

# THE AUCKLAND BLABBERMOUTH

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The newsletter of the Auckland area orienteering clubs:

Auckland Orienteering Club      NorthWest Orienteering Club  
Counties Manukau Orienteering Club      Waikato and Auckland Campus  
Orienteers

## EDITORIAL

We mentioned a month or two ago that several orienteers have been critical of the name of this fine periodical. We wait for Mary Moen, Heather Clendon and Lesley Stone to reinforce their positions by offering names displaying wit, clarity and perhaps even offering some marginal association with orienteering. There may be others of the great unwashed who don't like our paper's name. Please be in and let Chris Rowe have your suggestions. If enough interest in change exists and, more importantly, some alternative names of real quality well up, we will co-opt Mary, Heather and Lesley into a selection committee.

While brainstorming, please remember that the key function of Blabbermouth is to strengthen communication between the orienteering clubs within the wider Auckland area and within the clubs themselves. It will be, in this editor's view, an inspired choice that better describes this function than "Blabbermouth".

Chris Rowe is now in charge of "-----" and will be running it alone until the current acting-editorial staff return with all the thousands off to orienteer in Europe. This mid winter exodus has been growing year by year, but this year it has been driven by Robbie, and there is a flood of world-beaters off to the world vets (sorry, masters) and the world champs. This leaves a problem for clubs trying to man (sorry, person) major school events and OYs. Those responsible for the programme may be wise to frame it with a bit of consideration to world as to national events.

Those Aucklanders who slogged through the aftermath of the Great Hawkes Bay Flood were grateful for a wonderful sunny period between the short Os the following day, well set courses that challenged and the cheerful pragmatism of the locals who carried on as if the gods of weather had not just spat into their collective eye. Well done Hawkes Bay O. Perhaps we were grateful the deluge gave us a free day to suss out the vineyards.

We have been disappointed by a drop off in unsolicited letters and comment this month. There was no report on the Squad's forest run, nothing on the NZ squad at all, nothing about the Development squad, the Red squad, not even anything from the WineOs, no response from a potential Bike O group, no abuse, nothing, nothing, nothing.

Please load Chris a little. One letter signifies a thousand readers, so a reporter's logic goes.

Warm wishes and happy o-ing until we're back in October.

Andy

**SUBS: Have you paid your subs this year? If not this may be the last magazine you receive.**

## ANOTHER BIT OF EDITORIAL

Well Done to the orienteers selected to represent New Zealand at this years World Orienteering Championships in Scotland. They are:

Darren Ashmore  
Greg Barbour  
Rob Jessop  
Alistair Landels  
Bruce McLeod  
Shaun Collins ( reserve)

Jenni Adams  
Sasha Middleton  
Tania Robinson  
Rachel Smith  
Antonia Woods  
Rebecca Smith( reserve)

(Rob Jessop has decided not travel with the team due to work commitments and the possibility of not getting a run)

Good Luck to all of you in the orienteering and we hope you enjoy the haggis! Also a special mention to the Team Manager and Team Coach , Alistair and Jean Cory Wright, who will be organizing pre World Champs training and will be at the event to support the team. I guess Ted can be the team mascot.

It seems there are a fair few other local orienteers off to see the northern hemisphere summer and to experience the various days of orienteering Europe - the Scottish 6 days, the Swiss 6 days, the Swedish 5 days and if they are lucky the 3 sunny days of an English summer. Have a great time and we expect to see plenty of those large packs of Bassetts Licorice Alsorts and Maynards Wine Gums ( you can get them at the duty free in Heathrow and Gatwick) at orienteering events back in Auckland. Have safe and enjoyable journeys.

Meanwhile the rest of us will be building up the points for the Orienteer of the Year award (OY) and thoroughly enjoying the mild winter weather - who needs summer when you have winters like this?

Thanks to Jill Brewis who has been editing the magazine for the last few months, happy travels and we look forward to reading about all your adventures in the October magazine.

Thank you to everyone who sent in articles for this month's magazine. Please ensure you send next month's contributions to me at 84 Fausett Road, RD3, Drury or e mail [ian.hunter@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ian.hunter@xtra.co.nz). or fax (09) 294 8773. The quicker the articles come in the quicker the magazine will be out.

Chris ( tel (09) 294 8773

## Help, Help, Help.

The North Island Secondary School Champs Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July in Woodhill.

Anne Fettes need all the help that she can get on both or either of these days. So many Auckland orienteers are away overseas competing either in the World Masters in Denmark or preparing for the World Champs in Scotland later in the month. No special skills are needed, just a kind heart.

Contact Anne Fettes by telephone 827 5358 or email her at [afettes@icons.co.nz](mailto:afettes@icons.co.nz)

# CALENDAR

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**OY IS ORIENTEER OF THE YEAR EVENT. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, START TIMES ARE 10 AM TO 12 MIDDAY. SEE MAP PAGE 20 FOR LOCATION OF AUCKLAND MAPS.**

## June

20 A **OY1 - Pot Luck, Woodhill Forest, SH 16, signposted from Rimmers Road 2 kms south of Helensville.**

27 CM **OY2 - Taurangaruru. From Waiuku take Awhitu road for approx 5 kms, turn left into Boundary Rd, and travel a further 5 kms.**

## July

4 NW **Promotion - Onepoto Domain. Promotion event with 4 courses, red, orange, yellow and white. From the south cross Auckland Harbour Bridge and take the Birkenhead turnoff. At the first lights straight across Onewa Rd, take next left directly to Onepoto Reserve**

9/10 NW **North Island Secondary School Champs, Turkey Ridge, Woodhill Forest.**

11 NW **OY3 - Turkey Ridge signposted from Rimmers Road off SH 16 2kms south of Helensville.**

18 WHO **Winstones - gentle rolling bog, pasture, with some climb. A4 1;10,000. Expect wet feet. 3 courses, red, orange, yellow. Look for signs on SH1 at the Blue Goose Motel/Park/Quarry entrance on your left a couple of kms before Whangarei.**

25 A **OY4 - Deaks Head, Woodhill Forest. SH16, entry from Rimmers Road**

16-18 **Jutland 3 day, Denmark**

19-23 **World Masters Orienteering Championships, Aarhus, Denmark**

25-31 **Swiss 6 day**

31 **O-Ringen, 5 day event, Halmstad, Sweden**

**Closing date for discounted entries, World Masters Orienteering Champs, NZ.**

**Entry forms available from WMOC 2000, PO Box 180 Feilding, ph 06 323 0803 (day), 06 323 8987 (evenings), fax 06 323 08722, email WMOC2000@xtra.co.nz.**

25 July **Swiss 6 day [www.ch6days99.com](http://www.ch6days99.com) If registering contact Andy Brewis and save \$12 in fees by running for AOC**

31-August 8 **Highland '99, Scottish 6 day event and World Cup, Inverness, Scotland.**

## August

8 WHO **Mairtown. Street and park, Mairtown Park, Ruramaoki St., Hatea drive, Whangarei, with a hillside, white, native bush. 4 courses, red, orange and yellow and perhaps white.**

15 NW **OY5 - Otakanini Topu, Woodhill Forest**

21 WACO **Training day before OY6 with special emphasis on making you a winner in**

- the Auckland Champs next month. Accommodation available for \$5 (\$3 for juniors) at Presbyterian Camp Awhitu. Signposted from Waiuku. See the WACO article for more details.
- 22 WACO OY6 - Maioro Signposted from Waiuku
- September**
- 5 WHO OY7 - Omu Creek 1:10000 hilly pine forest which is now white. 10 minutes from Dargaville towards Whangarei on SH47. Start may be up Ounuwhao Rd but will be signposted if this is so. **This may grow into a two day.**
- T Club Event - Opepe about 4 ks up the road from Taupo to Napier
- 12 HAM OY8 & CDOA OY 6
- 18 CM Auckland Short O Champs - Waiuku Forest, entry forms with this magazine.
- 19 CM Auckland Champs Kariotahi sign posted from Waiuku, entry forms with magazine
- October**
- 3 NW Ralph King Score Champs - Beautiful Hills, Woodhill Forest. Just try to imagine what Ralph will be able to offer on this map!
- 2-3 Canterbury Champs - Christchurch
- 9/10 T Central District Orienteering Association Championships (CDOA) - Taupo
- 17 CM OY9 Four Seasons. Turn off southern motorway at Pokeno. Cross the Waikato River south of Tuakau, turn south 2km. Sign posted from bridge.
- 23/24/25 NW Labour Weekend NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS on a new mapping of Weiti off East Coast Rd about 3 ks before it connects with SH1 approaching Orewa
- 27 A Auckland Primary Schools Champs
- 31 Closing date entries World Masters Orienteering Champs NZ. Entry forms 323 8987 (evenings), fax 06 323 08722, email WMOC2000@xtra.co.nz available from WMOC 2000, PO Box 180 Feilding, ph 06 323 0803 (day), 06 323 8987 (evenings), fax 06 323 08722, email WMOC2000 @xtra.co.nz
- November**
- 7 A Auckland Relays, Deak's Head
- 13-14 South Island Champs - Dunedin
- 27/28 CDOA OY 7/8
- December**
- 28 A World Masters Orienteering Champs pre-event, Otakanini Topu, Woodhill
- 29 T & ROT World Masters Orienteering Champs pre-event, Opepe East, Taupo
- January 2000**
- 1-2 Millenium event Feilding and All-comers public race, Manawatu
- 3 World Masters Orienteering Champs, model event, opening ceremony
- 4 WMOC qualifying race #1 Manawatu
- 5 WMOC qualifying race #2 Manawatu
- 7 WMOC A and B finals Manawatu
- 10 WMOC post-event, Christchurch.
- 12 WMOC post-event, Dunedin
- Easter Wairarapa National Championships.

<b>LACTIC TURKEY EVENTS</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup> July Waiuku Forest	18 <sup>th</sup> July Wilsons Forest	15 <sup>th</sup> August Woodhill Forest
These are fund raising events by Phil Wood see the WACO article for more details.		

## CMOC CALLING

Our Taurangaruru Event Autumn Series 3 was well attended with surprisingly many new faces.

We should have anticipated this after Val and John Robbie having just organised and run the Franklin Primary School Champs. We photocopied maps to 7500 with fences for the white and yellow courses and due to the unexpected numbers on these courses, almost ran out of maps. Regardless of that small glitch the event ran well and everyone enjoyed themselves. Our thanks to all Club members who helped on the day.

The Nelson family, with Sarah Phelps and Marijke Currie ventured down to the deep South to compete in the NZ Secondary School Nationals. Like all Counties Manukau members, they are tough, as they spent 3 days "Camped" in Naseby, brrrr. Then a few days in Queenstown skiing and sightseeing. Then back to warm accommodation in a hut at Blind Billies Camp in Middlemarch 10 kms from the event centre. The accommodation was a godsend for as most of you would have heard, it snowed on the way to the event and the road had to be cleared to gain access.

Emma was placed 3rd and Marijke 4th in the Intermediate Girls, Sarah 7th in the Senior Girls and Kieran 6th in the Junior Boys, great placings under extreme conditions. They reported back that the courses were very easy and short with the Senior Boys clocking a winning time of 25 minutes.

Sarah Phelps has been busy at Pukekohe High organising orienteering training events with the help of Val and John Robbie. This is all in anticipation of submitting a team for the Auckland Secondary School Champs on the 16th June (4 Seasons Map) and the North Island Champs in the near future.

Congratulations to Tania Robinson who made the NZ Team for the World Champs in Scotland. Tania will be competing in the Classic, Short O - and relay for the team. She leaves on the 29th of June to train on the terrain in Scotland, 10 days before the NZ Team arrives.

Good Luck Tania our best wishes go with you.

The Club is pleased to see Ian Hunter has improved his orienteering skills after training exercises at Pot Luck. Previous to this, Ian's wife Chris Rowe was the dominant orienteer. Now competition is fierce and fiery, with I believe Ian notching up a number of wins between them in the last few events.

In response to Rob J's Golf interclub challenge. CMOC has discovered two more undisclosed weekly golfers who are keen to represent the club. Set the date, set the time, draw a map to the course as we don't want a repeat of the Onewhero fiasco where the other clubs couldn't find the golf course. And we'll be there to regain the much coveted Auckland O Clubs Inaugural Golf Trophy.

Next Club Meeting to be Held at John and Margaret Briffet's residence on the 7<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm - All club members welcome.

**Bob**  
299 6394

## EASTER IN TASMANIA - Wayne & Tricia Aspin of Counties Manukau

Late last year we were fortunate enough to win our local Landcare Environmental Awards. The theme for the award was Sustainable Land Management and although we were unsure how the judges would view a deer farm as being a sustainable land use, they were obviously impressed with how we deal with the associated problems. Our prize was a study tour to Tasmania to view Landcare projects there.

The best time for us to take this trip was in April and imagine our delight when we discovered that the Australian 3 Day was in Tassie this Easter followed by a classic event on the Thursday and a 12 hour rogaine on the Saturday. Next to the Nationals, the Australian 3 Day is the second most important event on their orienteering calendar. All the guns go - it's their trials and ranking event.

Landcare Tasmania arranged an interesting itinerary for us to visit 15 different projects which took us all over the State. Several projects fitted in very nicely with the orienteering program. Roz and Andy Clayton travelled with us for the first two weeks and either dropped us off at the farms and did touristy things or else joined us in learning how Tasmanians are dealing with landcare issues.

The 3 Day was centered near Bothwell for the first two days on bracken-covered sandstone terrain and the third day was at Pittwater Dunes near Hobart. It was also good to catch up with old friends. 3 Day results: W35 Roz Clayton - 1st, Anitsa Dowling - 3rd  
W45 Tricia Aspin - 1st, M45 Andy Clayton - 15th (44 starters), M50 S Flick - 1st,  
Wayne Aspin - 2nd, Terry Bluett - 3rd, W55 Kate Fortune - 2nd, M55 Graham Fortune - 3rd,  
Ray Sheldon - 7th (ex South Auckland member).

For Thursday we travelled to St Helens to run on the World Vet map. This was a mixed-up day of triumphs and disasters. Roz won, Tricia won but managed to slice her arm on a branch two thirds way round the course, Andy DNFed and Wayne had a cracker time only to discover he'd run past the second to last control without clipping it. To make matters worse, he couldn't even hang round for the usual post-mortening because he had to take Tricia to the doc to get stitched up!

The rogaine on Saturday covered a large area from the coast and inland to encompass the Littlechild Creek and Lively's Bog maps (APOC 88). Running for 12 hours with 6 of those in darkness was a real challenge. We carried only one set of spare batteries and had to share a light for the last hour - not too easy in rough stuff. There were 43 teams entered. Wayne and Tricia were 1st Mixed Vets (5th overall) and Roz and Amber (an Aussie Junior) were 1st Women (6th overall). We covered 40.5 kms in total, 24 kms in daylight (15 min/Km) and 16 kms in darkness (22.5 min/km). Trying to find a "rock" among rocks cost us time in the dark and fading light had us miss seeing another flag. Otherwise we were well pleased with our effort - the last rogaine we did was in Canada in 1990 (also 5th overall -will have to start training for this!).

The following weekend we stayed with Chris Brown and Paul Paque in Launceston and ran in a local event. An afternoon lying in the sun on the beach and a day spent hiking in 10 cm snow on the beautiful Tarn Shelf track in Mt Field National Park, plus a few more Landcare visits all added to a really interesting trip.

## NORTH WEST NEWSHOUND

Congratulations to Shaun Bowler on setting his first event - on the challenging Beautiful Hills map - with the support of Geoff Mead. Between them they produced interesting courses with very few DNFs, despite the somewhat notorious reputation of those native bush slopes. Shaun surprised a stag while checking controls before the start, and I had a close encounter with a large black pig - moving at three times my speed up a slope of thick cutty grass!

Several of us travelled north to Mangawhai for the second time in the space of a month - physically much easier than the long-O , but surprising how many of us came unstuck on the last control right next to the lake....

Stan Foster and Bert Chapman are planning courses for the North Island secondary school champs on 9-10 July - any assistance that weekend would be much appreciated (note the plea in this month's Blabbermouth to all clubs), as NWOC is also organizing OY3 that Sunday 11 July!

Well done, Sasha Middleton and Mark Lawson, who both ran well at the World Cup team trials held recently in Hawkes Bay. Mark was 5th (?) in one race and Sasha was selected as reserve for the women's team. No doubt Mark will be a force to contend with in Europe this year as he competes in M35.

Best wishes to the many club members who are off on wonderful orienteering holidays to O-Ringen, Denmark, France, Switzerland and the world champs and 6-day in Scotland. I'm very jealous - and expect some trip reports for later editions of this column....

### Club meetings

The July meeting will be held ( **1 week early** before the more fortunate club members head off to Europe) on Wednesday 7 July at Geoff and Lisa Mead's , 10B Patuone Avenue, Devonport . All welcome.

**Lisa Mead**  
445 4555

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## AUCKLAND CHATTER

Jon and Jane Counsell are seeking New Zealand citizenship and were surprised to be told that, after a life time in the UK, to gain it they need to swear allegiance to the Queen. Perhaps the Government learnt that Jon was partially educated in France, but why Jane?

This is not quite as worrying as the comment made by Graham Fortune at the start of the Wellington Short O Camps. He wondered if he had been brought back from his term as High Commissioner in Canberra and given the Timor problem to sort out when his minister discovered that he had been running for Australia.

Rob Jessop has stood down as secretary of the club. Amongst all the rest of it he is focused on getting his Ph.D. (or is it a p.H.D for scientists?) packaged this year or else. This presents your president with no problem for two reasons. Firstly, Rob puts so much into the sport, and the club, we shouldn't have let him take on even the modest load that the job entails and secondly, said president is off to Europe for 3 months, leaving all such issues to others to tidy up. None the less, it would be great to have a replacement before arm twisting time comes, especially someone not already on the committee. We need new blood! Please indicate interest to Andy Brewis or any other committee member, who will explain how light are the duties and how useful are the privileges of this office.

Auckland is having a great run in the Autumn Series. At Beautiful Hills, Jon Counsell and Rudy Hiawatsch led in course 1, Craig Pearce was numero uno on course 2 and Russell Howard won course 4 on the day. Course 3 is a bit of a problem, with Gordon Mains and Jane Milne back in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place. We suspect that inexperience at this level may be the problem, but next year they will better understand that the way to win, not be back in third or fourth place. For the Autumn series is essential to really under perform in the OY series. Any experienced golfer understands this instinctively. Overall results were even better, with 3 out of the top 4 places going to AOC members. Douglas Kwan was overall winner, Jon Counsell leap past Ian Hunter of CM into second place by one point while Rudy Hiawatsch took 4<sup>th</sup> place. Beyond doubt the award for most improved performance must go to Nicola Kinsett at 17<sup>th</sup>, right in there amongst the guns.

The raining out of the first day of the Hawkes Bay 3 day gave club members a free run at the local vineyards on the Saturday. It was notable that the performance of more ancient members appeared relatively unaffected the following day, while some modest to middling showed clear improvement on the Monday. Exceptions were Tom Clendon who could only handle two or three controls on the last day and Mark Roberts who just didn't run at all, either day. We had a bundle of winners, especially, those who were smart enough to enter small fields.

Would club member please note the need for helpers for the Secondary School Champs. See the plea in this Blabbermouth.

It is sad to see long term members leave us, hopefully not for ever. The majority, including Darren Ashmore, Rob Brewis, Clare Codling, Brian McCabe and Antoinette Fotherby have gone overseas, while some have gone to run in other areas within New Zealand. Phil Creagh has hurt his back and Janice Cyprian is currently focused on golf, golf, golf. Surely these two we can win back.

The next Auckland Club meeting will be held at the Clendons, 18a Irirangi Rd at 7.30 on Tuesday 22 June, putting the meeting slightly ahead of the great departure to Europe.

## WEIRD AND WACO

It was an almost **Where is Waco** article but at the last minute it came flying in. Thanks and can we have next months next week please! Ed.

Well the Queens Birthday 3 day has been and gone. Except for the cancellation of Day 1, it was a great event! Well done Hawkes Bay Club! Their new map "Rochfort" which was used on Day 3 was a good new area, so one would expect that the map "Te Awanga" which was to have been used for Day 1 would be even better. The torrential rain put a stop to this event however, so the many wineries in the area made even more of a profit than they usually would have done. The only low point was that the prize giving seemed to be forgotten on the last day, which disappointed a few people.

Lots of WACO members helped at the Woodhill Forest Run on the 23rd of May. Proceeds went to the National Orienteering Squad. Lost property from the forest run is a head torch and an Eveready hand held torch. Are they yours? Get in contact with Phil. (*did someone expect to be out there a long time? ed.*)

Congratulations to Jill Dalton and Matthew Tuck, who won the first equal prize for cleaning out the wineries in the Hawkes Bay area. The exact number of bottles they bought is not known, but it should keep them happy for a few weeks at least.

More congratulations go to Stuart Barr for selection to the JWOC team, and Rachel Smith and Shaun Collins for WOC team selection.

Grant Unkovich has a Casio Accelator Watch for sale. It is brand new, with a full warranty. The price is \$135 (\$50 below retail). You can contact Grant on 8463236.

### LACTIC TURKEY EVENTS

Phil Wood is putting on a series of Mountain bike and Fun Run Events.

The dates are 4th July - Waiuku, 18th July - Wilsons Forest, 15th August - Woodhill. Come along and support his fundraising events!

### WACO TRAINING DAY!!

This is on the 21st of August, the day before OY6. The venue is "Whiriwhiri", with the OY at "Maioro" on the 22nd. There will be course and expert coaching for all levels, with relevance to the Auckland Champs. Come along and train on an area that is the closest that you will get the "Kariotahi", one of the venues for the Auckland Champs, which is being run one month later. The training day will be signposted from Waiuku, and starts will be from 1-2pm. Cost will be \$10.

Everyone is also welcome to come and stay at the Presbyterian Church Camp at Awhitu. The cost will be \$5 adults or \$3 children for the night. There will be an evening coaching session for those staying. Book with Melissa or Phil - first in first served.

Melissa  
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## OY Update - again

This year there will be nine OYs including one joint OY with CDOA.

To compensate for this it has been decided to reduce the number of events counting towards the series score to six out of the total nine.

This year W40A short will be red.

These decisions have been confirmed as there was no feed back from last month's request for feedback, a case of neutral response leading to a one man decision!

## PLASTIC BAGS

From Michael Wood, The MAPsport Shop.

The NZOF rules have required for some time the use of a heavy-grade plastic bag to protect maps (specifically at least 70 micron thickness).

These are readily available in various sizes with an open end, and in A4 with a mini-grip closure. With the popularity of 1:10,000 maps and laser printing, many of our maps are now A3, and when I organise I prefer the ease of use of the mini-grip closure. However I have not been able to find an off-the-shelf source of A3, heavy-weight mini-grip bags.

I can get them made, and this is to test the market. The price when bought by the hundred will be 35c, dropping to 30c if you buy 1000. (For comparison, the local price for A4 heavy-weight bags is about 20c)

Initial orders up to the end of June, for delivery in August, will be filled at the 30c price, from as few as 100 bags. Freight will be extra, but normal MAPsport SHOP discounts apply to orders over \$250.

I reserve the right to abandon the plan if there aren't enough orders, but I urge you to take advantage of this to move up to better bags, even for small events.

I invite your equipment officer to estimate requirements, and to put this in front of your club committee.

## AN E-HOLIDAY AT EASTER

Its a bit scary really, booking an entire holiday on the internet. You just don't know what you will get on the day! We spent quite a few hours surfing to find out as much as we could about Alice Springs and its environs. Heaps of stuff when you start looking in fact, complete with pictures, quotes from others, and competitive pricing. We used the Travel Mall service in the end - all paid for and organised by email. Vouchers faxed through, just turn up and have a good time. Jim had won \$1000 worth of free travel, and I had air points to use, so the flights were practically free.

First voucher - On arrival at Alice Springs we were met by a representative of the Desert Palms Resort, who took us off to our accommodation - all very nice with lots of Palms, swimming pool, next to the gold course, self contained units etc etc. Cheap too.

Second voucher - a tour of Alice Springs complete with guide. The bus turned up right on time and off we went. Lots of good information, and visits to the Flying Doctor Service, the School of the Air, the original site of Alice Springs and Telegraph Station (the town subsequently moved 3 kms down the road), and Strehlow Research Institute (aboriginal culture and history).

Third voucher - a five day camping safari with Sahara Outback Tours. The 4WD turned up right on time (6.40 a.m.)! 13 keen campers, we had our 1:750 000 map. What an excellent trip - camping at permanent camp sites, good long walks every day, all food provided, interesting guide, entertaining company - everything from a French family, to a couple of local Melbourne lads mad keen on football.

Highlights included the Ayres Rock sunset extravaganza - I have never seen so many people turn up to a sunset! There must have been 50 tour buses, everyone with their little folding camp seats, chilly bins with wine and chips, and cameras clicking madly. What an institution it is, but worth it!

The next morning we got up at 5.30 a.m. to climb Ayres Rock (you have to make your own personal choice whether to do it after hearing the cultural reasons for and against). That's a crazy affair too. Everyone clambers at the locked gate, waiting for the ranger to give the go ahead (if the wind is not too strong), and then the mad rush starts. We were in the first 30 because any later than that and its just a line of strugglers. Took 37 minutes on really good grippy rock, and the views were magnificent. You realise how big the rock is once you get up on the top - goes for ages and is quite undulating.

Other highlights were the Olgas (Valley of the Winds), Kings Canyon (where bits of Priscilla were filmed), Wallace Rock Hole Aboriginal community, Valley of the Palms, Ormiston Gorge, Standley Chasm and Ellery Creek Big Hole. All spectacular and interesting in their own special way.

We got spat out at the end of day five back at Desert Palms, quite covered in red dust, but happy and pleased with our choice.

Fourth voucher - Take a Camel to Dinner. The bus turned up right on time (3.10 p.m.)! Off to the Date Farm to meet our camel (Loopy). This was a great way to go to dinner - about an hours camel ride along a dry river bed, ending up at a Camel Farm, Museum and Restaurant. The meal was just great, especially seeing as I had asked for vegetarian. Jim was busy trying the Kangaroo nibbles meantime.

Fifth voucher - Hot Air Ballooning - the bus turned up right on time (5.05 a.m.) Off we went into the dark morning desert. Its all go - get the balloon blown up, test the wind speed and direction, hop in and next minute you're off. An hours flying into the dawn light and over the desert landscape - just magic. Picked up on landing and taken to (wait for it) the only vineyard in the Northern Territories for a champagne breakfast.

What a marvellous way to end the trip! The food was just delicious - especially the hot beer bread, fruit platter, croissants, etc etc and - champagne unlimited. In a lovely lawn setting by the vines.

Finally we lurched into the airport (I promptly fell asleep) to wait for our flight to Sydney. A great holiday, all booked on email, cheap, excellent service, friendly hosts, interesting places to see, a thoroughly professional operation all round. Check out my photos and I've got the recipe for the beer bread!

Jill Dalton

# **N.Z.O.F**

## **WOMEN'S TRAINING CAMP**

**Date 3 - 5 September 1999**

**Venue: Tui Ridge, Rotorua**

**Cost: \$90.00**

**Coaching Director: Jean Cory- Wright**

**Camp Co ordinator: Annie Sanderson**

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## AUTUMN SERIES

### FINAL RESULTS AFTER 5 EVENTS

Here are the final placings for the Autumn Series handicap. Thanks to Keith Stone for compiling the results and putting the whole thing together. Well done to Douglas, Jon and Ian, there are no prizes just the honor of being in the top three.

		Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5	Best 4	
1.	Douglas Kwan	A	125	125	76	120	113	483
2.	Jon Counsell	A	123	118	119	111	115	475
3.	Ian Hunter	CM	124	117	120	113	68	474
4.	Rudy Hlawatsch	A	121	122	104	0	114	461
5.	Jill Smithies	NW	120	112	94	119	61	445
6.	Chris Rowe	CM	0	106	118	102	107	433
7.	Graeme Hattie	CM	106	0	110	97	116	429
8.	Jill Mains	A	115	91	95	110	97	417
9.	Terry Nuthall	A	95	0	117	98	96	406
10.	Rob Ambler	NW	107	108	101	90	83	406
11.	Lisa Mead	NW	105	82	69	101	118	406
12.	Mike Beveridge	NW	0	109	89	95	112	405
13.	Terje Moen	NW	114	101	86	79	102	403
14.	Alistair Smithies	NW	103	78	99	123	0	403
15.	Allan Janes	NW	101	76	113	88	95	397
16.	Geoff Mead	NW	113	97	93	89	0	392
17.	Nicola Kinzett	A	0	73	125	114	78	390
18.	Malcolm Mack	WHO	108	75	74	0	122	379
19.	Tony Cooper	A	0	81	115	92	86	374
20.	Peter Godfrey	NW	116	74	0	81	103	374
21.	Marquita Gelderman	NW	98	80	71	0	120	369
22.	Rolf Wagner	NW	0	71	81	108	99	359
23.	Andrew Bell	NW	92	79	106	0	81	358
24.	Andrew Brewis	A	79	62	66	107	89	341
25.	Martin Barber	CM	83	98	59	0	100	340
26.	Dave Godfrey	NW	118	63	64	93	64	339
27.	Jane Milne	A	0	93	124	0	117	334
28.	Les Paver	NW	109	64	85	0	73	331
29.	Bert Chapman	NW	0	102	62	82	85	331
30.	Val Robinson	CM	76	60	107	83	0	326
31.	Hilary Iles	CM	117	0	112	0	94	323
32.	Surinder Brrar	NW	122	0	0	124	76	322
33.	Maurice Penney	NW	97	0	121	0	104	322
34.	Mervyn Paistry	A	75	0	77	106	63	321
35.	Phil Collins	WHO	0	116	102	94	0	312
36.	Alistair Stewart	A	0	114	109	0	88	311
37.	Mary Moen	NW	78	61	58	112	55	309
38.	Lise Moen	NW	99	100	0	0	109	308

39. Rob Garden	NW	0	115	80	0	110	305
40. Mike Ashmore	A	84	70	65	84	67	305
41. Graeme Green	CM	94	0	87	0	123	304
42. Lisa Brooks	A	81	0	0	121	101	303
43. Asta Wistrand	NW	90	77	63	0	72	302
44. Gordon Mains	A	0	124	55	0	121	300
45. Robert Iles	CM	82	0	122	0	90	294
46. Ralph King	NW	89	65	79	0	58	291
47. Ann Fettes	NW	112	0	100	0	62	274
48. Phil Johansen	NW	77	0	88	96	0	261
49. Duncan Milne	A	0	123	73	0	60	256
50. Michael Hood	NW	93	66	0	0	93	252
51. Glenn Clark	CM	85	0	56	0	108	249
52. Vivienne Leigh	A	0	0	57	117	71	245
53. Keith Stone	NW	88	72	0	0	80	240
54. Patrick Murphy	NW	80	0	61	0	98	239
55. Tom Clendon	A	0	0	67	104	65	236
56. Bruce Horide	A	0	110	72	0	53	235
57. Rob Hattie	CM	0	0	0	115	119	234
58. Lynn Ashmore	A	0	0	111	122	0	233
59. Helen Bolt	A	0	84	70	0	77	231
60. Mark Roberts	A	119	0	0	0	111	230
61. Ken Green	CM	0	94	68	0	57	219
62. Clive Bolt	A	0	68	75	0	74	217
63. Joanna Stewart	A	0	113	98	0	0	211
64. Dave Middleton	NW	111	0	0	100	0	211
65. Craig Pearce	A	0	0	0	85	125	210
66. Aidan Nelson	CM	0	111	96	0	0	207
67. Jeanine Browne	CM	0	87	116	0	0	203
68. Penny Brothers	NW	0	95	0	0	105	200
69. John Robinson	CM	86	0	0	109	0	195
70. Lorri O'Brien	NW	0	0	0	99	92	191
71. Phil Wood	WACO	0	103	0	0	87	190
72. Sasha Middleton	NW	100	89	0	0	0	189
73. Mark Lawson	NW	0	105	0	0	82	187
74. John Powell	A	0	0	108	0	79	187
75. Melissa Edwards	WACO	0	107	0	0	75	182
76. Philippa Poole	NW	0	0	90	0	91	181
77. David Nevin	WHO	0	96	0	0	84	180
78. Glen Middleton	NW	102	0	0	77	0	179
79. Tania Robinson	CM	87	90	0	0	0	177
80. Rae Powell	A	0	0	0	118	59	177
81. Graham Still	WHO	0	85	0	91	0	176
82. Jill Brewis	A	0	0	103	0	69	172
83. Heather Clendon	A	0	0	0	116	54	170
84. Debbie Beveridge	NW	0	92	0	78	0	170
85. Christine Crate	NW	96	0	0	0	70	166
86. Wayne Aspin	CM	0	0	0	86	66	152
87. Steve Oram	A	0	69	0	80	0	149
88. Mike Williams	WHO	0	0	0	125	0	125
89. Roel Michels	NW	0	0	0	0	124	124
90. Paul Gilkison	NW	0	0	123	0	0	123

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91. Paul Potter	WHO	0	121	0	0	0	121	
92. Guy Cory-Wright	A	0	120	0	0	0	120	
93. Rob Jessop	A	0	119	0	0	0	119	
94. Eddie Reddish	A	0	0	114	0	0	114	
95. Ross Brighthouse	CM	110	0	0	0	0	110	
96. Stan Foster	NW	0	0	0	0	106	106	
97. Trish Aspin	CM	0	0	0	105	0	105	
98. Simon Thorpe	NW	0	0	105	0	0	105	
99. Rosemary Gatland	CM	0	104	0	0	0	104	
100. Matt Tuck	WACO	104	0	0	0	0	104	
101. Lesley Stone	NW	0	0	0	103	0	103	
102. Laurie Baxter	NW	0	99	0	0	0	99	
103. David Stewart	A	0	0	97	0	0	97	
104. Lyndsay Shuker	CM	0	0	92	0	0	92	
105. Phil Mellsop	NW	91	0	0	0	0	91	
106. Mike Marra	NW	0	0	91	0	0	91	
107. Peter King	A	0	88	0	0	0	88	
108. Scott Vennell	A	0	0	0	87	0	87	
109. Dick Rankin	WHO	0	86	0	0	0	86	
110. Phillip Barber	CM	0	0	83	0	0	83	
111. Judy Martin	NW	0	83	0	0	0	83	
112. Charlotte Marra	NW	0	0	82	0	0	82	
113. Shaun Bowler	NW	0	0	78	0	0	78	
114. Barbara Rankin	WHO	0	67	0	0	0	67	
115. Sarah Phelps	CM	0	0	60	0	0	60	
116. Bas Cuthbert	NW	0	0	0	0	56	56	

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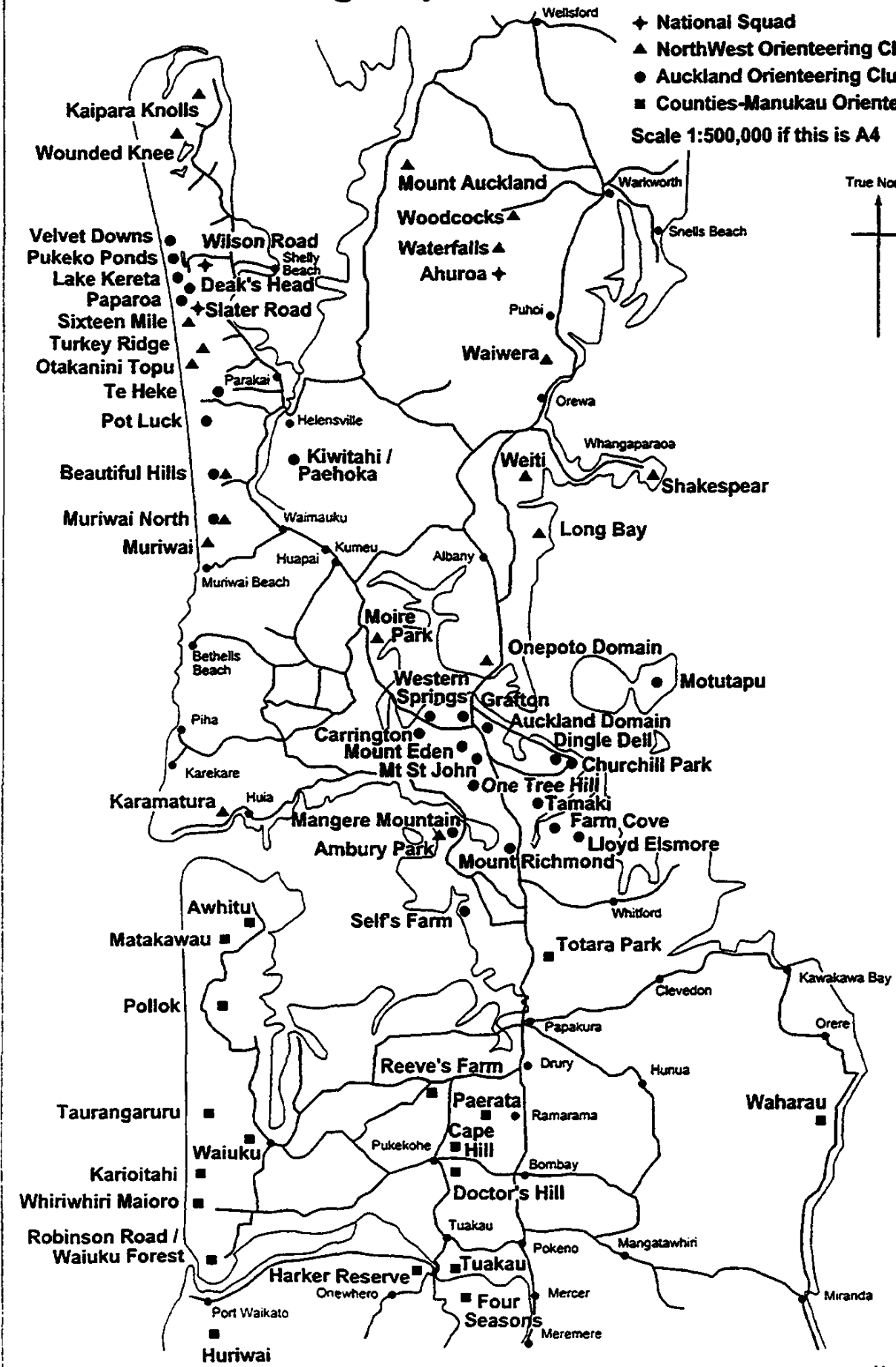
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