



A note from our President----

# TINTOOKIES TRAINING DAY SUNDAY 2 MARCH 2014

Welcome to a new year of orienteering! In preparation for the upcoming season of bush orienteering, Tintookies will be holding a training day for its members on 2 March 2014. The training will be suitable for all levels of orienteer. This training will be in addition to the two one day training days that Orienteering SA will be conducting in February 2014. So if you're keen to make a good start to the new season and to meet up with other club members, please come along. Further details of this event will be emailed over the next few weeks.

*To help you perform at your best*

a committee of TTs is running a coaching session from 9.30 to 1pm on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at ParaWirra (in a less used area). The exercises are aimed at honing the skills of those who run "Hard Navigation" courses and those who aspire to/have to run them in 2014. (Juniors are welcome. To cope, they will need to shadow their parents!! Or work in groups.) To be followed by a famous TT lunch. More details to follow.

When you perform at your best, you may win a

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at the 2014 AGM for your brilliance---or you may win one for being outstanding in any way in any orienteering event this year. (eg locking your keys in your car...there must be easier ways of winning than that!)

To complete the report on 2013,

Congratulations to George Reeves for winning the trophy for the TOP SCORER at the Mid week events over the whole year of 2013.

**The shed.....**where the January committee was held, the March one will be on Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>, the May one etc.

###there was an equipment stock take and it was found we are  
**ONE BAG OF TEN FLAGS SHORT !!!**

It isn't in the Lyon shed. Barry, have you got it? Or Kay? Or who? It's not urgent but it would help if you recorded your borrowing in the book on the shelf next time.

**### It was decided that no course-setter likes lugging the present heavy wooden stiles to the electric fence crossings out on the course. We need to replace them with aluminium ones with design features such as adjustable foot length to accommodate uneven terrain. (Seriously, it'd be easier to lash the stile to a fence corner post for stability instead!) If anyone has any bright ideas or time on their hands, talk to Peter Young about it.**

**###The shed might soon be labelled. Finally a reasonable quotation was supplied and it only remains for the Campbelltown Council to agree.**

**### The key box to the shed has been unco-operative right from the beginning. Change its location? Put fewer keys in it? Get a tougher, more expensive model? You'll be told what to do when a solution is worked out.**

## **The Social side of things**

**The lunch on March 2<sup>nd</sup> has already been mentioned. Another one will be after the WA event at Chalks on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The other should be after the annual Boneseed Pull in Para Wirra.**

**I was horrified to hear a cry of “We’re sick of boneseeds” Visions of falling out with NPWS, losing all the ready acceptance by them of all our requests etc. Then someone said “Can’t we pull out something else?” The answer is Yes. Tangier Pea. I’d never heard of it but apparently it is rampant in Montacute where it smothers the indigenous plants. In Para Wirra they’ve reduced it to a couple of patches and would appreciate our efforts, probably in late October or November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The exciting bit is that they need “mountain goats” like us to go up the sides of the gorge to reach them. Seriously, we never go to that bit of the map anymore and it is very spectacular, alongside the running creek. BBQ beside their Headquarters afterwards.**

**More of that nearer the time.**

**The technical side of things.** No. Not Eventor—and Trevor says the new SI is easier than the earlier SI. TT needs more volunteers to operate the new SI system for Registration, Start and Finish at TT events. We need enough people so that no-one has to forego their run. Make up your mind if you want to add this skill to your repertoire. Then let Geoff Bennett know where to put your name on the Roster.

## **Sport Ident Workshop for Members**

**From 7.30 - 9.00 pm on Wednesday 19th February at State Association House (105 King William St Kent Town) there will be an introductory workshop on the use of Sport Ident computing equipment. As most would realise this equipment is used to do the timing at events. Following this training you would be able to be on the roster to assist with SI at events. A more experienced person would be in charge. People that have some SI experience are also welcome if they would like to do a refresher. Please register your interest by emailing the club technical officer Ken Thompson [cartography@ihug.com.au](mailto:cartography@ihug.com.au) As notes will be prepared for those attending registration is essential.**

## **Roving reporters' report** (that is, the Radfords have been orienteering elsewhere yet again)

### Christmas 5 days in Orange, NSW

The Christmas 5 Days is an annual event in NSW that starts on the day after Boxing Day. This year Tintookies was represented by Tony and Alison Radford, and SA by the addition of Peter Kreminski of Wallaringa. The club and State success was Alison winning her class after a series of steady and consistent runs: no wins but four second-places. Tony lacked his wife's consistency, especially in mispunching on the last day – well, not so much mispunching as missing out a control altogether in a bunch of short legs. The event has an unusual rule in that the overall result is based on a competitor's best four out of five results, but all five must be completed successfully.

Both of us enjoyed the competition. The weather was not too hot (with early starts), there was an espresso coffee van at the four days in the country, and the terrain and courses were varied and interesting. It started with an evening sprint event around a university campus with classic changes of level that made forward planning imperative. Day 2 was in Eucalypt forest with granite features, Days 3 and 5 mainly pine forest, and Day 4 in a gold mining area.

There was another Tintookies connection. The event was masterminded and much of the mapping and course planning done by ex-Tintookies members Basil and Jean Baldwin, who left Adelaide about twenty five years ago to live near Orange where they have a small farm with a few sheep and a main business growing hazelnuts. They hosted a fund-raising event for junior orienteers that coupled a tour of the plantation and 'works' with cream scones and tea.



The event is relaxed but competitive and a great way to justify carbohydrate loading over Christmas – we could explain that we really needed to have another slice of Xmas pudding as part of our diet and training regime. Next year is based in Sydney with events in the city and the Blue Mountains, aiming to attract overseas competitors on their way to Tasmania for the 2015 Oceania Championships and World Cup.

Tony and Alison Radford

**Congratulations, not just to Alison for her 1<sup>st</sup> place but to them both for becoming grandparents for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. Henry now has a brother. Kate will have her hands full but is obviously going about it the right way... Henry came to visit us and when given a stick-like toy, pointed it at us. I expected “Bang, bang”. Instead it was “Hose on. Hose off.”**

**Lastly. The Roster. All of you will find your name on it eventually, so why not get in first and say what you’d prefer to do! Please consider your availability in the coming year and let Geoff know of your preferences for the roster at [geoffbee@internode.on.net](mailto:geoffbee@internode.on.net)**