

Tintookies Newsletter August 2011

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The Social side of things. The next lunch is still a long way off but the Boneseed Pull is very soon...Saturday August 20th

It isn't the usual arrangement but a lot of the usual people will be missing e.g. the Radfords (in UK as Tony is using up all his Long Service Leave before he retires) and Bob and Karen perfecting their French for a few weeks. Please will you come in their place as this Boneseed Pull is part of the NPWS "**Big Day Out**". We will join the Friends of Para Wirra, the Scouts and other groups, do our work for a couple of hours and then enjoy a lunch provided by NPWS.

May the NPWS continue to think we are a group of park users worth helping as they do now..

Inter-Club Relays..a very sociable occasion while you wait for your partner to come in, urge them on when sighted etc!

This is at Wadmore Park on August 28th and YOU WILL be in a team unless you explain to Fi why you can't be there! TT pays your entry so choose your running mate or let Fi put you in a team of 2 and help boost TT to return to its usual winning position.

PAST EVENTS...that's what it is called in the TT Committee meeting Agenda where we hear what went well or not.

Keithcott Farm came first. May 29th. The only comment came from the course setter, John Nieuwenhoven. In his role as the only person on the Start. His worry that he kept no record of WHO had actually started—he didn't have time to mark them off on a list nor get that list up to the people at the Finish- meant that there was no way of knowing who hadn't finished.

Ken provided a good solution. The computer can read off all the starters either from the Check (as in "Clear and Check") or from the Start recorder. Alternatively you can go to the carpark and see what cars are still there—hoping people filled in the part of the entry form which asked for Car Registration number.

Pewsey Vale, June 5th, was noticeable for a certain school group who appeared without warning and took the entire stock of maps for one of the courses! Frantic drawing up of some blank maps, and some recycling of maps solved the problem but if you hear of any group planning to go to an event en masse make sure they have warned us!

The State Champs near Whyalla. Not a TT event but we were involved in a big way. The Lyons were the controllers, John N was the bus driver... for half the journey: it was lucky there were others with the right driver's licence on board so that when John broke his arm slipping in the Eyre High School showers, the 24 travellers were not stranded.

Congratulations to the following for winning an elegant certificate. Sally Young 1st, Mel Fuller 2nd in W16A, Luke Hazell 1st in M17-20A, John Nieuwenhoven 2nd in M21A, Kate Radford 3rd in W21AS, Stephen Dose 1st in M35A, Kay Haarsma 2nd and Erica Diment 3rd in W45A, Tony Radford 3rd in M55A, (the winner was Tim Ashman from Port Lincoln who does his fitness training by rounding up his sheep--no dogs or motorbikes for him!. He went back to Casuarina Ridge for the next event there this month and did it again!) Robin Dose won W45-55AS and Trevor Diment 1st in M45-55AS.. Alison Radford 1st in W55A, Barry Wheeler 1st in M55AS, Bob Smith 1st in M65A and Helen Smith 1st in W65A. In addition to that there were 2 other events, a great social evening (complete with fancy hats) and the camaraderie of the bus journeys.

~ The Whyalla Weekend ~

Three days of 'O' including the State Champs

I went with the bus load and stayed at the school with about 20 others. The bus left on time but was a bit squeezezy (last minute decision by Phil Hazell to include his troupe instead of camping without the support of the girls!!!). I had arranged to be picked up at Warnertown so was collected by Jennie Bourne and travelled by car - Alison thought short legged people should have been on the bus thus allowing a long legged person like her in the car.

We went straight to the first event on the outskirts of the town - map Mt Laura Hills South. I did the short course, 3.0k with a 50m climb. It was a bit rocky underfoot, scratchy grey vegetation, saltbush and bluebush, all looking unusually lush and lots of tracks. A number of the creek lines turned out to be partly concealed gutters - I found out later they were man made, had been created to divert water to the town in the early days before the Morgan-Whyalla pipeline was built.

The Royal Flying Doctor Auxillary catered with a BBQ and free tea/coffee - they were present on each of the three days which was really helpful esp. for us bus persons.

Our accomodation at Eyre Highschool was carpeted library floor, well equipped kitchen, showers downstairs behind the stage in the hall and rigid security. That evening we dined at the Westlands pub, a 10 minute walk away. Police received reports of a number of people around the school grounds (no doubt taking a short cut over the fence) and on investigating found only a bus and trailer. A query on the air waves resulted in a response from the police unit (one officer) at Lock to say it was an organised 'O' trip and probably OK. The officer was David Bourne!

On Sunday the weather was good, a bit chilly but sunny, for the major event on the map Casuarina Ridge, formerly Bull Creek last used about 1983 but remapped by Paul Hoopman. It had been

suggested for last year's Nationals but had been rejected as some thought it too far for younger orienteers (ie 21A etc) to travel!

Once again the area was in great condition but rocky underfoot which made me tread carefully. I had a remarkable run (walk really) as every control was just where I expected it to be - can't remember ever doing that before. Must have been excellent course-setting. I made a point of using land forms and noted tracks if I came across them which may have also been a good move (Jennie Bourne followed a track which turned out to be the wrong one and saw a lot of the map!) I spoke to Tony Radford afterwards, he also used land forms and had a successful run. John Lyon put maps up at the finish and a number of competitors drew their route choices so we could make comparisons, a good idea.

That evening we dined at the Boat Owners Club wearing a hat - some very creative styles to be seen! However one person failed to turn up, a very important person, our main bus driver, John Nieuwenhoven. Earlier, as he emerged from the showers, described above, he had slipped on the floor, falling heavily on his elbow, and was in such pain that he could not get up. Even with assistance he couldn't get up so the ambulance was called and, with pain relief administered, John was able to get up to be whisked off to hospital. He was given a supportive plaster (break in upper arm) and kept in overnight when they heard he would be sleeping on the floor otherwise. Later we heard he would have to be properly plastered in Adelaide and hopefully the break would be healed in six weeks. Amazing to have managed a 10km course over challenging terrain without injury and then whoops in the shower.

Monday was the street event on the foreshore and the wind was bitterly cold. However the courses, which included a climb up Hummock Hill, gave us an opportunity to see more of Whyalla. Once again the morning finished with excellent catering of the RFD Auxillary. Thank you Saltbush for hosting an enjoyable long weekend!

Helen Smith



Figure 1: John N's before and after x-rays

"Kersbrook Glades", June 26th

Where has Mt Gawler gone? Certainly not sunk into the ground! That event, to my mind, was definitely Mt Gawler South, even if it is part of Kersbrook Glades Master map.

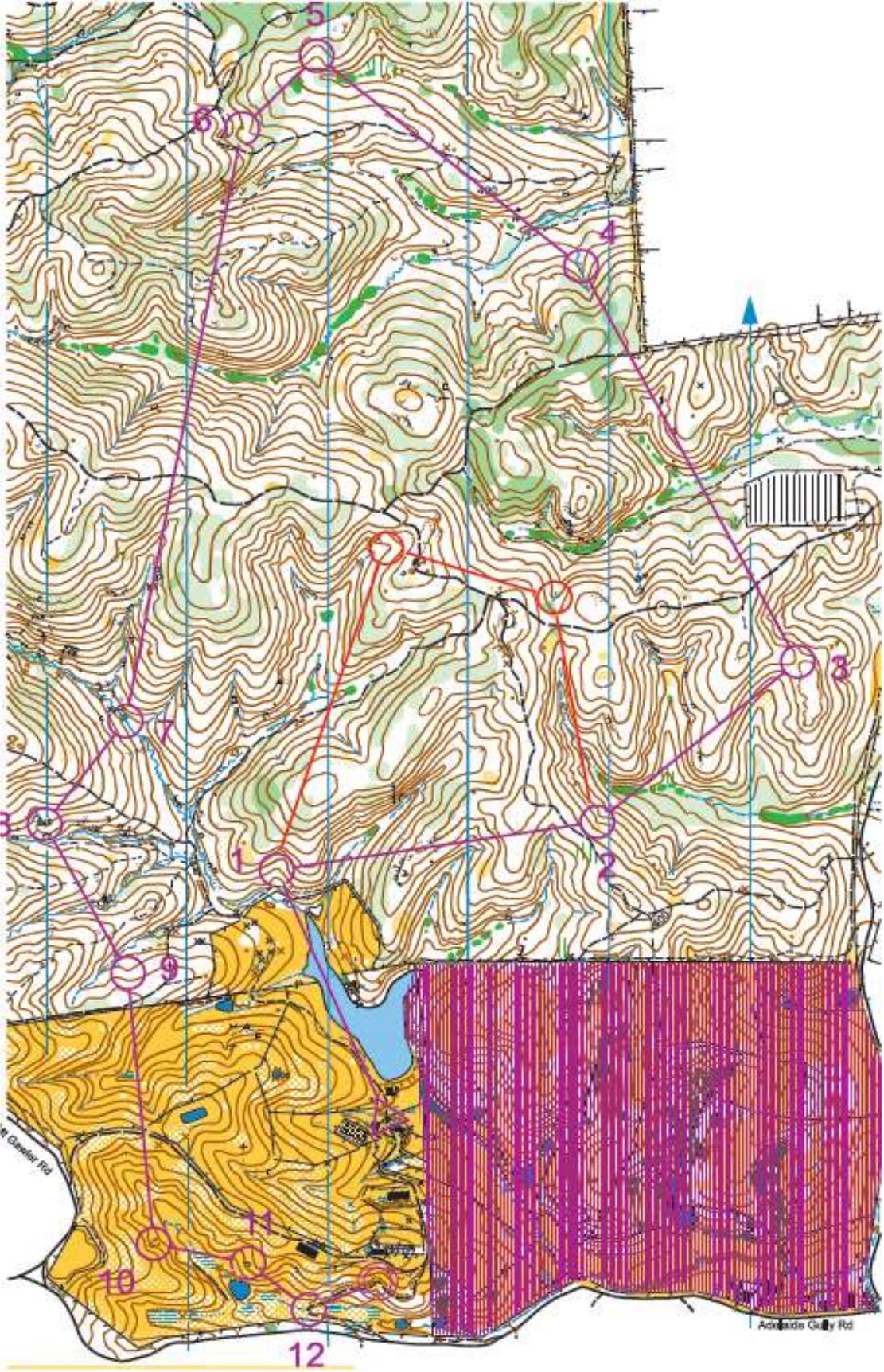
I heard discussion on the day about whether a remap is justifiable. It is certainly not suitable for a major event. In which case, paying to get the vegetation updated (for how long?), to get the point features amended, and most particularly to get the legend corrected... is it worth it?

On the other hand when the weather is kind it is a lovely Assembly area, there were few DNFs which is good for a near-Adelaide venue and we still haven't had a control beside the spring so I still don't know what the international symbol is!

PS Did anyone notice the white lake? North of the main dam.

When a course setter looks at the results, he/she must often think "All that work for so few people doing the long courses" Bob as course setter at this event, reduced this problem in a most ingenious way....

Notice... Both 1A and 1B did all the numbered controls but 1A had the extra loop which used controls already being used by other courses.. An idea worth using again



Felixstowe July 2nd... a wet Saturday afternoon so the numbers were right down.. But they did include Margaret Northcote and a friend. Thanks to Thom Diment and the Whittakers.

Mt Crawford MTBO 3rd July event with courses set---and reset-- by Carolyn Strong. Be warned, all you who are involved in events in the Mt Crawford area, foot-O or MTBO, you can't start getting permissions, providing intended courses etc too early. For this event Andrew finally received the written approval for the event 3 WEEKS after the event had taken place, after originally OK-ing it, then FSA saying it clashed with the husky races and in the end having cyclists and huskies in the same area anyway. Who couldn't read their maps? Luckily there were no collisions.

Still to go for 2011...North Adelaide this Saturday, Mount Pleasant on August 21st (after your day pulling out Bone seed in Para Wirra the previous day) and lastly Lady Alice Goldfield on September 25th! I'm sure you won't notice but all the control numbers will be 440 onwards as the Schools Relays the next day need 400-439.. Hint... Please sign up to help that Monday when the list goes up. Should Rock Oyster on August 14th be on this list??? It is a TT map (bought back from OSA after last year's Carnival) but being used by OHOC this year, for which they pay royalties to us per entrant. So come along and boost the earnings which will help to recoup what we paid out.

How about 2012?

The first planning meeting was attended by Andrew and this is what we are probably undertaking in 2012.

Pewsey Vale March 22nd (maybe will have to be after the Fire Ban ends)

Lady Alice Goldfields Badge event May 22nd

Rawnsley June Long weekend. Us Night Champs on Sat, then OH and WA on Sun and Mon.

Rock Oyster OY July 22nd

Mack Creek OY August 19th

Mt Pleasant Oct13-14 Night score and MTBO/ Foot with camping in between.

I'm sure this will change, minor events be added, but it gives you food for thought. Do you particularly want/can't do certain events? You might as well stake acclaim....

Other items on the agenda included

***TT tops. We can't get grey tops any more so the committee voted for black ones. This will mean a revamp of the logo then \$45 for a top in a variety of styles. It is the same company as Tj use for theirs. The big question is ...Who will administer the touting for orders, the contact with the providers etc? I bow out this time round so who will take it on? I would like a new TT top so who will take my order? In addition to our winter fleecy tops, John N also holds our stock of black/yellow/white running tops for \$35 each. Sizes L, XL and XXL. Phone him if interested.

*** the trailer question once again. It is going back to the Lyon shed after the Mt Pleasant event where it will be inspected for rust, a repaint etc.. Meanwhile Geoff Bennett is going to attend a Campbell City Council meeting in August and would be happy to have moral support. At that meeting the Council will decide if TT can build a shed on their land (and thereafter pay a peppercorn rent) and whether they

will contribute towards preparing the site. Anyone willing to go along? If so phone Geoff for the details.

The question of actual equipment was soon dealt with. We bought a new hammer and just about the next day the Rogainers said "Look what we've just found. TT. It must be yours!" But our notice board "O Turn 500m" hasn't reappeared yet so we are ordering a new one.

***OCAD 10 for course setting or not. It is getting more expensive and more frequently updated but now a group calling themselves the PURPLE PEN is producing an alternative programme FOR FREE. Andrew's provided the website..... <http://purplepen.golde.org/default.htm> And Ken has provided some feedback which has been updated by Andrew after further testing.

The program still needs to be officially tested at SNAP for quality of printing. Andrew knows that other clubs interstate have found it sufficient for club events at least!!

TT has a club license of OCAD10 if it is required.

Pros:

- The price is good!
- Looking at update history the writers appear responsive to suggestions for improvements
- Like the mostly intuitive style. Does not require a complex manual to use.
- With the clue list a combined symbols & text option is available which OCAD lacks. Great for people learning
- Is easy to set up a score event that does not use all the controls. This feature is not available in OCAD
- Classes autofit the space in the clue list. Brilliant! I have given up asking the OCAD folk to fix this problem which requires a complex fix that most people either give up on or ask me to do it for them.
- Punch codes can be recorded unlike OCAD although a con is it would be nice if a club's list could be saved as a separate file that could be accessed by any event.
- Control descriptions on map can be set and remembered for each course. This feature is not available in OCAD – makes for easy printing
- Able to create route gadget file. This feature not available in OCAD
- Able to create punch cards with punch pattern on for comparison. No need for master punch list. Feature not available in OCAD
- Automatic recognition of map symbols. Feature not available in OCAD
- Text descriptions are automatic unlike OCAD. This make for more consistency in control descriptions (text) They can be edited for items such as re-entrant (gully) stream (watercourse). You will need to do this for each event however.
- Can save files as any version of OCAD.
- Colour of overprinting purple can easily be changed in the settings to the recommended SNAP settings

Cons:

- Does not handle relays. OCAD 10 does this really well although it is quite complex (we don't set relays as a club often)
- The cut gaps for a circle are a fixed size which could be too big in some situations. Can easily make larger however. Not a serious problem.
- When making courses in OCAD you can see all the control circles (in feint form). In Purple Pen you only see them all each time you click Add Control. They then disappear again. Could probably get used to that!
- A course planner would always need to fully understand international symbols to plan courses. In OCAD novice course planners can get away with just entering text descriptions. It could of course be argued that this is a good thing as even some seasoned course planners seem to make errors in this respect. We would need to make people very aware of the standards for this. (the course planner would have to make clue descriptions anyway for a club event)
- Unable to open encrypted (protected) version of OCAD 10 map file. (Can be solved by using an unprotected OCAD 10 map)
- Unable to export courses as pdf files. OCAD 9 & 10 can do this (can be solved by saving back to OCAD – hopefully this pdf feature will be in the next Purple Pen version).

People News

We all wish Peter Young well. One of his legs has lost its feeling after an operation so he is not mobile. Best wishes, Peter.

I saw a very mobile David Poole recently doing a flying tackle to retrieve his dog's lead when she took off!

Congratulations to Vanessa Round who is currently in Europe as a member of the Australian Team at WOC.

Welcome to our newest member. Charlotte Brader, an East Adelaide 13year old who has been tackling the SST events with an eye to being in the SA Schools team.