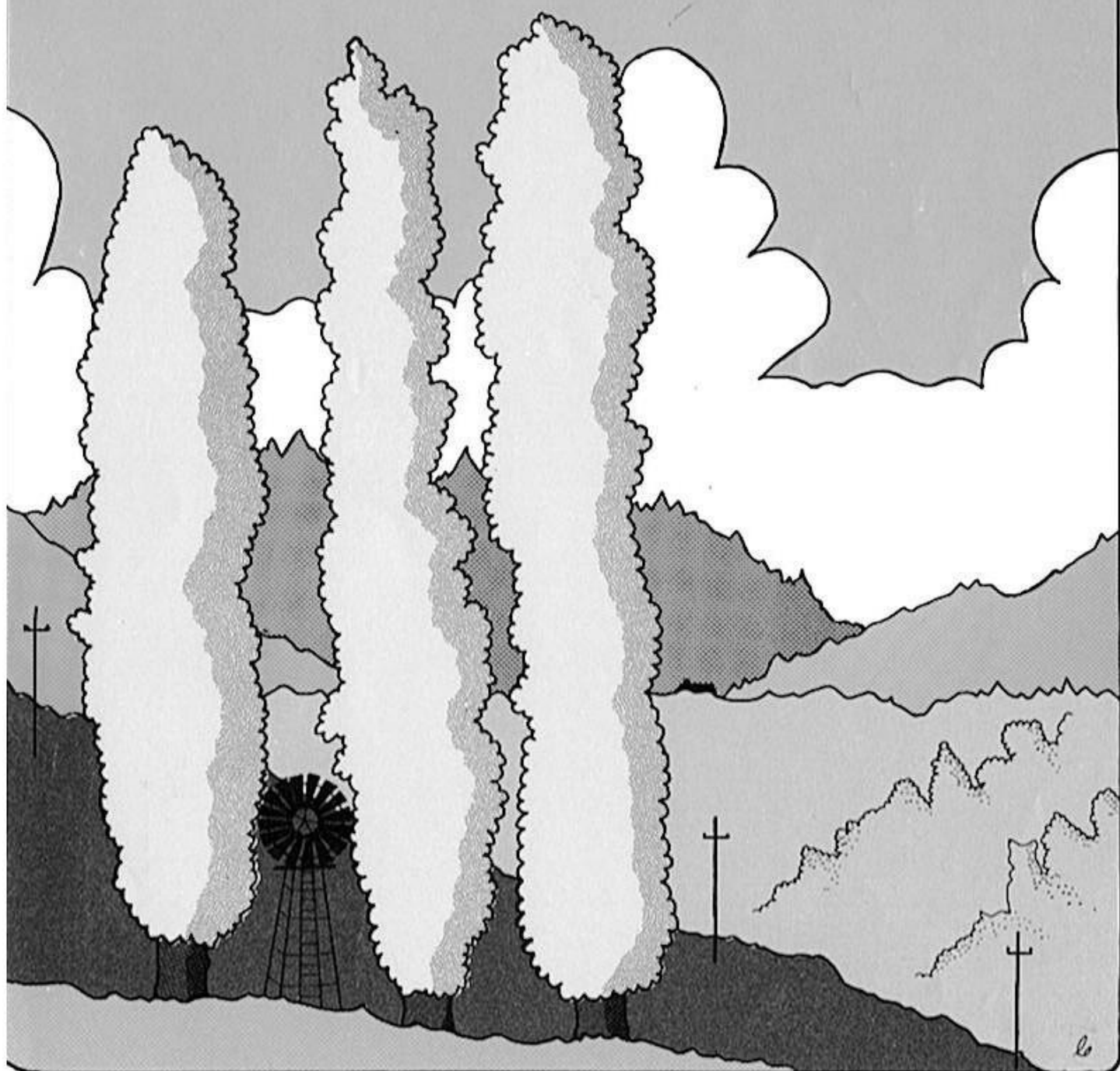




# COMPASS POINTS



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Away with the frivolities of riverside picnics and evening street runs and into the serious business of real orienteering.

Smedley and Seafield Road have provided two testing OYs, along with a variety of Club events. We have had some good turnouts, especially for the OYs and the Te Mata Peak event, which indicates that the serious players are feeling real competitive while the not so serious are enjoying the challenge provided by the courses themselves.

Many members have also travelled great distances to away events so we can look forward to some pretty sharp performances during the remainder of the year.

Don't forget to register for the coaching and social weekend at Omatua, 20 - 21 June. This promises to be an excellent weekend's orienteering, with coaching and a social evening on the Saturday night thrown in for good measure.

Have a great winter's orienteering.

Alan B.

**COACHING/SOCIAL WEEKEND - SATURDAY & SUNDAY 20 & 21 JUNE 1992**

The weekend promises to be a great event with an opportunity to improve your orienteering skills and to meet and socialise with other club members.

The expected format will be:

- Saturday 10.20 start CROHANE Bring your own lunch.
- Saturday afternoon Return to Omatua Girl Guide Centre. Rissington.
- Saturday evening Indoor coaching & social.
- Sunday 10.30 start McNeil OY3

Lunch provided to all coaching weekend participants.

The cost is \$30 per person or \$75 per family.

This includes accommodation and meals for Saturday night, Sunday breakfast and lunch and OY3 map free.

This weekend is open only to members so please don't overlook paying your subscription.

If you would like to come please pay Peter Watson your fee of \$30 on or before 12 June 1992.

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## A course (4.7km)

Bruce Perry	59.05
Eric Dunbar	88.47
Caroline Watson	115.22
Alan Berry	124.08
Peter Hill	131.59
Brian Crawford	146.06
Diane Lucas	154.52
Maurice Alach	DNF

## C course (2.5km)

Neil Mora & Crew	36.22
Daniel Smith	43.49
Lucas	47.07
Bob Harris	50.16
Catherine Lee	57.12
Kath Berry	70.29
Carla & Danny	84.52
Diane Kyle	99.36
Wardle & Mawley	DNF

## E course (880m)

Richard Lucas	10.30
Cathy Smith	23.42
Ben Lee	25.38
Charles Martin	50.30

## B course (3.2km)

Peter Watson	42.56
Neil Lawrence	75.10
Roger McKinley	87.29
Rosalie Adlam	90.09
Sharon Mardon	101.53
Scurr & Wardle	104.47
Paul Jarvis	115.06
Dave Smith	131.14
Margot Young & Max McEwan	155.06
Mac & Ngaire Fisher	106.30 ml
Neil Mora (2nd course)	54.52

## D course (1.33km)

Joyce Perry	51.20
Stone & Amy	67.50
Michael Lucas	80.07
Pike Family	82.25
Chan Family	141.00
Tracy Lucas	50.37 m3

What a lovely day to go orienteering. It was the only place in the Bay where the wind did not exist. A lot of regulars did not appear due to being involved in the 3 map Auckland event. Air New Zealand put on a special flight so Peter Watson could run the course, albeit a trifle late and for the first time in living memory there was not even one solitary Barnsley.

However, 38 maps were distributed and course setter, the venerable David Fisher was even praised by one or maybe two competitors for a well thought out event. The minor grades were given clear "hand rails" to focus upon and the higher grades, particularly A course, were given technically difficult maps. The course was proved navigatable and Mrs Joyce Perry took her son Bruce round the C grade and gave him a few pointers before setting him loose on the A course. As the results show, you did a good job Joyce. Nobody can say Diane Lucas is not a trier and her A course effort was most creditable.

I have remarked previously that orienteering is organisational wise top heavy, as one hour's competition would involve the course setter in at least 20 hours work from the time he (or she) picks up the caravan and returns it to the Mardon Estate. Talking about the caravan, I would love to meet the bloody dwarf who set the height on the door opening! Who in the Club has not yet measured the height on their skull yet?

SMEDLEY STATION - 12 April 1992

A course (6.8km)

Bruce Perry	66.47
Peter Watson	69.39
Maurice Lloyd	75.29
Derek Morrison	85.34
Neil Mora	92.50
David Fisher	98.49

C course (3.6km)

Linda Lloyd	85.14
Rosalie Adlam	93.39
Jill Beech	95.20
Diane Lucas	108.29
Bill Walch	124.54
Mac & Ngaire Fisher	162.00
Daniel Smith	DNF
Bob Harris	DNF
Catherine Lee	DNF

E course (2.4km)

Michelle Barnsley	38.00
Val Morrison	59.22
Ben Lee	20.15 2nd
Geoffrey Lucas	34.51 2nd

B course (4.9km)

Stewart Hyslop	85.00
Andrew & Jerry Jeromsen	85.50
Alan Berry	91.47
Caroline Watson	101.11
Brian Crawford	105.03
Paul Jarvis	111.28
Peter Hill	153.50
Tim Barnsley	173.25
S & B Smith	DNF

D Course (3.7km)

Kath Berry	81.38
Sharon Mardon	97.40
Anne Sapsford	154.28
Margot Young & Max McEwan	176.35

F course (0.7km)

Ben Lee	4.00
James & Emma Watson	7.32
Geoffrey Lucas	9.26

Ted Sapsford and I spent two full weekends up at Smedley Station setting the first OY course of the year. The first weekend was clear and warm and we camped out in the dreaded ravine on Saturday night. We had ourselves pretty well organised, courses all checked and the nicest start/finish spot you could imagine all set to go.

The weekend of the event we planned to put out all the controls on Saturday, get everything ready and camp out again so we could be there bright and early on Sunday morning. Of course, the weather turned against us and camping out would have been very uncomfortable. We threw ourselves on the mercy of the station manager and he kindly directed us towards the shearers' quarters and the hot showers therein. We were very grateful after a long, wet Saturday putting out controls to have the use of this facility. The weather on Sunday remained awful and some hurried changes to the start/finish procedure had to be made between showers. We got under way on time and although everyone suffered from the conditions, (some a little more than others) no complaints, either expressed or implied, were forthcoming and Ted's reputation for imaginative course setting remains intact. So in spite of the lousy weather we are counting Smedley OY1 1992 as a success.

Wayne Lee

SEAFIELD ROAD - O.Y.2 - 26 APRIL, 1992

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A course 6.0km 480m climb  
(M17-39)

		Pts.
Peter Watson	69.03	25.00
Bruce Perry	74.25	23.20
Gerard van Veen	81.01	
Derek Morrison	82.24	20.95
Geoff Morrison	104.30	16.52
Wayne Lee	108.50	15.86
David Fisher	109.36	15.75
Neil Mora	114.16	15.11

B course 4.2km 324m  
(M40+, M17-39B)

		Pts
Eric Dunbar	70.49	25.0
Stewart Hyslop	79.10	22.3
Neil Lawrence	80.00	25.0
Alan Berry	82.07	21.5
Tim Barnsley	89.50	22.2
Caroline Watson	93.10	19.0
Peter Hill	95.22	18.5
Brian Crawford	98.06	18.0
Bob Harris	115.43	17.2

C course 3.1km 204m  
(W17-39, W40+)

Linda Lloyd	71.56	25.00
Rosalie Adlam	75.04	23.96
Diane Lucas	81.05	22.18
Catherine Lee	91.57	19.56
Sharon Mardon	105.22	17.07
Pamela Morrison	109.15	16.46
Kath Berry	111.49	25.00
Mac & Ngairre Fisher	117.22	
Diane Kyle	148.06	18.88
Anne Sapsford	DNF	10.00
Charles Martin	DNF	

D course 2.7km 192m  
(M13-16, W17-39B)

Bill & Denise	95.16	
Vicki van Veen	124.44	
Percy Family	149.00	

E course 2.8km 156m  
(W13-16)

Michael White	72.00	
D & N Morrison	127.45	
Val, Ross & Amber Morrison	129.39	
Michelle Barnsley	133.12	25.00
Tracy Lucas	DNF	2nd
Jesse Hill	DNF	2nd
Gareth Hope	DNF	2nd
Ben Lee	DNF	2nd

F course 1.4km 60m  
(M12, W12)

Tracy Lucas	17.17	
Amy Lee	21.57	25.00
Anthony Lloyd	22.09	25.00
Hope & Hill	27.15	
James Watson	32.55	
Anita Lloyd	62.43	10.00

Weather conditions were favourable for this event. The rain held off until the next day.

Organisation on the day was very capably handled by Diane Lucas and family and Rosalie. The course setter is very grateful for their assistance in running the day's event.

Forest areas traditionally provide difficulty for members of our club. This map is no exception. In parts of the forest there are quite a few thinnings and occasional blackberry to negotiate. This combined with the relative steepness of the area poses physical challenges in addition to the mental challenge of locating those orange and white flags.

Sometimes course setters do not provide as much assistance as they could in their height estimation of objects, such as boulders. Accurate height estimation is essential when you are out in the forest looking for these difficult to spot objects.

When setting courses its not always useful to approach the control from the opposite direction in which the competitors are coming. You tend to overlook objects that are close by the control which may confuse the competitors and which may not be mapped accurately.

I confess control 2 (a boulder) on courses 1 and 3 had sunk half a metre into the ground after I first saw it. I also confess that further down the hill there were boulders that had not been marked on the map. These probably popped up after the mapper went through the area (or perhaps were obscured by fallen trees, branches etc at the time). I promise to try harder next time -- surely that's enough confessions for now!

Competition on the A course is hotting up with Bruce and Peter swapping winning roles between the first two OY's.

On course B Caroline Watson is laying down the gauntlet to some of the men competitors on that course. Clearly her overseas experience is showing through!

Course F provided an interesting result for our family with Anita spending a considerable time in the forest but recovering to complete her course. This is a style reminiscent of her parents' early efforts in forests when two and a half hour efforts were not unusual. Keep up the good work!

It was pleasing to renew friendships with Gerrard and Vicki Van Veen after some time. Its good to see them back competing. Gerrard, on his result, cannot be far away from giving Peter and Bruce a bit of a shake.

Finally, thank you to the members that assisted the writer with a control collection at the end of the day. It was pleasing to arrive home after having dropped off the caravan before 5 o'clock. Also a special thank you to the land owner and lessees of the forest and farm areas. Without their assistance, running this event would not have been possible.

## O.Y. POIN'S REVIEW

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	O.Y.1 SMEDLEY	O.Y.2 SEAFIELD	TOTAL
M17-39A			
Peter Watson	23.97	25.00	48.97
Bruce Perry	25.00	23.20	48.20
Maurice Lloyd	22.12	25.00	47.12
Wayne Lee	25.00	15.86	40.86
Derek Morrison	19.51	20.95	40.46
Nell Mora	17.98	15.11	33.09
Dave Fisher	16.90	15.75	32.65
Geoff Morrison		16.52	16.52
W17-39A			
Linda Lloyd	25.00	25.00	50.00
Rosalie Adlam	22.75	23.96	46.71
Diane Lucas	19.64	22.18	41.82
Catherine Lee	10.00	19.56	29.56
Jill Beech	22.35		22.35
Sharon Mardon		17.07	17.07
Pamela Morrison		16.46	16.46
M40+			
Stewart Hyslop	25.00	22.36	47.36
Alan Berry	23.15	21.56	44.71
Caroline Watson *	21.06	19.00	40.06
Brian Crawford	20.23	18.05	38.28
Peter Hill	13.81	18.56	32.37
Eric Dunbar		25.00	25.00
Ted Sapsford	25.00		25.00
Paul Jarvis	19.06		19.06
W40+			
Kath Berry	25.00	25.00	50.00
Anne Sapsford	13.21	10.00	23.21
Sharon Mardon	20.90		20.90
Diane Kyle		18.88	18.88
M17-39B			
Tim Barnsley	25.00	22.26	47.26
Neil Lawrence		25.00	25.00
Bob Harris		17.28	17.28
W13-16			
Michelle Barnsley	25.00	25.00	50.00
M12			
Ben Lee	25.00		25.00
Anthony Lloyd		25.00	25.00
Geoffrey Lucas	10.60		10.60
W12			
Amy Lee		25.00	25.00
Anita Lloyd		10.00	10.00



HANDICAP POINTS REVIEW

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	O.Y.1 SMEDLEY	O.Y.2 SEAFIELD	TOTAL	H/CAP
<b>M17-39A</b>				
Derek Morrison	28.01	27.45	55.46	5.5
Bruce Perry	29.50	24.75	54.25	2.0
Dave Fisher	28.40	24.80	53.20	9.5
Wayne Lee	25.00	27.36	52.36	10.5
Peter Watson	24.97	25.04	50.01	scr
Neil Mora	25.98	22.21	48.19	8.5
Maurice Lloyd	22.12	24.55	46.67	1.0
Geoff Morrison		27.03	27.03	10.0
<b>W17-39A</b>				
Diane Lucas	26.20	27.18	53.38	7.0
Rosalie Adlam	26.75	26.54	53.29	5.0
Linda Lloyd	26.08	25.25	51.33	3.5
Catherine Lee	17.98	26.19	44.17	9.0
Pamela Morrison		24.77	24.77	11.0
Jill Beech	22.79		22.79	4.0
Sharon Mardon		22.65	22.65	9.5
<b>M40+</b>				
Peter Hill	25.81	30.06	55.87	9.0
Alan Berry	28.65	25.06	53.71	3.0
Stewart Hyslop	25.00	22.36	47.36	1.0
Brian Crawford	23.73	22.05	45.78	5.5
Caroline Watson *	21.63	22.50	44.13	4.5
Ted Sapsford	25.00		25.00	8.5
Eric Dunbar		25.00	25.00	scr
Paul Jarvis	22.06		22.06	4.5
<b>W40+</b>				
Kath Berry	25.00	25.00	50.00	1.0
Anne Sapsford	19.64	19.34	38.98	10.5
Sharon Mardon	23.98		23.98	5.0
Diane Kyle		19.23	19.23	4.0
<b>M17-39B</b>				
Tim Barnsley	25.00	27.26	52.26	8.5
Neil Lawrence		25.35	25.35	5.0
Bob Harris		21.36	21.36	9.5
<b>W13-16</b>				
Michelle Barnsley	25.00	25.00	50.00	scr
<b>M12</b>				
Ben Lee	25.00		25.00	6.0
Anthony Lloyd		25.00	25.00	12.0
Geoffrey Lucas	14.19		14.19	12.0
<b>W12</b>				
Amy Lee		29.5	29.50	6.0
Anita Lloyd		12.3	12.33	10.5

BLUFF HILL - 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 1992

A course (3.9km)

Bruce Perry	21.38
Geoff Morrison	29.59
Wayne Lee	32.23
Pam Morrison	42.01

C course (2.2km)

Tracy Lucas	25.28
Brian Crawford	27.00
Heather Dobson	37.23
Amy & Catherine Lee	40.03
James & Emma Watson	45.14

B course (2.5km)

Sharon Mardon	27.35
Philip Mardon & Sarah Guernsey	29.28
Bill & Denise	29.42
Anita Lloyd	34.10
Mac & Ngaire Fisher	45.25
Max McEwan & Margot Young	55.46
Rita & Bev	68.15

A small but enthusiastic group turned out for this event. The weather was kind to us and those present seemed to enjoy themselves.

Street courses can be fun and from the setter's point of view one sees some interesting happenings while out collecting clues. One advantage of setting these courses is that there are no controls to collect at the end of the day, not that I didn't have plenty of offers of assistance for that task. This means that the day's work is finished when the last runners return to the caravan, or in special cases before that time; thank you Sharon, Sarah and Philip for taking care of yourselves. To explain - we were about to leave the area when these folk arrived, at 1.25p.m. We started them on their courses and left them to it. That's an easy way to run an event. Probably the first time the caravan has made it home before the Mardons.

Thanks to Dave Fisher for towing the caravan and thanks to all those who took part.

Course setter - Rosalie Adlam

WHIRINAKI (cont'd from page 3)

A big thanks to those who helped bring in the controls and I won't mention any names in case I forget someone. Most diplomatic (or chicken) but I will however, mention that young Ben Lee volunteered to go out and bring in his course thus setting a good example to his peers.

Bill W.

**TE MATA PARK - 24 MAY 1992**  
**A course (4.0km, 500m climb)**

Derek Morrison	58.52
Peter Watson	62.22
Geoff Morrison	68.35
Wayne Lee	83.40
Ted Sapsford	102.55
Rowan Sapsford	104.45
Hepburn & Anderson	131.45
David Fisher	102.15 m1
Sharon English	122.00 m2
Duncan & Lou	135.50 m1

**C course (2km, 200m climb)**

Pamela Morrison	59.04
Wardle & Scurr	64.45
Mark Walker	74.50
Barry & Polly	82.00
Catherine Lee	82.20
Anne Sapsford	95.08
Percy Family	101.00
Bill & Denise	113.00
Rosalie Adlam	71.02 m1
Chris & Louise Barnsley	DNF

**E course (1.1km)**

Amanda Barnsley	31.25
Jesse & Gino	39.15

**Course setters : Kath and Alan Berry**

There is one thing about course setting - it certainly improves your knowledge of the area covered by the map - just point to any spot on the Te Mata Park map and I can tell you the size of the rocks, the width of the sheep tracks and the height of the thistles! I can appreciate Wayne's comments about course setting in the rain on Smedley. One day on the Peak it was down to 4 degrees, raining and blowing a gale.

After an absolutely beautiful Saturday, it was disappointing to find that the day of the event dawned cold and grey but at least this brought everyone out early, to get over the course before it rained. We had a very good turnout, including about 12 members of the Hastings Athletics Multi Events group, who were keen to have a go at orienteering as part of their programme. They have undertaken to reciprocate by letting us know when they have something on their own programme that would suit members - like pole-vaulting!

The courses that we set were pretty mean. Many members know Te Mata Peak so well that it is hard to present them with route choice decisions that must be resolved by reference to the map, rather than from local knowledge. The amount of climbing on this map does however make up for the lack of distance.

Some very good times were recorded, given the arduous nature of the courses and the intricate control settings.

**B course (3km, 300m climb)**

Neil Mora	56.24
Tim Barnsley	75.30
Caroline Watson	81.36
Tracy & Gavin	101.00
Sharon Mardon	104.36
Diane Lucas	117.00
Mac & Ngaire Fisher	140.30
Margot Young & Max McEwen	156.00
Read & Anderson	108.00 m2
C Deacon & J Broad	DNF
Peter Hill	DNF

**D course (1.1km)**

James Watson	27.45
Stone Family	36.50
John & Christian	65.13
Ross & Amber Morrison	70.00
Charles Martin	76.15
MacFarlane Family	80.00
Pike Family	93.50
Wardle & Mawley	98.00
Maria & Maria	47.30 m2

This was our first effort at course setting but we are learning rapidly. I found some wonderful control features .... a pity they weren't marked on the map. Clearly the way to rapidly learn about course setting is to jump in at the deep end and let members tell you about the unkind controls that are just not allowed in polite orienteering circles.

Our thanks to Ross Berry for helping with the course setting and to Peter Watson, Peter Hill, Anne and Ted Sapsford for helping with the recovery of the controls.

Alan Berry

#### ORIENTEERING ON A GRAND SCALE

If you thought that we had a fair crowd at the Nationals last year, how about these statistics for the 1991 Swedish 5-day Event:

- \* There were 18000 competitors, requiring 90000 start times and 550 courses.
- \* 4000 volunteers put in 100 people-years of spare time to ensure the smooth running of the event.
- \* On one day the teams laid out 109 courses with 350 controls, the courses ranging from 3 to 11km.
- \* 120 shuttle buses were needed to take people to the event each day with a first start time of 8a.m. and a walk of 5km to the start!
- \* Competitors took off at 1 minute intervals.
- \* Grades went up to M80, competitors ranging from 7 to 88.
- \* The finish involved 6 shuttles of 300m in length.

#### NEW ZEALAND ORIENTEERS OVERSEAS

New Zealand orienteers Alistair Landels and Katie Fettes both won their respective elite men's and women's titles at the Asian-Pacific Orienteering Championships held in Japan recently. To become the new champions in the biennial event, Landels and Fettes beat top orienteers from Australia, Canada, US, Norway, Japan and many other countries. Fettes, 28, South Auckland, finished 4m ahead of Norway's 8th ranked orienteer and 7m ahead of Louise Fairfax, Australia, who was third. 23yr old Landels, Auckland, finished 4m ahead of the 2nd placed Norwegian. Peter Hill, Wellington, came 9th.

## AWAY EVENTS

We may not all be the most accomplished orienteers but Hawke's Bay Club members are certainly great tourists. Members have travelled all over the North Island during the past couple of months, competing in events from Auckland to Wellington.

Our special congratulations to Peter and Caroline Watson for their gold badge performances in the M35A and W Open events at the Wellington Orienteering Association Easter 4-day Badge Event and also to Derek Morrison for his second placing in his class on Day 2 at the North Island Champs at New Plymouth.

In a rather different but nevertheless essential part of orienteering, Brian Crawford is to be congratulated on being highly commended for his entries in the 1991 New Zealand Course Setting competition. The judges comments are printed later in this issue as they may provide additional guidelines for our own members in setting Club courses.

### TAUPO OY - 15 MARCH 1992

As if running around all night was not enough, most of our night relay team also took part in the Central Districts OY event the following day. I gather that it was realised only a few days beforehand that some of the courses clashed with the local dog obedience club event. A few rapid course changes were required, to avoid the prospect of a horde of sweaty orienteers putting the pooches thoroughly off their scent!

Results were:

#### Course 1 (7.5km)

10th	Peter Watson	M35A	67.32
12th	Derek Morrison	M40	70.16

#### Course 4

3rd	David Fisher	M35B	42.23
9th	Caroline Watson	W21B	58.42

#### Course 5 (3.25km)

14th	Rosalie Adlam	W17-39B	52.20
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All day Orienteer | - If this sounds like you, watch for this event when it next happens (hopefully next year).

Described as a coast to coast from the Tasman Sea to the Pacific Ocean involved five orienteering events starting from 8.00am in the morning and finishing a little after 5.00pm on the same day.

### 2 Courses:

Only two courses were offered, although there were several grades within those courses. The anticipated winning times were based on 21 A grades (not elite) and were 50 to 55 minutes for men and 40 to 45 minutes for women. The elapsed time for each of the five maps counted.

#### Map 1 - Otakanini Topu

The first map was at Woodhill Forest just west of Helensville. There were four massed starts from the beach with the start triangle being located high on a sand dune. Word has it that Peter Watson made quite a dash trying to get up the sand cliff to the triangle. Regrettably I missed this as I had started five minutes earlier and was scouring the adjacent forest for the first control without any success at all.

After wasting 20 minutes on the first control, my time for the first map was going to be somewhat slow. While searching for my 1st control I had seen waves of runners pass me and I assume these were the next two lots started shortly after us.

Things improved later in the run as is often the case and my time wasn't too bad. Peter comfortably beat me on that course. Derek Morrison also had difficulties on the first map in what, for him, was an unfamiliar forest.

I understand that Peter has previously competed on four of the five maps. I had previously run on the first and second maps and heard great and wonderful things in particular about the fourth map named Waterfalls. The word was save yourself for that map - its steep and rough.

#### Map 2 - Mt Auckland:

The second map involved a car trip around the side of the Kaipara Harbour. There were two spectator controls to locate on the road between the maps which assisted with navigation and also kept interest up for the supporters. The second map was a farm forestry type map. I had previously been there many years before during a seven day event at which it was the second day map. On that occasion I had sprained my ankle and put paid to my chances of completing the seven days.

I thought half way through this event that I was going reasonably well until I ran down a spur that was a little dry and yes, you guessed it, sprained my ankle again! It wasn't a major sprain and my time for the event was quite respectable being within six minutes of the winner of our grade. Peter and Derek were going neck for neck and Peter managed to edge out Derek by one minute on this map.

#### Map 3 - Woodcocks

There was no time for rest as we were on again to an area called Woodcocks. This was quite a steep area with s of bracken under pine trees making control location difficult and requiring at times, very precise map reading skills (not something I profess to do very well). After two events lasting approximately an hour each, my time for this third event was 70 minutes indicating that my body was beginning to slow. I had strapped my ankle and was taking lepin for carbohydrate replacement, which is a paste-like substance used by triathletes and cyclists. Derek was continuing to improve and headed off Peter on this map.

#### Map 4 - Waterfalls

However, the real test was coming. Waterfalls.

After three events, some of the competitors were starting to slow considerably and it was noteworthy that by this fourth map some of the competitors were having considerable difficulty and some pulled out at this stage.

Again my time for this map was just over 70 minutes. Peter's time remained constant but Derek had a somewhat slower run on what is a very difficult map.

#### Map 5 - Waiwera

All that remained now was a farm map for a short-o type event to finish.

There was a cut-off start time at 4.40pm at Waiwera for this last map. Many competitors arrived after that time as they had not known accurately how long it would take to get between each event.

It was a funny sight watching people start on the last event. The elite competitors seemed to go out as if it was just another event. Most of the other competitors including myself, somewhat struggled from the start. Others including Peter Watson, indicated that they were going to walk the event.

Unfortunately Derek arrived too late at Waiwera to start the event and the organisers indicated that they didn't think they were running a night event! (although some of the competitors would have finished in the dark).

#### After event function - Waiwera Hot Pools

It was good to finally finish the event and go to the Waiwera hot pools. Our children who had put up with me all day finally got their reward on the water slides. I am hoping that someone will tell our youngest that its not good to go down the biggest water slide by yourself when you can't swim. However, all enjoyed it and the northwest club put on a great barbecue together with a memorable apricot pie to finish.

Approximately 60 competitors started the day and 35 finished all five maps. On our mens 35 to 45 grade the Hawkes Bay competitors finished 5th, 8th and 11th out of 14 competitors.

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Four days of orienteering sounded too good to miss and obviously we were not alone with this thought as ten members turned out for the Wellington Association's big Easter event. It was a great pressure cooker course in orienteering for a new boy on the block. How many different sorts of mistakes is it possible to make on an orienteering course? Obviously plenty, as I found a new one each day, including trying to run the 1:15000 Duck Creek forest map, using the 1:10000 scale on my compass. No wonder nothing seemed to be where it should have been (or was it that everything seemed to be where it shouldn't have been ... or something). I ended up thoroughly confused, until a twelve year old boy put me right.

On Good Friday we ran the Kaukau map, in the Ohariu valley, out from Johnsonville. This was a mixture of very steep rocky country, with contour lines about half a millimetre apart, followed by a slightly easier open farmland section. The high voltage DC link from the South Island runs right through the course and we were warned that the magnetic field created by the wires could throw compasses up to 45 degrees off beam. Fortunately the North Island did not need any southern power that morning so the problem did not arise.

And another funny thing. A couple of young ladies were measuring entrants' thigh and inside leg measurements before and after the event, allegedly as a serious research project. Strange things people do for a university thesis .... or perhaps they were just trying to put visiting competitors off their stride!

On day 2 we ran the Duck Creek map, a mixture of forest and farmland right next to Whitby, in the Paremata Harbour. Caroline really excelled on these first two courses, coming home first both days.

For a little variety we moved to the Wairarapa for day 3, running the Matahiwi map, just to the west of Masterton. This was more to my liking - at least I could see where I was going. Everyone else must have felt the same though and some very quick times were recorded.

The country was very reminiscent of Smedley. Rolling hills, a modest gorge or two and patches of scattered bush and scrub, making for very pleasant open running.

By day 4 we were all getting really sharp but so were the other 250 competitors. The map was Moore's Taipo, an open country course among some of those very spectacular rocky peaks south-east of Masterton. Peter and Catherine showed us how to do it by heading the field in their respective grades, as Peter had also done the previous day at Matahiwi.

This really was an exciting, challenging yet fun weekend away together.



Points were awarded in the same way as for an JY, with 25 points to the first person home in each grade, points then reducing in inverse proportion to time taken.

		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Best 3	Badge
<b>W Open</b>							
3rd	Caroline Watson	25.0	25.0	22.4	22.5	72.5	Gold
8th	Rosalie Adlam	19.1	18.3	16.4	16.4	53.8	Bronze
<b>W40B</b>							
3rd	Catherine Lee	17.3	22.7	18.9	25.0	66.6	Silver
<b>W45A</b>							
9th	Sharon Mardon	15.9	16.4	17.5	16.9	50.8	Iron
<b>W55A</b>							
1st	Kath Berry	25.0	24.5	25.0	DNS	74.5	Iron
<b>M Open</b>							
6th	David Fisher	21.5	21.4	18.6	18.7	61.6	Silver
<b>M35A</b>							
1st=	Peter Watson	23.1	23.8	25.0	25.0	73.8	Gold
<b>M40A</b>							
7th	Derek Morrison	22.3	19.5	19.6	16.9	61.4	Silver
12th	Wayne Lee	15.5	12.7	12.2	14.0	42.2	Iron
<b>M55A</b>							
3rd	Alan Berry	12.2	12.6	21.4	22.3	56.3	Bronze

### 1992 NATIONALS

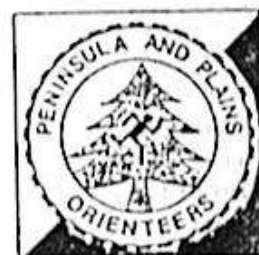
The Peninsula and Plains Orienteering Club is hosting the 1992 Nationals in Christchurch, from Saturday 24 - Monday 26 October 1992.

There will be two short O's on Saturday, on the Chaney's Forest map. The individual championship will be held on Sunday, using the new Omihi Forest map, near Amberley. The weekend concludes with the National Club relays on the Bottle Lake Forest map, 10 minutes north-east of Christchurch.

Accommodation arrangements will be co-ordinated by Sparks Marketing Services. Block bookings for Labour Weekend are held and advice will be included with the entry form to be sent out in June. Any early enquiries or group bookings should be directed to David Sparks, Sparks Marketing Services, 'phone or fax 03 352 4084.

# 1991 COURSE SETTING COMPETITION

## COMMENTS



### Entries:

32 people paid to enter  
20 seniors completed courses  
9 juniors completed courses

### Time involved:

Judging: 50 hours to mark 49 maps  
Administration: 12 hours

- We took many hours to judge this competition and felt the time involvement was necessary to be fair to those who had spent the time to enter, and to be able to give entrants some written feedback.
- Marking two courses (for seniors) made judging complicated. Most people find the combination of H13/W21 difficult to balance, making junior courses too difficult and senior courses with several legs with little route choice. To select the winner from what we considered the best five we had to balance their two courses - one person did not have the best course in both grades.
- Enclosed are photocopies of what we consider to be the best H13A and W21A courses (seniors) or the winning H13 (juniors).

### Course lengths/climb

- Most courses had a too high climb rate (ie. too much climb for the distance). We felt 5% climb was maximum for W21A and 4% for H13A.
- This may not be realistic in a real event, but in a competition like this you have few restrictions on you so should have been able to plan "ideal" courses.
- Because of the time involved we did not check stated climb and distance calculations unless they were obviously incorrect. Remember the climb is for the optimum route, and the distance for the direct route.

### Choice of Start

- The start needs to have reasonable and safe access from the registration (which we assumed was near the finish).
- Runners leaving the start triangle should not be visible to those waiting to start. We do realise this depends where the pre-start is and allowed for that.
- Those going to the start should not be able to see runners on their course (including on viable route choices)

### Cartography

- Generally cartography was good with circles cut and lines broken to allow features to be seen.
- An apex of the triangle should point towards the first control.
- Lines joining circles should line up with the centre of the circle, but stop at the edge of the circle.
- Lines cutting out-of-bounds should not bend around the out of bounds
- Circle diameters should be 5-6mm

### Control Descriptions

- Generally good
- A common fault was failure to indicate which of several similar features within the circle was the control site
- Many called boulder fields boulders:

	On the map	Descriptions
Boulder field	Single triangle	5 triangles
Boulder	Round black closed circle	Triangle

- Some thought water tanks (Blue open circle that could appear green) were individual trees. The map does not conform to current IOF mapping specifications, but entrants should have checked the legend.
- Some confusion over spurs and reentrants
- For control sites on linear features there needs to be a specific point eg bend, junction etc.

### General

- On open hill country beware of control sites being visible from a distance or of runners entering or leaving a control being visible. Obviously this is easier to check on a field visit, but can be assessed from the map alone.
- The out-of-bounds areas do make planning on this map difficult. Having legs which had route choices which gave a temptation to cross out of bounds areas were down graded.
- Control site should not be too close to the edge of the map. Viable route choices should not go off the map.

### W21A

- This was not a good grade to choose without clarification because some planned as if it was W21E, and others assumed there was a W21E course also.
- Technical quality of leg and control site needed to suit grade
- Legs needed to have valid route choice (unless a turning leg or a leg to avoid a dogleg)
- Within some courses there were excellent legs but on the same course there were also legs with no route choice and handrails.

### M13A

- Technical quality of leg and control site needed to suit grade.
- Legs with simple route choice scored well, but there needed to be a handrail option.
- At this level a high percentage of successful course completions is required, so easier courses were favoured. The courses need to be an advance on M12 though.

### Suggestions to other organisers:

- Only have one course for competitors to set. Having two involved a lot of time and made final judging difficult.
- We marked the finish and recommend this as it limits the options for the end of the course making judging a bit easier. Having competitors chose the start still allows plenty of freedom in the course design.

Thankyou for entering the competition. We hope you have learned from it. Judging a competition is certainly subjective, and other judges may have made different decisions and given different comments. Both judges have planned and run on the Living Springs map but did try to imagine setting courses from their armchairs!

Graham Boniface and Alex Cook  
(with some input from John Note for the final decision)  
and scribe Chrissie Williams.

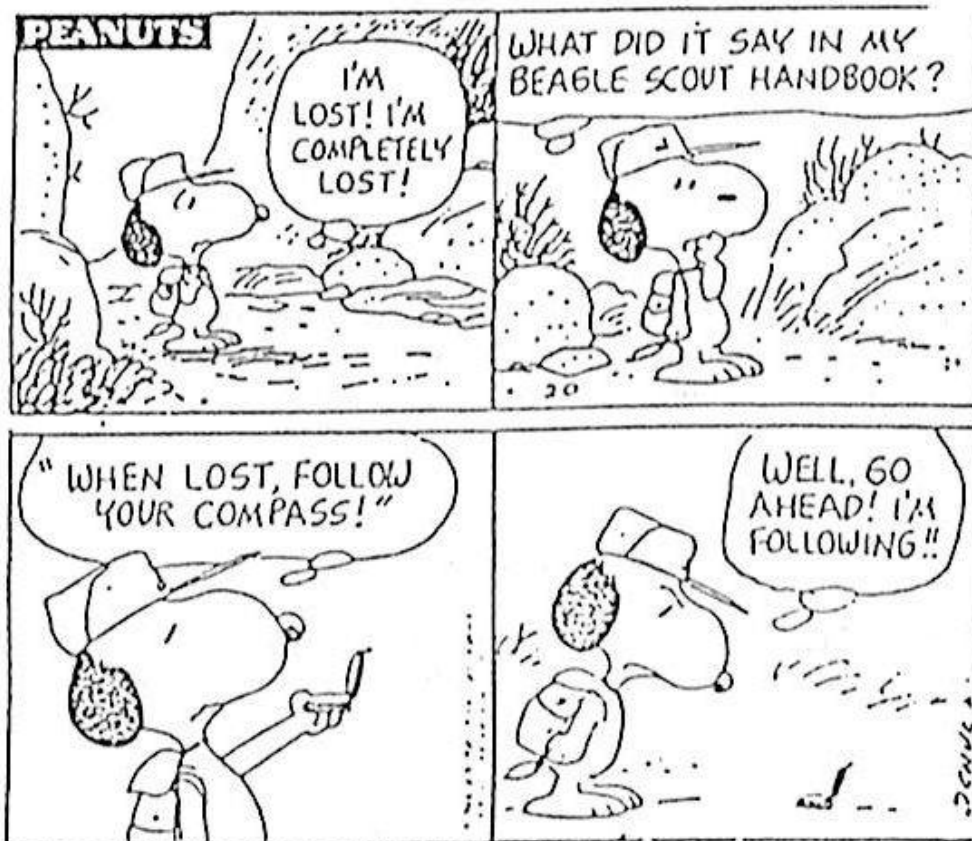
The nature of the competition was such that because of the need to leave the previous event and go to the next event, no results for fellow competitors were known and the event became a competition against yourself.

The concept is great and the way in which the Northwest club ran five events on one day was tremendous. They should be given every encouragement to repeat the event in the future.

Maurice Lloyd

AWAY EVENTS PROGRAMME

September	4 - 5	CDOA Champs TAUPO
October	9 - 10	Auckland Champs SOUTH AUCKLAND
October	23 - 25	NZ Champs NORTH WEST
NOVEMBER	13 - 14	Wellington Champs HUTT VALLEY



June	7	Club Event	Mangarara	B Perry, E Dunbar
	20-21	COACHING WEEKEND (and social occasion)	Omatua	S Hyslop, B Walch
	21	OY3	McNeil	D Fisher, R Adlam
July	4	Club NIGHT RELAYS ( <u>Saturday</u> )		
	19	OY4	Anderson Park Pukeora Hill	T Barnsley P Watson
August	2	Club Event	Granules	W Lee
	16	Club Event	Smedley Station	E Dunbar
	30	Club Event	? ?	? ?
September	13	Club Event	? ?	? ?
	27	OY5	Gwavas	S Hyslop, P Hill
October	11	Club <u>SHORT 'O'</u> Event	Esk Forest	M Lloyd
	24-26	National Championships,	Christchurch	
November	8	OY6, Club Championships) & Inter-Club Challenge )	Mangarara	B Perry
	14-15	- Red Kiwis ) Wellington Championships		Kapiti Havoc
	22	Club Event	? ?	? ?
	24	AGM		
December	6	Christmas Event	? ?	? ?

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In addition to the above events, club events are scheduled for almost every second Sunday.

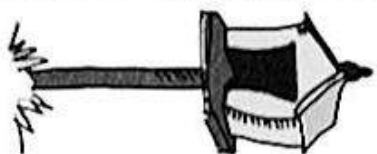
Start at all events is between 10.30a.m. - 1.30p.m.  
Be aware that controls may be lifted after 3.00p.m.  
Please allow for this in your start time.

All events are advertised in the "Coming Soon" column of the Hastings "Leader" the Thursday before the event and in the public notices columns of the Herald Tribune and Daily Telegraph on the Saturday before the event.

Listen to the local radio stations for cancellations, MOST UNLIKELY if an OY event.

For event information, 'phone:

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