

OACT Newsletter

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Editorial

The months since the last issue have seen OACT members travelling to Europe (O-Ringen 5 Days and World Masters Orienteering Championships (Sweden), Scottish 6 Days (held in conjunction with World Orienteering Championships (Scotland) and many interstate events such as the state Championships in NSW, South Australia, Victoria and Queensland. All these events provided different competitions and reinforced why many people are 'addicted' to travelling to these competitions. Congratulations to all those who competed, completed and placed.

John Scown

Interim OACT Newsletter Editor

Remember – this position remains vacant. Please contact the Secretary or one of the OACT Board members if you are interested in this role.

EASTER 2016



2016 Australian Three Days Orienteering Carnival, Canberra

The Australian Three Days Orienteering Carnival is in Canberra for 2016. It is also known as the Easter 3 Days as it takes place over the Easter long weekend (25th - 28th March 2016). The carnival consists of a Prologue event (a sprint at the University of Canberra) combined with Family Teams event on Good Friday, followed by three bush events, firstly at Isaacs Ridge on Saturday and then at Yanununbeyan State Conservation Area for the following two days (just 50km from Canberra CBD).

The 3 Days is an awesome opportunity to participate in some world class Orienteering in Canberra. Two events are World Ranking events and all of the 4 events are in areas that will be new for many people. A large number of elites will also be racing, so it's a great chance to watch Australia's best compete head-to-head with spectator controls, radio controls, live commentary & results, and possibly even live tracking of competitors via GPS.

A full range of classes will be offered so you can participate at the difficulty and course length that suits, as well as compete against other orienteers in the same age group from all around Australia.

As well as some great orienteering, we will be looking for a large number of volunteers to help at the event so the carnival runs smoothly. Many hands make light work, so the more volunteers the easier it will be for everyone. Get in early and secure your favourite job.

For more information, please visit the carnival website:

<http://easter2016.orienteering.asn.au/>

Acronym Buster

This section results from a comment that (like many sports, businesses etc) there are more acronyms than you can poke a stick at especially for newcomers. Perhaps though with the spread of 'your favourite search engine' there isn't a need for this. Please email the OACT Office on office@act.orienteering.asn.au or me at scown@light.net.au if you want more of this segment and any orienteering related acronyms you think should be explained.

So here's the 1st (random) instalment:

OACT – Orienteering ACT (Previously ACTOA – ACT Orienteering Association)

<http://act.orienteering.asn.au/>

OA – Orienteering Australia - Orienteering Australia Inc. is the federation of the Australian State and Territory Associations.

<http://www.orienteering.asn.au/>

IOF – International Orienteering Federation - The IOF is the international governing body of the sport of orienteering. The IOF governs four orienteering disciplines: foot orienteering, mountain bike orienteering, ski orienteering, and trail orienteering. The IOF was founded in 1961 and recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1977. There are currently 79 member countries.

<http://orienteering.org/>

NOL – National Orienteering League - The premier interstate competition of Australia's elite orienteers, both on foot and on mountain bike. The NOL (Foot Orienteering) was finalised after the recent Australian Championships in Ballarat with Matt Crane (Canberra Cockatoos) taking out the Individual Senior Men category and the Canberra Cockatoos taking out the Senior Men competition.

<http://www.orienteering.asn.au/category/menu/national-league/>

WOC, JWOC & WMOC – respectively World, Junior World and World Masters Orienteering Championships – these are currently held annually (and usually independently of each other) and are allocated through a bidding process managed by the IOF.

MTBO – Mountain Bike Orienteering – This is another discipline of orienteering (see IOF above) and like Foot orienteering, Championships are held at the State & Territory level, National and World (Elite, Junior & Masters) levels annually. The Australian Championships are on in Victoria 7th and 8th Nov.

AGM – Annual Gathering and Munchies ! (The real **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for Thu 25th Feb 2016.)

Meet OACT's two new Scholars – Theo And Emil

A message from Theo Fleurent

20 years of Orienteering behind me, but still so many terrains to discover and controls to find, and I hope Canberra and Australia will be a good spot for that in the next 6 months.

My name is Theo Fleurent, 25 years old, from Annecy in France, and I am really thankful to Orienteering ACT for the opportunity given to come and stay there. I am here to provide trainings opportunities for all of you and help you in every part of orienteering: navigation, analysis, competition, mapping, Sporting schools or other. To know me better: I am a French Team member, I practise orienteering for 20 years, coach the -18 French Team, do some sprint mapping in France, and studied sports science in Grenoble for the last 3 years.

I am very interested and invest in orienteering and I will do my best to help you achieve your goals.

Feel free to ask me anything at my email address (fleurent.theo@hotmail.fr) or in live about orienteering, training, if you wanna practise your french, or anything else, don't hesitate, I'll be happy to help. The activities proposed by Emil and me will be on the website soon.

Thank you for welcoming me and see you soon!

Theo



A message from Emil Granqvist

Hi!

My name is Emil Granqvist, 20 years old, born and raised outside of Stockholm, Sweden. I just finished four years of studying at Eksjö School of Orienteering, and am now looking forward to six months in Australia where I hopefully will be able to share some of my knowledge.

The last years I have been training and competing at a high national level in Sweden, and also gotten the opportunity to run some international championships. I am competing for the Swedish national team and my home club OK Ravinen.

The next months I will be available for you in Canberra happy to help you with anything you need. I will do my best to help you become a better orienteer, and hope to learn some from you as well!

This week I will be at the Junior European Cup in Germany, so I won't arrive in Australia [until 29 Oct.](#)

I can't wait to get down there!

Any questions, send me an email at emil.granqvist@hotmail.com

I also have my own web page where I write about orienteering and training. (completely in swedish though...)
www.emilgranqvist.com

Emil





Theo & Emil Activities Term 4

OrienteeringACT 
www.act.orianteering.asn.au



Workshops

Registration: Doodle links will be available on ACT website 'Events' Page, Cost by donations

Beginner

- Theo - 2 Mondays: 26 Oct, 2 Nov just before Street Orienteering 5.20 pm to 6 pm in October at the Street'O location— 4 people max.
- Emil - 2 Mondays: 9 Nov, 16 Nov just before Street Orienteering 5.20 pm to 6 pm in October at the Street'O location— 4 people max.

If more people interested in, we can set beginner workshops in December too.

Moderate

- Theo - 3 Mondays: 9 Nov, 16 Nov, 23 Nov just before Street Orienteering 5.20 pm to 6 pm in October at the Street'O location— 4 people
- Theo & Emil - 3 Mondays: 30 Nov, 7 Dec, 14 Dec just before Street Orienteering 5.20 pm to 6 pm in October at the Street'O location— 4 people
- Theo - 3 Wednesdays: 21 Oct, 28 Oct, 4 Nov at Twilight events: 5 pm – 6.15 pm
- Theo & Emil - 3 Wednesdays: 11 Nov, 18 Nov, 25 Nov at Twilight events: 5 pm – 6.15 pm
- Theo & Emil - 3 Saturdays: 24 Oct, 7 Nov, 14 Nov at Remembrance Park: 9am – 11am

Advanced

- Training Weekend 31 Oct-1 Nov: Specials trainings, night session, timed session on Sunday
- Sunday trainings: 25 Oct, 8 Nov, 15 Nov Namagdi, Sandhills
- Summer Saturday Sprint trainings: 28 Nov, 5 Dec

"T" Training maps available at some Twilight Events, starting November, see website Events Page.



Armchair Courses: 7.30 to 8.45 pm

Thursday 5 Nov: Sprint and Schools Maps – Part 1
 Thursday 12 Nov: Sprint and Schools Maps – Part 2
 Thursday 19 Nov: GPS Analysis
 Thursday 26 Nov: How to set a good course

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Its on again! The 9th season of this popular adventure series for kids.
This year entry includes a FREE Season pass to 17 events *



Team based kids adventure challenge Oct - Nov 2015



Four Wednesday Evenings

Followed by four more months of Wednesday evenings if you wish
Any kids 13 yrs and under - teams of between 2 to 4
Start anytime after 5 pm.

| Map Mates | When | Where | Start anytime 5 pm to 6 pm Parents are welcome. |
|-----------|------------|--|---|
| Welcome | Wed 14 Oct | Radford College | Optional welcome event. Learn how to read a map in 15 minutes |
| Event 1 | Wed 21 Oct | Fadden Pines | An easy map for both kids and parents |
| Event 2 | Wed 28 Oct | Campbell Park | Watch the kangaroos jump past. |
| Event 3 | Wed 4 Nov | Black Mountain Pen afterwards | Bring a BBQ to share |
| Event 4 | Wed 11 Nov | Weetangara | Every map reader wins a prize |
| | Nov to Mar | Optional family events continue every Wednesday all Summer | |

Entries close Thurs October 15th

This year entry includes a FREE Season pass to 17 events

Rules of Competition: minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 people per team.

Not all must attend every event, but at least 2 must compete together, for points to be counted. Each team needs a funky name (extra points for best name and best uniform)

Easy or Very easy? Teams choose to navigate Blue (very easy), Green (easy) or Orange courses depending on their level of experience. Points taken on the best 3 of 4 events.

Cost: \$90 per competitor for series of 4 events. This entitles you to

- FREE Season Pass to enter a total of 17 planned specified events until April. These include all Wednesday evening Summer events.
- FREE map per competitor, and
- FREE electronic Sport ID (E stick) hire for accurate time keeping for first 4 weeks and (deposit required) for remaining events.
- FREE personal professional photographic souvenir
- \$20 DISCOUNT if you choose to purchase an E stick of your own
- FREE prizes

You will need: Running shoes, hat, sun cream, water bottle. Compass is optional.

**If you or your school/organisation would like to field teams
please visit <http://act.orienteering.asn.au/events/>**

Entries close Thursday October 15th

Click here to register <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=17607>

* Note that in supplying your email address you are agreeing that OACT may contact you with organizational matters to do with the Map Mates Challenge. Please indicate if you do NOT want your photo to appear on a website. * 17 events, including the welcoming event on Wed Oct 14th will be specified and no refund will be possible if one is cancelled due to weather, Government regulations, Landowner issues or other unforeseen circumstances.



Invites all children of any standard to join in the fun at

**SC-ORE An interschool competition four Thursday
mornings in November 8.30 am to 9.30 am**

**ACT Blue Sparks Bush Map Training Weekend
Sat & Sun 21 – 22 Nov near Braidwood**

**ACT Primary Schools Orienteering Championships
Wednesday 18 Nov 2015**

**ACT High Schools Orienteering Championships
Saturday 5 March 2016**

Any child of any standard can enter
Mark the date in your diary now
Tell your school principal now



Visit OACT website for more details. <http://act.orienteering.asn.au/>.

Mark the date in your school or scout calendar now. Please contact Orienteering ACT if you are interested in being the coordinator for your school or club or organisation.

Map Mates is held in May and October each year - an adventure based 4 week orienteering series designed for kids and their parents. Pair up with a friend for 4 weeks of fun filled coaching on how to read a map. See website – events page. **Sporting Schools** – we are ready to deliver sessions to your class. * Please indicate if you do NOT want your photo to appear on a website.

Parawanga News

PO members have been involved in various orienteering activities throughout the year, including Saturday events, Wednesday events, Night events and Sunday events.

Some members are regular travellers who seek out new and interesting terrain to test their skills, whilst others are making their transition from street/park O to bush O. See the article by Phil Walker regarding the World Masters. *(reproduced after the Club News sections – Editor)*

Some prefer Championship events whereas others may prefer low-key events with less competition. We have several members involved in permanent volunteer tasks and there are others who like to help on the day.

Our junior Parawangans have been running well this year with 6 involved in the ACT Schools Team for the Australian Schools Champs held in Ballarat recently.

Lucy Barton
Mark Glanville
Ciaren Lane
Stephen Melhuish
Tara Melhuish
Zoe Melhuish

Zoe and Tara were named in the Australian Honour Team of 4 girls and 4 boys following their consistent results at this carnival.

Other notable results at the Australian Champs Carnival included Rob Jessop who won every M45A race he went in. Zoe 3rd in W14A, Tara 2nd in W17-20E and Pat Miethke 2nd in W65A at the Australian Sprint Champs.

Zoe 1st and Tara 1st Australian and Lucy Barton 2nd in W17-20A at the Australian Long Champs.

The Australian Relays saw Jill Walker 1st in W21B and Ana Herzeg 2nd in W45A teams.

PO held 2 large events this year - the ACT Middle Distance and the ACT Long Distance Champs. Thank-you to all members who helped out – volunteering is part of this sport and the main event calendar of events is drawn up on the basis that the clubs will put some work into course-setting, organizing and vetting for these events. There were several other PO organised events this year including 3 (or more) Sat events and 4 night events. I've probably missed all the Twilights too.

We've had 5 club meetings this year to help ensure our event organizers/ setters/vetters have sufficient support and of course to enjoy each other's company, share a simple meal, listen to each others orienteering stories and sometimes to have some simple training sessions. Our next meeting is on the 16th October at Jill and Phil's house and of course our Xmas event is another chance to get together.

Please enjoy these photos of PO members Nick Melhuish and James Heyes caught on camera at the ACT Sprint Champs.



Here's Sue Garr in her PO uniform setting off as 3rd leg runner in the recent Australian Relay Championships near Ballarat.

Liz Abbott

Red Roo Noos

Goodness me - the past few months Red Roo orienteers have been sighted from Sweden, France and Scotland to Kingaroy and Creswick/Ballarat. The international and state orienteering events that occurred over the past months had Red Roos members orienteering in the varied marsh terrain to intricate gold mining diggings. European friendships were renewed in Gothenburg at the Masters and after orienteering events, walks, tours and bike rides were organised in other parts of Europe with these activities often the highlight of travelling overseas to compete in Orienteering events.

The **Australian Championships Carnival** (Creswick/Ballarat 26 September - 4 October), has just finished with 850 entrants, held in cool weather initially then warm to hot for the last weekend. The terrain was complex gold mining area where gullies, ditches, water races, mounds, pits and washouts were common, with steep and often impassable gully walls. Mutterings were heard about how a 2.2km course (for older classes) could prove so difficult and take nearly an hour!

Victorian Middle distance Championships at Creswick Diggings

Judy Allison placed 2nd in the intricate gold mining area and Emily Alder placed 3rd in W17-20A

Australian Middle distance Championships at Petticoat Gully

Great to see John Sutton (M75A) and Belinda Allison (W40A) winning their age classes.

Australian Sprint distance Championships at St Patrick's College, Ballarat

Judy Allison W65A and Emily Alder W20A won their races set in a complex urban school campus. Tate Needham and Anita Scherrer achieved places in their respective age classes.

Australian Schools Championships

Congratulations to Red Roo members Oliver Mill, Emily Alder and Zac Needham who competed for ACT in the Australian Schools Championships which were run during the week. This year was the first time the students ran a sprint distance race. They also ran an individual forest race as well as a relay.

Australian Long distance Championships at Chapel Flat

These courses had more spur/gully running with areas of thick vegetation and less complex gold mining. Elite orienteer Jo Allison had a dominant run in W21E and won by over 9 minutes. The longer race suited Jo's fast and accurate tough running. Special mention should be given to Jenna Linehan who was 1st in W21AS which was a great result.

Australian Relay Championships

Dave Shepherd was a member of the Canberra Cockatoos relay team (senior men) who won easily from the Victorian team. After Dave's long absence from orienteering due to injury it was great to watch him running the shorter middle distance races and adding points to the Cockatoo point score.

Have to mention the M65A age class relay team of Hugh Moore, Bill Jones and Bob Allison who were beaten by a WA Team by 1 second! So who did not orienteer well enough to make up the 1 second?

World Masters Orienteering Championships, July

The general talk about the event was the wet weather and the Swedish summer which was cool, cloudy and no hotter than 20 degrees. The maps had numerous bogs and marshes, and mention was made that shorter orienteers feared they would disappear in the mud and never be found.

Jo Allison, running her first Masters, ran brilliantly in the W35 Long, coming 4th and was also was 6th in the Sprint. Below is a short report Jo wrote about the Red Roo competitors.

A few Red Roos travelled overseas this year and competed in the World Masters held in

Göteborg, Sweden in July. Rumour has it that certain Roos had some adventures getting there. Our Roos, let's call them "Hugh" and "Karen", were separated from their luggage which went for a train ride without them. Fortunately there was a happy ending, as after a chase they were eventually reunited with their bags. It's a pity Hugh already has his Pink Pine cone life achievement award...

It wasn't the most summery of summers in Göteborg and the week of the Masters was a wet one. It has always impressed me how Swedes just get on with things regardless of how miserable the weather is. On with the wet weather clothes and gumboots and off they go. But as their saying goes, "there is no such thing as bad weather just bad clothes".

The days of the qualifications were particularly soggy. As the rain poured down, we sometimes felt like we would rather be in a warm dry Göteborg coffee shop eating cinnamon scrolls than going orienteering. However, it's always the way that once you get going, and after taking that first reluctant step into a soggy marsh, getting wet doesn't matter anymore.

Despite the weather, it was a very enjoyable week. The sprint qualification and final were held in an urban area and tested the speed of the legs. The long races took place in a popular recreation area on the edge of the city. It was fantastic, challenging terrain with plenty of cliffs and marshes. The sun came out for the last day, the long final, and everyone enjoyed a good atmosphere, and exciting orienteering. A nice way to end a fun week. **Jo Allison**

Queensland Orienteering Championships, Kingaroy QLD, September

Michael Burt, Hugh Moore and the Jones' ventured to Kingaroy to orienteer in terrain deemed to be the "fastest orienteering area in Australia". And yes the area was indeed clear of fallen timber and the complex rock areas were often vegetation free and fast orienteering was the norm. Hugh Moore and Bill Jones had a local derby in the M65A with Hugh winning overall by 3 seconds but sadly no placings. The Jones' sighted "the biggest snake in the world" slithering across the road (onto the map!!) just before the turn off into the parking. Locals said it had to be a python because of the thickness and 2 metre length. (Photo taken from driver's window – *apparently Kerryne was not allowed out of the car to check the scales - Editor*)



Mulloon Creek Red Roo event, 13 September.

Thanks to course setter John Sutton, controller Eric Wainwright and organiser Hugh Jorgensen for the smooth running of the event. The map was vague spur/gully but had steep areas to test the fitness of the orienteers. Thanks to all involved at registration, set up and pack up and control collecting.

Kerryne Jones.

BUSHFLYER'S BUGLE

We have a few new members and, by the time the Newsletter is published, hopefully a few more from the Summer Series which has just started. A very big welcome to all the new Bushies – we hope you enjoy your orienteering experience. Please contact a fellow Bushie if you want help on anything.

Our Australian Championship Carnival results were excellent. I would normally try to recognise all the placegetters across the major events but I am not sure there would have been enough space in the Newsletter! Our winners were as follows.

Victoria Middle Distance: Jenny Hawkins (W70A), Tristan Miller (M14A), Pauli Piironen (M80A)

Australia Middle Distance: Jenny Hawkins (W70A), David Stocks (M12A), Noah Poland (M14A), Pauli Piironen (M80A)

Australian Sprint: Pauli Piironen (M80A), Kevin Paine (M85A)

Australian Long Distance: Jenny Hawkins (W70A), Eino Meuronen (M80A), Kevin Paine (M85A)

There were some really great performances from our junior boys. In addition to the wins noted above, there were many other results that were close to the winner. These same boys have started to prepare a number of school maps. As well as providing a great service, this can only help to improve their orienteering skills especially the Sprint format.

Pauli provides the hard luck story. He was keen to do the clean sweep of the four majors but took the wrong map on the last day due to some misleading information in the Bulletin. Still, another Bushie and close friend, Eino took the honours.

It has been a very social month for the Bushies with two Swarms in one month – the first, an end of season Swarm at the Poland residence on 11 September, and the second at the Brown Hill Hotel in Ballarat on 3 October. Both were well attended and are great ways of getting to know your fellow Bushies a little better. There is sure to be one during the summer so keep your eyes open.

Please let Toni know if you would like to volunteer your residence for a summer Swarm.

Being the largest and best club in the ACT, we have a large number of events coming up – Radford (14 October), Fadden Pines (21 October), Campbell Park (28 October), Campbell Parklands (3 February), Remembrance Park (10 February), ANU (24 February) and Karabah Schools (2 March).

Toni has carefully organised a roster for the series so the load is evenly spread. Most Bushies should have been allocated a job. Please check the 'Clubs' page on the OACT web site. If you can't make your allocated date, please arrange a swap.

OACT is responsible for the Easter 2016 Carnival. The Bushflyers have been allocated the Sprint Event at the University of Canberra on Good Friday. We will need a lot of support from members so please try to come. It is a great opportunity to experience a top class orienteering event. If you want to have a run, that will be possible.

Dennis Trewin

ABOMINABLE NEWS

What a fantastic end to the “season” for all Abominables who attended the Australian Championship carnival in Victoria.



Matt Crane (right) revelled in the tough terrain and took out the National Orienteering League Senior Men’s title. Unfortunately he sustained an injury and was unable to take his place in the winning Cockatoos team at the relays. This team did however include Ian Lawford, fresh from some athletic and not so athletic activities at the Australian University Games on the Gold Coast.

July and August found several Abominables enjoying the northern summer – although it was not great – at O-ringen in Borås, WMOC in Gothenburg in Sweden and WOC/Scottish 6 days in where other than Scotland.



Highlight of the time away was the win by Geoff Lawford in the M60 Sprint at WMOC.

This was thoroughly deserved and came after some loving care and attention provided by his support crew – cooks Judy and Ann especially. Unfortunately this same level of care and attention was not available to Ian, who, although putting in a great performance, was unable to qualify for the Sprint Final at WOC, 1.11 down in his heat to finish 22nd.

Lizzie Ingham continued the great form from her time with Abominables and produced some great results for NZ at WOC. These included 32nd in the Sprint, 12th Mixed Relay, 28th Long and 19th Middle.



September brought us the ACT Sprint Championships run on an extended ANU map which included the Sculpture Garden and various ANU “out buildings”. Grant McDonald set some challenging courses which were held on a beautiful sunny Saturday morning. Thanks Grant.



Congratulations to Jasmine and Craig on their abominably cute new addition to the family – little sister for Leo – Violet - born, September 17th.

Abominable's final events for 2015 include the ACT Mountain Bike championships – 3 races - to be held on the weekend of October 17th and 18th. Thanks to Julie and Sean Sunley for Organising. Our last event for 2015 will be a Twilight event on Wanniasa Hills on November 25th.

Stay tuned for details of a possible Abominable **A**(nnual)**G**(athering and)**M**(unchies).

Ann

World Masters at Gothenburg, Sweden

In late July nine Parawangans ventured to Gothenburg on the west coast of Sweden for the 2015 World Masters Orienteering Championships, joining a strong contingent of ACT representatives enjoying the competition, sightseeing and socialising. Several Parawangans made the A finals against very strong competition from the Europeans who seemed very much at home in the mud and marshes. For those of us who have not experienced the Swedish orienteering terrain, the World Masters was an eye opener to the challenges of maps with hatched blue as the predominant colour. However, once



you got over the shock of seeing the map detail, the orienteering skills needed to get around the course were not much different to those needed for any complex orienteering area, except

perhaps making sure you still had your shoes on each time you pulled your foot or leg out of the mud and water.

Unfortunately the weather at the start of the championships was not a typical Swedish summer, (according to the locals), but it did get better and drier as the week progressed with the day for the Long Final being glorious sunshine.

The event organisation was excellent and Gothenburg is a pleasant easy liveable city. All events were within a short distance of the city



centre with the excellent public transport system being used as the main event transport. The photos above are of Barbara Martin striding out at the sprint final and Ann Ingwersen on one of the less muddy tracks at the Long Qualification Number 1. The early starters for this event had the added difficulty of a torrential downpour that greatly reduced visibility in the already dark and gloomy forest.

World Masters orienteering in the heartland of orienteering is a great experience to challenge your skills, to gain an appreciation of the sport at the highest level and to immerse yourself with thousands of like-minded athletes enjoying the sport.

The photos of Bruce Bowen and Liz Abbott are from the Long Final as they near the last control. Outside the orienteering we enjoyed the sightseeing and shared great socialising with the highlight being a Parawangan cocktail party / dinner at the apartment shared by the Abbott/Bowen, Garrs and Walkers. Special invited Parawangans for the night were Sue Yan Tay and our Swiss connection of Kati Cejka and Bernard Peissard. Kati is the mother of ex-Parawangan Nadine Cejka.

The Parawangans at the World Masters were; Liz Abbott, Bruce Bowen, Barbara Martin, Ann & Frank Ingwersen, Sue & Tony Garr and Jill & Phil Walker.

The photos of Barbara Martin, Ann Ingwersen, Bruce Bowen and Liz Abbott are from the WMOC website. The other photos are Parawangans and honorary Parawangans enjoying the other side of an orienteering carnival and a photo of the landscape taken on the day of the Long Model event.

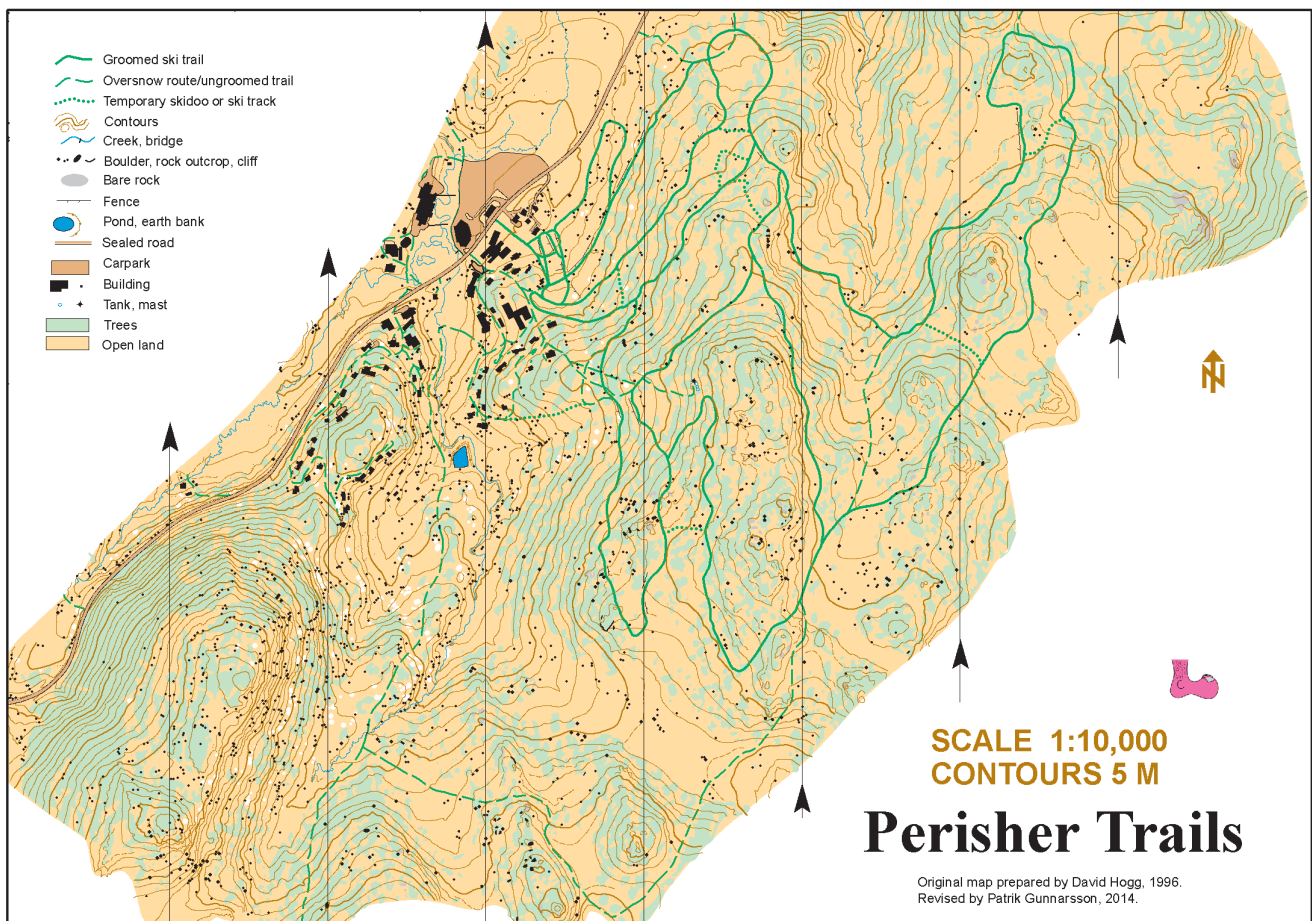




The editor looking tired and disinterested on the boring track run into the final control at WMOC. (Editor).

Ski Orienteering held at Perisher 2nd August 2015

Details for the 2015 event missed the June newsletter. Included here are some photos from the same event in 2014 to whet your appetite for 2016 (Editor).



Summary of Council meeting #67 held 27th August 2015

Below is a summary of the main points from the OACT Council meeting held 27th August:

The OACT Program (2015- 2016)

The Twilight Program was endorsed with the following points:

- Bob Mouatt recorded his concern about the early start to the Twilight program; this gives too little time for the maintenance/upgrading/time changes of the computers after the winter program.
- It was confirmed that the very successful Map Mates program should be continued, on the first four events of the Twilight program. Council endorses this very successful initiative and thanks David Poland for his development and management of Map Mates.

The Winter Program was endorsed with the following points:

- Bob Mouatt recommended that Easter Day 1 (Isaacs Ridge) should be an AL event. This was agreed to by the meeting. (It was noted that there is active and ongoing discussion about the use of Isaacs Ridge for mountain biking).
- The meeting agreed to include the Sunday 3 April NSW event at Snowhills as an AL event.
- David Poland noted that Florienteering is at present only a 2015 event, and should not be included in the 2016 calendar.
- The meeting also requested that a Map Mates program be included.
- David Poland asked that a (provisional/conditional) date be set for the High School Champs – it was suggested that this be the same as the ACT Sprint Champs, 5th March 2016. The meeting agreed, asking that this arrangement be revisited after this year's championships.

Membership Fees

- It was endorsed that:
 - the membership fees for 2016 remain at the same level as for 2015.
 - event fees for 2016 remain at the same level as for 2015.
- Street-orienteeing fees – It was carried that consideration of a differentiated fees structure for Street-Orienteeing be held over until the next Council meeting, in November.
- Season pass for Twilight series.
 - The OACT Board recommends having a Season Pass for the Twilight series, priced as before (ie charged at the rate of 10 events)
 - Consideration of a half-season pass for January to end of season will be made at the November Council meeting. A condition would (continue to) be that a purchaser of the pass would need to be a member, and have their own SI stick.
 - The motion was carried that the season pass for 2016 would be \$100 full member, \$70 for concession, and \$250 family.

MapMates

It was agreed that participants are charged for 4 events and are issued a “free” Season Pass, and free hire of SI card/number; that is, maintain the current costing structure.

Fees for e-Sticks

There were three proposals. After discussion on each proposal, the first two were not accepted. The third proposal was that *'e-Sticks are available for sale at all events for \$55. They can be bought back by OACT for \$35. Some concern was raised that there be suitable control over the sales, and that records of sales are managed through the office*

appropriately. This was agreed to, noting that e-Sticks should not be sold as part of the registration desk process but sold separately. It was suggested that the welcoming person at events (if such a job continues to exist) would be the most appropriate sales point.

Sporting Schools Report (Toni Brown)

- Toni Brown was thanked in her absence for this report and for the work that she is doing. As it was received quite late, it will be circulated electronically to all Council members.
- The issues of sustainability of the programs were noted. The issues raised will be considered (as a priority) at the next Board meeting, and a proposal for funding will go to the next Council meeting (November).

Grants Applications

- The meeting was reminded that OACT receives triennial funding through SRS, an Operational grant.
- Michael Burt reminded the Council that the repairs and upgrading of equipment that David Poland suggested grants might be used for should be done anyway, irrespective of the success of any grant application/approval, especially since we are in a strong financial position.
- In general, if anyone is willing to do a grant application, then this is to be encouraged. However, the meeting was reminded that grant applications need to be carefully targeted and will not be given for what might be considered operational needs. Bob Mouatt suggested that the purchase of the Schools Kits might be a suitable target for grant funding.
- Details of grant funding and consideration are available on the SRS website.
- An item will go into the e-bulletin to make members aware that grant applications are to be made very soon. Offers from members to pursue applications are welcome; any proposals should go directly to Geoff Wood as ED, before 14th September. The SRS link will be provided on the OACT website.

Eventor

- The Eventor point of contact appears to be a little problematic. (*Editor Later note – a problem has been identified and is being addressed*).

Courses offered at Saturday & Twilight events

- The issue was raised of the nature of the courses that are offered on Saturday (and Twilight) events, suggesting that there has been some inconsistency at recent events. It was suggested that there be three Orange events, with one long one (in lieu of Red courses). It was also noted that course planners should be mindful of providing a course which is appropriate for our older orienteers. There was general agreement about this. Michael Burt to action.

Next meetings:

OACT Board was held for Mon 14th Sep 2015 (the next one is scheduled for 9th Nov). Council is scheduled for Thu 26th Nov 2015.