

The AUCKLAND ORIENTEER



MARCH 1994

CALENDAR - March

- Tuesday 1st COC Summer Series, Auckland Domain, 5-7pm
- Thursday 3rd CMOC Manukau City Games, Hayman Park, Manukau, 5-7pm *
- Sunday 6th CMOC Manukau City Games, Totara Park, Papatocoe, 5-7pm *
- * Pre-entry or enter on the day, see Robbie for details
- WhOC Street event, Whangarei
- Monday 7th Last posting date for LATE entries for Easter 4 day, see entry in Feb news
- Tuesday 8th COC Summer Series, One Tree Hill, Observatory (redrawn map!), 5-7pm
- Saturday 12th ROC Training day, Tyger Country, details in Feb newsletter
Call Dave Farquhar 07 345 9608 Pre-entry requested but not vital
- Sunday 13th ROC CDOA OY2 Tyger Country
- NWOC North Harbour Masters Games, Muriwai, pre-entry or enter on the day
- Sunday 20th HOC Ginsu 2000 day, Kapamahunga, Hamilton, 11am-1.30pm
Fundraising for Southern Cross Challenge in Aussie, details in Feb news
- WhOC Parua Bay, somewhere up north
- DOC Otago Champs, Dunedin
- Sunday 21st DOC Otago Champs, Dunedin
- Saturday 26th COC Colour-coded OY standard event, Lake Kereta, north of Parakai (Helensville)
Also secondary schools competition
- Thursday 31st Last posting date for Canterbury Anzac 3day

April

- Friday 1st Last posting date for Wanganui Anzac 3 day
- Friday 1st CMOC Whir Whiri, Pukekohe(ish) Easter 4 day, see details in Feb newsletter
- Saturday 2nd NWOC Kaipara Knolls, Woodhill Pre-entry
- Sunday 3rd NWOC Nga Puketurua, Woodhill, Sprint-O
- Monday 4th NWOC Nga Puketurua
- Sunday 3rd NZOF World Cup 1, Woodhill, you have to be a bit good before they let you run
- 5th-11th Development Squad trip to Aussie
- 7th,8th Southern Cross Junior Challenge, Ballarat, Australia
- 6th,8th World Cup 2 & 3, Ballarat, Australia
- Sunday 10th HOC Club event
- ROC Club event, Waipapa
- Sunday 17th WhOC Rogaine, Waipu Caves (Details in this issue. Call by 12th April)
- POC CDOA OY3

Saturday 23rd	EOC/	Classic	Anzac 3 day, Scoutlands, Wanganui
Sunday 24th	RKOC	Short-O, Night-O	
Monday 25th		Score event	
Saturday 23rd	PAPO	Godley Head, Score-O	Anzac 3 day, Christchurch
Sunday 24th	PAPO	Esk Vale, Canterbury Champs	Details in this issue
Monday 25th	PAPO	Spencerville, Short-O	Info 03 384 5116
Sunday 24th	NWOC	Autumn Series, Otakanini Topu, Woodhill	(May have to change)

EDITORIAL

My last editorial in the AOA Newsletter was a feeble attempt to be controversial. It didn't seem to work.

Although surprisingly many orienteers from outside Auckland were moved to comment, to me in person, with huge smiles on their faces, strangely no Auckland orienteers did, apart from John P who doesn't count (closest Wellingtonian.) We may never know why NorthWest and Central hate one another.

Perhaps one of the Clubs started charging members of other Clubs more than it charges its own members for its promotional events. Of course no Auckland Club would do that today...

Today's topic arises from recent experiences at events. It's a special tutorial for Controllers. Not for Setters, they take direction from Controllers. Not for Veters, I don't believe in Veters, the very title ducks the responsibility for a successful event. It's for Controllers. Your task for today is to pick which ones I've snuck into events I've controlled recently myself:

HOW TO MAKE ORIENTEERS (ESPECIALLY NOVICES) HAVE A ROTTEN TIME AT YOUR EVENT, or IF AN ORIENTEER DRAWS THESE PROBLEMS TO YOUR ATTENTION AT YOUR EVENT, ARGUE WITH HIM, TELL HIM HE'S WRONG, THEN DISQUALIFY HIM!

- Use an old, inaccurate or inappropriate map, and refuse to compensate for it when choosing control sites. Choose the control sites from the armchair, then stick to them even if they are buried in gorse, or badly mapped, or the feature is missing. NEVER move a control, that would waste all the time you spent at home.
- Hide controls where orienteers can't find them. They think that orienteering is a navigational challenge, but really it's a treasure hunt. It adds spice to a course to spend longer trying to find the control inside the circle than you spent running the leg. This is especially valuable when the map is on very easy terrain, otherwise the good orienteers have fast runs.
- Design legs that cross uncrossable features, like lakes, out of bounds, zoos, cliffs and other dangerous terrain. Those who are foolish enough to take the direct route will be strung on barbed wire, killed, eaten or chased by landowners, and serve them right for not knowing all the symbols on the map. The great big detour makes an otherwise VERY boring leg (which probably has obvious handrails all the way round the uncrossable feature) look really interesting. An especially valuable aspect of this kind of leg design is that it makes your course look as though it doesn't cover the same ground four times EVEN WHEN IT DOES!!
- Use teeny tiny controls and put them in teeny tiny pits in long grass. This is my favourite, it has given me hours of harmless fun, orienteers think they are themselves to blame when they can't find the control when lo! they were standing on it all along.
- Put the control on the wrong feature. Choose a vague feature on a vague map in vague terrain. That way you amuse the orienteers for hours, but they don't realise that the reason they went to the wrong feature first was that really they went to the right feature first! They think that it was a challenging course EVEN THOUGH IT WAS JUST A BINGO CONTROL! And best of all, if you choose vague areas for control sites, you can sneak these special challenges in WITHOUT EVEN TRYING!!
- Don't bother checking all the details. You can trust the Setter to get everything right without any help. Best of all, choose a wife or husband to be your Setter. That way, if you try to check their work, or tell them that their course could stand some improvement, they will refuse to feed you, drive you to work or sleep in the same house. This will help you immensely in sticking to this useful rule.

- Use control sites that EVERYONE KNOWS ARE WRONG ON THE MAP. That way, the more experienced orienteers (who've searched for that feature before) find it right away, while those who drew the map wrong in the first place waste time looking in the wrong site, and serve them right. This guideline will mean that you have to practice putdown comments for those who complain.
- Put in LOTS OF GRATUITOUS CLIMB to weed out the wimps who should know better than to come and play with the real athletes. They just get in the way. Also put in lots of FIGHT and CLIFFS and MUD and DEEP FASTFLOWING RIVERS that make the course look really interesting and put off the wallies.
- Put controls close to one another in features that could be described similarly. The trick here is to quote the NZOF rule to those who complain, claiming that the two features didn't have the same description. Make one of them "vegetation boundary" and the other one "watercourse" and if the orienteer is looking at his map, where both control sites are in reentrants, he will get horribly confused AND YOU WILL STILL BE IN THE RIGHT. This way, just by changing the description, you can solve a niggling setting problem. Especially valuable is to give them practically identical codes!!
- Set B grade, C grade and D grade courses for the winner, when the bleeding heart liberals say you should set B courses for the median, and C/D courses for the loser. Wimps! Only winners matter! Who cares that the winner of B, C, and D grade courses is by definition almost certainly a burglar who should be on a higher course! Who cares about the losers, they won't come back, and we don't need losers in this sport. All courses have DNFs, if they happen to be 8 year olds then IT'S ABOUT TIME THEY LEARNED NOT TO GO CRYING TO THEIR MOTHERS!! If the median time on course 3 at a promotional is 60 minutes, who cares, the winner did it in 18 minutes, he's that guy with the funny hair and the unpronounceable surname from somewhere in the Waikato, he's probably not all that good.

I hope that these few humble suggestions help you next time, and give you hours of harmless fun. Happy controlling....

Mark Roberts.

NORTHWEST NEWS

Congratulations to all club members selected for international events this year: Charlotte and Alex Hood and Peter Ambler will travel to Australia for the Southern Cross Challenge, while Dave Melrose proved that fatherhood and veteran status cannot keep a good man down, once again being chosen to represent NZ in the Auckland World Cup race.

Most impressive however, are our Elite women, scooping 4 of the 6 places in the women's World Cup team. Well done to Katie, Kirsten, Marquita and Sasha.

Katie recently won first place in the Pukekohe Half Marathon in 85:13 minutes.

Dave Middleton had a less happy training experience after disturbing a wasps' nest while out with the WOC Squad at Lake Kereta. We hear he set a new record for the 400m dash, then stripped off in the pines to evade the beasties, losing his map in the process.. Glenn gave up counting after noting 30 stings on his back alone. Hope you're now recovered Dave.

Spotted on crutches at One Tree Hill last week was a sheepish Kevin Jose. No, not a sporting injury - but we suspect that will be the last time that Kevin kicks a door in anger!

Lesley Stone is becoming distinctly nervous about setting course in Woodhill Forest. A body was found two days after she last set an event at Muriwai, and now the police are digging up the forest again for a murder victim, just as Lesley is looking for control sites for the Easter events.

Chris and Lorri O'Brien have donated a trophy to the Bristol OC in the UK in memory of Chris's brother who died last year. The inaugural winner of the Hurw O'Brien Trophy is ex Central OC member John Rix, whom many Aucklanders will remember.

The Middletons, Hoods, Moens, Stones and O'Briens fought off stiff competition to win a Trivial Pursuits contest at North Shore RC.

Penny Brothers and her husband Dave have returned from a year in California, and Penny and 2 year old Hayley are enjoying the Tuesday night Park series again.

Several Club members are hard at work preparing for the World Cup event and for our 3 days of Easter 1994. All offers of assistance will be most appreciated.

A reminder to everyone that membership subs are now due. Please send them to Alison Stone at 93A Saddleback Rise, Mairangi Bay.

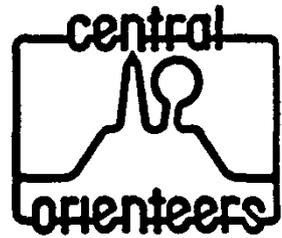
The next Club meeting will be at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of April, venue to be decided.

STONES SAGATHY ... 1993

CENTRAL CHATTERBOX

APOC produced some excellent results for the club. The event was very well organised by Graham Teahan and his team. Congratulations to the following Central Orienteering Club members:

Alistair Landels	(1) M21E
David Stewart	(1) M12A
Richard Bolt	(2) M18A
Terry Nuthall	(1) M55A
Jill Dalton	(3) W45A
Hilary Weeks	(1) W55A



Scanning the APOC results sheets shows many other club members who entered coming fourth, fifth etc. Congratulations to all members who entered and supported the event.

The Woodhill 3-day was a most enjoyable event. Sincere thanks to Rob Crawford, Rob Jessop and Mike Ashmore and their helpers for a well run event. Members who obtained top 3 placings were Alistair Landels, David Stewart, Bryce Davies, Craig Wilson, Richard Bolt, Anthony McGivern, Matthew Howard, Clive Bolt, Terry Nuthall, Andrew Brewis, Katherine Bolt, Paulette Ashmore, Rebecca Howard, Lynn Ashmore, Helen Bolt and Margaret Nicholls.

Not only does Richard Bolt make a delicious cheesecake he is our up and coming star. He has been selected for the Southern Cross Junior Challenge which is being run in conjunction with the World Cup races in Australia. He is also a member of the development squad. Well done Richard.

One member of the McGivern family has been trigger happy lately. Llewellyn was one of the army personnel responsible for the gun salutes at the Philips Opera, Foster's Symphony and Waitangi Day celebrations. One hopes for his parents' sake that he rarely takes his work home.

Congratulations to Alistair Landels and Rob Jessop on their selection for the World Cup team. Alistair was mentioned in the NZ Herald 9-2-94 as top of the 1993 British Orienteering rankings, a truly great achievement. Robert was reported (along with his photo) in the Western Leader 4-2-94 as becoming interested in Orienteering only when it was "compulsory" at school!

It is bon voyage to the Jager family who have departed NZ for Brunei on 8 February. Chris and Norm have taken up three year teaching positions. We wish the family all the best in their new venture. I take this opportunity to thank them on the club's behalf for their support, active involvement and willing commitment to the welfare of the club.

All Central Club members and their families are invited to a social / potluck dinner, where the best courses from the Summer Series will be voted on:

**18:30pm Friday 25th March 1994
Kings Prep School Pavilion, Portland Road, Remuera**

There will be a competition for the best course setting for both courses 1 and 3 for the summer series. The phone tree will provide details. If you haven't received details by telephone by March 21st, please phone John Powell on 624 -1513 and he will keep you informed.

A special attraction at the Club meeting, 19:30pm, Wednesday 9th March. Heather Hill, a Physiotherapist, will be talking about sports injuries.

At the recent AGM it was decided that the NZOF would provide funding to cover the cost of airfares for Alistair Landels to attend the world cup events in both Australia and New Zealand.

ENTRY FEES

	Day 2	Day 3	2 Days
Senior	\$15	\$10	\$23
Junior	\$10	\$7	\$15
Family	\$40	\$27	\$65

A family is up to two seniors living at the same address and any number of juniors (19 and under) who look to at least one of the seniors as a parent.

ENTRIES CLOSE: 31 MARCH 1994

LATE ENTRIES CLOSE: 10 APRIL 1994

Late entries will only be accepted on payment of an additional 50% of the standard entry fee.

Entries after 10 April will only be accepted at the discretion of the co-ordinator.

QUERIES: phone Claire Mulcock 0-3-384 5116

SOCIAL: There will be a pot luck dinner on the Sunday night. Venue and details to be advised in the programme.

CRECHE: A tent will be provided

WAYFARERS COURSES: Available on Day 1 only.

ACCOMMODATION

We will not be arranging accommodation. For convenience the northern side of Christchurch is recommended.

Send Entries to: ANZAC
PAPO
PO Box 824
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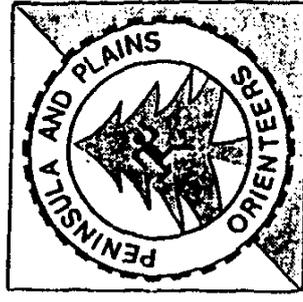
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Special requirements for start times: (please give reasons)

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CHRISTCHURCH

APRIL 23 - 25 1994

Peninsula and Plains Orienteers

WHO ROGAINE NORTH RIVER STATION

17th April 1994

3 or 2 hours Score Event

Three hour event mass start at 11am
Two hour event mass start at 12am.

The venue is rolling to steep farmed hill country, pockets of bush, Totaras, limestone outcrops and depressions, disappearing streams, swamps, in the area known as Waipu Caves.

The map is 1:25000, 20m contours, colour laminated. Mostly in DOSLI symbols with some added detail.

No drinks controls, bring your own tippie. Also we recommend a whistle.

This is a score event. There are 36 controls, varying in points value from 5 to 30. You decide your route, in any order, to collect as many points as possible in the time.

Time penalties, to be decided, will apply to those over the time. Competitors finishing under the time with the same points will be deemed to be equal.

Classes for individuals, pairs and groups. Final classes will be decided after entries have been received but will probably be Under 18, 18-35, over 35 Mens/Womens and Mixed. Pairs and groups start together, finish together.

Each entry will cost \$15.

Each entry will receive one premarked map, one clipcard, soup and barbeque after the event for all competitors.

Additional maps at \$5 must be ordered when registering. All maps will be given out 5 minutes before the start, at the start.

Registration.

Competitors should register by phoning Rhys Thompson or David Nevin by 12 April '94. A few additional maps will be available on the day, first come first served. An additional \$5 will apply for late entry.

Directions.

The event will be signposted from SH1 at Mountfield Road, between Ruakaka and Waipu. Alternately follow AA maps to "Waipu Caves". Allow 2 hours from the Auckland Harbour bridge, 45 minutes from Whangarei.

David Nevin 09 435 2415
Rhys Thompson 09 438 4866

a Whangarei Orienteering Club event.

1994 WORLD CUP UPDATE

Well after 2½ years of being involved with this project it is a little difficult to realise that it is barely a month and it will all be over.

Planning is well in hand with most of the details now finalised.

Teams will be accommodated at either the Hobson Motor Inn, Whenuapai or the Aladdin Motel, Glenfield. One or two teams will however stay elsewhere as arranged by overseas travel agencies.



The Hobson Motor Inn will also serve as the Event Centre and we will have a presence there from Monday, 26th March. The Official Welcome and Start Draw will take place on Saturday, 2nd April. The World Cup races will of course take place on Sunday, 3rd April with the first starts being at 9.00 a.m. Competitors will be bused from the Event Centre to the pre-start area in the forest.

Preliminary entries indicate that we will have 63 starters in the mens race and 56 in the womens. Five representatives from the overseas media have also advised of their intentions to be in New Zealand for the competition.

We cannot give too much away at this stage but the finish area has been selected with spectator interest uppermost in mind. We would like to see as many of you as possible come along to cheer on our New Zealand runners and to see some of the top Orienteers of the world in action. First finishers can be expected at about 10.20 a.m. We will have a large results board erected to keep everyone up-to-date. Split times will be radioed in the finish area from within the forest and these will be broadcast via a public address system. The event finish area will be sign posted from S.H.16 so watch for the signs once you have passed through Waimauku.

Our major mapping difficulties have now been overcome and the final map print will have been completed by the time you read this. Wayne Aspin has been hard at work in the forest planning the courses. Trish Aspin has been assisting him with these duties.

We thank those who have volunteered to assist on the day but would welcome a few more people if possible. If you can help in anyway, no matter how small, we would be grateful. Give John Watson (Ph.818 2519) he will be pleased to hear from you.

We are also seeking a private billet for a visiting competitor. His name is Sixten Sild and he will be representing Estonia. He will arrive in New Zealand on 1st April and depart on 4th April. If anybody could pick him up from the airport and give him a bed during his stay in Auckland could you please give Rob Garden (Ph. 412 8879) a call.

One final request. A gentleman by the name of Frantisek Peterka has written advising of his intention to visit New Zealand from 10th March through to the 6th April. During this time he will travel the country enjoying the outdoors, he is apparently an MTB enthusiast. He will also compete in the Easter 4Day event. He tells me that he represented Czechoslovakia from 1978 to 1983 and would like to meet up with New Zealanders he got to know during this period. He is also seeking a place to leave excess baggage during a tour he will make to the South Island. If anybody knows this guy and would like to help him could they please give me a call (Colin Tait Ph.832 4633).

ARCHIVES

March 1984 started with an event held in Woodhill Forest over two maps "Bluegums" (1:5000) and "Cross Roads" (1:10,000). Per Gustafson of Sweden won the 6km course in 46:00 followed by Rob Garden and Wayne Aspin while Trish Aspin at 57:00 and Alison Stewart were the top women.

OY2 was run on the Tuakau map used for the first time and no one picked up the fact that the North lines ran True North. Everyone must have contoured. Ross Brighthouse beat Rob Garden by 1 minute, 71:00 for 9 km.

Reeves Farm was the venue for a promotional event set by Peter Morrison, controlled by Mavis Hatwell and coordinated by Marie Fischen. All are no longer orienteering. For the second time in the month we ran on an immaculate map with no-one noticing that 100 metres was actually 75 metres (no pace counting!)

The Brighthouse Trophy for points accumulated in major events throughout NZ was won by John Davies (22 points) followed by John Fettes (18), Hilary Weeks (17) and Jock Stronach (17).

As an interlude to orienteering, South Auckland OC members spent two weekends combing the Onewhero hills trying to locate a missing light plane. It was later found in the Hunua Ranges by pig hunters.

The Round The Bays run was still a novelty ten years ago, with several clubs entering teams. Nowadays they train by competing in triathlons or half marathons, (see NWOC News.)

COUNTIES-MANUKAU NEWS

Officers elected and re-elected at the AGM were:

President - Wayne Aspin
Secretary - Rosemary Gatland
Treasurer - Roger Hiscock

With the unfortunate Ken Browne as Media Person, Phyllis Snedden looking after the club's equipment at her Turangaruru residence and the Robinsons have the maps.

A noteworthy motion passed was "Our own club members will have free entry to all CMOC promotional events." It was felt that members gave their own time freely towards event organisation and this would be some compensation. With the recent high cost of APOC, some promotional event fees, and the fact that orienteering events are now selected according to their entry cost, this is a good move.

Mavis Hatwell was recently seen training around Pukekohe streets, Gary Sizemore has recovered from his knee injury and is looking towards his 26th Rotorua Marathon. Tania Robinson had her arm in plaster at One Tree Hill (to get sympathy); Jeanine Browne is in Christchurch on a month's Air Hostess course for Ansett NZ and to stay onsite with Jayne Shuker - she is eight years old.

John Robinson is organising the O side of the Manukau City Games and is chasing entries - \$12 for two events on 3rd March at Hayman Park and 6th March at Totara Park, with a selection of several courses and medals for prizes.

The Club's March meeting will be at Ross and Linda Brighthouse's in Papakura.

Ken Browne 299 8413

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE

Farmer Brown has six cows, eight horses twelve sheep.
A total of 26 animals.

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE

Find the hidden sentence.

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L I F E I N
New Zealand

Fellow Aucklander Alistair Landels was a clear winner in the final of the men's elite race, leaving him with three wins and two marrow losses for the series.
Otago Daily Times 10/1/94

CLUB SUBS ETC

Time to pay your club subscriptions. If you haven't paid by the beginning of April, you won't receive your April newsletter, and life will be ever so dull.

The AOA will publish a new address list during May. Under new privacy legislation, I hereby advise you that if you wish to be excluded from this list, please advise Marquita before 1st April 1994.

Club Secretaries - please provide any changes to the membership list to Marquita by 1st April 1994. Just a list of new or expired memberships will be fine.

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Your Editor this month was Mark Roberts; and he will be editing next month as well, because Marquita is a little bit busy with some minor event or other that she's running in soon. Please send your material to Mark (Box 99612 Newmarket, fax 263 4794) or Marquita (23 Nixon Rd RD2 Henderson) by 21st March 1994. Contributors please note that Mark's computer is a regular PC so send your material on disk if you wish.

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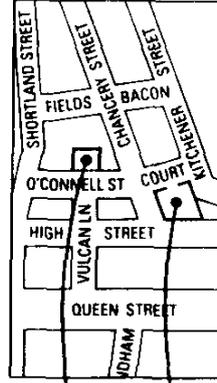
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