



Newsletter 19/7

October 2019

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the October newsletter.

As you can see below our event programme for 2019 is drawing to a close. However, planning is underway for 2020, and Vice President Julie Flynn asks that we consider becoming involved in the running of the club next year – see below. Bendigo Orienteers can only function with the support and expertise of volunteers in a wide range of roles, so think carefully about how you may contribute to club life next year.

Also in this issue, a wrap up of the Victorian Long Distance Championships, and an article from David Brownridge on orienteering in Iceland – our people certainly get around!

**** Please note that the score event on October 12 although advertised as Twilight #1 will have normal start times between **12.30 and 2.00pm**. [Peter Galvin has arranged for twilight to be brought back by around 6 hours just for the day!]**

The score event on October 19 is a true Twilight event and will have start times between **4.30 and 6.00pm**.

Cheers,
Dianne & Peter

COMING EVENTS: October

The listing below is a chronological listing of local, Victorian, and other events in Australia that may be of interest. Course setters for our local events have been included. For full details of each competition please go to the Eventor website at: www.eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events
Non-Bendigo events will normally require pre-entry via Eventor.

Bendigo Events

Sat 12	October	Bendigo Twilight #1	Wildflower Drive	Peter Galvin
Sat 19	October	Bendigo Twilight #2	Morton Ridge	Lorraine Leversha
Sat 30	November	Annual Presentation Day	Victoria Hill	Nigel McGuckian

Victorian Events

October 11/12/13 Melbourne City Race weekend

Other Championship Events in October

October 25/26/27 MTBO Australian Championships Maryborough/Dunolly

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Victorian Long Distance Championships, Chinaman's Flat – Results Wrap

Eighteen members travelled to Linton on September 22 to contest the 2019 Victorian Long Distance Championships held on the Chinaman's Flat map. The terrain was a mixture of scattered goldmining and reasonably gentle gully/spur with very little green to slow people down.

Ten people made it on to the podium with two first placings, which is a great achievement. As well, Neil Barr as Event Controller ensured that the competition ran smoothly. The place getters were: First: Raelee Eenjes (W45AS), Tony Radford (M70A).

Second: Caitlyn Steer (W17-20A), Alison Radford (W65A), Charles Brownridge (M65A), Peter Searle (M75A)

Third: Serryn Eenjes (W16A), David Brownridge (M21E), Julie Flynn (w55A), Clementine Neylon (EOD8)

Congratulations to all!



Image: Dianne Searle

Winners are grinners in M/W 55A



Image: Dianne Searle

I would have run harder if I'd known first prize was a pair of pink socks!

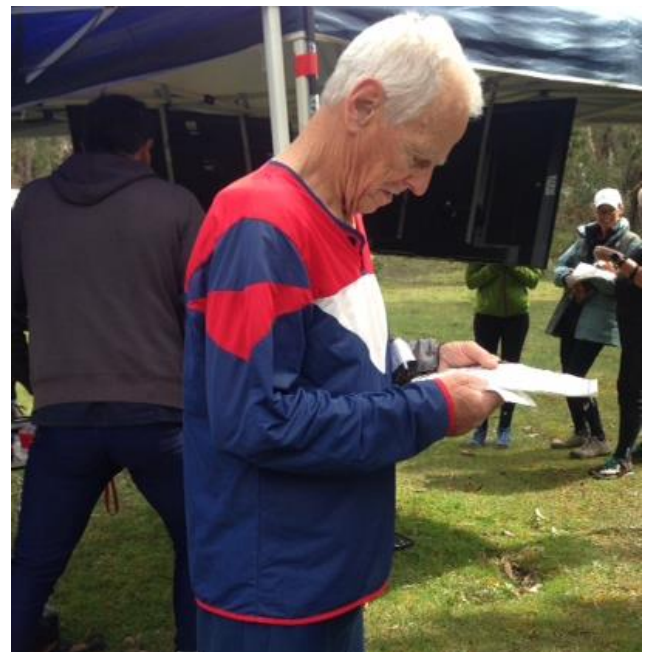


Image: Dianne Searle

Peter Galvin contemplating what might have been

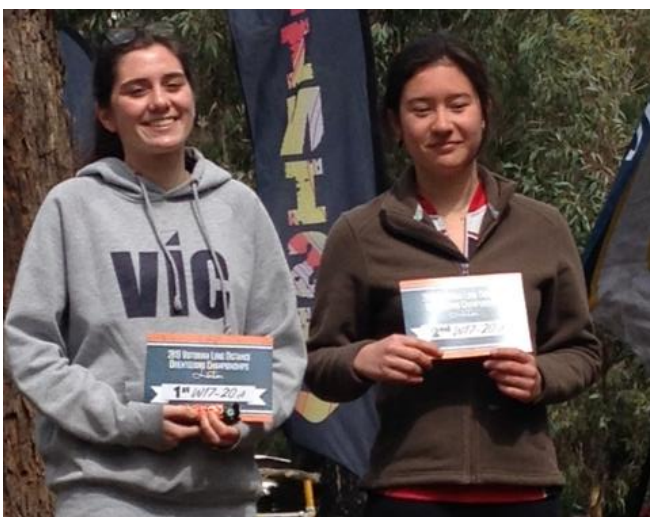


Image: Dianne Searle

W17-20A Sara Davies (1st) Caitlyn Steer (2nd)



Image: Dianne Searle

Neil Barr with his well-deserved bottle of Chinaman's Flat Grange

Your help is needed in 2020

Bendigo Orienteers relies on a dedicated group of volunteers to contribute their time and energy to organise orienteering events in and around Bendigo every week throughout the autumn, winter and spring seasons. Our club is proud of its reputation in Victoria as organising the majority of bush events in the state. We can only continue to do this each year when club members step up and take on the roles that make these events happen, both within the committee and more broadly as event organisers, course setters, newcomer welcoming people, technical support people, etc.

A number of committee members will be stepping down from the committee next year, so we will need others to fill the committee roles and support the club's activities. The club will thrive with new energy, ideas and skills in the leadership group from amongst its membership. Please consider what you can do for the club in 2020, and be willing to contribute your skills and time to help us continue to provide orienteering events in Central Victoria. The committee is voted in at the Annual General Meeting, held each year on the first Sunday in February at the "Fowl and Fizz" event.

Julie Flynn, Vice President

THE LADY AT CONTROL 32

Orienteering in Iceland: the land of fire and ice

On a recent trip to Europe in early August, I was keen to include some orienteering, but wasn't too enthused about braving the crowds of a Swiss O week, or the Finn 5. The Icelandic "Ice-O", with three events over 3 days, all within 30 minutes of Reykjavik was an event that had been in the back of my mind for a few years, and provided me with the perfect excuse to spend a couple of weeks touring the island.

This small, well organised event attracted a mix of people from around the world, including fellow Victorians Peter and Ilze Yeates from Dandenong Ranges Orienteers, the UK, Norway, Canada and Hong Kong. The terrain was unlike anything else the international competitors had experienced (including the Scandinavians), and I wasn't sure what I had got myself in for after the drive from the airport through endless lava fields that looked incredibly harsh and unforgiving. It wasn't until day 2 that I had seen anything that even remotely resembled a forest!

The races...

Day 1: An urban sprint around the local streets, interspersed with pockets of old lava outcrops which provided a gentle introduction of what was to come.

Day 2: Long distance with large open sections of old lava fields covered in thick moss, and numerous stands of often thick pine and beech forest. It was incredibly disconcerting trying to run over moss-covered bolder fields that would shift and roll around under the moss. The first 2 controls of this race proved just how different the orienteering was in Iceland, especially as my last event prior to leaving was Neil's Bendigo-Ringen: comfortable Bendigo goldmining.

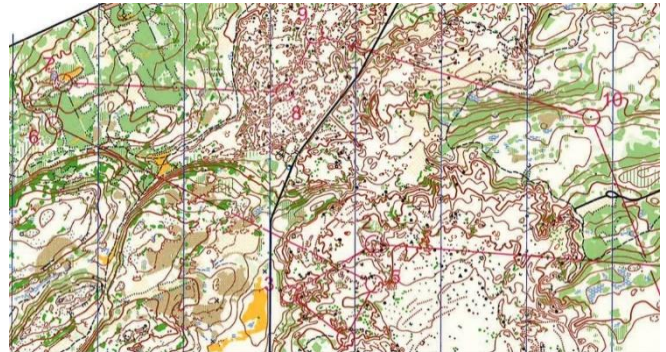


Image: David Brownridge

Long Distance map



Image: David Brownridge

Moss-covered lava field

Day 3: Middle distance race was on an exposed hillside and plateau with great views overlooking Reykjavik (on which I will blame my first 180 degree error in some time!).

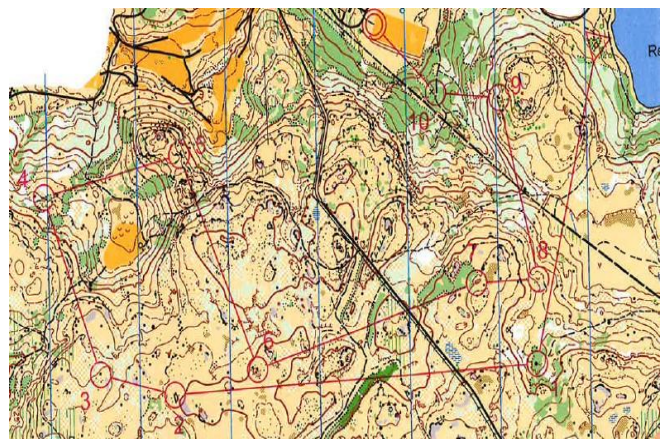


Image: David Brownridge

Middle-distance map



Image: Peter Yeates

Icelandic forest



Image: David Brownridge

Edge of an iceflow

The Ice-O offers a smaller boutique event, in truly unique, world-class terrain (although you might have to travel elsewhere in Iceland to see the fire and ice!). With time, I suspect that this could become an orienteering “bucket list” event, if it hasn’t already.

David Brownridge



Image: Peter Yeates

Terrain, Day three



Image: Peter Yeates

Just like a Bendigo event, only greener!