



Winter Classic and Wayne Cretney Memorial 7th July 2013

Wairarapa Winter Wonderland



Race Report:

Map: Taueru

Hapua Station, Taueru
Planners' Report by Jason Markham

Taueru is not your average farm map. Since moving to Caterton almost two years ago I have got to know it quite well and took little convincing to use it for this year's classic. Access permission for the Hapua Station section is handled by Eric Barber who as a keen multisporter encourages orienteers and the harriers to use this area. The Hapua owners have been doing quite a bit of pest control and planting to

protect streams, wetlands and steep slopes which has helped make this map attractive for orienteers.

The woolshed area of the map appealed as the event centre because of the vehicle access and shelter from the weather. Although the 2007 winter classic had used this same area I was able to extend the map across a complex gully system to the north east to provide some novel terrain for those who remember the previous event.

I had not expected the winter classic to be popular with rogainers but in the end that was a feature of this year. The terrain is perhaps better suited to rogaining than orienteering because of the hilltops views, good runnability, frequent fences to aid navigation and quite strong catching features around the map to minimise the risk of lost teams. The 47 winter classic controls were about right when printed at 1:10,000 on the A4 map. It enabled the fast teams to feel some time-pressure while the less experienced teams had lots of options close to the start. I was encouraged by some rogainer suggestions to use the area for a longer rogaine so watch this space for a future event at Taueru on a larger map.

I noticed that the winning times for the 2007 winter classic were a bit short of the target so I added what I thought were modest length increases. The much longer times this year occurred despite the warm weather and firm ground conditions. This may be due to the large amount of climb on my courses. It was pleasing to see almost all runners finished their courses. Apologies again to Paul Abbott for giving you the wrong last map.

I forgot to thank a number of deserving people at the prize-giving ceremony so here we go. Many of these generous souls are Wairarapa Orienteering stalwarts. Bryan Teahan has put a huge amount of passion and effort into the winter classic as well as the Taueru map. Bryan also handled all the entries, event enquiries and website matters. Alan Horn was tireless as usual in organising the gear, programming the complicated courses into the timing software, and as always being the first to arrive and last to leave so that the event centre was operating as it should. Barbara and Jim Barr typified Wairarapa hospitality by cooking enough hearty soup for the whole crowd. Dick Dinsdale stepped in as controller to help me with checking, map organising and logistics on the day control. Lastly the farmers deserve our thanks, especially in their willingness to work their farm practices around our events.

Emails

*Bryan,
Thanks a lot for you and the Wellington club for bringing today's orienteering over to the Wairarapa, I had a good day, despite being a bit sore, and tired, and feeling the effects of the Bush lawyer!*

It was my first event in nearly 20 years, hope not to leave it as long again until the next one.

*Thanks again,
Conrad McCaffrey*

Hi Bryan

Wow another Winter Classic is over. I was really pleased to finish the course this year and a bonus to be first vet women.

Hope your knees aren't too sore; both of mine are complaining loudly tonight.

Cheers,

Liz Nicholson

HI Bryan,

Just wanted to thank you and Jason for putting on a superb event yesterday. Ray and I had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed the course and catching up with many old friends. You put a lot of work into it and although the terrain was quite demanding you made the course achieving regardless of ability which was very pleasing for all.

As I don't have Jason's details can you please pass on our thanks to him also.

Sue Lyttle and Ray Marshal

Maps and Courses

Winter Classic Results:

<http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/winterclassic2013.html>

Winter Classic Splits:

<http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/winterclassicsplits2013.mht>

- Click on the tabs at the bottom to see the fastest times for each leg.

Taueru Explorer Rogaine Results and Splits:

<http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/rogainesplits2013.mht>

Courses:

http://www.orienteingresults.com/O/NZOF/WinterClassic/maps/2013_gallery.htm

Photos at the Event:

http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/2013_Event_Photos/photos.htm

About the Area

Tauweru

From Wikipedia:

Tauweru, alternatively Taueru, is a locality in the Wairarapa region of New Zealand's North Island. It is named after and located on the middle reaches of the Tauweru River, which drains into the Ruamahanga River near Gladstone and Te Whiti, and the name means "hanging in clusters" in the Māori language.

Tauweru is situated east of the Wairarapa's largest town, Masterton, and is located on the main road between Masterton and Castlepoint.

In June 1942 during the war, Tauweru was the epicentre of one of the most destructive earthquakes (magnitude 7.2) since European settlement of the Wairarapa in the mid-19th century. One person died.



St Matthew's Church destroyed in Masterton



Fallen Rock on Tauweru Road

Tauweru River

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia:

The Tauweru River, sometimes called the Taueru River, is a river in the Wairarapa region of New Zealand's North Island. It drains from the pastoral eastern highlands of the Wairarapa and joins the Ruamahanga River just north of the Gladstone Road bridge into Gladstone, southeast of Carterton. The river's name is Māori for "hanging in clusters" and named after it is the town of Tauweru, located along the middle reaches of the river east of Masterton.

The river itself is slow and sluggish, flowing in a willow-lined, restricted and gravel-less channel. A group of local farmers, the Mid-Tauweru Landcare Group, was established in 2000 to facilitate sound management of the river's riparian zone by replacing willows with native plants to enhance the river's flow and biodiversity. Its catchment east of Masterton is extensive and fishing conditions in the lower three kilometres of the river are considered to be excellent, especially in summer.



View of the Tauweru River, Masterton. Whare can be seen in the distance, above the river. Taken by an unidentified photographer. (Source: National Library of New Zealand)

Hapua Wetlands

A slump / wetlands area on the farm caused by the earthquake. Hapua meaning 'be hollow (like a valley), depressed', or 'a pool of water, lagoon.'

Quotes

Close your eyes and place your finger on a map. Wherever it lands, that's the theme of the evening. So many times we settle for routine dishes. This forces you to try new cuisines.

Mario Batali

Map out your future - but do it in pencil. The road ahead is as long as you make it.
Make it worth the trip.

Jon Bon Jovi

All you need is the plan, the road map, and the courage to press on to your destination.

Earl Nightingale

In my third husband I had discovered a blissfully laid-back type who thought it nothing less than hilarious when I misread the map on the way to Wales, so it took us an extra three hours, or when I was sick in a plastic carrier bag during much of the drive back from Devon - a bag that turned out to have a hole in it.

Julie Burchill

To stay on the map you've got to keep showing up.

Peter Gallagher

You still can't find Israel on a map of the Middle East in a Palestinian schoolbook.

Suzanne Fields

As you make your way along life's tumultuous highways, it's important to note that you should always carry a map, have plenty of fuel in the tank, and take frequent rest stops.

Octavia Spencer

Two important characteristics of maps should be noticed. A map is not the territory it represents, but, if correct, it has a similar structure to the territory, which accounts for its usefulness.

Alfred Korzybski

Men read maps better than women because only men can understand the concept of an inch equaling a hundred miles.

Roseanne Barr

Maps codify the miracle of existence.

Nicholas Crane

Maps are essential. Planning a journey without a map is like building a house without drawings.

Mark Jenkins