# Edmonton Overlanders Orienteering Club

#### EOOC Report for AOA November 9<sup>th</sup> AGM

#### 2019 EOOC Executive

- OFFICERS:
- President
- ACTING President • Membership Peter MacKenzie
- Secretary
- Karen Brownlee
- Treasurer
- Al Nilson

- DIRECTORS
- Marilyn Edmunds
- Scheduler
- Greg Yarkie
- Communications
- Marilyn Edmunds
- Mapping
- Geraint Edmunds
- **Junior Program**
- Bobbi Menard,
- Peter MacKenzie

- At large:
- -Robert Gilchrist
- At Large:
- -June Crowther
- Past President
- Peter MacKenzie

# **Exceedingly Important Club responsibilities**

- Map Printing
   – Kim Kasperski
- Equipment Chris Sigvaldason
- Map Formatting
   – Mary
   – Lou Hogg
- SI Coordinator Chris Sigvaldason
- Corporate Challenge Laura Milroy and Al Nilson

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total Members	352	359	540	495	443	443
-Households	143	152	187		152	166
-Exclusively KRW Households						35
-Exclusively KRW members		102	262	~236	126	144
Juniors (under 19)	125	106	230	198	161	155
Between 20-55 yrs	158	182	233	233	210	216
Over 55 yrs	68	71	76	64	70	72
Median Age	39	39	35	36	39	38
Male to Female Ratio %	52/48	52/48	51/49	49/51	49/51	50/50
Members for a Day	296	253	326	204	286	269

#### 2019 Events

- 19 Wednesday events were hosted from April to September.
- One event was for World Orienteering Day at Terwillegar Park. All WOD events during this week came to a grand total of 398712 participants.

- A Skate O (Rundle Park) and a Ski/Snowshoe
   O (Riverside Golf Course) were our first two events of 2019.
- Our Forest Season opener was hosted at Morningside. This event is a great way for Edmontonians and Calgarians to meet up since the map location is between the two cities.

- Friday May 24 Sunday May 26 EOOC hosted the Alberta Orienteering Skills Camp (for all ages and abilities)
- Sunday May 26 EOOC hosted a Forest B event at Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area. Many Orienteers from across Western Canada (and Denmark!!) competed.

On June 05, 2019, Edmonton Overlanders designated their event as a fundraiser for the High Performance Program. We raised \$431.00

• Another forest event included one near Smoky Lake. This was on July  $13^{th}/14^{th}$ .

The 2 largest events EOOC put on were:

A score event at Laurier Park in September with over 450 Junior High students as part of the EPSB's after school cross country series

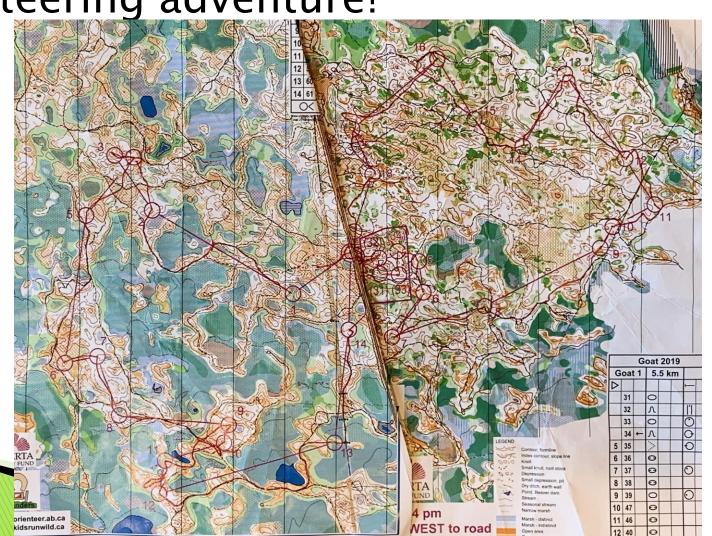
Corporate Challenge in June with around 300 participants.

#### **EOOC TURNS 40!!**

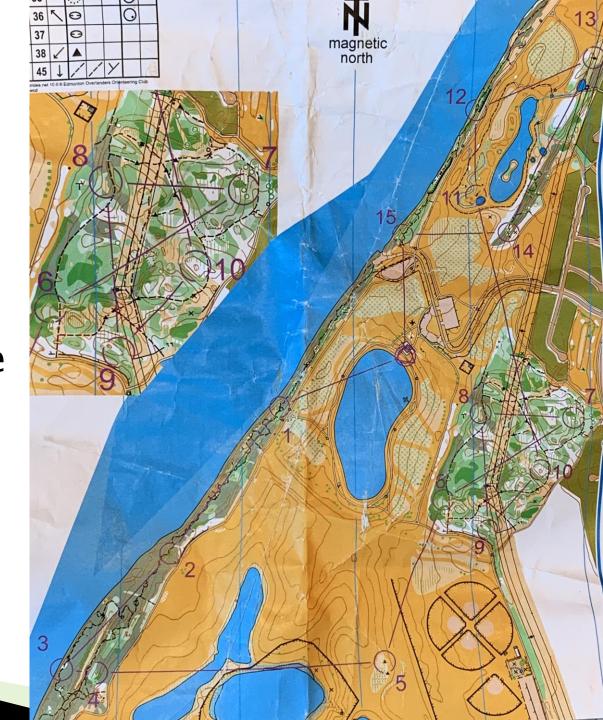
The celebration of EOOC's 40th anniversary of incorporation with the Societies Branch took place on September 21st at Rundle Park. Score O with a mass start with 40 controls; 40 minutes to visit as many as possible.



A GOAT (Greatest of all time) event was hosted on September 28<sup>th</sup> at Redwater. Nothing quite like going on an extra long orienteering adventure!



Our Season Finale was hosted in Fort Saskatchewan at River's Edge Park with participation from the local XC ski club.



#### Communications

#### **First Aid:**

In March the club arranged for a 2-day First Aid course for active officials and volunteers. 10 people completed the course. Officials:

#### **Training:**

11 EOOC members are presently working towards their O100. Their training will be completed next year when each hosts a Wednesday (or equivalent) orienteering event.

#### Kids Run Wild (KRW)

- > 79 participants (including parent/additional siblings) were in the <u>spring KRW sessions</u>.
- 47 Kids are in the fall session (including parent/additional siblings)
- 6 kids attended the KRW camp in July. (plus parents and a few young siblings)
- 10 kids attended the KRW camp in August. (plus parents and a few young siblings)

## EOOC School Program Nov 2018 – Nov 2019

Total Sessions: 79

Total Students: 4111

\*\* Includes sessions up to Nov 5, 2019

#### 2017/2018 vs. 2018/2019

- Total Sessions:68
- Total Students: 4332

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- Total Students: 4111

## Breakdown of multi-session school programs

- 12 classes took part in multiple day sessions
  - Shortest multi-day program was 2 sessions
  - Longest multi-day program was 6 sessions

## Breakdown of sessions outside of Edmonton

- Of the 79 sessions:
  - 13 were in Fort Saskatchewan
  - 4 were in St Albert
  - 2 were in Sherwood Park
  - 2 were in Leduc

### Outreach - Free try-it events

In 2019 we held 7 Free Try-it events throughout the year with 524 people participating in these events. Most of these events utilised new maps.

#### Success at a glance

- ▶ 11 new schools
- ▶ 15 new maps
- Increased revenues despite cancellations
- High % of return schools
- 19 sessions already booked for 2020
  - 1 new school scheduled for a 7 session progress program
  - 3 new maps needed so far
  - Return schools are interested in winter programming (xc, snowshoe, skate & indoor)

#### Mapping

Geraint made a start on converting our River Valley maps to more closely align with the new IOF mapping standards and, at the same time, adjust them to make them Geo-referenced.

Geraint did some field work on 2 maps with a Garmin Glo GPS receiver linked by Bluetooth to a computer running the new version of OCAD.

Geraint made a new map of the West River's Edge Park in Fort Saskatchewan for the Season Finale event. That map is still a work in progress.

- EOOC checked out the terrain on our old Bruderheim map plus a new extension west which is still in the Provincial Recreation area.
- Using a map made from a 15 m Digital Elevation Model, Geraint checked out part of the Redwater Provincial Recreation Area where dirt bikes and quads are not allowed. We think that would be worth mapping as a training area or for a middle-distance event.

- Geraint undertook adding the area just east and south of Ft. Edmonton Park to the Whitemud North map which was later used on a Wednesday evening event.
- For the Alberta championships on the Dalmuir map, there were some areas that had not been finished from the previous year's professional rework by Bryan Chubb. This was done by committee lead by Geraint.

- Geraint made a base map for the western part of the Bruderheim map area using free 1 m contours from the county of Strathcona.
- Geraint also found half metre contours for the whole of the City of Edmonton. From these, a base map was made of the Blackmud and Whitemud valleys. In addition, contours will be updated on other maps.

That's All Folks!

