

Nillumbik Emus Online - March 16, 2010 e-mail Bulletin

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Street'O The Summer Series season is drawing to a close. The final scoring event in the Northern Series will take place at Preston on Thursday, March 18 at 7pm

Map: Merri Parklands North, A H Capp Reserve, south end of Halwyn Crescent; Melways: 30 B2

There will be a final wrap-up novelty event at Bundoora the following week with presentations and BBQ.
Map: Bundoora Park - Enter from Plenty Road and follow O signs; Melways: 19 F4

Please arrive 20-30 minutes early. This will provide more than enough time to show you how to register for the event and explain how to take part. If you have any questions, please ring Geoff Hudson on 9888 8121

A police car pulls up in front of orienteer's house one evening, and a SuperVet male, wearing his Nillumbik Emus singlet gets out. The policeman explains to the man's wife that her husband said that he got lost while orienteering. "Really!" said his wife, "You've been doing Street'O for over 20 years! How did you get lost?" Leaning close to his wife, so that the policeman couldn't hear, he whispered, "I wasn't lost.....I was just too tired to walk home."

Bush'O There were 21 club members at the first State Series event of the year at Bryce's Flat on the 7th March. Nillumbik was placed second to Bendigo with 17 of our members scoring Rockhopper points. It was good to see some new talent doing well. Josie Yeatman W35, Jim Glaspole M35 scored valuable points. Mark Jarvis M21 and Heath Jarvis M21 also made their first successful foray into bush orienteering. It was great to see Dave Lotty, who runs NE when in Victoria, coming down from NSW to put in an excellent run.

We shall have to wait till after Easter, April 18th for our next tilt at Rockhopper points with the Porcupine Ridge event near Daylesford.

Ron Wescott has taken on the role of course setter for our Badge Event on Chok'em Gully, Fryerstown. We used this map for the first time for last year's Victorian Long Distance Champs. This important event in the orienteering calendar takes place on Queens Birthday Weekend on Sunday June 13. Geoff Hudson is the organiser. Let's hope Geoff can organise some nice weather this time.

It's the first of four bush events our club is running this year which come as double header weekends.

Easter There will be a large contingent of club members heading up to the ACT for the Easter Carnival; with 19 entries from Nillumbik Emus. At last count there were over 800 entries with competitors coming from all over Australia and with some overseas visitors making the trip as well.

A Message from Sweden Thanks a lot for your caring about us during our stay in Australia and still via your emails. The dinner we were invited to 3 years ago, together with some of the orienteering club members, meant a lot to us and made us feel very welcome to Australia! We loved our stay there with lots of very nice and happy memories and since July 2009 we left Eltham for Sweden again because of the job contracts. Nowadays we live in Kungälv about 20 minutes north of Gothenburg on the west coast and we are still settling in. Almost every day we talk about our time in Australia. Anyway, if possible I'd love to continue to be on your send list and by that keep some contacts with Victoria and Melbourne.



In November this year we are coming back for a 4 week stay to catch up with all our friends. Maybe I'll try to do some orienteering as well then. Better later than never...

If you are in Europe some time don't hesitate to contact us. I'm joining Kungälv OK here in town and I plan to run the O-ringen in Örebro in July. Maybe we can have some kind of friendship exchange between our clubs in the future!

Best regards from Anders Thulin with family (Mia, Tilda 8 and Agnes 5). Enclosed are some pictures from our very snowy winter with lots of skating and skiing for a change. Say hello to everyone in the club from us!!!

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General Geoff and Schon have returned from NZ looking fit and well after from walking the Routeburn and Milford tracks. Schon sprained her ankle but is still getting around her courses while Geoff has put his fitness to good effect with good performances at recent events.

Silva DuO Adventure Race The last in this series will be held at the You Yangs on Sunday March 28th. Entries close on March 23rd. **More details and online entry at:** www.silvaduoduo.com . Jeff Hughes has set the foot courses and Rob Edmonds the mountain bike course. The start will be at the Kurrajong Reserve at 9am. Some help would be appreciated on the day. If you are a non-participant you might like to come along and help with organisation and the BBQ. There will be an opportunity for a run later on for those not officially entered. Contact Rob Edmonds if you can assist.

Club Finish Banner Alice Edmonds designed our club's new free standing finish banner. It received favourable comments at the St Helena Street'O event on its first showing. It stands over 3 metres high and provides a clear point for competitors.

Rogaining A few club members will be tackling the 6 hour at Porcupine Ridge next weekend. At the recent 6 hour Cyclogaine in Albury, Phil Giddings and Alan Davis finished 4th and Kerry and Stephen Gigante finished 11th. Phil then fronted up next day for the DuO at Kurth Kiln, Gembrook, finishing a very creditable 8th on the long course.

MTBO The last event in this year's MTBO Summer Series was held at Plenty Gorge. There was an excellent turn out with 7 club members taking part out of 61 participants. The Plenty River had dropped enough since recent storms to make some of the crossings safe. Riders liked the more technical tracks and there was a solid workout on some of the steeper pinches. If you go to the VOA website / MTBO results you can find a copy of the map and the routes various riders took on Route Gadget.

Volunteers – Working with Children Check (WWCC) The VOA Promotion and Development Officer, Peta Whitford, is encouraging orienteers to register with WWCC. We need to get as many NE members with WWCC and teachers with VIT registration for when we run events. Forms are available from Rob Edmonds or from your local post office. This must be done prior to June 30th 2010. The WWCC is free. All that is required from you is a passport sized photo. Don and Fiona Fell, Rob and Helen Edmonds, Gill King, Peter Maloney, Laurie Niven and Bernie Shuttleworth are already listed. As an integrated benefit, all NE members with WWCC (and those who apply for them and receive them in the future) are asked to register with VOA, so that if they volunteer for any VOA events, Peta has a ready list of orienteers with WWCC.



Coxy's Big Break The recent filming at the You Yangs with Coxy and the crew from Coxy's Big Break went well. Thank you to club members Robin Sunderland, Geoff Armstrong, Kevin Maloney and Don Fell for helping out. The filming took place at the Lower Picnic Ground and around the north-east side of Flinders Peak at the Branding Yards. The local ranger, David Roberts, also did some filming with Coxy at Big Rock and the Turntable. Other orienteers you may see featured are VOA President, Ian Dodd, Peter Yeates, Kath Copland, Ewen Templeton, Paul Elam, Mike Hubbert, Peter Lada, Peter Edmonds and Mick Mutton.

The show is expected to go to be televised on April 17 at 5:30pm on Channel 7. Orienteers will recognise some differences with 'real' orienteering, but the publicity should be good. The VOA will set up a special website for viewers who may be interested in attending an event and finding out more about the sport on Coxy's Big Break website. Rob Edmonds coordinated the undertaking.

Victorian Long Distance Champs Update Our club is conducting this event on October 10th. Peter Mallen and Rex Niven, the course setters for this event, have tracked down a key landowner who has given us permission to use a convenient paddock as parking - assembly - finish.

It is accessed from a sealed road on the west (Ballarat) side of the map with a gentle slope up a ridge to the assembly. We don't anticipate wet-weather problems here; there is plenty of space and no need to drive through the forest. The landowner also owns 150 hectares of the forest, which is the best part of the map. It has some very impressive eroded gold-workings, deep re-entrant networks, a few towering rocks and large Cassinia thickets, otherwise known as Dogwood or Cauliflower bush. Every dam is overflowing, many creeks are running and the grass is green. Let's hope it stays that way.

The standard of mapping is very good, and Rex and Peter modestly predict the courses will be excellent.

Next Club Meeting Tuesday, 23rd March at 8pm
At Laurie and Rex Niven's place, 15 Rockliffe St Eltham
Melways: 22 A8

All members welcome to attend. Bring a supper plate.