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## December Newsletter 1979

### COMING EVENTS

- December 8 TANPO - Badge event and 2nd trial for N.Z. team to go to Australia. Pahautea Block. Entries closed. Main event Saturday afternoon. Also a night event at Iwitahi camp. (Transport co-ordinator John Gregory Phone 656-508)
- 9 ROTORUA - TIAIHERE FOREST FARM. Rotorua - Whakatane Highway. 10.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 11 AOA AGM 8 p.m. Peart House Kings College (Tues.)
- 16 CENTRAL ORIENTEERING CLUB AGM 11 a.m. Sunday at Peart house, Kings College. Social O event afterwards. Bring a BBQ lunch - BBQs will be available.

February 9-10 - See STOP PRESS  
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### EDITORIAL

The end of the year fast approaches and this will be the last newsletter for 1979. The next one can be expected towards the end of January (shortly before the first fixtures of 1980. The new year promises plenty of orienteering as the 1980 fixtures list in this newsletter shows.

Before then there is the club AGM. Try to come along. It should be a good chance for newcomers to get to meet committee members and others.

Finally, I hope you all enjoy the festive season and that you'll be back for another year of orienteering in 1980.

### CLUB AGM

The agenda will include confirmation of the minutes of 1978 AGM, matters arising, Chairman's report, Treasurer's report, Officers' reports, Election of officers for 1980, Setting 1980 subscriptions (the present committee favours the same subs. as last year i.e. \$12 family, \$7 senior, \$3 junior), and general business.

If you are not coming to the AGM and have ideas for 1980 (on anything .. ranging from types of events to be held .... to the quality and distribution of the newsletter. - contact John Rix.



ORIENTEERING IN AUSTRALIA IN APRIL 1980

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A GUN ORIENTEER TO ENJOY THESE EVENTS  
all classes catered for.

DATES

Sat. - Mon. 5 - 7 April The Howden 3 days orienteering - near Goulburn N.S.W.  
Wed 9 April Badge event - near Wagga Wagga  
Fri. - Sun. 11 - 13 April Howden Pacific Orienteering Championship and  
Relays - near Canberra.  
Tues - Fri. 15 - 18 April Army Championships\* - near Canberra and open  
to all

The N.Z. team will be competing at the 1st 3 of these.

THOSE CLUB MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN GOING but will not be in the N.Z.  
team should contact John Gregory (phone 656508) who will be able to provide  
you with information on HOW TO ENTER, accomodation etc. .

N.Z. TEAM MEMBERS who wish to enter the Army event (or part of it), should  
also contact John Gregory soon.

\*Note dates have changed  
since early information

ORIENTEER OF THE YEAR RESULTS

Now that the O/Y competition has finished for 1979 the final results  
have been calculated. The results of Central club members who gained  
more than 10 points are reported below. The full results will be available  
at the AGM. Congratulations to winners Simon Clendon (M13-14), Tanya  
Nicholls (W12U) and James Brewis (M12U).

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Placing</u>
M12U	J. Brewis	88.2	1
	R. Brewis	28	7
	J. Bottomley	22	8
	S. Dodds	15	11
W12U	T. Nicholls	97.9	1
	K. Nicholls	82.6	2
W13-14	A. Brewis	42.7	4
M13-14	S. Clendon	97.2	1
M15-16	T. Clendon	88.2	2
	T. Small	42.2	4
	K. Small	16	6
M17-18	R. Powell	38.2	4
	B. Alston	32.1	5
W19A	C. Pearce	92.6	2
	M. Nicholls	20.0	7
W19B	V. Rix	23.0	7
M21A	J. Rix	73.4	4
	J. Swadling	31.4	6
	A. Nicholls	16.0	9
M21B	K. Rogers	43.6	6
M35A	J. Pearce	67.7	2
	J. Gregory	61.8	3
	C. Chapman	45.4	6
	D. Dodds	16.0	9
	W. Bottomley	12.0	12

O/Y Results cont'd

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Placing</u>
M35	J. Brewis	15.0	7
M43	J. Denyer	83.1	2
	A. Brewis	23	7
	J. Sendall	21	9
	T. Clendon	12	11
M50	D. Morris	58.3	2
	S. Small	27.0	3

GOODBYE

As is inevitable a number of members will be leaving Auckland at the end of the year. We wish them all the best in their new environments and hope to see them at O events in other centres - and occasionally in Auckland.

Among those leaving is Cyril Chapman our membership secretary. We thank him for his work for the club and note that his last run for us was a particularly good one. In the relays he finished only 26 seconds behind John Davies. Cyril's work takes him to Wellington.

John and Carol Pearce are returning to the U.K. . In addition to doing some good orienteering they have also done a lot to help with the running of the club. Especially valuable was John's mapping in One Tree Hill.

BOOKS AND LEAFLETS

A number of books and leaflets belonging to the club are gathering dust in members' houses. Please return these to John Rix.

NZOF BADGES

Details of the NZOF badge scheme are on the next page. John Rix has looked at the results of Central club competitors in the badge events for 1978 and 1979. He has provided the following list of qualifiers and part-qualifiers;

Gold

- Airsten Nicholls (#12)
- Simon Clendon (M13-14)
- Tom Clendon (M15-16)
- John Rix (M21A)
- John Gregory (M35A)
- Margaret Nicholls (#35)
- Tony Nicholls (M43)

Silver

- Carol Pearce (#19)(SSS)

Bronze

- James Brewis (M12) (BG)
- Alex Brewis (M13-14) (BS)
- Wallace Bottomley (M35) (SSS)
- Jim Denyer (M43) (BG)

Part-Qualifiers

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| Jim Swadling (BG)   | Bob Johnson (S)      |
| Geoff Sendall (BG)  | Sam Small (B)        |
| Ray Kitchener (BG)  | Rob Denton (B)       |
| Tanya Nicholls (BS) | Terry Small (B)      |
| Karl Rogers (BS)    | Paul Denyer (d)      |
| Doug Morris (G)     | John Pearce (SS) (S) |

G,S,B refer to gold, silver and bronze credits

Queries about where credits gained etc to John Rix.

The 10 events used in drawing up the list were 1978 & 1979 N.Z., AOA, and CBOA Championships, 1978 & 1979 3-days, 25/3/79 O/Y & N.Z. trial at Waiuku, and the May 1979 International.

NZOF BADGE AWARD SCHEME

This is an Orienteering award in which there are four levels, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Iron. Credits towards the badges may be competed for at events nominated by the NZOF as Badge Award events. Events are to be nominated in the annual NZOF competition calendar.

Competitors must qualify at the required level in three badge events before applying for the appropriate badge. Once an event has been used to claim qualification towards a specific grade, it cannot be used to claim towards any other grade.

Organisers of Badge Award events are to send a copy of the official results to the National Statistician as soon as possible after the event.

Applications for badges are to list the events at which qualifications were gained, and to include the fee for the badge (to be <sup>2.50</sup> advised). Applications are to be sent to the National Statistician: Mr J. Donyer, 83 Colwill Road, Massey, Auckland 8. *Sample Application Form with this newsletter*

The winner's time in the Gold, Silver, and Bronze grades should be within ten minutes, plus or minus, of the recommended winning time for the grade concerned, as listed in the NZOF Competition Rules, for the grade to count as a "Badge Qualifying Event."

QUALIFYING TIMES ARE

Gold Badge: A Grade. Winner's time plus 12.5% rounded up to the nearest whole minute.

Silver Badge: A Grade. Winner's time plus 25% rounded up to the nearest whole minute.  
B Grade. Winner's time plus 12.5% rounded up to the nearest whole minute.

Bronze Badge: A Grade. Winner's time plus 37.5% rounded up to the nearest whole minute.  
B Grade. Winner's time plus 25% rounded up to the nearest whole minute.

Iron Badge: Three completed events.

Badge credits are only obtainable by competitors running individually. There must be three or more entrants complete the particular grade before a credit at Gold, Silver or Bronze can be obtained.

The badge to be metal, enamelled, bearing the words "New Zealand Orienteering Award," and the grade, with space allowed for the engraving of the year and class, e.g. 'X35A 1979.'

Reference: A. Third draft dated 8 October 1978.  
B. NZOF Executive Meeting 23 October 1978.  
Recommended amendments.

ADVERTS.

HOLIDAY IN THE BEAUTIFUL BAY OF ISLANDS

The Auckland Battalion of the Boys Brigade invite an Orienteer to enjoy their hospitality and comradeship in return for mapping (black and white) and setting two courses on the 4th and 5th January at Onewhero Bay. They will provide food and accommodation for the week commencing 29th December, 1979 thru 6th January. This should appeal to someone aged about 19 years who is keen to advance the sport of Orienteering to two companies of about 45 boys each. Contact Glen Tabor, phone 27-84375 or meet him at our Closing Day at Kings College on 16th December.

COMPASSES (CHEAP)

For sale: 2 Silva Type 3 compasses. \$6.00 each. This opportunity exists because John and Carol Pearce are returning to the U.K. and compasses designed for use in N.Z. are not suitable for orienteering over there (and vice versa). To get a bargain compass ring 276-8953 between Dec. 13 and 19, or catch John or Carol at the AGM day.

LAST MONTH'S EVENTS

MANGERE MOUNTAIN 4/11/79

This event was the first held on Ray Kitchener's 5-colour map of the area. A feature of the running of the event was that the key positions were held by juniors. The organizer was Richard Powell (M17-18) and the setting and vetting was done by Simon Clendon (M13-14) and Tom Clendon jr (M15-16). It was agreed that they produced a good event.

MANGERE MOUNTAIN - WINNER'S REPORT

If the immediate Auckland area is a little short of good orienteering forests there is some compensation in having the likes of One Tree Hill and Mangere Mountain handy for training and Come-and-Try-It events. Mangere Mountain cannot really offer challenging navigation problems but the contouring and hill training are very useful for Clevedon, Ngaruawania or Switzerland.

I arrived to find Colin Bray puffed after doing course 1 but just about to do the Memory course. With the noble sentiments - "if he can do it, so can I", I also entered for both. Course 1 proved to be fairly easy once you sorted out the contours (a few more tags here would have helped). No. 8 appeared a little early, and I contoured onto the ridge 50 metres too far round for No. 9, but otherwise everything went very well. The Memory course also proved to be a smooth run, although the heat and hills began to affect my legs by the end. I was a little disappointed to find so many controls were common to my first course so I had an advantage over those who did the memory course only. I did not take a compass with me on either course, and I found the map represented what I saw quite well. (It was only later that doubts were expressed about the scale and bearings on the map. After a little checking I found that the scale is 1:5000 (as drawn) not 1:4000 (as written). The bearings seemed to be highly variable which must be related somehow to the iron content of the rocks below.)

I finished to find John Mix about to set off on the Memory course. I had gone well, so could this be my one only victory of the year? Imagine my when he did not appear in the results, as someone had removed a control before he got there.

We say our farewells to N.Z. orienteering at Taupo and return to competing in decent temperatures (anything above 10C is too hot !) Thank you all for making our year's stay so enjoyable and we hope to beat you all on home territory in the not too distant future.

JOHN PEARCE

(Winners usually find the navigation easy. Did John hear about the noted M21A competitor who powered into the finish carrying a clip-card which showed that he had navigated to the wrong final control. - Ed )

### ODOA CHAMPIONSHIPS FLETCHERS FOREST NGARUAWARIA 18/1179

Fifteen Central club members made the trip to this event run by the Hamilton club. Winners were Tanya Nicholls (#12) and Karl Rogers (M21B). Placegetters were Tony Nicholls (2nd, M43), Geoff Bendall (3rd, M43), Kirsten Nicholls (2nd, #12) and Alex Brewis (3rd, #13-14).

The event was held in a hilly area in a forest which gave good visibility. It was unusual in that the controls were hung about a foot off the ground and often on features not shown on the map. I must say that that I don't favour that type of siting of controls. (You're in for a frustrating day if the printing of the control sites is not precisely registered with the map. In this event I had no cause for complaint - I hit all but two of the controls straightaway and the others after 1 - 2 minutes looking. Most of the controls were close to quite definite attack points which compensated for their being hidden.

Between the controls there were many streams, fences and tracks which could be used as handrails by the cautious. Areas of fight were to be avoided. The area tests mainly map-reading, route choice, and fitness.

KARL ROGERS

### DINGLE DELL EVENT - 18/11/79.

It was good to see so many local area people participating in the use of Dingle Dell and we welcome those first-timers who were either curious about, or challenged to 'Come and try Orienteering'.

The same challenge is thrown out to each member of the family. Let them each take an individual course. How many parents realise how self-reliant their young children are when alone in the forest. Although timid at first, the wayfarer quickly gains confidence and before long is giving advice on best route choice. I suggest, therefore, that, as a family, one will have more in common as one relates ones separate experiences. Give them that initial encouragement, face them in the right direction and meet them again, waiting to cheer you on at the finishing line. Wayfarer and Novice courses are purposefully set in easy terrain and usually there are plenty of others to ask, "Where do you think we are." Besides, how could anyone get lost in Dingle Dell. Did someone say something. Yes, it is tricky, isn't it; makes one read ones map carefully.

No complaints were heard about difficult controls; rather that there too many of them and that eleven of them were repeated on the Advanced course. In explanation, the Course Planner ensured that these were approached from opposite directions (except 'Spur, N side' which offered two route choices which approached the control from opposite directions too). In order to make the Advanced course long enough (4.4k) and to avoid perimeter running, it was decided to treat the Intermediate course as the third part of the motala. From the results, it is noticed that only one competitor was advantaged by running the Intermediate course earlier.

It is observed that, to the elite, the bush is not as 'green' as the legend would indicate. Hence, a direct route choice is often feasible. Nevertheless the winner's rate was 10 minutes per kilometre which suggests that Dingle Dell offers considerable challenge. Orienteering for all the family, indeed.

A.O.A. Relay Champs. Tom Clendon (M15-16)

(Tom's map is on the cover - Ed)

This was my first stab at an M21A course. I suppose that jumping in the deep end into an event like this was a bit rash, but I benefited from the experience.

The waiting is the worst, I think you have got to be well psyched up to this part otherwise you will get all tight and lose concentration. When I was standing in the exchange area seeing an almost dead Tony Nicholls coming up the chute I thought that I had really put myself in it this time, but anyway I'm off, it's too late for misgivings now.

No.1 was about 150m away and at about 340deg, so I dashed in the general direction, hit the ridge, turned right and ran onto the control, check the number, clip and off back towards the large clearing to the west. I picked my way to the forest track and settled down to a steady pace. I checked off the first track to my ~~right~~ left and as I hit the second clearing I cut in at right angles to the road, a bit of close map reading and I hit the low ridge. I saw a control to my right but knew I had to go left. Bang spiked it. Off again back to the track on the other side of the road, up to the clearing and turn southwest, along the ridge slowly not quite sure but O.K. and on the nose again. No.4 was the first leg that I couldn't use tracks so I looked for a suitable attack feature. The large clearing about 75m from the control, perfect, run fast now can't miss that. Around the hill and down from the corner to the control.

Took a bearing to No.5 and started having problems with my compass from then on. I drifted badly to the left and lost about 2-3 minutes trying to locate myself, went back across to the correct ridge after identifying the small clearing, and came onto the control. From there down to the small track and a bearing to NO.6. This time I was, for some unexplained reason 45deg out. This is too much and as I ran on nothing fitted into my mind about the features I came across and I started having misgivings again.

Anyway I hit the track and was able to locate myself and head back to the track bend and hit the control from there. After that last error I was going to play it safe and go around the track to No.7 but I saw the large ridge curving round toward the control so I followed that instead and came onto the "womaned" control with no difficulty. I looked at my watch and saw that I had been out 36 minutes, not too bad, think John Pearce took about that, Well anyway back into it, judge direction to the next one and off. Spot on, I can do no wrong I thought and continued to think for the next 10 minutes until I realised just how lost I was. I had tried to rough compass to the large track, but hit the indistinct track instead. I thought that this was the large track, though I was a bit suspicious about the classification. Ran down and turned left thinking I was on the road (again the classification nagged me). I came to a depression I thought I recognised but didn't. Around I went and got hopelessly lost until I hit the track again and started worrying until I worked it out. Running back I looked at my watch, 20 minutes since the manned control! I've lost 15 minutes on this one and more importantly 15 minutes energy that I'm going to need later.

I had seen Clive Bolt off and on since the beginning where he started a couple of seconds in front. Here, approaching No.9 I saw him for the last time coming away from the same control I was approaching. I clipped this one and then went off back down the hill towards No.10. There is a small reentrant to the left and I went up that before realising that I was looking for a bigger valley than that, about a minute to correct myself then a stop for a much needed drink. The next one was basic, just straight up to the track, down into the depression, over the pass and turn right on to the control.

I took a bearing to No.13 but drifted, like many I've heard of, to control No.4. Fair enough I know where I am now so over through the clearing and into the shallow pit. Just as I left Mark Fettes arrived and since he started  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an hour ahead of me it was very good for the morale.

We ran together to the next control where he disappeared rapidly in one direction while I went to the road and in from there. The next leg was another of those inexplicable things. I was sure I was heading just about due south but I ended up 45deg wrong again. When I hit the road I wasn't sure which one it was but a quick look at the compass fixed that and I headed south until I recognised a feature, took a bearing and charged in again. Here I must humbly thank Margaret Nicholls for an "it's over there" just before I went past the place where I should of turned in.

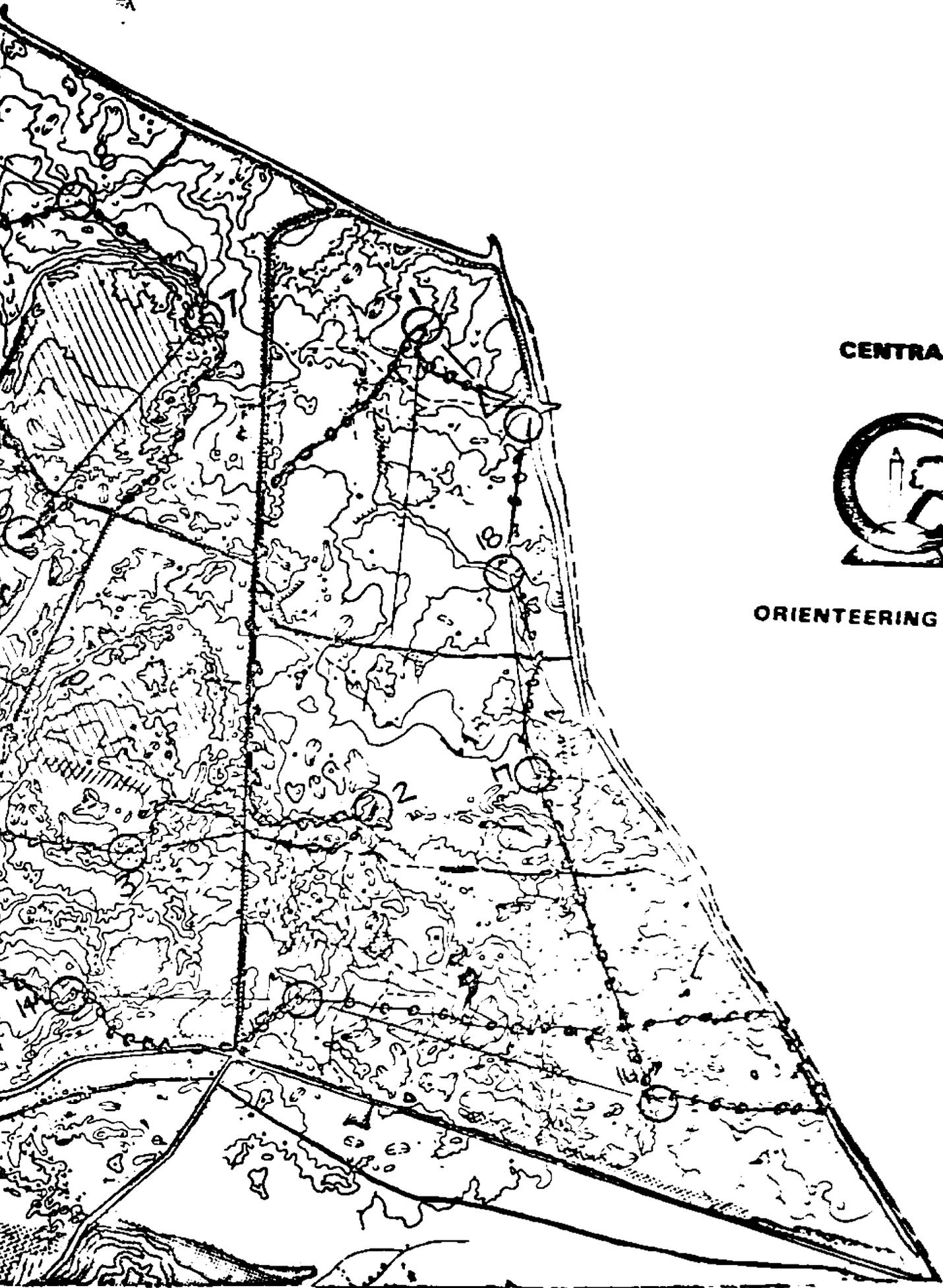
To No.17 it was another compass bearing and this time everything fell into place and I ran straight on to the control by the knoll and clipped virtually on the run. No problem from here on. I simply ran around the side of the hill and came into the gully and began the slog up the hill to the finish.

In ending I want to thank John Gregory for setting all these very good, competitive courses that gave enjoyment and experience to all. Finally, a word of thanks to all those unsung heroes and helpers that made the whole day possible.

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AGM and closing day - as well as an orienteering course around Kings College and children's events, swimming, BBQ, etc, as there was last year - the film of the 1976 would champs will be shown.

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Lost Property - from relay.

One type 3 Silva compass

One dog's lead.

Training Weekend - TAUPPO (Tiwitahi) 9th, 10th February. Top ranking orienteer, Diatar Wolfe, will be coaching all ages. Further information from John Rix.

Australian Trip - Full information is now available from Australia on 3 day event, Wagga event, Howden event and Military event, with details of accommodation and travel information. Prospective team members will be informed by the Team Manager (Ray Sheldon). Others interested = S.A.E. to John Gregory 13 Buckley Road, Auckland 3.