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SECOND TIME LUCKY - The NSW Championships, 19th-20th October, 1991

It is history now that the August attempt at the NSW Championships was well and truly snowed out. I'm satisfied that we made the correct decision - to postpone until October, not to waste a good course and a great area.

The course was specifically designed to provide easy strolling in the western half, with more challenging terrain and navigation in the eastern half. The area east of Tuglow Mountain and Bald Mountain was all hard work. The Tuglow Valley below the falls at #33 was also steep but not quite the same dimension as Tuglow Hole. I was surprised at the number of teams (>10) that chose not to return to the hash house, because there seemed numerous options available to come back for a decent feed and rest.

The winning team, Paul and Gordon (whose course is shown on the map), chose a different strategy to the rest by travelling most of the easier country on the Saturday, working the hard eastern section at night, then finishing off anything that was left in the light on Sunday. The logic behind this approach is that you are moving more slowly at night so you may as well move more slowly in the slower country. I don't know whether it makes sense or not. More likely, such a fit and determined team will triumph regardless.

We tend to focus on the top teams, who do the thing (nearly) right, but there are surely more interesting stories amongst the teams who did the unexpected, the unexplainable. The intention sheets identify some of those puzzles. For instance, how and why did Arthur Watson and Robert Marshall go from #101 to #80? Similarly the 7-hour void of Ron Hutchings and Mike Hotchkis from #27 to #28? These are more likely the stories of heroism, pain, folly. (Let's be honest, Scott's story is much more fascinating than the other guy that got to the Pole first, isn't it?) Those are the tales I'd really like to hear about.

I created the map differently this time. The Land Information Centre at Bathurst produced a special edition for us which included the control overlay. Complications that arose from this were:

- (i) they needed a greater lead time to print, so we had the map printed and delivered before we had completely set the course, hence a few additional controls to be added to the map by the participants
- (ii) the economies of scale were surprising - we needed at least 200 people to keep the map costs reasonable (then again, if we had 400 people the map costs would have been trivial)
- (iii) the controls were slightly offset in the east, perhaps because I drew the overlay off a folded, not a rolled, map. The quality of the final product was well worth the extra effort.



I'll just move this thing to the other side of the paddock. That should keep them guessing!

On the weekend prior to the event Tony Maloney, Tony Scott and Jock Davis did the entire course and checked the condition of all the controls. They had been hanging for 9 weeks by then. One control was destroyed by a bushfire, another shredded by a bull, two others had just disappeared. The flag in the cave was gone so they hung a spare. Meanwhile the chap who owns the land containing the cave received my notification of the postponement so he replaced the first flag that he thought we had untidily left behind ... hence the two flags in the cave.

There were many, many helpers involved in making this rogaïne finally work. Firstly John Keats warrants some sort of award for having to prepare the hash house twice, assisted in the planning by Alan Hill and Kim Keats. Secondly, Peter Watterson provided great Administration support, taking much of the burden especially at J2. Course setting was done by myself and Peter Watterson; vetting by Peter Watterson, myself, Tony Maloney, Tony Scott, Jock Davis and John Keats; hash house helpers included Peter & Fay Wherry, Joy Cauchi, Kay Gollan, Veronica Kupina, Sarah Fitzherbert, Julie Dowsey, Alan Mansfield, Lynne Dunbar; other helpers on the course were Michael Burton, Cameron Osborne and Nicki Tarr; Anne Francis and Merv English helped in the Administration peak hour; Graeme and Vicki Cooper helped at J1; Alan Hill provided a big freezer for our perishable food from August to October; Sonia Kupina provided soup; Tony Maloney provided the admin tent; Peter Wherry, Greg Harrigan, Clare Bellis, Sue Clarke, Mike Billingsley and Bob Cavill made a special trip to bring in the controls. A big thankyou to all involved.

Trevor Gollan

JAUNTER 24, 16 & 8 HOUR ROGAÏNE, NSW CHAMPIONSHIPS 19-20 October, 1991

Team	Score	E	Finish	O	M	W	X	V	J
44 Paul Frylink, Gordon Nightingale	228	24	10:12	1	1				
4 Ian Dempsey, Andrew Blakers	228	24	11:02	2	2				
3 Rolf Adams, Stephen Keenlyside	226	24	11:51	3	3				
8 Julian Ledger, Sue Clarke	191	24	11:39	4			1		
53 George Collins, Maurice Ripley	188	24	11:07	5	4				
16 Bob Mills, Mike Worsley, Paul Godden	186	24	11:58	6	5				
41 Phil Creaser, Bert Van Netten, Dianne Van Netten	179	24	11:55	7			2		
36 Netta Holmes, Richard Delaney	178	24	11:31	8			3		
46 Noel Luff, Ken Simons, Ken Anderson	150	24	9:30	9	6			1	
77 John Hodsdon, Val Hodsdon	145	16	11:49	10			4	2	
6 Gareth Prosser, Andy Black, Peter Black	143	16	10:57	11	7				
54 Rohan Prowse, Doug Meredith	143	16	11:48	12	8				
5 Michael Kenderes, Karl Winkler	140	24	11:58	13	9				
48 Brad Maund, John Ellis	139	16	11:54	14	10				
1 Ian McKenzie, Arthur Kingsland	124	8	19:57	15	11				
83 Kathy Saw, Anne Sawkins	121	24	11:49	16		1		3	
14 Greg Dunstone, Jennifer Borrell	120	16	11:35	17			5		
62 Rollin Burford, Jitka Kopriva	115	16	11:54	18			6	4	
56 Rod Napier, John Ulrichsen	114	24	11:53	19	12				
91 Ron Hutchings, Mike Hotchkis	113	24	11:53	20	13				
49 Peter Hinds, Dawn Baker	113	16	11:56	21			7		
92 Sue Martin, Wayne Tyrill	112	16	11:58	22			8		
68 Arthur Watson, Robert Marshall	109	24	6:42	23	14			5	
39 Warwick Marsden, Helen Palfrey, Robin Lee*, Andrew Lumsden	106	16	11:48	24			9		
59 Sonia Kupina, Alan Mansfield	104	24	11:49	25			10		
17 Geoff Bailey, Kate Malfroy	104	24	11:50	26			11		

Team	Score	E	Finish	O	M	W	X	V	J
58 Gary Caitcheon, Keith Farlow	101	16	11:42	27	15				
29 Rodger Austen, Kevin Brennan	98	24	10:58	28	16				
21 Guy Jarvi, Sarah Tibbey	97	16	11:44	29				12	
38 Ian Borthwick, Cynthia Borthwick	93	16	10:15	30				13	
72 Jim Meek, Helen Meek	92	16	11:52	31				14	
70 Heiko Schaefer, Ken Schaefer, Mark Schaefer	87	16	11:40	32	17				
80 Jim Seabrook, Thea Seabrook	83	16	11:43	33				15	6
32 Clare Bellis, Connie McNamee	83	16	11:53	34		2			
20 Frank Rosser, Rodney Avery (105)	82	16	12:23	35	18				
47 Peter Whitfield, Adrian Purnell	78	16	10:59	36	19				
52 Stephen Harris, Michael Israel, Matthew Pridham	78	24	11:10	37	20				
88 Kerry Gilmore, Sandra Chapman, Terry Wiles	76	16	11:36	38				16	
13 Graeme Cooper, Vicki Cooper	75	24	10:29	39				17	
12 Ian Carr, Kevin Rogers	73	8	19:50	40	21				7
75 Ross Innes, Alison McGibbon, Ben Askin	73	16	11:52	41				18	
74 Joanne Vanderstock, Rosemary Seberry, Glenn Frame, Paul Crowther	71	16	11:30	42				19	
42 John Bishop, John Biddiscombe	63	8	19:35	43	22				8
66 Wal Mills, Graeme Robinson	63	8	19:45	44	23				9
87 Roz Atkins, Frances Martin, Renate Griffith	63	24	11:49	45		3			
61 Peter Gray, Stephen Cliffe	60	8	18:24	46	24				
7 David Sledge, Debbie Sledge	60	8	19:56	47				20	
73 Peter Beresford, Sharon Oxenbridge	60	16	11:54	48				21	
23 Merv English, Anne Francis	56	8	19:26	49				22	
15 Kellie Murphy, Lara D'Abreo, Nila Sama, Betty Chen	55	8	19:45	50		4			
18 Alf Torrisi, Regina Torrisi	51	8	19:38	51				23	
40 Elizabeth Lynch, Adam Smith	51	8	19:59	52				24	
9 Andrea Gagnon, Judy Micklewright, Delores Roseberry, Kathryn Ward	50	8	19:26	53		5			
34 Anthony Dunk, Stephen Castle	49	8	19:55	54	25				
51 Bob Garrard, Sandra Falconer, John McArthur, Damien Sloane, Margaret Harten	45	8	19:10	55				25	
35 Mark Dunk, Felicity Dunk, Peter Doolan, Carol Wilson	45	8	19:52	56				26	
31 Paul Forster, Bernard Bell	44	8	19:04	57	26				10
84 Jo-Anne Chuck, Karen Wagner, Robert Willows	42	8	19:52	58				27	
76 Stephen Warr, Maria Saville, John Bevin, June McDonough	41	8	18:22	59				28	
78 Alan McLennan, C. Baglin, A. Castro (46)	38	8	20:08	60				29	
85 Lynn Mendham, Laurie Lee	37	8	19:59	61				30	11
86 Jane Sherratt, Yannick LeGall (37)	35	8	20:02	62		6			
55 Lynne Dunbar, Judy Panter	33	8	19:09	63		7			
50 Lindsay Young, Brendan Young	32	8	19:21	64	27				
22 Wendy Davies, Terry Collins	32	24	10:51	65				31	
60 Julie Gray, Derrilin Roberts	31	8	18:00	66		8			
45 John Backhouse, Jon Gray	29	8	19:40	67	28				
57 Peter Coventry, Bruce Mullaney (65)	28	8	20:37	68	29				
89 Simone MacGregor, Simone Edwards	28	24	11:46	69		9			
37 Pauline Godfrey, Michael Godfrey	27	8	17:55	70				32	
63 Robert Coulston, Iain McKenzie, Cyril Kirkland (26)	1	8	20:25	71	30				
64 Lee Clark, Nadia Bernardi (26)	1	8	20:25	72				33	
81 Ben Christie, Richard Swaby, Nick Huchinson, Lincoln Coleman (49)	-27	16	13:16	73	31				1
82 Rowan Mangion, Paul Jackson, Joshua Kelly (45)	-31	16	13:16	74	32				2
33 Michael Burton, Anthony Scott (67) (unofficial)	16								
71 David Stamenovic, Josef Liska (52) (unofficial)	16								
2 Steve Harrison, Kitty Harrison (30) (unofficial)	24								

E - Event (24/16/8 hours) O - Overall Placing M - Men's Division W - Women's Division X - Mixed Division
V - Veteran's Division J - Junior Division * - withdrew from team during the rogaine
For teams who finished late their uncorrected score is given in brackets

JAUNTER JOTTINGS

Steve Keenlyside gives us an account of Rolf and his (almost) perfect event. Pretty good for two guys who claimed that they only just learnt how to use a compass!

What goes through your head on your first 24 hour rogaine? Well, Rolf and I were both a little apprehensive. There were a number of questions to be answered. What was our plan? Do we go out hard or do we just trundle? How good would our navigation be? I know that at our one and only other rogaine (Wambo) it was abysmal. We still had a few things to learn.

Well, 12:00 and off we go. Control #33 via the south side of the Tuglow River, loping along not quite warmed up. Neat waterfall, cross the river and follow the fire trail around to the ridge and down to #56. Jogging, feeling pretty good. Bomb down the creek and up the spur to #35. Rolf's knees slow him down a little on the descent. On to #28. Head east and link up with the unmarked road which takes us to #57. Really neat cave. No Rolf, we don't have time to explore. Head for #26, nailed it, so to speak, across to the road and head south to #59. It's right where we want it. Back to the road then to #46, still jogging, feeling good. We had unspokenly decided to go out hard, probably because it suited the way we both like to do things.

Down the gully to #64, Rolf's knees playing up. I'm waiting a little. Down the spur to #37 then to #55. Fall in creek around #55, totally drenched. Compass bearing then up hill to #66. Starting to get tired. Bomb down to Tuglow Hole Creek. It's 4:00 pm. Coffee time - expedition strength. This expression comes from a time when Rolf was down in Tasmania caving in the Mt Anne region. It was cold, wet and basically miserable. A pact was made that when the coffee supply was exhausted they would leave. Nevertheless, some pretty strong cups of coffee - expedition strength - were made!

Head up the hill to #63, feeling light-headed. It's ours. Compass bearing to #101, the big 10 pointer. Both of us independently follow the same route. Rolf finds #101, I'm 100 m out. Dusk is approaching. Down to #81, straight forward, then to #27. Follow creek to #62, a mistake I think, very slow. Along the Kowmung, then up the spur to #45 and lolly drop. The butterscotch tastes fantastic. Up the spur to the top and a bearing to #67. It's dark but Rolf finds it with his 'Mega' light. Fantastic, we haven't got lost yet. Down to the ford, another coffee break. Rolf, who doesn't normally drink coffee, suddenly acquires the taste.

It's 9:00 pm. Head to #52, crossing the spur and the river. Same again and head up to #71. Would not have been hard to bag #100 if it was still part of the course. Down the spur to saddle and up the other side counting paces. Take a bearing and down to #32. Compass bearing to #42. Manage to get disorientated and still find it. More goodluck than skill. Up to the fire trail and along to #61. Back to the fire trail and #23. I'm starting to feel really bad, sick in the stomach and very weak. Along the ridge and down the spur to #70. Rolf's knees are still playing up. From #70 up the spur and a compass bearing to #54 (another lolly drop). Lose half an hour looking for the control. Minties are a godsend.

Head south via clearing to #43. Down the Tuglow River and up the spur to #80. Compass bearing to #60, lucky to find it. (I hate pine plantations.) Compass bearing to #50. Moving fairly slowly. Head from #50 to #41. Get lost on the way. Rolf pulls a recovery, nails it. Compass bearing to #30, perfect. Down to creek junction, compass bearing to #40. It's 3:00 am. It's 3:45 am. I'm totally stuffed and given up looking for the control. Have been dry retching and feel very weak. Rolf's still soldiering on and finds it! 4:15 am. Make a bee line for the hash house. Food glorious food! I know how Oliver Twist must have felt.

Back out again via #31, then #51, #20, #53, #44, #48. All straight forward except that we are not covering the ground all that quickly. Rolf can't jog because of his knees and after a while I don't feel like it anyway. #36, #65 and #29 follow. We lose the plot around #38. Really ga-ga at this stage. Another team turns up and finds the control for us. 40 minutes wasted. Nail #49 and #58. Decide to go for #39. It was a mistake not to get it when we were at #59. We both have trouble raising a trot, there and back takes 1 hour. Follow the road back to the doline and across to #47. It was, earlier in the piece, looking like we would complete the course by 9:00 am but now we are barely moving at a slow walk. #25, #24 and #22 follow and into the hash house area around 11:00 am. #34 and #21 to go. Both of us now trundling in a daze. Find #34 but #21 (and a perfect score) eludes us. Too tired, too dehydrated. Back to the hash house, the finish, the food and all the really nice people.

Totally written off for Monday. Promise myself that I will never do this again. (So I lied!). All Rolf's toenails fall off. What can you say? What a sport!!!

Steve Keenlyside

NSW CHAMPIONSHIPS
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Paul Friglink & Gordon Nightingale's path.



JAUNTER ROUTES

Note: route deduced from intention sheets and control cards. Times [in brackets] are from intention sheets.

Paul Frylink, Gordon Nightingale

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Ian Dempsey, Andrew Blakers

31-40[12:20]-30[12:20]-41[12:44]-50[13:00]-60-80-43-26[14:13]-57-46-54[15:11]-70-23[15:46]-61-42-32[16:59]-71-52-67[18:16]-45[18:40]-62-101[20:20]-63[21:10]-81[21:55]-27-37[23:16]-64-55[0:55]-66[1:24]-59[2:23]-39-58[3:40]-49[4:00]-38[4:33]-29[4:50]-65[5:15]-48-36[5:51]-53[6:20]-44[6:38]-51[7:08]-20[7:31]-22-24[8:00]-25[8:18]-47--28-35[9:05]-56-33[10:09]-34-21-HH[11:02]

Rolf Adams, Stephen Keenlyside

33-56-35-28-57[13:15]-26[13:20]-59[13:45]-46[14:10]-64-37-55[15:09]-66[15:28]-63[16:25]-101[17:00]-81[17:25]-27-62-45[18:40]-67[19:15]-52-71-32[20:55]-42-61-23[22:20]-70-54[23:20]-43-80-60-50[1:45]-41[2:15]-30[2:30]-40-HH[3:57-4:24]-31-51[5:10]-20[5:30]-53[5:45]-44-48[6:35]-36[6:55]-65[7:15]-29[7:35]-38-49[8:15]-58[8:30]-39-47-25-24[10:21]-22[10:30]-34-HH[11:51]

Julian Ledger, Sue Clarke

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George Collins, Maurice Ripley

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Bob Mills, Mike Worsley, Paul Godden

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Phil Creaser, Bert Van Netten, Dianne Van Netten

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Netta Holmes, Richard Delaney

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Noel Luff, Ken Simons, Ken Anderson

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John Hodsdon, Val Hodsdon

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Gareth Prosser, Andy Black, Peter Black

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Rohan Prowse, Doug Meredith

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Michael Kenderes, Karl Winkler

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Brad Maund, John Ellis

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Ian McKenzie, Arthur Kingsland

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Kathy Saw, Anne Sawkins

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Greg Dunstone, Jennifer Borrell

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Rollin Burford, Jitka Kopriva

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Arthur Watson, Robert Marshall

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Guy Jarvi, Sarah Tibbey

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Ian Borthwick, Cynthia Borthwick

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Jim Meek, Helen Meek

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Heiko Schaefer, Ken Schaefer, Mark Schaefer

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Jim Seabrook, Thea Seabrook

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Clare Bellis, Connie McNamee

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Frank Rosser, Rodney Avery

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Peter Whitfield, Adrian Purnell

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Kerry Gilmore, Sandra Chapman, Terry Wiles

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Graeme Cooper, Vicki Cooper

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Ian Carr, Kevin Rogers

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Joanne Vanderstock, Rosemary Seberry, Glenn Frame, Paul Crowther

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John Bishop, John Biddiscombe

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Kellie Murphy, Lara D'Abreo, Nila Sama, Betty Chen

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Elizabeth Lynch, Adam Smith

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Andrea Gagnon, Judy Micklewright, Delores Roseberry, Kathryn Ward

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Anthony Dunk, Stephen Castle

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Paul Forster, Bernard Bell

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 Steve Harrison, Kitty Harrison
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The NSW vs ACT Challenge

The following table identifies the top Men, Women and Mixed teams for each State, and a convincing win to NSW in 1991. How about ACTRA provides a course some where between Canberra and Sydney for the '92 Challenge?

	ACT Points	NSW Points	Category
Paul Frylink, Gordon Nightingale	246		Men
Rolf Adams, Stephen Keenlyside		226	Men
Julian Ledger, Sue Clarke		191	Mixed
George Collins, Maurice Ripley		188	Men
Bob Mills, Mike Worsley, Paul Godden	186		Men
Netta Holmes, Richard Delaney		178	Mixed
Kathy Saw, Anne Sawkins	121		Women
Clare Bellis, Connie McNamee		83	Women
Roz Atkins, Frances Martin, Renate Griffith		63	Women
Lynn Mendham, Laurie Lee	37		Mixed
Totals	590	929	

The President writes - 1991 IN REVIEW

What a year it has been! The Hellraiser broke a drought in Karuah and diving for a few controls made for some refreshing interest. It was great to see the enthusiasm with which Robyn Arthur and the gang from Bankstown Bushwalking and Social Club become involved in organising this rogaine and I understand that they enjoyed it as much as we did. However, I think Maurice Ripley's report on the event says it all. In between listing the rain, dense vegetation, lacerating lawyer vines, slippery fallen logs and figs, he talks about beautiful elk and stag horns and a wonderful *Angophora costata* (also known as Red Gum).

The Paddy Pallin event, capably organised by the Warwick Marsden - Julian Ledger team, was significant in two areas. In attracting record numbers, it created an unprecedented situation - the organisers actually had to turn participants away! Euroka Clearing marked our return to national parks for an event and demonstrated that a popular and well known area can be used with minimal impact. My highlight was 84 teams finding a well misplaced control and the organisers saying it reflected badly on our navigation. (Hint : if you are going to misplace a control, put it where everyone is going to walk anyway.) To all those budding event organisers, try cutting your teeth on a six hour event. The Paddy Pallin tells us there are at least 420 people raring to have a go. The secret of wriggly powered water came out amongst the wanderings of Wambo and many geographically embarrassed teams (no one ever gets lost rogaining) found out about 'handrails' by following a course dividing, power line home. I can only say another typically great Hunter Valley rogaine (okay, I'm biased).

Now to a serious note. I'd like to remind everyone that the rules state that all competitors shall only be allowed to participate in a rogaine if they are properly equipped and outfitted. You all listened to the weather forecast beforehand and knew it was snowing in the area, so why did you not bring skis or snow shoes to Jaunter in August. I have yet to hear a valid reason for postponing this event. This entrenched inability to think laterally and hold our first snowgaine shows the need for more training.

Now seriously, yet again. Jaunter was wonderful. A bit of everything with wonderful, bright sunny days and slightly nippy nights. The great scenery of Kanagara, the ecological wasteland of pine plantations, rivers, caves, forest, mostly minor hills, wide open paddocks, a closeby waterfall and zap-zing mongrel electric fences. Yes, the lamb is okay and was reunited with its mother who was suffering a dose of grass tetany. Pity, leg of lamb with a sprig of rosemary and mint sauce is one of my favourite dishes.

Speaking of which, a mention of that most important institution: the hash. All three (the PP doesn't count) were good this year and distinct in their own way. Please, can we burn the recipe for Frankfurter Hot Pot. I confess that it is the worst dish that Wendy & I have contributed. Burning is easier than burying the left overs.

It was very nice to receive the NSW-ACT Challenge Boot Trophy at the recent NSW Championships at Jaunter. I did think we had lost it when teams from the ACT won the Women's and Men's team trophies. However, it is the steady pace that counts and NSW teams featured heavily in the places. Next year we will have to travel to the ACT home ground to keep the trophy.

Now I owe an apology to Trevor Gollan and team for not moving a vote of thanks to them at the Jaunter Rogaine. No Trevor, I wasn't trying to get even with you for nominating me for president this year. I was just overcome with the fact of having to come out the front and receive a trophy. Thank goodness he didn't ask for a speech or give me a bottle of port. When you are built like the proverbial brick outhouse, you just have to accept that in a sport like rogaining there is not much chance of you ever winning an event, so it was a bit of a shock to have to accept a trophy, even if it was on behalf of the association. However, for those who are plodders like me, take heart, moves are underway to recognise your efforts and achievements. More news on this next year.

Speaking of recognition, it is fitting at this time to repeat the thank you's previously said to those people who have made this wonderful ninth year a most remarkable year. So to Robyn Arthur and the Bankstown Bushwalking and Social Club, to Warwick Marsden, Julian Ledger and team, to Ian Dempsey, Bert van Netten and team, and to Trevor Gollan, Peter Watterson and team, our thanks for a job well done. Once again, moves are underfoot to recognise long serving event organisers and other workers.

I hope you had a wonderful year. Wendy & I did (if you didn't know, I'm married to the VP). We competed in all four events this year. Next year, we hope to start all four on time, but that's another story. Don't forget to jot down the dates for next year now so as not to miss the great events of our tenth year.

Terry Collins

Confessions of an orienteering convert - WHY ROGAINE?

Why do people rogaine? Hopefully a relatively new comer's account will help fathom this strange activity. I (Val Hodsdon teaming with John Hodsdon) started rogaining via orienteering. The Paddy Pallin event was a favourite and I know a lot of orienteers who rogaine. (However, on reflection they are mainly Canberrians and Warwick Marsden who could hardly be regarded as being your normal average citizens!) Anyway we decided to try a proper rogaine at Mellong. What you must appreciate is that initially, both being competitive orienteers in our own right, we thought you had to run from checkpoint to checkpoint. Off we jogged observing that lots of people were casually ambling off or even getting ready after the start time! It gets very tiring jogging for hours on end and I envied those sensible people who were enjoying a stroll through the bush.



When tired and rogaining I was initially inclined to develop a very colourful vocabulary. You know the sort of thing: "These lawyer vines are impossible " and "Slow down I can't bloody well keep up" etc. At the very wet Paddy Pallin in 1990 I complained long and hard about what a ridiculous route choice John was taking and how the hell was I to get through the green - the prickly Hakea etc. The fact that it was raining and exceedingly cold added to the experience. We did, however, while threading our way through the rocks and scrub come across a couple sitting, yes sitting, having a rest and eating chocolate. As I lamely tagged along behind John lamenting that I was not allowed to stop I was given some chocolate too. Just the chocolate, not the stop.

This perhaps gives a clue as to one of the reasons why people rogaine. It is a very friendly sport. People chat and give advice about control locations and where to get down through the cliffs etc. From what you have read you will also appreciate that rogaining can give a good insight into human behaviour, particularly stressed behaviour. The challenge of keeping going for another few hours is quite daunting. Nothing like a cheerful comment from partner - "six hours gone - only six hours to go!"

Progress was made when I pointed out, tactfully of course, that one didn't have to run in rogaines, you know. ("Look those people are bloody walking.") But we want to do well, don't we? Ah ha! "There is Netta and her sister walking." This comment made no impression but guess what? They got more points than we did at the event so a rethink was in order.

Route choice is obviously very important and I have now taken an interest in this. Having convinced John that his way at Jaunter would leave us in difficult terrain at night I was allowed to determine the approach. You know the sort of thing, I say that I don't want to go his way ...blah ...blah. "O.K. you decide then". I was delighted to discover that Netta and her new partner were approaching the first few controls the same way we were.

Besides the challenge of the navigation and the physical stress there is the element of surprise (and this is before we even get there!) Will a flood require a detour? (Evan's Crown). Will there be picture postcard snowfalls? (Jaunta). Will we go down a deadend road again and have to retrace our steps? (Wambo).

What we can be sure of is that the people will be friendly, the courses will challenge and interest (a control in the pub! or a jar of lollies at a control), the food will be fabulous and my long suffering partner will maintain his good humour even when instructed to pull a poor sheep out of the mud (it was only half buried) and to hurry up or we will lose points. To which he replied "I'm bloody exhausted. Do you know how much a wet sheep weighs?" (Evan's Crown).

Val Hodsdon

P.S. Thanks to the person who left the nice new, white bandaid next to the barbed wire fence I ripped my finger on at Jaunter.

Editorial - WHERE SHOULD COURSES BE SET?

Most rogaines are set in a mixture of farming country and public land held by the NPWS, Water Board or the Forestry Commission. One of the time consuming aspects of rogain organisation is acquiring permission to use private property. Each farmer has to be visited and convinced that no damage to his property will occur and that he will not be held liable for accidents that may happen. From many points of view, dealing with a single landholder, such as the NPWS, would be desirable. On the other hand, many rogainers prefer to spend part of the event in farming country. In any event, the smaller the area of the course, the fewer the number of land owners who will be involved. A small course area also allows small pockets of suitable land in regions that would not normally be considered for a major event (eg close to Sydney) to be utilised. So, how small an area can be used for a successful 24 hour rogain?

The main determinant of the area required for a course is the average spacing of controls (S) and the straight line distance that a team would need to cover to collect all the controls (D). Two simple equations are needed to calculate the course area (A) and the number of controls (N) required:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Distance} &= \text{number of controls} \times \text{spacing} & D &= N \times S \\ \text{Area} &= \text{number of controls} \times \text{square of the spacing} & A &= N \times S \times S \end{aligned}$$

The successful NSW Championships at Jaunter were set in typical rogaining country, a nice mix of farmland, pine forest and more rugged national park. There were 55 controls covering an area of about 62 sq.km with a straight line distance to collect all the controls of about 58 km. For comparison, the distance actually covered by the two teams that collected all of the controls (in 22-23 hours) was about 70 km. Applying either of the two above equations above shows that the average spacing of the controls was a little over 1 km.

If the average spacing of controls was set to 1/2 km, then the number of controls required to maintain the same course length would increase to about 120, and the area required for the course would shrink by half to about 30 sq.km. Each 1 km grid square would have four controls. The Jaunter course, for example, would then comfortably fit onto the eastern half of the map. A course of this size could make use of the location advantages set out above. There would be other advantages as well. If the hash house were at the centre of the course then no control need be more than 3-4 km from the hash house. This would allow realistic route choice for ambitious teams that includes multiple visits to the hash house to partake of the good food on offer. There would be about 50 controls within 2 km of the hash house which would be excellent for the morale of novice or less ambitious teams. And greater emphasis would be placed on accurate navigation. Competitive teams would be picking up controls at the rate of one every 12 to 15 minutes. Small errors resulting in the loss of a few minutes at each control would add up rather quickly.

I don't see many disadvantages of having closely spaced controls. 30 sq.km is still a large area. In an event with 200 entrants there would only be three teams per sq.km, which is hardly crowded, and many of these teams would be participating in the shorter events. The enormous variety of sensible route choices (there would be no obvious loops) might actually reduce the number of meetings between teams! Small area courses would be best in timbered country because of the extensive visibility in cleared farmland.

Most NSW rogainers live in Sydney, Canberra, Newcastle or Wollongong. It makes sense, then, to locate most courses in the region bounded by these cities. This reduces average travel time which makes the events more accessible and return travel safer. Attempts have been made at several events to reduce travel risks by hiring buses but with disappointing response. Several areas of suitable land lie very close to intercity public transport networks. These include the Blue Mountains/Lithgow, Nowra/Robertson and Goulburn/Mittagong areas. Events in these areas could be co-ordinated with public transport timetables to provide risk free travel to competitors with no financial risks to the rogain organisers. Some years ago Sutherland Bushwalking Club pioneered such an approach with an event in which the Hash House was located in a community hall only 100 m from the railway station in a small town near Goulburn. Since suitable rogaining areas close to public transport nodes are relatively small they could make ideal small area courses with close control spacing.

Andrew Blakers

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QUEENSLAND'S FIRST ROGAINE - Saturday 26th October 1991

I managed to join 100-odd people at the 12-hour rogaime organised by Eric Andrews on the 26th October at Kooralbyn, near Beaudesert. My wife still doesn't believe that our fortnight on the Gold Coast just happened to coincide with that weekend, but I'm glad it did! The course was based on the Kooralbyn Valley Resort, with 5-star hotel, golf, tennis, swimming pools etc. Our hash house was sited "somewhere up the country in a land of rock and scrub" at the Kooralbyn Polo Club complete with showers, toilets and bougainvillea. It was steep, dry, mostly forested, cattle-grazing countryside, very clear understorey helped by a recent bushfire in parts.

The map was slightly different to me in that it used 5m contours and, when the countryside was so steep that the contours wouldn't show anything worthwhile, the cartographer chose to show only the 25m contour lines. Consequently one tended to avoid the areas where the contour lines were well-spaced because that was actually the steeper slope.

I partnered my brother who suffered somewhat from the hot and dry conditions, especially in the early-afternoon. We'd drunk 3 of our 4 litres of water after only 2 hours, but being true Aussie bushmen we adapted, found a cool gully, lay down and went to sleep. Then in the evening and dark we completed all the north-east section and enjoyed ourselves immensely. Eventually we returned to the welcoming hash house, ate and drank heartily, listened to Eric's aspirations for rogaining in Queensland, then returned to the holiday retreat at Currumbin for a bit more of the easy-life.

Congratulations Eric, I personally can appreciate the work that you put into creating such an event. Queensland has large amounts of ideal country for rogaines, especially in the winter. Perhaps I'll get to another, on my next northern holiday.

Trevor Gollan



Good gracious me! This would never have happened if I was still in charge!

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR '92?

"The Battle of Wuulaman" Anzac Weekend - 25/26 April 1992

The 1992 NSW Championships are being held near Wellington on the Anzac weekend; a fitting date for our top teams to do battle for the coveted trophies. Note that the date has changed from March, as previously announced. The course will be set in a mixture of undulating farmland and open woodland with expansive water views over Lake Burrendong and some patches of rock to delight the geologically inclined. With the World Champs only six months later the event will use a pre-marked 1:50,000 map, similar to that which will be used for the World Champs. Course setter, veteran (as in number of rogaines) rogaime and distinguished local, Netta Holmes, promises that you won't have to do battle with floods, snow, blackberries or feral pines and offers an invitation to you all to come and sample the delights of the picturesque Wellington district. We are looking at hiring a bus for the event, so mark the date in your diary and start to think about your plan of attack.

Warwick Marsden

World Rogaining Championships - 10/11 October 1992

Enclosed with this newsletter is a brochure promoting the inaugural World Championships, to be held in October 1992. This will undoubtedly be a major event in the history of rogaining. Because there is expected to be many more entries than the proposed 500 limit, a quota will be imposed on the number of attendees

from each Rogaining Association. Final numbers will be decided next May but we can reasonably expect the NSW quota to be approximately 30.

The NSWRA Committee decided at its July meeting to "limit NSWRA entries to people who have done at least three 24-hour rogaines, have been members of the NSWRA for at least two years including 1992; then it's first in." At this stage we don't really know what limits will be imposed, or how many NSW people will wish to participate. But if you are interested then keep the 2nd weekend in October 1992 free, keep fit, and we'll keep you informed.

Trevor Gollan

And what about the children?

I'm a rogaining mum that sometimes has a babysitter and sometimes not. The 'sometimes not' means that I drag my child along to rogaines hoping that someone there will keep a watchful eye on him and help him out if necessary. Knowing that many people have this same problem has prompted a few of us to do something about it for future events.

Starting next year a creche will begin, offering a place for people to leave their children while they go out rogaining, hopefully with a worry free mind about the safety of their youngsters.

I will do the first creche which will consist of a large tent where all children will congregate for supervision. The bigger ones coming back to the tent for food and sleep but the babies remaining at the tent. (Nappies are no problem). Games will be organised and stories read and all children will be fed and put to bed in the tent awaiting arrival of their folks. Parents would be expected to do the shorter events where possible, turning up no later than midnight!

I would like to hear from all those interested so we could organise a creche roster covering all rogaines next year. We believe that this is the fairest way, allowing all parents to participate in (nearly) all events each year. Since we are in the midst of moving, the best way to contact me is to leave a message with Merv English at work (02) 260 9255.

Anne Francis

*A Happy Christmas
and a great year of
rogaining ahead*



I told you we only had to take a bearing on that star to lead us straight to the controll

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR 1992 !!!

Here is the calendar for the NSW Rogaining Association events in 1992. As you can see there are still empty spaces. But don't just look at those blanks; make up your mind to be involved and give Trevor Gollan a call on (042) 84 2293 or drop him a line at:

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MOUNT OUSLEY NSW 2519.

Event Date	NSW Champs April 25-26	Paddy Pallin June 14	Winter 12 hr July 18	Spring 12 hr Sept 19
Location	Wellington		North	Newcastle
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