

Nillumbik Emus Online – July 22, 2010 e-mail Bulletin



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MTBO The Victorian MTBO Long Distance Champs were held on our Muckleford Diggings map near Maldon. There were 73 starters with several entries from NSW and SA and even a visitor from Switzerland.

We had a perfect day and Phil Giddings courses were well received. Helen Schofield, Sue Healy, Joyce Rowlands, Janet Fitzwater, Ron Frederick, Kathy Liley and Robyn Sunderland were of great assistance in setting up and running the event. Thanks must also go to Jim Taylor, Kevin Maloney, Peter Maloney, Geoff Armstrong and Helen Edmonds for helping out on the day as well. Ron, Rob and Phil camped out on Saturday night at the assembly area and were fortunate to enjoy a relatively warm evening around the camp fire.



Ron finishing - Geoff and Kathy in tent



Jim Taylor and Adam finishing



Phil Giddings running the start



Ron Frederick at start



Janet, Sue, Jim and Kevin



Robyn, Kathy, Janet & Sue at rego tent

Trailer Storage

After 20 years of storing club equipment at the Johnson's it is now time to find a new location. The club is exploring its options but we need to move by the end of September. If you have access to a spare shed or garage please get in touch with club secretary, Rex Niven.

Christmas in July

Wow! A great night was enjoyed by all. Joyce came up with some fun activities. Laurie won the Name the Town cryptic and Rex made it a family affair by winning the guess the number in the jar. There were some unusual gifts under the tree, with chocolate for some reason being the most popular gift brought along.

BUSH'O

The Maxi 3 Hour is our next bush event. This is the 20th running of the event and the second time it has been staged at Whroo. Whroo has relatively flat terrain, open forest and the relics of the diggings. It features the historic Balaclava Hill mine.

I've attached the entry form and event information to this mail out. Please publicise event to workmates and friends. The event will be held on Sunday Sept 12 at Whroo. It is also a secondary schools event. The Maxi is a good event for teams and families. Navigation is moderate and being a score event you only have to do as much as you want to do in the time. Our club also provides catering after the event with soup, hot drinks, fruit, and bread and fruit cake. Please get in touch with Rob by phone or email if you can be of assistance.

CLUB RELAYS

After last year's successful club relays at Plenty River Gorge, it is time to think about this year's event on August 29 at Woodlands Historic Park, Oaklands Junction near Tullamarine Airport. There has been a new map drawn specially for this event. This area will be a great for the relays. Let Rob Edmonds know if you would like to participate and he will place you in a team. More details on the OVIC website.

ROGAINING Ron Frederick is now Vice President of the Victorian Rogaining Association. Phil Giddings maintains the membership list for the VRA. The next Metrogaine is on Election Day, August 21st. This event

will be held near Sunbury, not too far from an election booth. Good luck to those tackling the 6 hour or 12 Hour event at Airey's Inlet this weekend.

Jim Taylor - a personal profile

Jim Taylor is a relative newcomer to orienteering who has already made a significant impact on the orienteering scene. Jim is very fit and he is achieving great results at StreetO, and competes regularly and competitively at MTBO and bush events. Jim is also a willing helper and has already organised some Street'O events. He is a great bloke to have a chat to at events.

When did you begin orienteering and what got you started?

2006. I liked maps and running so I thought I'd give StreetO a go.

What is the enjoyable map you have run on? What made it a good experience?

The Darebin Parklands map which is in colour and has lots of detail. It was a step up from StreetO (as far as orienteering goes) and was a good learning introduction for BushO.

Do you have a good tip for beginners?

Carry a small compass in your sock for your first few StreetO events (especially at night or when parklands are involved). But don't tell anyone.

What other activities do you get up to that you would like to share with us?

For the last few years I've competed in the Shepparton Half Ironman triathlon. I watch my wife and daughter play hockey and my younger daughter play wheelchair soccer.

Do you have a personal goal in orienteering?

May be to be ranked in top 20 in StreetO But mainly to just enjoy and learn with each event whether it be StreetO, BushO, MTBO.

Briefly describe your occupation.

Team Leader with an Asset Management Company

Name the most terrifying moment of your life so far.

Answering the next question correctly

If you wanted to look very sexy, how would you dress?

Just like my wife Lynn.

What famous person do other people tell you that you most resemble?

Harrison Ford (but thirty years ago); Go figure.

What is the strangest thing you've ever swallowed?

My pride when I ran off the map in one of my first StreetO events.

What dead person would you least want to be haunted by?

Groucho Marx.

You can choose your method of dying and the place in which you will die. Where would you like to die and how?

Heart failure in bed while sleeping.

You can choose your last meal. What will the menu consist of?

Cake-O

If you had to be trapped in a TV show for a month, which show would you choose?

The Simpsons

If you joined the circus, what act would you most want to perform?

Trapeze artist

If you could have personally witnessed one event in history, what would you want to have seen?

Melbourne's last premiership in 1964

If you could wake up tomorrow in the body of someone else currently living, would you do so? Maybe.

Whom would you pick? My wife. To get her point of view.

If you could have one superpower, which would you choose?

Xray eyes so I could see through all those leafy things (trees) which always seem to get in the way at BushO events.

What was the most recent movie that made you cry?

A Shirley Temple movie on TV in 1958 (my four sisters have never let me forget it!).

If you could be any age again for one week, what age would you be?



I always like my current age.

If you could plan a trip anywhere in the world, where would you like to go?

Mountain biking in the Kimberley's

Next Club Meeting Tuesday, 24th August at 8pm
At Laurie and Rex Niven's place, 15 Rockliffe St Eltham
Melways: 22 A8
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All members welcome to attend. Bring a supper plate.