

Bendigo Orienteers

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Photo: Jenny Ball.

Royal George (Eaglehawk) was the venue for our clubs event on Saturday April 15th. Course setter Peter Forbes placed his ladder across the water race to get people safely and dry to the start. Well done Peter !

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. Currently we have 80 members.

Australian 3-Days 2023 around Cooma, NSW

By Alison Radford.

It was a small group of mainly hardy, very experienced (code for M/W 65+) club members who represented BG at the Easter 3-Days competition this year, well organised by ACT clubs despite poor weather. After a sprint prologue in Canberra, the competition combined a middle distance and two long distance events in the highlands around Cooma. The terrain was challenging, with many detailed rock features, and it was cold, windy and sometimes wet, with many DNFs or DNSs. Through skill, luck and certainly stubbornness, the Radford's (Alison in W70 and Tony in M75) achieved a family double, Alison with three first places and Tony with two firsts and a third. This is Tony's first year in M75, and in these age groups being amongst the youngest does make a difference. Peter Searle finished 7th in M80 and Prue Dobbin 13th in W65, both completing all three days. Over Easter, Cooma also hosted the 75th anniversary gathering of Land Rovers (first manufactured in 1948 and credited with being 'the vehicle that built Snowy Hydro'). Tony noted that a sign on the 130th (1948) Land Rover also applied to him: 'repaired but not restored'.



Tony and fellow 1948-vintage Land rover

Alison with Carol Brownlie (Orienteers of the Wullundigong, WA, 2nd) and Lyn Dabbs (Western and Hills, NSW, 3rd)

Alison is the current W70 national champion in all three of Sprint, Middle and Long distances - she won them all at the Nationals last year - to go with the Easter result. Well done Alison and congratulations!

Coming events

Our events for this year are listed on Eventor. Please also enter via Eventor.

13th May ... Sedgwick. Setter: Don Cherry

20th May ... Psalm Singing Gully, Inglewood. Setter: Neil Barr New area.

27th May ... Crusoe Training event. Setter: Ross Salter.

3rd June ... Mt Tarrengower. Setter: David Brownridge.

10th June ... Vic Series Sth Morang (Melb).

NOTE: Helpers are always required at club 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).

Changes to Bendigo 2023 committee:

President: **Neil Barr** Vice President: Julie Flynn Treasurer: Craig Feuerherdt
Secretary: Ross Slater Members: John Wilkinson, Nola Juniper.

Victorian MTBO Championships By Peter Searle.

The 2023 Victorian MTBO Championships were held over the weekend April 22/23 in forests near Castlemaine. The Sprint and Middle events were held on Saturday and the Long event on Sunday. Our club organized the Sprint competition, but as the assembly area was also used for the Middle it was decided that Bendigo would look after the start for both events and Bayside OC would manage the finish.

Fortunately, the weather was fine and sunny so no tents needed to be erected in the start area. James Robertson set five challenging courses for around 80 competitors who were sent on their way by the small but efficient start team comprising Dianne S, Jenny B, Nola J, John W, Phil R and Ted van G (YV). Meanwhile, back in the assembly area John Chellew was in full control of parking. After the Sprint start was completed the infrastructure was pulled down, shifted, and re-erected at the start location for the Middle event where we repeated the process. My thanks to all involved for a great effort. **Photo below by: Don Cherry.**



At the MTBO Sprint competition, Don Cherry (M50) was placed 10th.
In the Middle event, James Robinson (M21) was 3rd, Lucy Medley (W40) 5th and Don Cherry (M50) DNF. At the Long event, Bendigo competitors were well placed with Ted van

Geldermalsen (YV) (M40) 2nd, James Robertson (M21) 3rd, Lucy Medley (W40) 4th, and in the Rec-4 class Tony Radford 2nd, Alison Radford 3rd and John Chellew 4th.

Report on Vic Series / NOL event May 6th / 7th.

By John W.

Our club helped run the Vic Series / NOL weekend on May 6th / 7th. There were 5 events on two days on the Wattle Gully map southeast of Castlemaine. Over 200 entrants took part in a busy weekend of competition. Bendigo had the job of running the Vic Series event on Saturday and the NOL final that followed. A lot of members were required to run these events. Thanks to those who assisted – Jim Russell / Daryl Fleay (course setters), Neil Barr (controller), John Wilkinson (organiser), Julie Flynn, Jenny Ball, Nola Juniper, Lorraine Leversha, Peter and Dianne Searle, Peter Galvin, Prue Dobin, David Jones, Tony Radford, Ted Van Geldermalsen and Margi, Nigel McGuckian, Don Cherry, Colin Walker.

Notable results on Saturday were: Ted van Geldermalsen 2nd C2, Shayne Hill 3rd C2, Wendy Taverna 2nd C3. On Sunday: Richard Goonan 2nd C1, Ted van Geldermalsen 3rd C2, Dale Taverna 2nd C3, Wendy Taverna 3rd C3.

Full results are in Eventor.

Send in reports / articles.

Please forward any articles for the newsletter to John Wilkinson, johnwbmw@gmail.com as Word documents, and photos separate as JPG's.

Below: MTBO Start at Walmer, Credit Jenny Ball.

