

Tintookies Newsletter June 2016

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The 40th Birthday Party.

I do hope our President, Allison, will be well enough to join us, ie that her ear problem is finally fixed.

You have all received a festive invitation and quite a few have already said they'll be there. How about you?

Several people added to the list of past members and some addresses have yet to be tested. Are they still valid after 20 years or so? One more way in which everyone can contribute: can you send photographs (B&W, digital etc) to Gil to be converted into one of those continuous projections which we look at again and again during the evening..... Is that really so-and-so? Now who was that? Where was that? So send what you have to Gil Hollamby, PO Box748, Williamstown.

While the pictures are going on, you'll be labelled and asked to sign a book for the archives—to be aired at the 50th or later celebration--, you'll enjoy the nibbles accompanying the drinks you have chosen to bring for yourselves, then move on to a variety of brought-in main courses to go with the salads some of you bring (The rest of you, please bring a dessert which still leaves room for you to eat a slice of a magnificent Birthday Cake) All amid a display of blue and white (?) balloons and old maps and those cryptic cartoons again which will give you young ones a chance to explain them to those who can't work them out.

All this begins at 5.30pm on Friday July 8th. Who knows when it will finish?

The June Committee meeting was largely about the party but other things got discussed.

#. Remember Geoff asked for volunteers to help maintain the shed? Trevor Diment and Barry Wheeler responded but it sounds as if there is room for more volunteers! So far they have put up a colossal pin board but I'm not sure Geoff could bear to see any pin holes in its pristine surface! Next we are to acquire an eye catching banner saying "Down Load Here" as some people wander away exhausted or don't want to find out how long they took. Then we don't know if they are still "out there" at the end of the day. Then the ladder to stile conversion is still a work in progress. These same people will modify a couple of control stands to enable both CLEAR and CHECK units on the one stand. Then there is the CB Radio Story, a happy result of TT owning and keeping charged radios for use by mappers and course setters in remote places.

You remember National Parks bungled our application to run an event on Wilpena Creek so the course setter and controller had to achieve a new event in a few days. It got dark just as

Gil checked the last control up among the spurs and gullies.... Where did he need to go now? Ah! So he called Bob on his radio "Sound your horn". Gil homed in on the sound.

It was decided to hold the State Night Champs in Mt Crawford with OHOC's agreement as Mt Pleasant is now almost entirely clear-felled.

The technical subcommittee decided TT would buy a laptop computer to use OCAD 12. Andrew Slattery had all the pros and cons at his fingertips so ask him not me!

Progress on updating the Lobethal Bushland Park map now hinges on written confirmation from the Adelaide Hills Council that the 3 local schools (and other schools using the camping facilities there) may use a map of tracks, fences and contours only (west part only) and have a more detailed map of the bit round the Southern lake.

Our annual weeding session will be boneseed pulling in Para Wirra—some time in September.

The Cantara weekend still hasn't been officially permitted by National Parks. (I thought they wanted to encourage public use of the parks and thus acquire revenue!) So watch TT Emails and the OSA Enews for more details. It will be fascinating to see the changes in 20 years and a shock to people who usually navigate by creeks, tracks and fences. So it will be comforting to go in groups to decide where it is safe to put controls.

Permission has been received at last! See the information sheet in the Events section of the OSA website for details.

We heard there is a new TT member. Welcome to Owen Bollenhagen. We hope to get to know your extended family at the 40th Birthday Party.

Ian Grivell let it be known the TT web page is evolving, so check it out. Since the meeting we have been responsible for Day 3 of the long Weekend. As it had the lowest status, only 5 courses were offered. It made for much more competitive results lists than usual.

Lastly we have to say Goodbye to Eric Andrews.

He was a Queensland orienteer and a unique mapper. He was responsible for the map of Cantara we will use next month and for The Sculptures at Broken Hill which we used for the Easter Carnival in 1996---and for numerous maps in the Eastern states, mostly of rocky terrain. His unique style, as shown by the bitmaps here, allowed the runner to derive more information from his way of depicting the terrain (even



the shape of each big rock. His mapping style was an excellent example of the need to get into the map, Hence the repetition of the cartoon here from the April newsletter. Before you go to run in a big competition make sure you know who the mapper was and study some of his earlier maps. If there is a bit of the map available to run on before the race, always take advantage of that opportunity. Thank you, Eric.

The Australian orienteering community will honour his memory on the Cascades map near Stanthorpe, Qld. --- the most complex one he did. It will be on July 10th.

It was he who wrote that illustrated article in the most recent Australian Orienteer about how to distinguish the mapping of various sizes of pits. Busy to the end.

Samples of 2 of Eric's maps; Rosenthal Creek and The Cascades

