

# Auckland Orienteering Club

## Auckland Orienteering Club - April/May 2023 - Newsletter



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April and May have seen a number of events hosted and attended as we get deep into our competition season. The newly formed calendar introducing our Development Series has seen numerous opportunities to host events. In this newsletter we will review our recent events, walkthrough the upcoming Calendar and highlight the benefits of orienteering to the masses.

We also are very excited to announce a new home for our weekly Club Night which will provide a base for our members. We have a focus on our Social Working Group who have been working hard on creating an overall Event Experience. We also highlight a large number of our club members who will be heading overseas after selection to represent New Zealand.



## Development Forest 2 - Grass Track Road

28th May - Grass Track Road, Muriwai (enter via Restall Rd not Muriwai)

Previously cancelled after Hurricane Gabrielle, we welcome the opportunity to return to an old adversary.

<https://entero.co.nz/evento.php?eventName=df3-2023>

Please look out for the volunteers email for club support on the day.

**Night Series**

23rd May - 63 Devore St., St Heliers

30th May - 53 Cromwell St., Mt Eden

6th Jun - 3/30 Puriri Ave., Green Lane

After a successful opening Night Series at Shoe Science (more below) we have the remaining three Night

## King's Birthday

3rd - 5th June - Waikato University, Waiuku Forest

King's Birthday is only two weeks away - Entries close later this evening so make sure you have entered

## NorthWest Rogaines

11th June - Grass Track Road

We are now two events under way in the NorthWest in the Rogaine Series, always a highlight of the year against each other

## Auckland Sprint Series

17th June - St Kent's College

June also sees the start of the Winter Sprint Series with the first episode being at St Kent's College on the

## Development Forest 5

18th June - Temu Road/Mission Road - Woodhill Forest

Back to the complex coastal strip, further north of the Percy's Delight map and equally as difficult. Guy C



## Easter 4 days

Early April saw the quickly pulled together Easter 4 days organised by Wellington, Red Kiwi and Hutt Valley. Too The event was mainly focused on the selection races for WOC and JWOC, more later on AOC member selection

**Day 1** - <http://obasen.orientering.se/winsplits/online/en/default.asp?page=classes&databasId=88389>

**Day 2** - <http://obasen.orientering.se/winsplits/online/en/default.asp?page=classes&databasId=88412>

**Day 3** - <http://obasen.orientering.se/winsplits/online/en/default.asp?page=classes&databasId=88443>

**Day 4** - <http://obasen.orientering.se/winsplits/online/en/default.asp?page=classes&databasId=88466>

## Auckland Development Series – Race 2 - Percy's Delight

We kick-started our Forest events for the year with a visit to the glorious Percy's Delight and welcomed 345 com We were welcomed by music blasting out from our new club sound system and entered on to the tricky coastal Martin Crosby and Alina Granger making sure it wasn't easy with some dastardly route choice legs and control p

<http://obasen.orientering.se/winsplits/online/en/default.asp?page=classes&databasId=89484>

## Interzone Finals

May saw a huge investment from our amazing band of volunteers with the Interzone final at Cornwall Park. An i

Over the course of 4 days over 1300 school students competed in Orienteering events that the club managed/su  
These events are the lifeblood of Intermediate students giving the sport a try.

## Auckland Secondary Schools Rogaine.

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, 400 Secondary and Intermediate Schools students competing in the Auckland Secondary Scho  
The map, named Stoneybrook, is a very hilly affair with many spur gully complexities that highly rewarded the s  
The event was extremely waterlogged and the overnight rain proved it to be a challenging affair with many mud  
Many thanks to Martin Crosby who set a very challenging course and Sandra Hutchinson for expertly taking on l

## Night Series - Shoe Science Mt Eden

May saw the start of the Night Series, the first event cancelled due to the Flood Warnings, but the second going  
Taking advantage of the newly formed partnership between the club and Shoe Science we hosted 36 entrants w  
The evening was also useful for entrants to take advantage of the 15% discount of all shoes that Auckland Orien  
We are planning to host one of the Spring Night Series events at the same location



In March we kicked off the return of our Club Night. Set in the Auckland Domain we have been running a weekly  
As the daylight savings changed we embarked on a journey to find a Winter venue.

**We are extremely happy to announce that starting this Wednesday we have a new midweek home at the**  
This will be a weekly venue that will start hosting a range of opportunities for all our club members including:

- Reviews of the weekend events on large screens
- Previews of upcoming events
- Playback of International races and Route choice testing and games
- Micro-sprints in the local streets and reserve
- Coaching tips
- Coaching opportunities and accreditations
- Mapping and Course Setting workshops
- Interval training in Cornwall Park
- Hill training in Cornwall Park and Mt Eden
- Opportunities to create ride-sharing and accommodation-sharing for events
- Opportunity to ask any Orienteering questions to experienced club members

We will meet **every Wednesday** from **6:30pm at the Scout Hut**, parking available on Griffin Ave and Market Ro  
**Really keen to get as many club members to come along - see you all there.**

Many thanks to Club Member Matthew Bell for highlighting the opportunity and making it happen.





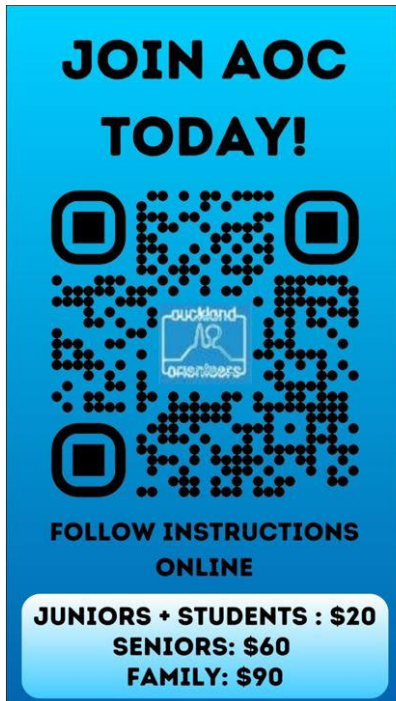
# Social Working Group - A focus on Event Experience

The Social Working Group got together in April and defined it's purpose in 4 parts:


- Increase the number of people coming to events - **(Marketing)**
- Enhance the Experience at Events - **(Event Experience)**
- Create an Experience after the Event - **(Post Event Experience)**
- Sell the benefits of being a member of the club - **(Communications)**

Over the last 3 months the team have worked on a number of these items and we are starting to see some real

- The Social Media team of Nadia and Callum have introduced a range of Creative marketing images to ad



**JOIN AOC TODAY!**



**FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ONLINE**

**JUNIORS + STUDENTS : \$20**  
**SENIORS: \$60**  
**FAMILY: \$90**



**SHOE SCIENCE**  
NEWMARKET - MT EDEN

**15% OFF ALL SHOES**



**Offer only valid for AOC Members**



**FOREST EVENT**



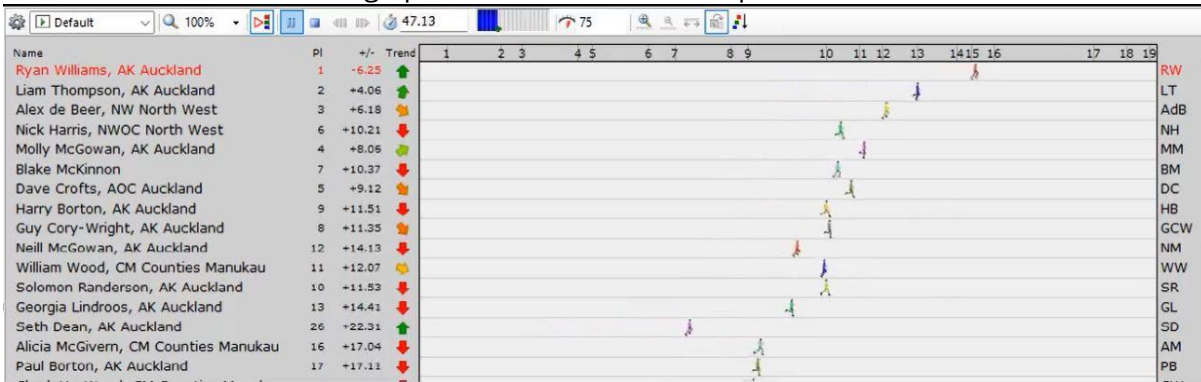
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**GRASSY TRACK RD**

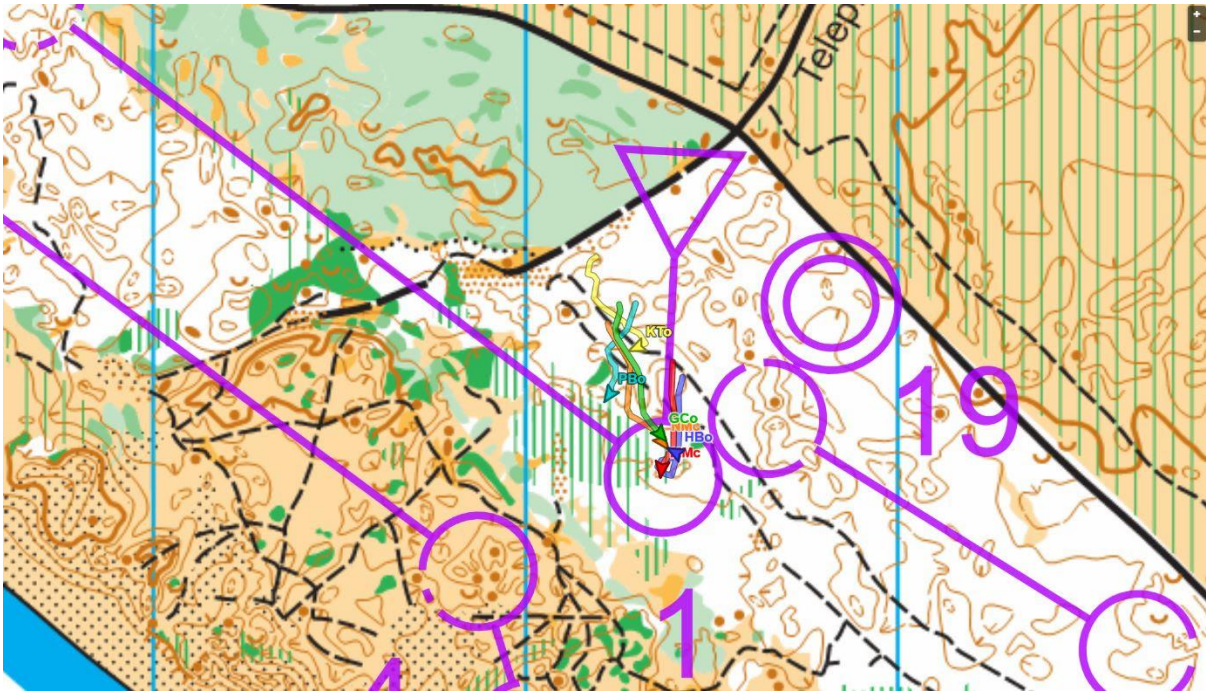
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<https://orienteeingaukland.org.nz/>



- We've started loading up Race reviews from Winsplits Pro after events for entrants to see how their race



[Red 2 Winsplits Playback](#) - click here



[Red 2 LiveloX](#) - click here



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• We've seen the event numbers increase significantly over the previous few months and our membership is growing. If you are keen to get involved in helping in this area then please speak to myself or other Club members at the next meeting. We are keen to start capturing videos from events and have them added to our Instagram account so looking for



Over the past month many of our club members have been selected to represent New Zealand at a range of International

## **WOC (Worlds) - 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July - Switzerland**

- Toby Scott
- Zara Stewart (Reserve)

## **JWOC (Junior Worlds) - 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July - Romania**

- Nathan Borton
- Penelope Salmon
- Zara Stewart
- Alex Jobbins (Reserve)
- Molly McGowan (Reserve)

## **EYOC (European Youth) - 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June - Bulgaria**

- Molly McGowan

## **World Schools – 19<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August – Rio de Janeiro**

- **Baradene**
  - Dora Slavich
  - Emily Flippard-Peacock
  - Annabelle Holdcroft
  - Saffron Moaveni
  - Stella Valerio
  - Rosa Whetter
  - Hayden Betham
  - Amy Towers
  - Lily Sanderson
- **Mount Albert Grammar**
  - Victor Coen
  - Jack Trowsdale
  - Caleb Green
  - Charlie Milne

We have a Junior Training Fund available to these Juniors to help partially assist them in their travels. They will a



At the recent Orienteering New Zealand (ONZ) AGM a couple of club members were successful in the 2022 Awards

## **3 years Voluntary Service**

- Guy Cory Wright
- Selwyn Palmer



## President's award - Guy Cory Wright

- This is awarded for an "outstanding volunteer contribution to a club (or clubs) by an individual during the year"
- Fully deserved as a mirror of the Auckland Club awards where he received the same accolade at our club

<https://www.orienteering.org.nz/news/2022-onz-awards/>



At the recent Auckland Secondary Schools Rogaine there were **371 finishers**. This was a massive increase from 150 in 2021. A huge reason we are seeing an increase in the numbers of students attending is due to the **Auckland Schools Comm**. Created in 2021 the committee has attendance from all three Auckland Region clubs and Lactic Turkey (who manage the group). The group has created a Schools database of contacts at all of the Auckland Schools and regularly communicate with them. The key driver of this group is **Chair; Susy Carryer** – I wanted to highlight the work that Susy has achieved in creating the group. The huge increase in numbers is absolutely correlated to the work that has been achieved in the Schools Comm

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