

Tintookies Newsletter August 2016

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2016 Club Relays. TT nearly won last year. The secret is not only to win lots of the classes but to enter lots of teams. The calculations are based on number of teams entered as a ratio of our club membership numbers and we're the biggest club so we have to have most teams!..... That means **you**. This year the possibilities are greater as any team of 2 can include a non-member. Are you a lapsed member? It would be good to see you again!! If you're tempted, let our wizard team organizer, Fi, know on fpahor@clearmail.com soon---the date is **Sunday August 28th** and the venue is Lucky Hit, a pine forest and sandmining area not far north of Birdwood. See you there.

Another future event to which to draw to your attention is the **Night Champs**, run by TT this year. John L was to have been the course-setter but isn't up to it yet so Bob Smith and his off-sider Ian Grivell will set courses on a Mt. Crawford map. Some of us don't like Night O but there is always the Sunday Scatter O using the same controls. It is not till October 15-16th but this is my First-and-Final Notice as the next TT committee meeting and hence the date of the next newsletter is October 17 or a few days later

Yet another future event is the TT AGM. Date not yet fixed....some time in November, obviously in the shed and to include the "slide show" which Gil brought to the 40th birthday party but the machine would not oblige on the night! I gather TT now has a song too. I hope the authors will sing it for us. In case you can't get there we will publish the words in the next newsletter, but it's better to hear a song, not just read it.

Before then there's **the Ngaralta event, 4/9/16**. Phil Hazell is course-setting and says the bushfire that went through there last summer has left the vegetation "nicely thinned"!! As well, he has chosen an Assembly area in the South East which we haven't used before, and some courses actually go into the Gun Club area as they aren't shooting that day. It is a long time since we've been able to use that part of the map. And before that, is a metropolitan event, near the North Adelaide Swimming Pool being course-set by Olivia and Sally. August 21st.

Apart from actually orienteering we hope to see lots of you at the **Para Wirra Open Day --- Sunday September 18th**. Hundreds of people showed up last year, lots of stalls and activities for children, free entry into the park and a chance to run one of our DIY Orienteering courses which conveniently starts and finishes right there.

(Owen Bollenhagen, why not advertise this at school and show the others what to do?)

Ideally, we would like you to come in the morning, buy or bring your lunch and then move on to a

boneseed pulling session nearby. We need numbers for the boneseed pulling so we can ask the Ranger for the appropriate amount of equipment. Please let me know if you're coming on 8389 3143.

Looking ahead to 2017, we hope our map of Hazelwood Park is finally being used for DIY courses; we should have a new version of the St John Bushland Park near Lobethal for use by the local schools as Adelaide Hills Council has now given us written permission to do it and the Lloyd family has suggested we make a map near Kingston, in the South East, so a group of TTs will actually go there as opposed to listening to the fascinating history of some of the "point features" and googling it.

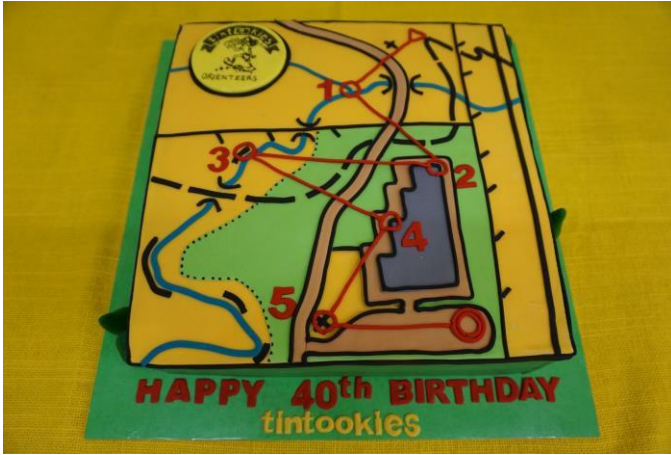
I should have done this the other way round...

Now we will report on what has already happened!

Our 40th Birthday. The Athelstone Hall was crowded, the great collection of memorabilia was much perused and the cake..... Words fail me.

Ron Larsson, our senior TT, cut it.

Inevitably there was quite a list of apologies from locals and from Scotland, Darwin and Wales to mention a few. I've asked for a write-up of the World Masters in Latvia from the Baldwins for the next newsletter.



Left. The birthday cake. Map design by Jack Marschall
Right Ron Larsson cutting the cake.



The Cantara weekend was most enjoyable for the few who took part. A good example of a DIY event, non-competitive and a chance to hone your contour skills. "We meant to go up a hill to work out where we were and found we were in the middle of a depression". Bob has already written it up on the OSA web page and thanks to Max for the following description. We should have more "events" like this next year



Planning courses and comparing routes at Cantara

Cantara

On the 30th and 31st of July I attended the Cantara Training Event. It was a great experience. From what I've been told the 1994 Nationals were held here and the map was used a few times after for state events. On Saturday afternoon a few people put out some controls while we were setting up camp, and then we had to work out a course from the controls on the master map and mark it on our own map before heading out to run around it. In Cantara the vegetation was really thick in places and sometimes you needed to go a long way off your bearing to get around it. Dad took even longer than normal to finish his course, and he really wished he had some gaiters. The other thing that made orienteering in Cantara hard was that there are a lot of knolls and depressions, and you can get confused between what is a knoll and what is a depression on the map, just like Eliza, Jemima and Anabelle did! I could hear them being confused miles away! Luckily there was a shelter to cook our tea under because it rained quite a lot on Saturday night. Sunday morning the weather was good though, and we all enjoyed running around on some different courses before bringing in the controls (well some of us did, apart from some girls who went off to have fun at the beach instead!) I

really enjoyed the weekend. I think the Cantara map could be used for the 2018 Nationals. It is definitely hard enough to challenge the elites. Thank you to Bob and everyone else who made it an enjoyable experience.

By Max Grivell

The Lady Alice event had a course setter new to this map which always produces a new slant on an old area. Thanks, David George, for combining the west side of the lake and the intricacies of the goldmining area. The Juniors got in early with money raising , a task they preferred to going to Darts training! They sold delicious sausages. Well done.

Congratulations to 6 TTs who have been selected for the SA Schools team to go to Queensland next month to compete in the National Schools competition.

Congratulations to:

Max Grivell and **Jack Marschall** who are in the team for the first time
Charlotte Brader, the Girls' Captain,
Abigail George and **Joanna George** and **Emily Sorensen** who are all "old hands".

It is an expensive exercise so money raising is going on as often as possible. If you read on the Enews that the Junior Squad is catering at an event

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Another money-raiser is a showing of the appropriate film, "RUN FREE" being organized by Emily Sorensen's mum. It's quite soon, August 24th, so watch for the details on the Enews. It's on the OSA web page too.

As usual, Geoff Bennett reported on **things in the shed**.

The first pins have gone into the corkboard, photographs from our 40th and Cantara.

The fence crossing saga is ended.

I think it had better be the course-setter's right to put up a "Give way" sign on the appropriate side. I can't see Geoff giving way! (Geoff points out that the stile is 3kg lighter than the previous version so if your course setting requires it, don't be afraid to use it and say a quiet "Thank you" to Geoff as you put it in place.)

A plea for ideas on publicity and promotion. Erica wrote down some good ideas before she took off on another well-earned holiday.

Acknowledging all the voluntary work people do by naming them on the map used for any event, sending advance publicity to the Messenger of an event and a follow up and photographs afterwards and when it's a TT event, provide a BBQ which anyone can use, thus drawing people together so we meet and talk were 3 of her suggestions. What we decided to contribute was a push to get everyone having an O Sticker displayed on your bumper bar. Ours certainly needs renewing and is no advertisement of our energetic sport. So, **DO YOU HAVE A STICKER ON YOUR CAR? If not, get one!!**

TT will have a stock of "Orienteers run the country", "Orienteering, the family sport" for sale at the North Adelaide event.



Geoff and Fi trying out the new stile.