

Tintookies Newsletter October 2016

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TT AGM
Sunday, December 4th 4pm
In the Shed of course. More later.

Congratulations to the S.A. Schools team who came 3rd in Australia. And congratulations to Joanna George and Emily Sorenson in particular who were both nominated in the Honour Team

(only 4 in each age category from all over Australia.) A great achievement.

Left, full SA schools team. Charlotte Brader in centre.

Bottom, Max Grivell, 3-5-3 and Jack Marschall, 3-5-2 with the other SA boys relay runners.



Above, Joanna and Abigail George and Emily Sorensen finishing their relay run.

Photos by Olivia Sprod



Other more local events....North Adelaide event. Well done, Olivia and Mel. So many entries they ran out of maps in some courses partly because a busload of kids from the APY Lands came and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Perhaps they could warn us of the need for extra maps beforehand next time.

Ngaralta was as good as ever, thanks, Phil. It felt exotic to follow signs to an airfield to get there. Despite the over-all yellow look to the map it was quite hard to read the vegetation boundaries.

Night Champs. We were able to “borrow” a map from OH and WA so Bob and Ian as course-setters were not hampered by what other TTs had done before (even if Ian” got hampered” by too much mud on the forest tracks). The Assembly area was a mass of bush flowers which could be admired right up to 8pm when it was deemed to be dark enough to send the runners off.

Post mortem comments we might act on next time it is our turn to run the Champs 1) We should spread out the start times --there were only about 60 entrants and never more than 10 in a class so at least 3 minutes in the biggest group and perhaps 5 minutes in the small classes next time? Is that stipulated in a regulation already? Does it need rewording? 2) Then it was felt some people’s torches could only be described as search lights thus drawing in others floundering nearby! Perhaps reflectors should be banned.

However I don’t think either of these factors could be said to be blamed for the fact that we lost to OH by ONE POINT. By the time the late OH finisher’s points were added we had already presented the trophy to ourselves amidst lots of junior jubilation. Those juniors are now writing a song to accompany the hand-over of the trophy at the OSA Presentation Night.

Three results in particular are worthy of mention. Steve Dose, absent from O lately, won his class by a good margin and Rob Kriesl by an even larger one. Abigail turned the tables on Joanna as well. Some people don’t want to think about how they went...Don’t worry. The Top End club, (NT) had their Night Champs that same evening and Zoe Radford (ex TT and 6 times named in the Schools Honour Team) got off the map!

Para Wirra Open Day. We had the foresight to take a tent. It was coveted by the wet bystanders! The TTs present helped quite a few of them to tackle the DIY course that starts right there.

Unfortunately that day coincided with the day some people got lost in Waterfall Gully and the Para Wirra Rangers had to go and help find them. This meant the Boneseed Pulling never happened. If/when a new date is fixed for this year, there will be an Email from Fi with details. It was even suggested we offer to help to pull boneseeds on Anstey Hill instead but it is too early to know how TT will be involved in new plans for its uses.

Jean and Basil Baldwin, who now live in NSW, were founding members of Tintookies in the 70s. They recently spent some time orienteering in Europe, and they have sent us this report.

WMOC in Estonia 2016

This year the World Masters Orienteering Championship (WMOC) was held in Estonia. We liked the idea of visiting Estonia so decided to enter.

We flew into Tallin and were taken by taxi to our hotel in the old medieval city. Tallin has never been bombed in wartime so all the very old buildings are intact and in very good condition. Estonia was occupied for years by the Russians, then the Germans and then Russians again until finally President Gorbachov gave Estonia its freedom in 1991. Estonia is not an expensive country to visit and the food is delicious. It was good to see so many locally manufactured items with nothing that was made in China.

The first day of the carnival was the model event for the Sprint. The Start was about 50 metres from our hotel in the old town. It was fascinating to run along the cobbled streets, under arches, along narrow alleys and through the old stone walls. The qualifying race for the Sprint was held in the grounds of an old Palace with lovely gardens. There were 174 competitors in the W70A and Basil had 200 in M75A. There were three heats for most age classes which were run concurrently. There was just one lady in the W95 class who was given a big welcome as she walked in to the finish each day.

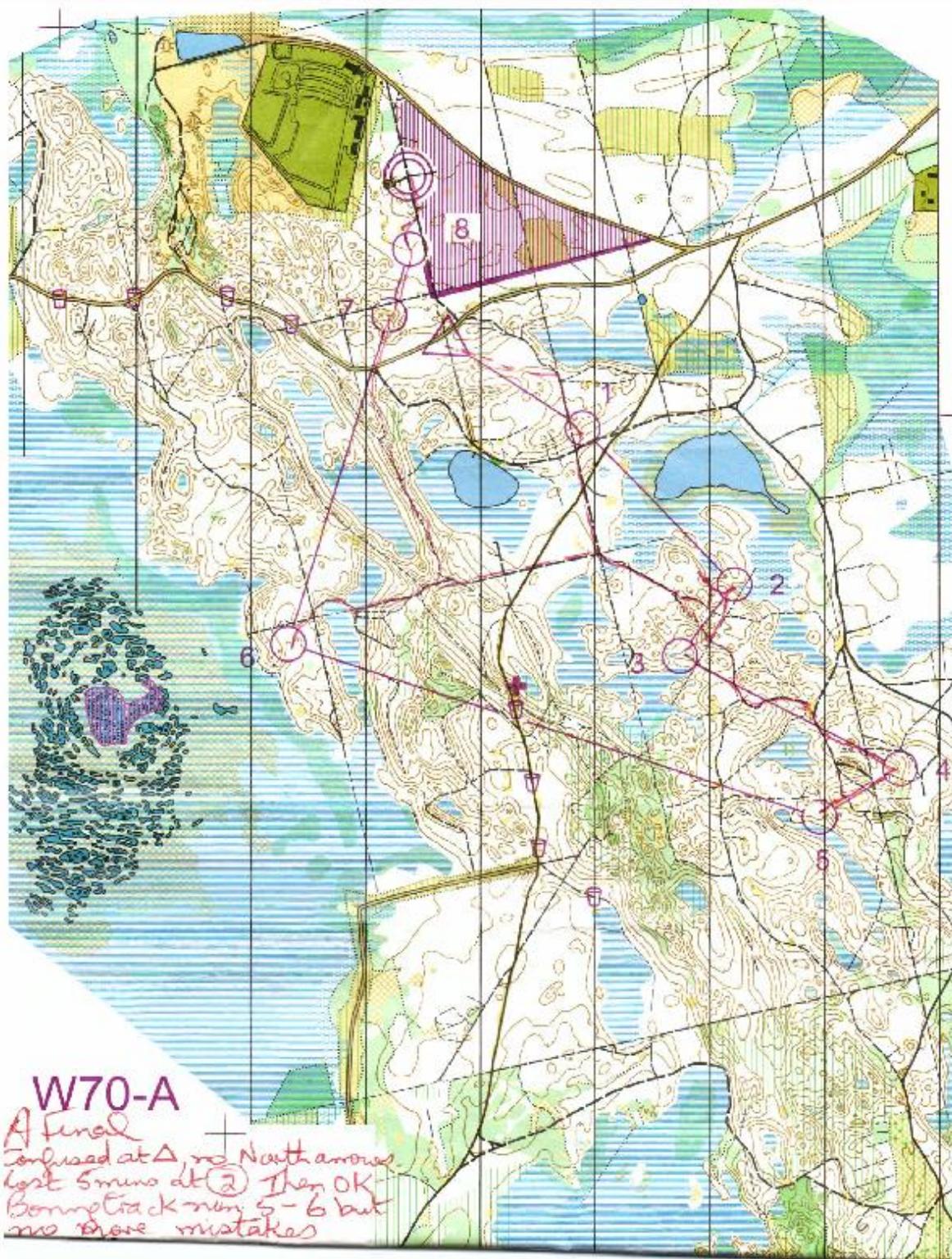
Both of us qualified for the A Final of the Sprint which was held two days later in the southern part of the old city. The Assembly area and Finish were in Freedom Square. There were tourists everywhere so we just ran around them. At one stage I was running down a very narrow cobbled street, barely wide enough for a vehicle. People were on footpaths at the side of the street, going in and out of the shops. Both of us finished about halfway down the field for the Sprint Final.

After a rest day it was time for the two qualifying races for the Long Distance. A fleet of buses was organised to take the 4000 or so competitors to the forest, about one hour’s drive away. The countryside was quite flat with a lot of coniferous forest and many tracks. There were numerous marshes, some of

which were crossable and some not. After the two qualifying races, we both qualified for the A Final again so were very happy with that.

The buses took us out to a different part of the forest for the Long Distance Final. After a week of good weather this day was drizzly rain and quite cold. The Estonian army had organised the logistics of the event which they did very capably. The map shows my course which I was fairly happy with apart from an error at control 2. There was a lot of track running which was a bit disappointing. The area of little lakes amongst the marsh on the west of the map looks fascinating. The longer courses had several controls there and the U-tube clip on the OA website shows runners in this area.

The whole of the organisation ran like clockwork and everyone was very friendly and helpful. Definitely a great experience to be recommended.



Does anyone know when/why/if Antonio went...presumably back to Spain?

In the shed, lots of jobs have been finished, thanks to Geoff and Barry.

You may not notice when you next go to collect a batch of 10 control stands so I'll draw your attention to the facts that the tips of all 96 stands are sharper for when we next encounter rock-hard soil! and the cross piece above that tip is shorter on both sides thus reducing the over-all weight but still leaving enough to hammer the stands into the ground.

We also noticed (Geoff was O/S when the committee met) that the filing cabinet is in use. When you have course-set please put a copy of all courses in an A4 sleeve so that later course-setters can consult the earlier map uses and not be too repetitive.

We had to ratify the payment of repairs to the trailer and did so with pleasure, vowing to have repairs carried out there too! Apparently it is easy not to realize that the trailer brakes are locked on so the brake drums were worn out etc. All good now.

Fi and Geoff submitted an application for an ORS Active Club grant of \$4960: unfortunately they do not consider maps as equipment! A good thing we have a big shed.

It was submitted under Fi's address in the hopes that few applications come from the Adelaide City Council area!

Coming up.

The TT AGM Dec. 4th (more later)
And OSA Presentation Night at Thorndon Park.
Come and listen to our choir in action.

Next year

Sunday January 15th at Hazelwood Park. Download your own DIY map, arrive at 9am to do one or more of the new courses there and then enjoy Brunch provided by TT. Signs from the corner of Greenhill Rd. and Howard Terrace, *just East of the swimming pool.*
PS This is for TT members and their friends, neighbours etc.

A TT event as there is a gap in the State calendar for people not going to the QB3 event in NSW On June 18th. Para Wirra, do you think? , with a format similar to the Cantara weekend earlier this year? Any volunteers to organize this?---Bob will be in NSW that weekend. Similarly there is no Easter 3 Day next year as there is a big event in NZ. Anyone offer to set something up for those who stay at home?

Finally the details of the TT AGM. In the shed of course which you all know is behind the Athelstone Hall on the corner of Gorge Rd. and Maryvale Rd. at 4 pm on Sunday December 4th followed by "Afternoon Tea"—I'll bring the cucumber sandwiches.

Apart from the elections, please bring along the map from the Nationals Carnival that you were most pleased with. (That includes the Arthurs, the Lloyds etc, not just the schools team . There will be Gil's collection of TT photographs to watch, the TT choir to applaud and the award of the Tintogies.... Perhaps in the form of a bumper sticker this year. If you have noticed a worthy recipient this year, please let us know. And, all of you,

*You'd better be there as you don't know who
Will win a Tintogie. It might be YOU.*

(And if you're not there, you don't get it!)