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2017 JIM SAWKINS CLASSIC



Event Information Sheet ACT League # 5 – 4 June 2017

Important: Pre-event Registration in Eventor is required for all Red and Orange Classes. **There will be very limited Enter-on-the-day entries for classes on Red or Orange courses.** All pre-registered and enter-on-the-day competitors must check in with Registration (and pay the Entry fee) by 10.00 am; see more below.

Background

The Jim Sawkins Classic was created in 2008 to commemorate the life of Jim Sawkins, a stalwart of the Red Roos club. Jim began orienteering around 1980 and was a highly successful competitor winning many major titles including the 2005 and 2006 Australian 3-Days, the ACT Orienter of the Year in 2005 and the 2000-01 Runners Shop Twilight Series. Jim Sawkins died while orienteering on Sunday 4 June 2006 at Goorooyaroo, after being the organiser and course planner at Farrer Ridge on the previous day.

The Jim Sawkins Classic includes a Handicap competition with two Divisions:

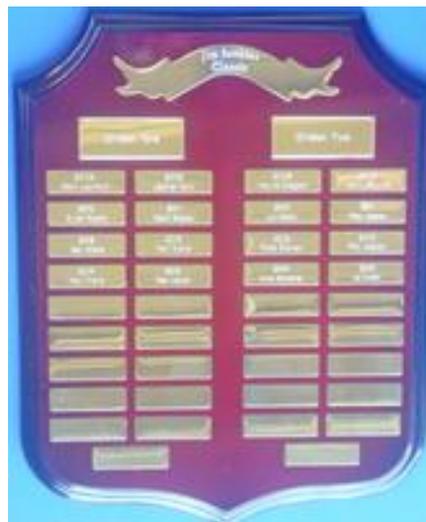
- Division 1, on ACT League course Red 1, an Open competition for all ages and both genders.
- Division 2, on ACT League courses Red 2 and Red 3, a Restricted competition for competitors of both genders, but only for Men aged under 21 and 35 and over and all Women.

Competitors' times are 'corrected' in accordance with the same Age/Gender factors used for ACT League and Runners Shop Twilight Series competitions to determine the winners. Thus competitors need to be sure that their correct age and gender are recorded in the Eventor.

After a few variable dates, the event has been assigned a relatively fixed date, the first Sunday in June, to coincide with the anniversary of Jim Sawkins' death.

The previous winners have been:

| Year | Division 1 | Division 2 |
|------|---------------|----------------|
| 2008 | Geoff Lawford | Wayne Gregson |
| 2009 | Lachlan Dow | Jenny Bourne |
| 2010 | Oliver Poland | Liz Abbott |
| 2011 | Geoff Stacey | Rob Jessop |
| 2012 | Matt Crane | Ross Stewart |
| 2013 | Matt Crane | Rob Jessop |
| 2014 | Matt Crane | Anita Scherrer |
| 2015 | Rob Walter | Jo Allison |
| 2016 | Zoe Melhuish | Jo Allison |



The winners used to receive a suitably engraved memento, but from 2015 onwards the names of divisional winners have been engraved on a shield; see above photo.

Venue

The venue for the 2017 Jim Sawkins Classic (ACT League # 5) is Ratall Creek, Mulloon Farm, Kings Highway, about 12 kms east of Bungendore.

Parking

Parking will be either side of the Kings Highway see below about Assembly/Registration.

Terrain

Do not rely on termite mounds or native cherry trees. The vegetation has thickened up in some gullies. The area most affected is the eastern third of the map, some gully systems in that area are now hard to cross. The three longest red courses are affected and where the green is particularly bad, suggested crossing points have been marked on the course maps. These crossing points will not be taped, but are fairly obvious when you are there.

Course Details [All maps will be printed on water-proof Pretex paper.]

| Course | Distance (km) | Climb | Loops | Controls | Map Scale | Mass Start times # |
|----------|---------------|-------|-------|----------|-----------|--------------------|
| Red 1 | 13.4 | 380 m | 2 * | 26 | 1:15000 | 10.15 |
| Red 2 | 9.0 | 260 m | 2 * | 19 | 1:15000 | 10.20 |
| Red 3 | 6.0 | 165 m | 2 | 13 | 1:10000 | 10.25 |
| Red 4 | 3.2 | 75 m | 1 | 8 | 1:10000 | 10.30 ** |
| Orange 1 | 4.6 | 110 m | 2 | 14 | 1:10000 | 10.35 |
| Orange 2 | 3.6 | 105 m | 1 | 9 | 1:10000 | 10.40 ** |
| Green | 2.2 | 50 m | 1 | 10 | 1:10000 | ## |
| Blue | 1.5 | 30 m | 1 | 7 | 1:10000 | ## |

Red courses 1, 2 and 3 and Orange 1 will have loops to create splitting of runners.

*Some courses will have a map exchange. # Split starts will be permitted; see below.

Competitors may start any time between 10.00 am and 11.30 pm.

** As these courses do not have loops, competitors may opt for a single, punching start any time between 10.30 am and 11.00 am.

Split Start Times

Split Start times will be given to couples with young children and for whom one of the parents must be present to look after the children as no other option is available. The first competitor will be permitted to start from 10.00 am using a punching start and the second competitor will start as soon as the first competitor is available for child minding.

Pre-entry for all Red and Orange Courses

As all Red and Orange courses will have Mass Starts, at the times indicated above, all competitors wishing to compete in a class on those courses must register through Eventor by 11.59 pm on Wednesday 31 May 2017. The event page is <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/4996> **Very limited EOD entries will be accepted for classes on Red or Orange courses.** EOD entries will be available for classes on Green and Blue courses.

Schools Selection Race – Some young men and women will be competing as part of a schools selection trial. They will have timed starts from around 9:50AM. They should also pre-enter in Eventor as normal.

Assembly area, Registration (Payment) and Start

The Assembly and Registration will be adjacent Car Parking. Registration and payment procedures on the day will be:

- Pre-registered competitors, pay their normal entry fee by 10.00 am.
- Enter-on-the-day competitors, complete a registration card to enable entry registration and pay their normal entry fee by 10.00 am.

Safety – Course Closure

Course closure time is 2.00 pm. Please report back to the finish by then even if you do not finish your course.

Enquiries. All enquiries should be directed to Bill Jones to email address bill.j@bigpond.net.au or to mobile phone 0428 255 210.

Registering via Eventor

Competitors wishing to pre-register for the 2017 Jim Sawkins Classic should go to <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/4996> and click on Entry in the Entry box.