

## **Cariboo Chilcotin Orienteering Club**

*(Formerly Williams lake Orienteering Club)*

### **Report on Activities in 2021-2022**

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After several years of relative inactivity, the Club has once again become active in promoting and developing Orienteering in the Cariboo region. By building on earlier maps including those produced for the Canadian Championships in 2005, as well as financial support from OBC for new mapping, we were able to hold several local events and trainings in May and June. Several others are scheduled for late summer and fall as we develop new maps.

A priority of the club is encouraging and supporting Orienteering programs in local schools. A professional development clinic held for teachers in October of 2021 was well attended. It is expected soon all local schools will have a new map. In addition, the Club has been supporting Alex Fraser Research Forest and Scout Island Nature Center in their development of programs for Children through mapping and other support. Hundreds of students are introduced to Orienteering each year through these programs and those at Gavin Lake Forest Education Centre.

Also with the support of OBC, The Club has begun to acquire necessary equipment including some new flags and a SportIdent starter kit as well as a stock of SI Cards.

As of August 15 the Club has 22 members and another 20 interested persons on our mailing list.

*Submitted by Bryan Chubb*

## KOC President's Report 2022

KOC emerged from COVID hibernation with anticipation that the conditions would align to pull off the Canadian Orienteering Championship that had been bumped the previous two years.

We started the year with our first in person event with limited restrictions with a ski orienteering race as part of the Kimberley Nordic Clubs Nordic Fest. We had 54 participants. It was great to finally see folks directly to start building some enthusiasm for getting things rolling for a scaled down COCs, not knowing how many folks may show up, or if things would be curtailed again..

Most of the available energy in the club was focused on ensuring the COCs were technically excellent. We welcomed the support from key folks from GVOC, Sage and FWOC and the Teutchs from Ottawa. A number of map updates were required on the now 3-4 year old maps with pent up trail construction activities underway on two of the venues. We were happy to host the 225 participants to cap off an excellent week of orienteering showcasing some of our best terrain. Thankfully the weather was fantastic with no smoke and reasonable temperatures. We are happy to have the legacy of a couple more high quality maps to our inventory of orienteering options.

We are looking forward to regrouping this fall to resume with more club focused events starting with a good contingent coming down to enjoy the BCOCs. Looking forward to seeing folks there!

Chris Bullock, KOC

## Sage O President's report for 2022

The Sage club provided a combination of remote and in person events. There were 2 events held in Salmon Arm, 3 in Kelowna, 1 in Kamloops and 1 in Revelstoke. Sage Stomp XXVII had an attendance of 77 orienteers was held in Savona on the Garden's creek map.

The membership has diminished to 140 members with a drop of new members and a slightly higher number of females. There were 34 junior members.

Some school mapping was completed in Kamloops. Mapping continued on the Thunder Mountain in the Kelowna Nordic area outside Kelowna and started on the Kelowna Nordic Trails. This work was partially funded by OBC.

A junior program was run in Kamloops in the spring with plans to be held again this fall. Sage continues to give PacificSport day camps orienteering sessions during summer and spring school breaks in Kamloops.

Most equipment is in good shape except our tents that will continue to weather. Storage arrangements seem to be working well in all areas.

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

## 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.