

# TT Newsletter August 2018

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**Congratulations** to the Tintookies selected as members of the Schools Team. These are Abigail and Joanna George and Emily Sorensen, all moving up into the Senior echelons, and Jemima Lloyd, Max Grivell and Jack Marschall, still Juniors. Not every group gets the chance to compete on their home ground!

I do hope Jemima does not ever need to blow her whistle for help while out on her course. She keeps it firmly tied to her shoelace!

**Reports on past events....**World Orienteering Day was enjoyed by the relatively few who got to Thorndon Park to run in daylight or in the dark. Thank you to the Arthurs for putting this event on for the last 2 years. They say it is now someone else's turn. How about it? It is a good style of event to try course setting for the first time as it involves only one course or a Scatter format... The date is mid-week and set by IOF, so we can feel part of a world-wide community and it would be good to have it included in the printed programme rather than just getting mentioned as the day gets near. Any volunteers and/or suggestions for the map to be used?

....The North Adelaide event. The weather was not very kind and a lot of people waited to share the Farewell Cake which Fi provided for Antonio's last orienteering event before returning to Spain and then they ran for cover.

....Pymton. At last some REAL Bush Orienteering. We don't often have an event there but the map read quite well. That is, until John N went to put out a control on a knoll between 2 boulders, only to find the knoll between 2 pits. Moss-rocking has gone on unabated. Another aspect of the event was as good as ever. The CFS raised quite a lot of money as the local CFS ladies sold a delicious range of food which was enjoyed by more than 100 orienteers. That meant that Jack was very busy, dealing with all the SI single-handed. Well done---and also to the Course-setter, John N and the Organizer, Jamie. Jamie L was just the right person for that job as the farming community extends across the Hills so any misunderstandings were soon ironed out.

**Coming Up**, the State Champs at Mulga Valley following on from the Night Champs nearby the previous evening. We're hoping for more than 100 entries of whom quite a few might be TTs. That means a chance for people to volunteer to help before and/or after their runs. It is true that OH is running the larger of the 2 Starts (getting practice for doing the Start at the Nationals). But parking will need to be controlled, bunting put out and brought in, a few controls collected at the end, the Presentation to be ready at 1 pm, tents up and down etc, etc. But before any of that happens, there has been an unusual division of labour between the course setter of the 12 courses on paper, the 3 "pairs of legs", Bob S, Phil H and John L who taped the control sites and put out the controls, not to mention Gil H who has made up for my computer illiteracy, the Organizer, Erica, and the Controller, Peter Mayer (YA)

PS. 70 control units and STANDS. We now have enough in working order thanks to some welding by Alan Barnett, a member some years ago. Thanks again.

Please make yourselves part of that organising team and ensure the event's success even if you were not named on the roster.

.....Also the Club Relays. We were bottom last time... One way we could elevate our position is to remember the rule that allows ONE of EACH TEAM of 2 to be a non-member; it could be an ex-member, eg Sally Young, Mel Fuller, the Doses, Alan Barnett etc. Also Marryatville HS and Woodside PS could probably produce a few teams. **Let Bob Smith know who you can line up with** and he will make sure we have teams in all the classes. The week after the State Champs. August 26th.

.....The Walk in the Park on September 15th, about which you'll hear more from Fi.

..... The Nationals. Maybe you don't usually get involved in the Nationals, but this year it is in SA. What happens first is "Bagging"—putting chest numbers, instructions (not nicely held together in a Start Booklet this time) into a very smart carry bag for each family which Anna Hazell sourced from the Adelaide City Council. It doesn't take long once we get an Assembly Line going. So let's have a Bagging Party at 2pm on Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> and then have pizzas. In the shed of course. Let Fi know if you're coming. TT's other big job is always to have someone on duty in the Registration Tent to deal with problems like... "I've picked up this SI stick." "I'm late for my Start" "I've lost my O shoes" We should keep a list of the queries--- and our prowess at providing an answer.( Always a chair on offer.)

.....Not this year. Not next year?? The committee discussed potential uses of Reedy Creek, the Lloyds' place in the South East. One possibility is a 2 day weekend with the sort of map we included in the last newsletter, a mud map, and the other day a similarly basic map of Robe. What do you think?

**Snap Printing, Hilton.** Perhaps you didn't know that the custom, ever since Bob Smith was the boss there, is that we get maps printed there. Not just "we", but other SA clubs and even the occasional interstate club. Snap Printing wants to ensure the work they do for us is always perfect, so they are sending out a plea for adequate notice of our arrival. What type of paper, what size of map, how many of each course, all controls, eg Mulga Valley waterproof paper, A3 size. The last item to give them is the number of maps and that helps to explain the early closing date for National events. August 14<sup>th</sup> is the Closing Date for Mulga Valley so they'll be printing on August 15<sup>th</sup>, then there is time to check them, arrange them etc. So when you're a course setter, your job must factor that in.

## OVERSEAS O

**Did you know that Vanessa Round** a Tintookies member for about 15 years will be running for Australia at the World Championships (WOC) which start tomorrow (Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August) in Latvia. Vanessa has been living in Switzerland for a few years and so has been able to benefit from the strong orienteering club structure there with lots of opportunities to compete against some of the world's best orienteers. Vanessa is scheduled to run in the Middle Distance race which takes place on Tuesday (from 7pm Adelaide time). She is the only Australian in that race as in recent years the Australian women have only done well enough to qualify for one starter in the middle and long distance races.

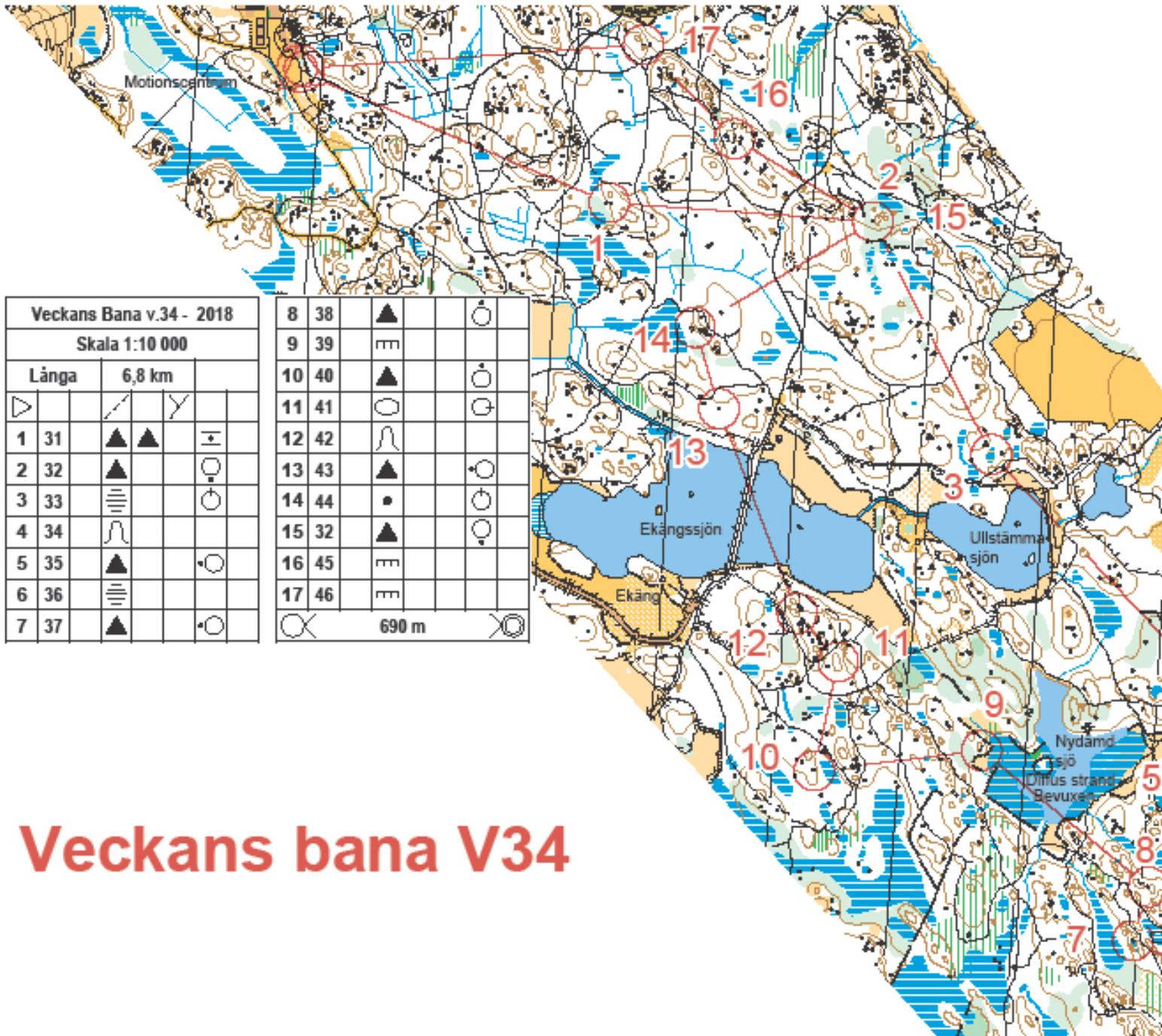
All the WOC events will be televised but to see the events live in Australia you can subscribe to the live orienteering streaming service 'liveorienteering.com' which costs €6 per event or €20 for the whole week of events. You can watch the live results only for no charge.

I can strongly recommend watching these events, especially the relay on Thursday (from 8.45pm). As well as having several cameras out in the forest, the runners all wear GPS units so their progress round the course is displayed on the competition map and shown on the broadcast. This means that you can see the route-choices being made, and when an orienteer goes off in the wrong direction or loses time in not spiking a control.

In the last newsletter we heard about DY0 in England. This is not quite the same. Orienteering is to Swedish people, is what footy is to Australians, which explains why John's great nephew and niece didn't orienteering in Australia but are doing so now they are studying in Sweden.

These maps are typical of much of the terrain in Southern Sweden and all the towns have one or more O Clubs who are free to use the timbered, rock-strewn and often boggy terrain all around the town. There is no such thing as a notice which says "Private property. Keep out." And so there is no daunting task of getting permission all the time. Clubs take it in turns in summer to put out a long course incorporating a shorter option: you download the current course and go for a run. Next week or the one after, it will be different.

I know when I tried O in Sweden, I just couldn't read the map at all. I hope the Radfords are doing better than I did. They are at the Swedish O Ringen now.



## Veckans bana V34

### VECKANS BANA OK ROXEN

Bana V 26 Kort, Längd 4,2 km

Start Stigföreningen

- 1. 40 Gropen
- 2. 52 Skåmlingen
- 3. 53 Sankmarken
- 4. 54 SV Stenen
- 5. 56 Sankmarken
- 6. 55 Sänkan
- 7. 57 Branten
- 8. 58 NÖ Stenen

Mål: Stigföreningen

