



NSW JUNIOR SQUAD NEWSLETTER

November 2009



Wow, 2009 is nearly over and that of course means:



OANSW Presentation:

The Orienteering Association of NSW will be holding it's sixteenth Annual Awards Presentation Dinner on **Saturday 14 November 2009** at North Ryde RSL Club on Pittwater Road, North Ryde.

Last year it was great to have a Junior's table, complete with blue decorations. Our Captain's made some presentations to our major sponsors and donors and it was a really nice evening.

We'd like to once again have a table for our juniors, so if you can make it, could you please let us know ASAP. We have booked a table, but names and numbers are required by the 11th. We'll forward names of those attending if you just let us know by Tuesday 10th.

There will be lots of awards presented on the night and clubs are invited to bring table decorations along for a chance to win the 'Gold Table' award. Meals will be available from the Bistro from 6:00pm and they will be served in the auditorium (also on the first floor). The presentations will begin at 8:00pm.

The RSL club is located on the eastern side of Pittwater road at the intersection with Magdala Road, just south of Epping road. To cover the hire costs of the room an entry fee of \$5 for seniors (juniors free) will be collected on the night.



Xmas Camp

WHEN: Weekend of Fri 11th Sat 12th Sun 13th December
Please note, this year we plan to arrive at Belanglo for the camp on Thurs evening, and return home Sunday

COST: At this stage, around \$150

EVENTS WILL INCLUDE: *(a full itinerary will come later)*

Secret Santa *
Time trial
'Beep test'
Xmas Chaos sprint
Night O
Technical session
Beach
Camp Champs

* If you plan to come along, you'll need to purchase a gift worth around \$5-10 to put under our Chrissy tree. Make it a unisex gift, as you don't know who will get it, and we all know Kas prefers Barbies to Racing cars!! Have it wrapped before you arrive: that's right, be more organised than our two josh's were last year. I think one present got wrapped in an old newspaper!!

FAREWELLS AND WELCOMES:

As usual we will be farewelling those Junior Squad members turning 20 this year – Bronnie Steele, Josh Roberts, Lauren Stewart.

We may also be welcoming some newcomers to the camp as invited guests.



Xmas 5 Days

In our previous newsletter we informed you that the NSW Juniors have been asked if they'd like to set the courses for the final day of the Xmas 5-days. Unfortunately no one has stepped up with the desire to set the courses, so at this stage the job is with Russell.

The event will provide us with monetary reward to benefit the squad in 2010.

We will be requiring assistance from other junior members to help man the start and assist at the finish for 'our day' of this event (not every day). Let us know if you plan to be at the 5-days.



Uniform items – singlets

Well as you may remember, we ordered team singlets earlier in the year, however when they arrived, they were like basketball singlets, and were just HUGE.

Well I sent them back to the company in SA and they've redone them to be more like 'running' singlets, *although they may be a touch smaller than expected now*. Nonetheless, those juniors that ordered singlets, I've either delivered to you already, or I'll get it to you by mail or at the Xmas camp.

The cost was already covered in the invoice Lotty sent out to you.



World Master's Volunteers

Several of our junior squad gave up their time during the last holidays to act as volunteers at the WMOC and in doing so raise some valuable funds for our squad.

Josh B spent time setting courses at 'Callan Park' for the Warmup sprint. This event was so successful and Josh received so much positive feedback about the area and the courses. With over 200 entries, this event raised \$1000 for our junior squad. We had Volunteers Huon, Matt, Nicola, Michele, Glen, Robyn, Tamara and Alex O, and some of their family members assisted at the event. Thanks heaps guys.

At the two sprint events in Sydney our squad was represented by the Wilsons, Blatchfords, Orrs, Prudhoes, Carters, Hills, and Dawsons – a great team of workers.

The WMOC then moved to Lithgow and so did some of our squad members to assist. Huon, Michele, Nicola, Rhiana, Rob, Bridget, Matt, Emily, Tom and some of their family members helped at the start of the Long distance champs. It meant very early mornings and working in some terrible weather conditions. Your assistance is greatly appreciated guys.

Special mention should be made of Huon, Nicola, Michele, and Matt, who in total gave up ten days of their holidays to assist at all WMOC events and functions to raise money for our squad.



Fundraising

I think you'll all agree that Maria Orr has done a remarkable job coordinating our fundraising. The job has involved countless hours of hard work both behind the scenes and at the events. The Orr family have provided a lot of the equipment and manpower and we are forever grateful for your commitment, your time, your expertise, and your effort.

Maria has decided to relinquish her sought-after role for the 2010 season and give someone else a go – how nice.

This does mean we are in need of an individual/couple/family that would be willing to fulfil the role of coordinator. As has been the case, all families of squad members will continue to participate in our fundraising ventures, but it is important to have that coordinator to make necessary contacts and oversee that all aspects have been covered.

If you're the slightest bit interested in helping fulfil this role, please reply to us via email or SMS or phone. Of course I'm anticipating we may have too many applicants and we may have to go to an interview ;-)



Schools Champs Funding

If you haven't already received it, you should receive very soon an account for your expenses for the School's Champs in Victoria.

Please keep in mind that because of the fundraising we did during the year, and donations from the Carbines, OANSW, Uringa Club, Garringal Club, and Josh B's WMOC warm up event, each team member has had a \$500 subsidy granted to them to reduce your costs.

That's a fantastic contribution from those associations, plus a terrific effort by everyone.

So ASAP we need to know *(by Tuesday if possible)*

1. If you will be attending the OANSW Presentation dinner.
2. If you can come to the Xmas camp.
3. If you're going to the Xmas 5-Days.
4. If any family members are interested in taking on the role of coordinating our fundraising.
5. If you've tried the "little bit fancy" **Angus** beef burger!!!
6. If you know Jules' numberplate – I hear some junior girls have committed it to memory!!!!

Check out the snaps on the next page – some great memories there ☺

