

# Tintookies Newsletter February 2013



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## **2013...ready to be dealt with by all TTs doing their bit.**

I've seen the first draft of the duty roster with Geoff Bennett having put in the names of people who know their movements (eg the Arthurs. You have to catch them between cruises!) and who have special preference for particular maps and particular jobs "I'm not ready to be in charge of Sport Ident yet", some say. You people will be glad to hear not all events use full S.I. and the only TT one you need to remember to pre-enter for is the State Champs weekend near Broken Hill.(Of course, other clubs could decide differently for their events.)

**Broken Hill** It is the June Long Weekend and a chance for 3 days of orienteering, a bus to get there and flash accommodation or a bed in a dormitory for \$16.50 a night! Book that weekend in your diary now and be part of the buzz of a large-scale event (only one day of which is TTs' responsibility). We are working on a publicity drive to attract people from other states as there hasn't been an event there since 1997. We plan a windscreen drop at the Easter 3 Day event near Bendigo. Perhaps you energetic young things with energy to spare after your run on Day 2 can help us going to all the cars.

**Talking about the buzz of large scale events**, come to one closer to home in Belair on March 10th. The only TT involvement is by Alison Radford who is the Level 3 Event Controller, the big gun, as it is a serious event with a lot of inter-state Elite and Junior Elite competing in the N O L, National Orienteering League. Their courses are designed for spectator viewing. It is amazing to see them in action.

Of course there is the usual sort of courses for us too. There will also be a spot with the TT banner up. We're not providing the meat (or vegetarian) this time but it is a good chance to meet our newer members such as Talari Francis and her family from Clare and representatives from the 2 schools who also belong to the club. Angus Haines from Pembroke and Emily Sorenson from East Adelaide, are both keen to do well enough to get into the Schools Team later in the year. There will be another "catered" lunch later in the year, with Margarete Sprod in charge. Of that more later.

## **Report from the Committee meeting held earlier this month**

\*Helen Smith has joined the committee. (She and Heather and family are all going to the Easter 3 Day.)

\*Correspondence included a letter from the Para Wirra Friends Group, hoping we will make it an annual event to offer a "Come and Try It" course in conjunction with their AGM. Good in theory---depends on the date.

\*Kay Haarsma's request for financial help to make a MTBO map of Melrose and environs for use during the "Fat Tyre Festival" at Melrose has been passed on to OSA. Unfortunately that festival coincides with the Broken Hill weekend.

\*Andrew Slattery is going to do the necessary form-filling to enrol TT as a "Star Club", a Rec. and Sport scheme to help us in our organization. It would help us up the list in our next Active Club Grant application too! It might also help us get access to government land.

\*Erica Diment talked herself out of a job. She set up the Permanent Course in North Adelaide. Now she doesn't need to provide maps as they can all be printed off the web site as can the Belair courses. Next there is going to be a Permanent Course in Thorndon Park, Athelstone. Gil Hollamby offered to visit all the

control sites there once a month to make sure they are still intact. This is a job which Mike Hicks has done for North Adelaide for years. Thanks, Mike.

We know from anecdotal reports that the maps get used a great deal.... isn't there a way we can know WHO used them so that we can follow them up?

Answer from Ken Thompson: Yes they are followed up. Everyone that downloads a map has to fill in an online form which includes their name, age group & email address if they wish as well as the map(s) they intend to use. Those that give their email are subscribed in the Orienteering SA ENEWS. This is now sent out to over 650 people almost double the number at the same time last year. Map use has contributed to this increase and a number after trying a DIY course end up coming to a normal event.

\*All these sorts of detail are given on our website. We now need a new WebMaster. If you are keen to give it a go, phone Ken Thompson on 8351 4757 .There is a Uni SA course to get you started.

I am told to add that all the software is built-in and that it is easier than using Eventor!!

\*Have you used Eventor to pay your 2013 membership fee yet?

\*Bob Smith has agreed to represent TT on the committee planning the 2015 Easter 3 Day Carnival It will be in the Mid North.

\* The shed ....\*\*The security lock is now OK, thanks to Peter Young. If you need to get in, ask Geoff Bennett 83367416 for the code numbers. **It works if you press the Reset Button before dialling the code.**

\*\*We will soon have a name on the front of the shed, probably logo, someone's phone number, the word "Orienteering" as well as the club name. Quotes are being sought for the preparation of a metal plate with all the details which will then be fixed above the door.

\*\* Dust and rubbish are getting in under the door so a sort of fringe is being added to the bottom and a container provided so dust doesn't get in the coffee cups!

\*\* Moves are under way to sign a 5 year lease with the Council. We then get a key for the loo next door! **\*\*The next committee meeting is back in the shed --- Monday April 8th 7.30pm**

**TT tops** can be ordered through Alison Whittaker. You can't choose the colour, just varieties in design and size but it all takes time so get you order in now so you will be ready for the cooler bush events.

[A TT Tent for sale.](#) Hardly used and currently in the Lyons' shed. It is big (sleeps 6?) and has a built in floor. That is why it is on the market!! Orienteers sometimes wear spikes so it was taken out of use before it got wrecked.

## **What we did over the summer**

Olivia Sprod went to school and skied in Germany. Not compatible with any orienteering so she is back into training already, ready for Easter in Bendigo, the final SST in Broken Hill and lastly the Australian Schools Champs in the ACT.

Mel Fuller had a marvellous time in the Aus v NZ Challenge, the highlight being when she came 2nd Australian in one race. Of course NZ had the home ground advantage in the incredible pine-covered sand dunes on the west coast. John Nieuwenhoven was also in the team.

The Whittaker family bravely went to Cairo and then Luxor. They said where they went it was life as usual.

Summer Series Involvement...firstly, congratulations to Carolyn Strong who WON the women's section and George who WON the men's section in the scatter course series. Barry was overall co-ordinator of Northern events yet again and then Phil got involved as he always does but was it a first time to set courses for

Riley Vander loo? Well done—all correct and as challenging as possible. He found a place where you could cross the Torrens in a steep rocky spot which particularly appealed to Emily Sorenson. The lack of loo was because the local council said it would take them 10 days to do the paperwork to give out a key!! Did you notice the numbers of takers: between 120 and 150 a time. Amongst them I saw the name Moller... Any relation of Kirsten?

Peter, Sally and Alana Young kept fit by climbing to the top of Sydney Harbour Bridge—some of the thousands who do so every week.

**Recognition Tester: Who is this ---and where? PS. It is sunscreen on his face.**



**Club Training Day** ( as listed in the programme for Sunday March 3rd) Our TT coaches are all “coached out” with the spate of coaching days lately. We suggest (1) you avail yourself of the opportunity the previous Sunday... suitable if you’re going to the Easter 3 Day or if you are relatively inexperienced and (2)sign up to be trained as a coach so that we don’t put too much on those few..

### **Orienteering Australia Merit Badges for 2012 30**

Tintookie members earned badges.

George Reeves	M75	Gold
Helen Smith	W65	Gold
John Lyon	M75	Gold
Olivia Sprod	W17	Gold
Robert Smith	M65	Gold
Sally Young	W16	Gold
Stephen Dose	M45	Gold
Andrew Slattery	M21	Silver
Antony Radford	M55	Silver
Steve Hicks	M45	Silver
Barry Wheeler	M55	Silver
Clive Arthur	M55	Silver
Erica Diment	W45	Silver
Gil Hollamby	M65	Silver
James Fuller	M16	Silver

Jeffa Lyon	W75	Silver
John Nieuwenhoven	M21	Silver
Mel Fuller	W17	Silver
Phil Hazell	M50	Silver
Riley Van De Loo	M16	Silver
Robyn Dose	W45	Silver
Trevor Diment	M45	Silver
Peter Young	M55	Bronze
Allison Whittaker	W45	Bronze
Charlotte Brader	W14	Bronze
Jane Fuller	W21	Bronze
Ken Thompson	M65	Bronze
Mikaela Brader	W21	Bronze
Paul Van De Loo	M45	Bronze
Robert Kriesl	M45	Bronze

The Club will buy badges for the under 16 Juniors: Sally Young, James Fuller, Riley van de Loo, Charlotte Brader and Mikaela Brader.

The money generated by the badge scheme is used to support our elites representing Australia at World Orienteering Championships.

If you want to buy your badge, please let Fi know by 28 February.

Let's hope this year we will win the Club trophy!

