



“WHO runs the country”

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March 2020 Newsletter

March is a busy month

The summer orienteering season ends with a hectic month of events. The NSW Sprint Championships is on the twenty-first followed by a MetroLeague the next day. The Sunday afternoon Sprint series finishes the previous weekend with the WHO event on March 15. Term 1 Saturday Orienteering Series (SOS) is also underway in two locations (north and south). There are only 5 events left to improve your total scores for the Wednesday evening Summer Series (SSS).

March is a good time to add your winter schedule to your diaries and enter the upcoming major events. Much to look forward to.

Thank You

.... to the team that delivered the SSS on Feb 26 at West Pennant Hills. **Selwyn** set great courses resulting in only two achieving the maximum 600 points. To score highly you had to venture into the bush areas where magnificent rock features dominated. **James** was Event Director monitoring delivery and organising control collectors and the registration team. Tim had the computers in lock step and the large display was appreciated. A good turn out of around 181 was excellent for a location not easy to reach. Numerous members helped at the event making it another quality WHO event.

Membership

As of 1 March, WHO had 99 members. If you are yet to re-join, please do so asap. We are poised to be the third club in NSW to reach the 100 members level.

If you are a recent new member and haven't received your blue WHO shirt please let Ian Miller know.

Ex-WHO members **Steve and Chris Holloway** were recently spotted in a coffee shop in Kiama. We wish them well in their move to the NSW South Coast.

Gerry Wong made an appearance at the West Pennant Hills event. Gerry was a WHO member at least 15 years ago and has featured in some of the history photos published in this newsletter. He has attended two recent WHO events.

Upcoming WHO Events

March 2 (Mon) 7:30pm - Club meeting. All welcome. See separate email for details.

Mar 15 (Sun)- Sprint at Eric Mobbs Reserve, Excelsior Avenue, Castle Hill. Starts between 5pm and 6pm.

Mar 18 (Wed)- SSS #24 at Wahroonga Adventist School, Fox Valley Rd, Wahroonga Starts between 4:30pm and 6:45pm.

Feb 9th - Cancelled event

A unique happening in orienteering occurred with our planned Sprint event at Eric Mobbs Reserve. Due to high winds, heavy rain and very difficult driving conditions, the event was cancelled. Cancellations of orienteering events are rare and this may be the first ever WHO event that was cancelled.

The Sprint will now take place at 5pm on Sunday 15th March. Further details on Eventor at <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/9862>

From the President

Like all sports orienteering relies on volunteers to make our club function and our events happen. Luckily WHO has members who volunteer to: fill the roles on our Committee; organise, set and control events; run the SI and computer side of events; help at events; collect controls; map and update maps; check results and update the club championship point score; maintain our equipment; do the newsletter; maintain our webpage and Facebook pages; fill in roles for ONSW; and; lots of other things. It is always best when all these things are shared around. If you haven't volunteered for an event role before please think about doing it. Everybody who currently helps organise or set events had to do it for the first time. There are club members who can help you if it is your first time volunteering. If you would like to help please respond when we put out a call for volunteers or talk to a Committee member and we can work out something for you to do when we are planning future events.

Thanks to all our members who volunteer. One of our most active volunteers is Janet. Thank you to Janet for the work you did coordinating the WSOS. It was a great series.

I checked Easter entries this morning. There are 24 WHO members entered for Easter so far. I don't think we have had that many people

enter Easter since I've been in the Club. Last time the 3 days was in NSW we had 9 members. Last year, (in WA- Ed) there was just 2 of us. We normally don't get that many members to bush events unless it's a WHO State League. Entries close on 18 March. Two days of Easter are on Gumble, one of the best maps in the Australia. The other day is on a new granite map. Please think of entering and joining us under the WHO flag.

Rob

Honour Board

Congratulations to **Selwyn Sweeney** for setting the successful Summer Series on Feb 26th.

Emmanuelle Convert was the first person to record the maximum 1200 points in this summer's SSS competition and can't be beaten while **Malcolm Gledhill** and **James McQuillan** lead their classes.

Reminders

Update Eventor: A field has been added for your emergency contact number. WHO has campaigned for this change for a number of years. **The field is not mandatory BUT IT SHOULD BE.** Please go to your Eventor record and add an emergency contact number.

Remember to renew your membership. When logged into Eventor, choose 'My Pages' then 'My Memberships', then from the bottom RHS corner of the 2019 box, click 'Renew' and proceed through to payment. <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events>

Entries are open for:

The NSW Sprint Championships at Botany on March 21 and the Middle and Long Distance Championships on April 18 and 19 at Eugowra <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events>

SSS Point Score – WHO Results

The point scores after 21 SSS events are:

Junior Women

Niamh Cassar 3rd with 542 points
Savanna Sweeney 11th with 110 points
Aurelie Valais 26th with 31 points

Masters Women

Sylvia Teoh 7th with 780 points
Emmanuelle Convert 8th with 510 points
Belinda Kinneally 20th with 75 points
Nerise McQuillan 29th with 39 points

Veteran Women

Karen Langan 8th with 865 points
Saffron Sweeney 21st with 124 points
Anette Larsson 31st with 66 points
Linda Chan 37th with 42 points

Legends Women

Robyn Dunlop 10th with 101 points

Immortals Women

Janet Morris 2nd with 1171 points
Marion Gledhill 3rd with 1033 points

Walking Women

Emmanuelle Convert 1st with 1200 points

Junior Men

Will Kay 4th with 834 points
Selwyn Sweeney 17th with 174 points
Seth Sweeney 35th with 63 points **James Langan** 44th with 52 points **Shay Sweeney** 49th with 50 points **George Kinneally** 65th with 32 points **Hamilton Kinneally** 65th with 32 points

Open Men

Andrew Hill 17th with 278 points
Reinaldo Hora 26th with 102 points

Masters Men

James McQuillan 1st with 1168 points **Vivien de Remy de Courcelles** 3rd with 1113

Dan Smith 23rd with 461 points

Lee Coady 29th with 281 points

Veteran Men

John Murray 24th with 878 points
Dmitry Stukov 39th with 414 points **Paul Sweeney** 52nd with 172 points **Gary Farebrother** 57th with 132 points

Special Veterans Men

David Noble 7th 1071 points
Tim Perry 36th 197 points

Legends Men

Graeme Hill 2nd with 1175 points
Martin Mansfield 12th with 986 points
Ian Miller 15th with 916 points
Steve Dunlop 16th with 890 points

Immortals Men

Malcolm Gledhill 1st= with 1186 points
Ted Mulherin 4th= with 1134 points
Andy Vesey-Wells 11th with 46 points

Walking Men

Ian Miller 5th with 421 points

(Ed. Apologies if I have missed anyone.)

The full point score list can be found at
<http://www.sydneysummerseries.com.au/results.htm>

Keep Up To Date with WHO news

Check the Facebook page and club website.

Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/Western-Hills-Orienteers-363738563689907/>

Real time results, the latest news, more photographs and other good WHO stuff. Contact James McQuillan if you have an item of interest.

Website - <http://who.orienteeing.asn.au/>

An important news source between newsletters. Barry Hanlon regularly adds more

features and new articles. Scroll down on the home page for the interesting “stuff”.

Do you have web skills and can help with the WHO web site? If so please contact Barry Hanlon (b.hanlon@bigpond.net.au)

WHO 2020 Committee and role holders:

President - Robert Bradley
Secretary & Public Officer - Maureen Fitzpatrick
Vice President - James McQuillan
Treasurer - Karen Langan
Club Captain - Joshua Braidwood
Equipment Officer - Steve Dunlop
IT Support - Tim Perry
Junior Development Officer - James McQuillan
Mapping Officer - Janet Morris
Newsletter Editor - Ian Miller
Statistician - Barry Pearce
Webmaster - Barry Hanlon

ONSW Meetings and Workshops

(1) Mapping: Hamish Mackie (BF) and **Barry Hanlon** (WH) are ONSW's new mapping officers. They are keen to get more people started at the beginner level. If you are interested in learning how to use Open Orienteering Mapper (OOM) to update or create maps, please [email Hamish](#). We will schedule a workshop once we have enough interest. OOM avoids the messiness of OCAD.

(2) Purple Pen - Sun Mar 8 at Sports House: Similarly, if you are interested in learning how to set courses using this free online software, please [email Jim Mackay](#).

(3) Level 1 or 2 controlling: controllers are an important part of our sport, ensuring quality and safety at events. Our next one will be on **Sat May 9** at Sports House. Please [email Andrew Lumsden](#) if you are interested in gaining or upgrading your accreditation.

(4) MEOS results processing: we are looking

at holding another MEOS workshop on a weekend in the next 4 months. Please email [John Murray](#) if you are interested.

Did You Know?

The **Term 1 dates and locations for SOS** on Saturday are:

North – March 7 at Killarney Heights High School,
March 14 at Northern Beaches Secondary College Cromer Campus,
March 21 and 28 no event.

South – March 7 at Bringelly Public School,
March 14 at Mount Annan Christian College.
March 21 no event,
March 28 at St Gregorys College, Campbelltown

At the end of January, WHO had enough members in NZ to hold a club meeting. How many WHO members were in NZ over summer? My guesstimate is 13! (This is greater than 10% of the club membership). Maybe next year we could hold a club meeting in Queenstown.

Other Clubs' Upcoming Events

Mar 22 (Sun) - Big Foot ran into a problem with the location for the first MetroLeague of the season. The St Ives Showground had multiple bookings leaving insufficient room for orienteering. Big Foot are working hard on a new location. Watch out for an announcement soon.

Editors Wrap.

Thank you to Rob Bradley for contributions to this newsletter.

My aim is to make the newsletter interesting. To do this I need help. Please send in photos and articles and let me know of items of interest. Ian Miller Editor (millerian33@gmail.com)

PHOTOS from Feb 26th SSS event.



WHO History

This photo is the attendees at the 2001 WHO Cup on 10th December 2001. Then President, Ted Mulherin (on the left) is leading the toasts.

