



Edmonton Overlanders Orienteering Club

Bulletin
Spring 2017

President's Welcome

Welcome to orienteering in 2017!

This year started out with several huge successes for our club. Firstly, the new club bylaws were passed on a vote in January. These bylaws were from 1979! Thank you to all of the members who contributed to them, and to all of the members who came out to vote.

Our second huge success was a "Skate Orienteering" event put on at Rundle Park in Edmonton. Children and adults both got to compete along a network of ponds and one of Edmonton's freeways. A video was made and shared by not only Orienteering Canada, but also the International Orienteering Federation. To date we have had more than 6000 views worldwide! Here is the link to it on the IOF facebook site: <https://goo.gl/u9JBN4>

The AOA now has a new executive director, Bogi Gyorf. She has orienteered for many years and comes to us with a very solid foundation of knowledge and ability to support orienteering in Alberta.

Many thanks to all of the volunteer work the executive is putting in to our club.

I look forward to meeting all of the members out at orienteering events this year. Please feel free to approach and talk with me about any aspect of the sport!

Sincerely,
Peter MacKenzie (president EOO)

Membership renewals

The club membership year runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31. If you haven't yet renewed for 2017, you can now register online – click on [Membership](#) at www.orienteer.ab.ca

- an individual membership costs \$25
- a household membership costs \$35.

Membership includes membership in the Alberta Orienteering Association.

You can also choose which emails you'd like to receive. There are separate boxes to tick to get emails from the club, from AOA, and from Orienteering Canada. You can unsubscribe from any list at any time.

If you have questions about memberships contact [<eooomembership@gmail.com>](mailto:eooomembership@gmail.com)

Membership benefits

Members get discounts on regular priced merchandise at our sponsors - Campers Village, Fast Trax and Track N Trail. Twice a year, the EOO participates in the MEC club night where members can save 10%.

\$\$\$ Your EOO Membership entitles you to discounts at these stores: (Show your card ask for the discount *before* the cashier rings in your purchases).
Fast Trax - 7326 101 Avenue
Campers Village - 10951 170 Street
Track 'N Trail - 10148 82 Avenue

Members get discounts at not only EOO events, but at other clubs' events. Members have gotten discounts at orienteering events as far off as Vancouver and Arizona.

Season O-Pass

An (optional) O-Pass is a great *add-on to your membership* - only \$45 for a single pass or \$80 for a multi-pass, available for purchase until May 19th. There are two kinds of O-Pass:

1. **A single O-Pass** costs \$45* which entitles the holder to one free map at each Wednesday event this season. The pass is non-refundable and not transferable.

A household may buy a single O-Pass and either share the map or any one EOOO member in the household may use it. The pass is non-refundable and not transferable outside the EOOO members in the household. The other EOOO members in the household may buy additional maps at regular member prices if they wish.

2. We also offer a **Multi O-Pass** for \$80*. This entitles every EOOO member in a household to a map each Wednesday. Again, non-refundable and not transferable outside the members in the household.

**Buy early and SAVE - if we receive your payment for an O Pass by March 31, you pay only \$40 for a single O-Pass or \$70 for a multi O-Pass.*

Event schedule

Wednesday events (in city parks throughout Edmonton) run April through September (weather permitting.) Check the [Events page](#) on the website for detailed information.

Here are some of the other events running in the first part of this season:

- **First Forest Event of the year is May 13** at J.J. Collett natural area, near Morningside (an hour's drive south of Edmonton.) This is a great area for beginners and intermediates. There are lots of trails (plus 2 outhouses and 2 gazebos), as well as a fence around the mile square area.
- **National Orienteering Week May 20 - 28**
- **World Orienteering Day is May 24th**. Watch for a special event that Wednesday at Kinsmen Park.

Check the website for more events and to confirm dates.

Other notable dates, for you travelling orienteers:

- **July 15/16** Western Canadian Championships (Spruce Woods, MB)
- **Jul 29 – Aug 7** Canadian Orienteering Fest (including Canadian Orienteering Championships) near Ottawa.

Congrats to EOOO Member Will Critchley, who has been selected to compete for Canada at the World Games in Poland, July 20 – 30!

One of the great things about orienteering is that

..... there are no qualifying races/heats to enter the Alberta Championships, or the Westerns, or the Canadians. If you have the inclination, time and money you can sign up (pre-registration is usually required for Championships).

Or you can sign up for an 'age-less' open category, which will probably be on the same course as one of the competitive categories.

Kids Run Wild

Our **Kids Run Wild** program will run again on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS starting in April and May - active, fun navigation games for youth aged 7 to 16.

Check it out at. kidsrunwild.ca

Pre-registration is required for this program.

Club Committee:

Peter MacKenzie	President
Karen Brownlee	Secretary
Al Nilson	Treasurer
Caitlin Eidick	Membership
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