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Sunday, 29 March 2015

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**Birthplace:** UK

**Occupation:** retired

**How long lived in ACT:** 50 yr





**First orienteering event:** 1973, Yarramundi Reach. I had read a notice in the Paddy Palin shop in Sydney Building, Civic, about orienteering. On the date, went to Lady Denman Drive, just before Scrivener Dam, with my prismatic compass, read the instructions, and set off to find the red and white buckets. Had never dared to go off tracks before, but found that it was ok, didn't get bitten by a snake. Enjoyable, and from then on was hooked.

**Most memorable:** Bluetts Pines 1985 (first course set by Palmers). In 1985, at an event, John Foster said "Time the Palmers set an event". So we chose Bluetts Pines, with its lovely new map by Bob Stobie. Got the key from the depot on the Cotter Rd, just as well, as rain set in and entry the area was closed. We were still able to go in and picnic every day while we looked at likely locations for controls for courses A,B,C, and D. Came the day and all went ok (although became bogged and had to be towed). Now started, and many more in the future.

**Worst orienteering mistake:** Missing out a control when setting a course, probably Burra Ck, the 3rd control on course C.

**Best orienteering tip received:** How to carry control flags when setting and collecting, learned from instructional visit by Scandinavian Orienteer. Before this the collector just pushed them into a bundle, and as the custodian of the gear I had the tedious job of pulling them apart after each event.

**Favourite O area in ACT:** Mulligans Flat (now closed)

**Favourite O area outside ACT:** Tasmania

**Furthest I've travelled:** Tasmania

**Other sports or interests:** Rogaining, Kosciuszko Huts Association

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**Bushflyers - We Continue to Buzz Above the Rest!!**

Tuesday, 17 March 2015

**2014 saw Bushflyers once again, take home the Southern Cross Challenge.**

**Furthermore we enjoyed innumerable social gatherings, a Jubilee Birthday and at the national level, the second highest rate of merit badges awarded. WELL DONE TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP!!**



Pictured – Club photo Aus Champs '13, Jack Palmer, Ian Booth, Phil Creaser (both in past outfits).

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 At the recent February Swarm the club once again gathered to celebrate the previous year's successes and to recognise the special contributions made.  
 A most significant award presented at this time is the Ian Booth Award presented to the most improved Masters Bushflyer.  
 Carol Harding was the outstanding awardee of the Ian Booth Award presented to the most improved Masters Bushflyer. In recognition of the special memories and the place that Ian held in our hearts Carol had this to say:  
 "At the recent Bushflyers get-together and award presentation evening I was very surprised but delighted to hear Dennis announce that I had won the Ian Booth award for the Masters Improver for the 2014 season.

As Dennis explained this award is based on points awarded for ACT League events, usually held on Sundays during the winter season.

I have many fond memories of Ian Booth, having joined Bushflyers in 1997 with our young family at a time when Ian was very much involved in club activities, until his untimely passing during a training run.

I was very much in awe of Ian in my early days of orienteering. Not only did he run some very fast times but often emerged from the bush at the end of an event with many holes in his orienteering clothes and be bleeding from cuts and scratches he had gained along the way.

I soon got to know Ian as a warm-hearted and caring person who took an interest in all of his fellow orienteers. He was also a keen club person and took on a lot of tasks relating to orienteering.

Thank you to Bushflyers for keeping the memory of Ian Booth alive by presenting this annual award. Thank you also to my fellow Bushflyer who kindly organised a voucher for me, knowing that I am not a red wine drinker as is traditionally presented for this award." Carol Harding.

The club joins together in appreciation of the words penned by Carol in memory of Bushflyer Ian Booth!

Other special awards presented on the evening were:

2014 Bluebottle Award for services to the club was shared between Dennis Trewin our long term and trusted Convenor and Jack Palmer the always reliable volunteer!

2014 Fly Swat Award for something a bit daft was awarded to Jane Barnett.

Jane's story goes like this "I hate orienteering!" Being a relative newcomer to the sport, Jane has continue to strive and improve and like a number of us, takes the advice and coaching offered by her children to heart. So when young Andrew said, whatever you do mum don't give up, that left Jane no option but to spend HOURS and HOURS exasperated in the bush, returning in tears and saying never again! But like all good stories they end in a happy note.

The following day of that Easter competition, there was Jane standing tall in a podium position - no tears but plenty to smile about. A very satisfied customer indeed!



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