

DECO DOUBLE

Central Districts & Wellington Orienteering Championships

Hawke's Bay
October 20 – 22, 2007

Programme

Hawke's Bay Orienteering Club welcomes visiting orienteers to the Bay for Labour weekend. The club is pleased to be hosting both the Central Districts & Wellington Championships, which we have combined into a weekend for you to experience our unique local terrain.

The club has not used the beautiful '**Whanawhana**' map since the 2005 NZ Champs, so visitors and locals alike will face it's challenges for the second time. We will re-visit '**The Slump**' – a new version of an old favourite and on Sunday we have a home-town event planned by a couple of HB juniors. Earlier in the year, a new map, '**Havelock Village**' was used in our summer series. They enjoyed it so much they wanted to share it with some visitors.

The club offered to host the Central Districts Champs, to help relieve some 'big event' pressure from the small clubs in that region. We are very happy with entries for the weekend, so thanks to everyone for making the effort to travel to Hawke's Bay.

A big thanks also, to the many Hawke's Bay club members who have committed the time to make this event happen.

Good luck to everyone competing over the weekend and safe travelling to everyone as they travel to and around Hawke's Bay.

Landowner acknowledgements

We are very much indebted to the landowners who have so willingly made their properties available for these events. Without the support of our landowners we would have no orienteering. We therefore record our thanks to:

Whanawhana – Awapai & Kohatanui - Simon Beamish, Donald Watson (operations manager)
The Slump – Rotonui – David & Diane Hartree & Ngaroto – Greg & Rachel Hartree

General information

This competition will be run in accordance with the NZOF Competition Rules for New Zealand Foot Orienteering Events. These rules may be viewed on the NZOF website – www.nzorienteeing.com

Electronic punching system

We shall be using the SportIdent electronic punching system for all events.

The e-cards that you carry with you on your course must be electronically cleared and checked before you start your course. As you enter the start area, place your e-card into the “clear” control unit. It will be clearly marked. Hold it there for a couple of seconds and you should be given a red light and a beep, confirming that your card is working and has been cleared. Your e-card will be “checked”, to confirm that it is has been properly cleared, when you enter the start grid.

At each control, place the end of the e-card into the hole in the top of the flat box mounted on the control stand. Hold it there briefly until a red light and a beep indicate that the control unit has transferred its number and time on to your e-card. If in doubt, do it again – it does not matter if you record the same control twice. If a control unit should fail during the event and not give you a red light and a beep after a couple of tries, use the clipper on the control stand to punch one of the boxes printed on the edge of your map. Draw this to the attention of the staff at the finish.

If you go to the wrong control and put your e-card into a control unit that is not yours, don't worry. Just find the correct control and go through the process again. The wrong one will be discarded.

When you reach the finish line, don't forget to put your e-card into one of the control units situated directly on the finish line. Again, wait for the beep and the red light, confirming your finish. Then proceed down the chute to the download station, which will read the information off your e-card and print out a sheet showing your course time and the split times between all controls.

Your e-card has a number that is related specifically to you as a competitor. The cards must not be loaned to anyone else during the event. If you lose a hired e-card there will be a charge of \$50 to cover the cost of a replacement.

Start procedure

Please turn up at the start in plenty of time. Note that there is a long walk at both the Whanawhana events.

Please ensure that you have cleared your e-card and are ready to enter the starting grid no later than three minutes before your start time.

Note carefully: Control descriptions will not be issued at registration. You will pick them up in the second section of the starting grid, so will need an armband or something in which to put the control descriptions.

If you are late for your start, tell the staff. They will fit you into the start at the first convenient time but your race time will run from your original start time. If you consider that you have a valid reason for being late, explain that to the event controller after you have finished.

It is not intended to read out any instructions at the start, other than last minute details. Please ensure that you have thoroughly read the information on hazards and any other relevant instructions from this programme.

Finish procedure

After recording your e-card in the control unit on the finish line proceed to the download station. If you had a control station failure and clipped your map instead, tell the download person and your map will be taken for later review. All maps will be collected until the time of the final competitor's start.

If you do not complete your course, please go through the finish control and the download process, the same as everyone else. Otherwise we will come looking for you.

On your last day, please return any hired e-cards at the finish.

Complaints and Protests

If you wish to make a complaint regarding an infringement of the rules or the organisers' directions, please talk to the event controller. This must be done within 60 minutes of completing your course. The event controller will consider the matter that you have raised and let you have his decision. There is no charge for making a complaint.

If you are not satisfied with that decision, you may ask that the complaint be considered as a protest. A fee equal to the entry fee that you paid for that day's course is then payable but this fee will be returned if your protest is upheld.

Protests will be considered by a jury of A grade controllers.

Safety

Your safety is important to us. We want you to enjoy your orienteering free from accident. We have identified the most likely hazards that you will come across but you are expected to exercise commonsense around any obvious hazard:

Livestock. Please avoid spooking cattle and horses.

Fences. Cross at a post. Climb over gates at the hinge end. If you pass through a gate, leave it as you found it.

Electric fences. They should be off but if in doubt, check by touching the fence with a piece of grass.

Cliffs and rocks. Cliffs that are considered impassable have been identified as such by the mappers. Respect their judgement.

Farm machinery and vehicles. Keep well clear and please ensure that any children in your care do likewise.

Creche

An unsupervised area will be provided for parents of young children to arrange their own co-operative child minding.

Food

A group of Girl Guides from Hastings will be providing food at each event (except the sprint) as fundraising for the Girl Guide Jamboree in Christchurch early next year. The planned menu is baking, tea and coffee, cold drinks, a sausage sizzle and burgers with coleslaw and beetroot - please support their efforts.

Special map symbols

Green circle = distinct single tree; green X = stump or log; black circle = water tank; black X = man-made object of some type; blue circle = trough.

Fences are not shown on the maps for courses 1 – 8, for the Long Distance and Middle Distance events.

Take care not to confuse track symbols (dashed lines) with cliff symbols, some of which will be black lines without legs.

Dogs

Absolutely none. All maps are in farming areas and dogs are completely unwelcome.

Event locations

For detailed maps of event locations, go to www.maptalk.co.nz/events.

String course

There will be a string course every day for the littlies. Just collect a clip card from registration.

Prizegiving

Certificates & trophies (if applicable) will be awarded to winners and placegetters for the Central Districts & Wellington Championship events. Fastest time certificates will be awarded to winners not from these areas.

The prizegiving will happen continuously throughout the event, so as classes are completed the awards for these classes will be made.

Top 'O' Family competiton

The competition will be based on the results of the three best performing family members in any three events over the weekend. Points will be scored in 'A', 'AS' or 'E' classes. The scoring system will be as used by HBOC for their OY series i.e. 25 points for a win, with other scores based on a percentage of winning time. The points will be updated each evening and displayed at the event centre the next day so that you can check your family's progress. Twenty five family groups have entered so the competition should be tough. Good luck to you all - may the best family win!

Saturday 20th October - CDOA Long Distance Championship - The Slump

Event status:	A level
The map:	The Slump
Scale/contours:	Scale: 1:10,000 (courses 1 – 9); 1:7,500 (course 10), contour interval 5 metres
Mappers:	Fieldwork - Geoff Morrison; cartography - Alan Berry
Terrain:	Farmland, with a unique combination of lakes, knolls, depressions, rocks, scattered trees and smaller forested areas. The confusion of features is the result of the huge geological slump after which the map is named.
Planner:	Hamish Goodwin (HB)
Controller:	Ken Holst (HB)
Directions:	Find your way to the pub at Puketapu, which is a small settlement about 6 kms northwest of Taradale. If you follow Puketapu Road from the middle of Taradale you cannot miss. Go up the hill beside the pub into Dartmoor Road. Do not cross the river. Keep driving WNW on Dartmoor Road, past the Sacred Hill winery at about 10 kms from Puketapu, to the event centre at about 24 kms from Puketapu.
Parking:	Ample parking, as directed.
Event centre:	The event centre & finish area are adjacent to the parking area.
Start:	A short distance from the event centre – 1 minute walk.
Facilities:	There will be water and toilets at the event centre.
Hazards:	We will do our best to ensure electric fences will be turned off. As a precaution, use your map bag as an insulator when crossing electric fences.
Out of bounds areas:	A number of residences are mapped as out of bounds. All farm buildings are also out of bounds.
Safety bearing:	North to the nearest road.
Registration:	From 10.15 am
First start:	11.00 am
Maps available:	2.00 pm
Course closure:	3.30 pm
Special map symbols:	Refer to page 3. Note: For the purpose of clarity, distinct single trees are mapped as white areas when they are close to rock features.

Course lengths and climb:

Course	Men	Women	Length metres	Climb metres	Controls
1	M21E (Open)		11,360	390	26
2	M20A, M21A	W21E (Open)	7,530	330	21
3	M18A, M40A		6,290	290	20
4	M16A, M50A, M21AS	W20A, W21A, W40A	4,600	250	15
5	M60A, M40AS	W16A, W50A, W21AS	3,690	205	13
6	M70A	W60A, W70A, W40AS	3,100	145	12
7	M21B, M14A		3,840	195	12
8	M40B	W14A, W18B, W21B	3,220	165	10
9	M12A, M14B, M21C	W12A, W21C	1,920	100	9
10	M10, M12B	W10, W12B	2,020	90	12

Sunday 21st October – WOA Middle Distance Championship - Whanawhana

Event status:	A level
The map:	Whanawhana
Scale/contours:	Scale: 1:10,000 (courses 1 – 8); 1:7,500 (courses 9 & 10), contour interval 5 metres
Mappers:	Fieldwork Geoff Morrison; cartography Pamela Morrison
Terrain:	Spur/gully farmland with extensive areas of runnable kanuka scrub, boulders, small cliffs and intricate contour detail.
Planner:	Geoff Morrison (HB)
Controller:	Mark McKenna (RO)
Directions:	From Omaha (Fernhill) 8 kms west of Hastings, take the road to Taihape. Bear left at Pukehomoamoia (9 kms) into Matapiro Road and continue for 23 kms. Take Whana Valley Road, then 8 kms to the event centre.
Parking:	Ample parking, as directed.
Event centre:	At the finish area, handy to the parking.
Start:	About 15 minutes walk from the event centre, following a shingle road.
Facilities:	There will be water and toilets at the event centre and a toilet at the start.
Clothing:	The country can be exposed and cold in adverse weather. Be prepared with suitable race and after-race clothing. A clothing return will only operate if the weather is wet and/or cold.
Hazards:	Ongaonga is present in areas of native bush (courses 1 – 3). We will do our best to ensure electric fences will be turned off. As a precaution, use your map bag as an insulator when crossing electric fences.
Out of bounds areas:	A number of residences are mapped as out of bounds. All farm buildings are also out of bounds.
Safety bearing:	North to the nearest road.
Registration:	From 11.15 am
First start:	12.00 pm
Maps available:	13.45 pm
Course closure:	3.15 pm
Special map symbols:	Refer to page 3. Note: For the purpose of clarity, distinct single trees are mapped as white areas when they are close to rock features.

Course lengths and climb:

Course	Men	Women	Length metres	Climb metres	Controls
1	M21E (Open)		4,240	220	18
2	M20A, M21A	W21E (Open)	3,845	195	16
3	M18A, M40A		3,510	185	13
4	M16A, M50A, M21AS	W20A, W21A, W40A	3,270	130	13
4a			3,150	130	12
5	M60A, M40AS	W16A, W50A, W21AS	2,700	110	9
6	M70A	W60A, W70A, W40AS	2,170	95	10
7	M21B, M14A		2,885	115	11
8	M40B	W14A, W18B, W21B	2,550	100	9
9	M12A, M14B, M21C	W12A, W21C	2,245	85	9
10	M10, M12B	W10, W12B	1,960	85	10

Sunday 21st October – Deco Dash - Havelock North Village

The map:	Havelock North Village
Scale/contours:	Scale: 1:4,000
Mappers:	Fieldwork Geoff Morrison; cartography David Fisher
Terrain:	Havelock North town centre - includes the shopping precinct, light industrial zone, nearby parks and schools.
Planners:	Duncan Morrison & Jack Vincent (HB)
Directions:	Six roads meet at a roundabout in the middle of Havelock North. Take the most uphill looking road, which is directly opposite the road from Hastings, by the BNZ. First turn left at another smaller roundabout, into Campbell Street.
Parking:	On the roadside in Campbell Street or Busby Hill.
Event centre:	At Havelock North Primary School – please follow the signs to the event centre. Areas off the direct route from parking to the event centre are out of bounds.
Start:	2 minutes walk from the event centre – please follow the signs.
Facilities:	Toilets will be available at the Primary School. Areas off the direct route from the event centre to the toilets are out of bounds.
Hazards:	All roads will be open , please take care and respect the traffic when running on roads and when crossing roads.
Out of bounds areas:	The Havelock North CBD area will be out of bounds to all competitors from 4.00 pm. There are large areas of out-of-bounds private property marked on the map (with black stripes) – please do not enter these areas.
First start:	6.00 pm
Maps available:	7.05 pm
Course closure:	7.40 pm

Course lengths:

Course	Men	Women	Length metres	Controls
1	M18, M20, M21, M21E, M40	W20, W21E	3,100	19
2	M16, M50, M60	W16, W18, W21, W40, W50	2,400	15
3	M12, M14, M70	W12, W14, W60	1,800	12
4	M10 (white)	W10 (white)	1,100	10

Monday 22nd October – WOA Long Distance Championship - Whanawhana

Event status:	A level
The map:	Whanawhana
Scale/contours:	Scale 1:15,000 (courses 1 - 2); 1:10,000 (courses 3 - 8); 1:7,500 (courses 9 – 10), contour interval 5 metres
Mappers:	Fieldwork Geoff Morrison; cartography Pamela Morrison
Terrain:	Spur/gully farmland with extensive areas of runnable kanuka scrub, boulders, small cliffs and intricate contour detail.
Planner:	Chris Howell (HB)
Controller:	Max Kerrison (HB)
Directions:	From Omahu (Fernhill) 8 kms west of Hastings, take the road to Taihape. Bear left at Pukehomoamoamo (9 kms) into Matapiro Road and continue for 23 kms. Take Whana Valley Road, then 8 kms to the event centre.
Parking:	Ample parking, as directed.
Event centre:	At the finish area, handy to the parking.
Start:	About 15 minutes walk from the event centre, following a road.
Facilities:	There will be water and toilets at the event centre and a toilet at the start.
Clothing:	The country can be exposed and cold in adverse weather. Be prepared with suitable race and after-race clothing. A clothing return will only operate if the weather is wet and/or cold.
Hazards:	Ongaonga is present in areas of native bush. We will do our best to ensure electric fences will be turned off. As a precaution, use your map bag as an insulator when crossing electric fences.
Out of bounds areas:	A number of residences are mapped as out of bounds. All farm buildings are also out of bounds.
Safety bearing:	North to the nearest road.
Registration:	From 9:15 am
First start:	10:00 am
Maps available:	12.45 pm
Course closure:	2.30 pm
Special map symbols:	Refer to page 3. Note: For the purpose of clarity, distinct single trees are mapped as white areas when they are close to rock features.

Course lengths and climb:

Course	Men	Women	Length metres	Climb metres	Controls	Drink stations
1	M21E (Open)		11,120	560	26	2
2	M20A, M21A	W21E (Open)	7,940	390	23	1
3	M18A, M40A		5,870	280	17	1
4	M16A, M50A, M21AS	W20A,W21A, W40A	4,910	245	14	1
5	M60A, M40AS	W16A, W50A, W21AS	3,690	130	12	1
6	M70A	W60A, W70A, W40AS	2,560	130	11	0
7	M21B, M14A		3,105	120	9	0
8	M40B	W14A , W18B, W21B	2,340	115	8	1
9	M12A,M14B, M21C	W12A	3,070	135	10	0
10	M10, M12B	W10	2,100	95	14	0