

## VICO President's Report 2022

It has been a challenging year for VICO. We have struggled to put on a full program of events for two reasons. The first is due to a policy change at CRD Parks - prior to the pause over COVID we had a good working relationship with CRD Parks and over a number of years had developed a protocol to ensure responsible off trail orienteering was possible and respected conservation goals at CRD Parks. Unfortunately, the personnel have changed, and new managers have decided to entirely prohibit any off-trail activity, even to the extent of limiting activity on trails that aren't 'official'. This is very problematic as almost all our significant maps are from CRD Parks.

The second challenge has been that our regular roster of event directors/course planners has not fully reengaged in the sport since the return to events. They have been coming to events but have not stepped up and offered to plan one themselves. This means even more burden falling on the small numbers that run the club. We continue to try and bring new course officials on, and the new on-line training opportunities have been helpful for this, we also have on-going summer evening training events to encourage people to develop their planning as well as running skills, but so far this has not translated into people stepping up for events.

However, we have had successful events over the year. End the end of 2021 we started back with two live events in the Fall, and then one more in the early spring. These each had approximately 50 entrants. We also ran a few virtual street and park events over the winter. We managed an abridged version of our regular 'determinator' spring series - limited due to both the challenges outlined above. Each event had 15 to 20 entrants. Fall is looking sparse, although we are trying an alternative memory O approach for a CRD Park with all controls on trail - not exactly pristine forest orienteering, but at least enabling us to use areas now largely closed - a permit has been applied for, but we are yet to hear if permission is granted.