

Easter 3 days and NSW Middle and Long Distance Champs 2016

By Ron Frederick

Day 1: Isaacs Ridge. Outskirts of Canberra. Part of map grassland with scattered rock. Remainder fairly steep slopes with pine and some patches of green.

Day 2: The Murdering Shed. Spur gully. Fairly thick in gullies. Missed a minor track which cost me a few minutes.

Jennifer Lindley



Leone Carberry



Ron Frederick



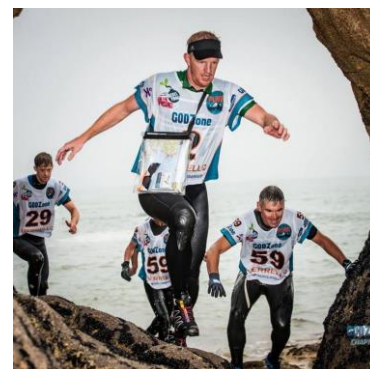
Alan Watts



Geoff Hudson



Dave Meyer as you have never seen him! Looks like a scene from a James Bond movie!



Day 3: Foxlow Flats. East of Queanbeyan. Better spur gully. Half way around I had a brain fade at 6 thought I was at 7 – I wondered why I couldn't find 8. Found Ewen Templeton and it didn't dawn on me that wasn't heading in wrong direction!

NSW Middle Distance Champs. Snow Hills, NE of Braidwood. Spur gully – lots of well mapped termite mounds. No major mistakes, just not fast enough.

NSW Long Distance Champs. On different part of Snow Hills map. Jock Davis set mainly Long legs – my course 5 controls over 5kms! Worked well as very few tracks on map.

The weather was great for all events, as was course setting and organisation. Total number of individuals who participated over Easter exceeded 1000!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOgwLd6Khvg> or [Easter YouTube](#)

It's followed by [clips](#) from the Melbourne Sprint weekend.

Rogaining

The Geelong Cyclogaine/Metrogaine was held on a lovely, Autumn day. The event centre was at the Geelong Canoe Club headquarters on the Moorabool River. Club members who took part included Phil Giddings who also assisted with admin. Rosemarie de Haas and Michael Horne were in charge of the catering team.

There were 44 teams in the Metrogaine. Michael Hayward & David Ashburner finished 3rd in MensVet and 7th overall with 1650 points. Phil Giddings & Rob Mason were 1st in MensSuperVet and 8th overall with 1610 points.

There were 37 teams in the Cyclogaine. Rob and Helen Edmonds finished 2nd in the mixed and 3rd overall with 2500 points. Peter Maloney & Pam Braithwaite scored 1250 points in finishing 26th overall.

OWLS “Orienteers Who Lunch” by Sue Healy

Nillumbik members who missed out on this year’s OWLs lunch should get in touch with Sue Healy to register their interest in next year’s lunch. This year’s get together was great! The Gisborne Peak Winery did us proud. There were quite a lot of ex-orienteers who still remember their glory days as well as many regulars to exchange information about their best (not so much their worst) events.

Jan recognises that she needs to be careful about the date – school holidays etc. older orienteers are apt to be grandparents first and lunchers after. But we talked and talked over old triumphs and disasters most of the afternoon. If you think you would like to be kept informed about next year’s let Sue know. The Davidsons were there; it warms your heart to see how many people are still interested in the sport and people, long after they have stopped competing.

Coming Events

The next SS event is April 24 at The Balt Camp. Online entry closes on April 21.

It’s hard to believe that it already 6 months since our club staged our last major event, The Australian Relay Champs at the Australian Championship Carnival. We have two important bush event coming up in the next month. Please get in touch with the organisers if you can help.

1. MTBO St Georges Lake, May 1

Course Planner: Phil Giddings; Organiser Rob Edmonds. rob.edmonds@bigpond.com

A new georeferenced map has been produced for this event; scaled at 1:15K.

Online entries are now open.

2. Vic Middle Distance Champs, Borhoney Ghurk, May 15

Course Planner: Rex Niven, Controller Steve Bird,

Organisers: Mark Baxter mark999au@hotmail.com and Don Fell don.fell@bigpond.com

Online entries are now open.

Later in the year the Maxi will be held near Daylesford

Map: Maxi Hepburn Diggings, August 28

Course Planner: Derek Morris, Organiser Rob Edmonds, Checker: Ron Wescott

Catering Team lead by Lauris Stirling.

We also have two MelBushO series events and two Enduro events

- Enduro 1 is in the Gardiners Creek area on April 30
- MelBushO Yarra Bend on June 5; Course Planner: Laurie Niven, Organiser Ron Frederick
- MelBushO Diamond Creek on August 14 course Planner: Rob Edmonds