

VICO Club report (OBC AGM2020)

Our first two events in 2020 were regular, and as usual well attended, park and street O events in Beacon Hill, and Royal Oak. Then disaster struck, and we have had no subsequent live events since then.

Thanks to club stalwart Scott Sheldrake, we have managed a series of quite successful Virtual O events using *MapRunF* - allowing our regular *Determinator* series to go ahead in modified form, and a number of ongoing courses on a variety of maps. Currently underway is our traditional end-of-season downtown photo O, using a combination of Google Drive, Flickr and Survey Monkey.

We've used the enforced virtual season to upgrade our membership and registration options (thanks to Chris MacDonald and Leigh Bailey). And with the generous contribution of SI Air sticks from OBC, we hope to resume orienteering in the New Year, Bonnie permitting.

Chris Ling

VICO Club President

GVOC Club Report (OBC AGM2020)

DNF! That just about sums up the year for GVOC, and every other O club in the world! We had a strong start, with some local events followed by the always amazing Sprint Camp, celebrating its 15th anniversary. However, the dark clouds were closing in quickly, and we only just managed to complete the event before the pandemic shut us all down.

It took us a few weeks to work out how to provide our club members with a safe orienteering experience but, thanks to the great efforts of Robyn and others, we were able to quickly pivot to pin-less, physically-distant weekly events on gps-enabled courses using MapRunF. But it just wasn't the same without the pre- and post-event socialising...

By summer time, as the pandemic threat appeared to recede, we felt confident enough to put on some larger, forest events, at loco, Brandywine (a substitute for the cancelled BC Championships) and a sold-out Lynn Valley Adventure Race. Fortunately Nate and others had already been experimenting with the Square contact-less payment system, so, with Joanne and the membership team's meticulous organisation, we were able to adhere to Orienteering Canada's covid-19 guidelines and enjoy these safe and exciting events.

Now, unfortunately, we are back to having to cancel events and limiting our socialising, but the club remains strong, and we look forward to a (hopefully) better next year.

Jeremy Gordon
GVOC President

SAGE Club Report (OBC AGM2020)

Despite the pandemic limiting orienteering activities this year, the Sage club was able to persist. After creation of a COVID-19 safety plan and waiver (thanks to David and Kevin), remote trainings were offered at no extra cost to members. These trainings allowed orienteers to continue to get outside and have a mental health break. With the hard work of Jonathan and David Bakker, a computer program was created for participants to upload their tracks to get splits and compare route choices on these trainings. There were ten events held in Salmon Arm, nine in Kelowna, three in Kamloops but none in Revelstoke. Though there were late September smoky skies, the air cleared for Sage Stomp XXXV, with roughly 50 orienteers (the COVID limit) attending daily. Team Trials scheduled in March were, unfortunately, cancelled.

The membership this year consisted of 141 members with almost an equal percentage of new to returning members and slightly higher percentage of male participation (56%) to female (44%). The participation numbers showed 588 individual starts.

Thanks to David, mapping was expanded as he updated and created several maps in all areas but Revelstoke this year. These maps were used for training events, including *Sage Stomp* and after school programs in Kamloops. The exciting new *Spion Kop* map in Kelowna was created with partial financial assistance of OBC. The Kamloops school maps were completely funded by OBC (thank you, OBC).

Most SAGE equipment is in good shape except our tents that will continue to weather. 40 SI Air units were added to our equipment inventory thanks to OBC's application for a COVID-19 related grant. Storage arrangements seem to be working well in all areas.

A small junior program was run in Kamloops and will continue next spring. There was some attendance of juniors at all remote training areas. 2 juniors and 1 senior female of Sage were members of Orienteering Canada's high performance program. Our challenges continue to be promotion of events, promotion of orienteering, retention of new members and increasing the pool of Sage volunteers.

Jackie Bonn
Sage Club President

Kootenay Orienteering Club Report (OBC AGM2020)

The Kootenay Orienteering Club had a pretty slow 2020, in response to the COVID lockdown. Our major fundraiser and membership drive event, Round the Mountain, was cancelled with registrations carried across for a 2021 event, hopefully. A number of *Quaranteering* events were held in the Spring that members could complete independently. Another simple event was organized in October. Membership forms were required by all participants, but KOC decided not to collect membership fees since the electronic transaction costs were on par with the \$5 fee. (i.e. Insurance to be paid out of club reserves).

Most of the course planners for the upcoming COCs completed their O300 certifications. We were very happy to host David Bakker to complete mapping for the upcoming COCs. Other preparations for the COCs were completed with much of the course planning work completed and a fully functional website established. This work is expected to be updated for a 2021 rescheduled event (hopefully!). We look forward to seeing everyone in 2021.

KOC also appreciates the support from OBC with respect to mapping costs, and the purchase of the no-touch SI sticks.

Chris Bullock, KOC President

CCOC Cariboo Chilcotin Orienteering Club Report (OBC AGM2020)

The year started well for CCOC (formerly the Williams Lake Orienteering Club) with an open informational session, held in January at the Williams Lake library, to reactivate the Club. There were about 8 attendees, with several others expressing interest, but unable to attend. In addition to the name change, social media accounts were opened, a website updated, and a mailing list started. But... it was now already 2020.

It had been planned to hold introductory clinics and some local events in the spring. But with the advent of Covid19, these plans were put on hold. An introductory "Learn to Orienteer" course with City Parks and recreation had few registrants, was rescheduled for the fall 2020, and was eventually cancelled. Planned Professional Development Days for local teachers met with the same fate.

I hope we will be able to offer some basic orienteering instruction in the spring of 2021. Then if some maps can be properly georeferenced over the winter, I expect we will begin using an app such as MapRunF to engage our members, and the public, in early spring. Any actual events will have to wait until we are Covid19-free as it is unlikely we will have electronic punching systems in the near future. Meanwhile, we have several maps which will have to be updated. **CCOC** currently has 8 members and about 18 people on our mailing list.

Bryan Chubb
President CCOC