

OCTOBER DOCUMENT 2006

EVENTS

CONTROLLER FORUM NOVEMBER 11TH/12TH

John Robinson, of the NZOF technical committee, has agreed to come to Dunedin to run a course for us. Here's the invitation from John:

The Forum

Will be...social

Will be ...participant active

Will be ...educational

Definitely not to be missed.

Some of the topics we will cover.

Role of the controller--- the referee

Course quality---to be a good controller there is a need to understand course structure.

Field check methods----check list, tick the boxes

Risk management-----how to cover your position

Ident----this will be taken by the Sport- ident gurus Alistair and Joanna Stewart

Best practices-----for park/promotion from a successful model

Recent mistakes-----how to avoid them for your event

And of course YOUR input----most welcome

This will be a modern presentation.

Please come to this forum. I was born in Milton and would love your company.

John Robinson

More details: from Jane Forsyth

The course will be held over Saturday and Sunday, but it's ok if you can come to only part of it.

It's to be held in the Hill City harrier club rooms (on the Logan Park map) unless you hear otherwise.

NZOF and the club will pick up the expenses, so you should only have to bring your lunch (or lunch money).

Some people will attend from out of town, so please offer a billet if you can manage it.

Anyone who has planned a course can benefit from this, even if they have not yet been a controller.

I hope everyone who's intending to plan or control next year will come along.

Any more questions, contact me ([sandymount at actrix.co.nz](mailto:sandymount@actrix.co.nz))

Cheers, Jane Forsyth

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18 – 22 DECEMBER 2006 ROTORUA

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FROM THE COMMITTEE

Jane Forsyth

Several people would like to step down from their committee positions or change their responsibilities. We will shortly be needing a new treasurer, secretary and event coordinator. Please consider whether you could take on these, or other, roles within the club to help out and keep us running. New committee members (not necessarily for these roles) are welcome.

The next AGM has provisionally been set for February 28 after the Chingford Park event.

Some new mapping possibilities have been discussed - Pophams/Ferry Hill (south side of Lower Taieri Gorge), Toko Mouth, and Aramoana. Gabriels Gully and Elephant Rocks are still in progress. New ideas are always welcome.

SNIPPETS

Jane Forsyth

Congratulations

I noticed some honourable mentions in newspapers recently. Ake Fagereng came a very creditable 6th in the Moro Marathon in Dunedin. Ake, 24, recently joined us from Norway (via Hong Kong and South Africa) and is studying in the Geology Department at Otago. Ake has been orienteering since he was small and is also into adventure racing, cycling, climbing and kayaking.

Ray Hope, who's not a member but turns up to our events quite often, did extremely well in the Mountain to Mountain race in Wanaka the same weekend. This involved skiing, mountain biking, road cycling, kayaking and running from Treble Cone to the Snow Farm and most people competed in teams. Ray, competing in the veteran class, did the whole thing himself and came 3rd, beaten only by 2 teams. Very impressive.

Closer to home, some of our talented juniors deserve a mention in despatches. Emily Buschl and friends for film-making achievements (brother Malachi was the chief actor), and Michael Ogle for a good performance in the Otago Schools Cross-country Champs. Another great runner in the making, well done Michael.

Finally, we have not heard the full story of Bunny Rathbone's overseas travels, but I did hear she won 5 out of 6 events in the Swiss O week and came 2nd in the other one...

Planners Report – Cuttance OY Sept. 2006

Dave Browning

First of all thanks to all those folk that helped out on the day at Registration, Start, Finish, Results and in collecting the controls after the event. Thanks to Jane F for her organisation, to Jennifer for results and Judy for her work prior to and on the day. A big thank you to Richard for controlling and his suggestions.

We received some very positive comments regarding the courses and apart from a rock control on the Long Red we seemed to get everything in the correct spot. I have not rechecked that rock but I had, at least, 2 competitors say it was OK, but I guess it needs checking.

The Cuttance Block is a lovely map to set A courses on but very difficult and limited for the Orange, Yellow and White grades. I am very pleased that we did not have any DNF's on these 3 courses. The Orange ended up too long by the look of the results so it seems I under estimated the effect of the climb. The Yellow course had to be what it was to follow the ridgeline clearings. I make no apologies for all the tape on this course as with few fences, and those that are there very hard to see, I wanted these competitors to finish and not get lost. We had no plan B for the White course had we not been able to use the farm. Lambing time is always a problem on farms and thanks to George and the farmer for allowing us that 1 paddock.

The Short Red turned out pretty good with a winning time of under the hour. There is no doubt on the Red courses those that ran the Rogaine the day before were slower than expected on the orienteering. I guess this is understandable with the map scale and physical demands of the Rogaine.

I lengthened the Long Red slightly from last year but it is hard to judge the effect of climb on a course. With Red courses on the Cuttance Block if there is to be route choice there has to be climb.

Anyway I was happy with the event and enjoyed the planning and my 3 – 4 days in the forest.

Thanks

CONTROLLERS REPORT – CUTTANCE BLOCK – 24 SEPTEMBER 2006

Richard Thum

Isn't it nice to dispel the notion that when planning/controlling events, that it will invariably rain during the event if you have days of sunshine while doing the preliminary field work..! As controller, the worst 'weather' that I had to contend with was lack of light to find those bits of pale yellow plastic bag that Dave had thoughtfully placed at each control site for me to find and confirm correct placement. Given the fact that all of us that took part in the event had to protect ourselves from the apparent 25% increase in UV rays for the day, it was fortunately coincident that all courses (less the white - sorry guys) were totally within pine forest with canopy closure. Could this be planned any better? I suspect not.

As many of the punters had taken a wee stroll through the Silverpeaks/Mt Allan area the day before, it was extra great that many had also come out to see what Dave could throw at them with some extra 'up and down'. Cheers everyone!

While most appreciated the courses that they ran, one or two on the long red made comment re the accuracy/placement of control no.8 adjacent to a rock of conglomerate near some gorse. All were advised to take the depiction of vegetation on the map with caution. I mentioned this to Dave after I first went out. Perhaps we should have placed the control in a more 'accurate' part of the map, but I don't think that the placement was unfair. Sure, the gorse had died back quite a bit. But it wasn't hidden – it was visible 15-20m from any direction, which is generous for many red courses these days! To those frustrated with this control – my apologies. This was only a very minor glitch and I am thankful that working with a more experienced planner such as Dave B made controlling an easy experience.

NZOF NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2006

CHANGE OF VICE PRESIDENT

Following his decision in July to stand down as President, Rob Crawford has now resigned from the NZOF Council in full. At its meeting this month, the Council co-opted Graham Fortune (Wellington) as Vice-President to Paul Dalton.

The NZOF thanks Rob for the sterling service he has given to our sport in his lengthy term on the NZOF Executive.

FUTURE OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The NZOF Council has decided to re-organise the administration of technical matters in our sport. Accordingly, from the beginning of 2007, the Technical Committee is to be replaced by a part-time contract Technical Director, assisted by a volunteer advisory panel.

JWOC 2007

The NZOF Council approved a change to the JWOC selection policy for 2007. The date for final selection of the 2007 team has been extended past 28 February to within two weeks following Easter.

NATIONAL EVENTS DATABASE

The NZOF has adopted the national events database, developed on the maptalk website, as an official event calendar. An agreement has been signed with Fraser Mills, owner of the maptalk website. Clubs will be contacted separately regarding using the events database (www.maptalk.co.nz) for 2007 and beyond.

CLUB AFFILIATION LEVIES FOR 2007

In line with the policy set by the 2001 AGM that club affiliation levies are to be "inflation linked", the total levy across all clubs for 2007 will be \$14,100 (up from \$13,600 this year).

COMPETITION RULE CHANGES

The following rule changes, recommended by the Technical Committee, have been endorsed.

- That for the national inter-club relay championships, each team must contain at least one woman.
- That the controller accreditation process be primarily based on a "buddy system".
- That event reporting be by the controller rather than the coordinator.

Changes involving course structure (including an additional course for older classes and changes to expected winning times) will be circulated for further discussion.

NATIONAL MTBO CHAMPIONSHIPS

A record entry competed in this year's NZ Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships hosted by Peninsula and Plains Orienteers at Hanmer Springs, 2-3 September. Well done to PAPO and in particular Roz and Andy Clayton and Graham Frith.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The NZOF acknowledges, with appreciation, a grant from the **New Zealand Community Trust** to assist the NZ Schools team's tour to Australia for the Australian Schools Championships. The team competes against the eight Australian states for the Southern Cross Challenge Trophy on October 3rd and 4th.

AGM 2007

The 2007 Annual General Meeting of the NZOF will be held on Friday 6 April at Wesley College, Pukekohe.

NZOF VACANCIES 2007

The following national volunteer positions are currently vacant for 2007.

- National Squad Coaching Coordinator
- Development Squad Coaching Coordinator
- Editor, NZ Orienteering
- Media Officer
- Selection Panel (one position, applicants must be nominated by a club)
- Ampro Liaison Officer.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the General Manager for a job description.