

## AUGUST DOCUMENT 2003

### FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Myles Thayer.

I've just arrived home from the Ski Orienteering at Waiorau Snowfarm. We had a most enjoyable weekend. The bad weather that had been forecast all week never eventuated and the entry was the largest yet. Some of the skiers complained of feeling very lethargic on Sunday but that's what comes of competing in the 6 hour E.P.I.C. at Bannockburn the day before. Many thanks to the Grant family for all the planning and organising. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to all the sponsors for the wonderful spot prizes.

Earlier in the month we had the OY at Allans Beach. It's always difficult to plan longer courses on this small map but having two loops made very effective use of the more interesting areas in the forest and sand-dunes. It also allowed some runners to record a short red time for their OY points and go on and complete all or part of the long red course. Many thanks to all the planners and controllers (I believe there was more than one of each ???). It was also nice to show the visitors from Counties-Manakau that winters in the deep south aren't as cold as they might have been lead to believe.

Congratulations to the Kings High boys, Tane & Riki Cambridge and Jesse Robertson on their second placing in the National Secondary Schools Champs relay at Nelson. Well done!

Finally it is with sadness that we farewell Lindsay and Ev Smith. They have been great supporters of the club and there is more on that later in this DOCUMENT. We take this opportunity to thank them for everything and wish them well in Christchurch, especially Ev with her new job.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS** Jennie Pantano and A J Pantano.  
Welcome back Stuart Melville.

### ARE YOU GOING TO BENDIGO?

From September 25 to October 5 there is a series of O events in Victoria (Australian Champs and much more). I have entered and bought my tickets.

Now I'm looking for like-minded people to share accommodation and/or transport. Anyone interested?

Jane Forsyth

### Special message from Ev and Lindsay Smith

After nearly 14 years in Dunedin we (Ev & Lindsay Smith) are on the move to Christchurch. Ev has a new job as Education and Training Co-ordinator with Crop and Food at Lincoln, Lindsay is exploring options!

For almost all that time we have enjoyed orienteering with DOC - fittingly our first and last events on George McLeod's farm! (Thanks to Evelyn Spittle who introduced Rachel and Rebecca to the sport) Lindsay has served DOC as President, Publicity, Kiwisport officer, committee member, coach, planner and was responsible for setting up 2 permanent

courses at Ross Creek and Chingford Park as well as producing many school maps; Ev as an organiser, helper and foundation coach. We are currently Editors of New Zealand Orienteering magazine and intend to continue our involvement in the sport with PAPO.

### **Ev and Lindsay Smith.**

Pat Ehrhardt.

It is very sad for Dunedin Orienteering Club that we are to lose Ev and Lindsay Smith to Christchurch.

Evelyn Spittle first persuaded Rachel and Rebecca to try the sport, they brought their parents, and they have all been orienteering ever since. But producing and supporting two international class orienteers was only the start of their involvement. Over the last fourteen years Ev'n'Lindsay have made many friends and enriched the club in countless ways, always willing to use their talents and shoulder a disproportionate share of tasks.

Lindsay's personal orienteering results have been notable - one of the group that 'keep the leaders honest', with some major championship successes, so that he has definite credibility as one of the small group of qualified senior coaches. Ev does not claim to be a runner, although she looks suspiciously fit sometimes. Usually she cheerfully and reliably navigates around WRec courses, and spreads the joy of orienteering among the also-rans.

Of late their major achievement has been editing the New Zealand Orienteering Magazine, which with Ev's organisation skills and Lindsay's creativity, supplemented by Ev's creativity and Lindsay's organisation, has become an eagerly awaited publication.

Luckily the South Island orienteering community is close-knit and we can look forward to seeing them at least at major events.

Meanwhile, we heartily wish them all the best in their new home and jobs.

### **The Book of O**

Pat Ehrhardt

Sometimes the history of N Z Orienteering reminds me of those '...and X begat Y ...' chapters in the Bible.

Many years ago a Scottish school teacher enthused Ben Morrison about orienteering. On returning to Dunedin, Ben encouraged Malcolm Spittle, who brought his parents and Evelyn, who brought Rebecca and Rachel, who brought Ev. and Lindsay ... and since that time they have been instrumental in starting many, many people, through school maps and competitions, training camps, and at events, spreading like the branches of a coral. Where will it all end - if ever!

### **PYRAMIDS 22 JUNE 2003 - PLANNERS REPORT.**

**Written by Nick Mortimer 30,000 feet over Australia.**

"There's a driveable track heading down that cut-over block. It might be a good change for a start area from the Woolshed" Jane Forsyth told me, a few weeks before the event. There was, and it did.

On the day most people had no problem driving down the track to the start area. A shelter belt provided a nice screen between the car park and the start triangle. The Hudsons sold 69 maps from the caravan. Including families about 80 people were there, including

a contingent of students from Wakatipu High School. It was a great turnout on a beautiful warm, winter solstice day.

Being an Orienteer of the Year event, the number and types of courses were pre-ordained. I decided to wheel everybody clockwise (with some left turn detours), keeping the white and yellow courses safely to the west of the main ditch. The orange and red courses went further afield with the short red course having the same controls as the long red except for cutting off two loops. Of all the courses, I found the long red the hardest to design because of the lack of suitably difficult control features in the NW corner of the map (near Dick Road) and because of the variable standard of vegetation and contour mapping in the SE corner (the Pyramids is notorious for its patchwork of revisions). I was least happy with the white course which ended up being a fence-follower.

Thank you to everyone who commented on the courses. I got the impression that the majority of people were satisfyingly challenged. If I had to plan this event again I would split the first long and short red controls; be more aware of visibility of red controls on approach (the Red 2); design a better white course and; quadruple check my map corrections (a misplaced fence on the orange map had to be hand corrected on the master maps).

I will conclude by thanking the people who helped me with the planning for this Pyramids event. Bruce Collins for providing of draft maps, Jane Forsyth for suggesting the start area and for capable organising, Eunice McLeod for contacting landowners, local farmer Jason Clearwater for clearing paddocks and turning off electric fences and letting us use his land, Barrie Foote for map corrections and final OCAD output and last but not least, Controller Stuart Melville for helpful suggestions and keeping me on track.

## **National Secondary School Orienteering Champs - Nelson**

Pat Ehrhardt.

Individual results:

Senior Boys (19 competitors)

1st Martin Peat (King's College)	50:12
8th Tane Cambridge (King's H.S.)	75:07
11th Jesse Robertson (King's H.S.)	83:70

Intermediate Boys (39 competitors)

1st Duncan O'Regan (Christ's College)	40:49
10th Riki Cambridge (King's H.S.)	

Y 7 & 8 (Yellow course, experienced) (6 competitors)

1st Simon Kunzt (Broadgreen Int)	31:40
6th Ryan Cambridge (Macandrew Int)	64:16

Ryan Cambridge also did very well in the Y 7 & 8 relay, getting the fastest individual time of all. He combined with two boys from Broadgreen Intermediate to form an unofficial team which was the fastest in the competition; unfortunately, as they were not all from the same school they don't come in the official results.

## **Outstanding Result for King's in National Orienteering Relays.**

By Staff. Copied from <http://www.kingshigh.school.nz/>

Riki Cambridge gave the King's High School team a great start in the senior relay at the National Secondary Schools Orienteering Championship last weekend. Riki, still intermediate age, but running in the senior grade to make up the team, was off first and emerged from the forest among the leaders. Second runner Jesse Robertson had a faultless run, and handed over to Tane Cambridge in third place, behind Newlands College and King's College Auckland. Newlands got snarled up on the final leg, and Tane charged through to bring the team a decisive second place.

The Championships were held in Nelson, on Rabbit Island, in pleasant clear calm conditions. The area combined forest with knee-high bracken which sapped strength as runners tried to push through. Relief features were small and intricate, and lack of steep terrain shut down one advantage of the southern mountain men.

In the individual Championships the previous day all three had respectable but not outstanding results. Tane's eighth placing was the best, putting him among the top group in New Zealand. He has been performing very well recently at local level, and was hoping to be in the first three but uncharacteristically made a couple of errors in the detailed navigation. However with Riki and Jesse both around the middle of their fields the combined results were enough to give King's third place in the 'Small Teams' competition for schools with five or fewer competitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Cambridge made a major contribution by managing, feeding, transporting and supporting the team. The trip included a much appreciated visit to the Hot Pools at Hanmer Springs.

## **NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLS TEAM to tour Australia September-October 2003**

### **SENIOR BOYS**

Simon Addison (Putaruru High School), Richard Glover (Hutt International Boys' School)  
Martin Peat (Kings College), Daniel Stott (Te Puke High School).

### **SENIOR GIRLS**

Rita Homes (Onslow College), Amber Morrison (Napier Girls' High School)  
Frances Peat (St Cuthbert's College), Jayne Shuker (Waiuku College).

### **JUNIOR BOYS**

Simon Jager (Mt Roskill Grammar), Alistair Long (Howick College)  
Ciaran Murphy (St Kentigern College), Duncan O'Regan (Christ's College).

### **JUNIOR GIRLS**

Lizzie Ingham (Samuel Marsden Collegiate), Tessa Ramsden (Wanganui High School)  
Emma Watson (Central Hawkes Bay College), Georgia Whitla (Riccarton High School).

Manager: Derek Morrison; Assistant Manager: Julie Smith

### **Good Times at Central Otago Navigation Weekend.**

Jamie Stewart.

Orienteers, multi-sporters and random adventurous types made the most of two navigation sport opportunities in Central Otago over the weekend.

Saturday saw the holding of another Bruce McLeod EPIC in the Bannockburn area. A low-key affair using a course prepared for an army exercise, this was valuable training for the Montrail 12 hour event near Middlemarch in September. While not as obscenely technically challenging as the usual McLeod affairs, the terrain stretched from the vineyards of Bannockburn to the summit of Mt Difficulty, giving well-earned views down over rugged Nevis watershed.

Four teams completed all the controls, the winners Hadyn Key and Willy Roberts blitzing around with 1hr 13m to spare, they were followed home 5 minutes later by multisport legends Jim Cotter, Bill Godsall and Geoff Hunt. An all woman team Chris Byrch and Aroha Wigram also 'clocked' the event...a first for an all woman team in any rogaine-derived event in New Zealand.

One highlight of the event was a control placed near a ruined chimney stack high on Mt Difficulty among the tussocks and rocks, if we struggled carrying water and squeezies I pity those old timers carrying firewood! Check out the photo's and results on [www.epicnavigation.com](http://www.epicnavigation.com)

Many athletes, especially the orienteers, completed the double header by showing up to the ski-o at Waiorau Snow Farm on Sunday. Orienteering on ski's is a whole new experience and can turn your most accomplished elite into a complete novice, although there is some potential for brute fitness to triumph over technique as competitors can take off their skis and run thigh deep in the snow to take short-cuts between the groomed trails.

Waiorau, for those that haven't been there is located on a big plateau on the top of the Pisa range above the historic Cardrona valley. Groomed trails with special grooves for classic skiers weave through the hummocks. Competitors compete on either classic or skating skis, the latter being faster but requiring more skill particularly up hills (using a skating motion). Participants vary from the extreme novice to the professional extremist - there is nothing like being on your face in snow and getting a blurred tussock's eye view of a European in lycra gliding past.

As usual there were a few foreign pro skiers that dominated. Best-placed New Zealand men were Matt Scott and David Grant of Dunedin Orienteering Club while Lara Prince successfully defended her title in the women's grade. Organisers Annie and Alan Grant continued their reputation for having the best value event around, not only did orienteers get a half price trail pass, the orienteering itself only cost \$5 and there were spot prizes for all. These included Bungy jumps, dinners at cool places, lots of nice clothes, pencil cases etc...(the list of sponsors filled up the blackboard!)...Go free stuff...The ski orienteering site is at <http://www.mapsport.co.nz/ski/ski.html> , check it out and put this one in your diary for next year.

Thanks heaps to the organisers of both these events; it was great to get the two events in one weekend, makes the travel so much more worth it. It was definitely a case of the events adding to each other's attractiveness.

## **NZOF NEWS - JULY 2003**

### NZOF APPOINTMENTS

The NZOF is pleased to announce that:

- Graham Peters (North West) has been appointed Manager of the NZ Schools team to compete in the Australian Schools Championships at Bendigo on 30 September & 1 October.
- Alistair Coulter (Rotorua) has been appointed to the NZOF rogaine committee (RogaineNZ).

### DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

The NZOF Council has approved a grant of \$500 to the Nelson Orienteering Club as part of its Silva Schools Programme. The grant will assist Nelson to host this year's Silva NZ Secondary School Championships.

### GAMING TRUST FUNDING

Clubs should now be aware that the NZOF is actively pursuing funding for high performance activities. Successful applications this year have been to:

- the New Zealand Community Trust, \$6,500 for the 2003 SuperSeries – air travel.
- the New Zealand Community Trust, \$2,400 for the NZ women's WOC 2003 team - Rachel Smith's travel.
- the Southern Trust, \$5,930 for the JWOC team – travel and uniforms.

The NZOF thanks the **New Zealand Community Trust** and the **Southern Trust** for its support of high performance orienteering.

Furthermore if any club is pursuing gaming trust funding for any purpose, it is suggested that it keep the NZOF informed so that we all can better coordinate who is applying to whom, for what and when.

### INAUGURAL A-NZ TEST

New Zealand lost the inaugural (elite) Australia-New Zealand Test Match in Australia, 24-25 May, by 105 to 39. However, coach Wayne Aspin reports: "The results reflected the ability of the two teams. Although Australia won the test our experienced members were well pleased with their placings. Those with less experience at this level managed well and this was evident on comparison with the Australians also at a similar stage in their careers."

David Melrose Design kindly sponsored the team's travel to Australia and the NZOF thanks David Melrose for this very generous support.

### WOC 2003 TEAM, LATE CHANGE

Following the withdrawal of Jason Markham and Aaron Prince, Andreas Haldi has been added to the NZ team to compete at the World Championships in Switzerland in August. NZ-born, Andreas joined NW earlier this year and competed in the team trials in April. The team is now:

Men: Greg Barbour (Egmont), Chris Forne (PAPO), Andreas Haldi (North West), Rob Jessop (Auckland).

Women: Claire Paterson (Red Kiwis), Tania Robinson (Counties Manukau), Rachel Smith (PAPO).

Manager: Rolf Wagner (North West), Coaches: Dieter & Ursula Wolf (Switzerland).

#### NO MTBO CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2003

It is now most unlikely that there will be a national MTBO championships in 2003.

#### NZOF VACANCIES

##### **National Squad Manager**

This is a two-year appointment through to the World Championships in 2005. The manager is responsible for finance and logistic matters pertaining to the squad and elite New Zealand representative teams and would normally be expected to travel to the world championships with the team. Direct expenses will be reimbursed within the budget. Applications close 31 July.

##### **National Squad Coaching Coordinator**

This is a two-year appointment through to the World Championships in 2005. The coordinator is responsible for raising the performance levels of the squad and would normally be expected to travel to the world championships with the team as team coach. Direct expenses will be reimbursed within the budget. Applications close 31 July.

##### **Technical Committee**

A vacancy exists on the NZOF Technical Committee. This is a two-year appointment. Applications must be supported by the nominee's club and regular access to email communication is essential. The committee is responsible for producing a calendar of major events and the maintenance of technical standards by way of competition rules, event controlling, mapping and course planning.

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