

## May News

Kia ora,

It is unlikely that my piece this month will be as comical as previous entries. Be that as it May, the club is back into event mode as we warmly welcome the winter months. I am particularly proud of Jane Lambert and the team which delivered the Maitai event. We were very close to postponing it yet again, but finally clear skies and a beautiful day gave us the chance to explore the interesting and exceedingly slippery Centre of New Zealand map. A particular highlight for me was emerging from the forest to the barrage of plastic circles.



*A gorgeous day after a chilly start at the Centre of New Zealand. Finally we had an appropriately difficult white course!*

I couldn't bear organising another large orienteering event so I have invented an elaborate World Champs project to miss the best thing to happen to Secondary School Sports since Colgate, the Te Tau Ihu Navsport Festival. With Annemarie again at the helm for both the South Island Secondary School and New Zealand Secondary School Champs, coming up in July, I have full confidence that NOC will again deliver high quality and memorable competitions. Public races will be on offer and I encourage club members to volunteer to help if you are available - many hands make light work, reach out to Annemarie ([sioc2023@gmail.com](mailto:sioc2023@gmail.com)) if you are interested. Before that though, the NOcturnal rogaines kick off which promises to be another action packed series.

It has been great to see the support towards Riley and Eddie's fundraising rogaines and I have no doubt Nathan's "Unbeaten" talk fundraising for Zefa will be a huge success. I am incredibly proud of our juniors and wish them all the very best for their races ahead.

Matt O

## Upcoming Events

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

- 3-5th June (Kings Birthday weekend) - Tūāraki-Northern Regional Championships, Waikato
  - Sprint, Middle and long distances
  - [Bulletin 1](#) is out now
  - Visit the event website and enter online [here](#).
- Sunday 11th June - Rabbit Island
  - Nelson/Tasman Schools Orienteering as well as a public race
  - Registration from 10am, starts from 10:30am-12pm
  - Categories: yr 7&8 boys and girls, junior boys and girls, senior boys and girls and public
  - Further details can be found [here](#)
  - Pre-registering recommended, enter [here](#)
- NOcturnal Rogaine Series
  - Maps from 5:30pm
    - Wednesday 14th June - Grampians - 2hr
    - Wednesday 28th June - Stoke Valleys - 1hr
    - Wednesday 26th July - TBC - 1hr
    - Wednesday 9th August - Rabbit Island - 1hr
    - Wednesday 23rd August - Richmond - 1hr
  - Look out for the entry link on the event [website](#)
- Sunday 25th June - Tunnickliff
  - Nelson/Tasman Schools Orienteering as well as a public race
  - Registration from 10am, starts from 10:30am-12pm
  - Categories: yr 7&8 boys and girls, junior boys and girls, senior boys and girls and spectator
  - Look out for the entry link on the event [website](#)
- Te Tau Ihu Navsport Festival (public races available)
  - South Island Secondary Schools. Further info here, enter [here](#) (public race [entry](#)):
    - 8th July (9am-12pm): [Urban relay](#)
    - 8th July (2-5pm): [SISS Sprint](#)
    - 9th July: Long
  - NZ Secondary School Rogaining Champs
    - 11th July: 2 or 4 hour Rogaine, within a 20 minute drive of Blenheim, info [here](#)
  - NZ Secondary Schools Champs, further info [here](#), public can enter [here](#):
    - 13th July: Long - Bastion Cloudy Bay Business Park
    - 14th July: Sprint - Blenheim CBD
    - 15th July: Relay - Wither Hills MTB park

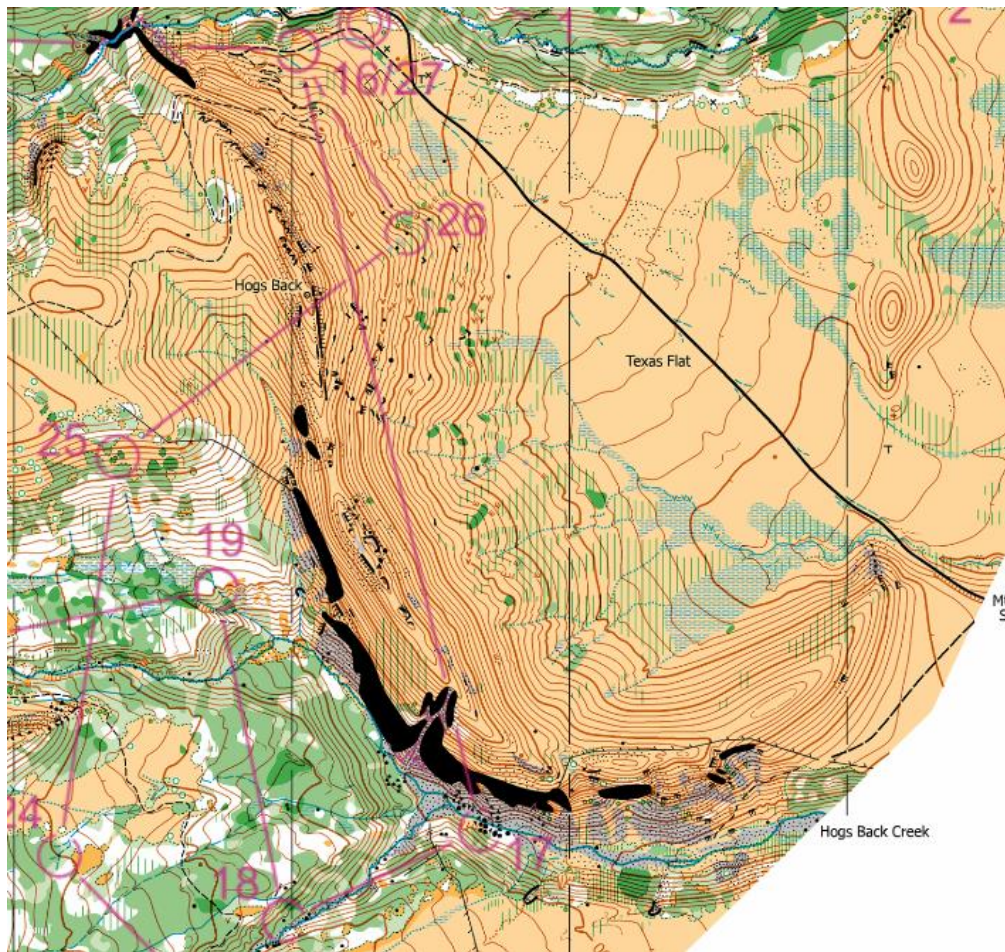
## News

- **Club members heading to Europe**

Some of our club members will be heading over to Europe over the next couple of months to race at the European Youth World Champs (Bulgaria), Junior World Champs (Romania) and World Champs (Switzerland). The club wishes them all the best, and for those at home keep an eye out on our facebook page for updates on how they go.

Zefa Fa'avae has written a summary of what his preparation for the junior world champs involve:

*“Training involves a 10 week training program that Dad made which is on average about 70 to 80 km a week with different types of runs. In terms of map training I am trying to get to as many events as possible including European youth orienteering champs in Bulgaria before JWOC in Romania. My goal is to aim to do as well as or better than last year’s which was 14th in the long and 17th in the middle.”*



*Leg 16 to 17 was one of the long legs in the M21E course at the Hogsback Ultralong. What would your route be?*