

Bendigo Orienteers

Newsletter Feb / 2023



Photo by Di Searle

Editorial...

Welcome members to another Bendigo O newsletter. This year started off as usual with the Peter Creely Memorial Fowl and Fizz on Sunday 5th February. This event is a score / scatter type event where you have to get as many controls as you can in one hour and in any order. Course setter John Wilkinson planned the event on the Dead Bullock Gully map with the start and finish at the Crusoe Heights Reserve in Kangaroo Flat. It was an early start of 8 am to avoid the hot sun. Four people visited all 18 controls with the fastest being Craig Feuerherdt followed closely by Brian Keely, David Brownridge and Michael Loughnan. Sophie Taverna was best of the females with 14 controls. At the end of the event the AGM was held and everyone enjoyed a chicken and salad breakfast with some champagne. See photo above. Thanks to those who helped collect the controls after the event.

Coming events

Our events for this year are listed on Eventor. We are also looking for people to course set each event. Please advise the Secretary (Ross Slater) of your interest. There are some events listed as "Training" that are good for new or experienced setters to course set (help is available if you ask). These events could be set as a score /scatter event (like the Fowl and Fizz).

Jim Russell is organising the BendiGo ToDay this year at Boot Hill, a new Neil Barr area near Dunolly on the 25th and 26th Feb. The event is on [Eventor](#), and also on our [website](#). Helpers are always required at events, especially at the end

when controls have to be collected (if each member helps out at 4 events for the year it makes life much easy).

Membership for 2023

Your 2023 membership fee is due now and it can be paid via Eventor. This year 2023 our membership fee has been reduced to \$35 to encourage more people to join.

Please update your contact details when re-joining.

AGM (Sunday Feb 5th)

The 2023 committee is:

President: Jim Russell Vice President: Julie Flynn Treasurer: Craig Feuerherdt
Secretary: Ross Slater Members: John Wilkinson, Nola Juniper.

Newcomers welcome in 2023!

The newcomers series starts in March with 2 Come and Try It (CATI) events on consecutive Saturdays: **18 March: Myers Creek (Kangaroo Flat)**

25 March: Ironstone Hill (Jackass Flat)

These free events are designed for newcomers, with 2 courses offered: course 4 (moderate level navigation) and course 5 (easy navigation).

After the CATI events the following 3 foot orienteering events in our calendar will include the normal 5 courses at bush locations close to Bendigo, so that all attendees can enjoy orienteering and our newcomers will be able to access these events easily. We need members to volunteer to organize these events and be available to support newcomers:

1 April: Stumpy Gully (Maiden Gully) (followed by the Easter weekend - no local events)

15 April: Royal George (Maiden Gully/California Gully)

(followed by the MTBO Vic Championships on 22 April, which Bendigo is organizing)

29 April: Wildflower Drive (Strathdale/Strathfieldsaye)

Bendigo members are invited to attend the CATI events to provide guidance and support so that newcomers can enjoy their experience.

Details of these events can be found on Eventor and Facebook, so you can tell your friends.

Anyone who wants to help out at our Come and Try events must have a current Working With Children card or have made an application for one.

Applications can be made online at the following site (copy and paste this url):

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

If you are a Bendigo member and want to help at a Come and Try It event, please let Julie Flynn know (email: julieflynn@fastmail.fm or 04295496422)

Surprise visitors !

Those who attended the Fowl and Fizz event may have noticed a couple of visitors from the Netherlands – Rink Post and Mattie. Rink likes to compete in the traditional footwear of his country – Clogs – wooden ones.

Here is a picture of the ones he wore. Imagine using these in our rough terrain !



Also at the Fowl and Fizz were most of the Slater family – Ross (dad) with Leon, Bridget and Vivian (youngest). Well done – a family effort.



Photos by John W.