

Tintookies Newsletter December 2014

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TT AGM

I am very happy to report that the 3 positions we vote for at our AGM were all filled by the same people who held these positions in 2013-2014. So we have

President Allison Whittaker

Secretary Fi Pahor

Treasurer Geoff Bennett

(Thanks, Barry Wheeler, for conducting the election)

The committee has had a small degree of change. Neither Peter Young nor Jenny Kennedy stood this time after quite a few years of involvement. Jenny has represented TT's interests by being one of our 2 delegates on the OSA Council and Peter has been our very thorough and inventive Equipment officer.. Thank you both.

Not exactly in their place, we welcome Ian Grivell to the committee.

I say "not exactly in their place" as there is no fixed number of committee members stipulated in our constitution. We would welcome one or more new members...younger ones particularly welcome... to join us on a Monday evening once every 2 months and always in the THE SHED. Talk to Fi about it.

This means the following are the current 2015's committee: Erica Diment, Ian Grivell, Phil Hazell, Gil Hollamby, Andrew Slattery, Helen Smith, Bob Smith, Ken Thompson and me. Plus of course, Allison, Fi and Geoff. The allocation of roles eg TT Delegate and Equipment Officer will be sorted out at the meeting **on Monday February 9th in the shed.**

After the serious part of the proceedings we heard who had won the Tintogies and were reminded that this is the 3rd time they've been resurrected...1983? in the 90s some time, and now 2014. Do some note-worthy things in the next 12 months to ensure its continuance in the future.

Tintogies 2014

The only TT who speaks Thai....who was also a "Shed widow" for a time. **Rosalie Bennett**

Stand up and earn your Tintogie, Ken. Demonstrate how you can put an aggressive male emu to flight. **Ken Thompson**

The mother of a TT member. Margarete was indispensable in the running of the Schools Relays for quite a few years. **Margaret Sprod**

The TT member for the longest time. Despite that, he is mad enough to put a towbar on his new car! **Bob Smith**

A Farewell Tintogie---they're moving interstate so we'll only see them at interstate events. **Alison and Tony Radford**

She makes delicious cakes, chooses wines and has a yellow tablecloth. **Fi Pahor**

A worker at the Start at Para Wirra, he got there on time and knew exactly what to do. **David Law**

Not a "Shed Widow" but a Secretarial Widower **Trevor Diment**

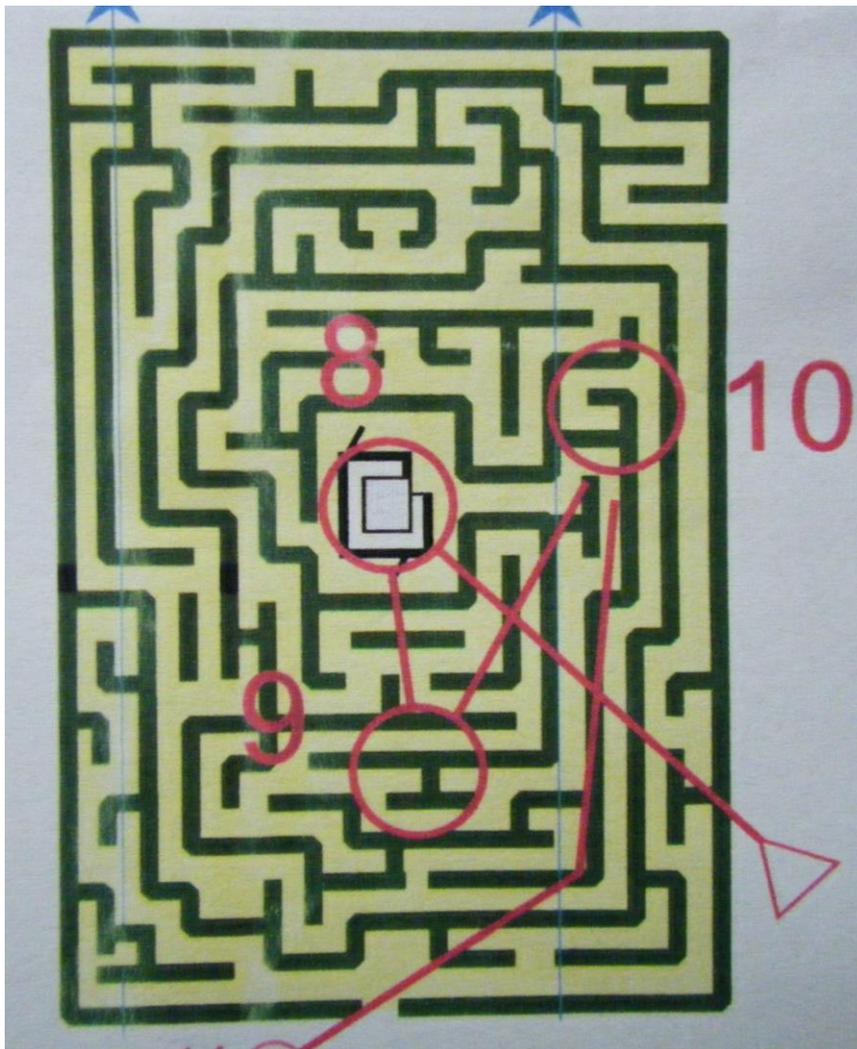
For the MTBO King---and a TT past President. **Andrew Slattery**

The Fantastic Recovery Award (after nearly power-sawing his foot off) **Mike Round**

PS More Tintogies were on offer but the potential recipients were not there to collect them. Be there next year!!

Thanks to the people who gave reasons why certain people should be recipients of Tintogies. Thanks, too, to Bob Smith for making the trophies.

Then we were treated to some impossible-looking maps which Olivia brought back from JWOC in Bulgaria which she competed in as part of the Australian team. She aims to go to Norway as part of next year's team. After that we all looked at the novel map from Bunbury which Clive Arthur brought back from WA. How would you have gone for the maze part of that course? Apparently tempers got quite frayed and results tipped upside down. I wish we had a maze round here....



Boneseed Pull

This was a great event this year. 15 people took part in the part of Para Wirra no longer included on the map. It was between the Barossa Goldfields Cottage and the steep country on the North side of the South Para River. Our attention was certainly needed. From the sidelines I could see twitching and falling weeds and the occasional glimpse of an arm as the workers pulled, sawed and poisoned the remaining stalks. Steve Taylor, the Ranger, reckoned that they took out these woody weeds from about a hectare and he's looking forward to next year's onslaught. (The juniors involved still had the energy to tear around the cottage area as well as eat the delicious lunch.)

As a sidelight on the day, John was able to talk about these conservation efforts to protect the natural environment. We are really misunderstood, in particular by the Natural Resource Manager who fears there will be damage (despite all the evidence to the contrary) we might cause in an area we are seeking permission to map. She was surprised and impressed that orienteers are green and that OSA is a member of the Conservation Council of SA. More later, I hope.

Here and there

^^^ In her President's Report, Allison stated that our membership numbers are falling. I can explain one example. Carolyn Strong waited and waited to hear from Fi as to which Relay team she was to be in. Only too late did she realize she hadn't rejoined this year. Perhaps we do need to chase up our members in case they're just being forgetful!

As mentioned above we won't be phoning the Radfords for this reason. We thank them for all the roles they have undertaken for TT in the past and hope they enjoy living in Victoria.

^^^ A new TT in a few years' time? Congratulations to the proud new grandparents...and the parents too. Dion Bennett and Katherine as well as Carter, born on November 10th.



^^^ Another lapsed TT re-appeared at a Friday evening event recently. Ian Smith now sports a distinguished head of white hair! At the same event we caught up with Chris and Ros Schofield who have just retired from running the motel at American River, KI. They're not sure what/where the next move is but they told us that both Julie and Libby are in Madagascar right now. Julie is being a volunteer there for 3 months as part of a programme to help people overcome the damaging effects on the ecosystem of clearing the forests for a couple of seasons' cropping and then moving on to do the same thing in the next bit of forest. Libby .actually works in London as a physiotherapist and is just visiting Julie for Christmas.

^^ I mentioned in the last newsletter that a TT was to have been in the limelight at the OSA Presentation Night. Congratulations to Emily Sorensen who was named as the most improved junior girl orienteer in 2014. To emphasize this choice, Emily was also selected as 1st reserve for the Junior Girls Team to compete against the New Zealanders in Tasmania in January. Well done.

Tintookies' Involvement in the Easter 2015 Carnival

The Australian Three Days 2015 Carnival will be held in SA from Friday April 3rd - Monday April 6th around the Jamestown and Burra area.

We encourage as many members as possible to take part in the carnival. For those who have not yet taken part in a National event, these events are fun to be involved in and we are especially fortunate that it is in our home state in 2015. Entries are already open and if you book before the end of December you will be able to take advantage of the lower early bird rate. For further information about the event and entry procedure please refer to the OSA website and follow the link.

As with prior South Australian events, the carnival is to be organised as a combined effort by OASA/OSA rather than events being run by individual clubs. For some time several individuals in the club have been involved with the planning of the carnival and been given the following responsibilities:

Phil Hazel is course setter for Day 2 (Sunday)

Bob Smith is controller for Day 2.

Fi Pahor is organiser for the Prologue (Friday).

Ken Thompson is in charge of various IT aspects especially the Eventor entry system.

Certain tasks are also allocated to clubs and for many years Tintookies have been responsible for organising registration. We have again been asked to take on this task for the Easter Carnival. This involves staffing the registration tent at each event. Each competitor at major events is given a bag containing chest number, event information, promotional material etc and these are collected from the registration tent.

We hope that as many members as possible will be able to roster an hour or two of their time to assist at the registration tent over the duration of the Carnival and / or help out at a working bee a week or two before the carnival, when the bags are filled. We will be getting in touch in the next few weeks to ask for help.

Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.