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## FROM THE GM'S DESK – FEBRUARY 2012

### THANK YOU TO ...

Further to our report on the success of our MTBO A-NZ Challenge team last month, we would like to thank **Di Michels**, the manager of the NZ team.

### NEW NZOF COUNCILLOR

**Jane Harding** (WN) is the new Wellington area representative on the NZOF Council, replacing Don Locke, who we thanked for his service in the January issue.

Although relatively new to orienteering, she has been participating about four years; Jane brings a wealth of administrative experience to her new role, including six years as chair of a school Board of Trustees. She is also currently secretary of the Wellington club, a job she was motivated to take on so as to give something back to the club. Jane also obtains a younger person's perspective on our sport from her teenagers, Nick Hann and Steph Harding.

Jane enjoys the combined physical and mental challenge that orienteering gives you and the sense of satisfaction from running a good course. She likes hills better than flat and middle distance rather than sprints, though her only "podium" finishes have been at Sprint the Bay!

At a club level, Jane sees the key issues as balancing the interests of the variety of people in the club, from the very experienced and committed to the newer or more "social" runners and, in tandem with this, having a variety of event types and a wide range of maps to use, so as to keep events fresh and interesting.

Particular challenges Jane identifies for NZOF are making sure that the quality and type of events we run in NZ are comparable with what is happening overseas, so we can attract world class orienteers, and not just for World Cup-type events. Active promotion of the sport to raise the profile of orienteering and increase participation is also essential when there are so many other activities also trying to do the same.

### 21 YEARS OF ROGAINING

On 3 February 1991, the first rogaine in NZ was held at Belmont Regional Park, Lower Hutt. At Waitangi weekend, **Orienteering Hutt Valley** celebrated 21 years of rogaining in NZ with Waitangi 21, five events spread over three days, totalling 21 hours. Entrants could enter all events, some or just one. Organiser, **Michael Wood**, who was there at the start in 1991, reports that eleven teams completed all five with the winners being Erin Roberts (Rotorua) and NZOF Vice-President Pete Swanson (Auckland).

### SILVA SUPER SERIES

At the same time as Waitangi 21, round 1 of the 2012 **SILVA** Super Series kicked off at the Sprint the Bay series in Hawkes Bay. Central Scorchers (C) are the early leaders from the Northerners (N); top individuals being (men) Tim Robertson (C), Tom Reynolds (N) and Karl Dravitzki (C), and (women) Lizzie Ingham (C), Angela Simpson (N) and Kate Morrison (C).

### **CITY SAFARI for 2012 CANCELLED**

On a less positive note, however, we have to report that Orienteering Hutt Valley has had to cancel the highly popular (Wellington) City Safari for 2012. Unfortunately they were not able to secure a manager for the event.

### **NEW PERMANENT COURSE**

Whangarei Orienteering advise that they have opened a new permanent course in Whangarei at Mair Park / Parahaka Reserve. The course is a joint venture between Northtec, Whangarei Orienteering and the Whangarei Boys' and Girls' High Schools.

Further details at <http://www.sportground.co.nz/Article.asp?SiteID=17609&ArticleID=14566>.

### **SPORT NEW ZEALAND**

As of 1 February, SPARC became Sport New Zealand (Sport NZ). Otherwise it remains business as usual, although the website address is now: [www.sportnz.org.nz](http://www.sportnz.org.nz). Accordingly, clubs are reminded that in all cases where the existing SPARC logo was used this should be now be replaced with the new Sport NZ logo, which was attached with January's NZOF News and is also shown here.



### **CONTROLLER CLINICS 2012**

A controller's clinic was held this month in Nelson. A second clinic for 2012 is proposed for the Auckland region, either in late March or late April. To be confirmed. The clinics are for those interested in becoming licensed as an A Grade controller. If you have controlled some events at OY standard and would like to progress, then we recommend your attendance. Further details from the General Manager.

### **ORIENTEERING SOMEWHERE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT**

The North Atlantic Orienteering Championships will provide nine days of orienteering over the period 30 June to 14 July in three countries: **Greenland**, **Iceland** and the **Faroe Islands**. All orienteers are invited for the "experience of a lifetime". Further information available from the General Manager or full details at [www.natloc.org/](http://www.natloc.org/).

And if you miss that opportunity, there is still the chance, 5-9 September, to compete in the first ever South East European Orienteering Championships, at Bursa in **Turkey**. Information at [www.seeoc2012bursa.com](http://www.seeoc2012bursa.com).

### **ORIENTEERING BROCHURES**

We continue to hold stocks of the A5-4page promotional brochure: 'Orienteering – A Sport for Life'. These are available to clubs free; just let me know how many you need: 100, 200, 500, ... If you have forgotten what it looks like I can also email you a copy.

### **NZOF AGM 2012**

The 2012 Annual General Meeting of the NZOF will be held at 5:30 pm on Friday 6 April in Auckland (in conjunction with the national championships). The venue will be the Pavillion Café, Kristin School, 360 Albany Highway, Albany. This is adjacent to the venue for the Sprint championships.

### **TROPHIES**

And a reminder to holders of national trophies from the 2011 championships to please ensure that these are returned at this year's nationals in Auckland, for presentation.