

VICO Annual report to OABC 2015

Membership: 215

Starts: 398

A rather worrying decline in starts continuing from last year, however membership is exactly the same as last year. The decline is partly due to life stages of many key members with older members slowly retiring from active duty on one hand and a cohort of younger folks with increasingly busy schedules as a result of young children. This of course impact time and energy available to carry out publicity etc. We are struggling to find new people to help with events etc.

That saying we are still successfully holding a number of events that connect with non-orienteers such as a Family Day with the Regional District, part of the Annual Island Farms sports festival at PISE, and Linda's continued work with cadets and as an Orienteering instructor at UVic. The hope is that this is an investment in orienteering in the longer term.

We are tackling some continuing land access issues head on by working directly with CRD Parks to develop protocols to allow us ongoing off-trail access. We have also sponsored a study by a team of undergraduate on the Environmental Sciences program at Royal Roads University to examine the ecological impacts of our events. This will start next year. Might OABC be interested in covering some of the cost?

We are grateful to OABC and Bryan Chubb for coordinating the remapping of most of Camp Thunderbird and hope we will be able to use when next we host the BC Champs.