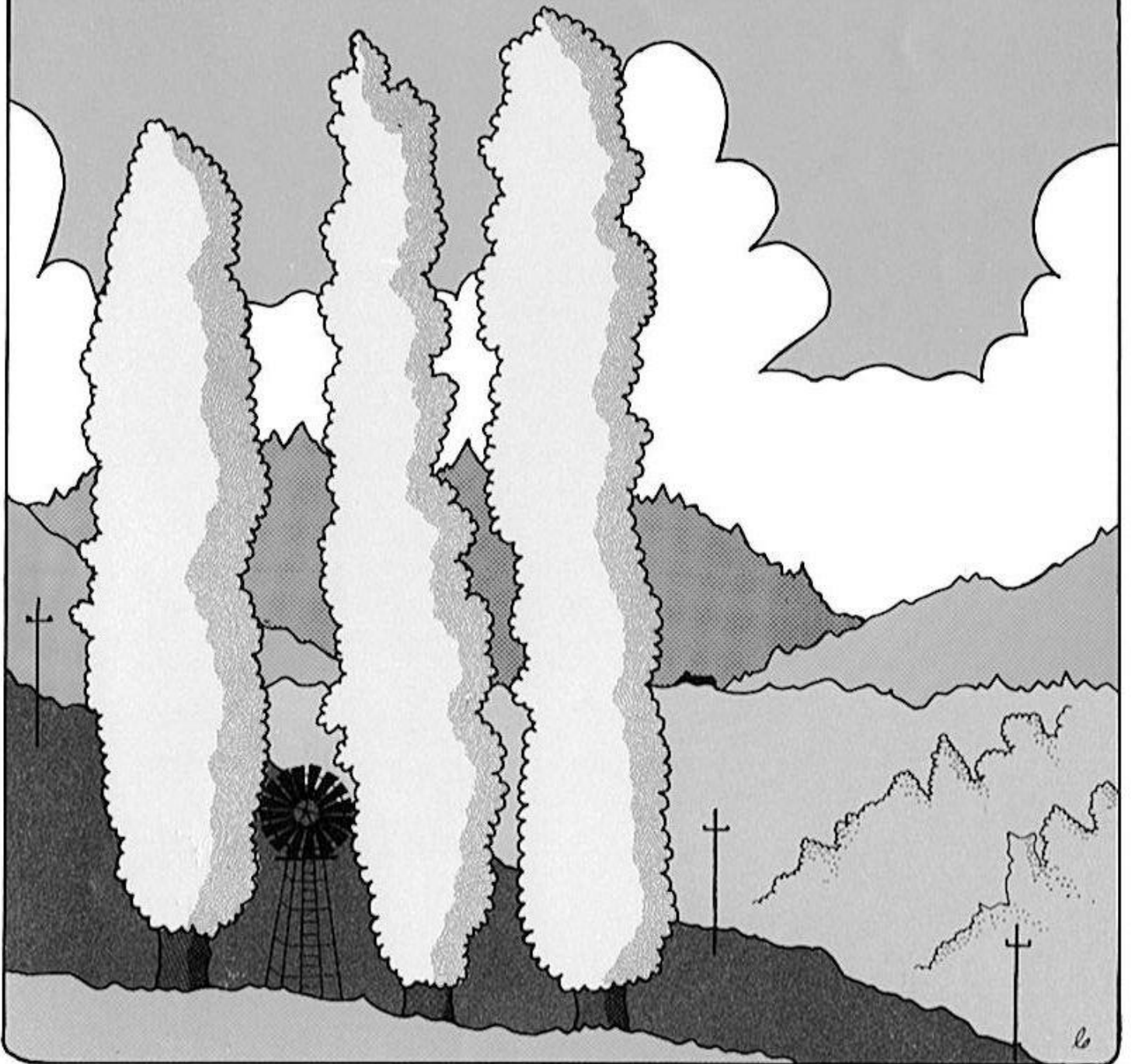




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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to a new orienteering season, that will hopefully find everyone refreshed and keen, and confident of even greater performances this year!

At last we've managed to get our local season underway, with the event at Tangoio and we will settle into our fortnightly routine from now on.

Club members have been quite active so far this year, with people taking part in the Kaweka Challenge, Red Kiwis Challenge and Katoa Po Night Relays.

Plaudits from the club to Alan Berry, for his efforts in co-ordinating another Kaweka Challenge, a major event, with a tremendous amount of work involved. Alan is looking for someone to take over next year so he can relax(!), developing that vast section, mapping, competing, OCADing, etc.,etc.

We had five teams (yes, five) at the Night Relays at Taupo, and the barbecue, soup and tea at the 'club' tent during the race made it a great social event. What a performance our junior team turned on, against the regional teams, coming 2nd, just 11 seconds from the winner. Great effort Amber, Brett, Anita, Ross and Esther.

The following week we filled a bus and headed down to Woodville to thrash the Red Kiwis in the Challenge. Once again, a barbecue was enjoyed afterwards, with those celebrationary sausages tasting even spicier in the euphoria of victory. It was a successful idea, making the Challenge more of a social event between the two clubs (even if there is blood spilt), as opposed to trying to fit it in amongst other clubs at an OY.

Still handing out the bouquets, Peter, Derek and Ross all competed with distinction for New Zealand against Australia in January, and were all part of New Zealand's winning effort.

With Hawkes Bay hosting the NZ Secondary School Champs in July, an effort is being made to try and promote our cause in local secondary schools. Esther is doing a good job at Hastings Girls High and so far we've had 9 girls from there at our coaching sessions.

Despite our club seemingly in a sound state, we can't get complacent. Several clubs around are struggling, and with the loss of a few 'vital' members it could happen to us. It takes a lot of work to organise and set events, so support club events and when it comes time for you to organise an event, everyone will support you. Sounds easy, eh.

Geoff Morrison

EYE IN THE SKY

by the Magpie

- Anita took the all night relays literally. She thought it meant staying up all night, despite the fact that the last orienteer finished at about 3am.
- James A. must be a worried man. Married for just a couple of weeks and Fiona decides to take off to Victoria University to study law!!
- The junior relay team did magnificently, finishing just 11 seconds behind the winning WOA team in the night relays, despite the fact a certain 5th leg runner of Swiss extraction, wasn't ready when the 4th leg runner arrived - she didn't have a torch!
- Derek was set to win the street mile at the Masters Games, until he got flattened by a roller-blader in the first 20 metres!
- A certain bearded, married M40 has just taken up Red courses this year and had a superb run in the Red Kiwis Challenge. Asked the secret of his success, he suggested starting 3 minutes behind a W18 and chasing her most of the way around the course. Needless to say, she (of Swiss extraction), eventually escaped his clutches and finished clear of him.
- A SS coaching day at Horseshoe Bend and everyone was out on a course. Spotted in the distance, well off track and off the map, was what looked like a lost orienteer. So a member of the coaching staff was sent off to the rescue. She (of Swiss extraction) ran off, up hill, down dale, through creeks, past steers, over fences, to help this poor sod. 20 minutes later she returned, red-faced and breathless - "So, who was it?". The reply - "The farmer!"
- Diane wasn't at the OY at Tangoio. She was watching Gemma in action at a pony club show. Gemma won 6 ribbons and Diane enthused(?). Gem reckons she'd be great at Pony-O.
- Norris took on the 1st leg of the Triple Peaks, the only club member to do so, and binoculars weren't needed to spot him - he was wearing a HB O-top.
- One M16, returning home from an event recently observed a large field of bright red strawberries, unfortunately they were tomatoes!

MEMBER PROFILE

JOHN & DAVID COSTIGAN

The first event they attended was that cold day on Bluff Hill. They enjoyed it so much, they came back!

JOHN is a French teacher at St John's College. Only just returning to teaching after a 16 year break. He actually missed part of the end of last season because he was at a French language conference in Tahiti. He has immediately made his presence felt amongst the Orange course opposition, which looks a very competitive grade again this year.

DAVID turns 12 this year and goes to HN Intermediate - where all our top young orienteers go to school. He is a keen cricketer, recently playing rep games for Hastings. Although still very much a novice at orienteering, he is starting to develop quite a portfolio of impressive results. At his first solo outing, in the sand dunes at Whirokino at the Frank Smith trophy, he was second boy, beating the National champion. He ran in the Blossom 3-day, a real learning curve, and managed a 3rd placing on the third day. After the Christmas holidays he seems to have come back better, in his only outing at the night relays. The relay didn't go so well, but the OY on the Sunday he defeated the M12 field which included most of his major opposition. His improving performances suggest that he has a very real chance at the Nationals.

JUNIOR SQUAD

Our club juniors have been competing up and down the country, with distinction, since Christmas.

Ross was in the South Island representing NZ at M16, at the ANZ Challenge, while Amber was also there, cleaning up both the boys and girls in the 12's. Also, Esther went down to sort out the Aussies in the W18's and certainly gave them a few headaches.

The night relay team did superbly, and at the end of the 5th leg, were only 20 seconds behind our much vaunted "A" team!! Never has Anita moved so fast. In the final results, Hawkes Bay finished 2nd, by just 11 seconds, in the competition against other regional teams.

Most clubs grizzled over the lack of runners for their teams first legs - we had 5 - W12's (2), a W14, an M12 and an M14. Our 2nd leg runners comprised M16's (2) and W14's (2) with W18's (2) and an M16 running later legs.

Next day at the OY, Esther came an excellent 2nd (and 1st female) in the Red medium course (out of 38) and Ross, a very good 7th. On the yellow course, Jessica and Gemma came 2nd and 3rd (leading females) out of 12 and David Costigan rounded it off by winning the white course, revenging the two boys that beat him at the Blossom 3-day.

Again, at the Red Kiwis Challenge, a good turnout of juniors helped us to victory.

Since then, we have had 2 coaching sessions - one at Te Mata Park and the other for secondary school students, at Horseshoe Bend. With the students preparing for the NISS champs in April, we've unearthed some potential talent.

The benefits of junior coaching is starting to show through, with good numbers attending events this year - coaching (2), relays, Red Kiwis Challenge and Tangoio OY. So far we've had - W18 (7), M16 (3), W16 (3), M14 (2), W14 (7), M12 (4) and W12 (4) = 30. Out of these, 19 already belong to the club, with the possibility of more joining. Sure some will fall by the wayside, but some show huge potential, and overall, they're a great bunch of kids.

It all would not be possible without the help of other members in the coaching, and this year, it's thanks to Maurice, Tom, Esther and Pamela, who have all done an excellent job.

GM

AUSTRALIA/NZ CHALLENGE SOUTH ISLAND - NEW YEAR

We set out on a flight from Palmerston to Invercargill at 6am on the 27th December, arriving to a very crisp early morning temperature but which turned into a beautiful warm day. Unfortunately, we should have savoured it a little more because it became one of the few good days weather-wise. When it decides to rain down there, it doesn't muck round doing half a job. All the Morrison family headed south Christmas Day (that must show enthusiasm for the sport?!) for their annual relaxing break...

We stayed in the relative luxury in motels; our motel in Invercargill backing on to a fabulous 200 acre park (in the middle of town - it was very impressive). A great facility for training on your back doorstep. It took Peter upwards of an hour to run round it three times.

Personally, I was less than impressed with any of the maps (being the old woman that I am now). Rugged is being polite almost. The Moko Moko map Ross was sadly disadvantaged - the vegetation (which covered almost all the map) was taller than him and it was like bingo trying to find your control. I guess you could say tracks made by earlier runners were an advantage but if you ended up on the wrong one you were in trouble.

We left Invercargill in the rain, drove east along the Catlin Coastline; put on our O gear and ran all the tracks across beaches, farmland, cliffs, through bush, to the points of interest such as the Cathedral Caves and Jack's Blowhole. Unfortunately it was way too wet to include the camera on our excursions as I would have like to have snapped some spectacular shots. We passed through Curio Bay hours before there was a murder at this quiet but exposed camping spot where the sites were protected from the brisk wind coming off the sea by a shelter belts of flax. By the time we'd run across the cliff tracks to Nugget Point lighthouse we were just about saturated enough and found a changing shed to get into some dry clothes before heading to Balclutha to enjoy a hot roast meal. It was fun though and there are some great, relatively untouched out-of-the-way places down under. Being the expert orienteers that we are (or unorganised tourists), we conducted our scenic tour without a map, navigating on obscure road signs and a sense of what felt right! There was a convoy of NZ'ers and Australian orienteers making the same pilgrimage and seeing how many inches of mud they could cake on their cars.

Middlemarch, out from Timaru also provided saturating weather with the rain deciding to hose down just as I started my course. It's always harder work reading your map with water streaming down your face. A fabulous map, not unlike Maraetotara which I would like to re-visit in fine weather. The grass was very long for farmland there too and I found it hard work again.

After leaving that venue we had a great drive through the backblocks, navigating on memory after perusing Michael Wood's map. We potted round an old goldmining area in the back of beyond and definitely not a tourist spot yet; stopped at the Dansey's Pass pub and had the most exquisite open sandwich I have had anywhere, relaxing in front of a huge fireplace for a bit of a snooze before taking on the pass in the fog (a hallmark of our trip - the fog! Cattlestops on the main roads was the other!).

The Relay day dawned dubious and in the middle of summer everyone was walking (and some of us running) around in polyprop, gloves, hats, coats. It was not only a chilling temperature but the *long, tall* vegetation (once again) was so saturating that you came in half a stone heavier than when you went out. Even the cut hay paddock was hard work getting through as you picked up wet soggy grass every step.

Dunedin was also marked by a scenic tour in the fog. We couldn't see twenty metres in front of us at Lanarch Castle. Christchurch and Dalethorpe, our last day and the individuals, was very hot in stark contrast to the previous few days. I didn't run till midday with the also rans and through long grass, over potted ground and prunings, through blackberry; it was hot work. We returned to Chch to fly home while the Morrison Van headed north once again.

A memorable tour of the lower South Island all the same, and now the results:

Derek started extremely well (as he always does) with three consecutive wins in the warm-up events. Esther also had a win on Day 2.

The ANZ Challenge Relay was on the 'Cleveland' map near Timaru, famous for its dolines. The relay is based on three person teams spread over 21 grades. Derek running first for the NZ M45 team had a very good run and was third fastest on the course, helping his team to an 89 minute win over the Aussies and also beating the Australian and NZ M40 teams.

Peter running the second leg for the NZ M35 also had a good run being 4th fastest on his course and helping his team to a 94 minute winning margin together with a comfortable victory over the Australian M20 team as well.

Ross had an average day for the NZ M16's but his team still won by two minutes. NZ won the relays 15 grades to 6.

The easy win in the relays lulled us into a false sense of security which was almost our undoing at the individuals held near Dalethorpe. The individuals are based on the comparison of the combination of the best times (two of three to count) for each team with team members and opponents starting two minutes apart.

Peter started extremely well, passing all the other M35 runners by half way round the course. Confusing the Teahan brothers he thought he still had to catch Bryan (when in fact he had passed him) and pushed too hard, resulting in a ten minute error. This let one of the Aussies through to the fastest time with Peter second. Derek and Ross were also the best performed NZ'ers on their course but were unable to head off the Australian's. The final result was a win to the NZ M35 team by 19 minutes (against very weak opposition) and a loss by the NZ M45 team by 2 minutes and a loss by the NZ M16 team by 19 minutes.

NZ won the individuals by 12 grades to 9 which is only the third time NZ has won both.

In the series overall Derek, Amber and Esther won, Peter was second, Ross 3rd and me a superficially high 5th!

Caroline

Kaweka Challenge

"Could you write about the Kaweka Challenge please?" I was desperately looking for an excuse, but I can't say anymore:
"Pardon....I don't understand. What are you talking about?"
(even if a certain Mr F. always picks on my nice Swiss accent.)
So I'd better start writing.

Well it started for me with waiting for my ride to the Kawekas on Friday night. After one hour Geoff and Pam finally came but at that time Abby, my partner had still not arrived from Masterton yet. She was supposed to come in Michael Wood's car. Geoff and Pam uttered some doubts about my organisational ability but why don't they trust in reliable Swiss organisation? After all, Michael's car came another half an hour later (1 1/2 hours late, they probably got lost in Bridge Pa!)

But anyway, we managed to get to the Kawekas that evening finally. We had no problems at the gear check and so nothing hindered Abby and me further.

The next morning after discussing what should be taken and what not we had to hurry up to the start at 8.30am. But there were only a few people and we were the only ones with red numbers. Are we at the wrong place? Have they already started? No of course not, but the start was at 9.30! Well, at least we were in time.

And then finally we started. All of us (including Abby and I) ran madly from the start until the path rose. Fortunately there was mist and we couldn't see how far we had to climb. People passed us and we passed people. We climbed higher and higher. And then we came over the mist. Mount Ruapehu was sticking out of the mist and we didn't regret the climbing. We thought we must have done most of the climb, we thought.....But there was another hill and another one and so on. Finally we passed the

1st control and the hills went on despite Abby and I telling each other that it must be the last one (carry on dreaming?).

But anyway, a lot of hills (and quite a time) later it started to go downhill with the 2nd control. And after an hour down hill (and about 5 minutes getting lost!?) we were there at the camp where we first put up the tent.

After a good early tea we were refreshed enough to chat with Madleine, Melissa and others but we went to sleep reasonably early. Abby must have wanted to make the ground softer and used the rest of our bacon and egg pies as a mattress. Even after a nice sleep our muscles would have preferred the sleeping bag to the backpack but there was no place for such thoughts. Instead we were soon on our way again in a big mob of other crazy people doing this competition. I must admit we were quite glad that the 2nd day wasn't as hard as the 1st and we were even happier when we passed the ropes and knew we were nearly finished. On the road we even ran to the finish where Geoff and Pam were standing with a big smile taking a photo of our red beaming heads and asking us how it was.

It was awesome and I'd like to say thankyou to all organisers of this great event., It was an experience I'll never forget and its choice to see all the happy faces at the finish who are satisfied no matter how long it took them. Because it's more important that you do it.

It's a pity I'm not here for the next one.

Esther

1997 MASTERS GAMES

Gold and silver medals abounded for Hawkes Bay members at this year's games at Wanganui. The Masters Games are held in Wanganui every second year, with Dunedin hosting a much smaller version in the between years. You can take part in just about every sport imaginable, whether on a court, on water, in water, on two wheels, on four legs or two legs. This year there were about 9000 participants.

Orienteering is one of the sports that are offered at the games, with the events held on maps around the Wanganui area. There is no local O club in Wanganui so it usually falls to the Red Kiwis to organise the orienteering programme. It is a fairly relaxed event, with about 60 taking part this year, drawn from all parts of New Zealand and one or two from Australia as well.

The orienteering was held on Waitangi Day and on the following Saturday and Sunday, using the Lake Wairitoa and Nottinghamly maps and a brand new one at Pukepuke, out towards the coast from Ohakea.

Hawkes Bay results:

M35A: Peter Watson gold; M45A: Derek Morrison gold; M60A: Alan Berry silver;
W 35A: Caroline Watson silver; W60A: Kath Berry silver.

No, it would not be polite to suggest that in some of the grades there were not actually huge droves of competitors!

AB

The Night Relays

Seeing as I was one of the few that actually stayed up to see the dawn, I was asked to write about them. I was in the Hawkes Bay junior team which came second, a very close second! Well we (Dad, Anthony, Brendan and me) arrived and I managed to find another tent to sleep in as my first option was with three snorers. Then I went out and did my course. Which was okay I helped someone who hadn't realised that the control descriptions were on the back of the map. As the night got on futher more poor people left for their courses looking like lambs being sent to the slaughter. Sometime after twelve people were mainly back and there were only a few people left out on the courses. About three some orienteers decided to go for a walk to the truck stop. The truckies didn't seem at all surprised to see a group of orienteers walk in about three thirty. After a few people had a small snack we walked back to camp vetoing the idea to walk to Taupo. Oh well theres always next year.

From then on till dawn I basically sat down on the damp ground and whispered. Then about sevenish people started getting up and I got hassled for staying up all night " Good job protecting the camp" Then once I got home I also had the priviledge of a lecture from Dad.

The afternoon I don't really remember as I was asleep.

HB results from WOA OY1 Kuamahanga 9/3/97

RED LONG 5.210 km 350m climb

1st Peter Watson 66.09

2nd Derek Morrison 75.27

RED MEDIUM 3.780 km 270m climb

3rd Ross Morrison 78.11

WHITE 1.2 km 20m climb

1st Amber Morrison 16.47

RESULTS RED KIWIS HAWKES BAY CHALLENGE

OTAWHAO STATION 2 MARCH 1997

COURSE 1 RED LONG

1). Derek Morrison	HB	63.09
2). Geoff Morrison	HB	63.95
3). Graham Teahan	RK	66.57
4). Peter Watson	HB	68.58
5). Dominic Teahan	RK	69.28
6). Dave Persson	RK	90.00
7). Pam Morrison	HB	133.06

COURSE 2 RED MEDIUM

1). Brenda Lavin	RK	71.01
2). Esther Hegglin	HB	72.19
3). Tom Fargher	HB	74.03
4). Kathryn Berendt	RK	75.40
5). Dave Fisher	HB	78.11
6). Caroline Watson	HB	78.51
7). Norris Cox	HB	85.54
8). Kevin Pearce	RK	86.25
9). Raewyn Persson	RK	89.07

COURSE 3 RED SHORT

1). M. Lloyd	HB	45.07
2). Alan Berry	HB	54.10
3). Eric Dunbar	HB	58.08
4). John Doolan	RK	65.52
5). B. Crawford	HB	68.50
6). Linda Lloyd	HB	75.47
7). Kath Berry	HB	76.00
8). Sharon Mardon	HB	95.23
R. Davidson	RK	injured
Anita Lloyd	HB	

COURSE 4 ORANGE MEDIUM

1). Ross Morrison	HB	42.27
2). Ngaire Davies	RK	69.34
3). B. Wardle	HB	77.42
4). Diane Lucas		79.30

COURSE 5 ORANGE SHORT

1). Ross Davies	RK	26.45
2). Jenny Teahan	RK	36.46
3). Emma Teahan	RK	38.12
4). Penny Richardson	RK	42.01
5). Patricia Larsen	RK	48.19
6). Brett Taylor	HB	57.21
7). Dave Smith	HB	88.29

COURSE 6 YELLOW

1). Graeme Flyger	RK	27.23
2). Penny Richardson	RK	29.11
3). Bryn Davies	RK	29.38
4). Jessica Fargher	HB	33.31
5). Sue Cassells	RK	36.48
6). Caroline Berendt	RK	38.30
7). Rowan Moloney	HB	39.00
8). Raewyn Jackson	RK	39.15
9). Carole Flyger	RK	40.28
10) Brendan Lloyd		50.40
11) Anthony Lloyd		52.57
12) Kingsbeer		61.47
13) M. Stace-Davies	RK	66.36
14). Gemma Lucas	HB	70.213
15) Ruth Gawith	RK	96.52
Lynley Clothier	HB	

COURSE 7 WHITE

1). Tristan Davies	RK	16.20
2). Oliver Davidson	RK	17.22
3). Amber Morrison	HB	17.38
4). James Watson	HB	18.20
5). David Cassells	RK	18.53
6). Emma Watson	HB	19.14
7). David Cronin	RK	25.00

OY2
SMEDLEY STATION
SUNDAY, 20 APRIL



BE THERE TO GAIN VALUABLE OY POINTS

REMEMBER THERE ARE GRADES FOR
EVERYONE

I thought this event went very well, being the first HIBOC event for the year, the first club event on Tangoio and the first O.Y. of the year. Everybody turned up keen and eager to run, including a number of new faces. Clipcards were filled out, maps purchased and the racing began. A quiet period followed during which I was able to have a cup of tea, and lunch, and another cup of tea, and a biscuit or two, and another cup of tea... until finishers slowly appeared from amongst the trees. Having set the courses I was naturally curious as to the competitors thoughts on the route choices and control sites. As far as I could ascertain the main problem with the red courses was that they made the competitors incoherent. They all seemed to talk about "falling asleep"!, or was it "flying sheep"!. Never mind the incoherence of the red courses, all the courses obviously went dangerously close to one of those holes in space-time, which accounts for the rather long times on the results.

Alan was hoping to get in some event controller practice, but those space-time holes got in the way. He only had time to do one check of each control site, his main comment was "flippin heck it's steep, ain't it".

Thanks to Carter Holt Harvey Forests for putting the trees up and letting us in, Alan Berry for checking they were all in the right place, and the control collectors Alan, Brian Crawford, Val and her team.

That just leaves Brendon Lloyd. Thanks for bringing in the controls but please, please, please not before the event is finished.

David Fisher

TANGOIO - O.Y.1		16th March 1997			
		Time	Mins / Km	Adjusted Rate	
RED LONG: 5.0 Km / 280m climb. (EWT 70 mins.)					
1	Geoff Morrison	1:31:59	18:24	00:11	
2	Derek Morrison	1:32:10	18:26	00:11	
3	Maurice Lloyd	1:34:41	18:56	00:12	
4	Peter Watson	1:38:16	19:39	00:12	
RED MEDIUM: 4.0 Km / 250m climb. (EWT 50 mins.)					
1	Max Kerrison	1:23:56	20:59	00:12	
2	Bruce Perry	1:26:46	21:41	00:13	
3	Norris Cox	1:51:49	27:57	00:17	
4	Ross Morrison	1:52:04	28:01	00:17	
5	Doug Matheson	2:24:23	36:06	00:22	
6	Pamela Morrison	2:40:24	40:06	00:24	
7	Caroline Watson	2:51:48	42:57	00:26	
RED SHORT: 3.2 Km / 165m climb. (EWT 40 mins.)					
1	Brian Crawford	1:26:57	27:10	00:17	
2	Sharon Mardon	2:08:35	40:11	00:26	
	Kath Berry	1:10:07	21:55	00:14	Missed 5
ORANGE: 3.5 Km / 90m climb. (EWT 45 mins.)					
1	Brett Taylor	1:21:58	23:25	00:18	
2	Brian Wardle	1:35:18	27:14	00:21	
3	Charles Craft family (2nd course)	1:51:04	31:44	00:25	
4	Ayling family	2:22:16	40:39	00:32	
	Mac Fisher	1:49:16	31:13	00:24	Missed 3
	Sarah & J Bicknell	3:04:43	52:47	00:41	Missed 3
	Louise & S.Bicknell	2:26:49	41:57	00:33	Missed 4
	Anne Sapsford	1:22:16	23:30	00:18	Missed 9
YELLOW: 2.5 Km / 45m climb. (EWT 35 mins.)					
1	Anthony Lloyd	0:56:03	22:25	00:19	
2	Dave Smith	1:06:07	26:27	00:22	
3	Max McEwan	1:10:52	28:21	00:24	
4	Marjorie Katene	1:21:19	32:32	00:27	
	Maryanne Waldon	1:36:06	38:26	00:32	Missed 1
	Lynley Clothier	1:07:56	27:10	00:23	Missed 6
WHITE: 1.6 Km / 10m climb. (EWT 25 mins.)					
1	Amber Morrison	0:26:47	16:44	00:15	
2	James Watson	0:31:49	19:53	00:18	
3	Charles Craft family	0:42:37	26:38	00:25	
4	Emma Watson	0:47:04	29:25	00:27	
5	Debbie Sawers & Duncan Morrison	0:57:35	35:59	00:33	
6	Anneka Perry	1:07:14	42:01	00:39	

CLUB O TOPS

BE SEEN IN THE CLUB COLOURS THIS SEASON

CONTACT ROSALIE ADLAM, PHONE 843 5557

PS - if anyone has a club O top that hasn't yet had 'HAWKES BAY' printed on the back, please advise Pamela, as we need 10 tops to do a print run. The club pays for the printing.

NATIONALS

**ENTRIES CLOSE APRIL 18TH
(FOR THE DISCOUNT FEES)**

**IF YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED AN ENTRY FORM, PLEASE
CONTACT PAMELA**

a message from afar

29 December 1996

To all at the "O" Club,

We finally made our way to London on the 23rd November. After a hectic first week I had a temping job with Midlands Bank, Russell Square Branch and we had a place to live.

My job will probably become permanent in the near future. Dave is working at McDonalds, which is a laugh considering he would not go near the place in NZ!! They appear keen for him to do their management programme but we are still deciding on that one.

Our flat (room), is unbelievably small - blink and you will miss it. However, we are hardly ever both at home together! We have started running again (well . . .some days) but have not yet looked into and "O" club.

19.1.97: Well, just a few days have gone by. Both jobs are going very well. We now have a contact for the South London "O" Club.

Since I last wrote in August, we spent a couple of days at the Iguazu Falls on the border of Brazil and Argentina. They were amazing. Next was a couple of weeks in Buenos Aires sorting out my UK visa. They asked Dave why he wanted to live in the UK and he said "Because I'm British and she is my wife so I have to take her!!" They eventually gave me a visa. Now I am on a one year "good behaviour" test, then the visa will be extended. Dave thinks it is a great joke!

After BA we spent a few days in Uruguay before heading to Brazil, which was our most expensive country. We had a 53 hour bus trip for Salvador to Belem. Once in Belem we took a boat up the Amazon to Manuas that took seven days. There are no luxury boats going so the seven days were quite difficult and the diet was beans, rice and pasta all at once. Oh yes, dried crackers for breakfast. Next was a quick look at the 3 Guyanas. Then we were forced to go to Trinidad and Tobago, as the land border between Guyana and Venezuela is closed! We loved T & T and will definitely go back. It was also nice to be able to speak English for a change.

Then to Venezuela to finish off South America and to do heaps of shopping. A few extra bangs and we struggled on to the plane.

We hope everyone is well and look forward to some letters! Take care.

Dave and Robyn Hellowell, 25 Parkwood Road, Wimbledon. London SW19 7AQ

1997 OY SERIES

	OY 1	OY 2	OY 3	OY 4	OY 5	OY 6	Best #	time				winner's time
								hrs	min	sec	=sec	in seconds
Red long - men												5519
Geoff Morrison	25.00							1	31	59	5519	
Derek Morrison	24.95							1	32	10	5530	
Peter Watson	23.40							1	38	16	5896	
Maurice Lloyd	24.29							1	34	41	5681	
Red medlum - women												9624
Caroline Watson	23.34							2	51	48	10308	
Pamela Morrison	25.00							2	40	24	9624	
Red medlum - men												5036
Ken Holst												
Max Kerrison	25.00							1	23	56	5036	
Bruce Perry	24.18							1	26	46	5206	
Norris Cox	18.77							1	51	49	6709	
Ross Morrison	18.72							1	52	4	6724	
Doug Matheson	14.53							2	24	23	8663	
Alan Berry											0	
Red short - women												7715
Sharon Mardon	25.00							2	8	35	7715	
Kath Berry								dnf			0	
Red short - men												5217
Brian Crawford	25.00							1	26	57	5217	
Orange - women												0
Anne Sapsford								dnf			0	
Orange - men												4918
Brian Wardle	21.50							1	35	18	5718	
Brett Taylor	25.00							1	21	58	4918	
Yellow - women												4879
Lynley Clothier								dnf			0	
Majorie Katene	25.00							1	21	19	4879	
Yellow - men												3363
Anthony Lloyd	25.00								56	3	3363	
Dave Smith	21.19							1	6	7	3967	
Max McEwan	19.77							1	10	52	4252	
White - women												1607
Amber Morrison	25.00								26	47	1607	
Emma Watson	14.23								47	4	2824	
Annoka Perry	9.96							1	7	14	4034	
White - men												1909
James Watson	25.00								31	49	1909	

FIXTURES - LOCAL EVENTS

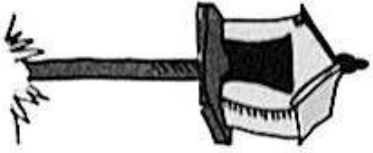
Date	Fixture	Map
April 6	Club event	Raretu
April 20	OY #2	Smedley
May 4	Club event	Te Mata Park
May 25	OY #3	Mangarara
June 15	OY #4, WOA OY #6	Maraetotara
June 22	HB Sec Schools ♣	Pukeora Hill
June 29	Club event	Rowe Road
July 13	Club event	Lower Tukituki
July 18	NZ Sec Sch Individual	Tangoio East
July 19	NZ Sec Sch Relays	Seafield Road
July 27	Club event	Bluff Hill
August 10	Score event	Whirinaki
August 24	Club event	Pukeora Hill
September 7	Club event	Te Mata
September 21	OY #5	Seafield Road
October 5	Short O Champs	Horseshoe Bend
October 19	OY #6	The Slump
November 16	Club Champs	Tangoio
November 30	Club event	McNeil
December 14	Xmas event	Raretu

♣= Pre-entry event

Events start anytime between 10.30am and 1.30pm

FIXTURES - OTHER EVENTS

Date	Fixture	Map
April 12/13	NI Sec Schools †	Glenroy - Hamilton
April 26 & 27	ANZAC 2 Day †	Bulls
May 9	CD Sec Schools	
May 11	CD OY#3	Rotorua
May 18	WOA OY#4	Hydrabad - N Levin
June 1 - 3	National Champs †	Wellington
June 6	WOA & Manawatu Sec Sch	Knottingly - Bulls
June 29	WOA OY#5	Knottingly - Bulls
July 6	WOA OY#7	
July 18/19	NZ Sec Schools †	Hawkes Bay
July 20	Winter Classic †	Wairarapa
September 14	WOA OY#8	
September 14	CD OY#6	Rotorua
October 12	Frank Smith Trophy	
October 19	Auckland Champs †	
October 25 -27	Labour Weekend 3 Day †	Hamilton
November 1	WOA Night Champs †	
November 2	WOA Club Relays †	
November 8/9	CD Champs †	Egmont
November 22/23	WOA Champs †	
December 6	WOA Rogaine †	



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