

Presidents Report 2016

PAPO put on 32 events with a combined total of 4208 participants.

Major events hosted by PAPO included the NZ Secondary Schools Rogaine, the Heights of Winter and the Alpine O over Labour weekend, which attracted people from all around the country. The Alpine O was the first use of the Hogsback map in the Craigieburns, and after the Nationals at Rotoiti and the more recent event at Waikaia in Southland demonstrates that fun orienteering can be had in native NZ beech forest.

PAPO also hosted the ONZ National Junior Camp, National U23 Squad Camp and the Year 5-8 Camp last December. A number of PAPO members also assisted Nelson Orienteering Club with the 2016 Nationals.

Achievements of note this year include:

- PAPO winning the Senior Relay at Nationals for the 4th year running (Nick Hann, Katie Cory-Wright, Chris Forne), and the Junior Relay (Kaia Jorgensen, Matt Harding, Marisol Hunter)
- Finding a location to store the caravan and a shed to store gear in. A very special thanks to Justin Cory and Suzanne Whyte for allowing the use of their land for this.
- Running the ONZ National Junior Camp (Year 9-12). Sue Cooke did an amazing job coordinating this. Sophie Harrison was joint head coach. Thanks also to the club members who helped drive the vans.
- Year 5-8 Camp. Once again Jenni Adams and friends organised a camp for those too young to attend the National Junior Camp. This attracted juniors from throughout the country.
- Alpine O, including a World Ranking Event. Thanks to Iona Powell as coordinator, and the planners and controllers for the events (Tim Wright, Alister Cory-Wright, Nick Hann, Alistair Metherell, Chris and Emily Forne).
- Social Evenings – the club has run a number of social events during the year, with talks by some of our adventure athletes, rogainers and overseas orienteers. Definitely something to continue!
- Halswell Quarry Permanent Course was opened earlier in the year. Mike Marra, assisted by Trish Faulkner and Scott Smith, kept the project on track. A number of people and groups have already made good use of this course.
- Sportident. Tim Wright was awarded the Dave Faulkner Trophy for Volunteer Contribution for his work as sportident coordinator. The regular training evenings Tim has organised have helped spread the knowledge and given people confidence to help at events.

Throughout my time as PAPO President it has been a pleasure to work on a committee where everyone is enthusiastic and focused on doing the best for the club. I would like to thank the 2016 committee. Firstly those who are retiring - Jenny Calder (secretary), Clem Rolin (treasurer), Jan Harrison (committee), Nick Smith (committee) and Keith Unsworth (communications), and to those who are

standing again – Marcus Diprose (events), Iona Powell (technical), Linley Earnshaw (maps) and Georgia Whitla (development). Also thanks to Chris Rowe who filled in as treasurer while Clem was overseas.

I would also like to thank those officers outside the committee who have also helped tremendously this year - Jocelyn Thrower (Membership), Tim Wright (Sportident), John Calder (VIP Scheme Coordinator), Sue Cooke (Trophies), Katie Bolt (Webmaster), Jean Cory-Wright (Schools & Junior Liaison), Josie Boland (MTBO Liason), Mike Harding (Landowner Liason), William MacManus (Traffic Management), Val Rogers (Physical Map Files), David Pugh-Williams (Permanent Course Liaison), Jenni Adams (Club Captain), George Richardson (OY Statistician).

Thanks also to all the many others who have planned, controlled and organised events, coaching and training sessions and undertaken a multitude of tasks for our club and the sport of orienteering. Thank you all.

I wish the club well as it celebrates its 40th year.

Richard Smith
PAPO President