

Sydney Summer Series

30th Anniversary Quiz

PREAMBLE

Many will remember our 20th Anniversary Quiz being quite difficult – with many questions reaching back to our earliest years, and seriously disadvantaging more recent SSS athletes who did not have the map and attendance history of the Pork Pie mafia.

It seems another decade has passed, and maybe time for another quiz – but how to offer a fairer one?

As you all know, over the last few years the wonderous SSS data man Richard Pattison (BN) has been generating unparalleled statistics on our events and participants. And when combined with the recent early results mining from Jim Merchant, and our new web sites publishing scope (thanks Wiz), those old puzzles and secrets are now readily accessible. And so, the old style ‘Who won the mass start at Long Reef in January 1994’ will no longer do. You can just look it up.

Something that might be more of a puzzle, and be a bit of fun into the bargain, might be to identify some of our more unique and quirky control site locations. As you will read in my upcoming Australian Orienteer article (From Boulder to Power Pole) we have changed in this aspect as we have urbanised – often in a quite humorous way. And so as to not disadvantage newer recruits as before, the quirky control site seems to be a more recent phenomenon.

Those that have kept their maps (don't we all?) will have the background to succeed, as hopefully will the memories of the course planners involved – and maybe you too. Especially if the control was a memorable one, or on a memorable occasion. A great example was at the very wet Mermaid Pool event in January 2016 where control #9 ‘Life Buoy’ went underwater, and was replaced by Picnic Shelter at the last minute. This was to be the only ‘Life Buoy’ ever used in SSS history – but not!

Get the picture.

The following 30 controls are all unique and have only been used once over our 30 Year history. Many other unusual control sites have seen multiple uses – sometimes across different maps (‘Anchor’ and ‘Bird Bath’ for instance). These have been excluded.

So, out with the 2B, the memory and the map files. Thirty questions in random date order, thirty answers. Let's see if we can find a winner to announce at our 30th Anniversary Event on November 25th. Balls Head / Waverton where it all started.

Page two has the list, so maybe pencil in the answers beside the questions, and hand the sheet (or email) this triumph of memory – to Rosscoe (rossbarr46@gmail.com).

SSS 30th Quiz Questions

Five points for the correct map name / location (total 150 points), plus a bonus point if you can name the control number and/or the event date. Possible total of 180 points.

1. Horse
2. Bush on Footpath
3. Historic Bubbler
4. Banana Patch
5. The Wormhole
6. Duck Sign
7. Model Railway Gate
8. Giant Spider Web
9. Dead End
10. Monkey Bars
11. Spaceship
12. Brush Turkey Mound
13. Truckwash
14. Man Proof Fence
15. Octopus
16. Hole in the Wall
17. Small Lake
18. Sydney Harbour Bridge
19. Guy Wire
20. Bell
21. Ship Wreck
22. Instrument Box
23. Fresh Mulberries in Tree Nearby (track/creek crossing)
24. Wind Tower
25. A Bush in the Middle of the Open Forest
26. Doorway
27. Top of Hill
28. Aboriginal Art
29. Kaboom!
30. Poppet Crusher