



1982-2022

40 YEARS

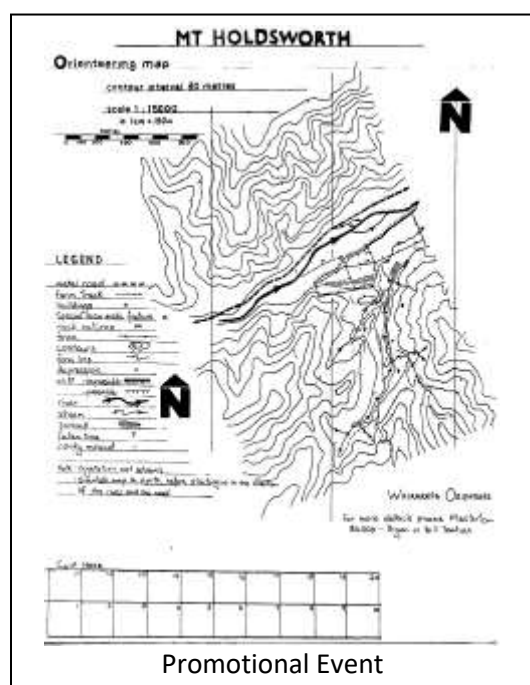
Wairarapa Orienteering Club from Mapsport #13, Winter 1990

(Edits by Bryan Teahan in italics)

That was Then - Bill Teahan

Back in the early days of 1982, three brothers got together and decided to start a new club. (In truth, it was the older brother, Graham, who persuaded the other two, Bryan and Bill, to help start the club, and left them to do all the work). Since that day, although the Wairarapa Orienteering Club is one of the smallest orienteering clubs in New Zealand, the club has organized many major events and its past and present members have enjoyed a degree of national and international success.

(A promotional event was held early in 1982 on Mount Holdsworth Rd in an area now called Rivenrock Mountain Bike Park to gauge interest in creating a club).



The inaugural event was held at Matahiwi (March 1982) and consisted of a black and white map with 30 metre contours, which believe it or not was surprisingly detailed and easy to read. This area has now been included in a new map which will be used for the Wellington Champs this year. That first event attracted about 20 people, but a few turned out to be stalwarts of the club over the next few years.

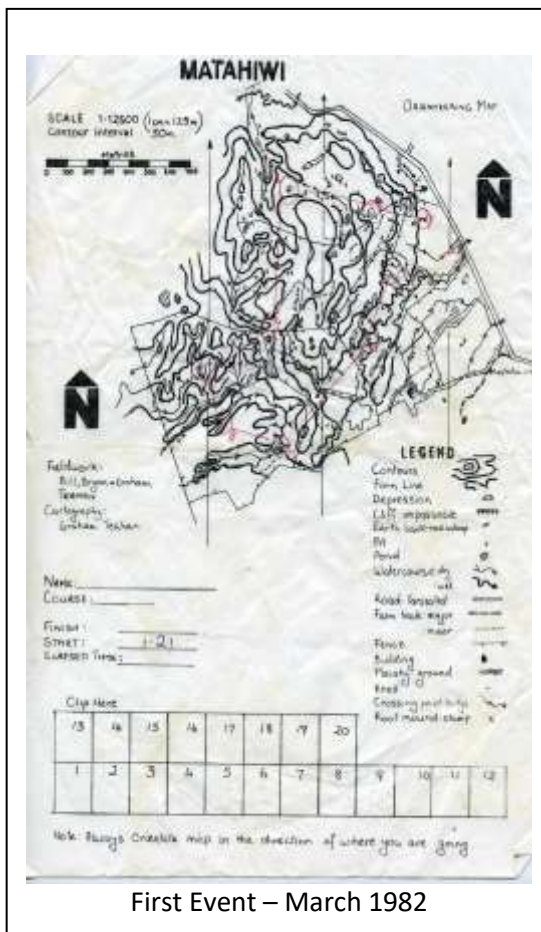
Wayne Cretney was one of the first to go out on a course and was immediately hooked. He ended up doing all 3 courses that day. A few months later at a club meeting he suggested that he'd like to 'do a map'. Understandably, we were a bit dubious. However, he was enthusiastic, and we left him to it. Within another few months without any help, he had:

1. Obtained a basemap with 20m contours and did all the fieldwork including drawing

intermediate contours down to 10m.

2. Drawn the map, and then printed it in 5 colours on his own offset printer. (*This was before laser printing*)
3. Set and vetted the courses.

And he organized the publicity for the event as well!



First Event – March 1982

Sadly, Wayne died in a tragic accident in 1988, but during the short 7 years he was a member of the club, he spent countless hours organizing events and making maps, and was the cornerstone on which the club was built. He is missed by all who knew him.

Some of the others who turned up at that first event and became club stalwarts were Ron Brown, Margaret McLachlan (with her sister Shirley), and Brent and Raymond Ferris. Brent Ferris was the equipment officer for the first few years, and Ron Brown was the driving force behind the club holding the Tararua Mountain Marathon. Margaret McLachlan was roped into becoming the secretary and is now married to (Patrick) one of the brothers of the three who started the club (there are 8 sons and 3 daughters, 2 sons-in-law and 6 daughters-in law (so far) in the family).

(The last 3 also got married – Pauline (also a club member) in 1991, Bill in 2001, and Bryan in 2002)

Some interesting facts:

- Over the years there has been a large turnover in club members. At the end of the first year there were 45 paid up club members.

- In the first 5 years of the club, senior subs rose from \$5 to \$13, and the event fees from \$1 to \$3.

- Over the years the club has organized several major events and numerous OYs. The club has held one multi-day on its own (at Whareama and Te Wharau) and been involved in another (when the Birthday Hill map was first used). It has organized the Wellington Champs once (at Omega), and the Wellington Relays once as well (at Hidden Lakes). The club also organized the Tararua Mountain Marathon and 2 mini mountain marathons.

- Club meetings for the first 4 years were held above a wholesale liquor outlet - but the general manager (another brother - Bernard) wouldn't allow us a drink! One meeting was held in 70 degrees Fahrenheit and one annual general meeting was over in 30 minutes.

The club newsletters have made interesting reading over the years. Some of the amusing stories were:

- A certain guy (Ron) who marked the course on his plastic bag with his map inside and then later on wondered why his map kept moving.

- The same guy who being a tramper was used to correcting for magnetic north and wondered why his compass didn't seem to work properly.

- Wayne Cretney claiming "dog time". He reckoned his dog got lost on the course and wasted 14 minutes trying to find it. Dog time indeed! The dog in question was seen to run into the finish some time ahead of its owner!

- The setter (Wayne) who managed to get most of the runners electrocuted by making them believe all the fences were off.

- Wayne again, trying to tell everyone that gorse bushes had grown overnight on his new map.

- The setter (Bryan) who put two controls where even his own brother couldn't find them, so consequently they were left out of the course.

- The escapades of the mapper (Bill) who borrowed his brother's motorbike to get out to Ngaumu only to have it break down a long way from home. He gets a lift and then pays the earth to get it fixed only to have it break down again the very next time he takes it out. He decides against using the !\$S?%! machine a third time so he tries to bike out (40K) but has a puncture a long way out. He walks home a dejected would-be mapper who has missed 4 days of mapping. He finally commandeers his father's car to get out there.

- The continuing escapades of the mapper who also tried to catch a bus to get out there but missed it. Later (with his brother Bryan this time) he got stranded out on a

farmer's track on the same map when his new car (bought 2 days before) gave up the ghost and wouldn't start. At 7.00 PM in a howling southerly, this was no joke. Needless to say, he is still out there... No in fact, the car was hotwired and our miserable mapper got home finally.

Some interesting quotes from club magazines :

"Cripes, Ron, did you know that the contours were 20 meters and not 5 meters before you set the courses?"

"With control descriptions in hand, surrounded by 30 or 40 psyched up, evil looking competitors awaiting the start signal, when shouts of 'Let's take him now, there's more of us than him.' - terror!"

"Fifteen to 20 competitors sighted on the knoll well before control 41 - 'Fan out! Fan out! It's around here somewhere!'"

"Normally you can trust an orienteer to read a map, but he managed to get himself lost at a major road junction. Usually, you can expect a sign but there wasn't one in sight. It took a non-orienteer to figure it out - we were on 'Boot' Road because there was a boot stuck upside down on a pole right in front of us."

"After placing the controls out and heading back to the car, I met with Margaret again. I yelled to her across the river - 'This bit of the river isn't too bad for crossing, is it?'"

'No. I don't think so.'

'Oh good, I'll put the control over there then.'

When I got up talking with her, I said that I'd hidden some of the controls in good spots. With that look of worry and 'Oh what has he done' appeared on her face, which I tried to relieve saying that they 'should' be able to find them."

"The outing at the 'Governor's' was very nice and the whole room was full of orienteers. I think the boys and girls were more interested in space invaders than their meals. Mr. Syke's magic was very good, and I bet the lady won't ever put her finger in ever again."

"The pong at the start was too much for me so I decided to get away on the A course as quickly as possible. The first thought I had was that the first control looks tricky. I charge off and then wade through thigh-deep water taking care not to get the map wet."

"Bout time Brown set a course" murmured the meeting - He He, revenge is sweet - on a map the Teahan mob had spent some time doing. Wayne Cretney, dropping in one night later in the week on the pretext of returning the signs, spied the A & B courses on said map and glee-fully set about re-organizing some of the controls - so for those controls you missed, Wayne's to blame! And for those that got them all - well you got'a get lucky sometimes."

This Is Now - Liz Nicholson (1990)

This year there are currently 13 club members which could increase to a maximum of 20. The youngest current member is Kristian Anderson (14), and the oldest is Albert Wardle (60) both of whom joined this year.

Current club fees are:

	Club	WOA	NZOF	Total
Junior	-	7.00	8.00	15.00
Senior	2.00	10.00	12.00	24.00
Family	4.00	12.00	32.00	48.00

Probably the lowest in NZ.

The club has a few people who come regularly and are considered as members as they have been involved for a number of years i.e. Bernie Morton, Earl Henwood.

Members occupations range from student, retired, security guard, teacher, bank manager, quantity surveyor, secretary, computer whiz, architect, director WORT, system administrator, home executive...

The club's equipment is minimal with originally only 25 controls made of heavy steel. These were upgraded to 50 by Masterton's Mayor (and rugby referee), who made lightweight stainless steel standards which are terrific. (Red Kiwis and Hutt also have some made by him).

Notable people:

Bryan Teahan - Life Member - Chief Mapper, NZ Rep

Liz Nicholson - Secretary NZOF - NZ Rep (official at World Champs 1985 - hand wrote all finish times)

Tony Nixon - NZ Rep - Notable Cartographer (defected from HVOC) - Secretary WOA

Ray Nicholson - NZOF Vice Chairman - President Wai 'O' Club - Controller NZ/ Aust Relay Test Sandhills

Bryan, Ray and Liz have the distinction of all having orienteered for Bayside Orienteers (Victoria, Australia).

Special Note:

1988 - 3rd National Relays Mixed A

1989 - 2nd National Relays Mixed A

1990 - 1st? (Look out Hamilton!)

The club has many maps; most of which can still be used.

Colour :

Birthday Hill (forest, farm)

Hidden Lakes (farm, bush)

- 1:15000 and 1:10000

Omega (forest, bush, farm)

Te Wharau (forest, farm)

Whareama (forest, farm)

Mt Holdsworth (bush)

Solway (park)

Walls Whare (bush, farm)

Tararua State Forest (bush)

1990 (3 new maps): Kuamahanga (forest)

Riverside (farm)

Matahiwi (farm, bush)

Cretney Colour :

Riverside (farm)

Taueru (farm)

Tea Creek (farm)

Tiffen (farm, bush)

Gentle Annie (bush) Matahiwi (farm, bush)

Waipoua (park)

Mt Holdsworth Rd (forest, farm)

Black and White :

Gentle Annie (bush)

Queen Elizabeth Park (park)

Waipoua (park)

Solway (park)

Rathkeale (school)

Greytown Parks (park)

Masterton (street)

Various schools in the Wairarapa

(drawn by Mark Roberts)

To produce these maps, the club has had a few tireless fieldworkers and cartographers. At present, the club can call on the following cartographers: Bryan Teahan (11 colour maps), Tony Nixon (1 colour), Brent Hoy, Julia Fettes (1 colour), Regan Potangaroa and Mark Roberts. Past cartographers have included Wayne Cretney (2 colour), Bill (7 colour) and Graham Teahan.



Bryan Teahan, Liz and Ray Nicholson



Birthday Hill, Wairarapa O Club's 1st Colour Map (March 1983)

1990 is another busy year for the club:

Feb Walls Whare (including rafting, abseiling)
 Mar Solway Showground
 Apr Greytown Parks
 May Hidden Lakes
 Feb-May Kiwisport series for schools
 Jun Kuamahanga (NZ Trial)
 Jul Omega (Winter Classic)
 Sep Gentle Annie
 Oct Riverside (OY6)
 Nov Matahiwi (Wellington Champs)

Winter Classic:

In 1987, the club introduced a "Winter Classic" event with the idea being to have 3 technical and physically difficult courses of varying lengths. In 1987 it was a series with Hawkes Bay and Red Kiwis.

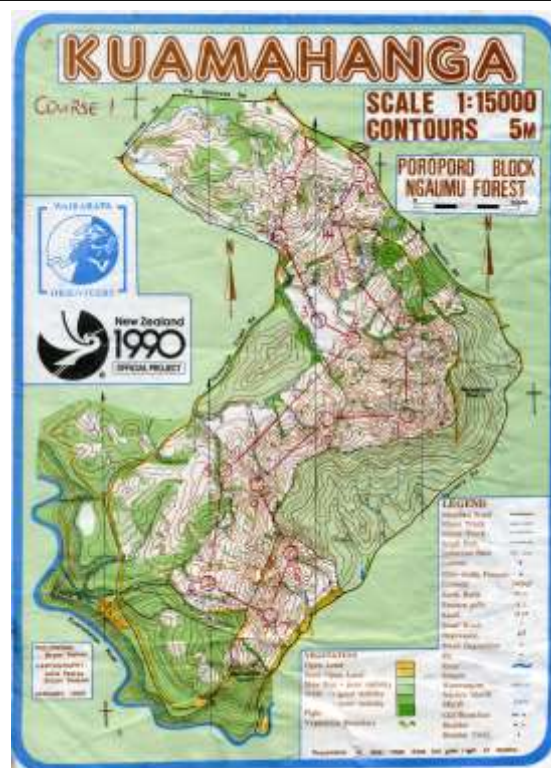
In 1988 the club had hoped to use its new Walls Whare map but alas heavy rain on the Saturday brought down large slips blocking the only road access to the event (we didn't get to use the map until 12 months after the printing). The club being very hospitable invited all those that travelled over the hill (for some beautiful Wairarapa weather) to Cretney's for mulled wine etc.

In 1989 we held the Winter Classic at Birthday Hill (the course setter, Tony Nixon, was in Europe, just like Bryan when he set the WOA Relays at Hidden Lakes that year). The club gave out certificates and badges to all competitors.

In 1990, the club is holding the "Winter Classic" on July 15. This is a special occasion as this will be the first of the annual Wayne Cretney Memorial events. Mavis Cretney is donating a special trophy for the M40A grade. There will be certificates/badges and it will be run as a Blodslitet type race. The course design has been done by Ingvaar Braaten (Norway) who helped fieldwork Scotts Ferry, and accompanied myself and Wayne in the Ruahine MM. This event is to be pre-entry, with entry forms available at Queen's Birthday.



1985 New Zealand 2 day Mountain Marathon

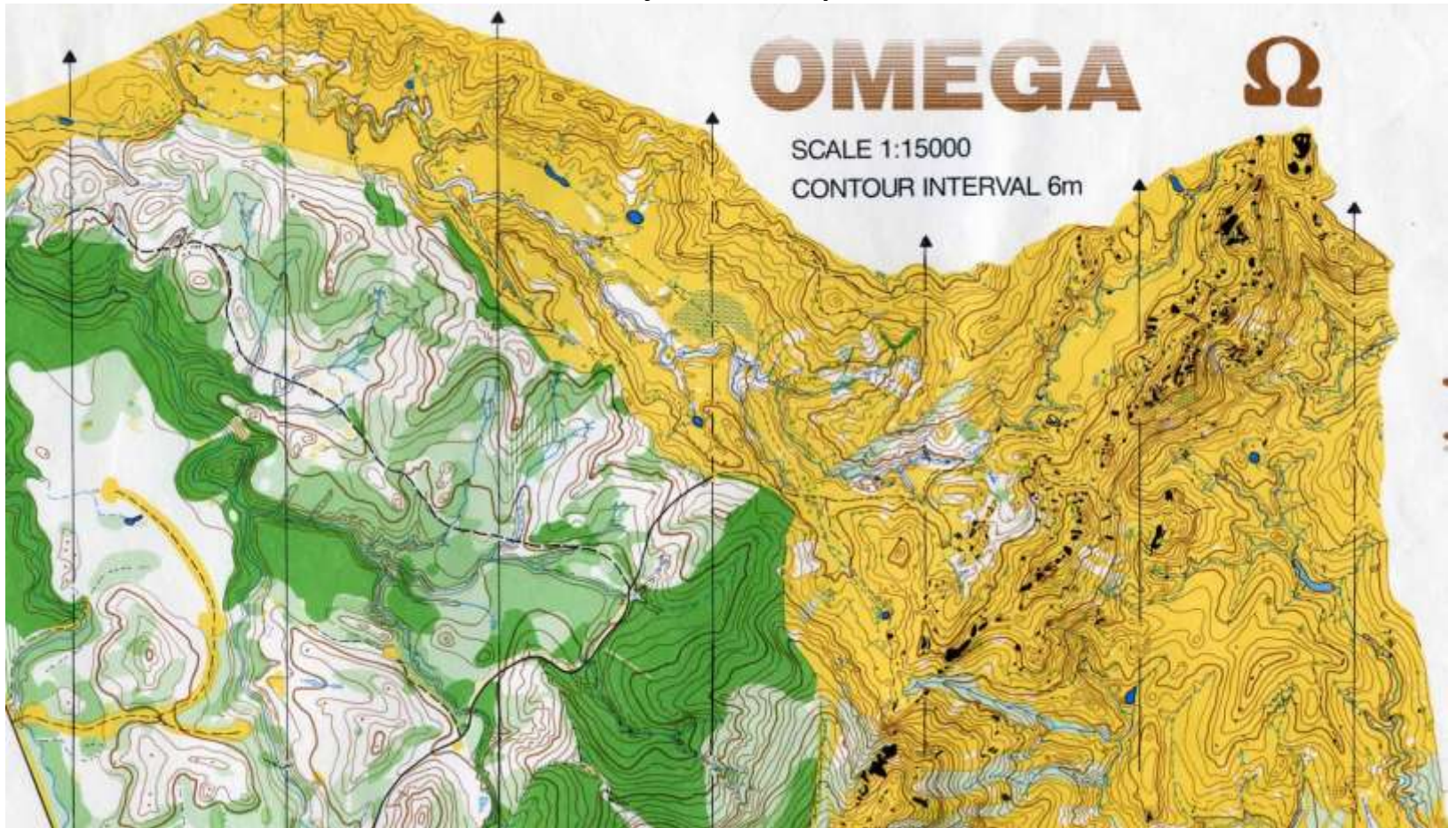


1990 New Zealand Trial

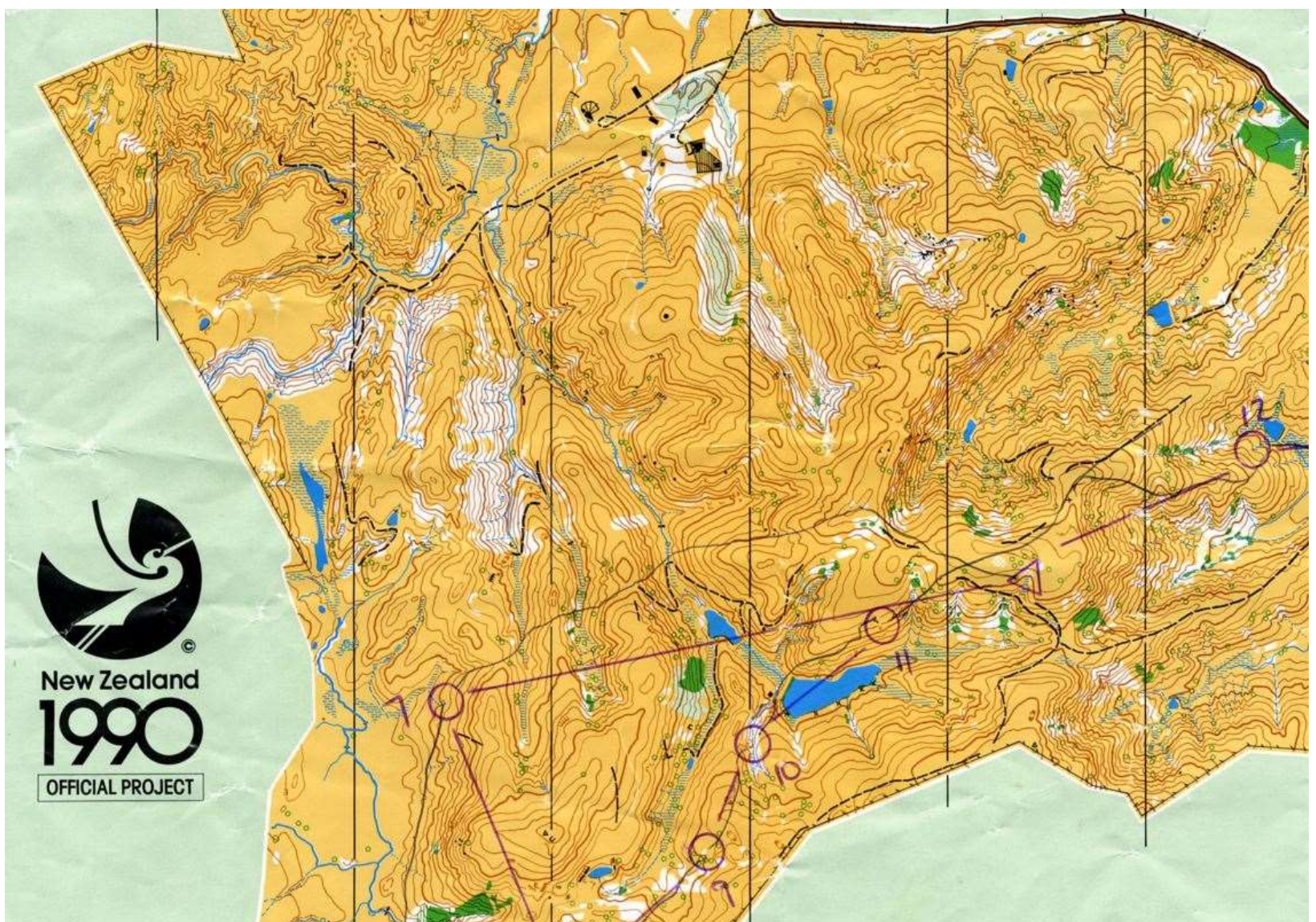


Left: Wellington Champions 1989 (all from Wairarapa) – from left: Bryan Teahan (M21A), Tony Nixon (M35A), Pauline Teahan (W21B), Kelvin Hoy (M21B)
 Right: Graham Teahan, 1st President Wairarapa O' Club – Happy 40th this month!

Major Event Maps



1985 Wellington Champs – Omega



1990 Wellington Champs – Matahiwi – Official Project celebrating 150 years NZ

That was Then – 1990-2022

Bryan Teahan



30th Birthday Cake for Classic in 2016
Bryan Teahan and Liz Nicholson

Major Events Organised by the Club

Year	Event
1984	Wairarapa 2 day
1985	Tararua 2 day Mountain Marathon
1985	Wellington Champs
1990	Queens Birthday Day 3 and Trial
1989-2008	Winter Classic
1990	Wellington Champs
1991	Queens Birthday Day 2
1992	Easter Day 3
1994	APOC Day 3
1995	Wellington Champs
1995	Queens Birthday 3 day – Day 1 and 2
1996	Wellington Champs Short-O
2000	New Zealand Champs – Short-O, Long and Relays
2001	Wellington Champs – Long, Short-O
2003	Queens Birthday Sprint and Day 2 Winter Classic
2004	North Island Secondary School Champs
2009	Waitangi Weekend Middle, JWOC Trial
2013	Winter Classic
2020	34 th Classic
2022	36 th Classic



Riverside 2008 – Winter Classic

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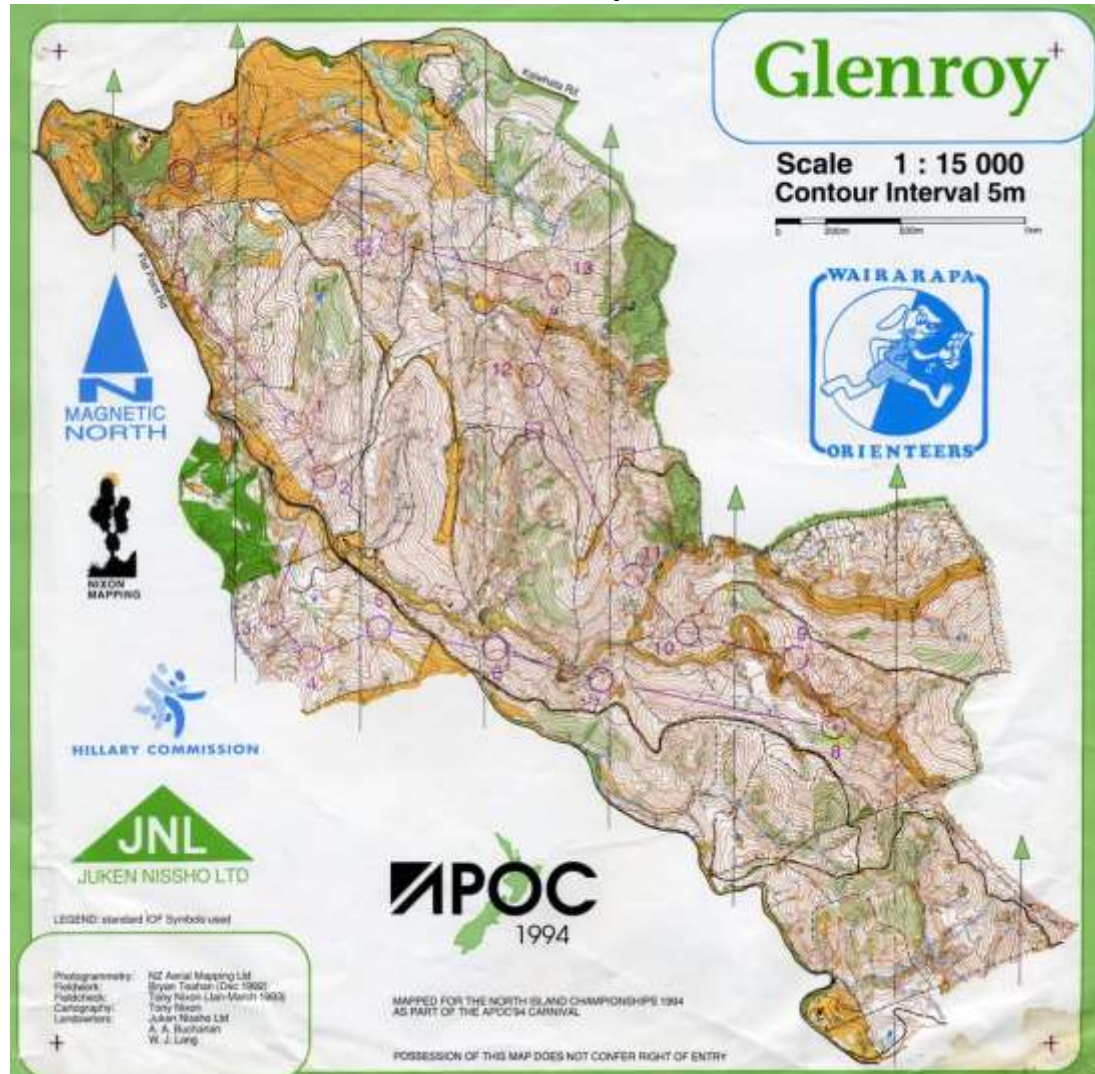
As well as the undying work many of the club members have put into the club over the years here is some of the work and positions that present and past club members have performed for New Zealand Orienteering.

Name	Position(s)
Liz Nicholson	Secretary ONZ
Ray Nicholson	Vice Chairman ONZ
Graham Teahan	President ONZ, Senior Event Advisor, Event Director APOC 94, Event Director WMOC 2000, Event Director World Cups and Oceania Champs 2013
Paul Dalton	President ONZ, Team Manager WOC
Jim Barr	Editor, NZ Orienteering Magazine
Bill Teahan	Editor, NZ Orienteering Magazine
Bryan Teahan	Statistician ONZ, Current Archivist ONZ, Mapping director APOC 94, Mapping director WMOC 2000, Mapping director World Cups and Oceania Champs 2013. Mapper 2022 NZ Champs Canaan Downs.
Colin Tait	Secretary ONZ

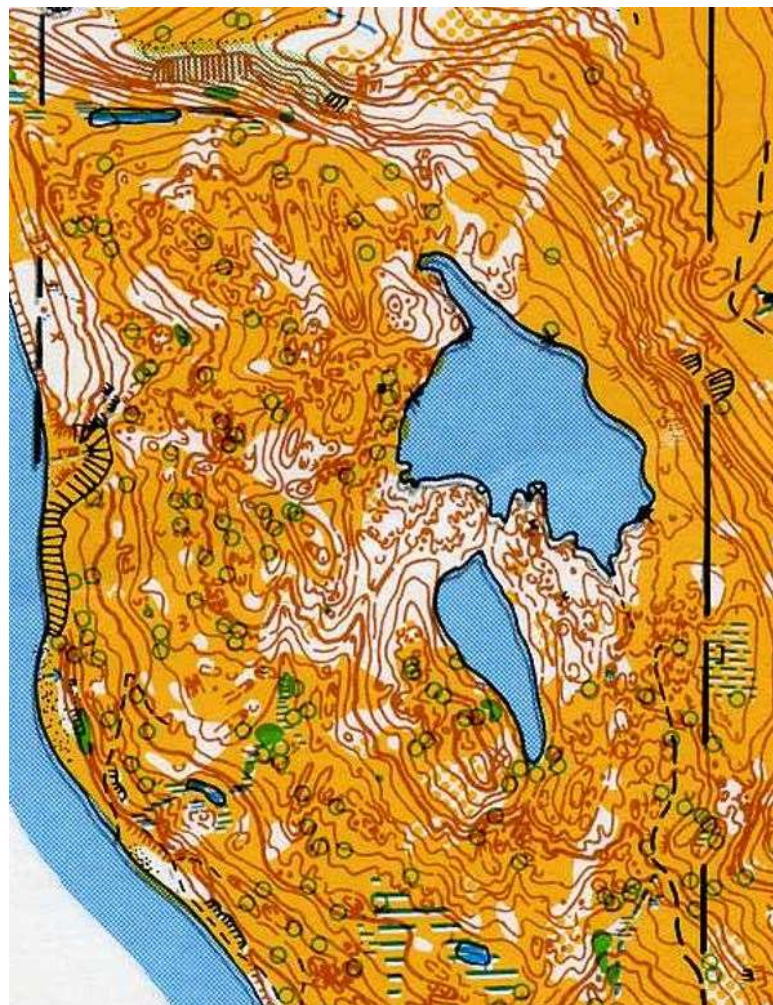


Rainbow at Winter Classic 2013

More Maps



APOC 1994 Day 3, 1995 Wellington Champs – Glenroy



1995 Queens Birthday Day 1 – Hidden Lakes

High Achievers – New Zealand Champs

Here is the honour's list for current and past members who have won their grade **and a trophy** at New Zealand orienteering champs.

Name	Grade	Year
Paul Dalton	M20A	1981
	M21E	1986
	M45A	2008
Bill Teahan	M21E	1987
	M21E	1992
Graham Teahan	M40A	1992
	M40A	1994
	M55A	2009
Bryan Teahan	M35A	1997
	M35A	1998
	M35A	1999
	M35A	2001
	M35A	2004
	M45A	2006
	M45A	2007
Liz Nicholson	W55A	2019
Ray Nicholson	M40AS	1996
Michelle Teahan	W21AS	2008



Jim Barr at end of running a marathon on his 75th birthday. Jim was the driving force behind the club hosting the 2000 New Zealand champs over 3 days comprising the Short-O, Long distance and relays.

For Services to Orienteering

Here are current and past members who have received the Silva Award for Services to Orienteering – awarded to one person per year in New Zealand by ONZ.

Name	Year
Graham Teahan	1988
Bryan Teahan	1991
Colin Tait	2001
Jim Barr	2004
Paul Dalton	2011

International

Here are current and past members who competed for New Zealand at the World Orienteering Champs and Australian New Zealand Challenges.

Name
Bill Teahan – WOC and ANZ
Graham Teahan - ANZ
Bryan Teahan – WOC and ANZ
Paul Dalton – WOC and ANZ
Liz Nicholson - ANZ

International highlights

Name(s)
Bryan and Bill Teahan, 2 day Tasmania Mountain Marathon, 1 st Course, 2 nd , 1988
Bryan and Bill Teahan, members of NZ team ANZ Challenge M21 relay, almost beat Australia elite team in Australia.
Bryan Teahan – Winner Czech 5-day M35A, 1995
Bryan Teahan – Winner APOC Queensland, M40A, 2000
Bryan Teahan – 2 nd Australia Champs, M40A, 2000
Bryan Teahan – Starting Thai Orienteering Association, 2000

Club Membership from 2002

2002	19
2003	25
2004	29
2005	42
2006	32
2007	27
2008	23
2009	23
2010	20
2011	19
2012	20
2013	18
2014	19
2015	18
2016	19
2017	17
2018	16
2019	17
2020	12
2021	24
2022	32

Relay Highlights

Name(s)
NZ Mixed A relays 1988, Wairarapa Club 3rd
NZ Mixed A relays 1989, Wairarapa Club 2nd
NZ Family relays – 1989, Graham, Bryan and Bill Teahan 1 st (unof)
NZ Family relays – 1990, Graham, Bryan and Bill Teahan 1st
NZ Open Mens relay 1991, Bryan and Bill Teahan with Katie Fettes, 1991, 1st

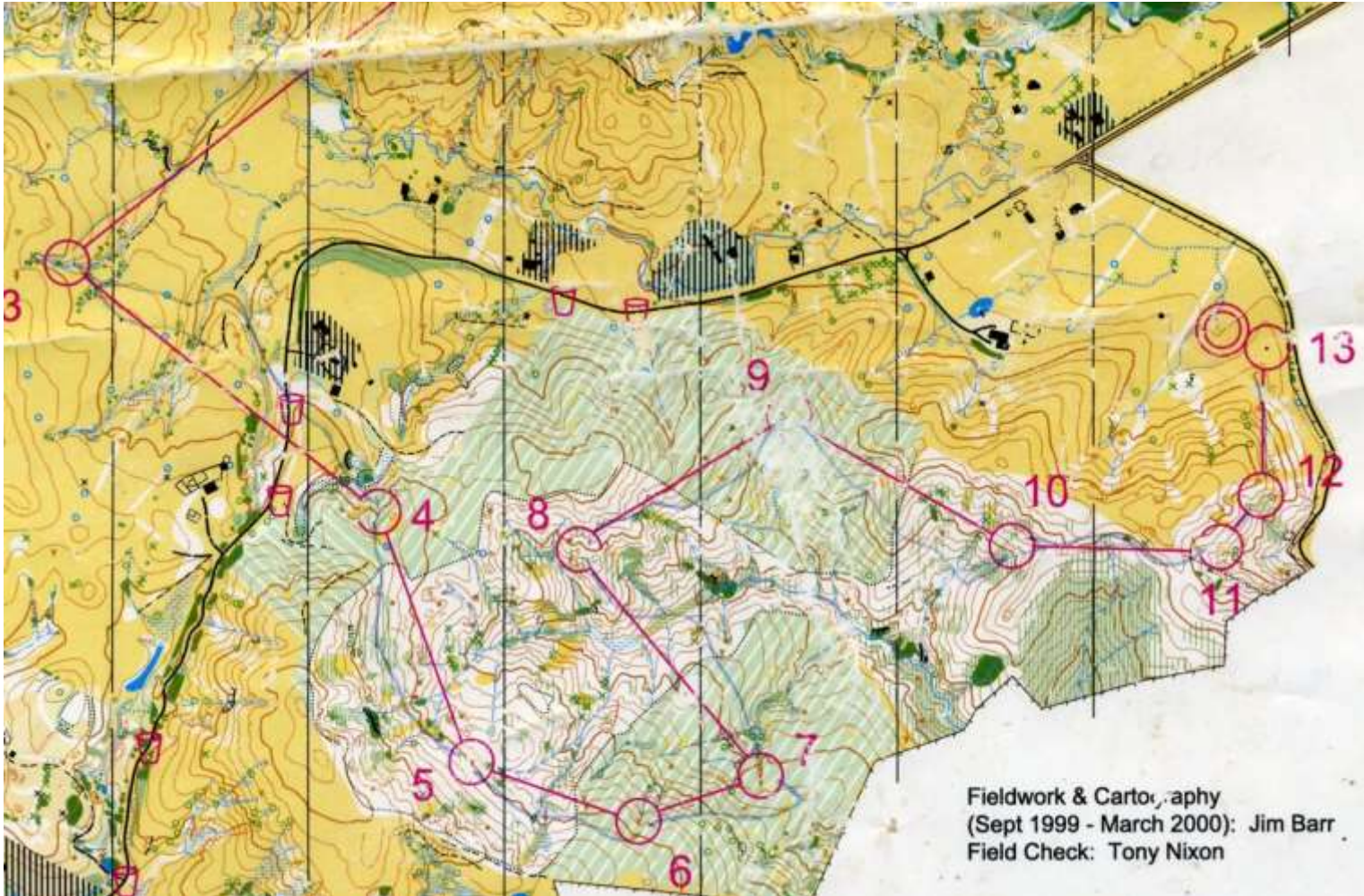
Placegetters

Event	Year	Class	Place	Firstname	Surname
NZ Champs Long	1995	W40AS	3	Barbara	Anderson
NZ Champs Long	1996	W40AS	3	Barbara	Anderson
NZ Champs Long	1998	W50A	3	Barbara	Anderson
NZ Champs Long	1991	W12A	3	Felicity	Anderson
NZ Champs Long	1993	W12A	2	Felicity	Anderson
APOC DAY 2	1994	W14A	2	Felicity	Anderson
APOC Day 4	1994	W14A	1	Felicity	Anderson
APOC Day 6	1994	W14A	2	Felicity	Anderson
APOC Day 7	1994	W14A	2	Felicity	Anderson
APOC Overall	1994	W14A	2	Felicity	Anderson
NZ Champs Long	1994	W14A	1	Felicity	Anderson
NZ Champs Middle	1994	W14A	1	Felicity	Anderson
NZ Champs Long	1999	W20A	3	Felicity	Anderson
NZ Champs Middle	1999	W20A	1	Felicity	Anderson
NZ Champs Middle	2000	W20A	1	Felicity	Anderson
ANZ Challenge	1991	M15A	3	Kristian	Anderson
NZ Champs Long	1992	M18A	2	Kristian	Anderson
NZ Champs Middle	1992	M20A	3	Kristian	Anderson
APOC Day 1	1994	M20A	2	Kristian	Anderson
APOC Day 2	1994	M20A	3	Kristian	Anderson
APOC Day 3	1994	M20A	3	Kristian	Anderson
APOC Day 7	1994	M20A	2	Kristian	Anderson
APOC Overall	1994	M20A	3	Kristian	Anderson
NZ Champs Long	1997	M21AS	3	Kristian	Anderson
NZ Champs Middle	1997	M21AS	2	Kristian	Anderson
NZ Champs Middle	2000	M21A	2	Kristian	Anderson
NZ Champs Middle	1999	W50A	2	Barbara	Barr
NZ Champs Middle	2001	W50A	3	Barbara	Barr
NZ Champs Long	2003	W55A	3	Barbara	Barr
NZ Champs Middle	2015	W65A	2	Barbara	Barr
NZ Champs Middle	2000	M21AS	1	David	Barr
NZ Champs Long	2001	M55A	3	Jim	Barr
NZ Champs Middle	2014	M65	3	Jim	Barr
NZ Champs Long	2015	M70A	2	Jim	Barr
NZ Champs Middle	2015	M70A	1	Jim	Barr
NZ Champs Middle	2015	M70A	1	Jim	Barr
NZ Champs Long	2020	M75A	2	Jim	Barr
NZ Champs Middle	2020	M75A	3	Jim	Barr
NZ Champs Sprint	2020	M75	1	Jim	Barr
NZ Champs Long	2021	M75A	3	Jim	Barr
NZ Champs Middle	2021	M75A	2	Jim	Barr
Trial One	1985	M40	2	Wayne	Cretney
NZ Champs Sprint	2008	M10	2	Liam	Dalton
NZ Champs Long	2002	M40A	2	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Middle	2002	M40A	2	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Long	2003	M40A	2	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Long	2004	M40A	2	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Long	2006	M40A	2	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Middle	2006	M40A	1	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Sprint	2006	M40	1	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Long	2007	M45A	2	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Middle	2007	M45A	1	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Sprint	2007	M45A	2	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Long	2008	M45A	1	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Middle	2008	M45A	3	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Sprint	2008	M45	1	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Long	2010	M45A	2	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Long	2011	M50A	2	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Sprint	2011	M50	1	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Sprint	2012	M50A	2	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Long	2013	M50A	1	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Sprint	2013	M50	1	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Middle	2014	M50A	3	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Middle	2017	M55A	3	Paul	Dalton
NZ Champs Middle	1996	W16A	2	Abby	Grassmith
NZ Champs Long	1994	M21AS	1	Brent	Hoy
NZ Champs Long	1991	M21A	3	Kelvin	Hoy

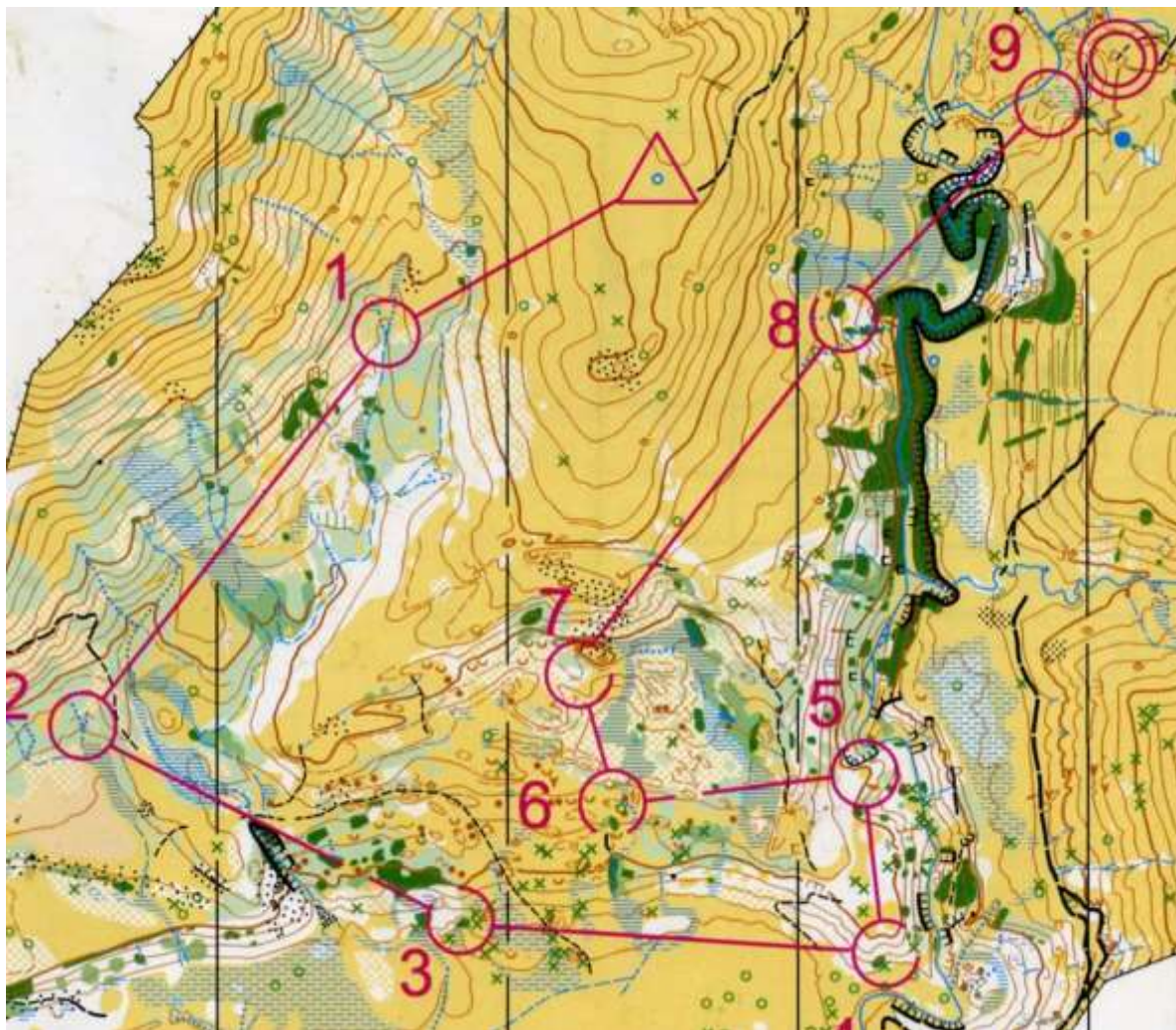
Placing in the top 3 of an A grade, running for the Wairarapa club for New Zealand Champs, ANZ Challenge or APOC. Some results may be missing.

Trial One	1985	W21A	1	Margaret	McLauchlan
Trial Two	1985	W21A	1	Margaret	McLauchlan
ANZ Challenge	2002	W40AS	1	Margaret	McLauchlan
ANZ Day 2	2002	W40AS	1	Margaret	McLauchlan
ANZ Day 3	2002	W40AS	2	Margaret	McLauchlan
ANZ Day 5	2002	W40AS	1	Margaret	McLauchlan
NZ Champs Sprint	2003	W35A	3	Margaret	McLauchlan
NZ Champs Long	2004	W40AS	2	Margaret	McLauchlan
NZ Champs Middle	2004	W40AS	1	Margaret	McLauchlan
NZ Champs Long	2005	W40AS	3	Margaret	McLauchlan
NZ Champs Middle	2005	W40AS	3	Margaret	McLauchlan
OCEANIA Overall	2005	W40AS	1	Margaret	McLauchlan
OCEANIA Day 1	2005	W40AS	1	Margaret	McLauchlan
OCEANIA Day 3	2005	W40AS	1	Margaret	McLauchlan
OCEANIA Day 4	2005	W40AS	2	Margaret	McLauchlan
OCEANIA Day 5	2005	W40AS	1	Margaret	McLauchlan
NZ Champs Long	2008	W21AS	3	Margaret	McLauchlan
NZ Champs Long	2008	W21AS	2	Margaret	McLauchlan
NZ Champs Sprint	2008	W45	1	Margaret	McLauchlan
NZ Champs Long	1993	W21A	1	Liz	Nicholson
APOC Day 4	1994	W21A	1	Liz	Nicholson
APOC Day 6	1994	W21A	1	Liz	Nicholson
NZ Champs Long	1996	W35A	2	Liz	Nicholson
NZ Champs Middle	1996	W35A	2	Liz	Nicholson
NZ Champs Long	1997	W35A	3	Liz	Nicholson
NZ Champs Long	2001	W40A	3	Liz	Nicholson
NZ Champs Middle	2001	W40A	3	Liz	Nicholson
ANZ Challenge	2002	W40A	2	Liz	Nicholson
ANZ Day 2	2002	W40A	2	Liz	Nicholson
ANZ Day 3	2002	W40A	2	Liz	Nicholson
NZ Champs Middle	2014	W50A	3	Liz	Nicholson
NZ Champs Middle	2017	W55A	3	Liz	Nicholson
NZ Champs Long	2019	W55A	1	Liz	Nicholson
NZ Champs Middle	2019	W55A	1	Liz	Nicholson
NZ Champs Long	2021	W60A	3	Liz	Nicholson
NZ Champs Long	2022	W60A	3	Liz	Nicholson
NZ Champs Sprint	2022	W60A	3	Liz	Nicholson
NZ Champs Long	1996	M40AS	1	Ray	Nicholson
NZ Champs Middle	1996	M40AS	1	Ray	Nicholson
NZ Champs Long	1989	M35A	3	Tony	Nixon
NZ Champs Long	1993	M35A	3	Tony	Nixon
APOC Day 4	1994	M40A	3	Tony	Nixon
APOC Day 6	1994	M40A	3	Tony	Nixon
APOC Day 7	1994	M40A	2	Tony	Nixon
NZ Champs Middle	2004	M65A	3	Colin	Tait
NZ Champs Middle	1992	M21E	2	Bryan	Teahan
NZ Champs Long	1999	M35A	1	Bryan	Teahan
NZ Champs Long	2000	M35A	2	Bryan	Teahan
NZ Champs Middle	2000	M35A	1	Bryan	Teahan
NZ Champs Long	2001	M35A	1	Bryan	Teahan
NZ Champs Middle	2001	M35A	1	Bryan	Teahan
NZ Champs Sprint	2003	M35A	3	Bryan	Teahan
NZ Champs Middle	2003	M40A	1	Bryan	Teahan
NZ Champs Long	2004	M35A	1	Bryan	Teahan
NZ Champs Long	2005	M45A	2	Bryan	Teahan
NZ Champs Long	2006	M45A	1	Bryan	Teahan
NZ Champs Long	2006	M45A	3	Bryan	Teahan
NZ Champs Long	2007	M45A	1	Bryan	Teahan
NZ Champs Long	2007	M45A	2	Bryan	Teahan
ANZ Challenge	2002	W12	3	Melanie	Teahan
ANZ Day 3	2002	W12	3	Melanie	Teahan
ANZ Day 5	2002	W12	3	Melanie	Teahan
NZ Champs Middle	2001	W12	3	Michelle	Teahan
NZ Champs Long	2008	W21AS	1	Michelle	Teahan
NZ Champs Long	2008	W21AS	1	Michelle	Teahan
NZ Champs Sprint	2008	W21	3	Michelle	Teahan

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2000 New Zealand Long Champs - Halcione Vise Vers Huset



2000 New Zealand Short Champs - Ruamahanga



Start at 2016 NZ Secondary School Champs Long at Mingimingi – Bryan Teahan planner, Liz Nicholson controller



International success at APOC Queensland and Czech 5 day event.



Winning nationals -Canaan Downs



Training Thai soldiers. Presentation by general.



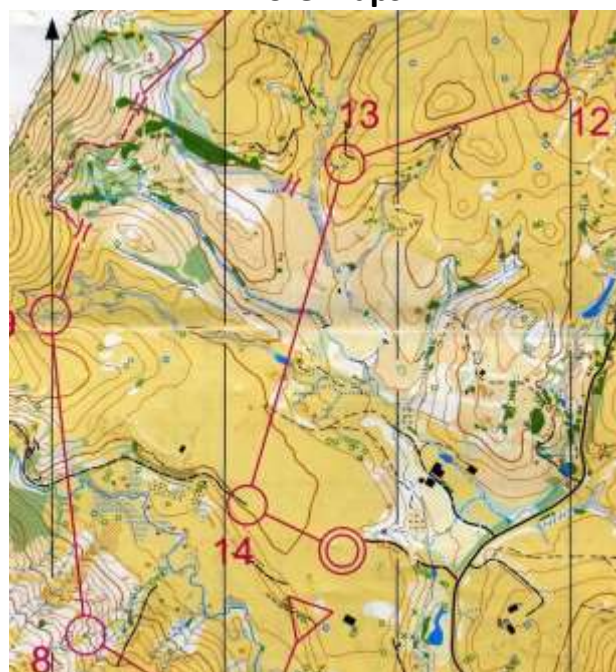
Helping start Thai Orienteering Association and mapping for Park World Tour.

Office Holders

Here is the list for members who have held positions in the club and have helped guide the club through four generations – many have at times worked tirelessly and we give them a huge thanks.

Name	Position	Year(s)
Wayne Cretney	President Secretary Equipment	1983-1984 1986 1983
Margaret McLauchlan	Secretary Newsletter Treasurer Committee Treasurer	1983-1984 1984 1990 1996 2004-2022!
Graham Teahan	President	1982
Bryan Teahan	Treasurer President Handicapper Newsletter	1982-1986 1987 1984 1984
Bill Teahan	Secretary President Events/Mapping	1982 1984-1986 1983-1984
Liz Nicholson	Equipment Secretary Kiwisport Newsletter President Committee	1990 1990 1990 1995-1996 1997-1998 2022
Pauline Teahan	Secretary	1987
Ray Nicholson	Treasurer Equipment President Vice President	1987 1990 1990-1991 1993
Ron Brown	Publicity	1983-1984
Bernie Morton	Publicity	1987
Brent Ferris	Equipment	1983
Michelle Cretney	Newsletter	1984-1986
Alison Tait	Equipment	1987
Barbara Anderson (Barr)	President Vice President Publicity Committee	1993-1994 1995 1995-1997 1998, 2022
Lesley Roberts	Secretary	1991-1994
Brian Sutherland	Treasurer	1991-2001
Graeme Roberts	Secretary	1995-1997 2010-2022
Gail Edwards	President	2010-2022
Sue Lyttle	Secretary	1998
Felicity Anderson	Publicity	1997
Abby Grossmith	Publicity	1997
Dave Hargood	President Vice President	1995 1996
Bryan Callister	President	1996-1997
Kristian Anderson	Publicity	1991
David van Der Peet	Publicity	1993
Andrew Ferguson	School Liaison	1990
Mark Roberts	Kiwisport	1990
Patrick Teahan	Treasurer	2002-2003
Steve Lyttle	Committee	1996
Vince Calcinai	WOA Rep	1996
Colin Tait	Secretary	2002
Jim Barr	Committee	1997-1998, 2022
Jim Alpe	President	2002

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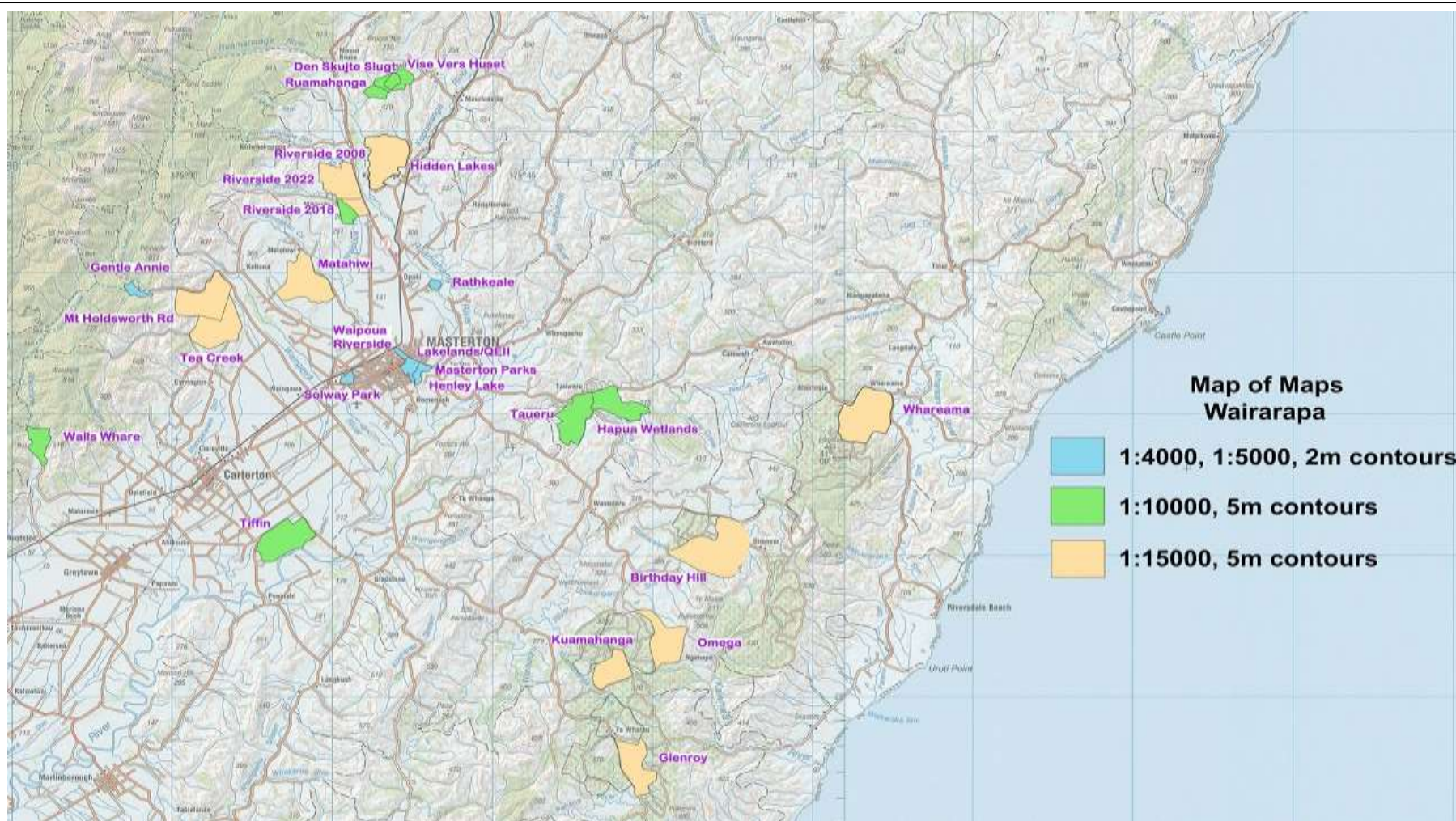
2002 New Zealand Relays - Halcione Den Skujte Slugt



2020 Classic – Masterton Parks



2020 Classic – Masterton Parks



Location of Maps



1983 Cretney Colour



1984



1985 – Coloured in by my 5 year old son Everett without my knowledge on my only good blank copy of a map.



1987



2020



2022

Club Logos over the years

Training Camps

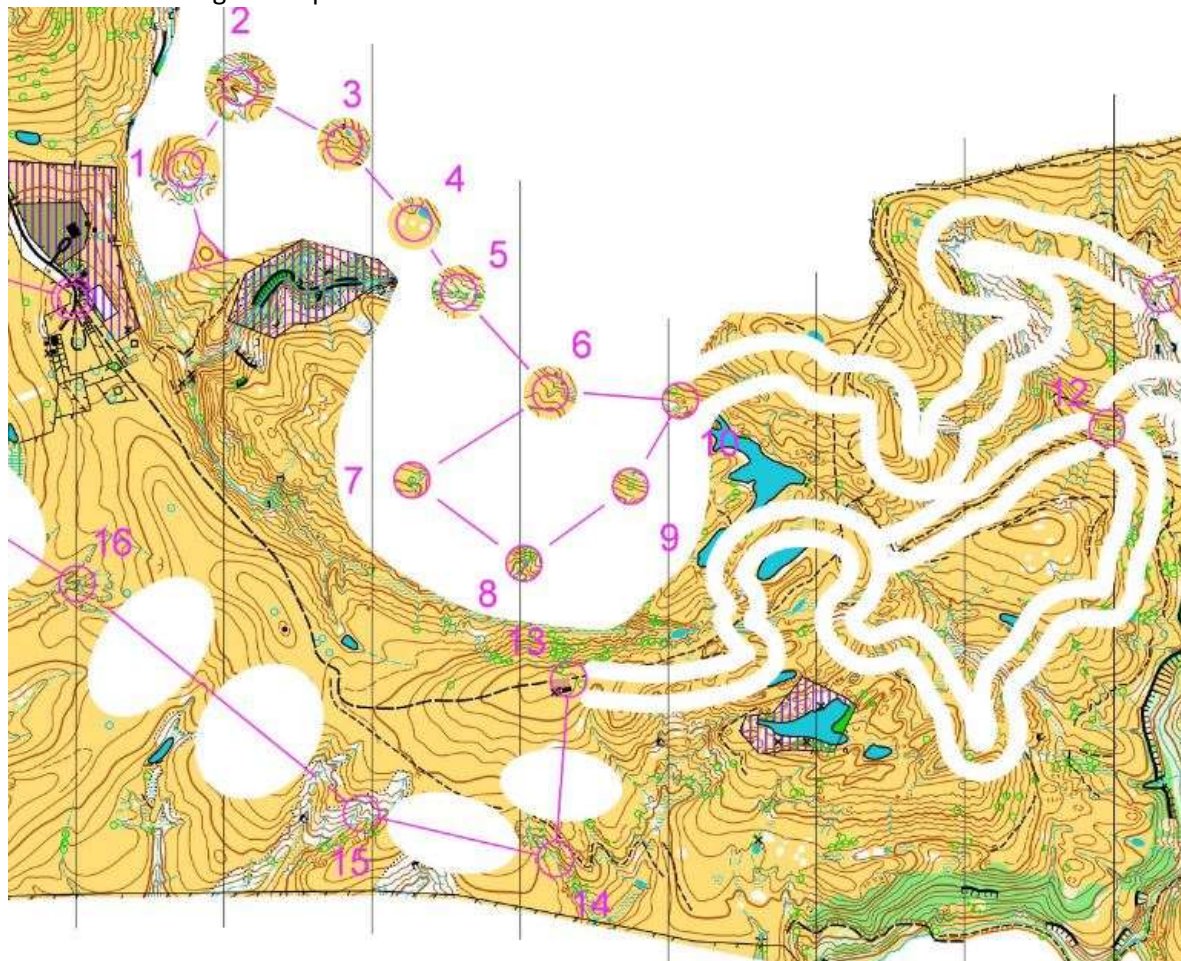
Wairarapa has been used many times over the years for Elite and Junior training camps with many of the clubs' maps used for exercises. Here are some photos from the High Performance Junior Camp held on the Hapua Wetlands map in 2016.



Lots of vans entering the Hapua Wetlands area



Start of Exercise



Mind-blowing Exercises



Ready for Star Relay



Go!

New Zealand ORIENTEERING

Issue 62 – October 2001

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Events: NZ SS Champs
NZ MTBO Champs

NZ at: WOC
JWOC
WMOC



On the cover of New Zealand Orienteering magazine (edited by club member Jim Barr): Issue 62 – October 2001.
'Another trophy for the cabinet for Phil Wood. After 17.4km and 2 hours 19 minutes of close racing only 4 seconds separated Phil Wood and Shaun Collins at this year's Winter Classic, held this year at Ruakokoputuna in South Wairarapa. Inset are Dave King, winner of the Wayne Cretney Memorial Trophy (M40 grade) setting out up yet another hill, and Open Women's winner, Madeleine Collins, all concentration at the map change.
Photos are by Ning, Bryan Teahan's bride-to-be, a very nice and welcome newcomer to our orienteering community.'



Wairarapa Orienteers are coming out of hibernation.

Orienteering NZ News

By Christo Peters - Sun 28 Feb 2021 2:10pm

Wairarapa Orienteers stalwart Jim Barr describes his club as having been “in recess” for nearly a decade. During this time club members have continued to compete at various events around the country, but the club has not hosted events.

On 6th December last year something changed. The return of former member Bryan Teahan, and with him, the Winter Classic Event. The Winter Classic was created as a memorial event to a Wairarapa member, so it was fitting that the first event run by the club for years was the Classic. Despite being a small event with 37 participants, three-quarters of those taking part were not members – signalling a renewed interest in orienteering events in the region.

On 18th February, The Times-Age, Masterton and Wairarapa’s local weekly, signalled that there was more to come (<https://times-age.co.nz/kickstarting-orienteering/>)

– reporting that Wairarapa Orienteers would be holding a series of free town score/urban rogaine events being held in Masterton. The series will be followed by two further events being held at Queen Elizabeth Park and Henley Lake areas using the club’s new map. The final event will take place on 30th March. To take part in the free events members of the public just need a smart phone and to have downloaded the MapRun6 application.

The new map and free events have been accompanied with a new Facebook page as well as information sheets positioned around Masterton walkway entrances and sent out to all local schools. All these initiatives combined with the intended new website are what Jim describes as decision to “kick-start the club and get it going again”.

ONZ encourages local orienteers to support Wairarapa Orienteers’ new events – look at the Wairarapa

This Is Now! – 2022

Bryan Teahan



Fast forward another 32 years and a lot has happened since the 1990 profile in the national Mapsport magazine - we are now in the 40th year of the club and going strong with a new lease of life. The combination of MapRun and regular easy to organise events has attracted new members to the club. The club currently has 32 members after a period of many years of 15-19 members.

The club will be holding a Wednesday evening Spring Series of nine events between October and early Dec.

There will also be the 36th year of the annual Winter/Spring Classic and Wayne Cretney memorial in October at Massey Riverside farm.



*Beautiful Wairarapa Countryside.
What more could you want!*

I get the privilege to remap an area I first mapped in 1983 - 40 years ago - the first map I did by myself. It wasn't very good, but it was a beginning of a lifetime of a labour of love.

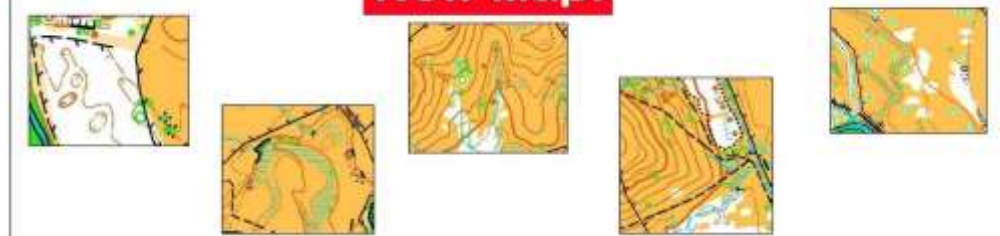
Long may it continue.



<https://times-age.co.nz/kickstarting-orienteering/>



New Map!



Promo for 36th Classic and 40th Birthday Party Event.

How Maps Were Made

Bryan Teahan

One of the club's most loved maps (Hapua Wetlands) was made almost from nothing in 2007 – it was used first for the Winter Classic and has since been reused for a JWOC trial, the New Zealand relay champs and the 2013 Winter Classic.

Nowadays, we have access to high resolution imagery and Digital Elevation Models so that very detailed base maps and accurate contours can be generated for fieldworking. None of that was available in the early (dark) days and required lots of work. Here's a brief illustration of what was involved.



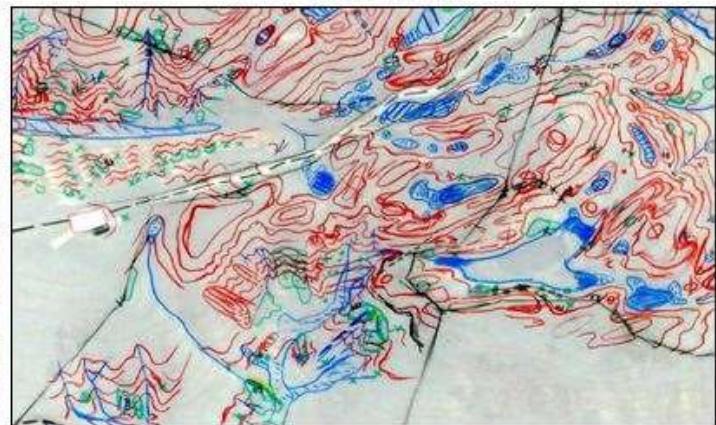
Version 1



Version 2



Version 3



Version 7



Version 9



Version 20

For the Hapua map, I've included different versions to show how the map-making process worked during the creation of a map:

Version 1 was just the scanned topographical map with 20m contours at mapping scale.

Version 2 was the aerial photo with the drawn 20m contours on top.

Version 3 was the aerial photo with the interpolated 5m contours. I printed this version and used this to do the fieldwork off.

Version 7 was the one created after the fieldwork was done. You can spot areas where there are too many or not enough contours and some contour ends. There were lots of rubbing out to get the correct shapes.

Version 9 is after all the fieldwork is done in the surrounding areas and any contour problems have been fixed.

Version 20 is the final version used for the event (Winter Classic) after some fieldchecking before and after putting out the controls.

Wayne Cretney Tribute

An Ode to an Orienteer - Bryan Teahan (1988)



Wayne Cretney
2nd President

By now most of you would have heard about the tragic death of Wayne Cretney - a member of the Wairarapa club. I have known him since the beginning of the club 7 years ago - it seems like I knew him for much longer. I feel it appropriate to write a few memories about this very special man.

Wayne will be sorely missed in many ways as he was the mainstay of our club, and I will remember him forever for the incredible amount of work he put into Orienteering.

For the 7 years he was a member he has indelibly left his mark forever in the lifeblood of our club. He was the rock on which the foundations of the club were laid.

I remember him for:

- the very first day I met him - the very first event of the club - he ran all 3 courses and came back with that gleam in his eye knowing he was hooked - 'this is the sport for me'.

- walking around hills and valleys in rain or shine carrying hundreds of controls. For the countless, thankless tasks he did.

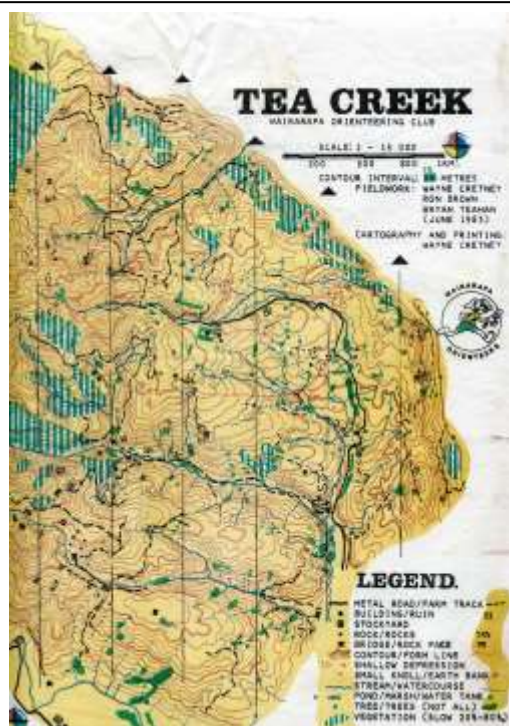
- for the advice and guidance of an experienced person for a club in its infancy; for being club president for 2 years and a steadying influence to shape our club's future.

- for the titanic battles he had with the members of the M40 brigade; the grade will not seem as competitive now that he's gone.

- he was the perfect member of a club - always giving; always working hard in all aspects of the sport far beyond and above the normal - even sometimes to the detriment of work commitment and family life.

- for his large smile as he thundered around on his courses with map and compass clad only in his running pants and his thick bear rug of a chest.

- in the first few months of his Orienteering career he did the incredible: he mapped, drew, offset printed and set a course - a monumental feat for a new person to Orienteering - only a person of Wayne's enthusiasm, drive and determination could have achieved this.



Fieldwork, Cartography, Printing and Planning all
by Wayne - a Cretney Colour Special Map 1983

- for the special moments of family togetherness - the very real love between Wayne and his family - the trials and tribulations of a family Orienteering together.

- for the courses he set - he never was the running sort of Orienteer; he loved a meaty sort of course in the most difficult part of the map - in the light green and grubby stuff, in the intricate parts of the forest and in the steep physical parts of a map. You certainly knew that when you finished a Wayne Cretney course you had passed the most exacting test possible, and you could henceforth take on any challenge.

His courses were rugged, but they were some of the best courses I have competed on and my skill as an Orienteer will be poorer for not having him to keep me up to scratch.

It is tragic that Wayne cannot be with us anymore and enjoy many more years competing in the sport he loved. He has left many sad people behind, but we are forever thankful for having met and for having shared many moments of joy and toil with this special person who I regarded as a very dear friend.

Cretney Colour Specials:



1983 Wiremu



1983 Tiffin



1983 Matahiwi



1984 Taueru



1984 Gentle Annie