

COMPASS POINTS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HAWKES BAY

ORIENTEERING CLUB

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Greetings for the 1980s to all orienteers!

The A.G.M. has again come and gone - this year with films - and has left us with lots of good news, and one piece of not-so-good news. Dealing with the latter first, I am sure that all members will be sorry to hear that our club's founder and past president, George Graham, has decided to retire from his part in club administration, and start enjoying orienteering without the organising worries. The new committee goes on record as recognising the great job George has done in launching the club and building it to the active position we are now at.

Much was achieved at the A.G.M. in spite of a less-than-hoped-for attendance. One decision was to adopt a carefully calculated budget for the coming year (with the result that subs have been increased - but I don't expect anyone will be surprised - or even disappointed - at that news) and you can all be assured that your subs will be put to the very best use. Elsewhere in this newsletter some of the upcoming projects are mentioned, and others will be reported in the future.

One decision which this newsletter is the first materialisation of, is to produce it on a quarterly basis, and mail it to all financial members. This will insure that everyone receives it, and your editor has already offset some of the cost by selling advertising space - so please support the advertisers - they are supporting us!

Your new committee, which is listed overleaf, can only function efficiently with your help, so please give it whenever and wherever you can. (I will put in my claim first, and ask that anyone who has anything to say via this newsletter, is welcome to submit it for publication). However, if asked to help out in any way, remember that any organisation is only as good as it's members - and we believe that we have a pretty good crowd!

Dave Holt - Editor.

SWEENEY'S OF RUSSELL STREET, HASTINGS
(just along from the city post office)

SPECIALISTS IN SPORTS - CASUAL WEAR - CHILDRENS AND TEENS WEAR -
TRACKSUITS - SWEATERS - ROAD RACING AND JOGGING SHOES - ETC.

NEW COMMITTEE - A KEEN TEAM FOR THE '80s

Below is a list of your new committee along with their 'phone numbers and a few notes on how you can do your bit to help them to do their job.

PRESIDENT - KEN ROSS (434594)

SECRETARY - BOB LESTER (799231) let him know if you move house etc.

TREASURER - COLIN TAIT (778927) pay your subs as soon as possible.

7.10 • FIXTURES OFFICER - BRIAN CRAWFORD (446125) see notes below
EQUIPMENT OFFICER - ROGER BEE (448137) when you run a meet, see that all equipment is returned in good order.

PUBLICITY OFFICER AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR - DAVE HOLT (798121)

SCOREKEEPER - DAVE SMITH (69862) when you run a meet please ensure that the results are entered on the sheets provided and either handed or posted to Dave.

It will no longer be the meet organiser's job to supply results to the local newspapers.

FUND RAISING CO-ORDINATOR - TONY STRAWBRIDGE (778977)

Please help when asked and give Tony your ideas.

7.5 • MAPPING AND NEW AREAS OFFICER - ROGER BEE (448137) Roger has volunteered to undertake this extremely time-consuming task, and, if you feel that you have any skills which could be useful, ring Roger today. Also let him know if you know of an area which you think might be suitable for orienteering.

Don't forget folks - we will be doing our best for you. Will you do your best for us (and yourselves)

COURSE PLANNING

BRIAN CRAWFORD, our new Fixtures Officer, has great plans for this year's programme and he is hoping to get some of the newer members involved in conjunction with an experienced member. If, if Brian rings you to ask if you would like to plan a course, and the prospect frightens you, don't worry - you will get all the help you need. Better still, why not surprise him and you ring him and offer. Brian enjoys competing at orienteering meetings, and, if he has to plan all the courses himself, he won't be able to

CARLTON SPORTS CENTRE IN CENTREPOINT, HASTINGS
FOR YOUR 'SILVA' COMPASSES

GRADES FOR 1980

To encourage greater competition in the individual classes, your committee has decided, for club events, to consolidate the age-grading system as follows.

M12 and under, M13-16, M17-35, M35 and over, with the same age groupings for women. The national grades will apply to Champs. Where a choice of courses is available, the longest course will be run by M17-35 with the next longest by M36+ and W17-35, the next by M13-16 and W36+ and other competitors running shorter courses.

Family and group participants will be able to compete at the level they feel suits them best.

ORIENTEER OF THE YEAR

Over six selected meetings during the year, individual competitors performances will be recorded and the best four results used to determine The Orienteer of The Year in each of the above grades. The meetings which qualify for this title are marked with an * on the programme on page 3, so, if you want to have a crack at this title, don't miss the appropriate meetings.

The committee has spent quite some time discussing and studying various systems of scoring that will make it possible for any member to win - so don't be put off if you aren't the fastest - consistency will be a dominant factor. REMEMBER THE HARE AND THE TORTOISE!

CLUB CERTIFICATES AWARDED

The awards to the clubs winners were made at the A.G.M.

DOOK CUP for meritorious service - ROGER BEE.

(for the many hours mapping work he has done)

W21 - WENDY BEE

M12 - SAM COOKE

M13 - GRANT SMITH

M16 - ROBBIE SMITH

M21 - FRANK LESTER

M35 - DAVE COOKE

M43 - BRIAN CRAWFORD

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD - BOB LESTER

JUNIOR PROFICIENCY AWARDS - FIONA CRAWFORD - GREG ROSS -

DANIEL HOLT - SAM COOKE

It was also noted that Fiona Crawford won her event in Gold Award time, and Bob Lester achieved Bronze Award points at the Taupo Badge Event.

Robbie Smith has been named reserve for his grade to compete in The Inaugural Pacific Champs for N.Z. in Australia at Easter.

NATIONAL CHAMPS - TAUPO - LABOUR WEEKEND - TRY TO BE THERE

PLAYAROUND SPORTSWEAR (city end of Karamu Rd, Hastings) for your active sportswear - John Walker - 'Le Coq Sportif' - Sportsways Waterlung.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

March 2	Euchre Flat.	Course Planners D(and Sam Cooke
March 16	Badge event at Tokoroa	(Entries close March 1st)	
March 23	Eskdale	Course Planners	?
April 13	* Gwavas Forest	Course Planners	Ken Ross and ?
May 4	Pakowhai Park	Course Planners	?
May 10 - 11	Nat. Orienteering Club	Interclub Relay Champs	Masterton.
May 18	Night event at Anderson Park,	Taradale.	CPs The Bees
May 25.	Euchre Flat	Course Planners	?
June 15	* Te Mata Park	Course Planners	?

Details of other club events can be obtained from Bob Lester.

1980 SUBSCRIPTIONS

It was decided at the A.G.M. that all members of our club will, from this year, be affiliated to the N.Z. Orienteering Federation and therefore, membership dues will incorporate NZOF subs. This means that all members of HBOC will be eligible to take part in National events, as well as enjoying all the benefits which our own club receives as a fully affiliated group.

Membership dues are as follows:-

Family Membership	£12.00
Individual Adult	£ 7.00
Individual Junior	£ 4.00
Under 12 years	Free

Existing members will receive a discount of £2.00 for families and £1.00 for Individual Adults if subs are paid by March 31st. Please either hand your subscriptions to Colin Tait at the next meeting or post them (with the Membership form enclosed) to him at 11 Reynolds Rd, Havelock North. DONT FORGET THE DISCOUNT IF PAID BY MARCH 31st 1980.

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??? SO WHAT ARE WE GOING TO SPEND THEM ON ???

Already, you will have encountered some of our new control markers, these are compatible with national requirements, and more of these will be made in the near future along with stands with clips fixed to the tops (Those members who attended the recent Taupo event will remember those in use there). This means that markers will not have to be tied to trees etc - which is strictly contrary to orienteering practice.

We have a new area which Roger is currently mapping and there will naturally be expenses involved with this.

And, of course, there is the 'Compass Points', which has to be duplicated and mailed.

JUNIOR PROFICIENCY AWARDS

A certificate is awarded to all members under twelve years of age who successfully complete three courses unaided during the club year (March - February). Hitherto, accurate records of the pre-1980 performances of all our junior members are not available, so if you or your youngster have qualified for an award under this scheme, please let the secretary know and the matter will be rectified. Naturally, with the appointment of an official scorekeeper, this situation will not occur in the future.

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If you are offering to plan a course and the weather looks a bit dodgy on the morning of the meeting, please ring the Fixtures Officer, Brian Crawford to check whether the meeting should be postponed. If it is decided to postpone, an announcement will be broadcast on Bay City Radio 2ZC.

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NON-MEMBERS COMPETING AT CLUB MEETINGS

When the new membership subscriptions were voted in at the A.G.M. there was some discussion about the participation of non-members at club meets, including some comment from the leader of a youth group who said that members of his organisation would be only too happy to pay a small charge for the map and the use of club facilities. It was, therefore, decided to ask non-members and visiting members of other orienteering clubs to make a donation of not-less-than fifty cents per map used. Naturally, non-members will not enjoy NZOF affiliation or receive 'Compass Points'.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Since this is my first newsletter, there aren't any! But that needn't be the situation next issue need it? In addition to the various items contained in this newsletter, one issue that I would welcome opinion on is the club producing a colour map. If you have never used a colour map then obviously it will be difficult to comment, but those members who have had the real pleasure of doing so at other clubs, NZ badge events or Nationals, will, I am sure, agree that this is something that our club should be looking at in the not-too-distant future. The high cost could be considerably off-set by running an 'open' event to which we would invite orienteers from all over N.Z. to 'launch' the new map. This would involve more club members than the

committee could furnish, and, without good support from at least ten members, it would be very difficult to stage such an event successfully. I personally think that we would have no trouble in not only staging a highly successful open event, but in going a long way to covering the cost of a colour map. It would also seem to me that the best area that we have at our disposal for a colour map would be Gwavas Forest, since a large enough area could be covered for several meetings to be held there without using the same area twice. Anyway, those are my thoughts - now let's hear yours.

My address, for contributions to the newsletter, or comments on it, is P.O. Box 762, Hastings.

CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS

Some members may have seen, or received, a copy of the Taupo club's very useful newsletter which was devoted to the explanation of the International Orienteering Federation pictorial control descriptions. I personally studied this prior to the Taupo badge event, and experienced no difficulty in following the descriptions on my course (much to my surprise!) What do you think of the adoption of this internationally recognised system in our own club?

The club has received a further supply of copies of the very useful booklet 'THE HARE AND TORTOISE' from Federation, and these will be on sale at 50c a copy at all club events. Purchase of a copy will be helping the club, so, if you haven't got a copy, bring along 50c to the next meeting.

SUNDAY EVENTS

If you happen to be reading this, having got it from a friend, and think that you would like to give orienteering a go, please feel free to come along to our next meeting any time between ten a.m. and two p.m., or phone any of the committee listed on page 2 - you will be most welcome. The same goes for members of sister 'O' clubs who may be visiting our area.

SOCIAL ASPECTS

By nature, orienteering is an individual sport, and it is quite easily possible to arrive at a meeting, register for a course, get a fairly immediate start, do the course, and go home without meeting anyone other than the start-finish marshall. Maybe this is the way you like it, but, on the other hand, it could be that you would like to get to know more of your fellow members, by way of some sort of social event. Please let us know.

REPORT FROM TAU. TRAINING COURSE

An orienteering training course was held at Taupo over the weekend of February 8th - 10th and was attended by over 100 orienteers including Brian Crawford and his daughter Fiona, and Robbie Smith.

The programme opened on Friday evening with a slide show which, with the accompanying comments, described orienteering in international situations.

On Saturday morning things really got under way out in the forest, with attendees being split up into five ability groups and running courses with instructors at alternate controls discussing the features to be encountered over the next two legs and how to interpret the map.

Saturday afternoon involved competing in a memory course designed to stimulate advance route planning. The evening was again used to show slides with discussion.

Sunday morning saw attendees running up, down and on the flat to learn their own pace counts per one hundred metres covered, followed by some compass course work incorporating devices to show participants how many degrees off course they were going over various distances. Apparently not many runners were still on course after two hundred metres! To complete the mornings work trainees were paired off to run alternative routes between control markers with a view to determining which type of route suited their individual style best. Brian tells us that, when he and Fiona ran the contour and the straight line respectively, Fiona found the control much quicker. This is something our own members could profitably try out when they next compete in groups at our own club meetings.

Throughout the day, and the weekend off all trainees had a competition in classes. Our information does not tell us how HBOC members fared!

All in all, it would seem that the weekend was well worth the time and expense, with all three attendees from our club saying that they would go to another such event again. Congratulations Taupo on a well-run weekend.

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Boo Lester

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Autumn 1980