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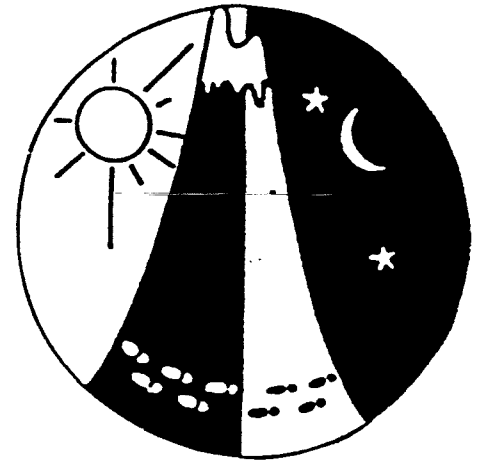
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EDITORIAL

by MARNIE HOLMES

In 1993 the NSWRA celebrates its 10th anniversary. In this newsletter, Ian Dempsey, one of the Association's first members, shares some of his experiences in the sport of rogaining in the early 1980's long before many of us had ever heard of the word ROGAINING, let alone tried to explain it to our incredulous sedentary friends and acquaintances.

I remember the disbelief and disdain with which I treated my sister's early descriptions of her latest sporting challenge in the mid 1980's and I also remember the vehemence with which I stated that *I* would never do anything like that.... How attitudes can change! Why not send us details of your experiences - the highlights, your biggest disaster, memories of your first event, tales about other rogainers, how you walked straight onto the checkpoint only to find its number had mysteriously changed.... We all look forward to hearing your stories.

Reminiscences of more recent events are included in this newsletter: rather wry and amusing comments from Tony Maloney, the course-setter at the Easter Bugs Bunny Rogaine (and a great job he did too!); the experiences of the winners of that event by Dave Jones and a description of the Inaugural ACT Paddy Pallin Rogaine at Kowen Pine Forest by Sonia Kupina.

A calendar of the coming events and entry forms for the 30th Paddy Pallin Rogaine and the NSW Championships are enclosed. Bring your friends along to the Paddy Pallin Rogaine and the bush dance on the evening before the event and give your legs a work out before the Sunday morning start. We look forward to seeing you at the wide variety of events ahead of us.

Keen and observant readers will notice that the bearers of editorial responsibility have changed. Present incumbents are Sonia and Marnie. Our editorial policy is to produce an entertaining and informative newsletter. Articles, cartoons, suggestions and photographs are very welcome.



IF WE PULL THIS ONE OFF,
WE'LL EAT LIKE KINGS!!

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IT'S A GIRL!!

Congratulations to Julian and Akiko Ledger on the birth of their daughter, Selena, on Thursday 6.5.93 at 6.30 pm. Apparently 'Selena' means 'moonlight' and there was a full moon on the day the little bundle arrived - a good rogaining future is therefore predicted for her. But I wonder what her name would have been if there was no full moon.

RECOLLECTIONS OF EARLY ROGAINING IN NSW

by IAN DEMPSEY

My early recollections of rogaining are dominated by Bert Van Netten's enthusiasm. His enthusiasm was obviously catching on my part, and it has served to involve many others in the sport.

In 1981 Bert, Robin Dean and myself competed in an Intervarsity Rogaine hosted by the University of New England in Armidale. I remember that Robin and myself had little idea of what was involved in the sport, but we were carried along by Bert's eagerness and promises of good company.

As the event was organised primarily for university teams, we "commoners" were given a start after the university teams had left. Nevertheless, our delay in starting did nothing to dampen Bert's eagerness to go for most of the controls. Our route choice led us to the vicinity of the Styx River which formed a boundary on one side of the New England National Park, and is known in Greek mythology as the river that forms an entrance to Hell. From here we were to complete an ambitious anticlockwise sweep collecting most of the high pointers.

Laimonis Kavalieris had set a daunting course. Fortunately, our navigational expertise did not permit us to find the first control. I say fortunately because the Styx Gorge "consumed" several teams who did not emerge until well into the night. Chastened by our experience we managed to find a few easy controls on the plateau and returned to the hash house around 10 pm. We got some sleep and went out again before dawn for more checkpoints.

We finished well down on the results, but I thought the sight of the winners, Robert Vincent and Ray Dawes, struggling to stay awake on the bus back into town was a sign of their insanity. But who am I to talk about insanity? Time tends to dull the unpleasant memories and 12 months later Bert was again talking rogaining, and "yes" I'd be happy to join a team with himself and Geoff Morley.

NSWRA

10TH ANNIVERSARY

1983 - 1993

Gordon Sheilds from the Sutherland Bushwalking Club organised an event in the Wingello area south of Sydney that was one of the few events organised outside of university auspices in NSW at that time. I can remember little of the results and our performance, but I do remember that the area appealed because it had a good balance of terrain types (native and pine forest, and open farmland).

As there were very few opportunities for competing in rogaines in NSW, Bert and Dianne and myself travelled to Victoria several times in the early 1980's to take part in events staged by the state that inaugurated the sport. The scale of events in Victoria impressed me. Limits of 400 competitors that were regularly imposed, and an efficient administrative and catering structure. Events there seemed to utilise mainly open farmland (with its associated electric fences), involve contacting large numbers of landowners, and used 1:50 000 scale maps that were often produced specially for the event.

The key players in the administration of the VRA and the ARA at that time included Rod and Neil Phillips, Graham Foley and John Bertwick. The first three were particularly responsible for the development of rogaining in the 1970's. Indeed, one of the several theories regarding the origin of the word "rogaine" involves an amalgam of part of their first names.

At the time that Bert, Dianne and myself were travelling south to compete in rogaines, Jeremy Challacombe, a Victorian who had recently moved to Armidale in NSW began talking with Bert about the possibility of establishing rogaining on a more regular basis in NSW. In 1983 the discussions led to the suggestion of the joint organisation of a 24 hour rogaine at Murrurundi, at the western end of the Hunter Valley. The location was roughly equidistant from Newcastle and Armidale. We agreed to stage the event as a NSW Championship with the view to staging additional, regular events.

We all visited the area late in 1982, saw that it had potential, and made some contact with the large landholders. The area was "big", with considerable relief from the valley floors to the top of the Liverpool Range. However, the views as well as some of the geologic features were a consolation. We hung a checkpoint at Wallabadah Rock; a large split in a volcanic plug that dominated one of the valleys. We disturbed a pair of wedge-tailed eagles from their nest on the top of the rock as we were placing the checkpoint. In other locations where the range was steep, it had slumped to produce terraces and parallel gullies that provided several challenging checkpoints.

We secured a hash house, a shearing shed, which proved itself to be ideal given the atrocious weather conditions in which the event was staged. The hash house was about 20 minutes drive from the town of Murrurundi. We had a few teams who travelled to the event by train and required transport to the event site. This created some difficulties when the train was late and we had to delay the start of the event by one hour. A decision was made to stay with a 12 noon finish, thus making the event a 23 hour rogaine (the only such rogaine that I am aware of to be held in NSW). We made efforts to ensure that this change was communicated to all competitors. However, one team (from memory, comprising Graham Willets, Emilio Suprano and one other) did not attend the final instructions and continued to operate on the premise of a 24 hour event. They finished with what they thought to be about 30 minutes to spare and were understandably upset to be informed that most of their points had been deducted.

Another potential problem we had was the state of the dirt road into the event site. It rained for most of the event and the traffic into and out of the event cut up the road badly. Everyone got out safely except Jeremy who was last to leave and needed assistance from one of the farmers.

The event attracted a relatively small number of competitors. However, the response to the event by the competitors was heartening and we were encouraged to attempt to form a NSW Rogaining Association soon after. Details of the first meeting were circulated to contacts on our modest mailing list and we were "overwhelmed" by the response to the meeting. I believe that Jeremy, myself and Peter Tuft attended. Jeremy was elected President and I looked after secretarial and treasury duties.

A 12 hour event was organised by Jeremy in Armidale later that year. The new Association continued to follow this pattern for several years - that is, a 24 hour and a 12 hour event each year. With a relatively small committee, the maintenance of this modest schedule of events was a struggle for several years. In those days the Association still relied heavily on the involvement of orienteers to support its events. The breakthrough came in the mid 1980's with the influx of a number of new faces onto the committee, and the joint organisation of the Paddy Pallin orienteering event by the NSWRA and the Paddy Pallin organisation. This event was not called a rogaine until it was extended to a 6 hour event (originally a 3.5 hour event) after a few years of NSWRA involvement.

COURSE SETTER'S EGO TAKES A BATTERING AT GRENFELL

by TONY MALONEY

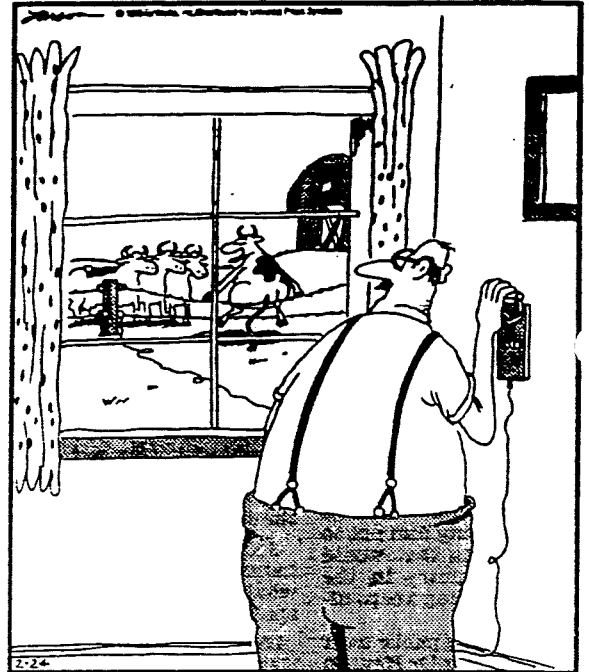
I am sure some people are still asking, why? (the Weddin Mountains - it was soooo thick!) After Wuulaman, I agreed to set a course for Easter 1993 although I had nowhere particular in mind. The flavour of the month was definitely for a NO grass seeds event, and after the odd ACT event and the World Championships this expanded to NO tracks, NO blackberries and NO rain.

The hunt for an area started about mid 1992 and originally focused on areas around the Macquarie River between Bathurst and Wellington. After a number of weekends away, a few things became obvious:

If you don't live in the area, landowners are not necessarily easy to contact, especially on weekends (and have you ever tried to explain rogaining over the phone, with no map, no control flag, no control punch, etc. to show them).

Easter would ensure that a lot of public access areas like Hill End and Wyangla Dam were a definite no go zone.

In sheer desperation I managed to get some advice from one of the NPWS rangers at Bathurst who suggested they controlled a number of parks further west which I could possibly use.



"Look, if it was electric, could I do this?"

On the way to the World Championships, Sue Clark, Cameron Osborne and myself (blame them, I was only the driver) visited the area suggested, had a bit of a run around, and decided it had potential. A weekend visit to the area in December, when I tackled four different sections of the park, satisfied me that I had a map. I knew there were a few uncomfortable parts, although I didn't think I would have too many problems setting a course to avoid most of the (what was later described as) 'crap'. By Christmas, had arranged access to the NP, the Weddin State Forest and a number of the adjoining properties. About eight visits later the event was ready to begin.

My first hint of problems came two weeks before the event when my able Administration Officer, Debbie Cox, asked for Course Setter's notes. I thought to myself, what can I say, or more importantly, what is normally said?

You see, most of my rogaining partners have been female, and I always leave it up to them to get that extra bit of vital information, do the control card punching, etc. (i.e. basically anything useful). That way, in the true spirit of rogaining, if something goes wrong I can always blame her.

Each of the eight weekends in Grenfell saw some form of precipitation fall, even a couple of complete wash-outs, so vegetation growth over summer had been exceptional. Some parts of the course that were an inconvenience in December had become 'crap', some of the thick parts had become impenetrable, especially around the Weddin Gap fire trail. So, I knew I had to say something about how thick it was in parts, and suggested people plan accordingly. Likewise, water was a potential problem, so it was also mentioned. Directions to the event were a little vague, but everyone managed to find the hash house, even super cook, Roz, (thank you Roz and Co. for a wonderful job, although it did surprise me what some people will do for a quick snort of port). I certainly wasn't going to drive 390 kms from home one more time to establish the turnoff was 21.8 kms from Grenfell and not approximately 20 kms, but thank you Netta for that much needed information.

My second hint of a problem came when it was time to give the briefing. A briefing! What is that, I thought - that's the time I usually remain in the tent stuffing my face so 'she who can be blamed' gets the last bit of vital information. Remaining in the tent gives me the opportunity to down those last few thousand kilojoules so I can arrive back at noon the next day relatively fresh, whilst she looks like she has aged another five years. So what to say at the briefing, well, only repeat what I said in the Course Setter's notes I guess - its thick on the spurs, the gullies are open, plan accordingly, and take plenty of water. I thought the highlight of the briefing was the obvious Dorothy Dixier from Netta (although I never thought she was on my side) allowing me to show the world how intelligent I was - yes, even I could tell the time!

By the time the briefing was over, Debbie was becoming suspicious that I had a problem. What to her were essentially straightforward tasks (the notes and briefing) had caused me great consternation. By nightfall she thought all males had a problem, by morning she had a theory, and by lunchtime on Sunday she was sure. You see, with no exception (that either of us witnessed anyway), the female teams were describing the course as no problems, delightful, beautiful, spectacular, etc. while the male teams were saying things like its utter crap, its absolute crap, it the mother of all crap, one person even had the audacity to describe it as 'Mal Meninga' crap. Whilst at 2.00 am on Sunday, Warwick returned, said four words to me ('Are you sill alive?'), and retired.

After the event, three hours of hearing Debbie tell me 'It's typical, you people (males?) just don't listen, do you!' was just too much for me. Easter taught me an important lesson about rogaining - whilst it might be useful to read and listen to what the Course Setter has to say, NEVER under any circumstances allow a female to do the administration (especially the quiet ones, they think too much). Thank you otherwise Debbie for an excellent job.

Some other tidbits of information:

- . Some might be happy to know that I hung around for a couple of days after the event to collect the checkpoints, but after six hours of rain on Tuesday I packed it in and went home.
- . The people of Grenfell were an absolute delight to meet, and very helpful (water tank, water, access, etc.).
- . I have never heard 'crap' described in so many ways.
- . All but one control was visited.
- . Until the vetting started three weeks before the event, I was concerned that too many teams would get all the controls, it was a very small area for a 24 hour event, and you could run up most of the gullies almost to the top.
- . I thought the course was just about tailor made for grumblebum and her charming sister and expected them to win, and although they didn't make it, they did OK. A special thank you to Dave Jones and Glenn Bridgart, I'm glad it wasn't my event that the women of this world finally stood up to be counted.
- . The intention maps were interesting to look at and really showed that some people had great expectations.
- . People either got very de-hydrated, or took the necessary precautions. I put 240 litres of water on the course, plus the tank at water stop A, and less than 80 litres were taken from the containers (1 litre per competitor).

Lastly, to the relief of all, as Treasurer of the Association I have enough to do so will temporarily retire from course setting. For those who want to add 'no crap' to their rogaining requirements have a word to Warwick, he is co-ordinating events for the next year or two and is sure to be looking for all the help he can get.

That's all folks.

EASTER BUGS BUNNY ROGAINE

by *DAVE JONES*

The Easter Bugs Bunny Rogaine was my first 24 hour event, but my team mate, Glenn Bridgart, is a veteran (and not only in age). He has twice been Victorian champion, so we were half experienced.

We wanted to get some good points on the board in the first six hours while we were motivated and decided there was a better concentration of points in the northern section. We chose the western side of this section, with its dry creeks, on the way out and the big plan was to do the whole of the northern half getting back to #13 and heading for the south eastern controls, cutting back west to make our finish time - as it turned out we got to #13 at dawn and our southern route was severely bypassed!

Tony was right in the pre-course notes - the creeks were open but only in patches. They were often scattered freely with fallen logs and small dead trees which had a nasty habit of poking you in the face. As for the ridges and slopes! - I never want to feel that close to nature again! The tea tree was merciless by day and torturous by night.

Things were going quite well initially until we got completely disoriented between #52 and #16. While following the creek we came to an intersection which we both thought was a bit too soon to be the main stream, but the bearing looked good so we cut across on a bearing to intercept the side creek, turn right and find #16. That was the plan, but.....when we hit the next creek it was flowing the wrong way, left to right instead of right to left, and the bearings were all wrong! We still can't really explain it, although we have tried blaming the map, the creek, the compass, the magnetic rocks and each other! Rather than search side creeks for hours we decided that we couldn't go wrong if we forgot about #16 and headed downstream on whatever creek until we hit #42. Later we thought we might try to restore our damaged egos by going for #61 and #16 on the way back rather than going from #60 to #66. (This also saved us 3kms by not going for #61 on the way out.)

We arrived at water drop A at dusk and got a very welcome hot cuppa from a friendly camper then went up the range in a smoke haze from the camp below.

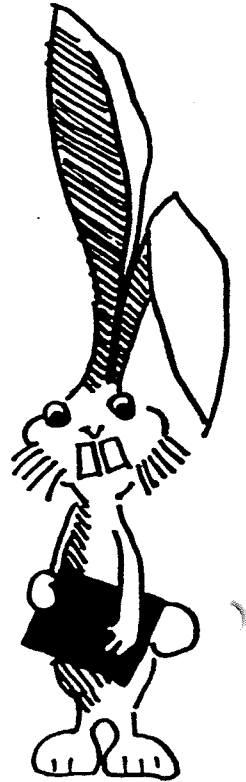
I must say by now I was feeling very much the amateur - my old pack broke after the first control, I had been fighting off leg cramps all day despite eating lots of bananas (my sure-fire cure for cramps!). I had also had a lot of trouble with my torch, going through two sets of batteries before I realized it was the bulb slowly over heating and dying. Finally, later in the night I lost my map!! Despite these set backs I did feel a lot better when, close to #41, my veteran partner "cracked". The branches across the face and ever thickening tea tree and elusive controls on ill-defined ridges and watercourses got the better of him for a few seconds. I am not sure whether the campers 3kms away were disturbed by the outburst or whether the flora in the area will ever truly recover.

After a very tricky descent down from #31 we followed the park boundary to B, then up the very steep track to #70 where I believe the view is wonderful in the daytime! At this stage we met a couple of groups going the opposite way and wondered how they would go getting back in time from #80, #31 and #76, etc.

The diversion to #61 and #16 worked well and was a welcome change from the very difficult night navigation along the ridge line. #66 had a good attack point in the 673 spot height which we found by following the side creek up from #16 (we reckon that #66 was about 2m out of position, based on our bearing walk from 673!!! #91 lived up to its high point score, but by being very meticulous with our pacing we found the correct spur first go.

Dawn broke as we approached #13. Our longest break followed at the water point where we toyed with the idea of going to #20, but we didn't like the prospect of climbing the range at #50. Being in the "gap" we thought the best route was to go up to the hash house via #27 then do a short loop to the south having shed some of our gear. After bush bashing to #27 (having mindlessly walked 300m past our attack point on the 4WD track!) the creek led us to within cooee of #39 so we continued our southern loop without going to the hash house. Downstream from #27 the creek was magnificent - open, grassy, clear of bush, and downhill. The birds and roos completed the scene and we almost found the energy to enjoy it. The rest of the loop was nice and flat and open except for #38.

When we got to #58 we knew we were going to be back early, but the other alternative was a 5½km trip to #14 for 30 points and maybe a race back to the hash house. It was an easy choice. We got back just under one hour early, but we were both satisfied that we had given it a good shot.



'93 EASTER BUGS BUNNY ROGAINE

NSW ROGANING ASSOCIATION

Water Stops
(designated by triangles on the map)

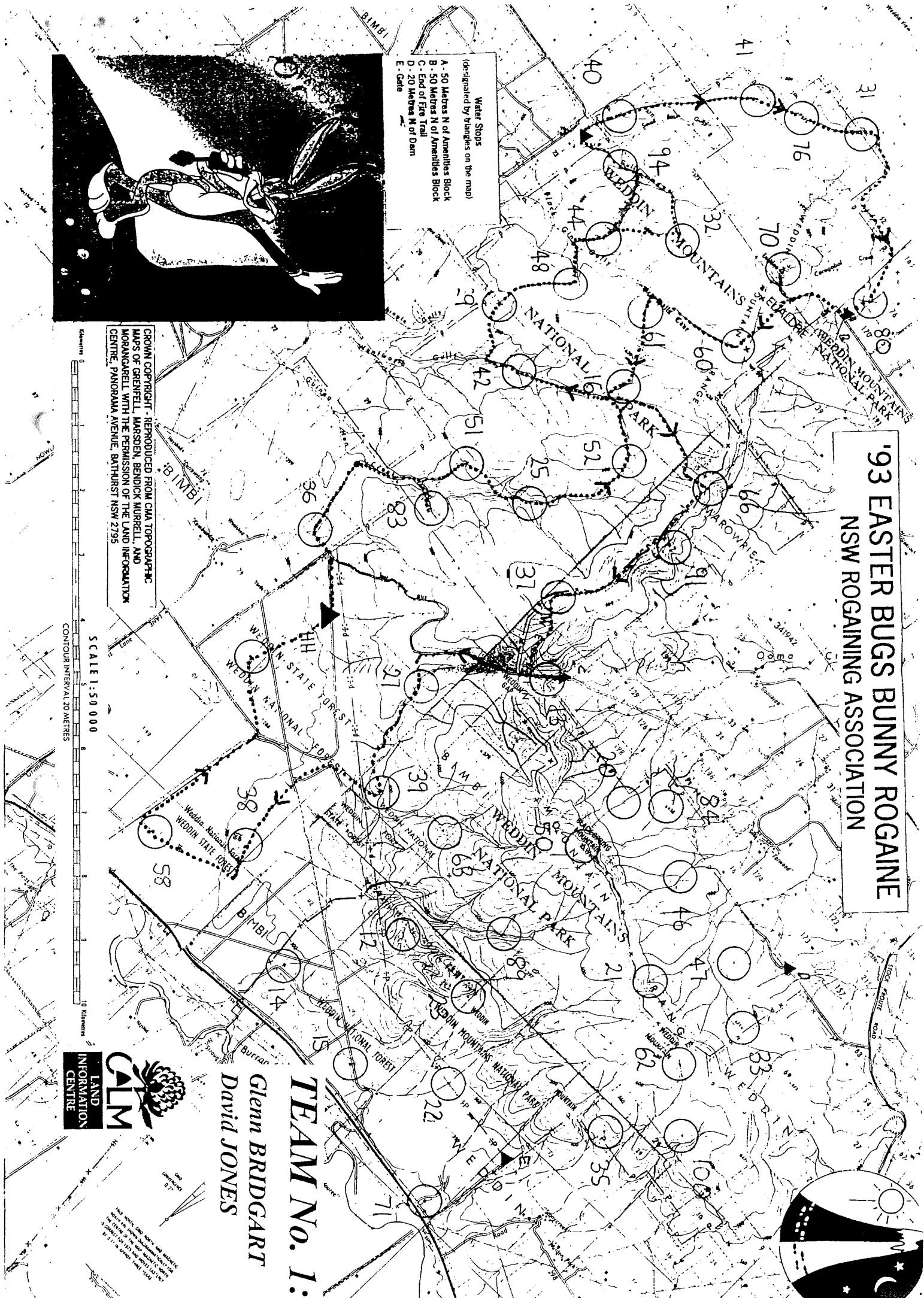
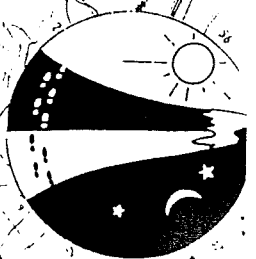
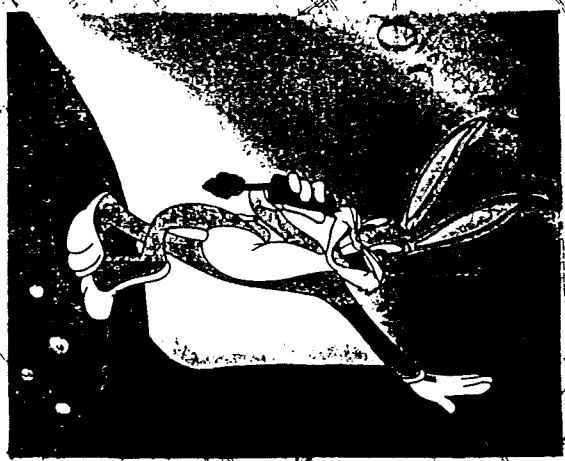
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- B - 50 Metres N of Amenities Block
- C - End of Fire Trail
- D - 20 Metres N of Dam
- E - Gate

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SCALE 1:50 000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 METRES



TEAM NO. 1:
Glenn BRIDGART
David JONES



RESULTS

BUGS BUNNY EASTER 24 HOUR ROGAINE - GRENFELL

10 - 11 APRIL 1993

TEAM	MEMBERS	TIME	SCORE	O	M	W	X	V	N
1	Glenn BRIDGART, David JONES	11:03	1390	1	1			1	
31	Netta HOLMES, Marnie HOLMES	11:43	1270	2		1			
12	Judy JENKINSON, David SINGLETON	11:32	980	3			1		
30	Alan McLENNAN, Ian GIBSON	11:38	860	4	2				1
36	Stephen KEENLYSIDE, Carol LAYTON	10:59	850	5			2		
7	W. MARSDEN*, T. GOLLAN, M. HOTCHKIS	11:45	830	6	3				
8	John TURLEY, Kelly KELLY	12:13	770 (900)	7	4				
32	Terry FUNK, Mollie WHITEHORN	11:21	760	8		2			
9	Peter COVENTRY, Bruce MULLANEY	11:56	640	9	5				2
13	Ian & David RANK, Cheng Swee MERNG	11:48	620	10			3		
2	Phillipa & Stewart AMERY	11:53	550	11			4		3
27	Andrew BLACK, Catherine JOHN	11:56	550	12			5		4
3	Bill & Mark PIGRAM, Wal MILLS	11:57	550	13	6				5
34	Rod ECKELS, Phil WINCKLE	11:26	520	14	7				6
10	Betty CHEN, Natalie VU	11:16	510	15		3			
35	Jim & Niki CAMPBELL	11:18	450	16			6		
17	Kathy HERRMANN, Clare BELLIS	11:31	440	17		4			
26	Jitka KOPRIVA, Rollin BURFORD	11:33	440	18			7		
23	Alf & Regina TORRISI, Ian & Meg* NEUHAUS	11:41	440	19			8		7
16	Jeremy HENSON, Ian PARK, G. TWEEDALE	11:44	440	20	8				
25	Stephen CLIFFE, Ruth EVERINGHAM	10:57	410	21			9		8
29	Peter WATTERSON, Lynne DUNBAR	01:55	400	22			10		
33	Anne FRANCIS, Merv ENGLISH	11:50	370	23			11		9
19	Michael & Audrey WILSON	11:57	350	24			12	2	10
14	Graham & Vicki COOPER	11:04	330	25			13	3	
22	Lindsay & Judy YOUNG	11:29	240	26			14		
4	David, Narelle & Karen CLAYTON	11:13	220	27			15		11
11	Jillian McDONALD, Margaret JAMES	10:57	210	28		5			
28	John & Alan KEATS	18:45	160	29	9				
18	Steve & Kitty HARRISON	23:53	80	30			16		
21	Ian, Annette, Stephanie & Lachlan PAYNE	11:39	80	31			17		
20	Andrew WILSON, Kathy McMORROW	12:40	-80 (320)	32			18		12
24	A. WISNIEWSKI*, G. PROSSER, M. FREEMAN	12:07	980 (1050)	##					

O: Overall
M: Men
W: Women
X: Mixed
V: Veteran
N: 24 hr Novice

* Withdrew from team during rogaïne

Disqualified

Where late penalties apply, uncorrected scores are shown in brackets

INAUGURAL ACT PADDY PALLIN

KOWEN FOREST - SUNDAY 2 MAY 1993

by PHIL CREASER (ACTRA)

I would like to say thank you to all the NSW rogainers who came down to Canberra to support the Inaugural ACT Paddy Pallin Rogaine. Your efforts were appreciated and the big roll-up (230 entrants) for the first event has ensured its success in the years to come. We trust you enjoyed the event and the area we held it in. The feedback has been very positive and we are likely to hold it in a similar area (mixed pin and eucalypt with lots of tracks) next year. Once again, thanks from the ACTRA. See you at your Paddy Pallin Rogaine!

	1ST PLACE	SCORE	2ND PLACE	SCORE
M	B. TREWIN, I. McKENZIE (5hr 6min)	132	M. FINN, T. QUAYLE (5hr 44min)	132
VM	M. WORSLEY, P. SMITH	122	I. BOOTH, D. GRAINGER, C. CATTON	93
JM	T. WALTER, P. HEISKANEN	91	-	-
W	A. CHAPMAN, J. HORSFIELD, A. CHILCOTT	80	M. CAVILL, F. RAY	71
VW	A. SAWKINS, J. ALLISON, A. BAYLIS	77	A. GOONAN, R. AUSTEN, J. HURE (TIE)	49
			H. ATKINS, R. ATKINS, D. LAND (TIE)	49
JW	J. ALLISON, C. HOGG	56	-	-
X	T. LANDON-SMITH, A. McMASTER	106	J. WONER, J. ALLEN, S. REUSH, R. STEINHARDT	86
VX	M. GILBY, R. GILBY, C. BEATON	80	D. CANNON, J. CANNON	77

A DAY IN THE PINE FOREST - ACT PADDY PALLIN ROGAINE

by SONIA KUPINA

As promised the ACTRA provided perfect weather for their inaugural Paddy Pallin 6 hour rogaine. I had been eagerly looking forward to my first event for the year. However, not everything went to plan. I picked up Alan Mansfield, my team mate, from work at 10.00 pm on Saturday and we headed to Mittagong where we had arranged to spend the night at a friend's house. When we arrived we discovered that we didn't have a key to the front security door and despite our efforts to break-in we had to find alternate accommodation. Every motel and the pub in Mittagong was full for the night and we had to drive to Goulburn to find accommodation. Finally snuggled up in bed at 1.00 am.

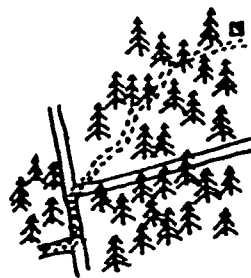
The perfect blue sky in the morning made up for everything. No need to carry my raincoat today and that was an extra bonus because it meant that we could get our gear into one pack which Alan volunteered to carry and I didn't argue - he needs a handicap to slow him down.

When I saw the map I was pleasantly surprised by the lack of hilly country. This is my kind of terrain. The easy 100 point marker within 100 metres of the road just 5½kms from the hash house caught my eye immediately and was too tempting to pass up. From the hash house we decided to head southwest in an anticlockwise loop steering clear of the steeper country to the west, but in doing so we missed out on the only strip of eucalypt forest on the course. We collected markers 46, 36, 57 and 48 on the way to 100. This route offered a great view across to Canberra. Two hours into the event we had checked in at 100 and were delighted that everything was going so well. We then headed east to 23, 67 and 39. Pine trees to the left of us, pine trees to the right of us, pine trees in front of us, nothing but pine trees, but the forestry roads made navigation easy and it was nice not to pace count for a change. This was certainly a runners event with lots of roads. It also proved to be a great event for first time rogainers with many markers close to roads.

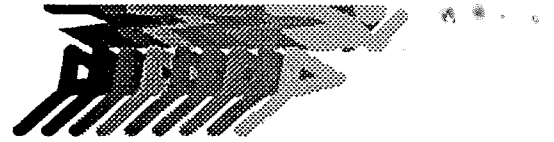
We then headed north to 49 and 35. We were ahead of schedule (something that has never happened before) and we decided we had plenty of time to collect 44 and 38 and headed off into the 'cleared pines'. We began to feel the heat of the midday sun as we walked through country stripped of all vegetation.

With an hour and a half to go we were well on our way to 25. We savoured the last four markers, 72, 22, 82 and 26, knowing that we would make it back to the hash house with time to spare. From the fire tower near 82 we had more fabulous views of Canberra - we could see across to the Captain Cook water jet. We made it back to the hash house with 15 minutes to spare, only a couple of blisters and a good appetite. We managed to collect 55% of the winner's score (a better than average result).

Had a great day and it was well worth the trip to the "sunshine" territory.



WHAT'S LEFT FOR 1993



26/27	JUNE	SEARCH and RESCUE	NORTH of LITHGOW	
11	JULY	PADDY PALLIN	SOUTH of SYDNEY	
31 JULY / 1 AUGUST		AUST CHAMPIONSHIPS	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	
7/8	AUGUST	QLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	to be announced	<i>Eric Andrews (QLD) 07 268 3338</i>
28/29	AUGUST	NSW CHAMPIONSHIPS	SOUTH COAST	
30	OCTOBER	12 HOUR	LAKE MACQUARIE	
to be announced		ACT 12 HOUR	to be announced	<i>Keith Thomas (ACT) 06 248 7816</i>

30TH PADDY PALLIN ROGAINE

If you haven't already posted off your entry for the 30th Paddy Pallin Rogaine you don't have much time left. Entries close on Monday 28 June 1993. Come along early and spend Saturday night at the established campsite or in the bunk house and don't forget there will be a bush dance on Saturday evening so why not come along and 'heel and toe' the night away while wearing out the competition at the same time. Bring some friends along - a 6 hour event is the perfect introduction to our sport. *ENTRY FORM ENCLOSED*

14TH AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Australian Championships will be held over 31 July and 1 August, 1993 approximately 90 kms from Perth in an area which includes some of the last stands of virgin wandoo woodland. The terrain is a mixture of gently undulating country with small but prominent breakaway formations and steep scrub-covered valley hillsides. The forest understorey is generally open but there are also areas containing thickets of parrot bush and its more hostile relative pingle. **The Thirteenth Forest**, with 72 controls in a mere 285 sq kms, will reward those capable of good route selection and precise navigation. The camp-site will be open from the afternoon of Friday 30 July and the hash house will provide hot meals from 4 pm on 31 July until the conclusion of the event. Entry fees will be \$22 (Juniors \$12), and entries will be through state secretaries. For enquiries regarding transport and accommodation please contact Jane Robley (09) 342 7692.

NSW CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1993 NSW Championships will be held on the south coast about 3 hours drive south of Sutherland. An appropriate championship course extending from the coast to the state forest hinterland is offered for your challenge and enjoyment. Highlights of the area include islands, lakes, panoramic vistas along the coast, some lovely forests and a few barbed wire fences and extensive beaches and headlands. Never before have you been able to rogain for so long and collect so many points...barefoot!

Trevor Gollan has learned the lesson from his last attempt at organizing a rogain, i.e. to expect snow if you go rogain in August above 1000m. This August the hash house will be a meagre 1m above sea level.

So, if you do like to be beside the seaside some along to the NSW Championships on the last weekend in August.
ENTRY FORM ENCLOSED

NAV 93: WILDERNESS NAVIGATION SHIELD SEARCH AND RESCUE ROGAINE

NSW Bushwalkers Search and Rescue have organised an event to be held on 26/27 June 1993. Both a one day (10¾ hour) and two day (29¾ hour) event will be held and are open to all accredited search and rescue groups, e.g. SES, bushfire brigade, NP&WS, police, ambulance, etc. and there will be a category for members of the NSW Rogaining Association or other affiliated groups. The event will be held on the Newnes Plateau north of Lithgow (about 2½ hours drive from Sydney). The area is about 80 sq kms of sandstone with numerous small canyons. Be prepared, you will have to mark your own map - just like the old days. There will be a mass start at 8.45 am on Saturday with the one-day teams finishing at 7.30 pm and the two-day teams finishing at 2.00 pm on Sunday. For more information phone John Tonitto (02) 789 2527 (wk) or (02) 528 6174 (ah), fax (02) 718 7272.

MAPS, MAPS, MAPS

by WARWICK MARSDEN

Imagine a rogaine without maps. That's like a banquet without food. (I couldn't even contemplate a rogaine without food!)

Over the years the NSWRA has built up an excellent relationship with the NSW Land Information Centre (formerly the Central Mapping Authority). Initially we simply bought maps from them and you did the plotting. Next came the colour photocopying of maps; even with the LIC being in Bathurst the cost and speedy turnaround time has meant that they are our first choice for colour photocopying. Those of you who went to Jaunter in 1991 or the recent ACT Kiandra rogaine will have used LIC maps with checkpoints and some map corrections incorporated via an overlay. Methods such as this will be the way most of our rogaing maps will be prepared in the future.

If you have any enquiries or special mapping needs give Bob Henry (Marketing) or Tony Mader (Technical) a call at the Land Information Centre (phone 063 328 200) or drop in for a browse if you are passing through Bathurst during business hours. Hopefully, thanks to the Land Information Centre we'll never need to worry about a rogaine without maps!

ENJOY THE CHALLENGE OF YOUR NEXT ROGAINE

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