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### **Congratulations, Bunny**

For those who have yet to catch up with it, Bunny Rathbone was made a Life Member of Orienteering New Zealand at the prizegiving ceremony at the recent national champs in Oamaru.

Bunny was one of four new life members, the others being Rob Crawford (previously CMOC), Rob Garden (NW) and Val Robinson (CMOC).

Life Membership is conferred "in recognition and appreciation of their outstanding service to orienteering."

The ONZ website news section also has a video clip of the presentation with citations for each recipient.

### **JWOC Reps**

Congratulations to Will Tidswell who was again selected in the New Zealand men's team of six for JWOC to be held in Denmark. Will was the youngest member of last year's team.

Congratulations also to Karen Beckman who will manage the team and Devon Beckman who will be the coach.

Jenna Tidswell did not trial this year after two years in the team, opting instead to focus on her studies at Otago University towards entry into Med School.

Tessa Burns was surely unlucky in not gaining selection after winning NZ secondary school titles in each of the last two years and out-performing a number of the NZSS team at last year's Australian Champs.

We wish the team well.

### **NZ does it again at World Schools**

Using Yogi Berra's famous line "It was deja vu all over again."

The St Cuthbert's junior girls won the junior girls schools grade at the recent World Schools Championships of Orienteering in Estonia.

It was 'over again' in that the Havelock North High girls (Jenna Tidswell, Bianca Kirk, Alex Miller, Aishlin McIntyre and Olivia Wolland) won the same grade in Turkey four year's before.

And there was even more 'againness' as St Cuth's kingpin Zara Stewart won the individual long course title just as Jenna did in 2015. Zara went on to win the middle course as well.

Take that, Sweden.

### **Jacks Land secured**

The One Giant Chance Campaign announced on Wednesday that the land offered by the Jacks family to the Te Mata Park Trust had been secured. The last of the necessary \$1,250,000 required was pledged in the final hours of 30 April allowing the Trust to meet the deadline just hours before the offer expired. As a club we played a small part in raising the money by holding an event in November using the new land which David Jacks allowed us to map for the purpose. The new land provides an excellent extension to our existing map giving us access from either end of Chambers Walk.

### **Training day this Sunday**

A reminder here that this Sunday's training day at Tirohia Farm is for everyone. While the day provides all school orienteers the chance to work on their skills for the HB Schools Champs the following Sunday, the set-up is for everyone whether a member or not, and for adults who obviously don't get the chance to attend our junior camps.

Geoff and Steve have put it together.

Skills exercises will be followed by the chance to run a course at the desired level: white, yellow, orange or red.

Participants are asked to all be there for a 10.30 start.

You leave for your Mothers Day events when you choose to, but we will certainly be winding up the cat and putting out the clock by 1.30pm.

Sue will be sending out a separate reminder with more details about Training Day and about the School Champs the following Sunday.

### **Craggy Range is for YOU**

After the School Long Course Champs at Craggy Range on Sunday 19 May courses will be available for all of us to have a run. These casual starts should be from about 12 noon.

Ingrid and Derek, who have put the courses together, will make the following courses available:

Course 1 Long Red 5.1k

Course 2 Short Red 4.0k

Course 3 Orange 3.8k

Course 6 Yellow 2.2k

Course 9 White 2.0k

Alanda will be waiting in the caravan for us to pay up for our casual starts.