

the Auckland Orienteer

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EDITORIAL

Congratulations to the team chosen to represent New Zealand against the Australians this month and commiserations to those that missed out. There were a number of surprises in the team, but I guess that's par for the course whenever a team is selected, no matter what the sport.

The selectors have an unenviable task, but it occurs to me that the task could be made easier if they had fewer trials. As it was, there were four trials, day 1 at Easter, days 1 & 2 at Queens Birthday and the CDOA Championships. In many of the grades the competition is so close that it would not be unusual to have four different winners in the four trials. That makes it very difficult to choose a team of three! Why not just use one multi-day event, like Easter? The selectors would still have the right to choose other than the first three in each grade if they considered there were exceptional circumstances.

Using the CDOA Champs as the final trial meant that the team selection was very late, only four weeks before the Challenge relays. In contrast, the Australian team was selected in May giving them the opportunity to plan their training to be at a peak in September while New Zealanders have had to try to be at their best not only in April, but also in June and August and then again in September.

I trust my comments will not be taken as criticism of the selectors, as I said before, they have a thankless task (and your Editor even managed to scrape into the team by the skin of his teeth), but merely as suggestions that could improve the selection process in the future.

Keith Stone

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Entry Form for Wellington Championships

COMING EVENTS



SEPTEMBER

- 5 RK Levin: WOA OY5 on Waitarere map. Warm up event for those in tomorrow's relays.
- 6 NW Woodhill Forest: Colour-coded forest event on Mission Coast Road map. Entry to forest via Headquarters.
- RK NW of Bulls: AUSTRALIA / NEW ZEALAND CHALLENGE RELAYS and Area Relays on MSD Forest and farmland map. *
- 8 HB Hawkes Bay: Australia / New Zealand warm up event on Whirinaki Forest map. *
- 10 R Rotorua: Australia / New Zealand warm up event on Perimeter Road forest map. *
- 12 H Cambridge: Australia / New Zealand warm up event on Pukekura farmland map. *
- 13 H Whatawhata: AUSTRALIA / NEW ZEALAND INDIVIDUAL CHALLENGE on Four Brothers farmland map. *
- 20 C Mangere: Promotion event on Self's Farm map. Entry from Tidal Road, Mangere.
- 27 SA Waiuku Forest: Auckland Relay Championships. Refer August magazine for details. Entries close 6 September.

* Full details of Challenge Series events (marked *) were printed in the June magazine. Entries for the Relays and the Individual Challenge are closed but all other events are Entry On Day.

OCTOBER

- 3/4 WH/NW Mangawhai: 2 Day forest event. Details on page 9.
- 4 NW Mangawhai: Re-run of OY5 for M17A, M21B and M50A.
- 4 P Tokoroa: CDOA OY6 on Te Whetu forest map. Signposted on SH1 at Puriri Road, 6km north of Tokoroa.
- 11 C Woodhill Forest: Auckland Championships & OY7 on Temu Road map. Badge event. Refer August magazine for details. Entries close 15 September.
- 18 C Auckland Domain: Park event.
- 24 T Taupo: Warm up event for tomorrow.
- 25 T Taupo: New Zealand Individual Championships on Paetataramoia forest map. Details last month. Entries close 25 September.
- 26 HB Taupo: New Zealand Relay Championships in Crohane forest. Details last month. Entries close 25 September.
- 29 SA Auckland Primary School Championships. Entries via schools.

CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRIES

Refer to page 13 for details.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

20 SEPTEMBER

Address for contributions -
8 Agathis Avenue, Mairangi Bay, Auckland 10.

▣ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

You commended the Course/Grade combinations for the Australia/New Zealand Challenge - page 10 of the August edition. I agree that there is a need to have badge event's course/grade combinations standardised throughout New Zealand. I also agree that the combinations finally presented by Hamilton Club for the Aust/NZ Challenge are close to the best we have seen.

However, I am puzzled by two inconsistencies that occur in the grades that I am most familiar with,

- (1) M21 usually are able to compete in a choice of four grades - M21E, M21A, M21B or M21C. In some events the gap from M21B to M21A is too great; Aust/NZ Challenge from course 11 to course 3. In some events the gap from M21A to M21E is too small. W21 grades usually suffer from the same fate.
- (2) In the Auckland Champs M21A is on course 2, M35A on course 3. In the AOA OY series it is reversed!

In the 6 or 7 years I have been running M21A or M35A, I have at various times been associated with W21E, M40A, M19A, M21A, M35A (and I think M17A). But never all five grades on one course. Any other combinations of these grades can be put on the same course.

Perhaps we could survive quite cheerfully with fewer courses altogether!

Selwyn Palmer

Dear Editor,

I am a second year orienteer. I began last year in the C-grade and have moved up this year to the B-grade.

I have found the B-grade quite a challenge. While managing the bulk of each course quite well, on each of the first four events in this year's OY series I have made a serious error on just one leg of each course. This has naturally led to my results being down towards the tail of the field, which has been a little frustrating because I felt confident that if I could just 'get it right' all the way round I could produce a competitive time.

Well, OY5 at Otakanini Topu arrived, I concentrated hard all the way and yes! I completed a run free of the major errors which had dogged my previous efforts. I completed the 5.6km run in 55 minutes which, at the time I left the event, had me in third place out of eleven starters. I was highly delighted.

Imagine my feelings then when, on Tuesday evening, I received a telephone call to say that the results from that event were to be cancelled because some of the later runners on the course had 'received the wrong clue sheets'. I was speechless. How is it possible to 'receive the wrong clue sheet'? Are they not clearly

marked with the course number and the relevant grades at the top? Was not course 4 the only course on the day with 11 controls? Who was really at fault, the providers of the clue sheets or the runners themselves for not undertaking the most elementary check?

To turn to the proposed 'remedy', the re-running of the event at Puketapu Road the following weekend, I found this a bit hard to take. Those runners who had good runs at Otakanini Topu (such as myself) will be penalised by losing the credit for those runs - is this fair? Those who had poor runs will now get a second bite at the cherry - is this fair? Without the knowledge to apportion culpability in the cases of the runners with the wrong clue sheets, one can only say that a possibility of unfairness exists. The OY calendar is set out at the start of the year - is it fair effectively to organise an OY at a week's notice?

You will see that my concerns on this matter are many and varied. I suggest to you that it is exactly this sort of incident which can lose people to the sport.

Well, I'm glad I've got that lot off my chest. I suppose I'd better get ready for Puketapu Road next Sunday now!

Melvyn Cox

Dear Melvyn,

I can understand how you felt. Error-free runs come along rarely enough, without having one cancelled through no fault of your own! However, your fellow competitors were also not to blame for the course being cancelled.

Your course (course 4), turned out to be the most popular one on the day at Otakanini Topu. So popular in fact, that all the control description sheets were used. Later starters were given a master sheet to copy from. Unfortunately a change had been made to the code of the first control after this master was printed and so all the later starters were looking for a control code that differed from that on the flag. Naturally enough these competitors were severely disadvantaged and so the grades affected were cancelled. Some grades were not cancelled as no competitors used the incorrect descriptions.

The only 'remedy' in such circumstances is to re-run the event for the affected grades on a suitable day. Puketapu Road was suggested but not used because some of the competitors were involved with the Central Club event also being held that day. The year's programme does not leave much room for a re-run, in fact the only suitable day appears to be Day 2 of the 2-day event at Mangawhai on Sunday 4th October. The re-run will only be available to those competitors who ran on 26 July.

So there you are Melvyn, it isn't fair to you but it is all that can be done to give everybody an equal chance. And anyway, when I started orienteering I was told it would take me 3 years before I knew it properly. You've still got another year to go yet!

Editor

AOA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The 1987 Annual General Meeting of the Auckland Orienteering Association will be held at College Rifles Squash Club, Hurst Road, Remuera on Sunday 15 November 1987 at 12.15pm (in conjunction with a Central Club street event).

Clubs have been asked to submit any remits for discussion and make nominations for the positions of -

- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Remits and nominations must be sent to the Secretary, Paul Dalton, 72 Arran Road, Browns Bay, Auckland 10, by 30 September 1987.

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MEMBERSHIP CARDS & EVENT FEES

Central Club have introduced a two-tier pricing structure for their events with the intention of encouraging non-members to join a club. This allows club members a discount of \$1.00 from the usual price. To qualify for the discount you must show your club membership card to the people at registration.

All three clubs have these membership cards and it is your responsibility to produce the card at events. If you lose it, leave it at home or put it through the wash in your 'O' gear, don't blame the person in the registration tent when they charge you full price; they will only be doing their job. Put your card with your compass; that way if you lose your card it will give you something else to think about.

EVENT FEES

	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Family</u>
NORTH WEST EVENTS			
- OY's	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$10.00
- Colour coded	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$ 8.00
- Promotion	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$ 6.00
CENTRAL EVENTS			
Club Members			
- OY's	\$4.00	\$1.00	\$11.00
- Park	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$ 8.00
Non-Club Members			
- OY's	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$12.00
- Park	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$ 9.00

NEW ZEALAND CHALLENGE TEAM 1987

D16U
T Robinson
A Stone
M Edmonds

D17-18
J Martin
J Adams
R Galloway

D19-20
K Hill
L Parr
M Gelderman

D21
J Dobbie
L Parker
J Talbot
A Stewart

D35
P Aspin
C Williams
R Gatland

D40
P Snedden
L O'Brien
R Mills

D45
D Hill
A Scott
V Robinson

D50
A Fettes
H Weeks
B Laurent

H16U
S Leary
P Wood
D Ashmore

H17-18
M McLean
R Mardon
R Brewis (I)
M Scott (R)

H19-20
M Davies
C Brighthouse
J Brewis

H21
M McKenna
R Jessop
By Teahan
L Holmes

H35
K Holst
M Kerrison
T Trass

H40
J Stronach
T Moen
W Aspin

H45
T Nuthall
T Brighthouse
J Robinson (I)
K Stone (R)

H50
J Fettes
B Hanlon
G Peters

H55
A Lonsdale
R King
C Dahm

D16U
C Hawthorne
S Tarr
E Viner

D17-18
M Palmer
N Plunkett-Cole
S Bailey

D19-20
J Mitchell
K Staudte
-

D21
L Bourne
A Darvodelsky
K Haarsma
S Hancock

D35
R Cameron
S Johnston
L Rapkins

D40
H Bice
R Campbell
K Liley

W45
E Anderson
D Gordon
J Tarr

D50
D Beck
M Jones
S Mount

H16U
A Nolan
A Smith
B Trewin

H17-18
S Smith
S Simson
S Trotter

H19-20
S Doyle
P Liggins
E Wymer

H21
M Darvodelsky
M Dowling
A Simson
M Billinghamurst

H35
P Creaser
R Matthews
D Lyons

H40
T Hughes
A Tarr
G Chatfield

H45
F Anderson
E Andrews
D Erbacher

H50
I Hassall
D Mountstephens
M Read

H55
K Groves
B Johnson
T Mount

TEAM CAPTAIN: Terry Nuthall
MANAGER: Jill Dalton

TEAM CAPTAINS: Eric Andrews & Dale Gordon
MANAGER: Arthur Durham

THE KIWIS

THE AUSSIES



Points arising from the last meeting of the Auckland Orienteering Association on 4 August 1987:-

CLIP CARDS

Because of the problems experienced with the present yupo clip cards splitting, some new cards will be printed on stronger paper for use in major events. Because of the high cost (25c each card) sponsorship will be sought.

PLASTIC BAGS

A thicker grade plastic map case will be used for the Auckland Champs as an experiment.

PUBLICITY OFFICER

This position still remains vacant as nobody has been prepared to take it on. Our sport needs someone to co-ordinate publicity between the three clubs in Auckland and to actively pursue opportunities to raise the public profile of orienteering. Is there someone who will give it a try? If so, please ring Bruce Henderson, ph 418-4979.

AUCKLAND ORIENTEER

Keith Stone will be retiring as Editor from the end of this year after doing the job for two years. We therefore seek a replacement to take over from him. If you are interested, telephone Keith for more information on 478-8224.

MAPSPORT

The next issue of our national magazine, due out any day now, has been prepared by the Hutt Valley Club. The following one is the responsibility of the AOA and North West Club have volunteered to publish it. The deadline for material will be September 30 and we would like to see a lot of contributions from Auckland orienteers. Send all your contributions to Keith Stone.

The cost of the magazine exceeds the NZOF budget for each issue and clubs have had to pay the difference for the last few issues. This deficit could be reduced by more advertising in the magazine. Do we have a volunteer to look after this side of the publication for the next issue? Please ring Keith if you can help.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held on Sunday 15 November 1987 at College Rifles Squash Club, Hurst Road, Remuera commencing at 12.15pm.

AFFILIATION FEES

1988 fees were set at \$300 per club although it may be necessary to make an additional levy on the clubs during the year.

TROPHIES

Because there are so many trophies now, championship and orienteer-of-the-year for all grades, a decision was made that recipients of the trophies should pay for the engraving. All present trophy holders are asked to please return them (engraved and polished!) to Barry Tuck, Central Club, by 27 September.

EVENT FOLDERS

Over the years the AOA have built up folders for each of the annual events in Auckland which include details of the past events, copies of the courses and other information which should be helpful to the next organisers of the event. A number of them seem to have gone astray, namely the ones for Individual Championships, Relays, Night Champs, Secondary Schools Champs and Primary Schools Champs. If you have been involved with any of the above events in the past few years would you please conduct a search of all the odd places in your home that orienteering paraphernalia gets put, just in case you might have one of these folders. Paul Dalton would love to have them back again.

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▣ MANGAWHAI 2 DAY

WHEN : 3 & 4 October 1987

WHERE : Saturday - Mangawhai North
Sunday - Mangawhai South

WHICH : Saturday - Whangarei Club
Rhys Thompson & Mike Williams
Sunday - North West Club
Bruce Henderson & Laurie Baxter

WHAT : 5 courses each day
1 Hard 7-8km
2 Hard/Medium 4-5km
3 Medium 3-4km
4 Easy 2-3km
5 Easy 1-2km

WHO : All orienteers

WHY : It seemed a good idea at the time

HOW : A camp at Mangawhai that has bunk rooms with 6-8 beds in each and kitchen facilities for at least 60 people has been booked for Saturday night. Cost of accommodation - \$3.50 adults, \$2.75 children. Dinner on Saturday will be provided by North West members for a small additional cost. If you want to stay at the camp please contact Lorri or Chris O'Brien by 16 September, ph 415-8932

OY5 RE-RUN : The re-run for grades M17A, M21B and M50A for OY5 will be held on the Sunday

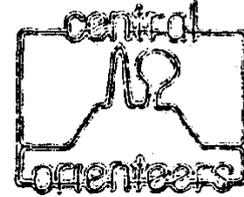
WHISPERS FROM THE WEASEL



- News from Rob Garden: 24 July - Seven days of unpressured build-up: racing and training, Ostgöto 3 day was all on one map, Rob in top 25%, Jeanine performing steadily approximately 10-20 minutes ahead of Joanne and Jan. They've met up with coach Dieter Wolf. Rob is having calf problems (calving season in Sweden as well).
- Scottish 6 Day: W21A results of 80 competitors - Joanne finished 4th overall; Jeanine had one 6th, two 2nds and three 1sts to finish in first place. A fantastic effort!
- CDOA placings: 1sts - Tania, Val & John Robinson, Dave Godfrey, Rosemary Gatland, Doesjka Currie and Tony Lawrence. 2nds - Ian Currie, Phyl Snedden, Mavis Hatwell and Robert Murphy 3rds - Unni Lewis, Ken Browne and Bev Laurent. Well done.
- Congratulations to New Zealand team members from SAOC - Tania, Val and John Robinson, Trish and Wayne Aspin, Rosemary Gatland, Phyl Snedden, Bev Laurent and Manager Jill Dalton.
- Relays: Rumour has it that the All Night Relay at Taupo will be on March 5 1988 - we'll keep you informed. Don't forget to forward names to Unni or Lyndsay for the relays coming up.
- Club evening: September 21 is a route choice / course setting evening at the Paerata School commencing at 7.45pm. A presentation will be made to WM reps Jeanine and Rob for their efforts.
- Who is it?: There have been queries as to the ID of the Weasel. If you have some news either send it direct to Keith Stone with a 'P.S. Weasel News' or give it to a regular meeting attender - much gossip is gleaned at these meetings! The Weasel is not necessarily one person!
- Library: If anyone wants anything from the club library, please ring Sally Pilbrow on ph 298-5504 and it will be brought to an event.
- Club meetings: The September meeting will be held at Unni Lewis' 23 Park Estate Road, Papakura on August 31 (probably too late by the time you get this), at 7.45pm. The October meeting is at Robbies', 39 East Street, Pukekohe and the November one will be the AGM at Paerata School.

The Weasel

■ CENTRAL CHATTER



New Member: Welcome to Tracy Grant, a student from Mt Albert. Tracy will be running in W17A.

Outside Activities: Some of our juniors made mincemeat out of the opposition at the annual Edgewater College cross-country event. Tony Reddish (5th form) showed the senior school how to travel fast across country in winning the Senior event. Darren Ashmore (5th form) did like-wise in winning the Intermediate event. In the Junior event Brett Ashmore (3rd form) was chased home by Damien Reddish (3rd form) these two taking the top two places. Well done, boys!

Congratulations to the following Central members who have been selected for the New Zealand team for the Australia Challenge :- Alison Stewart, Hilary Weeks, Darren Ashmore, James Brewis, Robert Brewis, Robert Jessop and Terry Nuthall. Terry has been named as Team Captain.

Maps: Churchill Park is at the printers and most of the fieldwork is completed for the new One Tree Hill map. Did you know that there is a new volcano in Cornwall Park? - a prime site for a 'summit' control! Mangere Mountain is at the cartography stage, as is Craigavon Park. It will be good to get back onto these parks again.

Rumour has it that the club's Closing Event and A.G.M. will be held on another new map with large water features! I wonder where that is?

Club Meetings: At our last meeting the committee discussed the possibility of a club outing during the summer, perhaps to Kawau Island. Watch this space for further details. Better still - come along to our next club meeting and put forward your ideas on the subject.

The next two club meetings will be :-

Wednesday 2 September, at Leon & Barbara McGivern's
46 Hope Farm Avenue, Pakuranga.
Phone 564-567.

Wednesday 7 October, at Terry & Bea Nuthall's
30 Epsom Avenue, Epsom
Phone 689-427.

All club members are welcome. Meetings start at 7.30pm.

Many thanks to The Spy for his contribution!

Chatterbox (Ph 884-375)

☐ NORTH WEST NEWS



- Our club dinner and prizegiving will be held again at the Windsor Park Hotel, Mairangi Bay. Make a note in your diary now - the date is Tuesday 10 November.
- Congratulations to our 11 club members who have been selected for the New Zealand team to challenge Australia in September.

Alison Stone	W16U	Terje Moen	M40
Jeni Martin	W17-18	Keith Stone	M45
Louise Parr	W19-20	John Fettes	M50
Lorri O'Brien	W40	Barry Hanlon	M50
Ann Fettes	W50	Graham Peters	M50
		Ralph King	M55

North West members make up 20% of the New Zealand team, and in the M50 grade it's Australia vs North West!

- News from out & about: We hope the Stickels family have had a great holiday in the States - Mark Fettes is at the World Champs encouraging Katie - Rumour has it that Brent Hill will be back from Europe for a visit at Christmas - Welcome back to Lisa and Geoff Mead from their excursion to the Scottish 6 Day - Well done Barry Cooper, for a good run in Palmerston North. North Shore Bays Veteran Relay team won the NZ Veteran Relay Champs with Barry taking fastest time on lap 1 and setting his team up for a record breaking performance.
- Coaching: We are looking at organising coaching for all club members next year. One suggestion is to allocate a partner to newer members to discuss courses with them and generally assist with the benefit of some experience. If you are interested in helping could you please contact Ann Fettes, our Club Captain, on ph 875-358.
- Relay Teams: The club teams for the Auckland Relay Champs on September 27 are as follows. Let Ann Fettes know if -
 - (a) you can't take part
 - (b) you want to run but have been left out
 Captains (marked **), please contact your team members and collect fees, Senior \$6.00 and Junior (under 19) \$4.00.

Leg

E Geoff Mead	Dave Melrose	Colin Battley
D Lesley Stone **	Wayne Annan	Les Paver **
C Bruce Hickman	Jeni Martin	Graham Walker
B Laurie Baxter	Ralph King **	Ann Fettes
A Brenda Stone	Donna Cooper	David O'Brien
E Stan Foster	Carey Martin	Katie Fettes
D Mary Moen **	Chris O'Brien **	Barry Cooper
C Graham Peters	Colin Martin	Lorri O'Brien **
B Helen Orchard	Joy Vanderpoel	Kirk Stickels
A Michael Battley	Ross Cooper	Martin Stickels

E Rolf Wagner	Terje Moen **	Colin Bray
D Phil Johansen **	Mike Beveridge	Maurice Penney **
C Elise Takao	Alison Stone	Michael Schofield
B Greg Jones	Paul Turner	David Bliss
A Phillippa Johansen	Marit Moen	David McLisky
E Bruce Henderson	Keith Stone **	Bob Rix **
D Louise Parr	Lisa Mead	Christine Crate
C Judy Martin **	Judy Scott	Rhys Thompson
B Peter Wood	Betty Jensen	Marie McLisky
A Justin Walker	Amy Parr	Claire McLisky

- Club meeting: Meetings are held at Birkdale Primary School, on the corner of Birkdale & Salisbury Roads, Birkdale on the first Thursday of every month commencing at 7.30pm. The next meetings are on 3 September and 1 October. All members are welcome.

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▣ CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRIES

- Sept 6 Auckland Relay Championships
 Entries to your club co-ordinator.
- Sept 15 Auckland Individual Championships
 Entries to; Eddie Reddish, 12 Pooley Street, Pakuranga
- Sept 25 New Zealand Individual Championships and
 New Zealand Relay Championships
 Entries to; Taupo Orienteering Club, P O Box 666, Taupo

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▣ GRIEF OR BLISS?

"Wine plus women plus song adds up to grief," thundered the fire and brimstone preacher from the pulpit, "and I can prove it too." He proceeded to write up this sum on a blackboard.

	W I N E
+	W O M E N
+	S O N G

	G R I E F
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"Excuse me, preacher," called a voice from the congregation, "I can prove that Wine plus Women plus Song adds up to Bliss," and he too, proceeded to write up his sum. Naturally the preacher produced the largest amount of GRIEF he could, and his opponent produced the largest amount of BLISS. Can you?
Answer next month.

FIRTH CONCRETE PRODUCTS

WELLINGTON ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1987

QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK - PAEKAKARIKI: Saturday 21 November 1987

Kapiti HAVOC in association with Firth Industries have pleasure inviting you to the 1987 Wellington Orienteering Association Championships.

MAP: New colour map of Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki including the Whareroa Sheep and Dairy Units.

SCALE: 1:15000 **CONTOURS:** 2 metres.

TERRAIN: Open farmland on intricately contoured sand dune country.

CONTROLLER: Ian Basire **PLANNER:** Jan Borren

GRADES:	Course:	km	(Approximate length)	Difficulty
	1	13.0	M21A	Hard
	2	10.5	M35A	Hard
	3	9.0	W21A M40A M19	Hard
	4	8.5	M21B	Medium
	5	7.5	M45A M17	Hard
	6	7.0	M35B	Medium
	7	6.2	M50 W35A W19	Hard
	8	6.0	M15 W21B	Medium
	9	5.0	W40A W17 M55	Hard
	10	4.0	W45A	Hard
	11	4.0	W15 M13 M40B M45B W35B	Medium
	12	3.5	W50	Hard
	13	3.5	W40B W45B W13	Medium
	14	3.0	M21C W21C M20B W20B	Easy
	15	2.5	M12 M16B W12 W16B	Very Easy

M/W 16B - 16 and under M/W 20B - 20 and under

If insufficient entries are received for any grade the organisers reserve the right to combine grades.

STARTS from 11.00 am

CLOSING DATE for registrations: 26 October 1987

SOCIAL & PRIZEGIVING:

A full meal will be available at the Rugby Club rooms at the Paraparaumu Domain.

\$12.00 for meal

\$8.00 child (10 years and under)

Meals are to be paid for with registration.

Social and prizegiving open to all whether or not they are paying for a meal.

WELLINGTON RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The relay event will be held the following day at Te Ara Ore Puke, Pauatahanui, only a few kilometers from the individual event.

Organisers: Wellington Orienteering Club.

■ CONTROL CLIPPING

From Taupo Club magazine

John Rix, in a written report to the (NZOF) Management Committee meeting on 20 June 1987, raised a couple of questions on technical matters in regard to Day 2 of the Q.B. 3 Day event for which he was the controller. The first question was in regard to a competitor forgetting to clip a control though he visited it and had a witness to say he was there. This however was not considered admissible evidence and the competitor was disqualified. John sought clarification on whether such verbal evidence could in some cases be admissible.

In my view the position is quite clear in the rules - both in the current version and in the proposed revision. The rules state that the competitor is responsible for marking his control card clearly in the right square at each control using the equipment provided. If you also look at it from a fairness point of view to other competitors then I think it is again quite clear. How would you like to be beaten by one second by a competitor who had saved several seconds by just passing a control and not clipping it? This could be taken to the ridiculous extreme of competitors not clipping at any control where there was a witness who could provide evidence later that you had in fact visited the control!

Sorry but I don't think there can be any compromise on this rule no matter how unintentional the omission was. If it is allowed in one case then it would have to be allowed in all cases.

Thinking about this has got me going on a personal gripe I have about the poor clipping of cards by certain competitors. These people rush madly up to a control, usually without checking the control code, jam their card into the clipper more or less in the right box, bash down the clipper and then hare off without checking the clarity or accuracy of the clip. These competitors, whom I call 'headless chickens', then expect the control card checkers to decipher overlapped clips, clips in the wrong boxes or to find some of the pin marks on the plastic map bag! If they are disqualified they are usually quite bitter about it. They forget they have gained what I consider is an unfair advantage over their fellow competitors with such shortcuts.

Personally I cannot see the point in making such a mad rush at the control. If you are well prepared when you come into the control you can check the code quickly, clip clearly and accurately, with very little wasted time and then check the clip as you leave. The event organisers will love you as it will only take about 5 seconds for them to check your card versus the several minutes required for those handed in by the 'headless chickens'. Those of you who have checked cards at major events will know who the 'headless chickens' are.

I don't believe I have ever lost an event by taking a little time to clip properly and I have never been disqualified at a serious event. The rules are there to ensure fairness in our competitions and those who break them should expect to be disqualified - as they will be at the next National Championships!

Terry Brighthouse



The following items are from the N.Z.O.F. News dated 5 July 1987 which I did not receive until August. Better late than never!

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Details of the 1987 Australian Championships are opposite. Entry forms are available from the NZOF Secretary.

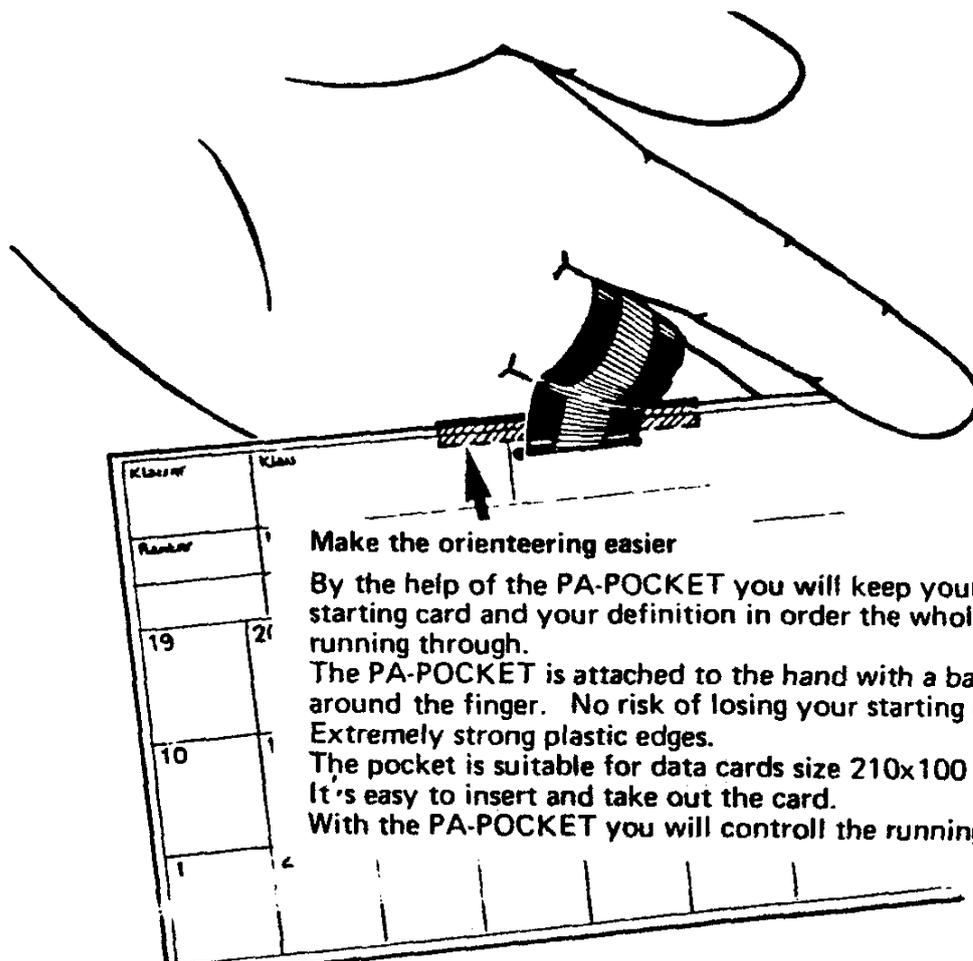
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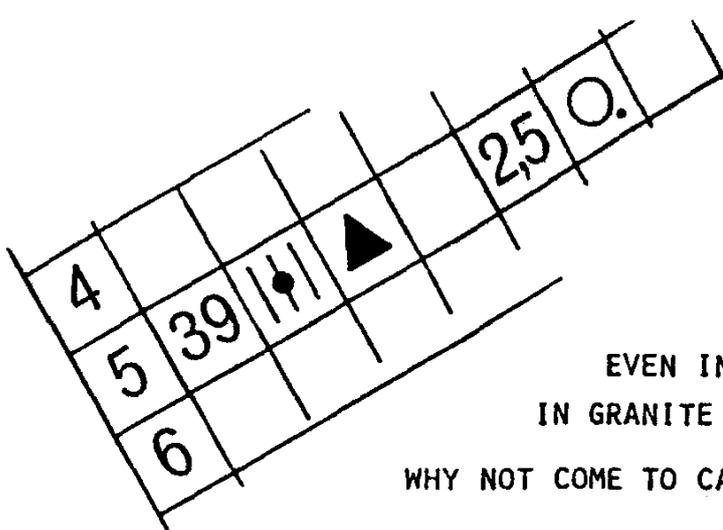
John Rix, Coaching Convenor, is hoping to organise a coaching course (for coaches) in the last week of January 1988. He has booked Houghton's camp at Muriwai for 25-30 January but because of the problems getting guaranteed access to Woodhill may have to move elsewhere (Waiuku?). He could be persuaded to run it elsewhere in the country if someone arranges the accommodation and is prepared to help with control siting. John anticipates entry being for 20 adults, with morning sessions on theory and afternoons on practical skills. He sees it being feasible to have families in attendance and being able to participate in the afternoon activities. Anybody keen to have an input on the course should contact John immediately. He hopes that details can be announced within 6 weeks.

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1989 SOUTH ISLAND FESTIVAL

There are now less than 18 months to go before this event which will include the Australia/New Zealand Challenge for 1989. The planned schedule of events is as follows :-

Saturday	Jan 7	(PAPO)	Individual event No 1
Sunday	Jan 8	(PAPO)	Individual event No 2 and Aust/NZ Challenge Individual
Monday	Jan 9	(PAPO)	Tekapo - A fun score event
Tuesday	Jan 10		Rest day
Wednesday	Jan 11	(DOC)	Individual event No 3
Thursday	Jan 12		Rest day
Friday	Jan 13	(DOC)	Relay event and Aust/NZ Challenge Relay
Saturday	Jan 14	(DOC)	Individual event No 4
Sunday	Jan 15	(SOC)	Individual event No 5

Mountain Marathon by SOC possibly on Jan 17 and 18.



A WEEKEND OF HAVOC

DEREK LOBLEY writes
about his son David

Thirty Sundays a year are quite straightforward: get up about 7.00, tea, drive to golf club, friendly fourball, couple of pints (shandy), home, lunch, Grandstand, Sunday papers, bed. There is nothing complicated about this. My wife and younger son have their own routines, each complementary to my own. (Wife: Grumble that this is a ridiculous time for anyone to get up on a Sunday, tea in bed from ingratiating husband, get up about 9.00, read papers, do crosswords, maybe cook something, read more papers, bed. Son: get up, golf, home, bed.)

The other 22 Sundays are more trying: elder son is home from his academic rest home in the West Country. In normal circumstances I think we could cope with this: order more milk, purchase some of that foreign breakfast cereal, accept that his life support machine — sorry, hi-fi — will operate only at full volume, and that in general we are old fashioned and don't understand.

However, circumstances are not normal: he is an orienteer. To the casual observer perhaps, strolling in Epping Forest or Cannock Chase, this simply means that he is one of several hundred people, somewhat eccentrically dressed, trying to keep his map dry. Little does the casual observer realise the disruption, stress, and sheer disorganisation that this particular species — *studentus orienteerus* — can bring to the ordinary routine of a fairly normal family.

I think that the real problem is that, when he is home, Sunday really begins on Friday and ends, if you are lucky, on Monday. (Of course if it's a full weekend event, Sunday begins on Thursday and ends on Monday). The first sign that Sunday is looming takes the form of the question: "Are you using your car on Sunday, Mum?" or, more daring, "You're not using your car on Sunday, are you Mum?" or, impoverished, "Is there any petrol in your car, Mum?" Prolonged negotiations eventually establish that the only way that four members of HAVOC can make an essential appearance at a colour coded event organised by INVOC, having made a diversion to pick up two refugees from EXUOC, is for my wife to forego the use of her somewhat geriatric but carefully preserved Ford Escort for the weekend. How it reacts to moving into fourth gear is so far unreported.

OUT ON SUNDAY



David Loble at home, preparing to go orienteering. Will Mum's car take it all? David orienteers for Havering and South Essex (HAVOC) and Exeter University (EXUOC).

Confirmation of the imminence of Sunday is the laundry problem. It seems to be an unwritten law of the sport that no one can compete in a weekend event without attending a rain-sodden training event the previous Wednesday evening, nor, in the case of *studentus orienteerus*, should he have more than one set of gear. The washing machine is accordingly commandeered to give a kind of kiss of life to apparently moribund clothing; in general the emergency aid fails; ingrained grime refuses to give way to the combined efforts of the strongest household detergents. (Why do those TV advertisements about ever improving washing products never consult an orienteer's mum). However our stalwart seems satisfied by the ritual, and once Dyna-Rod have been in to clear the machine and the drain, a semblance of order is restored.

If it is a weekend event packing becomes a game of chicken: how close to the departure or assembly time will he leave it before he (a) rushes off to Asda to purchase the kind of convenience food he disdains if it is served at home; (b) actually begins to stuff a motley assortment of equipment and victuals on top of whatever is left in his rucksack from last time? If it is merely a Sunday event we know that Sunday proper has actually begun when we are awoken by an apparent stampede up and down the stairs culminating in a slamming of the front door that commands immediate respect for the products of the British glass industry.

You might think that our 'normal' routine could now take over. But no! To start with we are now reduced to one car! I know that no family actually needs two cars (an absurd extravagance) but it's surprising how stranded you feel if half your wheels are taken away! For example I now need a lift to the golf club so that my car is available for my wife; in extremis, she has to drive me to the golf club, but in any case she insists on picking me up at 12.30. Some of you may regard this as an act of kindness on her

part, but I sometimes wonder if there is an ulterior motive.

Then there is lunch/dinner. The routine fixes this at 1.30 pm and make sure you're not late. Now, I'm told, "we ought to wait for David, he needs a decent meal." This maternal molly-coddling conveniently ignores the fact that at the rest home he probably survives on a diet of scrumpy, lentil soup and spaghetti. Our main meal, normally as regular as Big Ben, is suddenly as movable as the arrival of the next train. Can I make do with a cheese sandwich till he gets home? Yes. How long do I think that will be? This is a difficult one. Even with my limited knowledge of orienteering I know that it depends among other things on (a) location of event, (b) start time, (c) start time of fellow travellers (d) road works on M25 (e) is he with John Hawkins?

Eventually the great arrival. "Have a good day?" "Not bad, would have got gold if I hadn't missed the first three controls, but we went to a great pub." That's what you call orienteering!

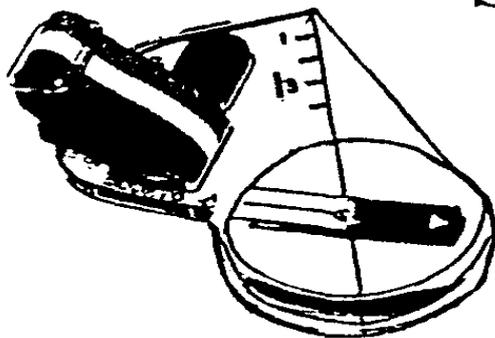
"Glad you're home. Now I can get our dinner out of the oven." "Oh I'm not hungry. Can I have a cheese sandwich?"

The evening confirms that it's an orienteering Sunday because you cannot move about the room without negotiating a recumbent or prostrate (I'm not sure which is which) M21 with hardly the energy to lift his lager and blackcurrant.

On Monday morning we realise that it was not just a bad dream. It was an orienteering Sunday: a collection of muddy gear marinating in the sink, and a significant proportion of the New Forest (or whatever) adhering to the car, inside and outside. (I wonder if the Nature Conservancy Council know about this?) The final proof is the petrol gauge — registering zero of course. Will it get my wife to work? Doesn't matter. The new term starts soon, to put a temporary end to all this havoc.

• Next month — Ken Broad. Further submissions, humorous or serious for this feature are invited. You should describe a typical weekend's orienteering and include suitable background detail of yourself and where appropriate your family. Length required about 1000 words. Best submissions will be published.

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