



Newsletter 21/7

November 2021

EDITORIAL

There are still a couple of events remaining at the end of a disrupted 2021 season. Four courses (all short) are on offer at the Victorian Short Championships on November 14, with races in the morning and afternoon -see below for details.

The final event for our club will be on November 27. A social event with an orienteering twist – see below for details.

From the November Club Meeting:

- Membership fees for 2022 will remain the same as in 2021
- A framework of local events for 2022 is outlined below. Course setters are requested. See below for the proposed calendar.
- Margot Jones was awarded Victorian Orienteer of the Year in 1980 – does anyone have a photo of the award presentation?

Also in this issue: Images from the last few ‘training’ events for the season and John Wilkinson tells us what he does in his spare time.

Hoping to see you all at the ‘COVID normal’ Break-Up on November 27.

Dianne and Peter

COMING EVENTS: NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 14: The (unofficial) Victorian Short Championships

A fun day comprising two events – one in the morning, and a chasing start in the afternoon. Using a map featuring granite boulders, disused quarry workings and open forest only used once before.

For entry details go to the Eventor website at: www.eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events

Saturday, November 27: End of Season Break-Up

A social event – with orienteering of course – to finish off the year.

Time: From 5.00pm

Location: Oval at former Golden Square High School, Hattam Street, Bendigo.

Bring: Everything! Food, drink, running gear. (BBQ facilities not available on site).

Map and event: A scatter event to suit all tastes using a new map from Frederic Tranchard.

Club details:

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Bendigo Event Calendar 2022 – call for course setters

The spreadsheet below is the initial draft of our events for 2022.

Please consider being a course setter for an event during the year. Course Setters are there to set the courses, ensure the controls are picked up from the previous event and ensuring the controls are placed by 12 midday on the day of the event. Support is always available to assist in the task.

A new event option for 2022 is 'Course Setters Choice', and is aimed at encouraging first time/new course setters to have a go. Support will be provided in setting courses and you can choose any course format – traditional Bush Format (5 courses), score event, scatter event or some variation that takes your fancy.

If you are interested in either setting a Bendigo Bush Event or a Course Setters Choice Event, please make contact with President Craig at president@bendigo-orienteers.com.au

| Date | No. | Event | Map | Organiser |
|-----------|-----|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| 6-Feb-22 | 1 | Fowl & Fizz, AGM | Norfolk Hero/Koolamurt | |
| 12-Feb-20 | | | | |
| 19-Feb-22 | 2 | Bendigo ToDay | Rosalind Park | Jim Russell |
| 20-Feb-22 | 3 | Bendigo ToDay | Sedgwick South | Jim Russell |
| 26-Feb-22 | | | | |
| 5-Mar-22 | | | | |
| 12-Mar-22 | | | | |
| 19-Mar-22 | 4 | Intro | Myers Creek | Julie Flynn |
| 26-Mar-22 | 5 | Intro | Rocky Rises | Julie Flynn |
| 2-Apr-22 | 6 | Bendigo Bush 1 | Mt Alexander | Shayne Hill |
| 9-Apr-22 | 7 | Bendigo Bush 2 | Mt Egbert - The Granites | Neil Barr |
| 16-Apr-22 | | <i>Easter Carnival</i> | Peter the Great | |
| 23-Apr-22 | 8 | Course Setters Choice | Ironstone Hill | |
| 30-Apr-22 | 9 | Bendigo Bush 3 | Dead Bullock Gully | John Wilkinson |
| 7-May-22 | 10 | Bendigo Bush 4 | Sedgwick North | Peter Searle |
| 14-May-22 | 11 | Bendigo Bush 5 | Kooyoora | |
| 21-May-22 | 12 | Bendigo Bush 6 | Wildflower Drive | Michael Loughnan |
| 28-May-22 | | <i>Vic Middle & Long Champs - Kangaroo Crossing</i> | Peter the Great | |
| 4-Jun-22 | 13 | Bendigo Bush 7 | Tappit Hen | Neil Barr |
| 11-Jun-22 | 14 | Course Setters Choice | Mandurang - Coolibah | |
| 18-Jun-22 | 15 | Bendigo Bush 8 | One Tree Hill | |
| 25-Jun-22 | 16 | Bendigo Bush 9 | Pilchers Bridge Central | |
| 2-Jul-22 | | <i>Womens Junior Sporting Festival June 30 -July 3 - Saturday & Sunday - Craig</i> | | |
| 9-Jul-22 | 17 | Bendigo Bush 10 | Diamond Hill North | |
| 16-Jul-22 | 18 | Course Setters Choice | Diamond Hill South | |
| 23-Jul-22 | 19 | Bendigo Bush 11 | Lyell Forest | Ricky Thackray |
| 30-Jul-22 | 20 | Bendigo Bush 12 | Kalimna Park | |
| 6-Aug-22 | 21 | Bendigo Bush 13 | Kangaroo Gully | |
| 13-Aug-22 | 22 | Bendigo Bush 14 | Mosquito Creek | Terry Davidson |
| 20-Aug-22 | 23 | Course Setters Choice | Stumpy Gully | |
| 27-Aug-22 | 24 | Bendigo Bush 15 | Smiths Reef | |
| 3-Sep-22 | 25 | Bendigo Bush 16 | Fiddlers Green | Nigel McGuckian |

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| 10-Sep-22 | | <i>Vic Spring 4</i> | <i>Tarrengower</i> | <i>Jim Russell</i> |
| 11-Sep-22 | | <i>Vic Spring 5</i> | <i>Tarrengower</i> | <i>Yarra Valley</i> |
| 17-Sep-22 | 26 | Bendigo Bush 17 | Virginia Hill | |
| 24-Sep-22 | | <i>Aus Carnival</i> | <i>Peter the Great</i> | |
| 1-Oct-22 | | <i>Aus Long Champs</i> | <i>Royal George</i> | <i>Nuggetty Range</i> |
| 8-Oct-22 | 27 | Bendigo Bush 18 | Crusoe | |
| 15-Oct-22 | 28 | Bendigo Bush 19 | Brown Reef | |
| 22-Oct-22 | | <i>Vic Relays</i> | <i>Argyle</i> | |
| 29-Oct-22 | 29 | Twilight Event | Mandurang Sheepwash | Andrew Cameron |
| 5-Nov-22 | | Break up event | Botanic Gardens | |

When I'm not orienteering – John Wilkinson

I have been asked by the editors to write an article on what I do when not orienteering. Well I have been fortunate enough to have a number of things to keep me busy after retiring as a science educator/ teacher some 13 years ago.

Since I was a teenager my hobby was astronomy and I have been active in studying the stars, sun and moon ever since. I spend a lot of time photographing the sun during the daytime and deep sky objects at night. I have three telescopes, two used to study the sun and a large 10 inch scope used to study the night sky. There is a photo of my observatory (which houses my largest scope). This telescope is fully computerised with GPS so it is able to locate any object in the night sky and track it. I have a Canon Ra camera that attaches to the telescope to record images of the objects. I process all of the photographs I take digitally on computer.



John at one of his three telescopes

I write articles for a number of astronomy journals and use my own photographs in these articles. My main interest is in monitoring the 11 year solar sunspot cycle and solar flares. The sun is interesting because it has a large influence on earth's climate and communications.

I am also author of over 100 science textbooks, five of which are on Astronomy. I don't write textbooks anymore but they are still an interest of mine and provide much enjoyment in my spare time.

I am also a motor car enthusiast and used to take part in motor car rallies and other motoring events.



Trifid nebula

(John Wilkinson)



Photo of the Sun showing sunspot group (middle left) & prominence (top right)
(John Wilkinson)

John Chellew at Mandurang



John had some difficulty reading his map after a tumble at Mandurang.

John Wilkinson at Mandurang



John Wilkinson collecting controls at Mandurang training event.

Future Orienteers



M/W 2 competitors Stanley Robertson and Mahalia Naunton pose with dad James and mum Jacqui Naunton at Mt Tarrengower. [Stanley's mum Jayne Sales in the background.]



Room to grow!!

Kinbolton Training Event



Start Triangle – Anne, Sophie & Wendy



Finish control - Tony



Kimbolton Forest Wildflowers

