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ANOTHER NAME CHANGE

Rotorua has gone the 'O' route by deciding at their recent AGM to change their name to **Orienteering Bay Of Plenty**. Also gone are the traditional roles of President, Treasurer and Secretary, with Darren Ashmore and Rebecca Smith acting as club co-ordinators for 2010. Although tempted given their location to use 'BO', the official two-letter abbreviation for the club is 'BP'. They much prefer to be known as OBOP (sung to the tune of a Hansen song).

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WE LOST (I THINK)

Our Pinestars have just come back from their test against the Australian Bushrangers although news has been slow to trickle back with result problems from the event. Judging by what I can gather, it would be a fair bet that the home team won, although one outstanding NZ performance was **Jourdan Harvey CM** placing 3rd in the sprint distance, very impressive from someone still in the junior ranks.

Never fear, the chance for revenge is nigh (at Queens Birthday). Our team is:

Men: Darren Ashmore BP, James Bradshaw CM, Tane Cambridge DN, Karl Dravitzki TA, Ross Morrison HB, Tom Reynolds NW (Reserve Scott McDonald HB)
Women: Rita Homes HB, Lizzie Ingham WN, Penny Kane WN, Lara Prince PP, Angela Simpson BP, Rebecca Smith BP (Reserve Amber Morrison HB)

The Bushrangers have no chance.

SOMEONE TO GET TO KNOW

Our attempts at being proactive at finding replacements for some of our long-serving personnel has borne fruit with **Alistair Cory-Wright PP** graciously volunteering his services to be part of our Selection Panel. Alistair will commence in August after the NZ Secondary Schools team has been selected, and will replace **Marquita Gelderman NW**.

We would like to record our appreciation to Marquita for her nine-year service, with many of those years as Convenor. It's one of the harder "jobs" to do, and her contribution has been immense.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

If you enjoyed the Pinot Noir at Easter, then you should perhaps consider the Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon on offer in September. This year's Australian Championships are being held in the surrounds of Adelaide with a wide variety of terrain on offer.

Our Secondary Schools team will be there in force, defending the Southern Cross trophy at the Australian Schools Championships held mid-week, so there's 18 Kiwis over there for a start. More information including map samples is already available at the event website:
<http://www.sa.orienteering.asn.au/AusChamps2010/>

OCEANIA CARNIVAL 2011

Which reminds me, thanks to the Rugby World Cup our school holidays are out-of-sync with Australia next year. The unfortunate consequence is the Oceania Carnival is being held during the last week of our Term 3 (and the weekends either side), rather than during school holidays.

Parents with school-aged children may like to start developing strategies, including attending parent-teacher interviews, paying school fees (sorry, donations) and sending a Xmas card to the Board of Trustees as the advice I have received is schools will deal with leave requests on a case-by-case basis.

GO AND CHECK OUT ...

For the masochists amongst us, the event website for the Winter Classic is up and running:
<http://winterclassic.co.nz/wc/index.php>

We have a youtube channel where you can see videos produced on behalf of NZOF by Mick Finn. The last one up is from Moonshine 24 (NZ Rogaine Champs) and I'm sure one from the recent City Safari will be up soon:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/NZOrienteering>

The maps from the Pinestars v Bushrangers test held in NSW (and be glad you live in NZ):

http://maps.mjsmithson.com/show_map.php?user=tane&map=58

(click on "Previous" to see the others)

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, CONGRATULATIONS

To **Lizzie Ingham WN** on being awarded a New Zealand University Blue for 2009

To **Matt Scott PP** on being selected to the USA team to contest the World Championships in August.

