

the Auckland Orienteer

MARCH 1989

editorial

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Hello, y'all! There's been a bit of comment floating around of late, concerning the overly-long orienteering season and the impossibility of peaking month after month in badge events, trials, and international competitions. Perhaps we should have three months or so each year with intensive competition (Nationals, regional champs, a multi-day, trials), and fill the remainder of the year with fun events, training days, promotional events and camps. Or should we take three months off altogether? Maybe the competitive orienteers amongst us should simply be more choosy about which events they want to peak at, instead of 'going for the lot'? What is the general consensus? How about voicing your opinion on the 'Letters to the Editor' page (this month with a total of ZERO entries! Oh wow!) - that's what it's there for.

Be sure to put a big red ring around May 7th - this is the day of the famed Timberlands Forest Run in Woodhill Forest. It remains the WOC Squad's major fundraising project of the year, and with a World Champs only 5 months away the Squad would really appreciate your support at this event - running, jogging, or even just eating sizzled sausages!

The Easter 3-Day is nearly upon us! Many apologies to those of you who received entry forms with the closing date having fallen off the bottom of the page! It won't happen again, I promise! Egmont Club sent me a letter a week or so back saying it was extending the closing date anyway, to February 28th. The original date of February 14th was too short notice for too many people.

Thanks to those of you who sent contributions in for this issue - at least someone still remembers me!

Katie

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PAY YOUR SUBS

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coming events

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- 5 Sun NW OY1, Otakinini Topu, Woodhill Forest
12 Sun NW Otakanini Topu, Woodhill Forest - coaching day for all levels.
12 Sun R CDOA OY1, Ngamotu, Tarawera Forest - signposted from Kawarau.
19 Sun AU Auckland Domain - promotion event run by the new Auckland University O Club.
24-26 Eg Easter 3-Day Badge Event, New Plymouth. Entries closed.

APRIL

- 2 Sun SA OY2, Waiuku Forest - signposted from Waiuku township. Note start times are from 10.00am till 12.30pm.
6 Thur SA Secondary Schools Championships, Waiuku Forest.
9 Sun SA Waiuku Forest - coaching day for all levels. Starts 10.00am till 1.00pm.
16 Sun C Macleans, Eastern Beach
16 Sun T CDOA OY2, Taupo (no further information available)
23 Sun NW Waiwera - colour-coded event and junior coaching
30 Sun C OY3, Woodhill Forest. Starts 10.00am till 12.30pm.

MAY

- 13-14 SA Junior Training Camp (probably on the Awhitu Peninsula)

START TIMES

Sunday park and forest events have start times from 10.00am till 1.00pm, unless otherwise stated.

CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT ISSUE

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Let's hear about it folks! Send it all to :

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central chatter

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- * Hello Centrallers, all settled into 1989? Hope you are making the most of this late summer weather and keeping up with our summer series.
- * Important - all members who have not yet paid their 1989 subs should do so as soon as possible so we can process our membership cards. Without them, OY2 entry fees will be \$10.00!
- * A big welcome to our new members : Michael Rouse, and Kevin and Annette Wilson and family.
- * Some impressive results were had by Central at the Auckland Night Champs :
 - M21A - 1st Aistair Landels, 3rd Alistair Cory-Wright, 4th Russell Ireland
 - M45A - 2nd Eddie Reddish, 3rd Mike Ashmore
 - M55A - 1st Tony Nicholls
 - M17A - 1st Darren Ashmore, 2nd Tony Reddish
 - M21B - 1st Norm Jager, 2nd Selwyn Palmer
 - W19A - 1st Jill Clendon
 - M15A - 1st Damien Reddish, 2nd Brett Ashmore
 - M40B - 1st Martin Newton and Co.
 - W40B - 1st Lyn Ashmore and Co, 2nd Jan Newton and Co.
- * Darren Ashmore has been elected Head Boy at Edgewater College and Tony Reddish is a prefect also at Edgewater. Congratulations to you both.
- * Congratulations also to expatriate Central member Simon Clendon, and his wife Nicky, who were safely delivered of a baby boy recently. Enter Alex Thomas Miller Clendon.
- * Next meeting is at Tony and Margaret's place, 170 Campbell Road, One Tree Hill, on Wednesday 1st March at 7.30pm. Phone 666-984.

Chatterbox

north west news

- * Welcome to North West to Trevor Carswell (ex Hawkes Bay, now Glen Eden); Sally Pearson (St Mary's Bay); and Peter, Jennifer and Paul Michel (Milford). We hope you enjoy your orienteering experiences and if there is anything you would like to know, please ask. There is nothing orienteers like better than telling people where to go!!

- * There are still quite a few club members who have not renewed their subs for 1989. Remember, there will be a 50% discount at OY's on presentation of club membership card. Also, you get this great magazine each month.
- * It's hello and goodbye again to Rolf Wagner, who had time for a run in the Night Champs before setting off to Switzerland, this time for several years. Keep in touch Rolf.
- * Please note the new address of Laurie Baxter : 71 Hebron Road, Torbay. We hope you still have time to orienteer while tending to house renovations, Laurie.
- * Congratulations to Alison (A) and Jeni (B) on their Bursary results. Alison will be haunting the halls of learning at Auckland University, while rumour has it that Jeni is launching herself overseas on an unsuspecting world. Good luck to both of you.
- * Our Club Librarian has a good stock of books, both new and old releases, available for club members. Give Dave Middleton a ring at 418-2510, for more information.
- * Thank you Tom Clendon and crew (Central) for a very enjoyable Night Champs. Lovely part of the forest.
- * Don't forget that club meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. The next one is at 8 Agathis Ave, Mairangi Bay. Our club delegate will be required to vote on several issues at the AGM of the NZOF in March, so if you have any views you wish made known, come along to the Stones' house on Thursday 2nd March, at 7.30pm.

North West Newshound

south auckland news

- * The Twilight Series is almost over. We must thank the organisers from the two clubs who have been running these events. There have been a few hiccups, mainly with stolen controls in parks. Juniors have gained experience at setting courses and now realize the importance of control placement (a few metres can make a difference), control descriptions (an E or W can save seconds, which all add up), dog legs and long easy track legs which could be eliminated by the addition of one control.
- * Interesting to note that the same competitors turned up at each Twilight

Event : Ralph King, Bob abd Robert Murphy, Joanne Cunningham, Unni and Kristin Lewis. We have read that the 'O' season is too long but I'm sure that these people plan their living so that they enjoy their sport.

* Club fees have risen - ugh!

- Seniors - \$45.00
- Juniors - \$40.00
- Family - \$60.00

Remember to pay them prior to the first OY - 5th March at Otakini Topu. Send your fees to Bev Laurent, 90 Racecourse Road, Waiuku.

* Which brings me to another club member who quietly works away in the background to help you enjoy orienteering - Bruce Hendrie. He's been with us since 1976, and for much of that time has been our Treasurer.

* Here are a few questions for our younger (and older!) members :

1. Who are our club's Life Members?
2. Name the SAOC members who have represented NZ at the World Champs.
3. On what maps has the AOA held the NZ Individual Champs?
4. Who gained our first university 'Blue' in Orienteering? (The University Club members should know this.)
5. What were our club fees ten years ago?

Ken Browne

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stop!



YES, somebody can use all those OLD, TORN, MUDDY, SCRIBBLED ON maps and event booklets.

Instead of throwing them out, send them to ROB JESSOP, New Zealand's member of the International Map-Ring.

Address : 40 Batkin Road
Avondale
Auckland 7

Items can include - maps, event booklets, newsletters, national magazines, postcards, badges, T-shirts, photos, stickers, clip cards and foreign material.

REMEMBER - nothing is TOO small, TOO large, TOO old or TOO mutilated!!!

orienteer of the year

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1. Open to all N.Z.O.F. and A.O.A. affiliated members.
2. Points from the best five of seven events count.
3. The OY entry fee is included in the A.O.A. affiliation fee.
4. Members will choose the grade in which they wish to run in their club subscription form. If members wish to change grades they may do so by notifying the OY statistician in writing. Points will only count after notification has been received and are not transferrable.

5. The OY statistician is : Keith Stone
8 Agathis Ave
Mairangi Bay
Auckland 10
phone 478-8224

6. OY event fees will be :

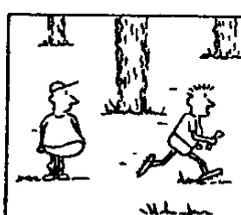
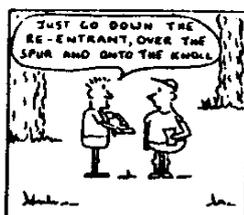
Senior \$10.00
Junior \$ 6.00
Family \$26.00

There will be a 50% discount on presentation of your club's membership card.

7. The grades for the OY competition are :

- Course 1 - M21E
- Course 2 - M35A, W21E
- Course 3 - M21A, M40A, M45A
- Course 4 - M17A, M19A, M50A, W21A, W35A
- Course 5 - M21B, M35B, M40B, M45B, M50B, W21B, W35B
- Course 6 - M15A, W17A, W19A, W40A
- Course 7 - M55A, W45A, W50A
- Course 8 - M60A, M65A, W60A, W55A
- Course 9 - W15A
- Course 10 - M under 21B, W under 21B, W40B, W45B, All C Grades
- Course 11 - M11A, M13A, W11A, W13A, Novice
- Course 12 - M10A, W10A, Kiwisport course

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1/8 White Heron Drive,
Massey East,
AUCKLAND, 8

30 January, 1989.

EVENT CONTROLLERS

Listed below is the list of approved Event Controllers which was compiled some 12 months ago. It is now considered timely that this list now be re-confirmed and added to where possible. Could all Clubs please have a look at it and send me any amendments they have.

A special request to Central, Dunedin, Wellington and Red Kiwis Clubs who have yet to respond to the initial request for nominations for this list.

The list of approved Controllers as at 20/12/88:-

Colin Tait	NW	Brian Crawford	HB
Jonathan Lesser	HV	Barry Martin	HV
Robin Maud	HV	Tony Nixon	HV
Linda Parker	HV	Michael Parker	HV
Gavin Scott	HV	Ted van Geldermalsen	HV
Michael Wood	HV	John Davies	P
Kevin Ireland	P	Dave Browning	P
Ken Holst	R	Mark McKenna	R
Keith Dobbie	R	Tony Trass	T
David Sayer	T	Terry Brighthouse	T
Brian Hall	T	John Love	T
Brian Teahan	Wai	Ray Nicholson	Wai
Ian Basire	KH	John Bocock	KH
Bruce Dryden	KH	Rex Hayes	KH
Lowell Manning	KH	Colin Greedus	KH
Trevor Hoey	PAPO	John Mote	PAPO
Graham Boniface	PAPO	Alex Cook	PAPO
Joy Talbot	PAPO	Colin Battley	NW
Colin Bray	NW	John Fettes	NW
Anne Fettes	NW	Bruce Henderson	NW
David Melrose	NW	Terje Moen	NW
Chris OBrien	NW	Keith Stone	NW
Rolfe Wagner	NW	John Robinson	SA
Phyl Sneddon	SA	Ross Brighthouse	SA
Patricia Aspin	SA	Wayne Aspin	SA
Bob Murphy	SA	Pauline Abblett	SOC
Bob Scott	SOC	Anne Scott	SOC
Svend Pederson	SOC	Alan Carmen	SOC
Brian McDowell	SOC	Mike Cockeram	SOC
Margaret Cockeram	SOC		

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TIMBERLANDS FORESTS

In their report on the 1988 National Championships Hutt Valley Club mentioned that with the impending sale of Timberlands Forests there is a suggestion that the new owners might well bring forward the present milling programmes to get a quick return. Clubs with large stocks of maps of mature Timberlands forests could be well advised to get as much use out of them as they can as soon as possible.

1989 COURSE SETTING COMPETITION

Applications are now sought for conducting the Course Setting Competition for this year. This can provide the opportunity of using up surplus supplies of maps of an area which is no longer available for events. At the same time it gives budding course setters a chance to test their skills without causing too much confusion amongst runners.

Applications giving all relevant details should be sent to me as soon as possible.

O'RINGEN 1989

This year the O'Ringen organisation has invited two participants from New Zealand to attend 11 days of exciting Orienteering in Sweden from 11 to 22 Junly, 1989.

Briefly the programme is a World meeting at Sodertalje on 12 July, International Clinics at Ostersond from 13 to 16 July and the 5Day Swedish International event from the 17-21 July, 1989.

There is a choice of either one of two clinics i.e. The Runners Clinic for Orienteers at national team level or a Marketing Clinic for leaders and athletes.

The total fees is 750 SEK which covers Room and board 12 to 22 July, transport, clinic material and entry fee for the 5Day Competition. Applications must be in before 1 March, 1989 and I would be happy to hear from anyone who would be interested in attending. Please let me know before the 20 February, 1989 so that I can attend to the completion of the appropriate forms and submission to Sweden before the required date.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Federation's Annual General Meeting for 1989 will be held in New Plymouth on Saturday, 25 March, 1989 at 3.00 p.m. This is of course Easter and will coincide with the 3Day event being held in New Plymouth at the time. All Orienteers are welcome to attend. We must of course have at least half the affiliated Clubs in New Zealand represented at the meeting so that the required quorum number is obtained. Would Clubs please ensure that they have an official representative nominated for the meeting.

Nominations are sought for all NZOF positions:-

Management Committee -Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.

Sub-Committee Convenors-Fixtures, Property, Technical, Badge
Statistician, Training Squad

Co-ordinator, Coaching, Overseas Mappers, Publicity/Promotion,
Kiwisport Liaison.

Written nominations for these positions are now called for although nominations can be made from the floor at the meeting but only if no written nominations have been received.

An agenda for the meeting has been circulated to all Clubs.

If anyone has any further items for discussion they should forward these to me urgently so I can forward these on to All Clubs for consideration prior to the meeting.

Full details of the venue for the meeting will be advised shortly.

WORLD CUP 1992

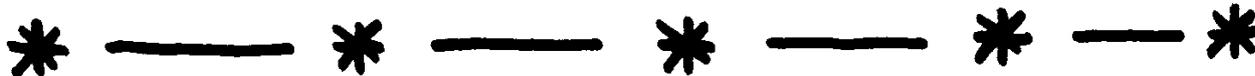
An application form has been received to organise a World Cup event during 1992.

Recent discussions with the Australians indicate that they will be submitting an application to hold an event in 1992 and they are looking to New Zealand to also apply in support. The IOF have suggested that the Asia/Pacific nations should aim at holding events in the period April/June and that events in neighbouring countries are seen as being an advantage.

The Management Committee feels that New Zealand should make every effort to hold an event in 1992 and asks that all Clubs give serious and urgent consideration to finding an area suitable for a World standard event. Applications must be submitted to the IOF by 1 April, 1989. Would any Club interested in such an event please let me know by the 15 March so that the application forms can be completed and submitted to the IOF.

more n.z.o.f. news!

- * Two nominations were received for the Silva Orienteering Challenge Award. They are Laurie Baxter (North West), for his work in promoting orienteering through schools by way of a teachers' handbook and Kiwisport and for the rewrite of the club introductory booklet; and Michael Wood (Hutt Valley), for his efforts at Junior Training Camps, mapping activities, course setting for Nationals, the WOA Training Squad and his contributions at all levels within his own club. The winner has yet to be announced.
- * It has been suggested that the Nationals for 1990 should be held earlier in the year to allow the event to be used as a trial for the Australia/NZ Challenge (September 1990). It would also overcome the problem which students at present experience, with the clash of dates with exams. A remit is to come from a club for consideration at the A.G.M.
- * South Auckland Club has raised the question of availability of orienteers for the 1990 Challenge due to conflict between APOC in Canada and the Australian event. There are only 6 weeks between the two events. The selectors are aware of the problem and will get an indication from prospective team members well before New Zealand is committed to the grades to be contested. This must be done 6 months before the event.
- * A National Kiwisport Seminar is to be held, with subsidised attendance for club representatives. A Kiwisport video is in the making, and 200 copies will be made. These will be sold to schools together with a supporting handbook.



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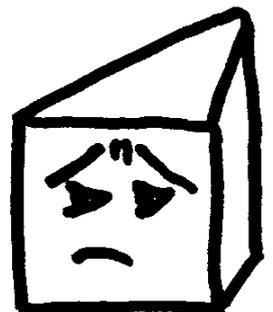
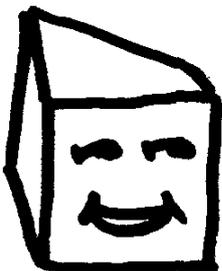
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the emotional ups and downs of a course setter

- Perplexed You wonder if the fieldworker was looking at the same piece of ground, when you are trying to locate the control site. Large clumps of trees on the map turn out to be scattered scrawny little bushes.
- Disappointed Lovely features on the map turn out to be quite undistinguished, or not even there (what happened to the power poles?). Contrariwise, features on the ground you'd love to use are not on the map.
- Frustrated Several bulls are using the paddock where a crucial control needs to be set. You do some radical changes to the courses to avoid the bulls.
- Triumphant One course is planned to cross an uncrossable marsh. You find a route through and tape it.
- Alarmed You find the bulls have been shifted to a paddock where another crucial control needs to be placed.
- Uncertain The bulls are said to be harmless. Decide to leave control as planned.
- Satisfied You have set a particularly good route choice problem, high tide just adds extra spice.
- Pleased The weather is superb for the event, the views magnificent as you finish putting out the controls.
- Exasperated One of the flags is missing.
- Panicky You left the maps behind.
- Annoyed The ranger doesn't approve of your start-finish area - even though you'd discussed it before.
- Relieved All is ready for the event.
- Guilty There is an error on a master map.
- Happy Lots of people enjoyed the courses, nobody got savaged by bulls, and those that chose the sea route appreciated the cooling off.
- Delighted It's all over.

Ann Fettes



The Bold Orienteer

I'd started quite well as I usually do,
I'd found No.1 and I'd found No.2
"My time will be fast" I muttered with glee
As I set out to knock off Control No.3

I glance at my compass and shift into gear
Dive into the forest, the bold orienteer
Striding out smartly, a fine cracking pace
I trip on a stump and fall flat on my face!

"Oh damn!" and "Oh blast!" and "Oh it!" I cry
While those surer-footed go galloping by
Battered and shaken I get up again
But to make matters worse it is starting to rain

Bewitched and bewildered and b...ered as well
I get back on my bearing and charge on like hell
Soon I should spot it ahead through the trees
When a bloody great bramble tears open my knees!

Now scratched, bruised and soaking, a miserable sight
"If I don't get it soon I'll be out here all night
It must be here somewhere" vainly grunt I
But search where I will no marker I spy

I prowl round and round like a bear in a cage
And jump up and down in frustration and rage
Wrestling and tangling with branches and growth
I curse and I swear the most terrible oath

"I got in here somehow, of that there's no doubt
But how, on my God, shall I ever get out?
The others by now will have gone home to tea
While I'm still out looking for Control No.3

I break out at last but leave one shoe behind
And stagger around just like someone struck blind
In deepest despair, my last hopes diminish
I want to retire but I can't find the 'Finish'

Limping drunkenly on, I now have the stitch
My faltering feet find a well-hidden ditch
I take a great purler, this time on my head
And wake with a vell as I fall out of bed!

By H.C.Kenway
Compass Sport



central districts news

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4/42 Queens Ave
Hamilton
31/1/89

Dear Katie,

At the CDOA AGM at the end of last year it was decided that our Association encourage AOA members to run in our OY series and to register, thus making them eligible for certificates. A \$1.00 fee for non-CDOA members can be paid to register. I believe this is similar to what non-AOA members have to do at AOA OY's. Results will only count after one has registered with the OY statistician.

Regards,

Les Warren
(CDOA Secretary)

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CHANGE OF DATE FOR C.D.O.A. O.Y.3

The Hamilton Orienteering Club was due to hold the third OY in the Central Districts series on May 21st, 1989. This date has recently been announced as a WOC Trial date.

Therefore, the Hamilton Club will hold their OY on Sunday 14th May. The venue will almost definitely be at Kaahu but will be confirmed with clubs closer to the date.

Tim Beale
Secretary Hamilton O Club
Ham Road
R.D. 3
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DUNEDIN ORIENTEERING CLUB



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TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS

Assistance with Records keeping needed.

If you happen to be one of those travelling orienteers who came to the South Island Seven Day event in early January could you please look through any photos taken during the time and send me any that could help to boost our archives.

Continuing in the tradition of having collected planning and publicity material, maps and photos and other memorabilia after APOC 1984 we think it is important for orienteering in the future to have similar material collected after SISDOF.

Any contributions of photos taken before, during and after events would be very welcome. If it hadn't been for all the willing travelling competitors we would not have been able to run the event so we want you to be included in the records. Send names with the photos please and reimbursement will be made if you can let me know the cost - this can vary with different processing firms.

I'll look forward to receiving lots of contributions.

Much to our delight we had assistance from numerous volunteers during the event and would like to send out a general thank you to these people.

Thank you

Bunny Rathbone
Moro SISDOF Archives,
Dunedin Orienteering Club,
P.O. Box 343,
Dunedin.

orienteering tips —

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tip no. 1

TECHNIQUE AND TACTICS IN ORIENTEERING

Before discussing technical and tactical conduct in competition it should be made clear what these two conceptions mean.

Technique This is the art and manner of using the map and compass, of selecting routes and of approaching controls, irrespective of the specific competition.

Tactics This is the adaption of the orienteering technique and exploitation of physical ability in the competition situation taking into account the other competitors, the map, the terrain, tiredness etc.

In orienteering, as in many sports, technique and tactics merge into each other without distinct boundaries. When a competitor selects a certain route because it quite simply is the best one, this would be a purely technical decision. If he selects a certain route that, in his opinion, is not the optimal but, because of the competitive situation, is the wisest (in view of tiredness, risk, competitors etc), this would be a tactical decision. The individual's skill in orienteering techniques is thus adapted to the facts and applied to the competition.

tip no. 2

THE COMPETITION MAP

It is of the utmost importance that the competitor very rapidly discovers how to approach the map. During the first minutes of the competition the map and the terrain should be compared and it should become clear how precisely the map pictures the terrain. The legibility of the map must be examined, peculiarities must be recognised (new symbols, the grades of thicket, heather). At this moment the map surveyor and draughtsman are taken under the microscope; how has he drawn it, how was this judged. From this it is evident that it is much easier for the competitor to adapt himself to a map if he is already familiar with maps made by the same surveyor and draughtsman, so that he already knows the individual style of the mapmaker. It is of great help in this adaption process if the competitor has experience of his own in surveying and drawing maps. Volunteer to help in the clubs mapping programme.

Orienteering Hints.

1. Accept the competition map.
2. Adapt immediately: recognise the map's strong and weak points and its peculiarities.
3. To be willing to get the most out of the map. The one who runs 'badly' with a 'bad' map is a 'bad' competitor, because he is not able to adapt himself to the 'bad' map.

tip no. 3

THE COMPETITION TERRAIN

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Every competition area has its peculiarities. The competitor must prepare himself for the type of terrain and adapt himself accordingly. He must admit his strong or weak points in navigation and running. The one who is convinced that he doesn't like the type of terrain offered, and does not find any 'fun' in exhausting himself in such 'rubbish' bars himself mentally among such 'boulders' and is better to spend the day fishing.

Orienteering Hint:

Accept the competition terrain with its peculiarities and be prepared to cope with it in the best possible way.

tip no. 4

THE COMPETITION COURSE

Accept, not criticise the course: it does not improve the performance if the runner, during the competition, is annoyed by the course setting (stupid legs, impossible control sites etc). He should occupy himself fully and exclusively with one problem: how can I complete the legs as fast as possible. Simple legs should be recognised as such and the conclusion drawn: RUN FASTER (and vice versa). From the moment when a runner begins to criticise the course setting instead of accepting it, his performance goes down; he tries to blame the mistakes he makes, which are mostly caused by such thoughts, on the course setter in order to excuse himself.

Orienteering Hint.

The course is given - only the time is wanted!

tip no. 5

THE FIRST CONTROL

The first minutes of the competition may have a strong influence on the rest of the event. It is of great psychological importance not to make any mistakes in this stage of the competition. When, due to risk-taking, excitement, etc, mistakes are made at the very beginning, it is very difficult to have a good run. With a early loss of 3, 4 or even 6 minutes great will-power and self-confidence is required to continue to believe in a possible victory and to act accordingly. The psychological effect of not being successful from the beginning spoils the performance more than the actual time loss.

Orienteering Hint.

The first control MUST be found directly. Competition and tactical conduct must be based on this. Do not act hastily. A 5 or 10 second longer look at the map at the start will pay dividends. The super-start into the nearest thicket does not lead to the first control. Do not take any chances. When in doubt choose safer routes, even if these for the moment may seem ridiculous (e.g. running back through the start area). With this method perhaps 20 or 30 seconds are invested in time to the first control but it will certainly pay and the speed can be gradually increased and the optimal competition pace be found.

(continued...)

The one who does not find the first control straight away must not lose his self-confidence, must not give up, must keep calm and must concentrate himself still more on the map. The losses of time often have a smaller influence upon the final result than it for the moment may seem and the runner should not be discouraged and lose faith with himself and in a possible good performance.

tip no. 6

ERROR RECOGNITION

If you can't find a control, admit that you have made an error, keep calm, try again. Even though you are firmly convinced that you stand in the centre of the circle, you must not lose your head, on the contrary this is when you need it! The one who believes that he will find the control in a few seconds by aimless running about will often become disappointed by this lottery method. This is gambling and you remove yourself further into the unknown.

Orienteering Hint.

Accept the error at once -- don't panic. Look for adjacent collecting features, lines or points and try again. The one who consistently and rapidly uses this method will seldom lose more than 5 or 10 minutes.

tip no. 7

PARALLEL ERRORS

Rapidly recognise possible parallel errors. Even very experienced competitors make parallel errors: direction, terrain, runnability, all can match and yet the control cannot be found, because you have chosen a boundary line or ditch that runs parallel to the line you are looking for. In making parallel errors you mostly deviate, regarded in the running direction, too early and seldom too late. You thus choose a boundary or a ditch too early and have not the patience to wait.

Similar errors may arise close to the control; this is not really a proper parallel error but rather a confusion that you must recognise at once. They occur where there are adjacent locations similar to the control; several boulders, two ditch junctions, three depressions, two adjacent re-entrants etc.

Orienteering Hint.

When a discrepancy turns up, search the map for parallel alternatives or in the vicinity of the control possibilities for confusion and act accordingly.



These useful tips were written by Eddie Reddish (alias Swampsox) for the Central Club newsletter several years ago. And to baffle your befuddled orienteering brains even further (I know you haven't had much of a break!) more tips will follow next month ... (Ed.)

auckland night champs

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COURSE 1 6.2 km 17 CONTROLS

M21A 1 A LANDELS 52-42
2 B TEAHAN 83-18
3 A CORY-WRIGHT 94-05
4 R IRELAND 98-28

M35A 1 R WAGNER 61-37
2 B RIX 75-02

M40A 1 T MOEN 65-29
2 B HENDERSON 75-28
3 W ASPIN 76-03
R AMBLER DNS

W35A 1 P ASPIN 76-46

COURSE 2 3.3 km 14 CONTROLS

M45A 1 K STONE 34-59
2 E REDDISH 36-12
3 M ASHMORE 40-32

M50A 1 B HANLON 38-49
2 R THOMPSON 41-16
3 C TAIT 53-06

M55A 1 T NICHOLLS 42-39

M60A 1 B MURPHY 61-02

M17A 1 D ASHMORE 27-07
2 T REDDISH 31-36

M21B 1 N JAGER 39-28
2 S PALMER 39-35
3 T CARSWELL 54-02
4 G MOHI 75-08

COURSE 2 CONTINUED

W40A 1 L STONE M MOEN 56-08

W19A 1 J CLENDON 41-39

W17A 1 A STONE 40-00

COURSE 3 1.9 km 10 CONTROLS

M15A 1 D REDDISH 17-13
2 B ASHMORE 19-01
3 R MURPHY 21-24

M13A 1 R COOPER 28-30
A HOOD DNS

M21C 1 G IRELAND 44-04
P KING DNS

M40B 1 M NEWTON GRP 59-48

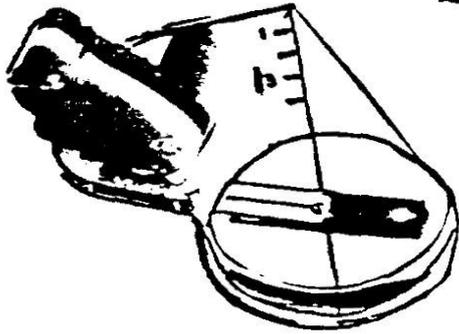
W15A 1 D COOPER 22-19
2 B STONE M MOEN 22-30

W21B 1 A THOMPSON 20-32

W40B 1 L ASHMORE GRP 31-43
2 J NEWTON GRP 57-27

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