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POINTS

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

1. November 16 SANTOFF FOREST - west of Lake Alice.
Preliminary to interclub event. See directions on facing page.
Start times 12 noon to 3 pm (OK with you Dave!)
2. November 17 INTERCLUB with Red Kiwis - TIRITEA
Details on facing page.
Start times 10 am - 2 pm
3. November 26 7.30 pm ANNUAL MEETING
Hastings Girls High School - Pakowhai Road, Hastings. Elect the people you think will best promote your club - air your grievances. See you all there!
4. December 1 3.00 pm INDOOR CRICKET - Hastings
Roger Bee is again collecting names of those interested (Remember to pad up if facing Ross Fretchling - otherwise watch the spin on young Chris Smith's bowling!)
Phone Roger on 750 745.
5. December 8 PICNIC & BARBECUE - FINAL EVENT - TENNANTS ROAD HAUMOANA - Tukituki Map. Bring your togs and family (Our Social Event organiser will again be organising games for young and not so young.) Have you noticed Colin Tait's prowess in the egg & spoon race?

Don't be disappointed - come to this final event and all will be revealed! (that is if you forget your togs).

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- February 22/23 MOUNTAIN MARATHON TARARUA STATE FOREST PARK
Entry forms from Colin Tait or in Spring Newsletter. John Donkin to carry large marked pole if entering event for ready identification by companion. Julie Watson to get an early night if competing again in - what can be for many - a most strenuous event.
- May 10-18 7 day event - see entry form with newsletter.

INTERCLUB CHALLENGE - Sunday 17 November

Each year Hawkes Bay and the Red Kiwi Club (from the muddy Manawatu) compete for the interclub challenge. This year a trophy has been created which the winning club will keep for one year.

The event this year is being held by Red Kiwis - The result is decided on overall placings by all competing club members.

The name of the game is numbers.

The event is open to all grades - for your club to win this trophy we need you all to go to Palmerston North to compete.

Red Kiwis - in the guise of turncoat Trevor (the snake) Carswell have said that this year they will thrash Hawkes Bay so what more incentive do you need.

This is a social event and although it is hoped all will complete their courses the event can be as competitive or non-competitive as you wish.

Where is it : TIRITEA - approximately 5 to 10 minutes drive from Palmerston North up Tiritea Road behind Massey University.

Start times : 10 am - 2 pm

Scale : 1:15,000 5 colour Ccontours 5 Metres

Map : Flat to moderately steep open farmland
(No chance to get lost there Ted!)

How to get there : The Club is organising a minibus for those wishing to travel as a group. 14 seats available @ \$11 per person return. Otherwise private cars.
Please phone Julie Watson about a seat on the minibus before 10 November to confirm your seat.
Ph 799 552.

FOR THOSE WISHING to make it a mighty weekend, Red Kiwis have an event on the Saturday, 16 November, Santoff Forest. 30 minutes from Palmerston North or 25 minutes from the end of the gorge.

Start times 12 - 3

That evening - POT LUCK DINNER 7.30 pm Trevor Carswell (alias the snake) of 18 Stillwater Road, Palmerston North would like to year from you if you will be attending that function.

SEE YOU ALL AT TIRITEA.

SNIPPETS

- ROSS AND JEANETTE (both current committee members) decided they couldn't go on meeting like this and did the deed last Labour Weekend. The Club wishes them all the best for the future.

- LINDA LLOYD has got a bit of a handicap at present but hopes to shortly shake it off (out or whatever) and get into some serious training - watch out team.

- Noticed at the Seafield Road event a promising appearance by RUSSELL MARDON. Now that hockey's out of the way he looks as though he's giving orienteering quite a bash.

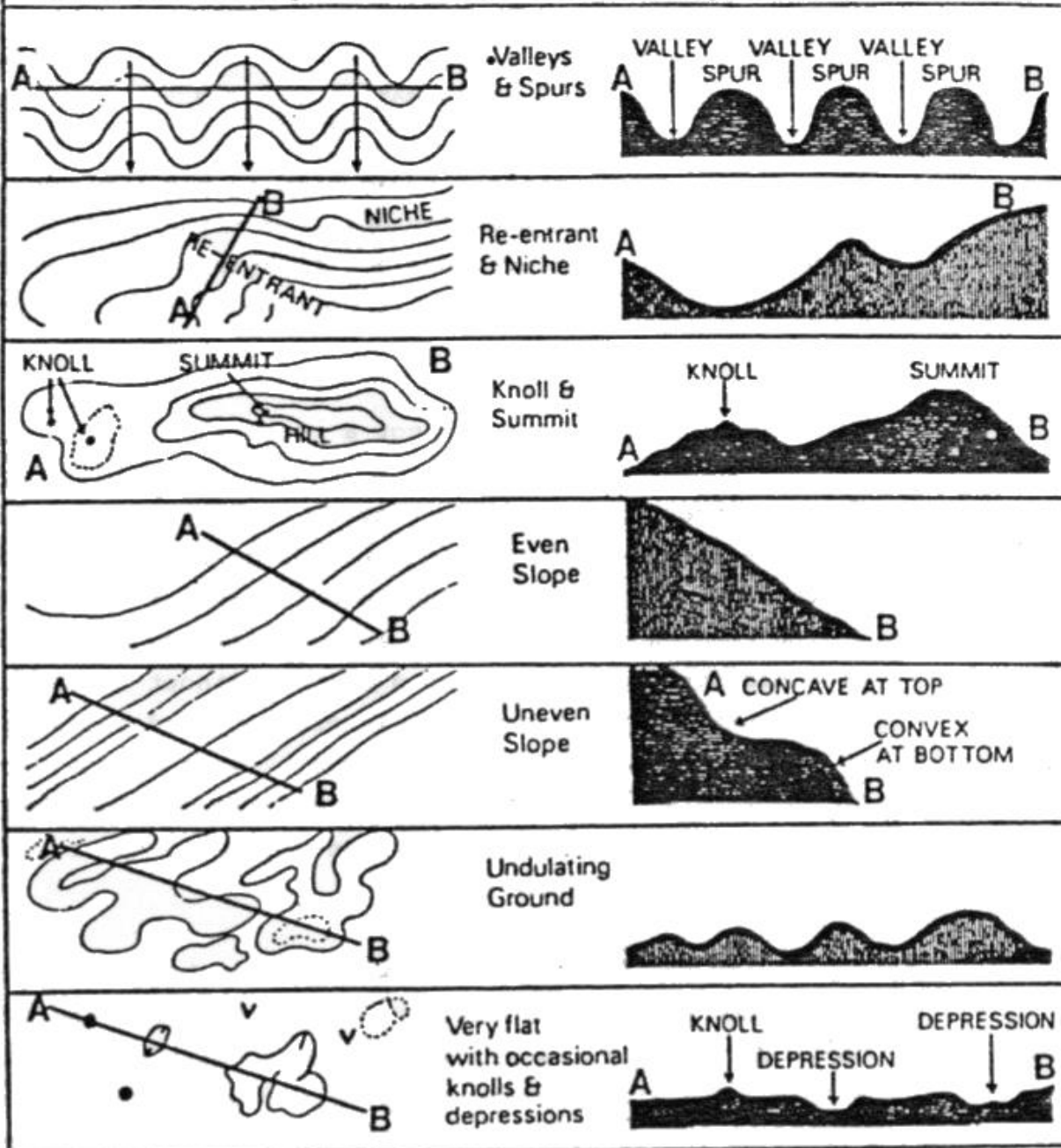
He was slowed down somewhat picking up clip cards for other competitors and showing them where the controls were but if he can concentrate a little more good results should be just around the corner!

Could it be that he's just warming up for the Taupo Night Relays in January? Time will tell!

SERIOUS STUFF

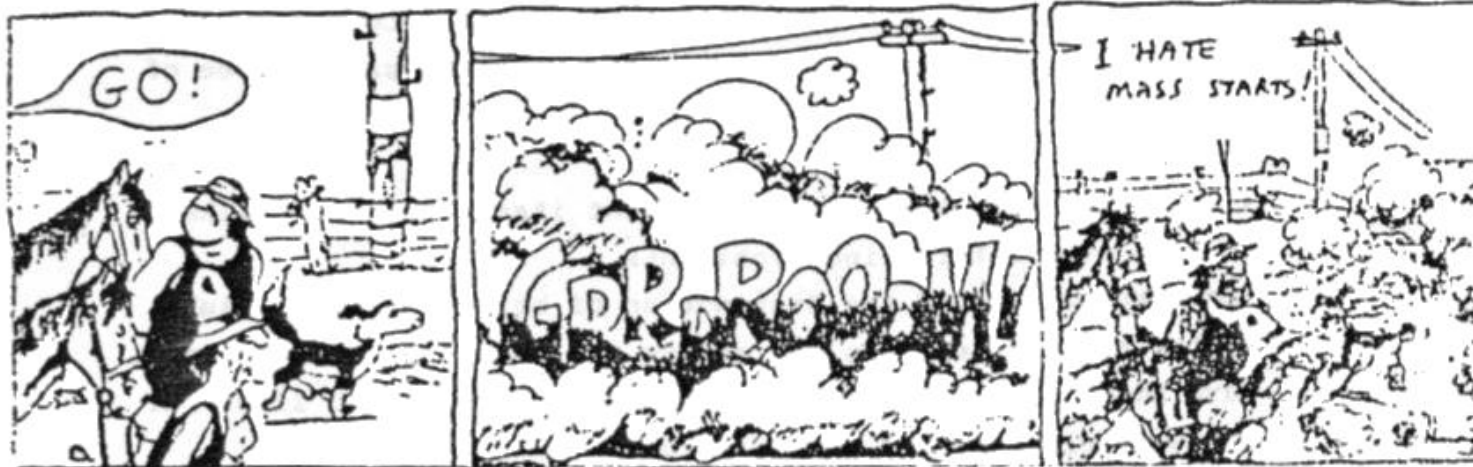
1. DOOK CUP - Annually a cup is awarded to the person who has contributed most to the Club activities over the last year. Nominations to Colin Tait please by 16 November 1985.
2. Thank you to the Hickson family for the donation of a hose reel for assistance with tape for the children's course. This was most appreciated. Hopefully we will see them all at Palmerston North and the final barbeque event!
3. Newsletter - if you can't stomach all the drivel the editor pushes your way step right up and the job is yours! Julie Watson is looking for eager personnel to take this job over. Looks like the Watsons from Waipukurau could be just what this rag needs. Their contribution to the spring edition was 1st Class.

Some commonly met features with which you must be familiar



Not a comprehensive coverage of all the various contour features likely to be encountered, but sufficient for the beginner

As early as possible you must recognise examples 'in the field' and develop the skill of visualising these features in your mind when you see their contour patterns



TE MATA REVISITED
September 8

When "asked" by Roger if I would hold an event at Te Mata, I realised I was given the Claytons area - the orienteering area without a map. As after constant flogging over a period our stock of maps is only a memory. Our once pride and joy at that - our first colour map.

This total lack of maps was not a problem as I had toyed with the thought of incorporating the top of the peak into a course. This was the opportunity to convert it into reality. Achieving this was not as easy as it may sound, as to get over the summit of the peak I had first to get our orienteers there without losing them and still provide an orienteering course of a reasonable standard. When setting a course without a map for the participants, one of the most interesting and decisive elements of orienteering has to be taken away. That of the "route choice" To compensate for this I tried to provide courses that required needlepoint accuracy of navigation which did not reveal the control site too early.

I also had an ulterior motive which could be exploited at an event such as this. I had long considered that the territory south and east of the original "Te Mata Park" map is well worth mapping, as in my opinion it is every bit as interesting and varied as the original area. This hopefully would provide the chance to get some members of the mapping team into the fringes of the unmapped area to get some idea of its possible potential. And who knows but the old Te Mata map could end up as just a corner of an enlarged and more challenging map.

They were the aims behind the setting of the A Course though technically all courses had to be set with the same degree of accuracy.

I will not waste words over the event itself but would like to note some interesting highlights :

Roger Munday earned the distinction of being the first club member to orienteer his way across the summit of Te Mata Peak. Dave Smith also established a record by arriving at 11.46 am. The weatherman earned our gratitude.

- Ted Sapsford

TAITS ROAD - NIGHT RELAYS
September 21

We enjoyed planning and running the night relays and were very pleased at the large turnout - it made the hard work worthwhile. It was especially good to see the number of new folk willing to try night orienteering with very little experience of the sport.

Congratulations to everyone. There were no DNFs and no wrong or missed controls.

A word of thanks to Stuart Hyslop for the hint he gave us (he may have forgotten this) to use a piece of string cut to the length of the course for planning courses. It worked very well in ensuring that the variations in courses were all the same length.

A suggestion for future night relays, if we want to get started at 6.30 while it is still a bit light for the benefit of children and newcomers is that we advertise start time as 6 o'clock as it takes half an hour to sort out the teams and issue numbers.

- Philip & Sharon Mardon

WOCarn 85

First let me explain just what WOCarn 85 was all about.

It was a series of 10 Orienteering events organised to coincide with and include the World Orienteering Championships which were held in Australia during August/September this year. Other events included the Victorian Individual and Relay Champs, the Australian Individual and Relay Championships and a number of State Badge Events. The Australia/New Zealand Challenge was also staged in conjunction with the carnival.

The first week of events was centred on Creswick just out of Ballarat and the second week at Bendigo. Both these towns being of course in Victoria, Australia.

World Championships - This was the first time that the Championships had been staged outside Europe and the Australians were very thorough in their preparations to ensure that everything went right. The fact that it did says a lot for their planning and organisation.

The venue for the event was on the Kooyoora State Park map near Inglewood, 50 km west of Bendigo. The location was selected some 4 years prior to the event with it being kept a closely guarded secret until the night before the competition took place. The area itself consisted of typical Australian eucalypt forest with intricate granite boulder formations. It also had some areas of thick scrub made for slow running. The map was very detailed and one had to experience the terrain to realise just how good the top world orienteers are.

Kari Sallinen (Finland) the winner of the mens competition completed the 15.2 km course in 88 minutes 8 seconds which is 5.48 per kilometer. Top New Zealander was Ross Brighthouse of South Auckland who finished 49th in a time of 118 min 55 secs.

Annichen Kringstad (Sweden) won the womens championship for the 3rd consecutive time completing the 8.8 km course in 54 min 14 sec - a rate of 6.28 per kilometer. First New Zealand woman to finish was Trish Aspin (South Auckland) who was 30th in a time of 77 min 44 sec - a really notable effort.

In all, 81 men and 67 women representing 22 countries competed in the event. Each country is limited to 4 men and 4 women competitors.

About 2000 spectators were kept well informed of each competitor's progress through a four-metre high scoreboard and an excellent public address commentary.

The World Championship Relays were held 2 days later with Norway being the victors in the Mens and Sweden in the Womens. The New Zealand teams finished 13th and 10th respectively.

Australia/New Zealand Challenge - It was my privilege to have been chosen to manage the New Zealand team which competed in the events comprising the annual challenge with Australia. I must say I looked forward to doing the job with some fear and intrepidation as not only had I never been part of a NZ Orienteering team before, I had never been out of the country.

WOCarn cont

My task was made much easier through the assistance of Phyl Sneddon, team captain, and other senior members of the team who had been through it all before.

The team consisted of 11 grades with each grade having 4 members (5 for the Elite grade) making a total of 46 competitors in all. Unfortunately the results show that the Australians made a clean sweep in both the individual and relay competitions. It appears that the Australians with the greater numbers to choose from were able to select a team which included members who were of equal ability. Obviously familiarity with local terrain and conditions was also an advantage to them. Although we were able to match them in most grades with one or two individuals, we did not have the depth to match them as a team. A couple of individual performances of note in the Individual competition were Mark McLean (Kapiti-Havoc) who won the M15 grade and Hilary Weeks (Central) who was 3rd in the W45 grade. The individual event was in fact also the Australian Champs.

The Relay Challenge was held as a separate event with the closest we came to winning a grade being in the 16 and Under Men whose team was beaten by only 2 minutes.

What the results do not show, of course, is the experience gained by those who competed and I am sure that the younger members of the team will show at future events that they learned a lot from the competition.

WOCarn Events - I guess that now is the time to come clean and admit that, yes, I did also compete in most of the events held during the carnival. My overall performance would have to be rated as less than average although a couple of good runs did place me about midway in a field of about 50 runners. I found the courses and terrain difficult at times to say the least. The first event was held at Slaty Creek, 5 km from Creswick. Our course was 8.5 km long and this was after having to jog for 30 minutes to the start. Lots of gold mining terrain with dangerous pit shafts made for a detailed map which I found hard to get into. A cold foggy day did not help either. Needless to say my time was far behind the winner, although I wasn't exactly last either.

I don't intend to bore you all with all my event performances but I would like to mention the Victorian Relay Championships in which I competed as part of a team together with Ray & Liz Nicholson who are well-known to most of you. We competed in the H21B grade and were pretty pleased with our performance. We finished about a third of the way down the 50 teams which comprised our grade. The event was held on a map called "Big Rock" which was on an area in the Yon Yong Forest Park. This was about a 2 hour drive from where we were staying in Ballarat. The area consisted of granite terrain with many patches of small to large boulders. The usual gum trees were very open and clear - a bush fire had been through the area in January of this year. As gum trees don't burn in these fires, they simply lose their leaves which grow back again in a few months. Each leg of the relay was about 4.5 km long with Ray taking 35 minutes for the first leg, me 45 minutes for the 2nd leg and Liz 55 minutes for the final leg. The feature of this event was the massed start of 300 first leg runners - all grades started at the same time.

Still going

My overall impression of the Australian terrain was one of the openness of the forest. The granite areas had to be seen to be believed with tall towering outcrops and areas strewn with boulders of all sizes. Some maps were so detailed it was almost impossible to relate map to terrain and move with any degree of speed. Then there were the gold mining areas which presented their own special navigational challenges. Other maps consisted of the typical Australian Gully/Spur terrain which can be very rocky underfoot and doesn't do much for the ankles. The Australian bush is very harsh and dry compared with ours and in some areas water features are almost non-existent.

The bush life seems to be far more abundant with kangaroos especially being seen on most maps. The bird life is very prolific with the large crested white parakeets creating quite a din when they are disturbed.

The best thing about Australian forest is of course that there seems to be a never-ending supply. There must be vast areas of suitable terrain which have yet to be mapped which makes me wonder just why some of the maps used were in fact remakes of previous ones.

I certainly enjoyed the experience of both seeing and competing at the events. To experience the atmosphere of an event with nearly 1800 competitors is a little different from anything I have found in New Zealand. The Australians certainly did an excellent job in organising the carnival which of course made it more enjoyable for the competitors. Excellent catering facilities were provided at all venues and the social evenings were entertaining to say the least.

Would I do it again? Sure would and in fact plans are already in hand for both Bev and I to travel to the next challenge event which is to be held in South Australia in September 1986.

- Colin Tait

Thank you Colin for your participation as team manager and for the time spent with this informative article.

- Editor

PS What do you club members think of an 'articles only' (no results) Newsletter - Did I hear you say Rhubarb/Rhubarb? That's it - the job's yours.

Seriously tho - thanks to all contributors for their reports.

New Zealand Orienteering Federation

TRAINING SQUAD

5.10.85

N.Z.O.F. Raffle 1985

Dear *Colin,*

Please excuse this duplicated format.

I am very pleased to report that the raffle was successful, with net proceeds close to \$7500. This exceeds the total of the nationwide raffle held in 1983.

This total is due to your enthusiasm and efficiency as sales coordinators and the backing your club members gave you. If the opportunity arises to thank the latter group, please do.

On behalf of the 1985 World Orienteering Champs Squad could I thank you for all the hard work you put in.

Yours in sport,



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SEAFIELD ROAD - OY5 October 6

Lambing, sickness and other orienteering activities held up the fieldwork on this new map and it was a mad scramble in the end as usual to get it printed on time. Thanks to Maurice Lloyd who did a large hunk of the field work and Roger Bee who drew all the lettering, legend, mascot etc, we received the maps on the Tuesday before the event.

The actual drawing of the map was fascinating and much easier than I expected. With lots of advice from Roger, I think the only change I would now make is to mark both tanks and water troughs with blue squares, as the blue circles (tanks) appear greenish when printed on the yellow and could be mistaken for trees. Who would like to have a go at drawing the next map?

The courses were planned on the original drawing which is four times the size of the final map. Also while the vegetation boundaries were marked they did not show up as yellow tracks across a white background which made the job more difficult than usual. The basic idea to the event was to start reasonably low down, get most of the climb into the first half and finish up with the last 3 or 4 controls downhill. However it was due to underestimating the climb that resulted in the top three courses being too long. The original course was 2.1 km but this seemed too short for an OY so we increased it to over 3 km - with hindsight this was too much. Future course setters beware. Fortunately it was a beautiful day so everyone, even those who got lost, enjoyed themselves and agreed it was an excellent area.

- Brian Crawford

	13 OY Points to date				
	<u>Maraetotara</u>	<u>Gwavas</u>	<u>Smedley</u>	<u>Esk</u>	<u>Scafield Rd</u>
	OY1	OY2	OY3	OY4	OY5
<u>M12</u>					
Iain Mardon	5.00				
Peter Smith		25.00	25.00		25.00
<u>M13-16</u>					
Russell Mardon	25.00				
Angus White	16.25				
<u>M17-39</u>					
Roger Bee	25.00	-	20.60	25.00	22.85
Trevor Carswell	23.77	17.23	17.99	-	23.26
Peter Watson	22.91	19.32	21.69	23.90	18.01
Ross Frechtling	20.25	15.64	16.06	-	-
Maurice Lloyd	18.48	25.00	25.00	-	25.00
Doug Matheson	14.78	10.42	-	-	18.05
James Watson	-	-	-	13.18	-
<u>M17-39B</u>					
Martin Bron	25.00				
<u>M40+</u>					
Stewart Hyslop	25.00	14.30	-	19.72	25.00
Colin Tait	21.43	25.00	24.86	25.00	24.78
Brian Crawford	19.76	16.64	25.00	13.26	-
Phillip Mardon	18.21	13.23	15.81	-	17.29
Roger Munday	17.86	-	-	-	18.87
Tony Plymers	15.91	-	-	5.00	17.15
Dave Smith	15.46	14.51	17.12	12.39	18.11
Ted Sapsford	-	-	-	13.57	21.83
<u>W12</u>					
Kylie Watson	25.00	-	-	25.00	-
Fiona Sapsford	23.87	-	25.00	16.97	25.00
Anna Watson	5.00				
<u>W17-39</u>					
Fiona Crawford	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	-
Caroline Watson	22.09	8.77	14.28	13.18	25.00
Linda Lloyd	20.19	21.17	20.80	22.55	-
Wendy Bee	19.90	-	16.94	21.62	18.69
Brita Munday	14.41	-	-	-	14.30
Jeanette Dobbs	-	16.28	17.57	-	-
Julie Watson	-	-	-	10.79	-
Jan Edgar	-	-	-	-	19.35
<u>W40+</u>					
Sharron Mardon	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	18.27
Anne Sapsford	17.09	10.18	16.31	9.98	19.55
Bev Tait	16.88	12.48	12.43	9.49	25.00

CLIPPER CHALLENGE UP TO CDO CHAMPS AT TAUPO

42 points	Peter Watson Brian Crawford
34 points	Caroline Watson
32 points	Trevor Carswell
30 points	Dave Smith Fiona Crawford
28 points	Colin Tait
24 points	Bev Tait Peter Smith
22 points	Maurice Lloyd
20 points	Roger Bee Sharon Mardon
16 points	Wendy Bee
14 points	Linda Lloyd Fiona Sapsford
12 points	Diana Smith
10 points	Andrew Smith
8 points	Philip Mardon Russell Mardon Stewart Hyslop
6 points	Doug Matheson Sandra Tait
4 points	Ross Frechtling Martin Bron Jeanette Dobbs Catherine Smith

ROWE ROAD - COURSE SETTERS COMMENTS - October 20

Sunday 20 October turned out a fine day and it was pleasing to see a large turnout of both club members and Scouts to participate on the new map at Rowe Road. The map we found offered plenty of variety with an area of bush, open farm land and the more rugged terrain in the middle.

We designed the C, D and E courses knowing that a large contingent of Scouts would be running. Consequently our apologies to any club members who may have found the last few controls a bit rugged. However we couldn't resist the temptation to place a couple of controls on the more vertical features present on this map.

Looking at the times the Scouts put up, it seems they knew what they were doing, but unfortunately Gisborne is a bit far for regular attendances. We felt that we should be able to use a bit of poetic licence on the A and B courses as most of the area was known by club members. However we stopped short of using a spade to lower the flat height. The large pond that everyone found was dry in August and may require a colouring exercise for the next course setters. Caroline did her best to drum up support from the Waipukurau area and overall we had a good attendance of new participants which hopefully might attend future events. Thanks also to Stuart for helping in running the event and the small and determined band of control collectors.

- Doug and Peter

Dec. 1985

The TAT FAMILY

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