

Tintookies Newsletter July 2015

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Tintookies who made it to the State Champs near Coffin Bay.

27 of us got there either in the luxury of a bus driven by someone else or as part of more extended travels. Antonio found the journey along the Eyre Peninsula coast amazing... more and more country apparently unaltered by man. It must be in great contrast to the centuries-old landscape in Spain.

The terrain was challenging on both days (very good practice to have to adapt to granite and thick vegetation on the first day and limestone depressions on the second day) and resulted in times which weren't consistent...When John got in, he supposed others on his course had been in for a long time." Well. Actually you are the first one back!" and while Charlotte didn't beat Olivia, she wasn't far behind. Well done. What could be relied on was the Lincoln Club's catering. I find myself asking for their salad recipes every time.

Ex-TT Dr Julie Schofield came for the socializing. Congratulations on that Doctorate.

The TT Lunch.

Rocky Paddock was a great venue partly because it was sunny and because we could spread out in the Gordons' paddock. There were about 30 of us and would have been more if the Lloyds and Andrew Slattery had been able to stay after their runs. It was a pity not to get to know some of our newer members. The reason we didn't see Antonio was that he went back to see his family in Spain for a while. (He is back in time for the Relays though.) We had hoped the lovely weather would have lured Ron and Rita out as well. (Thanks Erica for the photo)



In addition to these 2 bush events, TT hosted an event at Lady Alice. Olivia and Mel were so laid back about their excellent courses, even if they did rely heavily on the South part of Para Wirra. The Mapping Committee discussed this intensive use of one area and are following up the idea of using the North East of Mack Creek, the unburnt part luckily, in conjunction with Lady Alice.

The next TT event is **2 DAYS** at Rock Oyster, free overnight camping between 2 days of testing contours. This will be David George's first taste of course-setting so he and Geoff Bennett worked in tandem. Good on him for "giving it a go." Well done Ken Thompson for course setting day one on your own.

Soon after that is the annual Schools Champs. Monday August 3rd. Please be prepared to help. It is TT's turn this year. (And help at the Schools Relays a month later.)

After that, the **CLUB RELAYS. (Aug. 23rd)** Remember we were last in 2014 largely because too many of us didn't take part when we could have. So when Fi puts you in a team, there's no excuse unless you are overseas!!! It doesn't matter how well you go so long as you take part as the calculations for the overall winners are largely on participation rates and as we are the largest club we have to have the most teams! PS. Its venue is changed to Kings Baptist Grammar School at Golden Grove--- more accessible and easier navigation.

PS Look at the sample of the map above. Do you recognize the symbols used for a flight of stairs?...and how verandahs (covered areas) are shown?



Tintoookies who have been/are going to orienteer elsewhere.

Phil and Anna Hazell caught up with ex-TTs Egil and Rina Husby and their family in Norway and Kirsten Moller in Denmark. The Diments will see her too en route to WMOC (World Master, >35yrs) in Sweden.

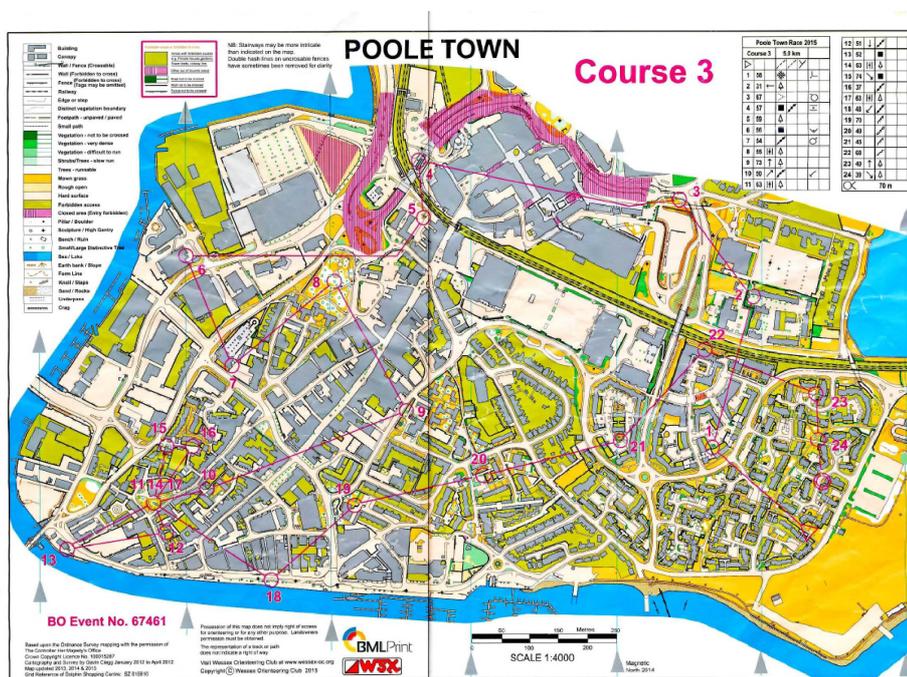
And right now Olivia (standing top right in team photo) is in Europe just having represented Australia as a member of the team at JWOC (Junior World Orienteering Championships) in Norway. All the team run in all disciplines. In the Long Distance she made a big mistake on one leg, coming in the bottom 20%. To balance that she



had the fastest time of anyone on one leg in the Middle Distance! That's it for her as she is too old to go to JWOC next year but WOC, here I come. It would be best to stay all year in Europe like Vanessa does but that's not

practical right now so we hope she's around to talk to us after the AGM. Apparently the terrain for those races was high altitude plains of swamps and grassy tufts.

Soon Vanessa (left) will be running for Australia as part of our team in WOC in Scotland, where Bob will also be competing in the associated Scottish 6-Day event.



Last but not least, George Reeves fitted in a Street event in England. See the map on the left and contrast what an old town looks like...winding laneways compared to our regimented landscapes. He noticed one snag of summer time O in England ...the deciduous trees look just like the rest of the trees...no bare branches to guide you in!

At a much lower level, John and I went to a midweek event in Canberra. It was fascinating to see how they manage to put on a weekday event every

week. Just 2 moderate courses, draw up your own from the master maps stuck on a board, put your money in a box, your car keys on a tray, sign yourself out and in, do the sums and stick your result on the fence. The only things we do better at our once-a-month events are staying around for a lengthy post-mortem and general chat with our lunch and the Signs to... We could see their cars as we whizzed past on a complex Intersection but it took us 2 circuits of Black Mountain before we found one faded flag to show us the way in!

Not to orienteer but with interesting stories to tell us later, John Nieuwenhoven is going to Nepal to help rebuild some of the schools destroyed in that devastating earthquake.

Mapping Committee meeting. What/when shall TT put on in 2016? That discussion then leads on to what maps need updating and are there new areas to map. For instance, it is time we re-mapped the North end of Anstey Hill and Cobbler Creek.

That Questionnaire. Returns received are now being collated and information and ideas contained will be submitted to the committee. The winner of the compass will be announced soon.

We still don't have a Club Coach. I didn't get any feedback from my tip in the last newsletter. I noticed in Top End's recent newsletter that they are pushing the concept of MAP WALKS. A small group with someone a little more au fait with contours etc going for a walk together. The leader and everyone else benefits. How about it?

However I have heard that Charlotte is beginning the process of becoming a Coach. (You have to be 17.)

Food for thought...we don't use the most complex map area we have. Bob Smith is contemplating a low-key course there next year. Yes?

Notes from the recent Committee Meeting

Equipment bought: 40 control flags and 10 punches

A set of keys for the plate controls (all control locks now use the same key)

Two new chairs (more comfortable for those working at rego/finish).

Several club members have been negotiating with Burnside Council to install a permanent course in Hazelwood Park. They have been met with a lot of negativity so far so funds allocated for that project have been re-directed to a more recent proposal for permanent courses at Para Wirra.

Next Year's Program

The Club's major commitments for 2016 are:

Middle Distance Championships and NOL event at Wilpena Creek on April 23rd

National O League event with Australia's top orienteers taking part. They will be doing an Ultra-Long event on nearby maps the next day. (Normal length courses for the rest of us)

Night Championships and Score Event at Mt Pleasant on October 15th and 16th

Saturday night, camping, Sunday morning.

A 'training' weekend at Cantara (80km south of Meningie, in the Coorong National Park on July 16th and 17th). Cantara was first used for the National Championships in 1994, with relays the next day at Beachport. The map, created in great detail by Eric Andrews, is unfortunately not accurate enough now for a major event because of the changes in vegetation. Also it was hand-drawn, ie not on Ocad, so we will be using photocopies of the original for the event next year.

Next TT committee Meeting... August 24th

