

SALTBUSH MEMORIES FROM 1984

- Ø Eight events for the year, average attendance 80. Membership for the year was a healthy 77 members.
- Ø The first event at **Cheese Board Hill** with courses set by Rob & Erica Handley and Murray Young had 85 entries.
- Ø A new map of **Mt Young** drawn up by John Brockhurst with courses set by Annette & John Brockhurst, Peter Boundy and Grantley Crawford attracted 79 entries.
- Ø **Ash Rangew** with courses set by Mike Bowen and Rob McPherson had 68 entries.
- Ø Rob McPherson following up plans to incorporate the Club.
- Ø **Saltbush Papers**— a collection of Orienteering guidelines written and compiled by Murray Young.
- Ø **Iron Duchess** once again attracted huge crowds with 92 entries competing on courses set by Cheryl & Andy Leech
- Ø A retrieval team had an interesting sortie rescuing Andy's faithful HQ Holden from the top of **Iron Duchess** after getting two flat tyres. It was 10pm before the slow descent was started, the finish time was not recorded.
- Ø Many of the Saltbush Club had their first taste of a multi-day event over the frosty June long weekend at **Wirrabara Forest**, the nights produced many tales of survival and other pastimes, but the days were glorious
- Ø **State Champs at Pt. Lincoln**, Saltbush gained 3 gold, 3 silver and 5 bronze badges.
- Ø Discussions held on "Lost" procedure.
- Ø **Casurina Ridge** provided another occasion for the Mills family to proudly show off their land when 102 entries ran all over the place.
- Ø **Hidden Valley** was the scene of a big win for the Saltbush Club in the **EP Relays** against Lincoln. Geoff Hall, Helen Mills and John Brockhurst set the courses.



• Murray Young (right) of Whyalla Saltbush Orienteers, threw down a gauntlet as a challenge to Kevin Vigar of Lincoln Orienteers at the Eyre Peninsula relay championships. Young's team won the A grade event while Vigar was a member of the second team.

ORIENTEERS IN RELAY TITLES

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Windy but sunny conditions greeted 35 Lincoln Orienteers who travelled to Moonable Hill to do battle with Whyalla Saltbush Orienteers in the annual Eyre Peninsula relays.

The courses were set eight kilometres off the main road at Hidden Valley.

The starting area had the usual starting boxes erected and the finish area had a short race adorned with bunting.

All runners were presented with a three-colour map of the area and these were pre-marked for route choice and sealed in a plastic bag.

Lincoln Orienteers fielded eight teams of three runners.

The teams of each class ran three different courses in all grades which gave Saltbush organisers plenty of work to do.

The area did not have

many features to relate to the map so accurate compass work and map memory were important.

Saltbush and spinifex bushes with many ironstone rocky areas were the most prominent objects about with creek beds the most permanent feature.

Rain from the night before made the hard ground comfortable to run on.

Geoff Mills of Saltbush ran a very brisk 42 minutes for the 6.5 km A course and his partners Adrian Watson and Murray Young gave him great support to record 136 minutes overall.

Russels, Janet Copp and Chris Gardner gave her great support.

Philip Watson, Jane Zol and Elissa Young finished two minutes behind, giving Saltbush plenty of enthusiasm.

The composite team of Warren Dickie, Chris Scholfield and Robert Edwards were the only Port Lincoln team to win against Saltbush's composite team.

Eventually all runners arrived at the finish area and all the hard luck stories came to life.

Trophies were presented to Saltbush for their fine effort for the day.

The EP relay trophy was presented to Saltbush as

well as the Ironstone trophy for the fastest runner.

RESULTS

A course: G. Mills, A. Watson 136 minutes; P. Hoopman, A. Dickie, K. Vigar 166; M. Murdock, R. Gardner, J. George 235.

B course: N. Webster, B. Jenkins, D. Watson 152; M. Dickie, B. Hetherington, L. Dickie 179; M. Bowen, T. Drobnjak, R. Handley 180.

C course: T. Webster, D. Morger, E. Hadley 135; R. Scholfield, J. Copp, C. Gardner 162; R. McPherson, J. Payne, B. Clark 190.

Composite team: W. Dickie, C. Scholfield, R. Edwards 173; P. Slade, C. Slade, M. Slade 220.

* Paul Hoopman, Andrew Dickie and Kevin Vigar were 30 minutes behind with 166 minutes overall.

Dams, drains, drill holes and a mine shaft were a few man-made objects scattered through the courses.

The second Lincoln A team of Mike Murdock, Bob Gardner and Jim George found conditions a little harder and took 235 minutes.

Mark Dickie ran the fastest for the B grade runners, covering 5km in 38 minutes.

Saltbush's Tony Drobnjak was close behind but the overall team score by Lincoln was not good enough to match Saltbush.

Mark Dickie, Leigh Dickie and Barry Hetherington were the fastest Lincoln B team, 79 minutes.

Saltbush's winning B team of Norm Webster, Brian Jenkins and David Watson ran very even times of 51, 50 and 51, scoring 152 minutes.

The C course of 2.8km attracted more teams but again Saltbush were too strong.

Rob McPherson, Jenny Payne and Brian Clark ran a very good 99 minute total.

The Russell family team of Neil, Lee and James were the closest to challenge Saltbush, as they netted 140 minutes.

Ros Scholfield, trying her first ever relay, led her team in behind the



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• ABOVE: Port Lincoln's Ros Scholfield, competing in her first relay event, was a member of the second C grade team to finish.

• LEFT: Mike Murdock of Port Lincoln finished the course in fast time and was a member of the third A grade team to finish.



- Ø Fund raising by selling "Bingo" tickets
- Ø **Katungasaw** 80 people come out to see the Iron Ore Country in an event organised by Norm Webster and Tony Drobnjak.
- Ø Coaching sessions held at **Cheese Board Hill** and **Black Hill** run by Gail Tilbrook and Kay Haarsma from Adelaide attracted 72 aspiring

enthusiasts.

- Ø **Cheese Board Hill** night event run by Murray Young attracted 35 entries
- Ø Geoff Mills made a start on the **Orienteering Van**.
- Ø **Committee** Geoff Mills, Andy Leech, Adrian Watson, Scrubo editor
Annette & John Brockhurst, publicity Tanya Hewitt, drinks captains Geoff &
Linda Hall, Equipment officer Norm Webster, membership secretary Helen
Mills, secretary Mike Bowen, treasurer Debbie Mercer, auditor Rob
McPherson, president Murray Young.