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COMMENT: So far this year we have had fine weather for our three-weekly meetings, the only cancellation having been the Night Event which has been transferred to a date later in the year. It's been great to see the many new faces turning-up, especially the many family groups. A few previously regular competitors seem to have packed up for a winter rest, so if you are one of these, how about making it to our promotional meeting at Pakowhai on July 22nd....bring some friends too. After this, as you will see from the fixtures, we have some meetings at new areas on new maps coming up that should provide some really interesting and enjoyable orienteering.

We need to be keeping up our search for new areas: Te Mata is no longer a real orienteering challenge and needs to be used much less frequently. Eucra Flat and Eskdale are promising new areas, and the Gwavas Forest looks to have great potential. At the moment we need help mapping these areas: Give Roger or Martin a ring if you can help. In the future we need to aim for at least one new area a year if we are going to keep a challenge in our local orienteering....I think the enjoyment club members have had recently competing in events put on by other clubs speaks for itself, so lets get onto mapping ourselves....

TOKOROA MEETING

A carload of club members ventured up to Tokoroa on the last Sunday in May for a 'Motala' Orienteering event. A 'Motala' consists of several short courses (in this case four) each with three or four controls on separate maps, in this case coloured maps. After each course is completed the time is taken (in minutes and seconds!) and a fresh map collected for the next section.

Our intrepid group all completed the courses with varying success! Bob Lester came in first of the Hawkes Bay members with very consistent times. Ken Ross turned in excellent times on three courses but 56 minutes tangled up in bracken (on wrong side of a ridge!) put his total time up. Martin Newton and Roger Bee came third and fourth in the Hawkes Bay group on time (but 1st and 2nd in blackberry scratches). Sporting our scratched legs we lowered ourselves into the Taupo hot pools to soak, on the return journey. With plenty of amusing incidents to discuss over the maps on the way home the return trip went very quickly.

The day was an interesting one and well worth the journey for both the experience and the chance to chat with orienteers of another club. Thanks Pinelands for a very nice day.

TAUPO: EASTER THREE DAY EVENT

During Easter Dad and I went to Taupo for the three day event. We met Mr and Mrs Newton up there. The weather was fine but cold.

As my start times got near I got very nervous. I think the others did too. I found the courses very long and hard. It was all in forests. The maps were good coloured ones.

I got 7th in my grade. Dad says the other Hawkes Bay people got experience not placings.

It was a good weekend especially with the swim in the hot pools.

Greg Ross

LOCAL LIBRARY BOOKS ON ORIENTEERING -

There are a number of books available in both the Napier and the Hastings Public Libraries: look under the SPORT 796.42 section. In the Napier Library the books by John Disley and B.M. Henley are both good. In Hastings the two by H. Bengtsson and Jim Rand/Tony Walker are excellent, the latter being my own choice as the "best book" on 'O'.

FIXTURES

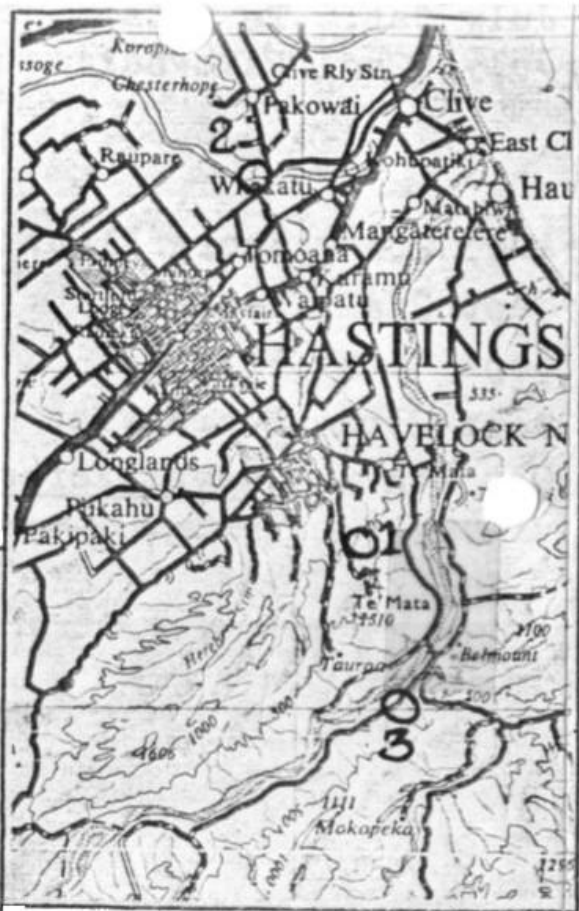
- July 1st: Te Mata: Cross country. * (a change from the previous notice)
July 22nd Pakowhai: promotional event - Bring some friends along, there will be plenty of instruction available, as well as courses.
- Aug 12th Eucre Flat: new map.
- Sept 2nd Te Mata: memory event.
- Sept 16th Frimley: night event
- Sept 23rd Eucre Flat
- Oct 7th Gwavas Forest: new map; club championships.
Follow Highway 50 to about 5 km past Maraekakaho, turn onto Salisbury Rd drive for about 12 km to junction with Kereru Rd. Turn left at junction, car parking and start will be about 1 km along road. Total distance is about 50 km. from Hastings, about 45 mins travelling time. Its a nice drive, so bring the family and a picnic. There will be several courses: including one for non-championship competitors.

OTHER EVENTS

- June 24: Pinelands. Line Event off Cougar Rd. Colour map. 10 am - 1 pm.
- July 8: Taupo Tauhara Farm, Memory Event, Setter - Ken Scott.
- July 29: Rotorua, Peka Block, Farm event, Rotorua/Atiamuri highway, colour map.
- August 19: Taupo C.D.O.A. - O.Y. Event, Iwitahi Block, Waimihia S.F., colour map, signposted from Forest H.Q., Taupo/Napier highway.
Red kiwi Event: Massey University, Palmerston North.
- Sept 9: Red Kiwi Event: Waitarere Forest.
- Oct 20-21: National Champs: Waiuku Forest, South Auckland.
- Nov 11: Wellington Area Championships, Ngauru Forest, 50 km east of Masterton.

LOCATION OF EVENTS

- 1: TE MATA
- 2: PAKOWHAI
- 3: EUCHRE FLAT
- 4: GWAVAS FOREST



To Takapau

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