

## December News

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Kia ora,

Last weekend we had our final event for the year followed by the AGM. This concluded 2022 for NOC, a big year for the Club which I have written about in this year's Presidents Report - you can find a link to this at the bottom of the newsletter. Thanks to all members for your contributions and enthusiasm throughout the year - orienteering is just the best sport; for the people, the places and the challenge it offers. I hope next year we can build the Club further by having more training and club days to upskill you all. For now, enjoy the festive season, and why not do this by looking at maps. See [WorldofO](#) for the annual Route to Christmas and a chance to vote for Course of the Year (or just look at some great courses/maps from around the world).

Merry Christmas, stay safe, and see you in the New Year.

Matt O



*AGM and EOY Event last Sunday at Garin College.*



Part of the Orange course from the EOY event.

### Taitonga South Island Orienteering Champs 2023 - 28th&29th January, Nelson

We are excited to be hosting the Taitonga South Island Orienteering champs in January next year, it will be a high quality, compact orienteering weekend that you won't want to miss! The organising team have preparations well underway with mapping nearly completed on all the areas and an experienced team of setters and controllers is in place. [Bulletin 1](#) is out now.

Saturday morning 28 January - Middle - To kickstart the weekend, the 'devil is in the detail' setting and controlling team of Amelia Horne and our club president Matt Ogden results in a technical, high-speed event at a tricky forested dune area, Rabbit Island.

Saturday evening 28 January – Sprint – A brand new location and map for the sprint, over three school campuses in and around Nayland College. Fast decision making on a course created by setter Daniel Penney and controller Callum Coombs will be required for a clean and speedy run.

Sunday morning 29 January – Long – Riley and Michael Croxford are bringing their A-game for the Long at Teetotal / West Bay near St. Arnaud. You can expect some tricky navigation with route choice being the make or break of your run.

This is sure to be a weekend of awesome orienteering, [Enter Here](#) and you don't miss out on the fun! You will go in the draw for a free entry to the whole weekend if you enter before 24th December too.

For further information, including embargo areas, please check out the [website](#).



*Patrick Higgins is as excited for SIOC2023 as he was for NZOC2022, a true O-Geek at heart.*

### Upcoming Events

See our [Events](#) or [Facebook](#) pages for all of our upcoming events and details. We endeavour to keep all details up to date, but please let us know if you have any questions or see any discrepancies.

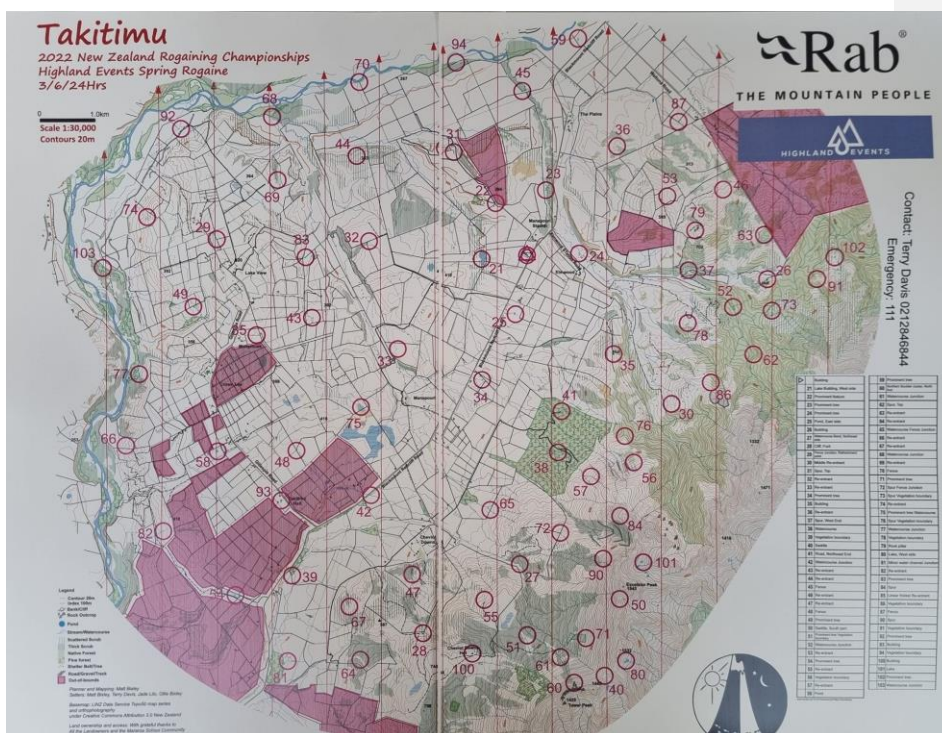
January has plenty of orienteering with Oceanias in Tasmania from the 7-18th January. All the best to the club members competing!

- 28-29 January - South Island Orienteering Champs, Nelson
  - Distances: middle, sprint, long.
  - Check out the event [website](#).
  - Enter [here](#), entries close 13th January.
- 4-6th February - Southern O Weekend, Christchurch
  - A weekend of sprints and a middle distance. The sprints are part of the National Sprint League.
  - Bulletin 1 is out and further details can be found on PAPO's [website](#)
  - Enter [here](#), entries close 1st February.

- 11-12th March - Katoa Po, Taupo
  - Jam packed weekend with two sprints (part of the National Sprint League), club night relays and a rogaïne.
  - More information can be found [here](#).
  - The club is thinking of organizing a group trip. Please register your interest [here](#).
- Stay posted for more events in 2023 (Summer Sprints kicking off mid-February).

## News

- **NZ 24 hr Rogaining Champs**  
 Congratulations to all club members who took part in the NZ Rogaining Champs in Te Anau at the end of November. Some exceptional results from Georgia Whitla and Darron Jones; and Marina Comesky and teammate Oak Jones took out 1st and 2nd in the mixed open category respectively. Neil and Anya Murray teamed up for a father and daughter power-duo and finished 14th in mixed open.



Map from the NZ rogaïne Champs - What would your route be?

- **Fare-The-Well Rogaine**

A good turn out from club members at the Fare-the-well Rogaine put on by the Golden Bay Tramping Club. We extend our gratitude to the Golden Bay Tramping Club for donating proceeds from the event to Isaac Pawley.

- **2022 TSM Nelson Sports Awards**

It was awesome to see club members Zefa and Nathan Fa'avae being recognised for their sporting achievements this year. Zefa won Junior Sportsman of the year, and Nathan won Senior Sportsman of the year and was announced as the Supreme winner.

- **Presidents Report**

The President has managed to summarise the year we've had in his report. Be sure to [check it out!](#)



*NOC 2022 Moments.*