



Note for diary

The **GOLDEN** Event

**New Zealand
National
Championships
Easter, 2010**

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Central Otago

Organized by Dunedin Orienteering Club



The South Island Orienteering Championships

Incorporating

The Otago Championships

2009

Dunedin Orienteering Club

Welcome to the South Island Orienteering Championships 2009

- Day 1 - Saturday 24 October 2009 - **Sprint Race** – Otago University and Polytechnic
- Day 2 - Sunday 25 October 2009 - **Middle Distance** – Gabriel's Gully
- Day 3 - Monday 26 October 2009 - **Long Distance** – Cuttance Block. A grade event.

THANKS to

Landowners:-
The Department of Conservation
Wenita Forestry
The University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic

Peninsula and Plains Orienteering Club, for assistance with Sportident.

SPORTIDENT (electronic control punching) will be used on all courses. SI cards can be hired for \$3 per day for the competition.

No creche will be provided

WHISTLES must be carried on all courses

For inquiries contact Pat Ehrhardt. ehrhardt [at] xtra.co.nz or phone 034534012

Certificates will be presented to place-getters as soon as possible after the event. If anyone has to leave early, their certificates will be sent to them.

Travel instructions

From Dunedin: (Travel time 30 minutes)

- Proceed down the Southern Highway heading towards Invercargill.
- The turnoff is approx. 6km past Allanton.
- Turn left onto Henley Rd and follow the signs 500m to the parking area.
- Turnoff will be signposted on SH1.
- - From Invercargill: (Travel time 2hr 30min)
- Pass through the towns of Balclutha and Milton.
- The turnoff is approx. 11km past Waihola.
- Turn right onto Henley Rd and follow the signs 500m to the parking area.
- Turnoff will be signposted on SH1.

Parking

Please park on the left side of the road as you head into the area. Parking is limited, so if you have the chance to ride share, then please do.

Day 3 – Monday 26 October - Long Distance – Cuttance Block

- Terrain: Pine forest, gully/spur, some open farmland
- Location: Henley, 25minutes south of Dunedin
- Landowners: Wenita Forestry
- Planner: Jim Cotter, Controller: Brian Buschl, Organiser: Pat Ehrhardt
- Scale red courses 1:10 000, others 1:7500 Contours 5m
- Starts From 10:30 am Start Interval 3 minutes. Please be at the start at least 6 minutes before your start time.

Course closure 3:15 pm. At this time all competitors must return to the registration area and report in. Any competitor taking longer than 3hours will be disqualified

Mapping notes

- Mapping and cartography by Svend Pederson original block 2003, extension 2009.
- Vegetation is generally more open in the existing map and tighter in the extension. Tighter areas are marked with a light green colour but remember it is best to use a range of clues from the map and not just rely on vegetation alone.
- The green circle symbol is used to represent a distinct tree. Often this may be a cabbage tree amongst the pines.

Competitor information

- Full leg cover is recommended for all competitors.
 - There are several patches of onga onga (stinging nettle). These are marked with a green stripe. The starter will have a sample of the nettle at the start line.
 - Electric fences will be turned off
- Water: There will be water at the finish line and limited water bottles on the course.

Day 1 – Saturday 24 October - Sprint – Otago University and Polytechnic

- Terrain: Urban area
- Location: Dunedin City
- Planner: Riki Cambridge, Controller: Genevieve Webb, Organiser: Pat Ehrhardt
- Scale 1:5000 Contour Interval 2.5m
- Starts From 3:30 pm. Start Interval 1 minute. Please be at the Start at least 6 minutes before your start time. The Start is 2 minutes walk from the registration area and car-park.
- Results and printouts of times will be available near the Registration caravan in the car-park.

ROAD SAFETY: All roads will be open to traffic. Please take care when crossing or running along roads, even very small ones.

Travel instructions:

- From Highway 1 turn East on Albany Street. Just past a pale blue building turn left in Forth Street. Parking in a car-park on your left or on the street.

Social Function

A social function will be held on Saturday 24 October at Filadelfio's Pizza, Restaurant and Bar after the Sprint event.

Certificates for the Sprint race will be presented at approximately 7:30pm.

Filadelfio's address is 3 North Road, at the corner of the Botanic Gardens. Great menu, great venue, no bookings required. To reach it, head North on George Street or State Highway 1. If you are on SH 1, do not turn left onto the Motorway, but leave the highway and continue straight on past the Botanic Gardens.

Day 2 – Sunday 25 October - Middle Distance – Gabriel’s Gully

Why Gabriel?

Not the Archangel! In 1861 the Otago goldrush was sparked when Gabriel Read discovered gold in the gully that now bears his name.

- Terrain: Thick pine forest and some open forest over old gold tailings and sluicings. Steep. Vegetation is very dense, full body cover highly recommended.
- Location: Near Lawrence, about 1 hour's drive SW of Dunedin on S.H.8
- Planner: Annie Grant, Controller: Ake Fagerang, Organisers: Pat Ehrhardt, Myles Thayer
- Scale:
 - Courses 1&2 1:7 000 Contour interval 5m
 - Courses 3-10 1:5 000 Contour interval 5m
- Starts From 11 am. Start interval 3 minutes. Start is a few minutes walk from the registration area. Please be at the start at least 6 minutes before your start time.

Safety Instructions from the Department of Conservation

- Closely-spaced trees with numerous head-high sharp branches (eye protection is recommended).
- This is an important Historic Place so competitors need to take care not to damage or interfere with any landform or object that may have historical significance.
- The most fragile of these heritage landforms are the historic water races (small ditches). Please take particular care of their banks if you need to cross one of these
- The event is mostly on Dept of Conservation land and we are allowed to use the area subject to any special rules that they may impose on the event.
- Track work is ongoing here and not all tracks are completed to their final standard.

- Mineshafts – There are mineshafts up to 10 metres deep. They are marked on the map and control sites have been placed to keep competitors well away from them. Take care in case there are any that have not been mapped
- Fallen trees are also on part of the map, runners are advised to stay clear of them
- There are bushes and shrubs around with prickles and thorns on them.

Certificates will be presented in a ceremony as soon as possible after the event

Meet the locals, and spread enthusiasm for Orienteering

After the Championship races courses 9 and 10 will be available for local people to have an experience of Orienteering. We hope Championship competitors will come and help newcomers on the courses. If you are willing to do this, please meet at the start, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Travel Instructions

From Dunedin allow at least 1hour 15 minutes.

Drive South on State Highway 1. After Milton turn right on State Highway 8 (signposted to Lawrence, Alexander, Queenstown) and travel 33 km to Lawrence. In Lawrence turn right and continue along the small road signposted to Gabriel's Gully. The entrance to Gabriel's Gully Reserve is on your right.