

Promotion and Development Officer OV Board meeting Thurs 20th Nov 2014

General

This past month has been dominated by event organisation for the VPSOC events. However we have also managed to service 9 school sessions!

Schools

- Carrum PS – Jells Park
- Sacred Heart PS – Oakleigh – Jells Pk
- Presentation College – Alma Park (Inter Class competition)
- Canterbury Girls SC – Cardinia R Pk
- Wheelers Hill SC- Cardinia
- Glenvale Schools (Berwick and Lilydale Campuses) – Cardinia R Pk
- St Margarets School (Berwick) – Car. R Pk
- Lauriston Girls School – Cardinia R Pk

Victorian Primary Schools Orienteering Championships 2014

Another BIG year of participation by primary school students.

- Eastern Zone 740 students from 18 schools
 - Western Zone 563 students from 15 schools
- Total = Students 1303 from 33 schools.

After each event I draw up a list of recommendations for the next years events.

Jim and I have discussed the proposal “Is there a need to limit the number of competitors”?

Jim has made the following comments.....
If we can get the helpers, there is still plenty of capacity with the results system/computers. The biggest problem we have in the finish chute, is answering people’s questions, I had a 3rd computer that I didn’t use, this would have allowed someone to sit to the side, and talk to those with concerns. Another problem we encounter more often than not, is kids trying to convince us, “It’s the controls fault, we heard it beep”. I think with time, and more education, they will accept, that taking the extra, 0.2 of sec, with their card at the Si unit, they can have an official time.

Volunteers:

With the current numbers of students, 24 volunteers are required to make the systems work. At the Eastern Zone I managed to have 24 volunteers. However at the Western Zone I was down 5 people.

At this event the systems were placed under enormous stress due to

- a. One school with 104 students being an hour late arriving and needing late starts etc
- b. Only able to use 2 of the computers instead of three.
- c. Brimbank Pk Rangers had placed additional restrictions on the permit – eg no tent pegs to be used, two road crossings had to be ‘marshalled’- so erecting the Results Display required sandbags, vehicle and water water containers to hold it secure (esp as it was a windy day).

VPSOC Results

Eastern Zone

Westgarth PS won from Glen Katherine.

Western Zone

Macedon PS won from Braemar College

Sponsorship from Orienteering Service of Australia.

Ralph and Sandy Koch, new owners of OSoA (took over business in mid October), agreed to ‘start small’ with their level of sponsorship for schools champs.

OSoA provided the printing of the new Result Slats (one years supply) and to provide 4 x \$35 Award Vouchers to the Boy and Girl Grade 6 champions at each zone championship.

This sponsorship is greatly appreciated and provides high level of exposure of the business to a large number of schools and teachers.

Working with Childrens Checks

I am very pleased with the number of orienteers renewing their WWCC. OV has 105 members with WWCC. Some notable members have not renewed....earlier this year I did email out reminder emails to those people whose WWCC was expiring in 2014.

ALL volunteers at both VPSOC events had WWCC which meant I could place any helper anywhere without having to be concerned about their WWCC status.

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17.11.14

Correspondence

- Dept of Health – Information re Staying Healthy in the Heat – can order posters and brochures.
- Newsletters - OAWA – Nov edition
E-newsletters – ONSW, Top End

