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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
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SOCIAL EVENING, 10 JULY - VENUE: MARDONS

Would you like a chance to meet other club members at places other than bottom of crag, gully, spur etc? A chance to talk to other club members instead of avoiding them near controls?

A Social Evening where all members assist in the preparation of the meal - try Colin Tait's Gordon Bleu style soup - will be held at the Mardons. If you have not been advised of this evening please urgently telephone Sharon Mardon, Phone 68-558 for further details.

A small charge of \$2 per person will be levied to assist with purchase of liquid refreshments, sauce, etc.

TRAINING DAY - GWAUAS - 8 JULY

A specialized training forum will be held on Sunday 18 July at Gwavas. All members are invited to advise Roger Bee (Phone 87-945) of their interest in this programme. It is intended to emphasise different orienteering techniques and to assist with individual orienteering problems encountered by club members. As the clubs 4th OY will be held at Gwavas the following weekend. It is suggested that this forum would be of considerable assistance to those who have previously found Gwavas a difficult area (hope to see you there Ted - we will show you how to locate Control No. 2 - and then - well its up to you!).

To assist the organisers please indicate to Roger Bee your interest in this training day (possibly at the Social Evening). Roger will advise you as to the meeting point and time.

KEN ROSS:-

With the pressure of study commitments, Michael Alexander has relinquished his position on the committee. Ken Ross agreed to take his place and was immediately volunteered as Fixtures Officer. This is a position that the committee has found difficult to fill and we now have our 3rd Fixtures Officer for this year. Its got to be a demanding position with that record.

Ken is looking for organisers for Te Mata Park meetings later this year and if you would like a chance to improve your skills by setting courses and running an event please talk to Ken (phone 434-594).

INTERCLUB MEETING WITH RED KIWIS - SEPTEMBER 19th

After last years successful meeting at the MSD forest at Bulls, this year Red Kiwis - Hawkes Bay Interclub Meeting will be held at Gwavas.

The Interclub meeting will also be the final OY meeting for this year so a full attendance of all members is requested to repluse the Red Kiwi Challenge.

It is not proposed to hire a bus to this year's meeting but the club is presently looking at running its Club Champs at Taupo on October 17 and a bus would be hired for that event.

ORIENTEERING

Results: Te Ma Family & Learners Event on Sunday 9th. May 1982.
47 competitors with maps and compasses enjoyed tackling the four courses, set by Maree, Liesl and Julie, which had them walking, climbing and running from control to control.

Course A (3.60km.)

Individuals:

1	Maurice Lloyd	M21	50m24s
2	Andrew Smith	M17	51.57.
3	Ross Frechtling	M19	66.30.
4	Ken Ross	M35	67.09
5	Colin Tait	M43	71.16
6	Trevor Carswell	M17	71.54
7	Stewart Hyslop	M43	72.11
8	Liesl Greene	W15	74.30
9	Brian Crawford	M50	75.39
10	Wayne Edgar	M21	118.32
	Denis Frechtling	M43	DNF
	Michael Alexander	M17	DNF

Course C (1.70km)

Individuals:

1	Fiona Crawford	W15	43.17
2	Murray McGovern	M21	50.30
3	Sandra Tait	W15	56.53
4	Bev Tait	W43	62.50
5	Carla Frechtling	W12	94.28
	Anne Frechtling	W17	DNF

Groups:

1	Mardon Gp	54.06
2	Marshall Gp	56.05
3	Rabbitt Gp	58.17
	Kerens Gp	84.29
5	Frechtling Gp	99.51
6	Fiona Sapsford Gp	00.47

Course B (2.25km)

Individuals:

1	Paul Frechtling	M16	35.20
2	Rod Banks	M21	46.14
3	Tony Fluymers	M35	47.23
4	Russell Mardon	M21	52.04
5	Julie Watson	W21	56.39
6	Sharon Mardon	W35	58.08
7	Ngairie Thompson	W21	63.19
8	Jan Edgar	W21	60.39
9	Heather Mardon	W14	73.58
10	Wendy Bee	W21	77.00

Groups:

1	D & C Holt	46.50
2	C & D Holt	59.51
3	Ross & Hogan	61.17
4	Chaplow	74.23
5	Anne Sapsford	79.08

Course D (0.85km)

Individual

1	Marika Taumoli	M12	52.08
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Groups:

1	Hyslop Gp	22.20
2	Watson Gp	39.39
3	Lloyd Gp	43.15
	Bee Gp	DNF

David L. Smith

Maria Lindsay (Results)
HBOC

1982 WELLINGTON ORIENTEERS
NZCF MAPS EVENT

HOST CLUB: Kapiti H.A.V.O.C.
COURSE SMTT-PS: John Doocock/Barrie Lord
CONTROLLER: Cathy Katwell
PLACES: Waikanae
MAP: Ngarara - new coloured map
 Scale 1:10,000 Contour interval 2.5m
 Undulating farmland, mainly sand-dunes, with some patches of pine.
DATE: 3rd October 1982
GRADES: (Ages as at 31 December 1982)
 W12 & under; W13-14; W15-16; W17-18; W19-20;
 W21 A; B; C; W22 A; B; W43; W50.
 M12 & under; M13-14; M15-16; M17-18; M19-20;
 M21 A; B; C; M22 A; B; M43 A; B; M50; M56.
 W21 and M21 are open grades - 'C' grades must have completed for less than 12 months.
ENTRY FEES: Senior \$3.50
 Junior \$2.50
 Family maximum \$10.00
WARM-UP EVENT: A warm-up event will be in the Paraparaumu district on Saturday 2nd October. Details in the programme. Start times 1-3 p.m. Entry fee \$1 payable on the day.
ACCOMMODATION CENTRE: The Paraparaumu Motor Camp, 136 Mainly Street, Paraparaumu Beach, has cabins, tourist flats, caravan sites etc. Book direct to the motor camp - Phone: 36330 PMH. A 5% discount is offered to all orienteers.
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Orienteers will meet at the Paraparaumu Hotel, 5 p.m., on Saturday afternoon/evening. Meals available.
ENTRIES CLOSE: 1st September 1982 - Please be early with your entries as a number of the organisers will be travelling to Australia mid-September for the Australian Champs and late entries may not be processed.

COUNTRY FORM 1982 WELLINGTON ORIENTEERS
NZCF MAPS EVENT

Surname:	First Name:	Year of Birth:	Grade:	Club:	Entry Fee:

Address: Total:
 Ph. No.

ENTRIES TO: P. Wakelin, 145 Wellington Road, Paekakariki
 Must arrive by 1st September 1982

Results: Te M Family & Learners Event on Sunday 13th June 1982.
Course setter: Michael Alexander.

Course A 2.94km. 12 controls Course C 1.34km. 6 controls

1 Paul Frechtling	M17	47.23	Individuals:		
2 Colin Tait	M43	49.46	1 David Overend	M21	18.45
3 Ross Frechtling	M19	51.05	2 Diana Smith	W12	39.47
4 Grant Smith	M19	51.29	3 Peter Smith	M12	40.58
5 Trevor Carswell	M18	52.02	4 Fiona Sapsford	W12	62.26
6 Russell Mardon	M12	56.12	5 Ian Mardon	M12	89.46
7 Phillip Mardon	M43	61.46	Groups		
8 Liesl Greene	W15	66.06	1 Hyslop & Barclay		23.54
9 R McDonald	M21	71.30	2 Lynex Group		36.56
(Linda Lloyd	W21	73.17	3 Keogh Group		37.08
11 Dave Smith	M43	84.46	4 Marshall Group		39.05
Wayne Edgar	M21	DNF	5 Julian & Mum Bee		49.00
<u>Course B</u> 2.39km. 9 controls			6 Sapsford Gp.		56.11
Individuals			7 Knight Group		63.30
1 Brian Crawford	M50	34.45	8 A & C Group		64.21
2 Sharon Mardon	W35	41.56	9 Crawford Group		94.46
3 Jenny Mardon	W17	49.52	Second Course		
4 Jan Edgar	W21	54.43	K Barradell		31.22
5 Heather Mardon	W14	54.47			
6 Sandra Tait	W17	58.49			
7 Anne Sapsford	W43	63.40			
8 Fiona Smith	W13	102.51			
Groups					
1 Smith Group		44.23			
2 Brocklehurst Gp.		47.08			
3 Pearson Group		52.17			
4 Six of Us Group		78.44			
Second Course					
Colin Tait		26.29			
Hyslop & Barclay Gp.		46.04			

1982 NEW ZEALAND ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

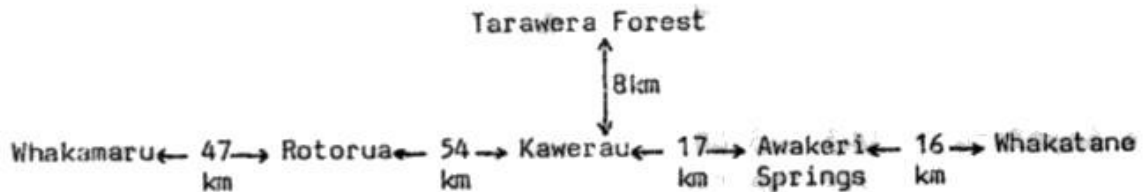
LABOUR WEEKEND

This years championships will be held in the Tarawera Forest* near Kawerau, organized by the Rotorua Orienteering Club and sponsored by Tasman Forestry Limited.

Saturday, 23 October	- "Warm-up" event, Tarawera Forest
Sunday, 24 October	- 1982 New Zealand Championships
Monday, 25 October	- Interclub Relays, near Whakamaru

Accommodation

Demand can be high at this time of year, so early booking will give you the best choice.



Rotorua : All accommodation (PR Office, Haupapa Street, Ph 84067)
 Whakatane : All accommodation (PR Office, Commerce Street, Ph 6058)
 Kawerau : Hotel and motel
 Awakeri : Motel, cabins and camping (hot springs)

Accommodation is also available between Rotorua and Kawerau.

<p>We intend this to be the best orienteering event ever held in New Zealand - for all orienteers and spectators too. Don't miss it!</p>
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Full details and entry forms will be available later. Enquiries to -
 Mark McKenna, 20 Rimuvala Street, Ph. 478-471, Rotorua.

*Strictly out-of-bounds prior to the event.

ORIENTEERING

The Orienteer of the Year series continued on Sunday 23 May 1982 when the H.B. Orienteering Club held an event at Eskdale. Four courses were set by Maurice and Linda Lloyd, and attracted 53 entries.

Maximum points (25,000) were gained by Anne Sapsford (W43), Colin Tait (M43), Sharon Mardon (W17-42), Roger Bee (M17-42), Liesl Greene (W13-16), Paul Frechtling (M13-16), Diana Smith (W12 & under), and Mark Hyslop (M12).

Results Eskdale OY2

Course 1 4.3km 16controls

M17-42

1	Roger Bee	53m34s	(25.000)
2	Michael Alexander	59.00	(23.455)
3	David Cooke	59.40	(23.155)
4	Ken Ross	68.15	(19.293)
5	David Holt	73.47	(16.804)
6	James Watson	85.54	(11.352)
7	Trevor Carswell	97.03	(6.336)
8	Ross Frechtling	104.30	(2.984)
	Tony Plymer	DNF	-

Second Course

Colin Tait 59.18 -

Course 2 3.4km 12 controls

M13-16

1	Paul Frechtling	46.37	(25.000)
2	Christopher Smith	56.53	(19.494)

M43

1	Colin Tait	48.05	(25.000)
2	Stewart Hyslop	48.52	(24.592)
3	Peter Aroa R	58.46	-
4	Ted Sapsford	74.56	(11.039)
5	Philip Mardon	74.57	(11.051)
6	Dave Smith	78.18	(9.289)

W17-42

	Sharon Mardon	66.28	(25.000)
2	Wendy Bee	72.00	(22.918)
3	Raewyn Aroa R	73.41	(-)
4	Julie Watson	77.32	(20.837)
5	Sandra Tait	91.13	(15.690)
6	Njaira Thompson	103.40	(-)
7	Jenny Mardon	116.15	(6.275)
	Jan Edgar	DNF	
	Ann Frechtling	DNF	
	Carol Holt	DNF	

Course 3 2.0km 9controls

W13-16

1	Liesl Greene	43m38s	(25.000)
2	Julie Hawkes	49.54	(21.409)
3	Maree Atkins	50.25	(21.113)
4	Fiona Crawford	59.53	(15.689)
5	Heather Mardon	66.43	(11.774)
6	K _F Aroa (W12) R	75.45	-
W43	Fiona Smith	DNF	-
1	Anne Sapsford	68.44	(25.000)
2	Bev Tait	69.45	(24.630)

Groups

1	Clibborn Group	50.24	-
2	R Mather Group	81.45	-
	Marshall Group	DNF	
	Rabbitte Group	DNF	

Course 4 1.15km 7 controls

M12 & under

1	Mark Hyslop	18.27	(25.000)
2	Russell Mardon	19.56	(22.990)
3	Daniel Holt	31.55	(6.752)
	Clinton Holt	DNF	
	Peter Smith	DNF	

W12 & under

1	M Aroa (Rotorua)	37.06	-
2	Diana Smith	53.28	(25.000)
	Kylie Watson	DNF	

Non Competitive

S	Aroa M14 R	32.32	-
	Brian Crawford M50	37.35	-

Groups

1	Bee Family	43.17	-
2	Ian & S Mardon	67.02	-

THE 3 DAY EXPERIENCE - WELLINGTON

DAY 1:

Saturday morning did not dawn as hoped a beautiful Hawkes Bay day. Instead a miserable morning in which it was advisable to stay at home, but for us it was the beginning of our first 3 day event.

We set out from Tait's early Saturday morning and after a brief stop to refuel our stomachs, we arrived at the first days location. WHAT A DAY!!

Windy Wellington turned on its worst possible weather for all orienteers who were brave enough to attempt the first day. The radio told us that it was 3 degrees but we think all orienteers who went out, will agree with us, it seemed like -3. Thanks to Mardons', Tait's' and their parkas we were able to run. The courses at the beginning looked demanding with an uphill start, but were well planned and most enjoyable, the only exception being the weather. We were previously warned about the exposed southern slope, but it was worse than imaginable. Amazingly enough only one person suffered from exposure, but we remember it took us over an hour to THAW out

It was then back to our lodgings which were to become our home for the next three days. After dinner we relaxed?? in the Motor Camp's Pool room.

DAY 2:

Well the weather had improved by about 1 whole degree, but thats all. We arrived at our destination after a minor detour, only to find two Watson jackets' had been left behind. It was then a quick change of cars, to keep warm; while Mrs W. Returned to get the much-needed jackets. It was far to cold to stand and wait by the start-area, so therefore; it was a mad dash for the start, just before your start-time arrived.

The courses were as challenging as the day before, and the start uphill. The magazine said our course to be 2.0km, but it was 3.1; a considerable difference. Most people who went out managed to complete this day, but we would like to know how considering the terrain. The courses were well planned and would have been completely different if the weather had changed.

The days entertainment came in the form of a guided tour of Wellington city, Dinner at Kentucky Fried, Skating and to top it all off Hamburgers and Milkshakes. 'Thanks Fellas'

DAY 3

Well finally the weather changed, showing us that it was not always raining and blowing gales in Wellington. The start was directly in front of the shutes and everyone got wet feel going to the first control. The streams and marshes seemed to be deliberately planned so that if you hadn't got your feet wet on the previous days you would today. The courses were well thought out and involved making good route choices. The days orienteering was enjoyed by everyone and friendships were

made and renewed, in slight sunshine which was very welcomed. It was then on to the prize-giving in which our club gained quite a number of prizes; after that we returned home to Hastings, with a fantastic weekend of orienteering behind us.

On behalf of the Hawkes Bay club members who attended, we would like to thank the Wellington clubs for such a memorable weekend in extreme conditions.

Also our thanks go out to the Taits and the Watsons who made this trip possible and for putting up with us.

Thanks again to Ross and Paul for making it a fantastic trip.

P.S. When is the next 3 day event????

Liesl and Maree

BADGE EVENTS AND OUT OF THE BAY MEETINGS

Important events on the New Zealand Orienteering Calendar are noted on the programme on the back page of this magazine.

It is usually essential to pre-enter all Badge and Major events at least 2 - 3 weeks beforehand. The Wellington Champs requires pre-entry one month beforehand.

Entry forms for these events are usually held by the Secretary, Ted Sapsford. Ted also receives details of Clubs other meets by medium of their newsletter and if you are travelling outside the district for a weekend, you may find there is an orienteering event being held in the area you are visiting. Phone Ted for details (phone 798-993)

CLUB PROMOTION

Recently Club members put on a promotion event at a sports and hobbies day held at the Tomoana Showgrounds, Hastings. A map of the Park grounds was drawn at short notice by James Watson and Roger Bee and a short course was designed to illustrate to interested persons the nature of orienteering. Promotional material was given to those interested and it is to be hoped that some of these people will follow it up and attend our regular meetings.

MPK comparisons at the NZ Trial & Badge Event held at Kaahu near Whakamaru with expected badge credit gained are listed below for the H.B. club members who entered

Course	Length	Grade	Winner's	MPK	Winner	Club	HB Competitor	Badge	MPK
1	8.3km	M21A	8.63	J.Rix	C	R.Bee	I	13.13	
						M.Lloyd	-	DNF	
3	5.3	W21A	12.83	P.Aspin	SA	L.Lloyd	-	DNS	
		M19-20	10.47	M.Brighthouse	T	R.Frechtling	I	22.05	
		M17-18	10.39	P.Ireland	P	P.Frechtling	I	18.54	
		M21B	?	?	?	J.Watson	?	22.38	
4	4.2	M43A	10.30	T.Brighthouse	T	C.Tait	I	18.00	
						D.Smith	I	28.76	
						E.Sapsford	I	31.45	
5	3.3	M50	14.73	K.Browne	C	B.Crawford	S	18.00	
		M35B	14.85	R.Hayes	KH	D.Cooke	S	18.05	
6	3.2	W15-16	13.53	J.Fettes	NW	M.Atkins	I	21.01	
						L.Greene	I	26.19	
						J.Hawkes	-	DNS	
		W17-18	22.50	A.Frechtling	HB		S	22.50	
7	2.4	W35B	26.80	S.Hayes	KH	B.Tait	-	DNS	
		W21B	16.19	V.Lowrie	C	S.Tait	S	18.34	
						W.Bee	I	25.61	
						J.Watson	I	36.18	
		M21C	21.20	P.Larsen	FF	W.Edgar	I	63.61	
8	2.2	W43	18.26	M.Nicholls	C	A.Sapsford	I	79.86	
9	2.1	W13-14	15.26	T.Nicholls	C	F.Crawford	S	18.46	
						F.Smith	I	30.76	
		W21C	23.73	J.Edgar	HB		B	23.73	
10	1.9	M12	16.40	G.Dickey	H	P.Smith	I	61.29	
		W12	21.31	J.Brighthouse	T	F.Sapsford	I	47.07	
						D.Smith	I	57.30	

The forthcoming Gwavas Clinic to be run by Roger Bee and his band of helpers will be an ideal chance to improve yourwhatever it is that has held you back from being in the left hand column above.

The area that made up the Kaahu map is not unlike Te Mata in some respects. The demanding Course 1 took its toll. Glad to see there were no further DNF's amongst HB entrants.

The above results are by no means official.. MPK (minutes per kilometre, ie. minutes and hundredths of minutes.. multiply them by the length of the course for actual elapsed time of the competitor.)

Ice on the road had a few runnings before the starter said "Go!" 10amish.

On 19 June a large contingent of orienteers from Hawkes Bay set off to Whakamaru for a Badge event amongst rocks, pines, and eucalypt trees, an area which sounded interesting on the registration form, and I'm sure most would agree that it was. When our particular party of 7 adults (plus the younger members of our families) set off the weather at home made us anticipate another weekend in adverse weather conditions. However by the time we climbed all the hills it was evident that we were to enjoy superb sunny and warm conditions (eat your heart out if you stayed at home!)

After unpacking and setting up our little haven at Kinloch we all went to the warm-up which was held mostly in patches of pine forest. The Watsons with all their worldly experience and success in the field of orienteering decided to show the Edgars the art of doing it in the bush. (orienteering terminology of course!) After a lot of hilarity especially over the control description "A distinct tree" which turned out to be "a banana bush!?!!" (at least 1 metre high) we returned to the start area, being almost last back. Unfortunately members of our party were sporting several injuries, including a twisted ankle, and a dislocated knee. Consequently the smell of Deep Heat must have been fairly evident all over Kinloch that night.

We managed to fit in a swim at the A.C. Baths which was most enjoyable and we had a pleasant evening over a delicious Chinese meal, and a few glasses of energy builder (or destroyer depending on following day's performances.) Some of the less experienced amongst us enjoyed the advice given that night by the more experienced, especially the taping of control descriptions to our arms. This certainly didn't go unnoticed on the Sunday! We also had a very interesting and amusing gambling exercise, whereby all the 7 had to guess the times of each other and themselves for the big event. The form book, namely Wellington 3 Day Results, was put to good use, and we were all just about rolling round the floor in laughter.

After a good night's sleep by most, the big day arrived with a stimulating start for some, namely watching World Cup Soccer N.Z. versus Russia. We all piled into the cars and drove to Kaahu with very mixed feelings. The Edgars in particular were I think even more apprehensive after their warm-up experience. We trudged up to the Start area and I must say the thought of a tow rope kept niggling at me. Once at the Start area I had a very interesting 45 minutes (there was no way I was going back down again) watching the varying techniques especially of N.Z. team members. Jan took off at 10.30 almost in a state of shock and excelled all expectations by cleaning up her grade most convincingly in a time of 49 minutes. She was thrilled as were all the rest of us. She then spent most of the day at the Finish line waiting for her man, and also latterly hearing his whistle being blown all over the forest. However, after a considerable time Wayne appeared hobbling down the Finish chute having walked the entire course, and top marks must be given to him for perseverance. I'm sure we have 2 potential elite orienteers here (tie them to a tree before they get away!) The Bees must also be congratulated for their fine performance, as they both achieved their personal goals I'm sure. Yes, and the other 3 of the original 7 mentioned also started.

In conclusion it was a most enjoyable weekend of well organised orienteering. Thank you Hamilton Club and I'm sure our own club members should be encouraged to do this exercise more often as it is valuable socially as well as physically (in an orienteering sense of course!) By the way, as well as a crook knee, Wayne also went home with the money.*

JULIE WATSON.

(* Editor's Note : But Jan got the shoes.)

essed with a beautiful day and good running conditions is event produced the excellant performances. Cause of the relatively small area available and the fact that the map has now been used for a number of events it was difficult to plan courses which could provide any real test of orienteering skills. An analysis of previous courses showed that except for one or two exceptions all the salient features had been used for previous events. It was therefore necessary to rely on testing everyone's cross-country running ability especially on the longer courses. Runners times for most grades were as expected although the speed with which Stewart and Brian were able to complete the B course was a surprise. I am glad I was not competing. My apologies to the D course competitors. It appears that I chose the only depression in which vision was restricted through fallen trees and undergrowth. This made the control difficult to find. Thanks go to those who assisted with the collection of the controls and the carrying of gear back to the caravan after to event. It was certainly a relief to know that we did not have to face the daunting task of ferrying everything back up the hill. Thanks also to Brian for the use of his tent.

RESULTS

<u>Course A 6.1km 15 controls</u>			<u>Course C 2.5km 10 controls</u>		
Maurice Lloyd	45m21s	(25.00)	M13-16		
Ross Frechtling	48.58	(23.006)	1 Paul Frechtling	24.06	(25.000)
Roger Bee	53.20	(20.599)	W13-16		
James Watson	56.30	(18.853)	1 Liesl Greene	25.29	(25.000)
Ken Ross	60.24	(16.703)	2 Maree Atkins	29.08	(21.419)
Rod McDonald	63.38		3 Fiona Crawford	32.22	(18.247)
David Cooke	63.53	(14.783)	4 Heather Mardon	37.41	(13.031)
Trevor Carswell	65.44	(13.763)	W43		
			1 Anne Sapsford	48.54	(25.000)
			Margaret Graham W21	DNF	
<u>Course B</u>			Group		
3			Rabutte Group	54.12	-
Stewart Hyslop	30.35	(25.000)	<u>Course D 1.4km 7 controls</u>		
Brian Crawford	30.57	(24.700)	M12		
Ted Sapsford	39.24	(17.792)	1 Mark Hyslop	20.39	(25.000)
David Smith	42.41	(15.108)	2 Russell Mardon	28.47	(15.153)
Phillip Mardon	43.53	(14.128)	3 Ian Mardon	86.58	(1.000)
7-42			4 G. Barclay	64.18	(1.000)
Linda Lloyd	37.27	(25.000)	W12		
Julie Watson	43.03	(21.261)	1 Diana Smith	35.30	(25.000)
Jan Edgar	43.58	(20.683)	2 Carla Frechtling	54.46	(11.431)
Sharon Mardon	44.08	(20.538)	Fiona Sapsford	DNF	-
Wendy Bee	49.36	(16.889)	Kylie Watson	DNF	-
Jenny Mardon	51.53	(15.364)	Groups		
Group			1 Marshall Group B	25.36	-
Ann Fechtling	60.13	-	2 Marshall Group A	66.54	-
			Second Course		
			Anna's Group	42.08	-
			A.A. Group	DNF	-

Maximum points (25) were gained by Maurice Lloyd (M17-42), Linda Lloyd (M17-42), Stewart Hyslop (M43), Anne Sapsford (W43), Mark Hyslop (M12), Diana Smith (W12), Paul Frechtling (M13-16), and Liesl Greene (W13-16).

Sandra and Colin Tait.

Having paid twenty four dollars for our family of four to compete at the WOA Queen's Birthday three-day event, and then having driven all that way we were somewhat reticent about the weather which Wellington had laid on. As we drove over the Eastern Upper Hutt hills towards Wightmans Valley it would be fair to say that our collective enthusiasm wouldn't have registered noticeably on anyone's Richter Scale! Anyway, we duly arrived at the venue and made for the start area with the rain pouring down and the wind screaming through the gullies and the man on the radio (most aptly named "Radio Windy") informing us that the temperature at Upper Hutt was THREE degrees!!!!

Now, coming from Hawkes Bay, our family has not found it necessary to equip ourselves with any form of sophisticated Antarctic survival gear - an ordinary raincoat sufficing for all our needs, and so, whilst Carol and the boys had taken advantage of the offer of wet-weather attire loaned by our hosts at Tawa, yours truly bravely (?) set off at the appointed hour wearing only my O suit and Gwavas type tee shirt for protection on the assumption that a bit of high-speed motion would generate the required heat. Ha Ha!

Carol and I had drawn the same start time on day one behind both the boys and, whilst Daniel had disappeared on his course, poor little Clint had decided that this was not his idea of the way to spend a holiday weekend, and had already returned before we started.

By the time the starter said "Go" I was already soaked to the skin and had decided that things weren't really all that bad - then I hit the top of the bank on the way to the start triangle - and the wind hit me. Full in the face complete with rain travelling horizontally. My actual words at that moment are not printable but suffice to say they referred to the kind of person that would be daft enough to go running about the hills in such conditions. On to number one - the control description said "Marsh" - not a lot of help in the circumstances. However I found it without too much difficulty. Likewise number two. Both of these were in the wooded area which afforded some shelter so I wasn't feeling too bad at this point.

At number two I decided that the best route choice to three was to take a direct course uphill between two patches of slow run until I struck the edge of the bush at which point I would turn right and follow the boundary until I reached the end of a track which I figured would make an ideal attack point. Now that doesn't sound too complicated does it? In fact, I thought that it seemed so straightforward that I needn't bother with the compass (not wanting to stand about, you see). Well, so much for the theory. Off up the hill I went, but what must have actually happened was that I was on the side of a reentrant and not the main slope of the ridge and I actually emerged from the bush on its western flank and not its Eastern one as intended. Full of confidence that the scheme was working I duly headed off along the boundary - until I recognised an open area that I had crossed between numbers one and two. (I suppose I could take consolation in the fact that I did, in fact, recognise it, or I may well have ended up at the start again!)

Having realised the error, I then set a new route choice for number three, and this time I found it. It was when I went to clip my card that I realised that I was getting cold - my fingers wouldn't work! However a quick punch of a closed fist did the trick and then off again, out of the bush and over the ridge into the teeth of the gale, which, by now, was laced with hailstones.

It was at this point that I figured that I wasn't going to finish as my lower arms and hands had become completely numb and my hands a bright shade of magenta. I decided that, if I was to avoid becoming a hinderance to other competitors, I would make a direct course for the finish, and then realised that I was as far away from it as I would be at any time on my course, and so revised my decision to one where I would keep my eye open for my controls as I headed back and if I missed one, then I wouldn't hang about looking for it. And this is basically what happened, although I did manage to find number four, but overshot five and gave it away. On the way back to the finish I met Julie Watson clad in several layers of clothing and looking somewhat lost too. By the time I reached the finish I was extremely cold and becoming irrational which, on reflection, is an interesting discovery for me, as I had often wondered, on reading reports of people dying from hypothermia, why the unfortunate victim had not had the presence of mind to

take evasive action. I can now clearly see that, had I been out there for another ~~hour~~ hour, I doubt if I would have known who I was, let alone much else! All in all, quite a scary experience.

Anyway, I learned my lesson and so, on day two, I wore a lot more clothing - with better results.

The weather was no better on the morning of day two, so Clint decided to stay at our friend's for the day, but as both Carol and Daniel had finished at Wightmans Valley they were keen to do it again.

Baxters Knob is an excellent example of how good use of an area very close to a centre of population can be made as it is right beside State Highway One at Porirua, with easy access and loads of parking. I couldn't help wondering just how many equally good areas we have overlooked in Hawkes Bay simply because they are right under our noses.

The area is owned by the housing corporation and will, presumably, become a residential part of Porirua East eventually, but for the time being, it is being farmed with a few small areas of macrocarpa and pine and mostly sheep paddocks.

The start area was right beside the car park in a basin on the west side of the actual knob and so it was possible to sit in one's car out of the rain and watch the starters racing off over a ridge. Carol was first away this day and so we watched in warm (comparatively) comfort. I was joined by Colin and James just in time to watch Liesl get a good ten metres clear of her fellow starters before reaching the crest - obviously all fired up following her win on day one!

Then it was time for Daniel and I to head for the start - and guess what - the rain stopped! - only to start again after about five minutes respite. Dan was off three minutes ahead of me and seemed to get away in fine style - then came my turn. For once, I found the blank map quite useful (I usually don't!) and was correctly able to figure out where I was on it - most encouraging. By that time my minute was up and the rain had started again, so, off towards the ridge - just like day one - as soon as the crest was reached the wind hit me full in the face - great! Number one was described as being in a rocky area - what wasn't mentioned was that the rocky area was at the top of a typical Porirua Basin greasy mud slick! Oh well, at least I found it fairly quickly.

Number two was very easy and presented no problems, although it was a moderately long leg. Boy! was that wind cold traversing the south side of the hill! I also discovered that Ray's waterproofs weren't!

Two to three (on my route choice) presented a dog-leg situation where I ran the last three hundred metres in the reverse direction to avoid descending into a deep gully (although having the wind behind me was one heck of a lot better than on the outward journey) and then a simple run over a shallow slope to the control. From here I could look down onto the houses of Porirua East, and the thought occurred to me that, if I could see them - then they could, no doubt, see me, and I couldn't help wondering what anyone happening to look out of their window would be thinking at the sight of hoards of bods running about the hills in such atrocious weather.

However, no time for musing, so far I don't think I'm going too badly, and running with the extra clothing, I am, in fact, quite hot. Three to four involved crossing another big gully, and whilst not totally avoidable, I reckoned that, if I contoured along for a way, and then crossed over, I would substantially reduce the amount of climbing. Turned out to be true too - to get to where I thought the control should be (another rocky outcrop) - only trouble was that I aimed for the wrong rocky outcrop and ended up well above the right one. Had it not been for the fact that another competitor ran to the control I might have spent more time looking for it as the rock in question hid it from above. As it was, not too much time lost. As I arrived at the marker the chap who had inadvertently assisted me was leaving and I noticed from his number that he was in my grade, and so I coupled my greeting with an inquiry as to what time he had started. His reply was somewhat deflating! Somewhere between the start and number four he had managed to pick up nine minutes on me - and I thought I hadn't been doing too badly!! Oh well, I'll just have to step up the pace, thought I, and, then, having made a much better route choice to number five than my competitor, I overshot and arrived back just as he was clipping! However, by overshooting, I had had the opportunity to better survey the terrain ahead, and so, whilst he was studying his map, I took off over a saddle towards number six. Once over the saddle I was out of his sight, and by stepping up the pace and with a lot of luck, I

came straight onto the control ahead of him.

The next leg was by far the toughest on the course, being very long and crossing a very large valley with a long climb on the far side to very near to the summit of Baxters Knob. Once again, I decided that contouring to the head of the valley and then taking a direct route up the hillside would suit me best. Seems like my friend had the same idea, as about half way he caught up to me running well. But then, before reaching the valley head, he made a sharp right turn down into the valley and started climbing the opposite side. Now this concerned me somewhat (bearing in mind that he had managed to better my time to this point by nine minutes) but then I told myself that (a) it is not sporting to follow and (b) I should make my own route choices and stick to them. That's quite easy to say now, because I well beat him to number seven - which, I suppose goes to prove something or other. From seven to eight and then to nine was pretty straightforward, and just short of nine my friend again appeared, passed me, as I was saying 'Hi' to Daniel who assured me that he was going OK, although a bit cold. Off I set after him through some gorse thickets, and, to my surprise, he took a left turn at the edge of them and headed off uphill. Now I was quite sure that the control was down the ridge to the right, so, again, not to be lead astray by others I went right and came straight way onto the last control. Looking over my shoulder I could see my competitor running about away up the hillside looking for the marker.

The run down the hill to the finish was quite simple and I wondered why most of the other competitors were running off to the right and not taking a more direct route, and was still so wondering when I hit the swamp! Oh well, I'm already soaked to the skin, so not much point in stopping now (especially with that guy right behind me). I feel sure that I must have looked quite impressive as I charged through that swamp and up to the finish line - but, alas, no-one saw.

Got back to the car and no sign of the others, so I got changed just in time for Carol to arrive. Good news, she finished OK - but where was Danny? I assured a nervous Mum that I had seen him and that he was alright, and then we saw him just short of the finish looking at his map, then he turned and headed off up the ridge. Oh dear, we thought, he must have missed one - and he had! When he eventually arrived he was very cold and upset and told us that he had had some difficulty finding his last control, but that he had cried all the way back up the hill to get it 'cause he wasn't going to DNF after two days of that for anyone! Needless to say we were very proud of his determination.

Day three - and NO RAIN - still pretty cold though. Everyone was in good spirits with the improvement in the weather, except poor Bev, who, having successfully completed the first two days, was suffering quite a lot from some bad bruises she had collected from falls in the slippery conditions.

The start was in a nice wooded area ~~at the edge~~ at the edge of a steeply sloping pine forest, and (Bocock, I'll get you for this!) everyone started by running straight through a river! Once again, Clinton didn't take too kindly to this (but then it did come up to his little wee thighs) and so he again gave it away early in the piece. I won't give a control by control description of this course, but will suffice to say that Battle Hill (a historic name - not an orienteering mappers fancy) is a delightful farm area with undulating ridges bisected by lots of rivers (which, on my course, required seven crossings!) I think just about everyone had a good run here and the rigours of the previous two days seemed to be forgotten as competitors gathered in the barn to study the results boards. And luxury of luxuries, we were able to have lunch on folding chairs OUTSIDE.

After being blessed with such fabulous weather for our Gwavas event, I couldn't help feeling sorry for the Wellington boys ^{and girls} having to put out and collect controls and run the meetings in such terrible conditions. A brave effort, and a weekend's orienteering we will not forget for a long time.

Hawkes Bay OC had twenty-six entrants and managed two golds (Brian Crawford, M50, and Liesl Greene M15-16), three silvers, three bronzes, and nine irons.

I was most impressed by the 'certificates' which were awarded to the placed competitors, which took the form of the standard sew-on badge which was on sale to commemorate the event overprinted with the place gained in red. Four of these went to members of the Mardon family with others going to Sandra Tait, Ross Frechtling, Liesl, Brian and his daughter Fiona.

This event saw Liesl achieve her third gold and thus become the first member of our club to claim a coveted NZOF gold badge - I am sure that all members will join with me in congratulating her.

DAVE HOLT.

ORIENTEERING PROGRAMME - COMING EVENTS

- July 4 - Te Mata Park - Family Event - Organisers Hyslop Family Phone 69721
- July 10 - Night Event - Organiser Sharon Mardon. Phone 68558
- July 18 - Training Meeting Gwavas - Phone Roger Bee 87945, for details.
- July 25 - Gwavas - OY4 - Organiser James Watson. Phone 799552
- August 1 - Te Mata Park - Family Event - Organisers Fretchling Family
Phone 432278
- August 15 - Raretu - Organiser Roger Bee. Phone 87945
- August 29 - Auckland Champs & Badge Event - Woodhill 81 Map. Pre-entry
required. If interested please contact Ted Sapsford urgently
Phone 798993 for an entry form.
- September 5 - Te Mata Park - Family Event - Organisers Mardon Family Ph. 68556
- September 19 - Gwavas - OY5 - Interclub meeting with MED MIWIS CLUB.
Organiser - Ken Ross. Phone 434594
- October 2 - Warm-up Event - Paraparaumu - prior to Wellington Champs.
- October 13 - Wellington Champs. - Waikanae. Pre-entry by 1 September 1982
No late entries. Phone Ted Sapsford for entry form.
- October 3 - Te Mata Park - Family Event
- October 16 - C.D.O.A. Night Champs. - Taupo
- October 17 - Club Champs. - Possibly at Taupo Club meeting. Further details
available from Ted Sapsford.
- October 24 - National Champs. & Badge Event - Rotorua.
- October 25 - National Relays - Hamilton Club.
- November 7 - Te Mata Park - Family Event - Organiser Wayne Edgar.
- November 13 - C.D.O.A. Relay champs - Hamilton (Kaahu map)
- November 14 - C.D.O.A. Champs. - Pinelands Club.
- November 21 - Pakowhai - Night Event.
- December 5 - Te Mata Park - Barbeque and Score event.

Please note that all Club Events will be run from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

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