

SALTBUSH MEMORIES FROM 1976

The club held six events during the year.

25th April **Cheeseboard Hill North East**

A score event organised by Dave Baron and Murray Young.

23rd May **Mt Laura East** - one course set by Dave Baron.

New sport of orienteering catching on

The Salt Bush Orienteers held their meeting last Sunday under almost perfect conditions.

From the starting, and finish point near the level crossing on the old Iron Knob road, two courses took competitors over the hilly countryside near Mount Laura.

The shorter course for the day, designed for beginners and family groups, attracted 14 starters. This course covered 3600 metres, and participants were required to find seven control points.

Best performance on this course was put in by a team of Iain Dobbie, Jan Dobbie, and Peter Wyman, who found all controls and covered the course in 33 minutes.

Best individual performance was achieved by John Dobbie who found all controls and covered the course in 41 minutes.

The longer course, designed for more experienced competitors, covered 5600

metres and required competitors to find 12 controls.

Best performance on this course was put in by expert Adelaide orienteer David Miller who raced round the course in 52 minutes.

Second was John Williams, also from Adelaide, in 63 minutes, while third place went to Kevin Vigar, of Port Lincoln, in 73 minutes.

Best local performer was Rex Carter who covered the course in 91 minutes.

The Salt Bush Orienteers are anxious to bring new participants into this developing family sport.

The next event is scheduled for September 25 and will be held near Whyalla.

Any persons interested in trying the sport are welcome to ring the organiser on 15 5002 for details of the start location.

11th July **Simmens Hill** at 1:25000 two courses set by Murray Young, 14 people attended.

A group known as the Salt Bush Orienteers held its fourth event for the year at Simmens Hill on Sunday.

The name of the group has been informally given to orienteers of the Whyalla Harriers Amateur Athletic Club.

The event attracted 21 entrants near the 23-mile, off the Port Augusta road, including five people who made the trip from Adelaide specially to compete.

"Orienteering is a relatively new sport in SA, but already has a strong following," an organising spokesman said.

"Basically it involves navigating one's way round a defined course using a map and compass.

"Consequently it makes use of the competitor's powers of observation and deduction, as well as his physical fitness.

"The sport has gained a reasonably firm foothold in Whyalla. We have been particularly pleased with the response from visitors.

"Some have made the trip to Whyalla on three occasions during the past four months to compete in local events," the spokesman said.

Two courses were set for Sunday — a short 5000-metre stretch, and a longer 10,000 metre course.

Unfortunately, the longer course was marred by an error which resulted in all surviving competitors going adrift at the seventh control point.

This was a disappointment to competitors and organisers, but competitors still enjoyed the event, and found the course challenging and interesting.

The shorter event went off smoothly, and resulted in Adelaide visitor Bob MacKenzie taking out first place when he visited all six control points in one hour and 41 minutes.

Second place went to fellow Adelaide competitor M. Turnbull (1-46), while Bett O'Neil (1-58) took out third position.

The team section went to husband and wife, Sue and Bruce Robinson, who did well on their first attempt at the sport.

The next orienteers event will be on August 8.



8th Aug. **Cheeseboard Hill North West** two courses set by Bryan Chapman.

12th Sep **Wild Dog Hill South West** two courses set by Iain Dobbie.