



*Last years "Newcastle Pairs" attracted 31 teams (19 short/12 long) and was enjoyed by all. This year we'd like to eclipse that mark, so grab a friend and enter now or let us team you with somebody if you cannot find your own partner.*

**Date** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Location** Tank Paddock, Minmi

#### **Concept**

2 people – 1 SI stick - Middle distance style courses (moderate navigation) with some butterfly and open loops allowing teams the flexibility to split up and choose which partner visits which controls.

"Newcastle Pairs Champs" might be competitive, but at its heart is a spirit of camaraderie and fun.

#### **Pairs Pre-entry**

No later than Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May - please pre-enter your Pairs team so we can ensure map availability.

If you wait until the morning of the event we cannot guarantee you will get a start/map.

Entries to Geoff Peel 0 422 471 353 [leepback1@gmail.com](mailto:leepback1@gmail.com) with name(s), Long/Short, SI number and mobile.

All other courses are Enter on Day.

#### **Cant Find a Partner?**

Advise us which Pairs course you prefer and your SI number and we'll try and find you a partner.

#### **Entry Fee**

\$18 per pre-entered pairs team (members or non-members)

Regular club fee structure for other courses.

#### **Courses**

Long Pairs: 6.7 km	Very Easy: 1.8 km	Progressive 2.3 km	Moderate Long: 3.5 km
Short Pairs: 4.7 km	Easy 1.9 km	Moderate Short: 2.6 km	Kids String Course

**Pairs Mass Start** 10:00 am (briefing 9:45 am)

**Other Starts** 10:10 – 11:30 am

#### **Map**

"Tank Paddock" 1:7500 5m contours (cut down excerpt for this event)

#### **Control Descriptions**

Control descriptions in IOF symbols will be printed on the map for ALL courses .

Separate English description will be available for Very Easy, Easy, Progressive & Moderate Short only.

#### **Terrain**

Extensive track network, mild undulating spur gully. Run and visibility mostly good with a few slower thicker areas spread across the map. All courses avoid most of the waist high open grasslands which are very hard to run through. There is one marked route (on map and with streamers in field) across a creek which may or may not be a useful route choice on your particular course.

Long leg coverings or tights are advised.

## Rules

- Teams will consist of any two people.
- Other groupings, including singles will be considered as unofficial.
- Teams shall be given 2 minutes (or more) planning time prior to starting.
  - The race will commence with a mass start.
  - Navigation will be of moderate standard or easier.
  - The event will utilise SportIdent punching.
  - Each team shall carry one SI stick between them.
  - The SI stick must visit every control in the correct order.
  - SI sticks of one team cannot be carried by another team.
- The course utilises (at least one) pivot controls. You need to register at every visit.
- Team members can split at any time or place & as often as they want, but must finish together.
  - Sprint finish results will be based on the second member's finish placing.
  - Teams may carry mobile phones for communication (and safety)

## Directions & Parking

### From Newcastle

Head north-west along the Newcastle Link Road, straight ahead through 2 roundabouts. At the major intersection with Cameron Park Drive/Woodford Street (traffic lights), turn right towards Minmi. Continue 1.6 km beyond Minmi on Lenaghans Drive to the event site. There is some parking on the power line easement adjacent to the tank paddock and on both sides of Lenaghans drive. Take care crossing the road if you park on the western side.

### From Sydney/M1

(northbound only)

Take the Newcastle exit. A few hundred metres after joining the Link Road turn left into Woodford St (traffic lights). Continue 1.6 km beyond Minmi on Lenaghans Drive to the event site. There is some parking on the power-line easement adjacent to the tank paddock and on both sides of Lenaghans drive. Take care crossing the road if you park on the western side.

### From the North/M1

(southbound only)

Travel 750m from the start of the M1 at the Wheatleys Dr/John Renshaw Dr roundabout and turn left in Lenaghans Dr. Travel a further 5.2 km to the event site. There is some parking on the power-line easement adjacent to the tank paddock and on both sides of Lenaghans drive. Take care crossing the road if you park on the western side.

## Safety/Drinks

Motorcycles may be present on the tracks but there seems to be little activity there lately. There will be limited drinks controls & depending upon how you split the course, you may not even visit one. If it is particularly warm you may wish to carry your own supply.

## Course Closure

1:00 pm. Please be back at the finish no later than this time.

## Presentation & BBQ

Presentations will be held as soon as the majority of Pairs teams have finished. To celebrate the social nature of the day we will be having a sausage sizzle - Gold coin donation.

## Event Timing Systems

Jeff Guy

## Planner/Organiser/Entries/Enquiries

Geoff (or Margaret) Peel

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