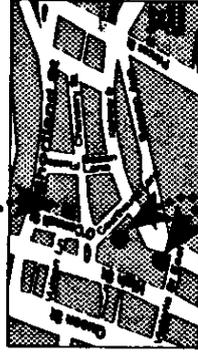
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