

Auckland Orienteering Club President's Report 2019

After the effort of hosting or co-hosting two major carnivals in the immediately prior two years (Oceania/WMOC 2017; Nationals 2018), 2019 was a relatively quiet one on the event-front for the club. I say relatively because we still enjoyed our usual smorgasbord of 50+ club events around the region, and hosted the Auckland Regional Champs at Labour weekend and co-hosted the NZ Secondary School Champs in August (in conjunction with NWOC). Read on for a summary of our 2019 year.

EVENTS

AOC organised 38 events in 2019: 3 Auckland Champs, 1 NZSSOC Sprint, 3 AOS events, 19 SummerNav, 4 Winter Sprints, and 8 Night Street events. Plus the region's other clubs NWOC and CMOC hosted a range of AOS, rogaine, championship and club events as well, offering orienteers in the Auckland region over 50 events to enjoy over the year.

AOC Events				
year	events	participants		
2012	43	6,101		
2013	35	5,008		
2014	39	4,913		
2015	37	4,688		
2016	40	5,260		
2017	33	4,645		
2018	38	5,789		
2019	38	5,227		

The overall participation numbers are an estimate based on results from all our events. However it will include some people who run more than one course at some events (great enthusiasm!), and exclude those who do not register a result at all (more common at our clipcard events, SummerNav and Night Street events). On average in 2019 we welcomed 138 people to each of our 38 events.

SummerNav continues to thrive, and attracts not only club members but a large number of non-club members who like the challenge of an evening summer run around a park with a map in hand. It is a great promotion for orienteering, and many of our members had their first taste of orienteering at a summer series event over the years. Thanks to all the planners and controllers, set-up crew, control collectors and results volunteers who have put up their hands to help this season, and to the tireless team who work behind the scenes to manage the overall delivery of SummerNav every year. Special thanks to Selwyn who took on the role of gaining permissions for all the venues this year.

We held 3 AOS events last year, on the remapped Turkey Ridge, Temu Rd (lower), and Hedley Dunes North maps. Numbers attending these events ranged from ~170 (AOS1) to over 300 (AOS7), making these quite large events to manage. Apart from the usual roles of planner, controller, coordinator, registration, start and finish personnel, with lots of new and inexperienced people coming along we also need to have plenty of experienced club members around to help them understand the map and get started. Large areas of our older maps have been felled in the last year



Part of the challenge during the year was adapting from our past SportIdent management system (using Sport Software OE2010 for management, and O-Lynx for results screens) to using O-Lynx only for the whole event for AOS7. This was necessitated by a change in the O-Lynx software making it less compatible with OE2010 for live results. We have all got used to having live results with intermediate splits at our large forest events, so we are keen to try to maintain this. With some pre-event testing and practice, we managed to use O-Lynx without too many issues for AOS7, and we will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of the software and assess its functionality into the future. We also need to increase our pool of technically confident people to run the software setup and event management programmes, to reduce the load on individuals at events. This will be a focus for 2020.

In August we helped co-host the NZ Secondary School Champs with NWOC. The overall event was managed by NWOC member Annemarie Hogenbirk, with NWOC delivering the Relay and Long, and AOC the Sprint. Members of both clubs signed up to help on the day for this large event, which had ~450 students signed up. The event also saw a film crew recording live coverage, organised by ONZ. Although it was necessary to delay online playback of the filming to preserve course integrity, it was great to see orienteering showcased in a way we hadn't seen before. The videos from the event are available on skysportnext.co.nz.

Labour Weekend saw the club organise the Auckland Champs 2019. This kicked off with a Middle on the updated Muriwai Regional Park North map, a mix of mature coastal pine forest and intricate open dunes. The Long on Sunday was on a new map of an area last used many years ago, Mushroom Rd East, which is a challenging physical section of pine forest, with more hill climb than most Woodhill maps that tested people's endurance fully. Labour Day Monday saw a chance to finally use the Wynyard Quarter/Viaduct map for a competitive event; this area was initially mapped for WMOC 2017 but had to be abandoned due to traffic control concerns for the large numbers attending that event. On a quiet public holiday this was less of a problem, and it was great to see orienteers sprinting around the streets of downtown Auckland as a change from our usual campus sprint maps.

RESULTS

The results from the major events around the country in 2019 are attached. Also 2019 was an Oceania year, so major placings at the individual events from that carnival are included as well.

Oceania was held in Australia in conjunction with their Australian Long Champs and the Schools Championships midweek. There were over 1000 entries for the Oceania individual events, making for large fields in many grades and exciting racing. Congratulations to Juliet Frater and Luke Clements who became W16 and M16 Oceania Sprint Champions respectively. Special mention to Simonius Jager for winning the M21A Middle and Long titles – time to return to the E grades Simon!

We had some good results again at the NZ National Champs in Oamaru (PAPO hosted). Numbers of both AOC participants and placegetters was understandably down on 2018 due to location in the South Island on very unfamiliar terrain. Also a large contingent of junior club members and families were off in Europe preparing for the World Schools Orienteering Champs in Estonia. PAPO put on a great carnival with some interesting new maps and challenging course setting. Congratulations to all the winners and placegetters across the 4 days.

No AOC club members were selected for JWOC in 2019, but the club had both Tommy Hayes and Toby Scott representing NZ at WOC. Tommy was also selected for the NZ WMTBOC team.



The club was also proud to see 14 of our Junior members head off to the World Schools Orienteering Champs in Estonia in 2019. They were part of the school teams selected to represent New Zealand based on results from NZSSOC in 2018. The 4 school teams were Junior Boys (M2) – Mount Albert Grammar School (MAGS); Junior Girls (W2) – St Cuthbert's College; Senior Boys (M1) – MAGS, Senior Girls (W1) – Diocesan.

The AOC team members selected to go by their schools were:

- St Cuthberts (W2 School) Pippa Dixon, Ellie Evans, Olivia Power, Zara Stewart, Sofia Toes)
- MAGS (M2 School) Thomas Aish, Luke Clements, Sam Taylor-Sinclair, Callum Wishart
- MAGS (M1 School) Adam Bateman, Thomas Brendolise, Mitchell Cooper, Luca Eastwood, Aidan Skinner)

The team performed admirably, with some great results both individually and for the teams. In the W2 grade Zara Stewart was 1st in both the Long and Middle races, and outstanding achievement. Other strong performances came from from Luke Clements (5th, M2 Middle) and Sofia Toes (7th W2 Middle), and the overall team results for NZ were excellent: W2 1st St Cuthbert's College, M2 3rd MAGS, M1 9th MAGS, and W1 5th (Diocesan).

The final interclub event for the year was the Auckland Relays, hosted by NWOC. We won back the Shield! Well done all, particularly our junior grades which dominated their classes.

ONZ AWARDS

At the ONZ AGM at Easter 2019, Leon McGivern was recognised for his contribution to orienteering, and schools orienteering in particular, over many decades with the Silva Services to Orienteering award.

For many young Aucklanders their first experience at orienteering comes through a coaching session run by Leon McGivern. The success of these sessions can be measured by the numbers – last year alone Leon's programme delivered 424 training sessions to 13 Auckland Primary Schools, reaching over 2,300 students.

Leon began orienteering in Putaruru in the 1970s and has been a member of the Auckland Club (or its predecessor the Central Orienteering Club) for close to 40 years. He has played an active part in making equipment for the Club (when people actually made things) and has held every single office except Treasurer. It is his passion for teaching however that excites Leon the most and where he has made such a strong contribution towards the growth of our sport. We must also mention Leon's wife Barbara, who supports Leon with the not insignificant task of administering such a large undertaking.

So congratulations and thank you, Leon and Barbara.

MAPPING

2019 saw several new and updated maps made, with some new club members making their first maps as well: Kieran Woods produced a new SummerNav map - Mangere Central Park; and Martin Crosby developed his forest mapping skills by producing the new Mushroom Rd map with Selwyn. Selwyn and many others also updated various other maps throughout the year as we put on events,



thanks to everyone who helped with this. Maps are an important asset for the club, and we are keen to encourage anyone with an interest in mapping and developing their skills further to let us know, we would like to support this.

In 2019 we also signed a mapping MOU with NWOC regarding developing and maintaining the Woodhill forest maps we use; many of these are now shared between the clubs, so we have made a formal arrangement to share mapping costs between the two clubs for these, and future maps in Woodhill forest too, although both clubs retain the right to withdraw from projects they don't support.

MEMBERSHIP

The club membership remains steady at around the 400 mark; of this number over 250 members join as part of a family group. The number of Juniors remains high, and is one of the strengths of the club.

	AOC Member Numbers			Types of AOC Memberships			
As at 31/10/ end of financial year	seniors	juniors	total	senior individual	junior individual	family	total memberships
2008	111	40	151	54	2	25	81
2009	113	48	161	46	4	36	86
2010	127	54	181	55	5	37	97
2011	134	69	203	59	6	36	101
2012	154	83	237	46	4	53	103
2013	118	75	193	40	17	37	94
2014	151	119	270	51	33	49	133
2015	134	122	256	39	40	49	128
2016	158	156	314	46	54	Comprised of 214 members 53	153
2017	178	200	378	56	84	Comprised of 238 members 61	201
2018	200	208	408	49	89	Comprised of 270 members 70	208
2019	221	180	401	72	65	Comprised of 264 members 69	206

FINANCIALS

The club is in a sound financial position. Income is down on the previous year as we didn't hold a large carnival event, but likewise our expenses as a club were also lower. Auckland Champs at Labour weekend had relatively small participation numbers, but did break even.

The pro-rata payout from the ATEED grants made to ONZ from the profits of the World Masters Games was distributed to the three clubs last year for mapping projects, as this was deemed a suitable use of funds to develop orienteering in the Auckland region.

The grants we received in 2018 towards purchase of SI cards and compasses left us in a stronger financial position in 2019 than we would otherwise have been, and allowed us to use some of our club funds to purchase a defibrillator which will improve our first aid options in remote locations.

In 2020 we will look at finalising a plan to replace our old campermatic; we haven't rushed this decision as we want to get it right, and there are lots of options available, although most have drawbacks we need to consider before proceeding. We will aim to apply for grants towards this.



TRUST FUNDS

Gergo Memorial Fund

2019 saw the establishment of the Gergo's Fund for the club, in memory of our late club member and friend Gergo Verhas, who died from a fall while climbing Mt Rolleston in the South Island in 2016. For this we are indebted to Gergo's partner Kat, who is the idea behind the fund and will generously donate to the fund initially to assist club members between the ages of 18 and 31 inclusive to travel overseas and compete internationally

Gergo was a great adventurer and traveller, his love of the outdoors taking him to many parts of the world. In the same spirit of a young person adventuring to pursue their dreams, Gergo's Fund will be used to assist club members between the ages of 18 and 31 inclusive to travel overseas and compete internationally. In recent years club members have received grants from the Junior Training Fund or Nicholls Memorial Fund to attend overseas championships, but with the depth of talent we have in the junior ranks this has put these Trust Funds under pressure, especially the Junior Training Fund. Having Gergo's Fund to support those selected to represent us overseas or wishing to compete overseas to further their development will allow the Junior Training Fund to do more at the grass roots level and ensure we continue to have a pipeline of emerging talent coming through.

In addition Kat plans to gift the grant beneficiary with a special Auckland Orienteering Club training shirt with Gergo's initials on it, so Gergo's sense of adventure will travel with the club member and help inspire them to give their best. We think that sounds quite special. So on behalf of the Club thank you Kat for what is a wonderful initiative, a fitting tribute to Gergo, and a real benefit to support our club members.

Statements for the Club's three trust funds are attached to the Clubs financials. Below is a brief summary of the funds and who they are targeted at.

- the Nicolls Fund: established to assist senior members of the Club who compete in international competition within New Zealand or overseas, and
- the Junior Training Fund: created to assist juniors and students under the age of 21 with training expenses and for fees/expenses for regional, national and international events.
- the Gergo Fund: established in 2019 in memory of our late club member Gergo Verhas, to support 18-31 year old club members develop their orienteering skills overseas.

The trusts are funded by contributions from the Club's operating surplus plus donations from members. They are governed by trustees who are appointed to consider applications and award grants. Grants are at the discretion of the trustees. However, applications must be received in writing (or email) from the club member to be considered. So if you would like to be considered for funding towards a trip or project, make sure you apply to the trustees (you can send to the club President in the first instance, to be forwarded to the trustees).

In 2019 the Nicholls Fund was able to assist Tommy Hayes with his travel costs to represent NZ at WOC and WMTBOC.



CLUB COMMITTEE

My thanks to the AOC Committee for 2019, who have worked together tirelessly to keep the club functioning well and delivering quality events for its members around the year. The Committee and Club Officers for the 2019 year were:

President: Alison Comer Secretary: Lyn Stanton

Treasurer: Gillian Magerkorth/Philip Barlow

Membership: Karen Woods
Mapping: Selwyn Palmer
Coaching: Kieran Woods

Committee: Guy Cory-Wright, Martin Crosby, Joanna Stewart

During the year Gillian Magerkorth resigned as Treasurer for the club, a position she had held for many years. I would like to thank Gillian for her work as Treasurer for so long, and all her other volunteer work for the club over that time, especially on Registration at SummerNav and other events.

There are a number of people who have performed organisational roles outside of the committee this past year, and I would like to also thank them for their contributions. Alistair Stewart has spent a lot of time managing the club computers and SI equipment throughout the year, as well organising far more than his share of events alongside Joanna. Hayley Smith took on aspects of the Club Captain role early in the year and helped manage the club relay teams at Nationals as well as social media platforms. Sarah Stewart volunteered to manage the club uniform (O-Tops) ordering and sales. So thank you to all these people and to all the club members who contributed towards any aspect of running the club activities this past year. That includes all the course setters, course planners, event coordinators, helping out with set-up, registration, control collection, equipment maintenance, technical assistance or another task; coaching or managing club or school teams.

Alison Comer President

Auckland Orienteering Club





NZ Championships Results 2019 - Oamaru

Sprint (Oamaru)

Women Ami McGowan, 3rd W12A Rachel Duston, 2nd W14A Emily Hayes, 1st W16A Juliet Frater, 2nd W16A Penelope Salmon, 1st W20A Emma Carruthers, 3rd W21A Anna Duston, 2nd W16A Hayley Smith, 1st W21AS Catherine Crofts, 2nd W21AS Imogene Scott, 1st W21E

Ruth Donde, 1st W40B Lyn Stanton, 2nd W50A

Long (Kuriheka)

Women
Kate Jobbins, 3rd W12A
Natalie Salmon, 2nd W14B
Emily Hayes, 1st W16A
Anna Cory-Wright, 2nd W18A
Hayley Smith, 1st W21AS
Imogene Scott, 2nd W21E

Middle (Maerewhenua)

Women Grace Cory-Wright, 2nd W12A Rachel Duston, 3rd W14A Natalie Salmon, 2nd W14B A Emma Carruthers, 2nd W21A Hayley Smith, 2nd W21AS Catherine Crofts, 2nd W40B

Men Harry Borton, 1st M10 Liam Buyck, 1st M14A Michael McCormack, 2nd M18A Mark Frater, 2nd M40AS Simon Rouse, 2nd M40A Jeff Greenwood, 3rd M55A Martin Crosby, 1st M60A Alistair Stewart, 1st M70A

Men Harry Borton, 2nd M10 Seth Dean, 3rd M16A Guy Cory-Wright, 3rd M55A Men Harry Borton, 2nd M10 Alex Jobbins, 3rd M16A Russell Syme, 1st M40AS Martin Crosby, 1st M60A Alistair Stewart, 3rd M70A

Relay (Humpy Bumpy)

Mixed Veteran

Martin Crosby, Annette Orchard, & Alistair Stewart, 2nd



Auckland Regional Champs Results 2019 - Auckland

Middle (Muriwai Regional)

Women Sophie Herde, 1st W10 Zara Toes, 2nd W12A Georgia Lindroos, 3rd W12A Ruby Nathan, 2nd W14A Ellie Evans, 3rd W14A Zara Stewart, 1st W16A Emily Hayes, 2rd W16A Lucy Russ, 3rd W16A Jydee Leonard, 1st W18A Anna Cory-Wright, 3rd W20A Katerina Smirnova, 3rd W21A Lyn Stanton, 1st W50A Bronwyn Rosie, 3rd W50A

Long (Mushroom Road)

Women Sophie Herde, 2nd W10 Zara Toes, 1st W12A Georgia Lindroos, 2nd W12A Andy Heathcote, 2nd W14A Zara Stewart, 1st W16A Penelope Salmon, 2nd W16A Juliet Frater, 3rd W16A Jydee Leonard, 2nd W18A Meghan Drew, 2nd W20A Katerina Smirnova, 2nd W21A Lyn Stanton, 1st W50A Helen Bolt, 3rd W70A

Sprint (Wynyard Quarter)

Women Sophie Herde, 1st W10 Georgia Lindroos, 1st W12A Kate Jobbins, 2nd W12A Zara Toes, 3rd W12A Kate Borton, 1st W14A Aliana Henderson, 2nd W14A Zara Stewart, 1st W16A Juliet Frater, 2nd W16A Lucy Russ, 3rd W16A Jydee Leonard, 3rd W18A Meghan Drew, 3rd W20A Megan Wood, 2nd W21A Katerina Smirnova, 3rd W21A Penelope Salmon, 1st W21E Lyn Stanton, 1st W50A Men Forrester Muthu, 3rd M10 Felix McElwee, 1st M12A

Men

Harry Borton, 1st M12A Hugh Skinner, 2nd M12A Matthew Greenwood, 2nd M14A Luke Clements, 1st M16A Alex Jobbins, 2nd M16A Luca Eastwood, 3rd M16A Thomas Brendolise, 1st M18A Patrick Hayes, 2nd M18A Mitchell Cooper, 3rd M18A Liam Thompson, 3rd M20A Andrei Popovici, 1st M21A Paul Salmon, 3rd M21A Simon Jager, 2nd M21E Guy Cory-Wright, 2nd M50A Terry Nuthall, 2nd M80A

Men

Harry Borton, 1st M12A Felix McElwee, 2nd M12A Hugh Skinner, 3rd M12A

Charlie Frater, 2nd M14A Luka Johnson, 3rd M14A Alex Jobbins, 2nd M16A Luke Clements, 3rd M16A Thomas Brendolise, 2nd M18A Jason Brown, 1st M21A Mitchell Cooper, 3rd M18A

Matthew Greenwood, 1st M14A Luke Clements, 1st M16A

Kieran Woods, 1st M21A Neill McGowan, 3rd M40A Julian Hayes, 3rd M50A

Alistair Stewart, 3rd M70A

Liam Thompson, 3rd M20A Julian Hayes, 2nd M50A Steve Oram, 3rd M50A Martin Crosby 1st M60A Alistair Stewart, 1st M70A Terry Nuthall, 2nd M80A

Callum Wishart, 2nd M16A Hayden Williams, 3rd M16A Patrick Hayes, 1st M18A

Harry Borton, 3rd M12A

Andrei Popovici, 2nd M21A Neill McGowan, 2nd M40A Jeff Greenwood, 1st M50A





NZSS Champs Results 2018 - Auckland

Long (Hedley Dunes)

Girls (Championship Grade)

Kate Borton, 1st Yr7/8 Girls

Aliana Henderson, 1st Jun Girls

Rachel Duston, 2nd Jun Girls

Ruby Nathan, 3rd Jun Girls

Zara Stewart, 1st Int Girls

Juliet Frater, 2nd Int Girls

Penelope Salmon, 3rd Int Girls

Sylvie Frater 3rd Sen Girls

Girls (Standard Grade)

Katie Brugh, 3rd Yr7/8 Girls

Grace Liang, 1st Jun Girls

Isla Thompson, 2nd Sen Girls

Ayleigh Loomes, 3rd Sen Girls

Girls (Novice)

Anne-Marie Groves, 1st Sen Girls

Britney Cheng, 2nd Sen Girls

Boys (Championship Grade)

Matthew Greenwood, 1st Yr7/8 Boys

Felix McElwee, 2nd Yr7/8 Boys

Ferguson Muthu, 2nd Jun Boys

Jay McElwee, 3rd Jun Boys

Campbell Syme, 1st Int Boys

Alex Jobbins, 3rd Int Boys

Mitchell Copper, 2nd Sen Boys

Michael McCormack, 3rd Sen Boys

Boys (Standard Grade)

Sam Carryer, 1st Yr7/8 Boys

Luka Johnson, 1st Jun Boys

Sprint (Glenfield College)

Girls

Grace McGregor-Macdonald, 1st Yr7/8

Kate Borton, 2nd Yr7/8 Girls

Katelin Toes, 3rd Yr7/8 Girls

Rachel Duston, 1st Jun Girls

Ruby Nathan, 2nd Jun Girls

Aliana Henderson, 3rd Jun Girls

Penelope Salmon, 1st Int Girls

Juliet Frater, 2nd Int Girls Emily Hayes, 3rd Int Girls

Boys

Matthew Greenwood, 1st Yr7/8 Boys

Felix McElwee, 2nd Yr7/8 Boys

Jay McElwee, 3rd Jun Boys

Luke Clements, 1st Int Boys

Campbell Syme, 2nd Int Boys

Alex Jobbins, 3rd Int Boys

Patrick Hayes, 2nd Sen Boys



AOC Club Champs - Whites Line

Women Men

Zara Toes, 1st W12 Harry Borton, 1st M12 Ruby Nathan, 1st W14 Liam Buyck, 1st M14 Anna Duston, 1st W16 Alex Jobbins, 1st M16 Anna Cory-Wright, 1st W18 Patrick Hayes, 1st M18 Penelope Salmon, 1st W21 Liam Thompson, 1st M21 Louise Borton, 1st W40 Paul Borton, 1st M40 Lyn Stanton, 1st W50 Dave Crofts, 1st M50 Annette Orchard, 1st W60 Martin Crosby, 1st M60

Oceania Championships 2019 - NSW/VIC, Australia

Sprint (Wagga Wagga)

Women Ruby Nathan, 2nd W14A Juliet Frater, 1st W16A Emily Hayes, 2nd W16A

Anna Cory-Wright, 3rd W18A

Long (Kangaroo Crossing)

Alistair Stewart, 1st M70

Women Anna Duston, 3rd W16A

Anna Cory-Wright, 3rd W18A

Middle (Racecourse Creek)

Women

Grace Cory-Wright, 3rd W12A Rachel Duston, 2nd W14A Zara Stewart, 3rd W16A

Men

Luke Clements, 1st M16A (Simon Rouse, 3rd M40A) Men

Harry Borton, 3rd M10A Luke Clements, 3rd M16A Simon Jager, 1st M21A

Men

Simon Jager, 1st M21A