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Preliminary Information Sheet ACT League # 7 – 3 June 2018

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 9.45 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 Orienteer 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:

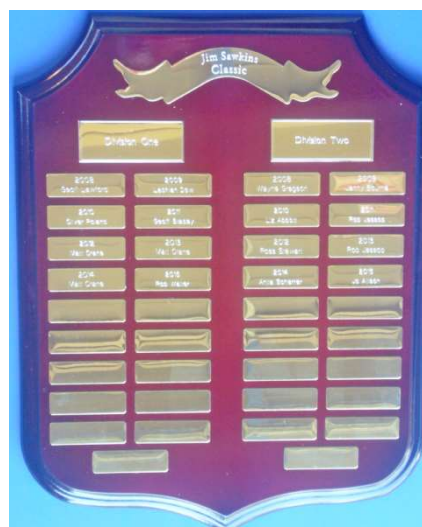
- Division 1, on ACT League course Red 1, an Open competition for all ages and both genders.
- Division 2, on ACT League other Red (Hard) courses, a Restricted competition for competitors of both genders, but only for Men aged under 21 and 35 and over and all Women.

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
2017	Grant Bluett	Zoe Melhuish



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, Directions & Parking: The venue for the 2018 Jim Sawkins Classic (ACT League # 7) is Wild Deer Sands, Kings Highway, east of Bungendore. Turn left off the Kings Highway approximately 13km east of Bungendore, immediately after the end of the climbing lane, onto the Birkenburn property access road and follow for about 3km. Park on the side of the road leading into the competition area, 20 to 300 metres from the Assembly area.

Departing: Please use great caution leaving the event as there is very limited sight distance in both directions at the junction with the King's Highway

Map & Terrain: Wild Deer Sands, revised by Bob Allison and Hugh Moore, 2014-15. Scale 1:10,000, contour interval 5m. The area is unique in the Canberra region and comprises a complex area of rehabilitated sand mining with many knolls and depressions bordered by fast spur-gully terrain.

Course planner: Bob Allison. **Controller:** Hugh Moore

Format: The event is a mass start race with forking on the longer courses to split up the field.

Start: The Start is 250m from the Assembly area along a taped route, which, for those not familiar with the map, will take you past a typical sand mining high point (brown dot). All runners must be at the Start area by 10:00.

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

Course	Distance (km)	Climb	Controls	Mass Start times #
Red 1	10.9	195	34	10.10
Red 2	8.9	150	26	10.15
Red 3	7.1	140	22	10.20
Red 4	5.0	105	18	10.25
Red 5	3.6	65	11	10.25
Orange 1	4.0	75	12	10.30
Orange 2	2.9	65	8	10.30
Green	2.4	45	10	##
Blue	2.1	40	10	##

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

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 30 May 2017. The event page is <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/6123> **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.

Registration (Payment) and Start: Registration and payment procedures on the day will be:

- Pre-registered competitors, **pay their normal entry fee by 9:45 am.**
- Enter-on-the-day competitors, complete a registration card to enable entry registration and **pay their normal entry fee by 9:45 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 2018 Jim Sawkins Classic should go to <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/6123> and click on Entry in the Entry box.