

TINTOOKIES NEWSLETTER August 2012

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Thanks to Bob for producing the last newsletter...and then I couldn't get to the next TT committee meeting so this is a slim offering. Not that our juniors' achievements could be described that way.

Junior TTs in the State Schools Team going to Tasmania next month.....James Fuller in Senior Boys,

ALL the Senior Girls : Mel Fuller, Olivia Sprod and Sally Young

2 of the 3 Junior Girls: Mikaela and Charlotte Brader

And, in the Junior Boys, Riley Vandeloo

Good Luck to them. They are working hard on both navigation skills and on fitness.

They wear South Australian colours, unlike the TTs who are sporting **the latest TT tops....** Allison Whittaker organized the 16 ordered tops----black with a striking logo----and can now order more for those who are new to the club or whose old grey one is wearing thin! Hermann Frank, how about getting a new one? He was seen wearing Alexander's (as his had worn out) when at Swan Reach a while ago. A member in the 1990s.

Coming up, Para Wirra's 50th Birthday celebrations. Unfortunately it clashes with the City-Bay Run. That means you runners can't take advantage of their waiving Entry fees that day! For the rest of us, we can help them celebrate, help them to navigate round an introductory orienteering course, pull a few boneseeds (and pull more out on Lady Alice later..date to be fixed)and show appreciation of what access to Para Wirra has meant to us over the last 30 years or more.

Incidentally, Gil, a member of the Friends of Para Wirra, points out that membership means free entry into the park and it doesn't take too many visits before you are in front. Think about it.

See you there if you possibly can on **Sunday September 16th**.

Shed news. In the last issue, discussion of how to identify ownership on the outside of the shed took place.. logo, the word "orienteering", a phone number. Paul Vandeloo has definite ideas on this following his experience the day before organizing the TT Rock Oyster OY Event. It took him 2 hours to extricate the trailer, thanks to Telstra's inconsiderate placing of their crane.

Not that they can be guaranteed to read a phone contact if provided!

The Club Relays were organised by the Southern Arrows. TT finished up in second place for the club trophy behind OHOC by a mere 0.5points. TT had a better than expected turnout but the weighting on club participation is strong in the calculation of the winning club. With a 38% attendance rate by our larger club even some good results make it hard to win. TT had many members who were away on travel and some unable to participate due to health issues. Next year we will aim to win the club trophy with an even higher attendance rate.

The Darwin NOL weekend... a sprint round the Charles Darwin University Campus and ending up along the beach: a Scatter –O among the Stromolites, dark and LARGE rocks which suddenly loom up in front of you, then an ingenious, multi-loop Night Event for the Elite with headlights everywhere among the rocks. It was the best spectator event I have ever seen in orienteering. The last day was the Long Distance Championships for NT as well as for NOL. Over 120 entries including quite a few Top End Orienteers. Only a few were 65+ but they were offered a lift to their Start among the rocks, ran their course and then a lift back. A great way to make sure they can enjoy the best part of the area.. May there be more offerings like that.

To digress, Lachlan Hallett in his role as Carnival Organizer burnt parts of the map area to make sure the rocks were taller than this year's growth of grass. Wasn't he frightened the fire would get away from him? The air round Darwin is still heavy with smoke and fires still being lit beside roads. NO...he burnt in May when the grass is not 100% dried out, he burnt in the afternoons when the night's dew puts the little fires out and he burnt when the breeze was from the North West so that if the fire did get away it would pretty soon arrive at the water. Why can't NT act to stop all that carbon going up in flames and all the degradation of the native vegetation?

Well done, Top End.

Looking further ahead.... Easter 2013 is in Victoria: lets all go in bulk.

Just a sobering tale to finish up with. Do many of you have Bruce Greenhalgh's Email address in your address book? I do and was nearly persuaded to send him money to help him get back from Spain at the end of his holiday..... that's funny, I'm almost sure I saw him out at last Sunday's event....checked the results on the web...yes, he was there. Just another hacker at work and Bruce now has a new Email server!