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Kangaroo's Tale

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Photo courtesy Clive Roper (Tasmania)

Movin Mike Hubbert

Mike Hubbert demonstrates the use of quantum mechanics to appear at several locations simultaneously, thereby achieving Australia's highest event participation score.

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President's Piece

John Sheahan

At this stage of the year one becomes aware of the depth and range of the orienteering activities of our members.

In Bush orienteering we have recently held a successful Hagaby event. Next we have a State Series 40th Anniversary event coming up followed by our commitment to conduct the Australian Relay Carnival. With some 250-300 teams expected to take part, this will be arguably the most demanding task on the Orienteering Calendar!



In Street O we conduct events every week or so, either on the Saturday or the Wed Night. We have just finished the very popular Western Tuesday night Series.

In MTBO we shared the running of the State Series with Tuckonie and are planning to do 4-5 events in the coming 2010 program

With Rogaining our members are extremely active at all events either participating or volunteering. Club members also take part in Northern Territory Rogaines and NT O events, Geoquest and Puffing Billy fun runs.

On the Social Scene we have recently hosted a visit to the theatre for 60 musical buffs-a Christmas in July, and are planning to hold a film night in the near future.

Its great to see so many of our members enjoying such a wide variety of events and great to be part of a club that celebrates this diversity. The fact that we can be so active over such wide area of navigation sports reflects very favourably on the willingness of members to both volunteer and participate at all levels.



Mid-Winter Dinner

*Standing clockwise: Rob Mason – Bev Trease – Merv Trease – Vic Sedunary – Peter Brooks
Seated clockwise: Thorlene Egerton – Jane Harries – Andrew Baker – Jon Sytcliff – Grant Jeffrey – John Sheahan*

40th Anniversary of Victorian Orienteering

The coming BK State Series event at Butterfly Gully, with the courses set by Matthew King, will be held on the 40th Anniversary of the first Orienteering event in Victoria held on the Upper Beaconsfield map on 23rd. August 1969.

Two current Victorian Orienteers took part in this event viz. Mike Hubbert and Ron Frederick (NE). Ron finished first, covering the 6.8 K in 105.52mins, while Mike took 199.24mins and finished in 8th place from a field of 11 competitors. David Hogg, now living in NSW, also took part.

To celebrate the day Di Shalders will be organizing the display of O memorabilia such as T shirts, controls, maps etc. If any long-standing members have any memorabilia that would be suitable to loan for display, could they please ring Di on 9846 6912 to make the necessary arrangements. The memorabilia does not have to relate only to the inaugural event.

So get out those old T shirts and hang them on the special 'Old O' clothesline at the event.

Events, Events, Events

Since the first Victorian orienteering event, Mike Hubbert and Ron Frederick have remained regular competitors and have amassed an awesome number of events completed over that time.

By the mid 1990's BK's Ian Baker who started orienteering circa 1971 was regularly reported in Orienteering journals to be vying with Dave Lotty (NSW) for the title of 'Most events completed'

Since then however, Ian and Dave's totals have been eclipsed by that of Mike, whose active participation in Street events has seen him surge ahead with a current total (to the end of June 09) of 2856 events. If you allow say 25 events per year for bush orienteering, this gives Mike a break up of 1000 bush events and a total of 1856 Park Street events completed.

This is certainly an Australian record and one that would be hard to beat on the world stage. It entitles Mike to embrace the title "**Mr. Australian Orienteering**" with some authority.

(Mike is currently Editor of the Australian Orienteer as well as Equipment Officer for BK.)

Millennium Rankings.

A count has been published by that well known DROC stat-aholic Ray Howe of the number of orienteering events each and every street O participant has recorded since Jan 1st 2000. The latest stats are available on the O Vic website. A well attended dinner was held to acknowledge some 50 orienteers who qualified for a badge. The following Bayside Kangaroos members were acknowledged and presented with cloth badges:

Legends (More than 1000 events).

None

Companions (750-999 events)

Mike Hubbert -968 Ken O'Brien -934 John Sheahan -928 Jenny Sheahan -854
Vic Sedunary -852 Len Budge -781 Stan Gurman - 750

Associates (500-749 events)

Bryan Ackerly -689 Sue Gurman -667 Andrew Baker -662 Tina Smith -643 Bruce Paterson -628
Pat Miller -626 Allan Miller -619 Phil Poulton -518 Mary Enter -513

From the saddle: MTBO snippets *Bruce Paterson*

It seems a long way back now to the Queens Birthday long weekend in June, but many BK MTBOers made the trek across to the SA border to take part in the Australian Championships. Saturday and Sunday the rain (mostly) held off, but Monday, during the Middle Distance event, it came with a vengeance, including hail. So we'll try to forget the soggy boggy sand and freezing fingers and toes of the Monday and think of what a great Championships they were. Congratulations to **Angus Robinson** for such consistent placings over the weekend, and **Rob Davis**, Darian Panter and **John & Jenny Sheahan** for their placings too. Next year there will be a reprise with 2 days of events near Nelson on the weekend prior to the Australian Championships in October. The weather might even be nicer !

Planning is now underway for what MTBO events we want in 2010. If you have some particular ideas or suggestions as to what direction MTBO should go, let us know. Do you enjoy the DuO events ? More or less Summer Score events, and how often ? Are you willing to try setting an event, or want to help someone else set one ?

Martin Boland is taking over my BK MTBO coordinator role. It's hard to believe it was more than 3 years ago when, exhausted and barely able to speak after just finishing a MTBO event, it was suggested I could take on the role. Martin has become a frequent presence at MTBO, along with **Dianna**, and both have improved enormously. I'm sure you'll all keep volunteering, even without prompting, to make Martin's job easier.



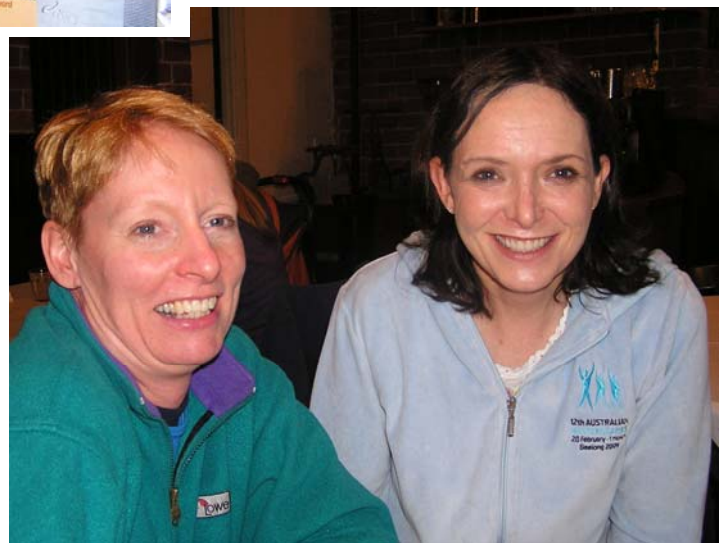
Bella Moore, Lynne Gray
and Jan Norman

Bettany's Restaurant

Hagaby Event

Following Steve Bird's very successful Hagaby last year the club was fortunate to have Jun Okabe as course setter for this years' event. Set on the Deadmans Flat map this event tends to attract dedicated orienteers who like a respond to a challenge as it requires concentration and flexibility, in response to rapid changes in planning and route choice.

The day was ideal- calm and crisp, with a large number staying behind after finishing to enjoy the free tea coffee and cakes over the camp fire while discussing the various permutations and combinations available on the course.



Kate Langois
and Jane Harries

Extreme Fieldwork

by Greg Tamblyn

I was not going to Tasmania for Easter so instead I planned to finish the fieldwork check on our 2010 Jim Crow map near Daylesford. It was about 9.00am on Good Friday when I crested the hill leading to the map. There was smoke everywhere, stumps were still smouldering here and there, even some signs of fire and the undergrowth was completely gone.

The whole area ahead of me must have just had a controlled burn.



Was it safe to go ahead? I kept driving and decided to park in a small unburnt clear area close to a paddock. I changed and headed off. My plan was complete a series of small loops coming back to the car each time just in case the conditions changed.

The fieldwork changes were very easy to see because of the visibility. Standing anywhere, you could see all the way along the gully and up the spur on the other side. Rocks were a different colour than the burnt timber, and so are easy to spot. Small tracks had gone and big tracks were bigger.

The wind came up a little and suddenly **CRASH** a huge tree just across the gully came crashing down. A little later another bang and another big branch came down. I went a little further and came across the crown of a big tree that had fallen and was being supported by another tree. The trunk was completely gone; it had been burnt away and just the crown was left.

A little further and I met a DSE crew who were out monitoring the results of the burn. It had been done yesterday. They showed me their map of the burn area and warned me that “ in about an hour they will start burning this section and then this section.” Oh no! That was on both sides of the track I drove in on. Remember, my map was made in 1988 and I did not have a current track map.

A sudden change of plans was required. I raced back to the car and went to leave the area by another route. This was not possible. A big tree had fallen right across the track and the DSE could still be a while before they cleared it. So I took the track I came in on. Yes, it was the track they were about to light up!!

I got to a section where there was lots of smoke. Then as I came around a corner I saw flames all along one side of the road, and just a little further on about twenty DSE fire fighters ready to light up the rest of the area. Thankfully Werona Road was just ahead and from then on it was all clear to Basalt Road and Daylesford.

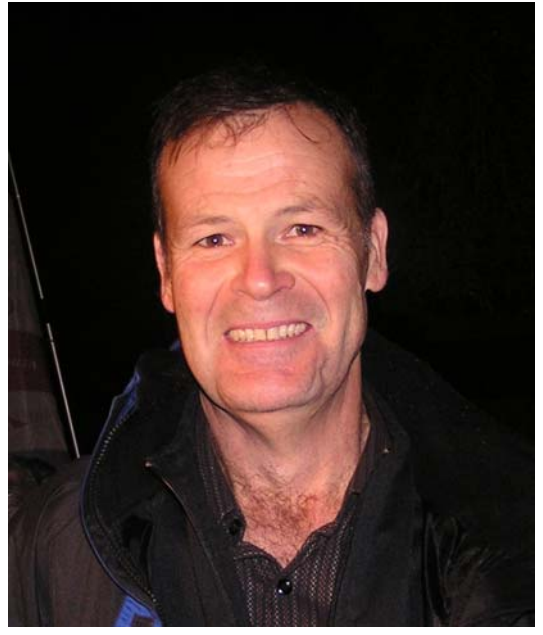
That evening, I decided to take the next day off !

Geelong Orienteering is up and running!

Last March, 4 Orienteering events were conducted in Geelong to test the viability of setting up a full series there in the long term. A very keen team of BK orienteers including **Tania Elderkin- John Gavens- Heather Leslie- Stuart Lloyd** was organised with enthusiasm and flair by **Alan Cooke**. Generous active support for the venture was also given by **Peter Beggs-Mike Mutton-Helen Schofield and Robyn Sunderland**. The venture exceeded beyond expectations with 35 participants attending the first event, followed by 39, then 58 and an amazing 67 at the final event!

Plans are now well advanced to conduct a 10 event Geelong Series next summer. For Western BK members most Geelong events are a short 50 mins. from the Geelong Rd /Ring road turn off at Brooklyn with few if any traffic lights!

David Knight



Peter Black

Night and



John Sutcliffe and Tim Hatley

Day



Roger Slade



Helen Alexander
and Mike Hopkins

Junior Champions

Young Club members **Nicholas Collins** and **Angus Robinson** were selected in the Junior Squad after winning their respective age divisions at the State Schools Orienteering Championships held at Plenty Gorge in May. Nicholas was first in 13 A boys and Angus first in 14 A boys. They will compete along with other squad members at the second selection trial for the State team, to be held at South German Track near Newstead on 2nd August, and are hoping for a place in the 15 years and under team. The team will compete in the Australian Schools individual and relay Championships during the Bushrangers 09 Carnival to be held in Central Victoria from September 26 - October 4 2009.

At the Aust MTBO Champs **Angus Robinson** won the M 14 Long Distance and was 2nd in the Sprint and Middle distances, in effect making him National Champion overall.



Angus Robinson and Nicholas Collins
(Victorian Secondary Schools Championships)



Asbjorn Peterson and Helen Alexander
(at the water control)



Mike Hubbert
(preparing to jump a log fence)

Easter-O

BK Club Scores

Matthew King

The attached table contains the year to date score for our club members. To be eligible for club awards, members need to compete in at least 5 events. The Top 5 scores will be used to help decide the Bayside Kangaroos orienteer of the year. Currently Ian Collins has the highest Top 5 score. Lilia Gluschchenko is the most improved during the year 2009.

The scores for each event have been created as follows. Every orienteer at the event is given a relative finishing position based on course and then time. All course 1 competitors are ranked in finishing order, followed by all course 2 competitors in finishing order etc. Then a normalised score (between 0 and 100) is computed based on the relative finishing position. Once the scores are calculated a best fit line is calculated to determine the improvement during the year 2009; the higher the number the better the improvement. Only results assigned to BK members by the event organisers have been used. *Any suggestions for improvements and/or applying the scoring system to other types of O events are welcome.*

	SL#1	SL#2	SL#3	SL#4	SL#5	SL#6	Events	Top 5	Total	Improvement
Lilia Gluschchenko		49	47	27	76	87	5	286	286	10.5
Mary Enter	38	66	50	93	70		5	317	317	9.1
Stephen Collins		62	45	59	85		4	251	251	8.3
Kevin Morris			11		69	20	3	100	100	6.7
Ann-Cathrin Degn			82	55	87	89	4	313	313	5.3
David Knight	44		65		65	74	4	248	248	5.3
Greg Tamblyn		64	56			76	3	196	196	3.8
Les Bright	67	37	1			72	4	177	177	3.2
Helen Alexander			25	16	21	34	4	96	96	3.2
Anne Robinson	22	25	21			37	4	105	105	3.0
John Sheahan	26	30	39			41	4	136	136	2.9
Stephen Leicester	78		85			91	3	254	254	2.6
ian Mack	51				61		2	112	112	2.5
Prue Dobbin	42	44	51	34	38	65	6	240	274	2.3
Jim Russell	96		99				2	195	195	1.5
Stephen Peacock	74		77				2	151	151	1.5
Angus Robinson	8	15	15			14	4	52	52	0.8
Matthew King	72	62	72	63	56	82	6	351	407	0.7
Jenny Sheahan	13	19	25			18	4	75	75	0.6
henry Post		35	68		49	47	4	199	199	0.5
Charles Zerafa	9	14	13			13	4	49	49	0.5
Tim Hatley	65	85	67			73	4	290	290	0.3
Alison Bright		6	7			7	3	20	20	0.2
Judi Herkes	29		39	18	23	37	5	146	146	0.0
Peter Collins		8	8	3	7		4	26	26	-0.8
Catherine Sheahan		25	40			26	3	91	91	-0.9
Murray Hanna	59	45	58	38	41	58	6	261	299	-1.1
Ian Collins	89	98	90	58	87	94	6	458	516	-1.1
Liz Hatley		12	6			6	3	24	24	-1.2
Bob Leicester	33		22			25	3	80	80	-1.4
Nicholas Collins		13	14	7	10		4	44	44	-1.6
Philippa Lohmeyer-Collins		39	43	33	33		4	148	148	-2.8
Steve Peacock		73			57		2	130	130	-5.3
Paul Leicester		100	92				2	192	192	-8.0
Michael Hubbert	68		19			16	3	103	103	-9.7
Jun Okabe		99					1	99	99	
Jane Harries		97					1	97	97	
Andrew Baker	92						1	92	92	
Ewan Templeton						84	1	84	84	
Stephen Bird		78					1	78	78	
Jon Buckeridge					74		1	74	74	
Phillip Poulton		74					1	74	74	
Stephen Cimpoeru					52		1	52	52	
Vic Sedunary	52						1	52	52	
Geoffrey Adams		43					1	43	43	
Jean O'Neill	20						1	20	20	
Josh Moloney		18					2	36	18	
Elizabeth Hatley	7						1	7	7	
Patrick Bright		7					1	7	7	
Angus Collins			3				1	3	3	

The Northern Territory Championships

by Ann-Cathrin Degn

Going north to take part in the NT Championships provided Asbjorn Peterson and myself (*pictured*) with an unique opportunity to relax and enjoy Kakadu National Park, plunge pools, aboriginal culture and of course the mosquitoes.

The first day was a sprint event held at one of the campuses of Darwin University located about 15 min north of the airport just next to the beach. It could have been a very nice place for swimming if it was not for the crocodiles and jellyfish. The first start should have been at 4 PM but was delayed to complete the event preparations. It did not make a big difference because there were not many people at the start that early. In fact there were not many competitors, so following was not an option. The controls were the small ones of the type that we use for street orienteering in Melbourne.



Everything went well for both of us until we discovered that an impassable fence was just that, and we had to return to the previous control and take an alternative route choice. The only way was to run back to the previous control and then take the left route choice. However we both still did very well; Asbjorn finished up 3rd in H21 and 6th overall and I finished 1st in W21 and overall.

The second day was a middle distance event and it was held at Manton Dam, about 70 km south of Darwin. Due to the heat during the day the starts were from 7.30 AM. At first glance at the terrain looked easy and open. The map was almost totally white with a many of contours thereon, one track and a lot of black spots. However the terrain it turned out to be very tough. The ground was full of stones and where there were marked black spots on the map the stones were just so big that you had to climb them. So it was not a very fast course for us.

The last day was a long distance event held in WW2 areas. The instructions informed us that in addition to a lot of rocks and hills, the whole map was dotted with WW2 relics, gun fortifications, tent site bases and a myriad of 'long drop' toilet sites. Again this was a very slow terrain, but it was fun to see all those reminders of WW2.

So our final prize tally was 3 commemorative mugs , and a great holiday.

Also

- Andrew Baker, Kath Copland and Kevin Humphrey are the new NT Rogaining Title holders
- Des Gregory has just returned from an overseas holiday.-rested and raring to go?
- Merv and Bev Trease have recently returned from Europe after competing in a series of marathon Ski races.
- The Christmas in winter at the Tower Hotel was a great event with the 51 attending. enjoying talks by Jon Sutcliff and Kath Copland as well as a Trivia Quiz presented by Jill Miller

Social Calendar.

- A Theatre Night in October to see High Society
- A film night
- An MTBO skills night
- Our Christmas break up on Sunday Dec 20th.

Club Relays

The club relays, which will be held at Plenty River on Sunday August 9th, are a great vehicle to meet other club members. Its more of a social day –almost-- than an O event! So make sure you make the effort to come along.. David Knight on sdkm1@optusnet.com.au will be coordinating the BK teams

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Committee Members

Bryan Ackerly, Geoff Adams, Mary Enter, Adam Scammell, Tina Smith, Ewen Templeton.

All members are invited to attend club committee meetings.

Autumn Series Results

Course A

Div 1	1 st Bryan Ackerly
	2 nd Andrew Baker
	3 rd Greg Andrews
	4 th Tim Hatley
Div 2	3 rd Peter Black
Div 3	3 rd Gary Panter
Div 4	3 rd David Rowntree

Course B

Div 3	2 nd Suzanne O'Callaghan
	3 rd Phil Hutton

Course C

Div 1	3 rd Ken James
Div 2	1 st Ewen Templeton
Div 3	1 st Henk De Jong
	2 nd Pierre Brokner.

Power Walkers

Div 1	1 st Len Budge
	3 rd Clifford Heath
Div 3	1 st Keith Anker
Div 4	1 st Gwennyth Baker

Rogaining at Linton..... a 2x6 hr event

Saturday

At the top end of the results BK members battled it out, with Greg Andrews and Bruce Paterson coming first overall with 1760 points, while Vic Sedunary and Merv Trease came in First in the Mens S Vet and a very competitive 2nd overall. (1640). Len Budge and Tim Dent came in 2nd in the Mens S Vet (1420) and 4th overall! Allan and Pat Miller notched up a 1st place in the XSV Class (840). Not far behind was Rowan Campagnoni (1410) finishing 2nd in the Mixed class(1410). Also enjoying the event were Peter Brooks-John Davies-Rob Caldwell-Roy Sproule-Ian Collins-Stephen Cimpoeru -Kate Langlois-Jun Okabe-Sharon Shi- Jeanette Robinson-Kate Sanderson-Jane Harries-Brett Sparkes-Allyce Sparkes-Diana Mittag- Martin Boland- Jennifer Sheahan-and John Sheahan.

Sunday

With a score of 1790 Andrew Baker and Kath Copland emerged the winners over the two days- A fantastic effort! Interestingly another BK mixed team-Kate Gavens and Tom Lothian finished 2nd in the X class and 2nd overall (1530) A wonderful result. Matthew King and team finished 3rd in the MSV class (1170) Judi Herkes and Helen Alexander took out three first placings in the W WV WSV Classes(1010). A colossal result. The following BK members also took part in the event-Scott Gavens-Rebecca Shaw-John Gavens-Fiona Copley-Eric Davidson-and Mick Worthington.

BK members were very active behind the scenes. Saturday saw Grant Jeffrey and Rob Mason in charge of Equipment, and Kate Gavens -Tom Lothian-Helen Alexander-Rebecca Shaw-- John Gavens and Heather Leslie assisting. The following put their hands up to help on the Sunday-Mick Worthington-Jun Okabe-Allan Miller-Pat Miller-Jane Harries-Rosie Salvaris-Tina Smith-Greg Andrews-Kate Sanderson-Len Budge and Greg Andrews.