

Summer Series 4 at Karamu High School – Wed 26 February

Parking – Beatson Road (but not beyond the black gate as this closes to the public at 6pm sharp) and Grove Road. No parking in the school grounds

Event Centre – School grounds along Beatson Rd. Do not approach event centre through school grounds (school is out of bounds until you have run your course)

Toilets – There are none provided at the event. Closest public toilets adjacent to Windsor Park playground on the corner of Sylvan Road & Grove Road

Vehicle Traffic – no course requires runners to cross public roads, however, there may be vehicles using the schools' carparks and driveways, please take care running in these areas

Out of Bounds – Please respect out of bounds areas. These are not to be entered at any time. Indicated by olive green and/or red hatching. Typically will be gardens, private property, construction or those areas the landowner forbid access to

There will not be any separate control descriptions.

Those running in the SI Air grades please note that the SI Air system will be turned off for this one. Another event has hired the supply we offer to summer series runners. In fairness to those who borrow SIs for the series all SI Grade runners will have to punch the controls in the conventional way whether they are using SI chips or standard ones. They still register for the SI Air grade. Normal transmission will resume at SS5.

Training Day goes very well

Good numbers turned up to this year's training day at Tauroa Station on Sunday.

While the majority were younger runners looking to work on running white courses there were others including a group of women training for adventure racing.

Event planner Will Tidswell is to be congratulated on his work setting training exercises to be done in small groups for each of the colour levels. Thanks to all the club members who turned out to help take these groups and then take them through the rego procedure when they came to running a course by themselves. Will had set a white, yellow, orange, red short and red medium course for the punters as well as for the coaches and any others who came.

One really worthwhile outcome of the 'walk and talk' approach with groups is that the parents of the littlies walk round too. They soak up the instruction and it's often these parents who are the most enthused (and enlightened) as a result. They can then become much better coaches for their own children and quite a number were enthused enough to say they were definitely coming to future events.

To all those who came we handed out vouchers which entitled each of them to one free club event when they hand in their voucher next time.

O For Kids record set

Jane has noted that participation at last week's O For Kids events and the Summer Series at Taradale set a new club record for a week!

Summer Series 19 Feb	185
<i>O for Kids</i> – Hastings	170
<i>O for Kids</i> – Napier	80
Total participants	435

Our very own night event

At a club controllers' meeting late last year, held in part to review this year's proposed programme, there was great enthusiasm for including a night event.

And so it came to pass . . .

We have scheduled an event for the evening of Saturday 7 March at Stoney Creek Ranch planned by Duncan Darroch and controlled by David Fisher.

Those who look ahead (and 2020 is obviously the perfect year to have that sort of vision) will realise that our event is placed exactly a week before the great night event that will draw orienteers from all over the North Island . . . Katoa Po! What better opportunity to practise your night-O skills and try out your gear.

Duncan tells us more:

We are all good to go for the night event so here's a blurb

Get your orienteering started off this year with a hiss and a roar. Set in the scenic, park-like setting of the Stoney Creek Ranch, this is an event not to be missed. Maps for all abilities (white up to loop) with the added challenge of being at NIGHT! A head torch and thermos of hot cocoa are a must. Through open fields with novel course features (e.g. treehouses) don't miss your chance to explore (and get lost at) the Ranch.

Where: Stoney Creek Ranch, Tait Rd, Maraekakaho

When: 7th March starts from 8pm -9pm, closes 9.30pm (head south to road and return to start if lost)

Parking: Limited onsite, park on Tait Road

Out of bounds: all buildings currently house RSE workers, so no toilets or building access

Clothing: a warm layer and whistle are recommended

Club trip to Katoa Po

Read the Club President's notice about our club trip to Katoa Po (attached) . . .

Then cycle back to the info below from Lyndon Haugh of the Taupo Orienteering Club about the event

Only 3 weeks to go to the 40th Anniversary Katoa Po 14/15 March 2020



There is only 3 weeks to go to the special 40th Anniversary Katoa Po and supporting events.

The programme

Friday 13th March – “reminiscing” dinner and memorabilia display.

Saturday 14th March - Afternoon start from 2pm Short nostalgia warmup event on a new map – Rangatira Tomos using clipcards and draw your own course (just like the “old” days)

Saturday 14th March - 40th Katoa Po Relay Starts at dusk

Sunday 15th March - Mini Rogaine Start 9.30am

See our website below for the final details

<http://taupoorienteering.nz/index.html>

Two items to note

1. The criteria for legs 1 and 2 have been broadened to allow B grade and the more senior Orienteers to take part. This is to help with filling places in teams on these as in the past there has been one runner doing particularly leg1 for more than one team.
2. T-Shirts. It is almost too late to order, but we will accept late orders up until Monday evening 24th February.

We are looking forward to hosting a memorable event.

Regards

Lyndon Haugh

Taupo Orienteering club

PS – **HISTORY** Since we have been looking back at the history of the Katoa Po , we have assembled a table of winners of the 7 and 5 person team trophies. While AOC clearly take the lead overall for the 7 and 5 person teams combined, the overall winner for the premier 7 person team over 40 years is not at all clear. NWOC has had a hold on this trophy for the past few years, but AOC could upset that and Taranaki could upset things also and end with a 3 way tie for the 40 years of Katoa Po.

And of course another club winning could end with a 2 way tie!

Competition could well be very hot and the courses designed by Graham Teahan will likely make this an event to remember!

Club	Katoa Po 7 legs	5 legs Po Kerukeru
AOC	7	6
NWOC	7	2
Taranaki	6	4
Taupo	5	
Hamilton/Waikato/WACO	4	1
HBOC	3	4
Rotorua/OBOP	2	2
CMOC	2	1
Wellington	1	
Swedish export? 1987	1	
Bratpack Attack ?? 1989	1	
Pinelands(Putaruru High)	0	2