

## **SILVA AWARD 2017**

### NOMINATION : VAL BRENTANO

Val Brentano just has to be one of the most reliable and well aware persons we have in South African Orienteering. Considering that Val is not a competitor, she has been around in Orienteering circles for a long time and has not given any indication of giving up her various roles yet - such is her relentless and untiring contribution to our sport.

She is the 'champion' of backroom workers, second to none – and can be relied upon for mostly anything at any time. She is the classic 'go-to' person.....whenever things need to get done properly, without fuss and on time...Val will see to it. It is not easy to find these priceless traits these days.

Although Val has several functions, on the RACO Committee, being very involved in Gauteng Athletics and also the SAOF Office – a job for which she may receive remuneration, but this is far outweighed by the amount of work she accomplishes ....and all this added to her normal day job. Who can forget her now lengthy contribution in keeping the event tuck shop going with the other hard working ladies. Always willing to take on the lion's share of the work, for the good of the sport.

For a person of Val's calibre to be lost to Orienteering – without commendation – would be a failure of recognition by the Orienteering fraternity in SA. I have no reservations to recommend she is presented this deserving acknowledgement.

Nominated by:

Pat de Klerk