

The Auckland



Orienteer

May/June/July 2001



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EDITORIAL

Welcome to this edition of the Auckland Orienteer. It's not as complete as I would have liked, but I think we've waited long enough already!

For many months Lisa Brooks has telegraphed the imminent arrival of a child and the impact that would have on her ability to continue her editorial duties. I am pleased to report her promises have come to fruition, and Lisa and Mark are the proud parents of Daniel (the report I have is "Daniel very cooperative except when taking bath. Lisa very cool, calm and collected. Mark run slightly ragged!") I am sure you all join me in congratulating them, and wishing them luck for the joys of parenthood!

It is important that we should also recognise the huge effort Lisa has put into the magazine, and to thank Lisa for all her outstanding editorial efforts.

In the absence of other volunteers I agreed to take over because I believe there is a need for the magazine. I see it as an essential medium to maintain the dialogue amongst orienteers, and as a means to recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals and groups, whether they are athletes, administrators or supporters. I hope you will continue to enjoy the articles and the opportunity to air your views on how the sport should be run. If nothing else, at least the magazine will hopefully tell you when the next events are programmed!

I should also add that the door is still open for

anyone else who might be persuaded to try his or her hand at editor! I am concerned that as the incumbent President of NWOC and therefore also a member of the AOA I may have too many opportunities to voice my opinion. If I do start to lose my impartiality, please don't hesitate to write!

My recollection of the last AOA committee meeting at which I agreed to take on editor was that I have carte blanche to produce the magazine. So, as the first (small) step I have changed the cover design to flex my editorial muscle. I have been told by a younger member that there is a need for a kids' focus, and hence I plan to have a "Kids' Control" section starting next month (adults will be allowed to read that too!)

Please tell me if there are regular features you would like to see in the magazine – use it as a forum to make suggestions or pass comment on just about anything. Photographs are especially welcome!

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Cover Photo: Hawkes Bay day three at Te Awanga – (Left to Right) Rob Jessop, Neil Kerrison and Brent Edwards showing their style through the spectator control.

[Photo from the AOC Web site <http://auckoc.tripod.com/>]

LETTERS

NZOF - What has that got to do with you - or me?

Once upon a time someone said, "Hey, come and try orienteering, it's fun and anyone can do it, just turn up". So we did that and liked it so much we wanted to go to the next event, and some more. But we weren't too good at it, so we thought we'd get to know some people who were, and get the

magazine too, so we joined the club.

So then we knew where all the local events were, and that some were further away, all over New Zealand, and that some people were VERY good at orienteering and went to world championship events. Not that we wanted to be so competitive (yet! - or ever?) but it was nice going to interesting and different places, and meeting lots of people. We found there were jobs to do too, but that

was good because you kept on learning more and getting better at orienteering, and the people were good sorts too.

A few years later we happened to be in another country, and travelling around saw an orienteering flag signalling an event - where are you from they said? New Zealand - oh lucky you, come and have a run with us, your NZ club membership entitles you to members' rates with us too. And it was easy because whatever language you spoke orienteering maps, symbols and procedures were the same.

Soon after that New Zealand hosted the World Masters' Orienteering Championships, with the courses vetted by an internationally qualified controller (jargon for quality assurance), and people came from everywhere and it was a great event. Seeing how good some people were wasn't discouraging because just doing the courses was great fun; but we did think how good it would have been to have started younger, so when we heard that some of New Zealand's top elites were doing well in World Cup races we felt really pleased.

OK - enough story, I am sure you have guessed. What makes all this happen? Even the first event in the story would never have happened without some sort of organization, and the one which holds all the clubs together, maintains standards, promotes and fosters excellence is the national body, NZOF, no less. As an extreme example, it would be possible for someone to get a map together and put out a few controls and call it an orienteering event, and certainly it would work on the day. But that would be that - nowhere to go next. No continuity, no development.

Answer to the question: what has that got to do with you - or me? - everything, if you are reading this newsletter.

NZOF Mission

- To encourage the participation in Orienteering of as many New Zealanders as possible.
- To improve the performance of all New Zealanders who see Orienteering as a competitive sport.

TRISH FAULKNER
PAPO.

Jill Smithies, AOA Secretary comments:

Event levies will increase from 1 August. Previously 10% of fees we pay went to NZOF, from 1 August this increases to 25%. To absorb this increase we need more people at events and more Club members. If we can get more people involved we may be able to hold the fees at their current level - please do what you can to help!

Tough introduction for JWOCers

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

The NZ JWOC team had a tough introduction to their week in the short qualifier today. Lara Prince was the best of the New Zealanders, about 25th in her heat just over a minute down on qualifying (official results aren't available yet).

The boys all had errors in their runs, and frustratingly being placed in the high 40s, thus all in the C Final. Their times were around 33 to 35 minutes, and the A qualifying mark was around 28. No Aussie boys made the A Final either, showing how tough the competition was.

Rob Crawford

Kiwis hit tough classic hard!

Saturday, June 09, 2001

The hard team!

Jorgen Rostrup felt he was a bit slow... but we knew he did not know the meaning of a bit slow!

Alistair had a good day with few errors and maybe a hint of a possible return to form of years past. Certainly a good result in probably the toughest competition in the world. Aaron also had a good day, although tired he managed to keep his act together all day. Also bodes well for the future. Greg was what he called slow but was happy that the calf injury caused no problems and technically made a good race from a difficult 2nd start. He called this a hardening up exercise! Michal pulled out early on due to tiredness and a suspected virus.

Lara found the competition tough but coped well with a challenging map except for one

half hour error. Improving all the time and this was a significant step up in level. Jenni found the going tough in her first race here and felt a bit tired from travel and the very tough forest.

Tomorrow will be the short on a flatter area close to town.

Results:

M21

1st Jörgen Rostrup 87.42

51st Alistair Landels 103.35

78th Aaron Prince 111.00

93rd Greg Barbour 125.37

W21

1st Hanne Staff 64.48

80th Jenni Adams 94.43

W20

1st Bodil Holmström 53.39

33rd Lara Prince 113.09

(Last 2 articles from www.maptalk.co.nz/)

EVENT CALENDAR

Please call Club Secretaries for final confirmation of these details:

A Auckland. Nicola Kinzett 09 521 9535

<http://auckoc.tripod.com/>

CM Counties-Manukau. Hilary Isles

09 235 2941

E Egmont. Suzanne Scott 06 758 4468

H Hamilton. Mike Baldwin 07 856 3887

NW NorthWest. Jill Smithies 09 838 7388

P Pinelands. Chris Jackson 07 886 5313

R Rotorua. Peter Fitchett 07 345 6786

T Taupo. Alison Mensen 07 378 0577

WACO Waikato and Auckland Campus.

Melissa Edwards 09 634 8104

Wh Whangarei. Dick Rankin 09 434 6499

NOS National Orienteering Squad. Rob

Crawford 09 412 9711

Unless otherwise stated, start times are 10 am to 12 midday. Summer Series start times from 5.30 pm to 6.45 pm.

July '01

13 – 14

Wgtn Silva Nat Sec School Champs

Sun 22

NW **Bell Trophy 3 - Otakanini Topu**

Signposted SH16 at Rimmers Rd 2 km S of Helensville/Parakai turnoff

August

Sun 26

AOC **OY 5 - Pot Luck**

Signposted SH16 at Rimmers Rd 2 km S of Helensville/Parakai turnoff.

September

Sun 2

AOC Training Pot Luck

Sun 9

CM **OY 6 – Karioitahi**

Sun 23

NW **OY 7 - Kaipara Knolls**

Keep driving N from Parakai until you see the signs

Sun 30

NW Training Kaipara Knolls (the controls will be left out from the previous week)

October

6 – 7	CDOA	CDOA Champs
Sun 14	NW	Training White's Line (terrain similar to the Auckland Champs)
20 – 21	AOC	Auckland Champs
Sun 28	NW	Ralph King Score event
November		
3 – 4	Wgtn	Wellington Champs
Sun 11	NW	Auckland teams event (relays) – Slater Road
January '02		
13		ANZ Challenge
20		ANZ Challenge
	AOC	Anniversary Weekend 2 day including Point to Point race

NORTH WEST NEWS

May

Thanks to Paul for writing this column last month and making a great job of it- all contributions gratefully received!

On the subject of writing, Alan Janes regularly has excellent short articles, accompanying event results, published in the local newspapers - watch out for them.

Marquita Gelderman was most recently featured by Alan, following her superb double triumphs at the National Champs at Easter. Marquita's emphatic wins in the women's elite grade mark her return to the top of the sport after her knee injury (commemorated for posterity in the naming of the "Wounded Knee" map) of a few years ago.

Congratulations to all our other national champions who span the grades from W12 to M75: Classic race - Sarah Gilkison (W12), Judy Martin (W65) and Bob Murphy, who took the M75 title by a narrow margin over Ralph King.

NW title-holders for 2001 in the short race are: Lise Moen (W20A), Michelle Nash (W21A), Judy Martin (W65) and Sarah Gilkison with another great result (and she still has another two years in this grade).

We also picked up many minor placing, with Mark Lawson gaining an excellent 3rd in M21E, and racing consistently well all weekend to cement his place in the New

Zealand team to compete at the world champs in Finland in July. Mark's orienteering career is much briefer than that of most of his team mates, and a huge amount of dedication has gone into his training, resulting in his reaching elite status in relatively few years.

The nationals were a great weekend after all the threats of cyclones: sunshine, impressive organisation, superb forests with challenging and intricate terrain and the excitement of the ultimate spectator event - the Park-O. I wonder what percentage of orienteers managed to produce longer race times in the short race than in the classic?

This year we were able to field several very competitive relay teams, with the welcome recent injection of new blood in the form of fit, fast younger orienteers such as Neil Kerrison, Shaun and Madeleine Collins. Our top-seeded team of Mark Lawson, Phillippa Poole and Paul Gilkison ran well to just pip PAPO for 3rd place, with our next two teams only 2 and 4 minutes behind them. However, Hawkes Bay, with not-so-secret weapon Ross Morrison, will take some beating.

The score series events - brainchild of Rob Garden, who has invested a huge amount of time and energy into initiating them and controlling each race - are proving a popular success. Great maps, control sites to cater for a variety of skill levels, great weather (so far), fast pace and the incentive/bribe of spot

prizes make for a more than usually social event. The condensed time frame simplifies organisation and man-power requirements, while everyone seems to enjoy the chance to socialise and compare notes leading up to the prize givings. Graham Peters seemed to walk off with more than his share of loot at Muriwai (allegedly on behalf of a posse of Birkenhead College students who had to depart early). Post race coaching has also been in demand.

It is also a good opportunity for less experienced course setters to tackle a forest event without the complications of OY requirements - and with much assistance from Rob and coaching thrown in for good measure.

Birkenhead College recently fielded a team of 47 orienteers at the North Island secondary schools champs in Taupo, with strong all round performances leading to the girls winning the top team/ school title and the boys placing 3rd in this category.

The junior girls placed 1st (after a total of just 4 O events) in the relay and the more experienced intermediate girls team won their relay too.

Special mention also of Campbell Melrose-Allen (NW) of Auckland Grammar who was 3rd in the Intermediate boys race. Well done.

With the lure of a long weekend and good maps, the club is planning to descend en-masse upon Hawkes Bay over Queen's Birthday Weekend. (Hopefully no repeat of 1999, when the drive in torrential rain took 8 hours and the event on Saturday was cancelled due to flooding!) There are always the wineries... There were tentative plans for booking group accommodation, but it appears Wellington orienteers have been quicker off the mark and snapped up the best options.

By now you will have received the Great Day-O entry forms - this is a highly recommended day out in the forest - people talked about the first two events for years afterwards, and the T-shirts are still floating around on those of us who have been orienteering for aeons. Don't forget to volunteer your services to the club committee if you can help out with this event.

Also looming on the horizon is the dinner and movie evening on Saturday 07 July, in Avondale... this has become an annual occasion and is an open invitation to all NW,

Auckland and CMOC members. Please contact Gay Ambler on Ph (09) 424 7010 for details. *[OK so it's already happened, but this lets you know what you've missed out on! - ED]*

June/July

The score series, Hawkes Bay 3-day weekend, the Great day-O... all these events are now history and this is the first weekend in ages without orienteering - and feel quite deprived! With the big break in the OY series this year, there is a winter hiatus, so we will just have to resort to waiting for news of Kiwis competing in Europe - and especially of Mark Lawson at the World champs in Finland. Good luck!

I'm sure that the collective opinion of all those who participated was that the Score Series was a resounding success, with not even torrential rain dampening enthusiasm or reducing the numbers at the grand finale held on Rob and Marquita's property at Slater Road. Over sixty college students competed that day and the barn proved a welcome refuge for bedraggled runners many of whom departed with spot prizes ranging from the famous macadamia nuts to sports equipment and of course the mountain bike. Congratulations to club treasurer Rolf Wagner who rode off with the big prize.

A very big thanks to Rob Garden, the brains and enthusiasm behind the series, and also to Marquita for much work behind the scenes. Rob was a pleasure to work with, providing much advice for a novice course setter - not to mention some in the field orienteering coaching.

There is often talk of reducing the inordinate workload of setting and running O events - the score series is an excellent way of providing several fun events with reduced manpower; not to mention giving less experienced or junior orienteers an opportunity to attempt more challenging orange and red level controls, without jeopardising their OY series points.

Sarah Gilkison, with help from her cousin Phoebe and her parents, has done a wonderful job in feeding the masses with sausages etc after all club events - her NW combo represents a great deal and bodes well for a successful entrepreneurial future.

Hawkes Bay at Queen's Birthday weekend

proved a marked contrast to Auckland - highlights included the autumn landscapes, frosts which we had to scrape off the windscreen, delicious fruit at the finishing lines (no comment on the canned rice) and epicurean dining and wining organized by El Presidente. The orienteering courses provided a good mixture of terrain, especially the dramatic Te Awanga map, which I had waited to run on since the infamous 1999 non-event.

Next up was our Great Day-O, with excellent courses (despite a last minute map change) provided by Stan Foster and Bert Chapman. These were physically gruelling courses demanding accurate map-reading skills to cope with the demands of terrain changes from fast farmland to young pines and trimmings and then the intricacies of mature coastal sand dune forest - plus the complication of heavy rain after the first couple of hours!

Congratulations to long course winner, Mark Lawson, narrowly edging out Darren Ashmore in a shade over 2 hrs 30mins for over 20kms and to Tania Robinson, who was the fastest on course 2 (16.5km), a few minutes ahead of Geoff Mead (1st Veteran). The leaders on course 3 (10km) were Phillippa Poole (W40+) and Peter Godfrey

(Super-vets).

Especial thanks to Robin and Gay Ambler of Flooring First (and NWOC), who very generously sponsored the event.

The Auckland secondary schools champs were held at the end of June in Waiuku forest, great tracts of which have been chopped down over the past year. Club members had a field day, with several excellent placings: Boys - Campbell Melrose-Allen (1st Intermediate), Sam Murphy (1st Junior) and Carl Johnson (2nd Senior, Birkenhead College). Girls: E Wallace, F McInnes, B Kelly (1st, 2nd, 3rd Junior girls Birkenhead College and with other Birkenhead College students taking the minor places in senior and intermediate grades. Birkenhead College will be sending a whole coach load of orienteers to the national schools champs.

Next club meetings: Wednesday 11 July 7:30pm at Jill Smithies', 4B Fairbanks Place, Glendene.

August meeting: Wednesday 8 August, Chateau Gilkison, 12 Albert Rd, Devonport.

Happy orienteering

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CMOC CALLING

Congratulations to all CMOC Members who did well at the recently held Nationals hosted by Rotorua Taupo and Hamilton Clubs. There was 3 days of hot competition amid big fields in some of the grades. The following people won or placed in their grade:

CLASSIC

Tania Robinson 2 W21E
Wayne Aspin 1 M55A
Trish Aspin 2 W45A
Natalie Rouse 1 W21AS
Ineke Currie 2 W21AS
Val Robinson 2 W60A
Jayne Shuker 2 W16A
Briar Peat 1 W21C
Emily Murphy 2 W12
Frances Peat 1 W14B

SHORT 'O'

Bryce Brighthouse 2 M21A
Wayne Aspin 1 M55A
Marijke Currie 2 W18A
Trish Aspin 2 W45A
Ineke Currie 1 W21AS
Natalie Rouse 2 W21AS
Ken Green 2 M75A

Val Robinson 2 W60A
 Kelly Jones 2 W21B
 Briar Peat 1 W21C
 Frances Peat 1 W14B

On the Friday following the Nationals CMOC Juniors converged on Taupo once again, to compete in the North Island Secondary School Champs.

The first day (Champs) was held on gully spur eucalypt forest (not steep). The second day (the relay) was held on open farmland with a small block of pine forest. Congratulations to everyone who competed and did well.

Marijke Currie 2 Senior Girls
 Jane Shuker 3 Intermediate Girls
 Jonathan Lauer 4 Senior Boys
 Robert Iles 5 Senior Boys
 Martin Peat 6 Intermediate Boys
 Waiuku College Relay Team gained second place in the open Senior Boys grade.

The team comprised of:-

Leg one Jane Shuker
 Leg two Jenni Iles
 Leg three Robert Iles

A great achievement everyone WELL DONE!

Our Sunday promotions are still going well. There was a bit of concern with the Taurangaruru event as only 4 people had turned up by 10:30. By 10:45 we were inundated with new people (families) who have seen our advert in the local newspapers and were keen to give it a go. Thanks to Graeme Hattie for his technical courses. Many people are showing an interest in upcoming events as a result.

Thanks to the Lauer family for running the promotional at Harkers Reserve. This was Jonathan's first attempt at course setting and Harkers can be difficult technically. He did a great job with all controls in the right place and we can look forward to Jonathan setting more events in the near future.

Val and John Robbie organised the Franklin zone Junior and Intermediate Schools

Orienteering Champs held on Reeves Farm Map. 630 children turned up to compete and fortunately the weather was fine making everyone's job officiating that much easier.

Val was impressed with the way they orienteered around the course and the most significant thing about their performance was the closeness of their times.

Val and John also organised the Counties zone School 'O' Champs which was held at Totara Park. 140 children competed (a much more manageable number).

A lot of time and effort has been spent by John and Val setting the foundations for orienteering in our area schools. Val feels the results of these events highlight the fact that teachers are doing a lot of work within the schools for orienteering.

Winning teams for both days go on to compete in the Champion of Champions to be held at Ambury Park hosted by North West with assistance by CMOC.

Thank you to all CMOC members, their friends, Ralph King and Bert Chapman for their continued assistance in helping make these events run smoothly. It is really appreciated.

North West ran an OCAD training day recently with Marquita as tutor. I was invited to attend along with 9 or so other orienteers and found the course informative and invaluable. I am at present making progress on a club map with new found confidence. I would like to thank Marquita on behalf of CMOC for her time, the effort she put into compiling a technical manual and the professional manner in which she presented the course.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 7 May 7.30
 .Waiuku

All contributions to future articles kindly accepted.

BOB HATTIE
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AUCKLAND CHATTER

My apologies for not having any AOC news for this edition – unfortunately the club's most prolific writers are either sweating it out in

Lithuania - or have found their time taken up by other more pressing issues! – Ed.

Controllers' Clinic

Put this in your diary, and place your name with your Club Secretary now!

Sat 1 / Sun 2 September - Controllers' clinic.

This is NOT for experts. This is NOT for special folk. This is NOT just for M45As. This is for EVERYONE who sets, vets or controls, or who wants to one day. Or for those who just want to improve their orienteering - see the course from the planner/controller's point of view!

AUCKLAND ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

The AOA committee met in June to start the planning process for the 2002 calendar. Although 2002 is still a long way off, it takes time to discuss the event scheduling at the Club committee meetings, report back and eventually end up with a workable programme. Thank you to all those who gave ideas and suggestions to their club representative or direct to me. It was most helpful knowing your thoughts.

2002 Calendar

The first draft of the calendar indicates that we will have another year with orienteering most weekends. The orienteering year will start early with the ANZ Challenge events in the Manawatu in January. Auckland will run its extremely popular Summer Series from about December to March. The feedback about the score series was positive and we will have another series of 6 events. Counties Manukau had good support to their promotional events and they will also continue with that series next year. Easter is early in 2002 and the Nationals will be held in Tekapo from 29 March to 1 April. This doesn't allow for us to run an effective OY series before the Nationals. The draft plan has two standard type events and two score events prior to the Nationals. These will give training

opportunities for those building up to the Nationals. In addition the Katoa Po relays are on 10 March with a CDOA event the following day. The draft plan has 7 OY events from mid June to mid September. With these at fortnightly intervals it should make for a more meaningful series. All this is on the first draft. It will be interesting to see how close to this the final version is!

Controllers' Clinic

Jim Lewis will hold a controllers' clinic on 2/3 September. We encourage all controllers and would be controllers to attend. All the clubs are short of qualified controllers and without controllers we can't run events. For those wanting an edge over their competitors, a spin off from the clinic is improved map reading.

Start Times

It has been suggested that the start time window be 10:30am to 11:30am. Currently most competitors start within this period, so it would mean a change for only a few. The advantages of having a shorter start period are a reduction in the manpower required at events and an increase the social aspects, as others are still around when you finish.

Adventure courses

These had only had a brief trial and had not been promoted well. The AOA agreed that it is worth trying these again with better planning and promotion.

Auckland Orienteer Magazine

The magazine was without an editor. The magazine plays an important part in communication and fostering the orienteering

spirit. Paul Gilkison has kindly agreed to take on the editor's role. Please support him with lots of articles and letters.

JILL SMITHIES
AOA Secretary

ANZ CHALLENGE 2002

TEAM MEMBER NOMINATIONS



The next Australia New Zealand Challenge will be held in the Manawatu/Wanganui region on 15 and 16 January 2002. A programme of supporting races will make up a week - long carnival.

Nominations are now invited from persons interested in selection for the team. It is expected that the age classes for the challenge will be as follows, with 3 competitors selected in each class:

M/W -16, -18, -20, 21, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, and M70.

Age groups will be those applying to those in 2002, even though the team will be selected this year.

Australia, as the visiting nation, will have the final say as regards which age classes are to

be parts of the challenge.

Nominations are to be received by 30 September 2001 (see the form enclosed in this edition).

Team selection will be primarily based on performance in one or more of the area championships held during October and November 2001. Prospective team members should endeavour to compete in two or more of the Central Districts Championships (6/7 October), Auckland Championships (20/22 October), Wellington Championships (3/4 November), or South Island Championships (10/11 November). Performance at the 2001 National Championships may also be considered if necessary.

Applicants should compete in the age class for which they are nominating themselves at the area championships unless, of course, they are ineligible for that class until 2002.

MARQUITA GELDERMAN
Convenor of Selectors

NZOF

NZOF Meeting

Notice is given that a Council meeting of the New Zealand Orienteering Federation (Inc) will be held at 24 Shanaway Rise, Glenfield, Auckland, 18 August, 5:30pm and 19 August, 8:30am.

The NZOF Council reminds members that as always they are welcome to attend Council meetings as observers.

NZOF News - July 2001

New Trophy

Thanks go to Hamilton Club President, Ingrid Perols, for her initiative in organising a perpetual trophy for our premier inter-club competition; the national mixed long relays. The trophy has been donated by The Centre for Sport and Exercise Science at the Waikato Institute of Technology in Hamilton with the inaugural winners being the 2001 champions, Hawkes Bay.

Vacancies

Applications are invited for the following vacancies (contact Stuart Payne, General Manager, New Zealand Orienteering Federation, 171A Fifield Tce, Christchurch 8002, NZ ph/fax: 03 337 2275 nzof@nzorienteering.com):

Media Officer

The primary role of the Media Officer is to foster and promote orienteering through the various forms of media in NZ. Direct expenses are reimbursed within the approved budget and a fax machine is provided. Interested persons should contact the NZOF President or General Manager.

ANZ Challenge Team Manager

A team manager is required for the Australia-New Zealand Challenge to be held in the Manawatu over the period 15/16 January 2002 (see July issue of *New Zealand ORIENTEERING*). Since the date and venue of the Challenge were not included in the May issue of *New Zealand ORIENTEERING*, the date for applications has been extended to 31 July.

National Orienteering Squad Manager, and

National Orienteering Squad Coaching Coordinator

These are two-year appointments through to WOC 2003. Current squad manager Rob Crawford will not be re-applying. Applications close 31 July.

Job Descriptions for the above four positions are available from the General Manager.

Event Levies

Clubs are reminded that as a result of remits passed at this year's AGM, event levies will increase from 10 to 25 percent as from 1st August. Clubs will therefore be asked to make event levy returns up to 31 July (and not the normal date of 20 July). A special event levy form for this purpose has been sent to all treasurers.

The policy on event levies is as follows:

Orienteering events are defined as events that require entrants to navigate using a map. It does not include fun runs and training events (where an NZOF approved instructor is involved in coaching). However it does include:

All schools events run by an orienteering club, or club member.

All events run by individuals (affiliated members of a club) who would expect NZOF to cover their public liability insurance requirements.

Entry fees from local/social members and the general public.

Events run by groups such as National Orienteering Squad, Development squad, etc.

Money collected for such items as food, drinks, clothing, etc is not deemed to be event fees.

Some Clubs do not charge event fees to club members (or charge very reduced fees) and in this case NZOF asks that an honesty system prevail in that an estimated equivalent levy is returned.

Development Funding

Following the adoption of the report on Best practices, the NZOF Council decided that, for the time being, future development spending

would be on a project basis. Detailed guidelines on project applications have now been sent to all clubs and NZOF officers, and are also included in the July issue of *New Zealand ORIENTEERING*.

Elite Events Project

After calling for comment, the International Orienteering Federation (IOF)'s Elite Events Project Group has produced its Final Report containing recommendations for the future of international elite competition. The project recommends a competition format suitable for the Olympic Games and also makes recommendations for World Championships and World Cup races aimed at increasing the worldwide profile of orienteering. The Final Report, available on www.nzorienteering.com, will be discussed at an Extraordinary General Assembly of the IOF in Tampere, Finland on 3 August. President Rob Crawford will represent New Zealand.

In its submission, the NZOF Council agreed that the main discipline for Orienteering should be a format suitable for events such as the Olympics or World Games. It expressed concern, however, that the new discipline, a sprint format similar to Park Orienteering, was being added without appropriate thought as to consequences outside of gaining entry to Olympic Games. The Final Report, however, expresses the view that participation in the Olympic Games is of such high value for orienteering that any suggested adjustments are both relevant and necessary.

The New Zealand submission also strongly disagreed, primarily for financial reasons, that the World championships be held annually (instead of every two years as at present) and also disagreed with qualification for the championships being held separately from the championships themselves. The Final Report makes concessions on the qualification system, recommending, for the time being, that qualification for 50 percent of places be held in conjunction with the World Championships. No concession, however, has been made regarding the championships being held every year, despite several national federations expressing concern. The NZOF Council intends to continue to lobby against this change at the Extraordinary General Assembly.

National and Development Squad Updates

Following are the updated lists for the National and Development Orienteering Squads. Changes are highlighted in italics.

NATIONAL ORIENTEERING SQUAD

Women

Elite: Jenni Adams, Tania Robinson, Antonia Wood

A: Rachel Smith, *Rebecca Smith (moves up from B)*

B: Melissa Edwards, *Madeleine Collins (new)*, *Lisa Frith (new)*

Men

Elite: Darren Ashmore, Greg Barbour, Alistair Landels

A: Mark Lawson, Aaron Prince, *Rob Jessop (new)*, *Jason Markham (moves up from B)*, *Phil Wood (moves up from B)*

B: Michael Adams, Stu Barr, Shaun Collins, Alistair Cory-Wright, Brent Edwards, Michal Glowacki, Neil Kerrison, Jamie Stewart, *Karl Dravitski (moves down from A)*.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Women

Victoria Glover, Amy Holden, Penny Kane, Lise Moen, Fiona Monks, Claire Paterson, Lara Prince.

Men

James Bradshaw, Bryn Davies, Greg Flynn, Robert Holdaway, Chris Ingham, Douglas Kwan, Andrew McCarthy, Todd Oates, David Stewart, Andrew Thompson, *Keith Agmen (new)*.

Development Project Funding: Guidelines

With the adoption of the Best Practices report there has been a change in the way the NZOF development budget is allocated. This was tabled at the 2001 AGM and accepted. Instead of employing a Development Officer, development funding will be on a project basis. Accordingly clubs and/or individuals can apply for development funding for suitable projects.

The NZOF Council has indicated four areas that it regards as priority areas for development projects, as follows:

- permanent courses

- stronger clubs mentoring neighbouring clubs
- orienteering in schools
- promotional resources (including web-based resources).

The primary aim in each case is to increase participation in the sport with a flow-on effect for the recruitment and retention of club members.

The first three areas are listed in order of priority and are areas where clubs may apply for NZOF funding. Guidelines for funding applications in each of these three areas are presented below. (NB: these are guidelines and are not definitive statements):

The fourth area (promotional resources) will remain the direct responsibility of the NZOF Council. Currently, its priority project is updating the Kiwisport manual and providing it online.

Permanent Courses (POCs)

POCs can assist in increasing participation and hence membership by enabling:

- People who may be apprehensive about trying the sport at an event to try it privately
- People to try orienteering who can't make it to orienteering events because of work or other commitments
- Teachers / youth leaders to take classes / groups for orienteering
- Orienteering Clubs to run some events with minimal effort.

Thus for a POC to be effective it needs to be public, promoted and accessible. Accordingly funding applications for new POCs should cover:

- Location of the course
- Whether a joint venture with the local Council (or other organisation) and whether that organisation is contributing funds
- Other funding sought besides NZOF, if any
- Overall budgeted cost of project and that part unfunded
- How the POC will be promoted
- How maps will be distributed
- Completion date for project

Clubs mentoring neighbouring clubs

The aim is to assist a neighbouring club to increase participation and hence the recruitment and retention of members. Therefore any assistance projects need to be directly serving these aims. Mapping, planning and controlling for major events, while beneficial, are, for development purposes, not directly linked to this aim, unless they are part of the introduction of new forms of orienteering.

Projects linked to directly increasing growth in another club include assisting the club to develop:

- Club visions and strategic plans
- Promotional orienteering series (eg Summer series)
- Permanent courses
- New forms of orienteering: ski-O, rogaines, MTBO
- Club coaching services
- Club website
- Orienteering in schools

Funding applications for Mentoring Neighbouring Clubs should cover:

- Nature of project (as per, for example, list above)
- Name of club(s) involved
- Other funding sought besides NZOF, if any
- Overall budgeted cost of project and that part unfunded
- Completion date for project

Orienteering in schools

The aim is to increase access and opportunity for schools and pupils and thus give clubs a better chance of increasing interest in orienteering and consequently recruiting new members.

The Best Practices report suggested the following:

- Run a regional Primary / Intermediate / Secondary Schools Championship
- Run Have-a-Go Days
- Produce school and park maps
- Make club equipment available for loan
- Offer coaching, from Kiwisport upwards

Where clubs already provide any of the above, then the project would need to represent a major new development to the existing programme, such as, for example, a schools competition series.

Funding applications for Orienteering in schools should cover:

- Nature of project: eg new regional championship, have-a-go day series, etc
- Name of school(s) involved and likely number of students
- Whether a joint venture with the local Sports Trust (or other organisation) and whether that organisation is contributing funds

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Other development projects

Applications for development projects not covered by any of the above will also be considered. Any applications should aim to develop orienteering by increasing participation, recruitment and retention and should follow the general guidelines presented above.

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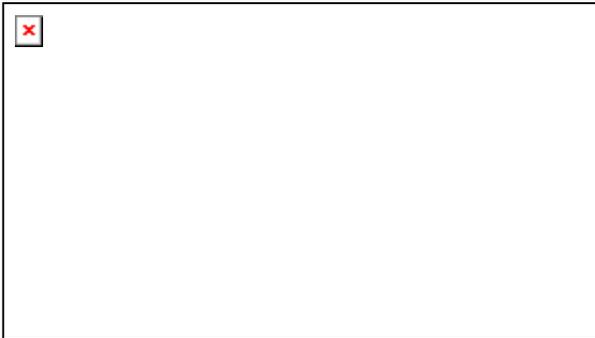
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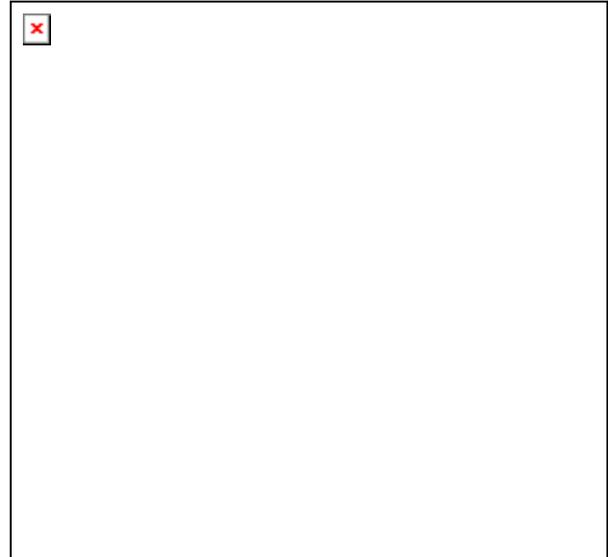


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Individual Championship

Sun 30 Sep 2001
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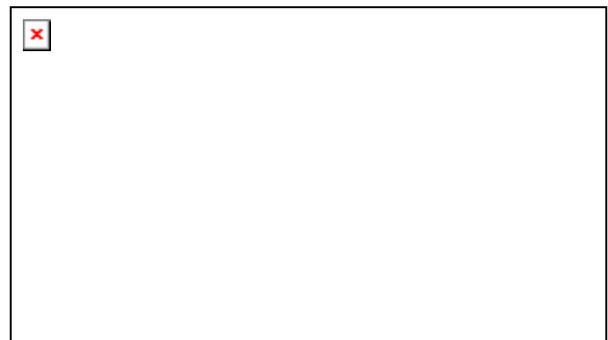
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Details and Entries: Entry forms from your club secretary, or the MTBO website via

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