

# Tintookies Newsletter April 2016



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## The Games Night.

*I was sorry to miss that but I can picture it now, thanks to Emily's description.*

On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> March, the Tintookies Orienteering Club held a games night in the Athelstone hall in front of the Tintookies shed. Around 6pm people started arriving and everyone put a plate of food on the table in the kitchen. Almost everyone had a go at guessing the orienteering drawings that were on display. These were drawn by Jeffa and showed different things to do with orienteering. Some of them were very challenging. There were also small sections of maps from various places and people had to try to guess where they were from. Then it was eating time. Everyone tried the delicious food that was on the table in front of us. People talked and laughed while they ate their food. Dessert was served and everyone sat at one of the four tables. Each table was given a team name, asked orienteering questions and they wrote the answers on a piece of paper. The answers were then read out and the table with the highest score got to pick a chocolate! The people with ribbons on the back of their chairs rotated to a different table and more questions were asked. Each table were given chocolate Easter eggs as "thinking chocolate". This was followed by a relay where you were given a picture of an international control description on a card and you had to find the card with the matching feature on a section of map. The first team to find all their features won.

After the relay, the people running the games night gave the answers to the drawings and the maps and all the kids were given a chocolate. People starting packing up and the kids played chasey outside.

Games night was a very fun experience and we met lots of new people and chatted to our old friends.

*Written by Emily Marschall*



*Jack Marschall tries to identify maps some of which had not been used since well before he was born!*

*David, Susan and Trevor working on Jeffa's puzzles*



*One of Jeffa's cartoons. What orienteering term does this represent?*

Clive Arthur, one of the organizers of the evening along with Bob Smith, commented that this type of social event may be repeated at a later date if there is a demand. Let the committee know of your desires

## Easter in the ACT

A small contingent of TTs went across for the 4 days of O. Congratulations particularly to Joanna George and Trevor Diment on their final results and especially to Bob Smith who exemplified the motto of "Never believe your case is hopeless". He was 6<sup>th</sup> at the end of Day 2. ...No hope of a place... but 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the end of Day 2 met with disasters of one sort or another on Day 3 and he kept his cool and brought home the 3<sup>rd</sup> place badge. Never give up!



*Ian, Bob and Vanessa competing at the Easter Three Day Carnival in ACT*

## St John's Bushland Park, Lobethal.

It seems we'll see more of this lovely spot even if not for serious orienteering. Olivia might be able to do some track corrections and Gil has offered to put this map onto OCAD. We discovered most of the park is now Heritage Listed so will the Adelaide Hills Council let us make use of a "tracks only" map?

### Outing report from Jenny Kennedy

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April a group of Tintookies met at 11 am at St Johns Bushland Park near Lobethal. We divided into groups to examine different sections of the park to see if remapping the area might be worthwhile. Old maps of the area, provided by John and Jeffa, were from the late 80s, early 90s.



Fi, Kevin and I took the track uphill between the two dams and returned via the eastern track to the southern dam near the park entrance. There was nice bush with lots of birds. We found only one of the old permanent O markers beside the track. A few more were located by other groups.

It is a very pleasant area with tables and gas BBQs provided close to the entrance. The limitation is that the 'Friends' of the park apparently do not want people leaving the tracks. Given this limitation the consensus seemed to be that a new map might only be useful for local schools.



After our walk we all congregated for a communal picnic near the lower dam where there were some animated exchanges about the Easter events. It was very pleasant in the mild weather.

### **Olivia's comments**

I really like the appeal of the area, I think it has a really nice feel to the bush and there are some interesting contours. I think it wouldn't be great for a larger event however as it is quite small and would be difficult to make it technical, but for getting school kids involved and teaching them about orienteering it would be a fun map for them!

The only problem there is that I don't think there would be any profit to cover any costs of re-mapping the area. So I think if it wanted to be used by local schools any re-mapping could try to be done with minimal costs, whether just by making it an OCAD map and doing it by hand? I don't know personally how this is done... but if we are going to consider it then there can be at least some people who benefit from orienteering in the nice place that it is.

## **Pewsey Vale**

This was the first TT bush event for 2016 and therefore the Lloyds and Rob Kriesl made their first appearance for the year. Good to see you .

It was a good event by all accounts: 97 entries of which about 25% were "enter on the day." I was really pleased those EODs could choose to run whichever course they wanted to, even if it left Geoff busy drawing up extra course 8s. The remapping of vegetation in the logged areas meant a start on the west edge was feasible and the fewer courses than usual was recompensed by quite a large number of controls so there were not many legs common to different courses. It was good that people offered to pick up some controls at the end (a good way of checking on a control that you mucked up). On the other hand it was obvious people named in the roster didn't arrive to help. Organizers obviously need to say "Yes. You are needed."

I gather the number of DNFs was because Pewsey Vale is always hard going but at least 2 of the mps are worth commenting on. 2 juniors compounded their initial failure to spike a control. "Don't waste your time looking for no: 6. It hasn't been put out." says A and so B takes that opinion as correct and goes straight to the next control. All the other runners on that course found it just where it should be.

**Run your own course. Don't talk to anyone else, don't even see anyone else.**

Of course that is difficult especially when it is an SST event.

It was good to see Owen Bollenhagen on the Results list. His great uncle is Graham Bollenhagen, so now we can reach him with an invitation to our 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Of that more later.

## **Wilpena Creek/Mannawarra**

This newsletter would have reached you a few weeks ago if Bob had not had to rush off up north, with Gil, to reset the courses for the Middle Distance Championships. OSA put in its application for the event on Wilpena Creek last November but someone in the department forgot to pass on the request to the co-management group who have the final say. The oversight was only brought to light when Erica chased up the permission a fortnight before the event. By then it was too late. They require 60 days' notice! And they couldn't be persuaded to make an exception. Fortunately the Mannawarra section of OHOC's map was not being used for the Ultra-Long and

this area is privately owned, so courses were re-set there on the Tuesday-Thursday prior to the event on Saturday. Course files were emailed down to Snap on Thursday afternoon from the library in Hawker and Peter Ashforth collected the printed maps and brought them up on Friday.

## **And now looking forward to :**

**Our 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party,**

**The Cantara Weekend**

**The debate about SI and the Mulga Valley and Lady Alice events**

The Athelstone Hall is already booked **for Friday July 8th for the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party** and ideas put forward on how to celebrate. The next hurdle is discovering how to contact all past members. If you have kept up with or bumped into ANY past members please give the names and contact details to Fi on [fpahor@clearview.com.au](mailto:fpahor@clearview.com.au). Don't just think someone else will have done it: better to repeat than to miss out.

**The Cantara Weekend, July30-31** was originally a TT idea but it's in the 2016 programme so quite a few from other clubs might plan to get back there or to find out what Sand-dune O is like. This means the limited camping space on the edge of the dunes could be at a premium. Bob Smith is going to try to book the camp sites en masse so let him know soon if you're planning to go on [reo\\_smith2@yahoo.com.au](mailto:reo_smith2@yahoo.com.au)

NB You can't just rock up and expect to camp there. Pre-booking is essential (and is apparently policed) so you do need to let Bob know.

The aim is not just to do a course but to go out in groups to discover the changes over the years (first used in 1994 for the Australian Champs) and choose some control sites which still read true. Then pool the sites and make up some courses!

**Obviously there won't be SI at Cantara** but the TT committee felt that OSA pressure on clubs, especially on course-setters, should be reduced for events with no specific status. We took the decision not to use SI at either the Mulga Valley event nor at Lady Alice to the OSA Council meeting. It caused some consternation and a request to reconsider. So we did at the next TT meeting. Voting led us to stick to our guns for Mulga Valley but to reverse the decision for Lady Alice on the grounds that it is a small map area and it would be hard to set courses where controls could not be taken out of order. Not that that would matter for a minor event anyway. The voting was never unanimous and there was even one abstention which actually summed up what a lot of us thought. "When I'm the course-setter, I don't want SI but when I'm out on a course I like to see and compare my splits with others later".

## **A few other bits and pieces....**

TT has a new stile ingeniously made from a *ladder* bent in half. The top section has had the rungs removed and that's what you will hold on to as you change from going forward up to going backwards down. If that's not clear, get Phil Hazell to give you a demonstration. Some-one pointed out that it is an aluminium ladder so it can't give you a shock! Another tip was, if there isn't a stile where you want to cross but it could be electrified, make use of your-map-in-a-plastic-bag wrapped over the top wire to prevent getting zapped.....Perhaps not if it is raining!

Did you read in the papers recently that Campbelltown City Council was asked to put a fence round the lakes at *Thorndon Park* so no children could fall in.? I held my breath till I read the Council's response. No. That is the responsibility of the parents.

I hope you haven't stopped reading yet as Geoff Bennett is calling for help with *TT Shed maintenance*. Anyone who "is good with tools" is welcome. Please phone Geoff on 83367416 or 0412032911 to find out more.

**Thanks to Erica for providing all the photos.**