

Tintookies Newsletter March 2011

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Editorial... Thanks to Anna Hazell for keeping us posted over the last couple of years. Now she is back working I couldn't resist the temptation of "putting pen to paper" once again. The only trouble is that, since I was last TT Editor, other people's computer literacy has increased exponentially but mine has not. I could deliver the stapled offering to almost everyone by hand at events in those days. No more. The committee (or was it just Phil Hazell's view?) decreed it should be an electronic newsletter---even if you print it out and add it to your archives--- So, a big thank you to our President, Andrew Slattery, who will turn my words into a newsletter and distribute it once every two months or so. This means any photographs, bit maps etc go to Andrew while tidbits of gossip etc come to me!

I can't resist a rearguard action... at least Top End and Wallaringa clubs still have PAPER newsletters!

Looking Ahead. As the OSA E news will have informed you, the Kuitpo event has been switched with a Rogaine (have the moon's phases changed?) so **May 15th** is now the date of our first TT lunch. As it is also a SST event and a lot of TT members are involved in this, all you have to do is phone me on 83893143 to say you will be there with either a salad or a dessert, a chair and cutlery and plate and we will provide the meat and vegetarian offerings. None of us is involved in organizing the event so we can sit around and socialize with all the other TT members. Last time about 40 of us took part. Our current membership makes me think we could exceed that on May 15th. PS I wear the other hat of social organizer. Would someone like to take this on?

Later in the year there will be another "Boneseed Pull" in Para Wirra.

Another way of keeping in touch is via the TT Web Page. This has been kept up to date by Fi and George Reeves but George is stepping down after a number of years. Thank you for that service to Tintookies. This means we are looking for a new Webmaster and we offer training for the job! Don't be put off as I would be. Ken does the technical side of it.

If interested please let Fi know on fpahor@clearmail.com.au or 82320852.



Bone seed waiting to be pulled out!

You probably check out the OSA web page too. If so, you will notice it will feature some TT bitmaps. The committee discussed which of our maps should be included and inevitably settled on Para Wirra. Wadmore Park was suggested too. The idea is to lure newcomers in to see the whole map and the whole course, not just a "bitmap".

Like the OSA webpage, the Women's Coaching weekend is for all orienteers, and like Kuitpo, its date has changed. It is now Saturday May 28th. Erica Diment is i/c the committee which organizes it and is keen to attract more women to the event. We haven't even called for interest yet, and already have 10 indicating they want to go. It looks like it will be a real winner- using the complex contours of the lady Alice map which some of us saw for the first time ever at the nationals last year. Don't miss out stay tuned for more details.

Then after that there is the bus trip to Whyalla for 3 days of orienteering including the State Champs. That is on the June Long Weekend.

TT Equipment A more complicated issue than usual. The organizer of the Ngaralta event had to collect the trailer from Peter Young as that was a safer spot across the summer to house it than the Lyons' shed. But some stuff e.g. stiles was still at the Lyons'! And where were the 2 new tents?* Then there were the stands and flags! Then, had the Summer Series equipment come back? Even the gear used in the Nationals last year? And how about the UHF radios? Yes. Even a new one to replace the one that dropped down the loo in Broken Hill!!

Geoff Bennett is still working on the possibility of a shed in Athelstone so that all our gear can be permanently in one site once again.

PLEASE NOTE when it is your turn to set courses, 70 stands, flags and velcroes 400-469 are at Phil Hazell's while 30 stands, flags and velcroes 470-499 are at the Lyons.

*What about the old tents being replaced? A couple of old heavy dark ones have no resale value but TT might try to sell one on Ebay...

TT Clothing As winter O begins, the grey TT tops will reappear. More recent members haven't had a chance to acquire one of these fantastic- indestructible -recycled coke bottle- warm tops. There are in fact 4 left: 1 M and 3 L Peter Young found an L was OK for him and he happily paid \$30 reduced from the original price of \$45. Anyone else interested?

The company who made them is still in business. The question now is... Do enough TT members want to buy one to warrant ordering a new batch? [Feedback please.](#)

Member News Congratulations to Thom Diment and Laura Bell (OH) on their engagement. Thom has to wait for a while as Laura might be going to Canada for part of her studies.

Quite a few people caught up with Kirsten Moller when she was here before Christmas. She does a lot of coaching in Denmark and Evelyn Colwell has latched onto one of her exercises and will put it on at the Women's Coaching Weekend. Thanks, Kirsten

The Jenkins family is safe. They went from SA to WA and on to Christchurch. Margaret Northcote could get no reply to her phone enquiries. So began a search through the Schofields to Anna in Sweden where it was discovered that the reason they didn't answer their phone was that they were in Australia at the time of that earthquake! Their house was damaged but not too badly.

I know this is not local TT member news but is worth including while on the subject of earthquakes. John and I have been going to the World Masters Games for some years and meeting up with the same people from UK, New Zealand, Finland and Japan. Nobohiro and Miyoko Ishida live near Kyoto....should be OK but we sent an Email to check. This was their reply:

"Thank you for your Email.

We wish to express our gratitude for worrying.

We do not have damage with the Tohoku region because we are away.

We are safe.

We are supporting it with the preparation and the relief and condolence money of the rescue supply where damage is large.

It was heard that the rescue party in your country also had come.

We wish to express our gratitude to you in Australia.

After the earthquake had occurred, all the orienteering rallies were cancelled.

It looks forward to meeting you by reviving early.

Thank you for your kindness.

This seems to echo what we hear about the Japanese philosophical acceptance of disasters. It also demonstrates how we communicate across the dinner table—the piece of paper or the O map goes backwards and forwards as speaking is harder for them (and impossible for us)

Incidentally we heard that O events in the South Island of NZ have been cancelled too.

Still on Member News. .We tend to forget how hard it is to join a new group but we can make sure we capture and hold latent new members by staying in communication with these people, introducing them around, discussing their recent course etc. Erica has had this role of “membership promotions officer” but now has her hands full as the Minute Secretary. Please will someone else take over this role? If you come to events most of the time and enjoy talking to newcomers, you’re the person we need. Please let Fi know.

Letter to the editor from a TT member (copying the interesting Top End newsletter, ‘Bearing North’)

“Here’s how I did it”.... Reflections on the St. Peters event.

Orienteering has done it again, getting us into places we would otherwise never get to; but why did I enjoy this run when other Sprint events leave me ‘cold’ (well you know what I mean)?.....above all I think it was the top class map, a well-designed course (3.8km) and fascinating old buildings .

I didn’t see the gnome at the start until I went for a walk around after the AGM, and I didn’t see ‘his’ mention in the legend until I drew in my route at home later. Were there toys in the sandpit at No. 12?

John Such had to call me back to dib the start S| unit! (out of practise or did I think I had a programmed start time as in the Summer Series?). Good route choice options for 2 to 3, 4 to 5, 6 to 7, 16 to 17, 20 to 21, 22 to 23, and 24 to 25(I wonder if Adrian Uppill had run these choices and therefore knew the best routes?) As a ‘Luddite’ it didn’t occur to me to check my split times with anyone else, (how many really make use of all this S| refinement; worth all the extra work compared with the old days?), and when I thought about my elapsed time the sheets had been taken down! Battling with www is a pain for me so I still don’t know how I finished (you see, I orienteer just for the fun of it.... I’m not competitive.. well not much until Tony Radford sped past me at 21!). I fell for the same old tendency to choose my own route rather than following someone; therefore I went to the east of the cricket nets coming in to 24 and had to back around west to see Tony coming away after his better route. Mind you, Tony said I got a ‘jump’ on him around 28... he was too law-abiding and went around the

green!(should I be DNF'd?). 25 to 26 was tricky; I heard a number of runners got caught by the uncrossable fence and I nearly went straight through the building as I had folded my map to wear away the grey and I thought I saw a light grey passage through... a coach gave me strict lessons afterwards about how to fold the map neatly to prevent this. (still an element of luck here?)

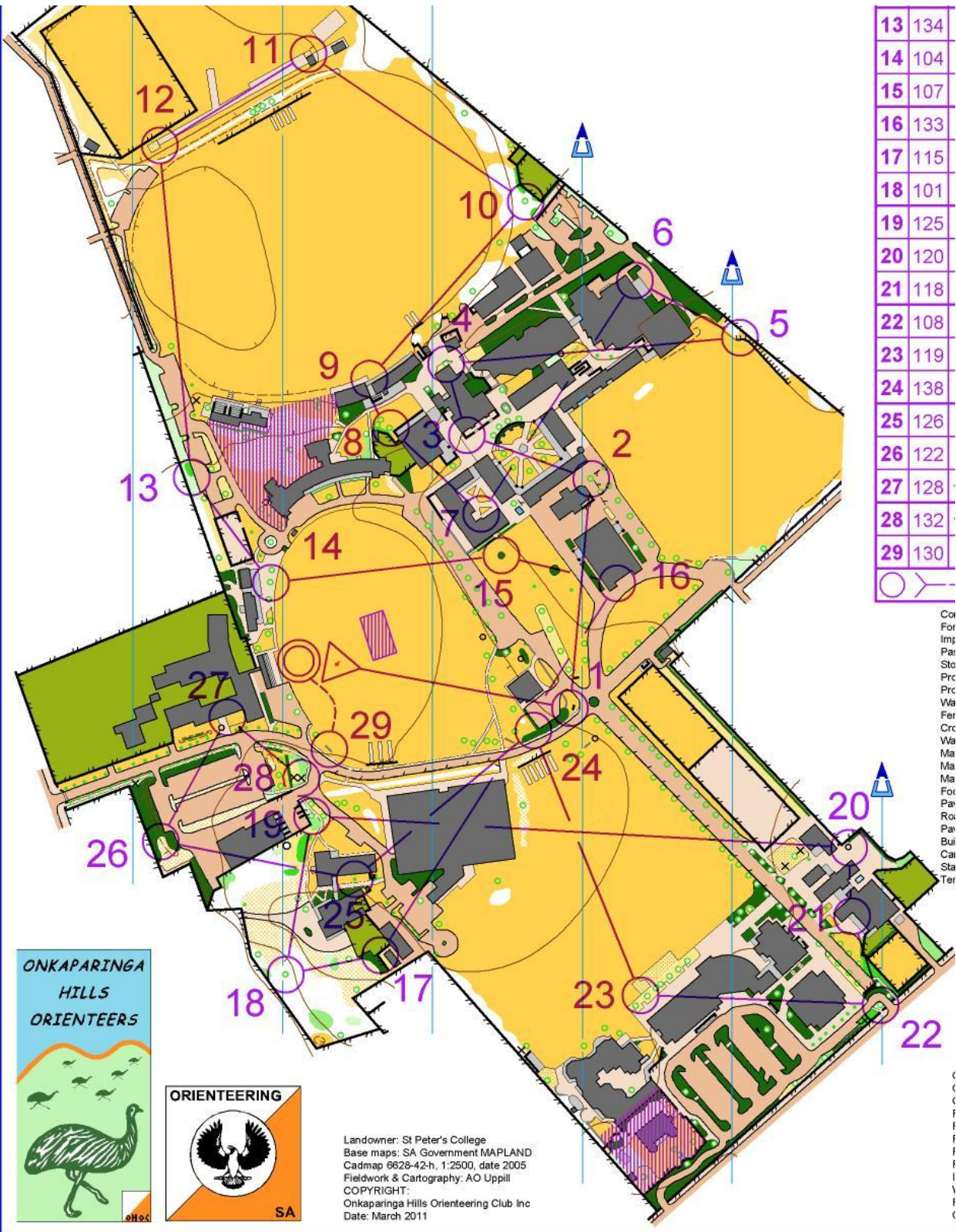
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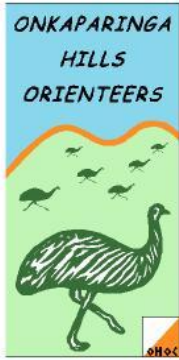
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Technical matters. In summarizing the roles that TT members take on, it was noticeable that we do not have one single Level 1 Controller (the lowest step on the ladder, not the highest!) Fi and Tom are keen to become accredited ...that means doing the “Officiating Course” on the web and a practical session. Think about it. It is a contribution we can make as well as learning a lot about the finer points of orienteering and , the best for me, being out there with no need to compete.

There is a sub-committee within the larger body called the Mapping subcommittee. It keeps tabs on the need to keep maps up to date, which ones are suitable to remap in Sprint style (they decided Wadmore Park is more use left in its “Bush Style”) and it is always on the lookout for new areas to map. Dean Fife suggested Walky Park where he goes car rallying but that isn’t going to be acted on as it is too far away, too small and too open. Another area near Rock Oyster round Lengens Reserve is still being investigated (as is some land the Sprods have near Inglewood which might be useful for junior training.) The idea is that as TT still owns Rock Oyster it would be a good idea to be able to offer an overnight camping weekend sometime in the future.

IN SUMMARY

- ❖ Remember the TT lunch on May 15th
- ❖ Will you be our new Webmaster? Or our new social secretary?
- ❖ What about the Women’s Coaching Weekend May 27-28th?
- ❖ What about joining the bus to Whyalla (or car-pooling to get there)?
- ❖ Want a 2nd hand tent?
- ❖ Are you in the market for a new grey TT top?
- ❖ Are you happy to be the Membership Promotions Officer? Even if you can’t be, notice and talk to any lonely-looking soul, especially at TT events.

Next Newsletter. The aim is to “go to print” after each committee meeting. The next is scheduled for Monday May 23rd. So get all the details we need in by the end of May.