

OV Membership Report December 12, 2015

The first table shows 2015 data. The second table shows the current 2016 membership data.

We have registered 31 new members since the November report, including 10 who have joined for 2016 9 adults and 22 juniors. First time members, who joined after October 1st, have had their memberships rolled over to 2016.

All clubs have set up their membership types for 2016. I have asked Club Eventor Administrators to send out renewal email notices, using the renewal link on Eventor. The improvements made to the renewal system have been well received.

Debbie Dodd (DROC) reported, on the Monday, *'I sent out the renewal link to DROC members on Sunday and already 12 have renewed via Eventor, and feedback is how easy it is now, including adding family members.'*

Gwennyth Baker the BK administrator wrote, *'I loved the easier options this year in Eventor, although it was very scary clicking on that button to automatically send emails out to all those club members in Eventor. It was a huge sigh of relief when I discovered it worked. Well done to whoever was behind this.'*

I have closed off OV membership applications for 2015. New members are able to take out 2016 membership. I have also updated the membership application guidelines on the OV website for 2016.

The board should consider officially closing off membership renewal at the end of November, each year; new membership categories for the following year should be set up on Eventor by the beginning of December.

Two members raised their concern with me about the due date for membership payment. Under the OV constitution, as I understand it, members become non-financial if they have not renewed by February 28th. Once membership is linked to event entry, I understand that non-financial members will have to pay the non-member event entry fee.

I shall send out a renewal reminder early in January.

13-December-2015							
OV Members		Club Memberships					
			Members	Adult	Junior	Club Only	Second Club
Adult & AO mag	175						
Other Adult members	337	AR	15	2	0	4	9
Life Members & AO Mag	14	AW	44	16	0	26	2
Other Life members	1	BG	124	90	30	0	4
Junior & AO magazine	12	BK	179	132	33	6	8
Other Junior members	122	CH	17	8	2	6	1
OV Members (Individual)	661	DR	90	80	10	0	0
		EU	59	40	15	4	0
Assoc School & Mag	21	MF	51	28	19	0	4
Assoc Organisation & Mag	1	NE	87	55	9	22	1
		TK	30	23	0	7	0
Club Only & AO mag	3	YV	73	53	16	0	4
Club Only NO mag	69	Club OV	661	527	134	75	33
Some 2nd club members are OA members through another state association							
Magazine subscriptions	227						
Households - No magazine	253						
			2012	2013	2014		
New members	270		55	65	51	Increase on 2014	
Non-renewals	79		41	50	69		
OV Households	451		290	303	298	51%	
Total OV Memberships	681		535	511	488	39%	
Club Only members	75						

In OV's constitution (amended 2013)

7.3 Annual subscriptions are due on 1st January each year.

7.4 Non-payment of subscriptions within two months after the due date shall render that person unfinancial and ineligible for the rights and privileges under clauses 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 and 5.7.

7.5 Subscriptions paid within three months before the due date by currently financial members, and those joining the Association for the first time, shall be deemed to be valid until the end of the following year.

I am concerned with the wording of clause 7.5. I presume that members who are renewing membership pay the membership fee laid down for the following year. Before Eventor, it was not uncommon for people to inadvertently pay their memberships twice in the same year. It isn't possible to pay membership twice for the same year in Eventor.

Perhaps 7.5 could read, "*Subscriptions paid by those joining the Association for the first time, after October, shall be deemed to be valid until the end of the following year.*"

We have second club membership for orienteers who have membership with another state association. But, I need clarification on how this works with overseas orienteers who claim second club membership of a Victorian club. Anna Bringby, from Sweden (Södertälje-Nykvarn OF), has claimed second club membership with BK. Anna has been a social club member of BK for the last two years. BK decided to scrap Social membership, and is experiencing some flak and loss of membership as a result. The people who complained are regular StreetO competitors.

Compiling membership reports would be less tedious if there was a field in the OV spreadsheet to identify individual's club membership. 'Club only' members are also difficult to identify as they show up as OV 'No magazine option'. Once identified, I can remove them from OV membership while they still remain on their club's membership list. It would also be useful if first time members were shown on the data or relevant administrators notified.

Membership renewal for 2016 is progressing well.

Casual Membership: This is a new feature in Eventor. When a first timer registers an account and applies for membership but does not pay a membership fee, they appear on Eventor as Casual members. This facility could be useful for following up newcomers. Club Eventor administrators should be encouraged to enter contact information into Eventor for this purpose. To add Casuals to database the Name/Surname, DOB and email address need to be collected from first timers at events; something which is being done already.

2016 memberships 14/12/2015							
OV Members			Club Memberships				
			Members	Adult	Junior	Club Only	Second Club
Adult & AO mag	52						
Other Adult members	105		AR	2	0	0	2
Life Members & AO Mag	5	14	AW	4	3	1	0
Other Life members	1		BG	11	6	4	1
Junior & AO magazine	2		BK	101	76	20	5
Other Junior members	45		CH	5	1	0	0
OV Members (Individual)	210	219	DR	34	33	1	0
			EU	6	3	0	3
Assoc School & Mag			MF	7	1	6	0
Assoc Organisation & Mag	1		NE	40	26	6	1
			TK	3	3	0	0
Club Only & AO mag	0		YV	21	13	7	1
Club Only NO mag	0		Club OV	210	165	45	11
Casual	2		Some 2nd club members are OA members via another state association				
Awaiting Payment	1						
Magazine subscriptions	69						
Households - No magazine	87						
			2012	2013	2014	2015	
New members	10		55	65	51	268	
Non-renewals	n/a		41	50	69	79	
OV Households	146	155	290	303	298	449	
Total OV Memberships	210	219	535	511	488	681	
Club Only members	11						
<i>Robert Edmonds</i>							
Orienteering Victoria Membership Secretary							