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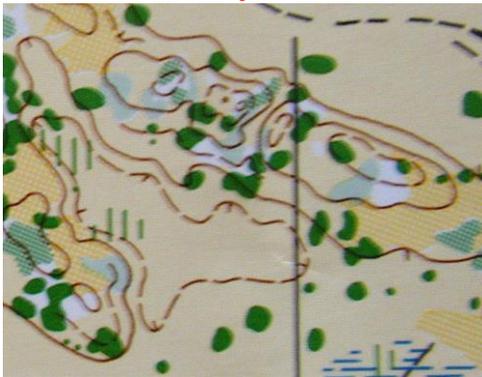
Cantara weekend July30-31st

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Cantara is about 2 ½ hours drive from Adelaide through Tailem Bend and Meningie at 42 Mile Crossing. You can camp there on Saturday night. Orienteering activities start at midday on Saturday with some people putting out controls which will be made up into courses for the rest to try during the afternoon and next morning. More details to appear in the SA Newsletter and E-News.

The Cantara map was first used for the 1994 National Championships. Here are some bits of the map:

An easy bit



A hard bit!



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TT's 40th Birthday celebration

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No date and no plans so far. Have you got any suggestions?

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Boneseed Pull in Para Wirra

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This is an annual session of weed control as a way to thank Steve Taylor, Ranger at Para Wirra, for being so accommodating of O in the park. It is best to do this in September when the bright yellow flowers are easy to see and this year's seeds have not yet dispersed. Date not fixed yet.

This is the first edition of the newsletter since last September. I am running out of steam as Editor and I gather many of you are too as readers/potential replacement editors. But if we let it go how do we hear about the exploits of other TTs or why they aren't around now, what's coming up and how you can participate etc?

People coming and going.

Emily Sorenson is back after several months at school in Belgium. She will have noticed how the rest of the younger TTs are into “course setting”, showing interest in how the OSA programme could be improved (along with a dozen other TTs at a seminar held by OSA) etc. (Emily, please could you provide a write up of O in Belgium and perhaps a Belgian Sprint O map we could all look at for the next newsletter.)

John Nieuwenhoven is back from Nepal where he helped rebuild schools flattened by the earthquake there last year and followed that up by trekking around Mt Everest and Annapurna. The map he had was the same scale as rogainers use but had 40 metre contour intervals! Even so, the map looked **brown** with contours so close together.

The TT committee welcomes 3 new members to the bi monthly meeting in the shed. I'm sure *Clive Arthur, Kate Marschall and Olivia Sprod* will bring a new slant on discussions there. They join the same President Allison, the Secretary Fi and the Treasurer Geoff.

Mike Hicks has worked hard for TT for years both in storing our printed maps and in checking the state of the controls used in the DIY courses in the N. Adelaide Parklands. Thank you, Mike, for all your work. We have been able to house the few remaining maps in the shed and Allison Whittaker is happy to take on the job of checking those DIY courses.

Sally Young is back as a member of TT after a year or so of absence. Lovely to have the average age of club members coming down! (Sally. A few lines on why you've rejoined for the next newsletter please).

Others who we like to keep up with

Congratulations to *Zoe Radford* who married last year and is now an active member of Top End club in Darwin.

I heard with envy and amazement how *Tom and Laura Diment*, currently based in Oxford, were able to fly to Stockholm for a week for the price of 5 pounds each! We'd be going to Alice Springs this year for their Masters Games which includes orienteering this time if we could get hold of air fares of this sort!

Others we saw

Charlotte Brader was really turned on by her first experience of course-setting. I see her name again on the 2016 Roster as a course-setter. Also *Jack Marschall* to course-set. (Have you looked at the roster to see what event will rely on you and/or where the gaps are for you to volunteer?)

A *Christmas elf* at the Panorama event. *Erica*, you looked so happy not to be about your secretarial duties all the time.

TTs who collected **Tintogie Awards** at our Christmas Get-Together at the end of last year.

***** *Barry Wheeler*, the Lone Ranger who dug all the toilet holes etc, etc single handed at the 2015 Rock Oyster event .

***** *Kate Marschall* for needing a bottle of dye to disguise her new O shoes.

***** *Max Grivell* for offering Ernie a comfortable seat on his lap.

***** *Phil Hazell* a consolation prize for riding his bike at a suburban foot O event and still being beaten by Simon Uppill!

A couple more (a Lloyd and a couple of Georges) would have got Tintogie glasses if they had been there to receive them.

Erica photographed *George Reeves and Joanna George* collecting their vouchers, having come out 1st after 4 weeks of Scatter-O , part of the Summer Series events. A clean sweep for TT. Congratulations.



Tintookies Committee's Decision

to alter our input in the 2016 programme!

We felt that we have a large commitment this year. This load could be reduced by simplifying the events we put on --- offering fewer courses (run more than one course if you feel deprived) and not using SI units on controls. Fi will notify OSA accordingly. The events affected are Mulga Valley in June and Lady Alice in July.

Our Eating Habits.....When we get in a little circle or round the TT barbecue at an event, it is hard for a newcomer to join in. Can we be on the lookout for people who seem lonely, unattached, wanting someone to talk to, to discuss their course etc. and invite them to join us?

Yellow spikes or pink tapes?

TT has bought 100 yellow survey markers on which the course-setter can write (and later rub off) the number of that control at each site---perhaps the control description as well. This will prevent the search of an area when revisiting to put out the flag for all that remains of the pink tape which the local birds have pecked to shreds. (I hope emus don't take a dislike of these odd yellow flowers in their domain.)

Coming Up:

The last two sprint events followed by the Sprint Champs (OY1) on March 6th.

Training day at Para Wirra on Feb 28th. Practice courses from Easy to Hard.

The last day for entries to the Easter Carnival is February 29th. Only 10 Tintookies entered so far!

The first bush event of the season at Pewsey Vale (OY2) on April 10th. Several of our club members are busy working on this event.

**Are you a financial TT for 2016?
Please get a move on if you haven't got round to it yet.**