

TINTOOKIES NEWSLETTER March/April 2012

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This is, obviously, the **SHED ISSUE**, in part tribute to Geoff Bennett for all his hours and hours invested in making the TT Shed a reality.

The question is "Which shed have we got?" You can find out by attending a **SHED PARTY** on **Sunday May 13th**. This coincides with a Sunday event at Athelstone North so stay after your run for a BYO cold lunch (no BBQ), and chance to say "Thank You to Geoff", and an Open Inspection at 2.00pm! See the shed itself, the trailer, all the other gear stored along the walls, the electric connection (Craig Colwell(OH) deserves an invitation to our party too), provision for water, security etc, etc. --. I hear Andy Whittaker is an inventive cake maker, so maybe there will be more than one shed to look at.

This has been made possible by the success of our (Geoff's) application for funding from ORS and all the volunteer labour, Barry Wheeler's in particular. Barry said he did it to lose some weight so that he looks dapper at his son Rory's wedding in Denmark soon. We wish them all the best.

We will have a chance to remind you of this **Shed Party** when we see you on **Sunday April 29th** as there is a TT lunch then in the usual pattern--- you bring a salad or a dessert and TT provides the meat. It is the Belair event run by Wallaringa, (so no TTs having to miss out through picking up controls etc), an SST event, close in location and with some badges to present to some juniors who achieved good results last year. In fact no excuses not to be there! except for Jenny Kennedy who will be in France then.... Just phone Jeffa on 83893143 or Email on jilyon2@skymesh.com.au so the meat order can be dealt with. By Wednesday April 25th, please. We would particularly like to meet and make welcome our 2 recent NEW MEMBERS there, Jack Marschall from Virginia and Karen Wishart from Williamstown. I also hear a certain ex-TT is on the point of retiring and so will have time to rejoin, coach, catch up with friends etc. Great.

While on the subject of membership, are you paid up? Due in by March 31st.... and about 1/3 still to come in!!! Members will soon be easily recognizable by their black/gold TT tops. Alison Whittaker will bring several examples of design (e.g. full zip or half zip, lighter weight polyester or warmer

polyester/cotton.. like the old grey ones, I think,... style of sleeves and availability of pockets) and of size so that you can try and then order. \$50 or \$55 depending on what you choose. Another way of being recognizable is to buy and wear one of the few remaining TT running tops. John Nieuwenhoven has a few L, XL and XXL ones left. Don't be put off by these sizes. They are smaller than the label suggests so just ask John for one to try on.

PS. Gil's comment was that the logo for these new tops is "with it". The map now shows a course with a cross-over!

While on the subject of being recognizable, make a point of homing in on the TT banner at every event so that you can eat your sandwiches or whatever in TT company and you can hold a postmortem with those who ran the same course as you did or with one of the TT coaches. That will be made easier for you as several new TT coaches are in the process of becoming qualified . Added to that Bruce G is going to become a Controller---an interesting challenge for the OSA Technical Officer as Bruce will be the first controller whose interest is primarily in MTBO! Congratulations to all those who are doing this. It is still not too late to add your name to the list. It does help your own orienteering skills at the same time as you help others.

Thinking ahead to 2015. There is a meeting very soon to discuss where and how OSA will organize the Easter Carnival that year. TT will have 2 delegates at that meeting so let John N know asap if you have some ideas on the matter.

Thinking ahead to the Night Champs later this year. In the last newsletter the state of the Rawnsley map was discussed. It is probably just a case of updating the tracks so TT will do that and you, the orienteers, will make allowances for vegetation and creek changes!

The committee also discussed the more extensive map changes which are involved in changing a map from cross-country use to a sprint use. Recently 3 TT maps, Mawson Lakes, Lochiel Park and Adelaide Uni have been modified for use in the Sprint Series run by the Southern Arrows for them to raise funds to travel to the interstate NOL events. So TT did not recoup any of the mapping costs this time round. It was decided to ask OSA for some \$\$\$ help and that our mapping committee would weigh up mapping costs for larger projects in future.

Thinking ahead only as far as September. One of our visits to Para Wirra this year will be on September 16th with the dual purpose of doing some training ourselves and helping the Friends of Para Wirra to celebrate the park's 50th birthday—and taking them out on a course, of course.

...and as far ahead as October. We try to keep entry fees for events down only to be told that to book the Cromer Shed, it is a minimum of 2 nights at \$80 a night. You'd better decide now to have a weekend camping so we get our money's worth!

Course-setters, please note. When preparing the clue sheets (or do you call them control descriptions?), everyone should say what time courses close as well as what the safety bearing is.

Organizers, please note. One of the notices you display at Registration , should say what time the courses close.

TTs working at the Start, please note. Re-iterate what time courses close!

(People who arrive at the last minute might have to be told they can only do a shorter course than they intended...).

When the time doesn't matter... when you do the permanent courses. The only problem with TT's permanent city courses at the moment **is political**. Mike Hicks, on his monthly check, found that one control North of Adelaide Oval is inside the fencing which will probably be there for a long time while the Adelaide City Council argues with the State Government on whether that area of parkland should be sacrificed for a car park to be needed a few times a year. The rest of the 2 courses affected are still worth visiting.

Reverting back to the shed and to costs. There are lots more **COSTS** to come: how to make our ownership clear to the public, how to work out access to the shed for those collecting and returning gear and **INSURANCE**. The grant we'll receive is contingent on our having Third Party Insurance and Ansvar's quote was \$2300! Can anyone suggest where we should go for a more competitive quote? We've already decided to consult with the neighbouring shed owners.

However it won't stop us having a **SHED PARTY**. See you there on May 13th, 2pm.