

COMPASS POINTS

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NEWSLETTER OF THE HAWKES BAY

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EDITORIAL

I was talking to a friend in Wellington recently, who, in addition to being a member of Wellington O Club, is of South African origins, and he has introduced me to a delightful bit of South African Orienteering terminology. What we refer to as "Fight" is, apparently, known as "Bundu-Bash", and anyone who inadvertently finds himself in such terrain is referred to as "Bundu-bashing". Since hearing this I have tried it out on some of my non-orienteer friends (I'm gradually converting them - we need the members - but more on that later) and the reaction it produces is quite a lot more enjoyable than what I used to get when I told them that I was stuck in a bramble bush! Since I personally seem to be in this situation fairly often, I have decided to permanently adopt this "technical" orienteering term from now on, in the hopes that I can avoid having to answer those damn-fool questions like "Are you actually supposed to get stuck in bramble bushes when you do this orienteering?" Next time someone asks you how you aquired all those scratches try telling them that you got them Bundu-bashing at your last orienteering meet - they will be genuinely impressed!

Now, with regard to roping all your friends into trying the great sport of Orienteering - have YOU introduced a new member since the AGM? If you have - Good on you, and welcome to your friends (they shold be mentioned elsewhere in this issue), and if you haven't, well keep trying - we need more members if we are to provide better maps and new areas.

My friend Ray (the bundu-basher) had a copy of the Wellington Orienteering Club's newsletter which I managed to read over the weekend (all 16 pages) and I noted that John Dobbs, ex-treasurer for three years of Red Kiwis, has recently moved up to Hawkes Bay. At the time of writing this editorial we haven't seen him at any of our meets, but heres hoping he can make it along when he gets settled in up here. I am quite sure that we could benefit from some first hand knowledge from another club.

Dave Holt.

by Bob Lester

BEWARE! Conditions can be extremely adverse. - - TOO TRUE!!!
Wet and windy in Hastings - Wet, windy and ***** COLD at
Cashmore. However, as Roger said "At least we did something, and
weren't just bored at home."

(Editors note:- I wasn't personally at the event Bob is writing
about here, and judging from what follows, I don't think I'm all
that sorry. Anyway, Bob has sent me his impressions of the day
in the form of a numbered list, which, as I read through it,
made me feel as though they were written down as Bob's brain
thawed out - rather like frozen peas as you shake the packet!
I'm not sure whether I was supposed to use the info given to
create some scintillating piece of journalistic gem, but, if I
was, I decided against it, as I felt that you should all read
it just the way it all came back to Bob - I enjoyed it that way,
and I hope that you will too! So, here, for the first time,
completely unexpurgated, are Bob's slightly thawed FROZEN PEAS.)

1. Badge event - within a days travel - DON'T MISS IT.
2. Weather terrible - but with so much organisation involved, it
can't be cancelled (can it?)
3. Tokoroa - the clouds lifting - only to make way for heavier
rain.
4. Register - friendly people - bus load from Auckland including
Martin Newton.
5. Huddle in car until last minute dash to the start.
6. Within 100 metres totally soaked.
7. Good start - confuse ridge with gully and don't notice second
fence on map. (Must be result of wind and rain!!)
8. Small depression - Where? - At last!
9. Must keep moving or I'll freeze.
10. Things getting better - one control where it should be
11. Follow muddy trail to next control (I knew where it was anyway)
12. Fingers so numb cant press the clipper.
13. At last the barn.
14. Now to collect my coat (Back to the start).
15. Finally back to the car and dry clothes.
16. The car leaked - bail out six inches of water under the
pedals (takes two weeks to dry out carpets).
17. At least everyone else is mad too.

Final impressions:- Why can't the driver sleep on the way home too.
Thanks to the organisers for getting us out of the house, and for
a well run event under trying conditions.

NZ NATIONAL RELAY CHAMPS

rst time out - and we made second place! (twice - almost). LBOC made it's debut appearance at a national relay event when three teams went along to Ngaumu Forest, some thirty kilometres East of Masterton. Roger Bee reports that a great time was had by all, with 220 orienteers from Dunedin to Auckland competing for honours for their clubs. We fielded two teams in the Mixed 'A' Grade - Colin Tait, Bob Lester and Grant Smith in one, and Dave Cooke, Roger Bee and Robbie Smith in the other. Dave, Roger and Robbie came second to a Hutt Valley team, whilst the other team were a bit lower down the scale (definitely not last though!). Our other team was entered in the junior boys section, and was comprised of Michael Alexander, Sam Cooke and Andy Smith and, initially, the boys were posted as coming second in their grade. However, it was later discovered that one of the team had inadvertently clipped the wrong control at one point, which of course, resulted in disqualification for the team. No doubt this would have been a great disappointment for the boys, as, otherwise, they had done so well. Apparrently (Roger tells me), in relay events, there are several control markers placed on the same feature, and this is what caught one of the boys out. (Trap for young players? - not neccessarily - there is a story going around about this chap who actually drew the map for a particular orienteering venue and ended up by being the only competitor to be caught out by a dummy control fiendishly placed at a subsequent meeting. All of which goes to show that you've got to read the control codes - unless, like yours truly at one meet, you forget to write them down when copying the map, which could, I imagine, be disasterous at a relay event!) All in all, I think that our juniors are fast showing us that, in the fullness of time, we will be very proud of them - well done boys, in spite of the slip (I bet it will NEVER happen again!)

Roger said that there was a totally different atmosphere at the relays to that experienced at ordinary meetings, with a much greater 'spectator' involvement in the form of the two team members watching for their partners progress. Apparrently the tension was quite something - 'Nerve wracking' were Roger's words to describe the waiting for the appearance of the final team member. Sounds like a lot of fun, and thanks for the report Roger.

Footnote: Robbie Smith says he will organise a relay event and has challenged the local news media to field teams - see the fixtures list on page 4.

FIXTURES LIST

June 15th	Te Mata Park	O/Y 2
July 6th	Gwavas Forest	O/Y 3
July 20th	Rotoehu Forest	Badge event - BOPOC
July 27th	Pakowhai Park	
Aug 17th	Te Mata Park	O/Y 4
Aug 31st	Gwavas Forest	Inter-club vs Red Kiwis
Sept 14th	Waitarere Forest	Badge event - Levin.
Sept 21st	Pakowhai Park	Night event - 7.00 pm start
Sept 28th	Rowe Rd (see below)	HBOC Champs
Oct 19th	Te Mata Park	HB Open Relay Champs (see page 11)
Oct 26th	Taupo	NZ National Champs.

NEW AREAS AND MAPPING NEWS

The new area at Rowe Rd is almost ready for use, and, as will be seen above, it will be 'christened' at our 1980 club championships. To reach Rowe Rd, drive to Havelock North village centre and take Middle Road south for a little under 20 kilometres (12 miles) until you see the Orienteering Club signs. This applies to all except those competitors approaching from the South - from anywhere South of Waipawa, turn right into Racecourse Rd at the Northern end of Waipawa, at approx 8.5km (5½m) take Te Kura Rd (this is a continuation of Racecourse Rd). At the T junction with Waitukai Rd turn left and keep going until you see the O club sign. The area is predominantly native bush and the map is to a scale of 1 : 5000 with 3 metre contours.

The Gwavas map has been totally re-drawn using a brand-new technique - I haven't personally seen it yet, but Roger tells me that it virtually makes colour maps unnecessary, and that the contours are white. It is hoped that the new map will be printed in time for the O/Y event on July 6th.

Te Mata is also being re-drawn with the scale increased to 1 : 5000 and the contours doubled to 7½ metre intervals. Much of the previously included 'useless' area is being eliminated in favour of more ground above Peak House, and many features are being better detailed.

Several other new areas are being looked at, and more details of these will appear in 'Compass Points' at later dates.

CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS

As members who have visited other O club events will have seen, the international system of pictorial control description is in fairly extensive use. To date, our own club has only used verbal descriptions (and this, not very often!). Whilst control description is not essential to completing an orienteering course, it is standard international orienteering practice for organisers to provide them, and, since our club is now equipped with the new set of control markers, it could be considered a natural follow-up to continue the trend to conformity.

Bearing this in mind, I have decided to publish a copy of the international control descriptions in the hopes that these will be used by course planners.

1. The Basic Grid.

a. Headings.

Course number.

Class.

Straight-line length.(km)

Climbing. (metres)

b. Columns - eight in all.

1. Control Number.

2. Control Code.

3. Which feature (of several in the vicinity).

4. The actual control feature.

5. Details of the appearance. (ie: Shallow or Deep etc)

6. Dimensions of the feature.

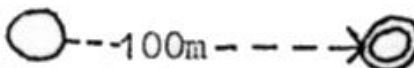

7. Location of the marker on the feature.



8. Other information.



(it should be noted that all columns need not necessarily be used in every case.)

Thicker lines should be used in the lines to the left of columns 1, 4 and 7, which contain the most important information.

c. The finish. Indicates the distance (in metres) from the last control to the finish, and whether the route is marked, thus

 --100m-- -- --> 
Marked all the way.

 --200m-- -- --> 
Marked at forks.


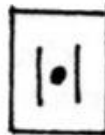




 150m 
No markings.

2. The symbols used.

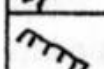
Column 1. Simply states the control number. (thus a control which is common to more than one course will be a different number on different courses, whilst the code letters will be same.)

Column 2. The Control Code. The letters which appear on the control marker placed at the control location numbered in 1.

Column 3. Where there are several similar features close to one another, the following symbols may be used to indicate which of them has the control.


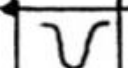
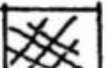
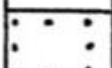
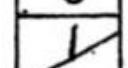

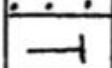
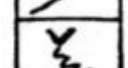
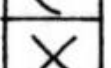
	Northern) And so-on around the compass.	
	Northwestern		
	Upper		
	Lower		
	The middle one		

Column 4. The actual feature on or at which the control marker will be found. (Where the marker is placed between two features show both symbols and indicate accordingly in column 3)

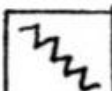


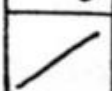
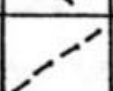
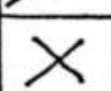
	Knoll		Sandy area		Ride
	Hill		Lake		Path
	Saddle		Pond		Road
	Pass		Water hole		Bridge
	Terrace		Well		Fence
	Spur		Spring		Wall
	Rib		Stream		Building
	Re-entrant		Ditch		Barn etc.
	Gully		Dry ditch		Ruin
	Depression		Marsh		Tower
	Depression		Marsh. small		Fodder rack
	Cliff		Firm ground		Field grave
	Cliff		Field		Pylon
	Pit		Meadow		Special feature
	Quarry		Copse		These can be used in conjunction with a verbal description, and should be pointed out beforehand.
	Mine		Forest corner		
	Bare rock		Thicket		
	Boulder		Clearing		
	Boulder field		Boundary		ETC.

PLAYAROUND SPORTSWEAR (CITY END - KARAMU RD) HASTINGS, for your active sportswear - John Walker - 'Le Coq Sportif' Sportsways
Waterlung

Column 5. Gives details of the visual appearance of the feature.

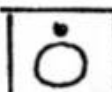

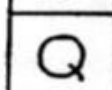



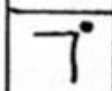




	Shallow		Deep		Overgrown
	Open		Junction		Bend
	End		Source		Crossing

Where two features cross or have a junction etc this can be shown by using columns 4, 5 and 6 as follows.




			Stream - ditch junction.
			Road - path crossing.

Column 6. This is used either as mentioned above or to give the dimensions (as in a clearing, depression, pond etc.) or, (as in the case of a cliff, wall, knoll, boulder etc.) the height, or, (as in the case of a gully, ditch, pit etc.) the depth in metres

Column 7. Gives the location of the actual control marker on the feature as follows.

	Northern <u>side</u>		<u>Upper part (head)</u>
	Southeastern <u>edge</u>		<u>Lower part (foot)</u>
	Western <u>corner</u> (inside)		On the top of
	Northeastern <u>corner</u> (outside)		<u>Southern foot</u>
	Southern <u>tip</u>		<u>At the foot</u> (direction not specified)
	Western <u>part</u>		

Column 8. Advises competitors of any other relevant information as follows.

	Refreshments		Radio control		Manned
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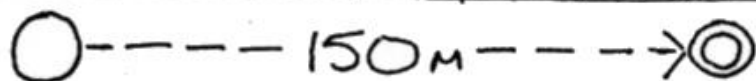
Course planners are not obliged to inform competitors of the presence of a radio control if they feel it would be fair not to do so. A manned control is one where an official is present to check that competitors cards are correctly clipped, and to record their passing time.

SWEENEY'S OF RUSSELL ST, HASTINGS - JUST ARRIVED - NEW LYDIARD
 "ATHENS" WAFFLE SOLED RUNNING SHOES - IDEAL FOR ORIENTEERING
 ONLY £50.00 pair - NO EXTRA CHARGE MADE TO MEASURE !!! HURRY.

Example Course Control Description.

COURSE C
M19/W35.4.83 km.
460 m.

1	FX	☰	▲		2.5	○	
2	TA	↗	•		1.5	∩	
3	KZ		∩	∩	5x7	○	
4	MB	∥	Ω	∩		∥	☐
5	LR		⋯	⋯	∩		⊙
6	BG		☰			∩	
7	DH		∩		7	∩	
8	EL	∩	∩	∩			

ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF
THE UPPER BOULDER - 2.5 M. HIGH.ON TOP OF THE NORTHEAST
KNOLL WHICH IS 1.5 M. HIGH.ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE
SHALLOW 5x7 M. POND.AT THE HEAD OF THE MIDDLE
RE-ENTRANT - DEEP. - REFRESHMENT.AT THE JUNCTION OF THE RIDE
AND THE BOUNDARY - MANNEDAT THE WESTERN TIP OF THE
MARSH (SWAMP)AT THE FOOT OF THE SEVEN
METRE HIGH CLIFF.BETWEEN THE GULLY AND
THE SHALLOW DEPRESSION.MARKED COURSE 150M TO
FINISH.

OK? Clear as a bell isn't it? Just so that you can see for yourselves how easy (and useful) the system can be, here is a set for you to work out. Send or give your solution to me (Dave Holt) along with your letter-to-the-editor! (P.O. Box 762, HASTINGS)

COURSE B
M35. W17-35.3.75 km
360 m

1	PT	↗	•		2.2	∩	
2	RE		X		11.5	○	
3	HB		☼			⊙	
4	NZ	∥	Ω	∩		∥	☐
5	OR	∩	☼				
6	IE		☼	∩		∩	
7	NT	↓	⊙	∩	1.5	∩	



WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Carolyn Brough, 525 Wall Rd, Hastings (67594); Lynne Butterworth, 405 Sylvan Rd, Hastings (67333); Clark Family, 38 Gaisford Tce, Waipukurau (88475); Keating Family, 148 Guppy Rd, Taradale (447250); Mardon Family, Evenden Rd, Hastings (68558); Sapsford Family, 3 Lorne Crescent, Flaxmere (798993); Stewart Family, 305 Lowe St, Hastings (85398).

The above brings the total membership for this year to 22 families and 5 individuals, with several existing members still to pay their 1980 dues.

Perhaps this is an appropriate point to mention that, if YOU are still an active orienteer and attending meetings, and haven't yet paid your dues, the treasurer would very much like to receive a cheque from you, as, to continue to offer improved facilities for you to enjoy your sport, we really do need those funds. As an additional factor is that, until your subs are paid (and thus your NZOF affiliation dues) you are not eligible to participate in any of the national events listed on page 4.

Unfortunately for the club, committee member Tony Strawbridge and his family have left the area to take up a promotion in Palmerston North so it looks as though we may have to consider John Dobbs as fair exchange! Have fun with Red Kiwis, Tony - maybe we'll see you on August 31st at the inter-club meeting.

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HOW OTHER CLUBS RUN O/Y EVENTS

A report from Brian Crawford on a recent Taupo OC event.

Sunday, May 18th, found us the only HB entrants in the Central Districts O/Y event at Iwitihi, on the Taupo Road. No doubt the excellent turnout for the previous Sunday's Relays at Masterton were part of the cause. Being non-competitors in the O/Y, we decided to pool our abilities, and set off as a group of four, with Fiona doing the navigation.

Red tape and spray paint led us into the forest to the big start triangle so that following competitors could not see which direction we took. The first leg took us over felled trees to the corner of the felling where Rachel (a W12 friend) spotted the first control.

On into the deep forest, up rising ground, we were soon punching No 2 on the far side of a gully. Aiming off a bit to the West took us over the small plateau and down to the gully on the other side. There was some discussion over which way to go, but, as the control description clearly indicated 'Head of gully', we lost little time in finding the marker.

Good running down the slope on a compass course led us past

another control in a clearing. It wasn't ours, so we kept on going and shortly spotted our target at the North end of some open 'fight' country.

We were now in the area Fiona and I had trained in earlier in the year * and familiarity, combined with failure to pace-count, resulted in overshooting the edge of the forest. Quickly back tracking, we spiked the control and set off up the logging track at the side of the forest. Control 6 was 'centre of deep gully' - a straightforward side step off the logging track - and so was number 7 - or so we thought! Even four pairs of eyes failed to find it, so a quick trip to the road was necessary to check we were in the right gully. Finally Dad put on his glasses and checked the map carefully. There it was, in the side gully - and there, indeed, it was! Out on the road, we sheltered behind a fallen tree beyond the corner and measured the distance. One hundred and twenty metres from the corner to go - but we overlooked that we were beyond the corner and, consequently, overshoot again.

A final jog down the marked route beside the road to the finish made us realise, once again, the delightful pleasure of orienteering in the open Taupo forests - Thank you, Taupo Club.

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CAR POOLING

With the increasing cost of petrol, and the the search for new orienteering areas taking us further afield, all members are asked to endeavour to 'tie-in' with others living in their area with a view to sharing transport on a rotating basis. If YOU can both help and benefit from such a scheme please let a committee member know and we'll put you in touch with a member in your district.

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* Brian wrote about the training weekend at Taupo in the Autumn 1980 'Compass Points'.

FRUITLANDS ORCHARD

just South of the motorway in Pakowhai Road, Pakowhai,

SELL THIRST QUENCHING (AND ENERGY GIVING!) PURE APPLE JUICE, AND THE TASTIEST APPLES THIS SIDE OF THE GWAVAS FOREST - ANYWHERE.

KEEP FIT AND HEALTHY WITH NATURE'S GOODNESS, AND BE A BETTER

ORIENTEER.

FIRST HB OPEN RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS 1980

anned to take place at Te Mata Park on Sunday, October 19th, the first HB Open Relay Champs are hoped by organisers Robbie and Dave Smith to draw a large number of teams from a variety of local organisations, including business houses, factories, sport clubs, schools, the media, and, in fact any groups of three people who want to enter. Sponsorship, by way of providing prize will be sought from local retailers.

There will be three courses of similar length with an estimated time of fifteen minutes being taken by competitors over each. Naturally, the running of such an event will require the keen involvement of as many club members as possible, and for this reason, it is suggested that special early start times will be allocated to HBOC members to enable them to be free to assist with timekeeping, instruction of novices etc.

An additional short course will be provided to enable team members who have no orienteering experience to get in a bit of practice and members who have completed their own courses are asked to assist with instruction.

If you can think of any group of three people who might rise to the challenge - then make sure that they receive one!

This could be the biggest publicity effort of the year for the club - particularly if we all do our bit, so let's make the most of it. If you have any ideas, accepted challenges etc, please keep Robbie or Dave informed - their phone number is 69862.

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INTER-CLUB MEETING WITH RED KIWIS OC

Gwavas Forest will be the scene on Sunday, August 31st for an inter-club meeting with Palmerston North's Red Kiwis Orienteering Club. Again all members are asked to make the effort to be there, and thus give our club that extra chance of success.

The meeting will be run basically just like an ordinary club event, except that participants will be graded according to the following list :- M and W grades 12, 13-16, 17-20, 21-34, 35-42, and over 42 (if enough competitors are forthcoming, a 50 grade will be added).

The best two times in each grade from each club will be recorded (except where less than two competitors in any grade start from either club - when one result only will be recorded) and the lowest total time will determine the winning club.

Naturally, those members who are not interested in highly competitive orienteering, who prefer a more leisurely family outing, are welcome to attend and participate. That is to say that the courses are open to all.



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