

BENNELONG NORTHSIDE CHRISTMAS BLUEPRINT #4

24th of December 2011

The Word from Terry Bluett:

Since last Blueprint, the Oceania Carnival has been and gone, the Sydney Summer Series is well underway and the 2012 Sprint Series is about to start.

Membership is now due for the 2012 season, except for those new members who joined since October. The online link to membership renewal is <http://www.nsw.orienteering.asn.au/admin/membership/>

When using TryBooking it appears as if you are buying tickets to an event, but in reality it is purchasing membership for the 2012 season. I've used it and it works fine. From the website you can also print off the membership form and post in as well if you are not comfortable with online booking.

The Oceania Carnival was a great success. I was particularly impressed with the bigscreen display at the Middle Distance Championships in Yackandandah, it gave Australians a taste of the atmosphere at the big European orienteering events. Congratulations on the Bennelong members who represented Australia in the ANZ challenge. For a small club we certainly punched above our weight with Eric Morris, Steve Flick and Judi Hay all Australian reps in their age class. Also there were excellent results from Gordon, Rob and Cheryl. Have a look at the video highlights of the carnival at <http://www.orienteering.asn.au/news/?ItemID=7658>

Our doubleheader Summer Series in the Mosman area has just been completed, many thanks to Marina Iskhakova and Phil Harding for organising these 2 events. Both events kept up the tradition of well-organised events by Bennelong Northside. We have 3 more Summer Series events this season. Darren Slattery is organising the Pottery Green event at Lane Cove on 25th January, Joel Putnam is organising the Crater Cove event at Balgowlah Heights on 22nd February and Rob Spry is organising the Soldiers Memorial Park event at East Lindfield on 21st March. Michael Halmy was listed for this event but is unable to organise it as he has a re-occurrence of a lymphoma. We wish Michael all the best in his treatment and wish for a complete recovery. Michael's children Bethany and Adam have been starring in the 2 latest Summer Series with 100 pointers each in the last 2 weeks.

The Sprint Series will start on Monday 2nd January. There are 10 events in the program with Bennelong organising the first one at Manly Dam. We have booked Picnic Area 10 for the day, even though the sprint does not start until 5pm. Area 10 is sheltered and about 200 metres from the main entrance in King St Manly Vale, there is plenty of parking nearby as well as a children's playground, toilets and a free gas barbeque. Come early for a barbeque, a swim or a run around the dam. When setting the course, I've been taken in by the beauty and peacefulness of the area, it's

so great to have such a fantastic bush area in the heart of Sydney. The Sprint Series are a great way of increasing your orienteering skills. There is no pre-planning of courses, these are line courses when controls must be done in a set order. If you can successfully navigate through a sprint orienteering course it will help you develop the skills needed in bush orienteering.

Next year we are still short of a few helpers for our events. We are organising the NSW Championships at Gumble near Molong on 9th September. We have an organiser and a controller but even though there have been a few nibbles we still have not finalised a course setter. Please let me know if you can help out.

We have been allocated a Metro League and Junior League at Pennant Hills on 24th June. We still don't have organisers for this event, again if you can help out please let me know.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a successful new year. Happy orienteering to you all.

Terry Bluett

Newsletter Structure:

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1. OANSW Presentations night! CONGRATULATIONS!

At the 2011 presentations the Bennelong club was awarded the prize for best decorated table. The theme inspired by Janet Dawkins was that of Australian native bush fauna and flora.



2. Members answers to the question:

"What do you think are 3 the most important characteristics for an Orienteer?"

Bruce Dawkins:

- 1 Perseverance
- 2 Endurance
- 3 Having an eye for detail.

Janet Dawkins:

- 1 Will to never give up trying
- 2 Enjoying the bush and all it dishes up
- 3 Having a good sense of "she'll be right mate" next time.

Marina Iskhakova

- 1 Optimism
- 2 Love to Nature
- 3 Strong spirit

Fedor Iskhakov

- 1 Sharp and clear mind, ability to concentrate
- 2 Physical strength and speed
- 3 Open mind, easy going, ability to get along with people

3. Melvyn Cox's story

1. What was the most impressive memories from the Expedition?

One of my most impressive memories was of the view of the mountain from the plane as we flew past on the way to Kilimanjaro Airport. It was very close and looked quite spectacular.

2. Did you use a map to climb? Which route did you climb?

We didn't use a map, as we had local guides to show us the way. I did have a book which had a description and sketch map of each day's travel though. We went on the Rongai Route, via the Mawenzi Tarn deviation.

3. Was it hard and would you plan to climb Kilimajaro again:)?

The climb was surprisingly easy, as it was very gradual most of the way and we travelled very slowly, although I didn't feel too good right at the top. I would love to go back there again!



Photos: a view of Kibo from our day 2 campsite at Kikelelwa, and the other is us on the summit.

ENJOY READING!

Next 1st 2012 Newsletter is scheduled for March, 15th.
Thank you very much for your exciting contribution and time!
We are always waiting for your news and ideas!

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