

Blueprint

The newsletter of Bennelong Northside Orienteers

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BLUEPRINT aims to provide topical, timely news of Bennelong Northside. Contributions are always welcome by e-mail to the Editor at: terryb@smartchat.net.au

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The 2006 Season is on us now. Membership renewals are now due. You should have received a membership renewal form recently. Please send the form to Wayne. You can pay either by cheque or by direct debit into the Bennelong bank account. Either way you will have to send your renewal form to Wayne. If paying by direct debit, see note below from Rob, our treasurer.

Membership renewals can be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer. Make payments to:

Account name: Bennelong Northside Orienteers

Account no. 119 351 027

Include your family name in the description or reference field

You still need to fill out the renewal form and send it to our Secretary, Wayne Pepper. Write "EFT" on the top of the form.

Robert Spry

Bennelong O Gear has been moved from Judi's place to 16-18 Cambridge St, Epping. Many thanks to Judi for allowing us to use her place for storage of the O gear over the last few years. On Sunday Rob, Steve and I moved the gear to Epping. The new storage place is in a secure cage in the under-building car park of Steve Flick's building at 16-18 Cambridge St, Epping, very close to Epping station. At the moment Rob, Steve and I have the electronic tag to allow access to the car park. I will give my tag to Wayne next time I see him as he lives a lot closer to the storage than I do. If you need access to the storage cage, please see Rob, Steve or Wayne for the electronic tag. The site can be accessed at any time during the day or night.

I'm still holding **Orienteer of the Year badges** for the 2005 season for Steve Flick, Osric Van Aggele, John Porter, Gordon Wilson and Frank Assenza. I'll be bringing them along to all the events from now on so if you see me remind me to give you your badge.

The **Summer Series** is in full swing now. Since last Blueprint, Bennelong has run 2 events, both were outstanding successes with over 200 starters at each event. Graham Galbraith's event at Balmoral just before Christmas broke the attendance record with 238 starters by my count and Alison Curtin's event starting at Fidden's Wharf Oval also attracted over 200 starters despite the change of venue when the Queen Elizabeth Park was closed for redevelopment. Many thanks to Graham and Alison and all the Bennelong helpers at these events. Both were well set with interesting route choice options.

Our next Summer Series event will be at Smoothey Park, Wollstonecraft on 8th March. Rob Spry is setting this event with the help of Tony Williamson. This is traditionally a well-attended venue, being easily accessed by train, so with good weather we should crack the 200 starters again. No doubt, Rob and Tony will be looking for helpers on the day.

A combined club **Training Weekend** will be held at Mitchell Park, Maraylya on 25th and 26th March. I can highly recommend this weekend for anyone interested in improving their orienteering skills. The area is close to Sydney with runnable forest and good rock features, the coaches include Jock Davis, a former Australian champion. Please let Chris Baker know by 17th March if you will be attending. Phone 9799 3353 or orienteering.training@yahoo.com.au

Club O-top and Track Suit

We haven't progressed the new club O-top and track suit issue much lately. Firstly we have to decide on a design. Several ideas for designs were circulated at the AGM, but we haven't seriously tried to finalise the design as yet.

All you budding designers out there, can you submit designs to me by the end of Feb, so that we can at least make a decision on the design at the March meeting.

Club Social

A post Summer Series social was held at the Commodore Hotel, North Sydney on 1st Feb. It was enjoyed by the 10 of us who attended. Cheryl, our new social secretary, suggests that we have another social in the Ryde area after the Summer Series on 1st of March. Could you who are familiar with that area give us a suggestion for a venue for the next social. Please let Cheryl know of a suitable venue.

State League

The season will be on us again soon, for those of you who haven't been to the State League events before. I can only encourage you to give them a try. There is a fair bit of travelling but the benefits are worth it. You get challenging courses in runnable forests and the navigation challenge and satisfaction is greater than in the events around the city. Pre entry for the SL1 and SL2 closes on 17th Feb.

AGM

The AGM was held at Dawkins in December. Most of the club executive are backing up for another year, with myself as president, Wayne Pepper as secretary and Rob Spry as treasurer. We welcome Tony Williamson as a delegate to OANSW, he joins Wayne Pepper as our 2 delegates to the association. Cheryl Bluett takes on the social secretary role.

Club Meeting

The next club meeting will be held at Bluett's, 16/47 Fairlight St, Fairlight on Tues 14th Feb at 7.30pm, all are welcome. There is a chance that the date may change and I'll let you know if there is any change.

Good orienteering and keep finding those controls.

Terry Bluett