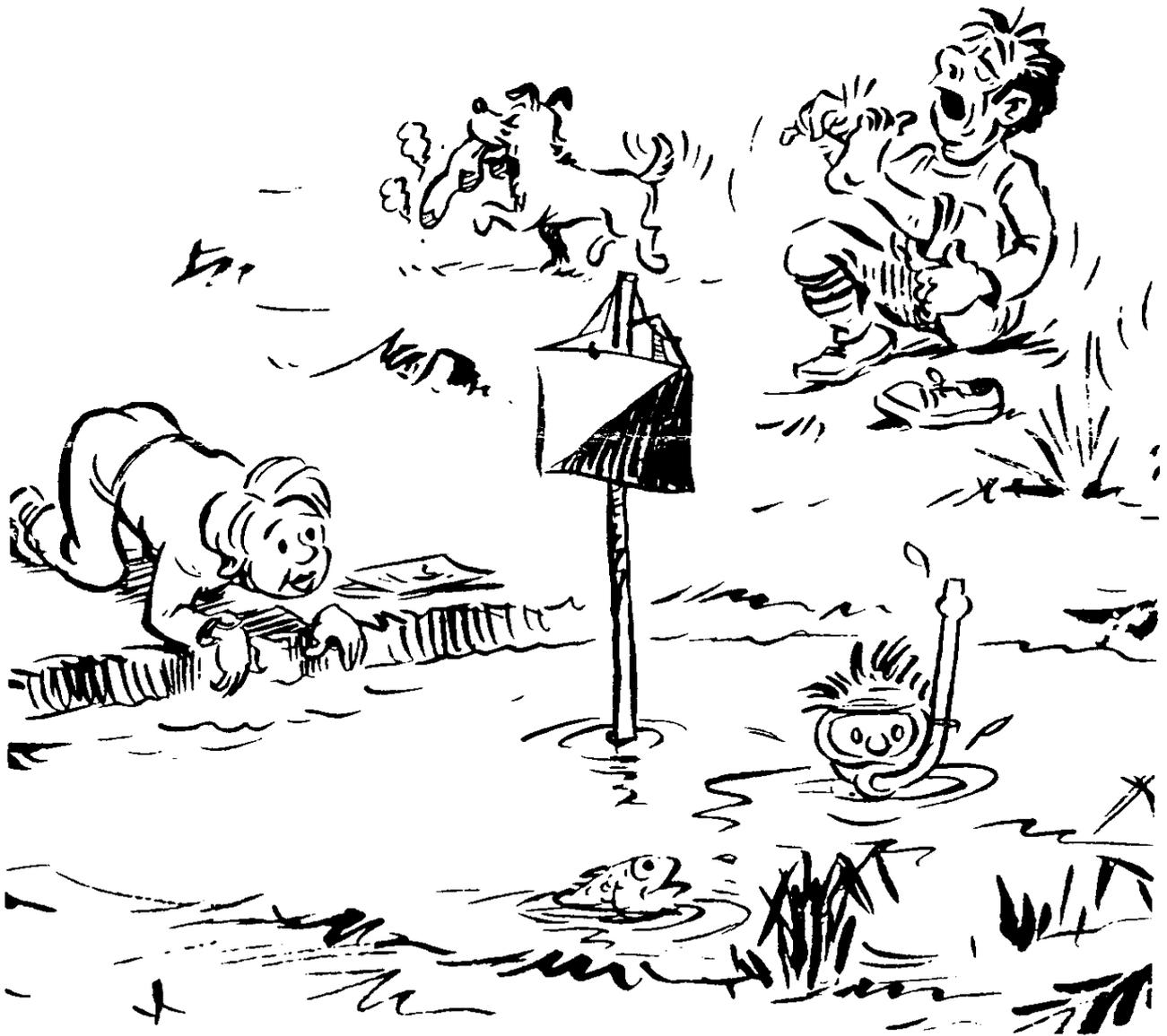


The AUCKLAND ORIENTEER



JULY 1991

EDITORIAL

Hi folks

Well I guess this will be my last editorial. Thank you for all your contributions which keep the magazine going.

Also thank you to Roger Browne who put last months magazine together at short notice. I apologise to Eddie that his personal letter to me was published in the last issue. It has certainly generated quite a response and I hope the replies from Whangarei will go some way towards redressing the balance. Copy for the next issue should continue to be sent 50 Konini Road, One Tree Hill and will be forwarded on as necessary.

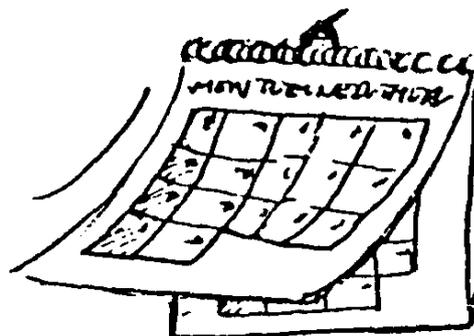


Rowena Grenfell

COMING EVENTS

JULY

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| 7 | Sun | NW | OY4 Woodcocks. Signed from Warkworth. Turn left as you enter Warkworth. Drive approx 12 km to the event. |
| 14 | Sun | SA | Promotion event. Waiuku Forest Farm. |
| 21 | Sun | H | CDOA OY4 Patetonga. Signposted from State Highway 27 at Patetonga (on the way to Matamata). |
| 21 | Sun | NW | Promotion event. Long Street O. Woodall Park, Narrow neck beach, Devoport. |
| 28 | Sun | C | Park event. One Tree Hill. |



AUGUST

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| 4 | Sun | Whangarei | OY5. Phoebes Lake. NOTE Start times from 10.30 to 1.00pm with course closure at 2.30. From Dargaville head south to Te Kopuru then on towards Pouto. |
| 11 | Sun | SA | Promotion event. Camp Adair. From Papakura take Hunua gorge road. |
| 17 | Sat | CDOA | CDOA Individual Champs. Crater Block. |
| 18 | Sun | CDOA | CDOA Short O Champs. Ngamotu. For details see later in this issue. |
| 25 | Sun | C | Park event. Mangere Mountain |

SEPTEMBER

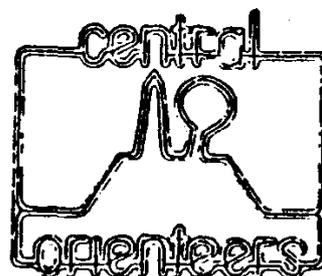
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| 1 | Sun | SA | OY6. Waiuku Forest. Follow signs to Forest from Waiuku, then follow "O" signs. |
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| 8 | Sun | NW | Promotion event. 16 mile Woodhill Forest. Follow SH16 towards Helensville, turn left into Rimmers Road approx 7km past the Forest HQ. |
| 15 | Sun | R | CDOA OY5. Crater Block. North side of Lake Rerewhakaatu off SH38, 45km from Rotorua. |
| 15 | Sun | C | Farm event. Self's Farm, Papatoetoe |
| 29 | Sun | NW | OY7. Paparoa. Woodhill Forest. Take Rimmers Road off SH16 and follow "O" signs. |

START TIMES

For all Auckland events you can start any time from 10am to 12.30pm. Central Districts club events vary from area to area but their OY's have start times from 11am to 1pm.

THE CENTRAL SPY REPORT



* Well NZD91 is over. The club committee thanks all those who "volunteered" their time. It was very pleasing to note that there were a number of genuine volunteers not only from our club but also from other clubs (both New Zealand and Australian) who were prepared to muck-in and help make the event the success that it was. As the saying goes "many hands make light work of it". Thank you all.

* The committee has granted both Robert Jessop and Alistair Landels a measure of financial support to assist them in their forthcoming assault on the World Orienteering Championship in Czechoslovakia. We all wish them well.

* Next month's committee meeting will be held at Tom and Heather Clendon's place (18a Irirangi Road, One Tree Hill) on 3rd July starting also at 7.30 pm. August's meeting will be on the 7th August and also will be at Tom & Heather Clendon's place, same start time. Everyone is invited to attend.

* News has been a little slow (like non-existent) coming in this month. If anyone has any info or suitable gossip that they would like published in the Auckland Orienteer will they please contact THE SPY (Messages may be left at Ph. 576-9147).

The Spy

The Spy

NORTH WEST NEWS

- An enjoyable pot luck dinner was held at the Stone family's house last month, and it was great to see a number of newer club members there. Here's hoping that you got to know some of us by name, instead of just faces at events.



- We're really sorry about your accident Rowena. What a shame when things were starting to come right for you. Adding to the club list of casualties is Michael Hood who slipped and fell onto the concrete floor during the recent training camp at Woodhill. Michael has a broken arm and will be in plaster for a while. I wonder if the club can get through the rest of the year injury free!!
- Did everyone see the article in the local paper on orienteering and the Stone family? It resulted in a number of phone calls enquiring about our sport, all good publicity.
- Thanks to all those involved in the coaching weekend at Woodhill last month. I'm sure all those who attended enjoyed themselves as well as learning something. I believe North West beat Central at Trivial Pursuit, must be all the practice our club members have at social evenings.
- The next club meeting will be at Stone's house, 8 Agathis Ave, Mairangi Bay on August 1st at 7.30pm. See you all there.
- HELP!! I'm sure there must be plenty of things happening to all you club members out there. Please tell me. The newshound can't gather all the information herself. Ring 478 8224 if you know something I don't!!

North West Newshound

DJ JAZZY JEFF AND THE FRESH PRINCE'S SOUTH AUCKLAND GOSSIP CORNER



- OK, so you found out that DJ JAZZY JEFF and the FRESH PRINCE are really Daniel Steven and Tony Tremain, so what. This months issue won't be as good as last months due to some members who don't ring us and give us results and gossip (hint, hint).
- For those of you who don't know yet Daniel Steven, Tony Tremain and Daniel Sanders have been dumped with a hoard of Junior "o"ers to coach. They are doing this for their 6th form cert P.E. assignment during the winter season and so you will probably see them at some events with lots of kiddies following them?
- We went to the June meeting at Robbies and we'd like to thank everyone in the S.A. "o" clan for the great turnout, wow 9 people. What a shame Lyndsay, the first vote in 4 years and you lost, 2:1. The continuing saga of the "o" sign. As you remember in last months edition, Mr Traffic cop turned an "o" sign around and everyone went to Pukekohe. Well it seems "o" signs have something against the S.A. club. At the meeting all the adults had a big argument on who brought the signs in on that day (I wonder who really did?)
- Our best buddy Rolf is currently housesitting for Rob and (let it hint) that he welcomes visitors. i.e., pop in for a cup of tea. Also congratulations to Rolf for getting a muffler onto his car after a week of letting his car sound grunty.
- From the new members department, Grant Unkovich has joined the club. All you adults will remember him but we youngins won't. As it turns out Grant was originally a member but went over to England. Well it looks like he's coming back to show us what he's made of. Look out Robbie!

- Also 2 schools have joined the club, Kings college and Rosehill College. So it looks like we'll be seeing a lot of school kids soon. Gee, does the fact that Jeanette Boswell works at Rosehill College have anything to do with them joining?
- Well it looks like this is the end. We hope that this column has been as interesting for you as it has been for us. If you want to stab someone in the back to embarrass them, then ring and we'll put it in and everyone will have a laugh. Ha Ha!

DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Rowena,

I would like to make a comment about a letter sent by Eddie in the June Auckland Orienteer which says among other things that Phoebe's Lake "can have it". I was the course setter at Phoebe's Lake for both of the days. The following comments are not all directed at Eddie but at those who make a habit out of complaining about any event.

Eddie seems to think there were bingo controls. I didn't map Phoebe's Lake (my brother did) but to my mind on a map like Phoebe's Lake there are very few areas where you can set bingo controls as from any feature it is only 50m to a definite attack point - perhaps Eddie's Orienteering skills aren't up to it - a typical blame it on the map or course setter mentality. I think the courses I set for Phoebe's Lake were a bit more technically demanding than normal for the longer courses.

I am open to constructive criticism on my course setting and mapping but I get angry with comments that have little justification and to me all they achieve is to damage the sport's image.

Of course there was a little bit of luck involved with cyclone damage but all courses were set clear of the walk/flight areas and most people seemed to negotiate these areas between controls with a minimum of fuss. There is nothing more you can do when an Act of God happens just before the event. As it was we spent extra time marking new tracks on the night before the events just to make it fairer for all.

One has only to look at the finishing times and the spread of times plus the number of DNFs within a course to determine whether a course has been set fairly for all - I think I achieved all my goals.

It is sad that our sport is a complainer's sport where it seems most of the time bad comments are printed and the number of times you hear positive feedback are very few and far between. The amount of bad comments seems directly proportional to how bad a person runs.

I received dozens of compliments on the day and its just unfortunate that a negative view gets printed in the magazine giving readers the wrong impression of a lovely area.

A final comment - you can please some of the people some of the time but it seems you can't please all of the Orienteers ANY of the time.

Yours Sincerely,
Bryan Teahan.

W H A N G A R E I O R I E N T E E R I N G C L U B

c/o 116 Memorial Drive
Whangarei

11 June 1991

Dear Rowena

It is unfortunate that Eddie's apparent frustrations at not having successful runs at Pouto should have overflowed into a letter which you published from him in your last issue.

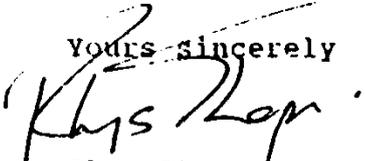
We feel that the comments having been made albeit, hopefully, on the spur of the moment, need some response. From our point of view the comments adversely reflect upon our club and its organisation, with a consequent potential flow-on effect to future events, such as OY5.

Therefore, to comment on his points:

- (a) Three and a half hours travel. Firstly, let us note up front that we were invited by Eddie's club to put on these two days of events. We very much appreciated that invitation, but we did not ask to be included. Secondly, 3 1/2 hours travel (nearer 3 we would have thought) is no further than travelling to Kawhia or Perimeter Road the previous week for Aucklanders. How about those that travelled from further afield, or those of us from up here who have to travel 2 hours at least for every AOY, and 5 hours to Kawhia.
- (b) Bingo controls. All we can say is that no other competitor made such a suggestion and we believe the comments are totally unwarranted. The general comments we heard from competitors were that our events were technically more difficult and interesting than the major event on the previous Sunday.
- (c) Cyclone damage. Sure there was damage that affected runnability and we can only apologise for that (which we did earlier), but it was beyond our control. To suggest that the mapped features were totally obliterated is nonsense. No features that were used or that were near the courses were obliterated.
- (d) Accommodation shambles. Our club had nothing to do with the accommodation arrangements. Eddie's club - Central - were entirely responsible for these arrangements. If they were a shambles then that is our regret as, unfortunately, it reflects on our club.

To conclude, OY5 will be run on this map in an area totally unaffected by the tornado. We would like to welcome all Auckland members up for that event and assure them that they will, we believe, again enjoy an excellent map and area complemented by a well organised event.

Yours sincerely


Rhys Thompson

&


Mike Williams

A Swiss Pin Orienteers Experiences

After half a year orienteering in the Pinelands-Rotorua area I was looking forward to the events at North Kaipara, running with the best Aussie and Kiwi orienteers! "Hueresiech!" Fortunately you can't understand this Swiss-german swearword which you would hear quite often between hundreds of slopelines and depressions on the Phoebes Lake map. (The cartographer denies all responsibility! -Ed.)

They were probably the two most difficult events which I have ever done and with relatively bad compasswork, I made many mistakes. Twice I got almost lost stumbling over fallen logs where a recent tornado destroyed part of the forest.

So, sorry to have "PIN" at the bottom of the 35A list. Fortunately there is "PIN" at the top of the list too. Unbelievable how Max K. could run that demanding 6.6 km course in something over 40mins. My congratulations!

But anyway I enjoyed both events on an excellent map in another beautiful area of New Zealand.

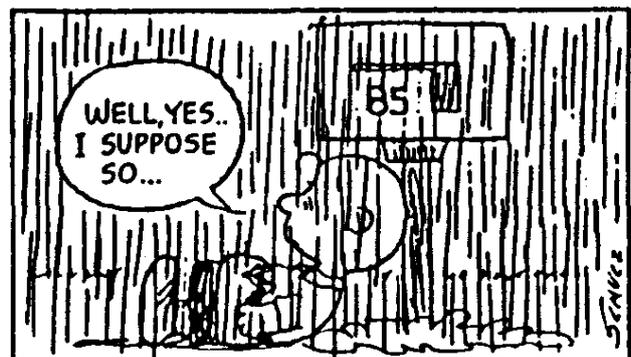
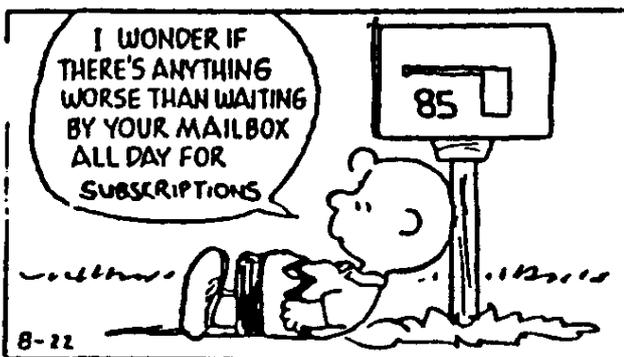
In July our New Zealand year will be over. Orienteering in your country was not only fun but also a fine opportunity to get to know the wonderful kiwiland from another point of view. What will I tell Switzerland about orienteering in N.Z.? They are just typical for this country: climbing fences - a short shock on an electric wire - chasing a flock of sheep - slipping on a cow pat - some angry looking bulls in a pineforest -

"Stop! That's all? Can you tell them some nicer things as well?" you will think. Certainly of course, but these are the things which make orienteering down under so special, so different to "up over". And that's how it should be!

Thanks to Don Fraser who gave me a warm welcome to the Pinelands Orienteering Club. He will have our address in Switzerland. If you would like to have some Swiss 'O' experiences (around the Matterhorn, organised by Swiss-timing and as a prize Swiss cheese and chocolate) please contact us. Auf Wiedersehen!

Andreas Weber.

(Andreas leaves at the end of July. Happy orienteering on familiar territory Andreas - Ed)



Dear Editor

Apologies to those who were upset by the change of venue on Sunday, 23 June. We discovered only a few days before that we hadn't booked with Carter-Holt-Harvey. A motorcycle event prevented us using Otakini Topu. Central generously allowed us to use Temu Road. I enjoyed the lovely open running on that map.

There are proposals around that we buy a computer and WP package for the use of our magazine editor, and others as occasion arises. Katie says she wouldn't mind taking on the job when she returns from the World Champs, but she would appreciate better equipment than the old typewriter she used before. I wonder if we can get funds through the V.I.P. scheme?

Our club has a shocking record of injuries. Do we need some traing in self-preservation? It is heartwarming to see the injured still coming to O-events with crutches, walking sticks etc. but I'd much prefer to see them racing around injury free.

Hope your recovery is swift.

Ann Fettes

President NWOC

There is need for those with an interest in what's happening about orienteering in Secondary Schools to pool their knowledge and share it with others.

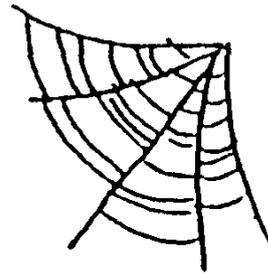
In most cases clubs know little about the impact of the Hillary Commission on Secondary School sport or about the opportunities offerring. Some clubs are making special provision for Secondary School student orienteering which others could learn from. Experience of Secondary School championships has accumulated and perhaps it's time the NZOf to put something on paper about them.

Is there anyone in your club who would like to share in the task of preparing material about secondary school orienteering for club use?

I'd appreciate a name and address or two. Anyone interested could drop me a line c/- K. Baxter, Kaiwaka, RD1. Maungaturoto.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

July 1981 John Robinson had a field day at Waiuku Forest winning all three events at a SAOC training day (92 entries) — a memory event, Matalo and Line event. Australian Maurice Onganinia was second in the first two and Keith Hatwell second in the line event. The club have had a good run with this block of forest. I note that I had two controls in 1981 the same as this years short "o" — and had problems both times.



Hamilton club's Johnson's Farm Whatawhata (1:7500 scale 4m contours) was the scene of an OY won by John Moke from Mark McKenna. The M50 was won by Colin Dahm. Colin, recognisable by a red shirt, and a long handled, large square magnifying glass in his old dress shorts has been travelling to our Auckland events for years.

Alison Stone now making her mark in W21E had a win in the W12 grade in an OY at Waiuku South, the Pilbrows showed in the wayfarer results and Bryce Brighthouse took 68 mins to complete the same 2.2km course.

From Ken Browne

TIMES SQUARE

	OY3 9/6/91
	Course 6
	Peter Godfrey M45B
MM	4.27
1	15.35
2	7.12
3	25.25
4	16.17
5	8.38
6	27.26
7	9.50
8	17.44
9	8.57
FINISH	2.14
TOTAL	143.45



'... most fatigue is in the mind.'

"WHO IS PHOEBE? WHAT IS SHE?"

Having missed running on the map at Kawhia (why do 20 "o"ers tell one later what a great map it was?) and having missed winning the watch on spot prizes (500 more people to tell us how unlucky we were) what is there left to tell of the NZ/Oz tour?

The roundabout route I chose to go from 3 to 4 on a very simple map? The uphill downhill climb at Waiuku to find a stream coming out of a hillside — where else would one expect a

stream to flow? No, I must write about Phoebes Lake —Phoebe whoever she may be sure inspired the Whangarei club to set some good courses — a little tricky in the forest, a few knees-ups over the tornado torn grounds, and a long uphill finish. When our youthful course setters reach 60+ they may put finish flags on the downhill slopes!! The greatest thing about Phoebes Lake is the social gathering in the paddock standing with other shivering contestants gossiping, watching the young bloods play soccer as they wait for the start, the clamour round the results board and of course the wonderful chats with our good, dare I say old, Ozzie friends, who appeared to be having a ball.

The start was superb — out of the wind, in a beautiful open pine area (only Ralph could fall over the start box and still put in a good time!) The hardest part was on day 1 panting up the hill to find no.4 only to notice I'd missed 3 and repanting if such a word is possible back up previous hill. On day 2 the worst problem was crossing the highway and not getting mown down by logging trucks. After that it was re-entrant, knoll, depression and the fastest runner won — guess who that wasn't!

The finish times up in quick time before the old man drags me off to look for a campsite at lovely Kelly's Bay. What a beautiful a place, calm, quiet, no wind and full of Orienteers — the caretaker made a killing, not so many campers since Christmas. 5 days or 10 days "o"ing it's all fun and here's to many more.

W100

HOUGHTONS BUSH CAMP

North West thanks those who participated in the camp. It was a learning exercise for us too, in running a camp. We feel it was successful enough to encourage us to do it again. There were 44 of us altogether and I know there were others who regretted missing it.

Apart from the orienteering it is good to get to know people better and chat to them about our concerns in administering the sport - and good to get feedback from newer members. I am very impressed with the junior club members. Some of those at camp will surely make the Auckland Youth Team..

Thanks to Christine and Maurice for a great job of catering and Bryan for good training and pats on the back to the North Westers who defeated Central in Trivial Pursuits.

Ann Fettes

CENTRAL DISTRICTS ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION
1991 CHAMPIONSHIPS

*** INDIVIDUAL *** *** SHORT 'O' ***

Following on from the resounding success of last year's two day event, the Central Districts Orienteering Association again offers you a weekend of excitement and challenge. This year the Individual Championships will be held on the first day, with a Short 'O' on Sunday. Prizegiving will be held during the break between the two events on Sunday.

C.D.O.A. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date: Saturday, 17 August
Map: Crater Block. 11 km² 11 year old forest
Scale/Cl: 1:15000 5m
Location: Southern foot of Mt. Tarawera, adjacent to Lake Rerewhakaaitu, 45 Km from Rotorua, 75 km from Taupo.
Terrain: 70% undulating with gully systems, 30% gully/spur, gentle contour, boulder features
Runnability: 90% fast forest, 10% slow (native bush, prunings)
Setter: Les Warren
Controller: Ken Holst (to be confirmed)
Badge Event: Yes
First starts: 11:00 a.m.
Results: Trophies and place certificates to CDOA members only. Fastest time certificates to other competitors if applicable.

Grades:

Course Grades	Course Grades
1 M21A	9 M15A, M21B, M35B
2 M35A, M19A	10 M17-20B, M40+B
3 M40A, W21A	W15A, W21S, W35B
4 M17A, M45A	11 M13A, M21C, W13A
5 M50A, W35A, W19A	W40+B, W21C
6 M55A, W17A, W40A	12 M12A, W12A
7 M60A, W45A	M 16 & Under B
8 W50A, W55A	W 16 & Under B

CDOA SHORT 'O' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date: Sunday, 18 August
Map: Ngamotu. 5 km² 13 year old thinned forest
Scale/Cl: 1:15000 6m
Terrain: Intricate contour detail with an extensive network of tracks and skids.
Runnability: Fairly constant over all the forest area - generally fast except for some trimmings on the ground. Virtually all the forest has been thinned and grazed. Some patches of native
Setter: Kevin Ireland
Controller: Les Galloway (to be confirmed)
First starts: (a) 10:00 a.m. (b) 12:30 p.m.
Results: Winners certificate for each specified grade.

Grades:

Course Grades	Duration
1 M21A, M35A	2 x 25 minutes
2 M40A, M45A, W21A, W35A M17A, M19A	2 x 25 minutes
3 M50A, M55A, W40A, W45A W17A, W19A	2 x 20 minutes
4 Men B Grade W50A, W55A	2 x 20 minutes
5 Men Under 17 Women B Grade	2 x 15 minutes
6 Women Under 17	2 x 15 minutes

Entries close: 27 July
 Late entries: May be accepted at the discretion of the organising committee.

Entries to: **Judy Browning**
 73 Kauri Street
 Tokoroa Phone: (078) 864-782

Enquiries to: **Gary Farquhar**
 P.O. Box 7095
 Te Ngae Rotorua Phone: (073) 459-608

Fees: Individual Championships Short 'O'
 Courses 1-8 \$14 Seniors \$14
 Courses 9-12 \$7 Juniors \$7

 Family maximum (2 days) \$70

LATE ENTRIES DOUBLE FEE

Make cheques payable to Central Districts Orienteering Association

Address for program and results:

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Phone number

INDIVIDUAL

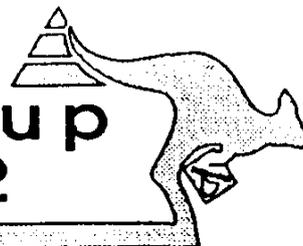
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SHORT 'O'

Name	Course	Grade	Club	Fees

TOTAL

Veterans' World Cup Orienteering 1992



P.O. Box 2110 Launceston, Tasmania 7250 Australia. phone: (003) 266400 fax: (003) 266199

INFORMATION SHEET

3RD IOF VETERAN WORLD CUP and TASMANIAN SUN COAST 4 DAY

8 Days of events, January 3 - 13th 1992

THE EVENTS

Veteran World Cup. Entrants 35 years and over (M/W 35, 40 etc) compete in 2 qualifying events. All qualify on results for either an A or B Final in each class.

Tasmanian Sun Coast 4 Day. Entrants of all ages, A and B divisions. The event runs concurrently with the Veteran World Cup and includes two public events and the 2 qualifying events of the VWC. All Veteran World Cup entrants are automatically entered in the Sun Coast 4 Day.

With pre-, post and model events and VWC Finals there's a total of 8 days competition.

If you still want a bit more orienteering you could compete in the annual **Christmas 5 Day** event run by the elite squad, where the emphasis is on enjoyable competition. The event will be held at Bowral, 2 and a half hours drive from Sydney, from December 27th - 31st. (Information available from Tasmanian Veteran World Cup organisers in New Zealand or from Anne Dorvodelsky, 7 Wallace Close, Hornsby Heights, NSW 2077.)

THE VENUE

Remember APOC '88 at St Helens? VWC is again back in the granite country of North East Tasmania with exciting new areas. The event centre is once again the fishing port and holiday centre of St Helens, with accommodation extending down the Sun Coast to Bicheno, adjacent to the magnificent Freycinet National Park and Wine Glass Bay.

THE TERRAIN

There is a variety of terrain with pleasant, moderately fast running in open eucalypt forest. The navigational challenge is offered by areas of detailed granite outcrops and complex eroded alluvial tin mine workings.

MAPS

The same brilliant maps and courses will be available for entrants in the Veteran World Cup and the Tasmanian Sun Coast 4 Day. The mapping team under the direction of Mike Morffew, included WOC '89 Swedish mapper, Kjell Melander, Australian Steve Key of WOC '85 fame and APOC mappers, Mike Morffew and Mike Dowling. 50 kilometres of new maps have been completed. Christine Marshall, Australian representative at WOC and World Cup events since 1981 is Technical Director.

Hosted by Orienteering Tasmania



TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

GETTING THERE

AIR : Fly Qantas to Sydney, Melbourne or Hobart.

SEA : ABEL TASMAN, overnight car ferry, Melbourne to Devonport.

SEACAT TASMANIA, daylight catamaran car ferry, (4 1/2 hours) Leaves south coast of Victoria, 3 hours from Melbourne. Arrives George Town, 40 minutes from Launceston

ACCOMMODATION

Most motel, hotel and guest house accommodation close to the event has already been allocated to early entrants. Already 1000 entries have been received, 600 from overseas.

Attractive alternative accommodation includes renting of holiday homes, home hosting, on site caravans and rental motor homes. In addition there is extensive camping and dormitory style accommodation available at the local school. Carpeted class rooms and camping on the oval for tents and campervans etc will be available. Self catering is possible in the Home Economics room and fully catered meals will also be available at a reasonable rate.

NEW ZEALAND AGENTS FOR VVC TRAVEL BOOKINGS

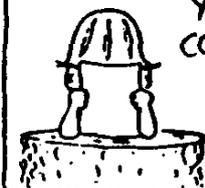
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13TH FLOOR,
44-48 EMILY PLACE
AUCKLAND 1

Phone 795535

ORIENTEER'S EXAMINATION.

QUESTION 1. YOU ARE LOST IN
THE FOREST.

YOU HAVE A MAP, A
COMPASS AND A WHISTLE.
YOU ARE COLD, WET AND
LOW ON ENERGY RESERVES.
WHAT WOULD YOU
LOOK FOR?



A hot-water bottle,
a towel and a
cake of chocolate.



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NEW ZEALAND ORIENTEERING FEDERATION

NEWSLETTER

MAY 1991



NZOF CHAIRPERSON/VICE CHAIRPERSON

A nomination for Peter Wilson (DOC) as Chairperson of the NZOF has been received from Dunedin Orienteering Club, seconded by Southland Orienteering Club.

Any further nominations for Chairperson or Vice Chairperson should be in the hands of the NZOF Secretary by 15 June 1991.

If no further nominations are received Peter Wilson will be confirmed as Chairperson at the Management Committee meeting on 22 June 1991. If there are other nominations a postal vote of clubs will be held soon after this meeting.

NEW CLUBS

Top of the South Orienteering Club (TOP)

There is a new orienteering club starting in Nelson - thanks to all the effort put in in the area by Laurie Baxter and Judy Martin over the last few months. The contact person is

Douglas Mackintosh
230 Collingwood Street
Nelson
Ph (054) 89314

And Otago University Orienteers has reformed, after a couple of years with no active members. Ben Morrison is the secretary. His address is

Ben Morrison, Secretary
Otago University Orienteers
c/- Otago University Students Association
P O Box 1436
Dunedin

NZOF DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1992-95

A new development plan is needed for application to the Hillary Commission for 1992 Grants. The Management Committee and other NZOF Officers will be working on this in the next two months. If there are individuals or clubs who would like an input into this plan please contact the NZOF Secretary as soon as possible.

FIXTURES - 1993 EVENTS

A reminder to all clubs that applications for Badge Events for 1993 were due on 30 April. Please send any applications to

NZOF Fixtures Officer, Stan Foster
70 Waimarie Road
Whenuapai

*A form for applying is attached.

Applications for 1992 Badge Events were due on 31 October 1991. Some area champs for 1992 have not been applied for as yet. Please attend to these urgently. The Calendar (OYs etc) for 1992 closes on 30 August.

A reminder that recognition as a badge event must be applied for separately to Ken Holst at least six months before the event.



NZOF CONTROLLERS MAJOR EVENTS

In 1990 forms were circulated to clubs to nominate controllers for major events. Some clubs did not respond to this request. Please forward to

NZOF Technical Convenor, Ken Holst
5 Lewis Road
Rotorua

by 15 June 1991.

*Enclosed is a nomination form.

MAPPING SEMINAR

A mapping seminar is being held at Flock House on 28-30 June 1991.

Information has been sent to club mapping co-ordinators.

Further information is available from

Mark Roberts
Clareville School House
RD1 carterton
Wairarapa.

HILLARY COMMISSION - REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

The Hillary Commission is holding workshops for regional level club administrators to provide information on the Sports Organisation Development Programme (which provides funding), to examine the role of regional sports associations etc. These workshops are being co-ordinated by the Regional Sports Trusts and will be held:

Date	Area
30 May	North Harbour
11 June	Napier
12 June	Nelson
18 June	Christchurch
19 June	Dunedin
25 June	Wellington
26 June	Palmerston North
4 July	Whangarei

Contact your local Regional Sports Trust for full details.

VIP - VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMME

The Hillary Commission have established this programme to provide support to sport's clubs - both financial and in training.

There are courses planned for club officers (chairperson, secretary, treasurer, promotion) and to offer help with sponsorship, event organisation etc.

For details contact your Local Authority or Regional Sports Trust.

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OVERSEAS EVENTS

The NZOF Secretary (Chrissie Williams, P O Box 18836, New Brighton, Christchurch) has information and entry forms for overseas events:

- *Finish 5 Day based at Lahti. 16-21 July 1991
- *German 5 Day at Uslar. 16-20 July 1991
- *Ostgota 3 Day, Valdemarsvik, Sweden. 16-18 July 1991
- *Vastkustens 4 day, Falkenberg, Sweden. 15-18 July 1991
- *Scania World Meeting Relay, Vagnharad, Sweden, 18 July 1991
- *Norwegian O Festival, Halden. 30 July- 4 August 1991
- *11th International "Ungdomens 10-Mila" -a relay for youngsters - up to 18 years. 2-3 August 1991
- *International event for all classes, Sweden. Near Gotene. 4 August 1991
- *Bohemia '91, International 5 day, Novy Bor, Czechoslovakia. 13-17 Aug 1991
- *Danube Cup, International 2 day, Nestin, Yugoslavia. 31 Aug.- 1 Sept. 1991
- *The Third Australian Masters Games, Brisbane 8-20 October 1991.
Orienteering on 8-9 October at Camp Cable
Contact: Adrian Rowland (07) 281 8399

Chrissie Williams
Secretary

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Information about the AGC Young Achievers Awards 1991

Application forms for this award are available from all branches of AGC and the Westpac bank. The awards are open to all NZ citizens aged 13 to 21 on 30 September 1991.

Applications close on 30 July 1991.

AUCKLAND YOUTH TEAM

There have been a few changes to the proposals originally announced. Up to 3 in each of the grades 13A, 15A, 17A and 19A may be selected. Funding has not been approved by all three clubs so it will be up to the individual to apply to his/her club for financial help.

The selectors are Val Robinson, Mike Ashmore and Ann Fettes. The manager is Ann Fettes.

The team will be announced soon after the OY in July.

Dhahran

Saturday 1 June 1991

Dear Kewena,

Greetings from the land of sand. At last I've got a couple of hours to put together a wee letter. Things have been happening quite fast with time changes (9 hrs) and finding my way round the town. So, here goes the story so far.

Left Christchurch on Sunday 19 May. Flew to Auckland then on to Hong Kong = 11 hr flight. Quite spectacular coming into Hong Kong - flying low over apartment blocks. Wings seemed to be almost touching the roof tops as the plane made a final turn moments before landing. Spent all day Monday 20th in downtown Hong Kong. The neon signs are amazing. Streets seemed to be almost covered in with all shapes/sizes of signs overhanging each other. And so noisy with street traffic and jets screaming in low overhead. Didn't buy much but it was interesting to see the vast array of things for sale.

Left Hong Kong at 11pm. Flew to Bahrain = 8 hr flight. Got into Bahrain at 2am on Tuesday 21st. Then had a 10 hr wait at the airport before getting a flight to Dhahran. While waiting in Bahrain, I had my last feed of bacon/eggs and a couple of beers for breakfast. Sky in Bahrain was quite grey with smoke from the oil fires. Looking at it, you'd think it was about to rain.

Flight to Dhahran was 10 minutes. Coming into Dhahran, everything is so sandy and brown with a few trees and patches of scrubby bush. There was no sun - only brown/grey sky - a mixture of sand/smoke. The movement of heavy army vehicles up country has churned up the top surface of the desert and now the winds blow the sand everywhere - fine, yellow sand. At times the sky has been almost purple/black when the winds blow from the north.

Met by an Aramco rep at the airport, given a bit of money and dropped off at the apartment. My apartment is small, but big enough for one. It's in a block of about 36. There's a large fridge and stove, basic set of pots/pans, cutlery etc. I'm about 20 minutes walk from the main office. Handy to the apartment is the library, mail/bank centre, supermarket, dining hall, tennis courts and bus stop. The company runs free buses to towns and beaches outside the camp. They drive on the right hand side and things like taps and switches operate in reverse. We're allowed to drive within the camp only - about 10 sq km. There are opportunities to buy vehicles from those who leave, but since I have trouble just crossing the road at the moment, I'm not even thinking about buying a car.

Wednesday 22nd = Orientation Day. Unfortunately, this was not orienteering. Aramco seems to run on forms. You name it, there's a form for it in triplicate. We were photographed, fingerprinted then finalised rental accommodation, mailbox and phone. Had a fantastic lunch at the Dhahran International Hotel at the airport. It was from this hotel that CNN TV network broadcast their news reports during the war. Quite a posh hotel it is. Met our Supervisor - Ann Berry - after lunch then watched a 'safety' video. It was all about car smashes in the States in the 1950's. Pretty gory in parts. Don't understand the connection with Aramco and oil production.

Thursday 23rd. Caught the 8.30am Shoppers Bus to Al Khobar - a town on the coast. Very windy and dusty today. Even Ann thought so - she's been here for 13 years! Security guards at the main gate wore surgical masks. Cars had lights on at 9.00am. Browsed through several shopping centres in Khobar to see what's available. Postcards are pretty cheap (10 for 50¢) but they're mostly of mosques, universities and national flowers. By about 11.00am we were all hot and dusty. Hair felt like

super strength fencing wire. Retreated to an ice cream parlour to cool off. It was here we discovered women aren't allowed to sit and eat at tables in shops. We're allowed to stand and eat or eat outside. Welcome to Saudi Arabia eh! Some of the more 'modern' shops have an area at the back screened off for women to sit behind and eat. Anyhow, the ice cream was delicious. There's 31 flavours in this shop, so I figure I can try a different flavour each time I go into town.

Thursday pm went to a party and met all sorts of interesting people - Irish, Brits, Aussies, doctors, nurses, technical people from Aramco and other camps like British Aerospace. B.A. more or less help to keep the Saudi Air Force and national airline in the air.

The postal system here is a bit of a lucky dip. Parcels occasionally arrive at their destination no matter which way they're going. It's common for mail to be opened and, if not addressed properly, it gets lost. Pictures in newspapers and magazines of men/women showing a bit of thigh, shoulder, etc are blacked over or ripped out.

The job at the moment is boring. To date, I've not been assigned a department to work for. This means I stay in the typing pool and do very little. We start work (reading magazines or chatting) at 7.00am and finish at 3.30 with half an hour for lunch. Working week is Saturday to Wednesday. Thu/Fri is the weekend. Hope to get either a permanent assignment or relief job next week some time - "God willing" as they say. As far as the money goes, we get paid in pounds sterling once a month. Not getting paid until the end of June, so I'm in for a few lean weeks to begin with.

As for the war effort, besides being a lot of smoke/sand in the air, occasionally there are military aircraft overflying the camp. Airport is about 2km up the road. Around the towns there are a few jeeps but otherwise not a great deal of military activity at this end. There's about 80,000 troops between here and Kuwait.

And now for a bit of background information. This Aramco outfit got started about 1945 when four U.S. oil companies obtained mining rights in Saudi. Aramco = Arabian American Oil Company. Today the company is mostly Saudi owned/operated with expats providing technical/training assistance. Basically, Aramco tests for oil, gets it out of the sea or ground, pipes it to their refineries, then sells it to people like Caltex, Mobil and BP. 25% of the world's oil production comes from Aramco wells. They figure they've got about 130 more years of drilling before the present wells are exhausted. They're very security conscious - x-ray machines and one-person revolving doors at all main gates and entrance doors. About 40,000 people are employed and there's all sorts of nationalities.

Well Rowena, that's about it. Not much orienteering going on - apart from finding my way round this wee town. I figure it's going to take at least six months to get into this place. After a week of reading magazines, I'm beginning to wonder if I've made the right move. Will see how things are six months down the track. Most people seem to have been here for 10 years plus! Can't see me doing that just yet. All in all, things aren't too bad. Should pick up a bit once I get assigned to a department. Do drop me a line if you're in the letter writing mood. How's the O-ing going now your back on two feet. My address is:

S. Pearson, C/- Saudi Aramco, Box 6036, Dhahran 31311, Saudi Arabia.

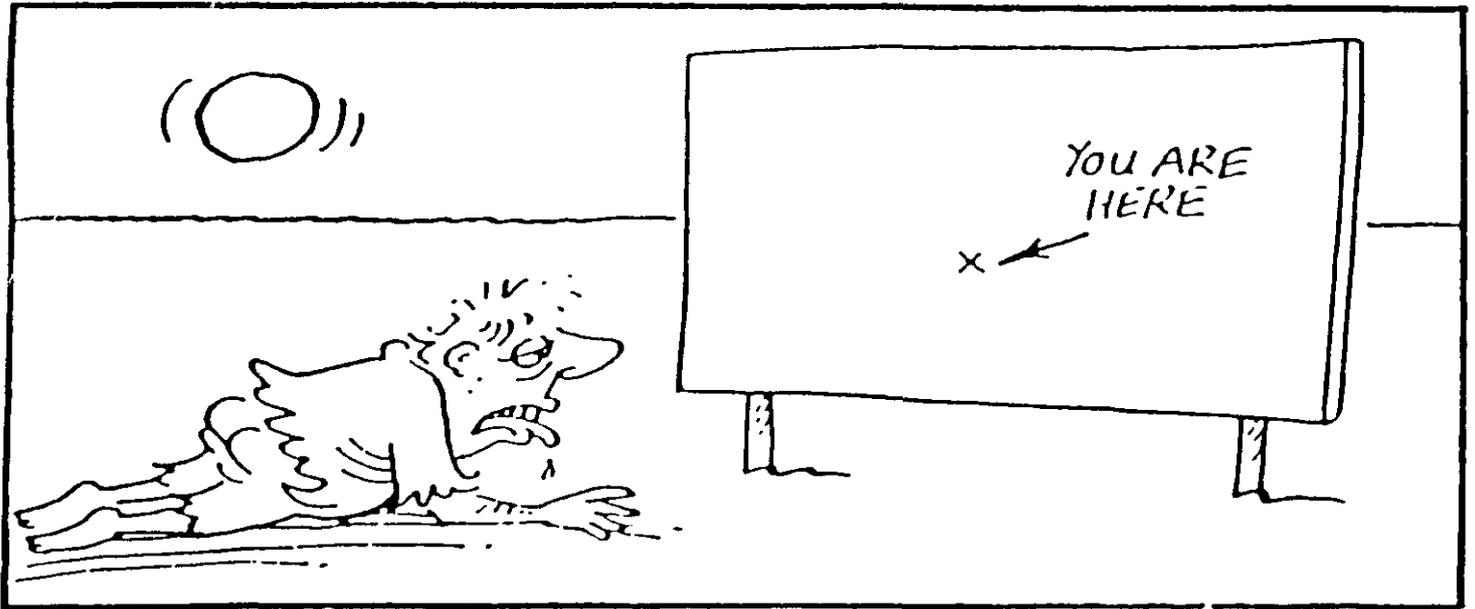
Note, it's Box 6036, not P.O. Box 6036. Here's hoping this finds you in good spirits. Bye for now.

Sally

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an accurate map

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