

Nottinghamshire Orienteering Club



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A new orienteering season

is almost upon us so it's time to think about getting fit again ready for a thrash though the woods.

But wait.....there's a problem. There are no orienteering events to go

Let me be clear - there are many members of NOC who are dedicated to trying to make the club a success and help wherever and whenever they can. We are one of the biggest clubs but the helpers are drawn from a very small group of about a quarter of the membership; this group seems to do all the work and to these people I say a big Thank You.

to. They were timetabled but they have been cancelled as there were no volunteers to organise or help at the events. OK it's a rather pessimistic scenario I know but I'll let you into a secret. We (NOC) do not have organisers in place for many of our upcoming events.

Without an organiser in place I will cancel the event - it's as simple as that really.

Another frustration stems from the difficulties faced by organisers who have to telephone dozens of people trying to get helpers for an event. It is so much easier if people volunteer.

To the remainder of people who turn up to events, very rarely help, hardly ever volunteer and yet enjoy the sport, I ask that you contact the named organiser of events (as published by Black and Green, EMEWS, BOF and in Compass Sport magazine) or myself and offer to assist in some way. You get a cheaper run and also get to know some of the other people in the club.

Lastly, this sport is not rocket science. Organising and helping at events is really quite simple. We have an excellent guide for organisers and plenty of people to assist in making things run smoothly. Go on - try it!

Good Running. *Tony*

AGM Notice

The Annual General Meeting of Nottinghamshire Orienteering Club will take place on 31st October 2000. It will be held at Chilwell Olympia Leisure Centre, Bypass Road, Chilwell, Nottinghamshire. The start time will be 7.30 p.m. prompt. Any nominations for committee positions, resolutions, amendments to the constitution or items requiring a vote, to be sent to the Secretary, 47 Dale Road, Stanton by Dale, Ilkeston, Derbys. DE7 4QF by 17th October 2000. The agenda and minutes of last year's meeting will be published on the NOC website <http://www.cix.co.uk/~raybarnes/NOC/> by 24th October (this saves the Club £45), and will be available at the meeting. Anyone without Internet access who needs to be sent a written copy of the agenda and minutes should contact the secretary. *Helen O'Neil (Secretary)*

Yvette Baker Trophy 00 - The Junior Inter Club Competition

We need a complete turnout in the regional round to defend our hold on the trophy. Please be sure to attend the DVO event at Longshaw on October 15th.

Compass Sport Cup Final (18th June)

The confirmed results show that we were fourth again. SYO 180, MDOC 162, SLOW 131, NOC 124, BOK 112. With some of our young lads and lasses now growing into men and women, staying with the club, and with the steady stream of juniors taking their places, it won't take much to tip the balance away from the M/W21 led SYO.

Email Addresses

The committee have received requests for members eMail addresses to be made available to other club members. The intention is to create a new section on the web site accessible only by password where such information could be held and updated by club members. Stephen Wright has already prepared the software to do this and it will be implemented when we move the whole web site to a permanent home which will be www.noc-uk.org.

Event Equipment

The committee have decided that the time has come to discard the older kites which have lost their original cords and become difficult to hang, or have difficult to read numbers.

EPunching is soon going to be here in the East Midlands, and each punch has its own trestle. There is no longer any need to preserve our trestle punches for Badge events only, and these should be used in preference to the old canes at all C4/C5/N5.

Harvester Relay (8-9th July)

For the third time in four years NOC has won the Juniors Trophy at the Harvester Relays. In thick mist and rain on extensively mined moorland, Stephen Wright / Chris Hodgkinson / Nicholas James / David Hodgkinson / Richard Robinson came home first in 4:16:48. Second placed SLOW finished in 5:20:36.

Our women's team finished 11th in 7:01:44 but did beat DVO by 18 mins!

The men's team was disqualified because one lap was incomplete following a lighting failure.

Electronic Punching

EMOA were notified in August that they have been successful in their application for Lottery funding under the 'Awards for All' scheme. With additional loans from the region's clubs, EMOA will now be able to purchase SportIdent equipment. The target is trials at C4's before implementation at Badge events next spring.

Each club will need two or three volunteers to learn how to use the new technology. Please contact the committee if you are interested.

British Relays Champs

The voiding of the Women's Premier Relay race at Penyard was subject to a protest from NOC (and many others). Technical Committee decided to re-instate the course and consequently NOC managed a very credible 5th place only 9 minutes down. Well done to Helen Palmer / Alison O'Neil / Angela Lucking.

Alan Gould - heading East

Long standing member Alan Gould is moving with his company to the Netherlands. He hasn't yet got a permanent address, but will let our secretary know as soon as he does. He will be remaining a member of NOC (he has no choice - he's an honorary member anyway, oh and BTW Alan we need a controller for the Sansom night event), but will be joining a local club. There are two 'O' clubs to choose from, KOVZ and Olifant. Any guesses which one he'll go for?

Committee Minutes

Some of you may have noticed that a summary of committee minutes is now published on the web site. Any feedback from this is welcomed.

Digitising tablet?

During an audit of EMOA owned equipment, it became apparent that the whereabouts of the digitising tablet was unknown. If you have it, or have used it in the last year, please let Bob Alderson know.

BOC'01

The British Championships 2001 are being held in Northern Ireland. EMOA Committee considered but decided impractical to organise transport for this at a regional level. So NOC committee is looking into ideas on how we might share transport to Ireland at a club level. Please contact the committee if you have any ideas.

Helpers at Events - A Restructuring Plan

It has always been relatively easy for the Fixtures Secretary to recruit Planners and Controllers. But Organisers are another matter. The underlying reasons appear to be the problem of locating sufficient helpers - it becomes a drawn out task of sitting on the phone having the same conversation forty

times for two or three evenings, and some feel they do not have the qualifications for the job. The committee has considered this at length, and thought we could try the following scheme in the new year starting with the Walesby event.

Instead of having three helper groups A, B and C, we will now have teams to handle the following five areas: Registration, Start, Finish, Results, Ancillary (eg drinks, parking). Each member MW12+ will be allocated to a team, and there will be three team leaders for each area. It would be normal to stay in a team for at least a year. The organiser will only need to approach one leader per team who will then find helpers from within their already established team.

You will find below a detachable slip inviting you to nominate which team you wish to be allocated to. If you haven't returned the slip to Helen O'Neil by October 31st (i.e. the day of the AGM), Helen will allocate you to a team. (Of course transfers between teams will be possible, but we haven't checked on whether we have to obey the Bosman ruling).

Additionally, we would like people to volunteer to act as assistant organisers. You would then be able to see much of what happens without having any worries of responsibility.

NOC New Helper Scheme Autumn 2000

Please return to Helen O'Neil before October 31st.

There will also be a special postbox to collect these slips at the British Schools Score Champs, and the Thieves Wood Events.

Your Name	Registration	Start	Finish	Results	Ancillary
Family Members M/W12+					

Please write Yes or tick in the column you prefer.

If you would like to be a team leader, please write Team in that column.

If you would like to try being an Assistant Organiser please tick this box:

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Hilary Hodkinson wins UK Trail O Championships

THE second part of the British Trail O Championships was held alongside the CompassSport Cup Final at Ilkley Moor. Controls were placed on the lower slopes of the moor on the way to the foot orienteering start, that part of the map having been resurveyed by Tony Thornley specially for the event.

Despite only 20 entries, two wheelchair entrants completed the course as did Peter Palmer and Dave Gittus, who will be flying out to Ukraine shortly for the European Championships.

Over the 2 events it was Nottingham's Hilary Hodkinson who produced the results to take the overall title - after finishing a respectable 12th in her foot orienteering course.

Hilary Hodkinson 38, Beryl Blackhall (Manchester and District) 37, Peter Hodkinson 25. *Suse Coon, CompassSport Editor*

JK2003

As many of you will be aware, the JK is hosted by a different region each year. EMOA have been unable to take their turn recently, because we have no suitable terrain with appropriate facilities. Various schemes have been considered, including EMOA hosting the whole JK in Wales or in the adjacent parts of the Pennines. One such scheme has now been agreed, whereby EMOA host the 2nd Day of JK03 which is being held in the Southern Lakes. We take the entire responsibility for the day's event except controller. It may seem a long way off, but we need to have two officials appointed quickly, these being the Planner and the Organiser. Please let Ray know if you are interested.

White Rose Weekend Report

What a weekend! *Bad points:* Appalling weather, a recalcitrant O'Neil van, and minor injuries to several folk during the Badge events, and one visit to hospital after the Relays, but the news is no break just a dislocation. We wish the Billam family 'Get well soon'.

Good points: We had a decent crop of prizes for the badge events:

Hilary Palmer 1st W50L	Pauline Olivant 1st W45S	Steve Wright 2nd M55L
Richard Robinson 1st M20L	Sian Roberts 2nd W14A	Rhys Roberts 3rd M12A
Paul Morris 1st M40S	Nicola Olivant 2nd W20L	Stuart Hatfield 3rd M20L

and a special mention for Laura Billam who came first on the Day 2 W10B in only her second Badge event.

The Robby Knudd relay was won by Robert Palmer / Nicholas James / Sian Roberts about 2 minutes clear of the opposition. "First in the Forest" was also Robert Palmer, but his half-second lead over Richard Robinson was short lived because his break-neck run could not cope with the narrow bridge leading into the forest, so Robert also wins the "First in The Ditch" prize.

The Saturday Barbeque was conducted under umbrellas and dripping trees.

The Sunday Cricket match was won by the Juniors, mostly due the size of their team which batted first leaving the adults no light whatsoever!

My thanks to all those club members who were at the White Rose relays for their concern and assistance when I injured myself. Fortunately my finger was only dislocated not broken so the doctor was able to pull it back in place. It is now as straight as ever it was but twice the diameter! Mike O'Neil said it was an unusual

dislocation and he was right, all the staff on A&E had a look at the X-Rays! Thanks to Mike for the consultation and to all those who took care of Tom and Laura, it was one less thing to worry about knowing they being well looked after. Paul Billam

Weekday Evening & Lunchtime Training

Tuesday Club Night moves back to Chilwell Olympia on 3rd October. There are changing rooms, lockers, showers and a bar. Be ready to leave at 19:00. Distances/Speed appropriate to your abilities.

There is a Wednesday lunchtime training session of 45 mins using the Beeston Canal, the River Leen, and the River Trent. The participants join and leave as the route passes nearest each runner's base. Call Ray for timings along the route.

Informal Thursday evening training from 5th October is hosted by Ray Barnes, 4 Bridge Grove, West Bridgford, 0115 974 6044. Arrive at 18:30, we set off at 18:40. Runs of various lengths and speeds to suit all. Afterwards a cup of tea or glass of orange and a chat.

EMOA AGM Oct 17

This is a reminder of the new date. The venue is Chilwell Olympia. Time 19:30. Please encourage the devoted work of the EMOA Committee by attending.

NOC Champs 2000

The annual Club Championships will be held at Burbage Moor, SYO, on 3rd December. This is a National event, so we expect a good turnout. Closing date is Nov 20th. You don't have to do anything special to take part in the Club Champs. Just enter as normal, we use the published results to calculate the Club Champion.

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A Handy Reference Guide for your Diary

Actions / Deadlines To Remember

- | Offer to Plan / Organise / Control events marked + below
- | Offer to learn behind-the-scenes of Sport Ident technology

- | 15th Oct Juniors must attend Longshaw event
- | 17th Oct Attend EMOA AGM
- | 31st Oct Attend NOC AGM
- | 31st Oct Return Helper Team Allocation Form
- | 20th Nov Enter Burbage Moor event - NOC Club Championships
- | 30th Nov Copy Date Black & Green

Fixtures

<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Event Status</i>	<i>Organiser</i> <i>Helper Group</i>	<i>Notes</i> + see foot of page
23rd Sep	Bramcote	C5 Limited Colour Coded	Peter Forester Helpers - Group A	CATI
14th Oct	Blidworth	XS4 Score	Janet Evans Helpers - All	British Schools Score Champs (entry via BSOA only)
15th Oct	Longshaw	C4 Colour Coded	DVO	Yvette Baker Trophy Juniors MUST attend
21st			Helpers - Group	

Oct	Thieves Wood	C4 Colour Coded	A	+O+
21st Oct	Sansom Woods	N5 Night		+CO+
18th Nov	Harlow Woods	C4 Colour Coded	Hilary Hodgkinson Helpers - Group B	(inc. adult O-Zone)
3rd Dec	Burbage Moor	C2 National	SYO	NOC Club Champs
10th Dec	Annesley	C4 Colour Coded	Helpers - Group C	(inc. adult O-Zone)
30th Dec	Colwick Woods	X5 Closed Special	NOC Juniors	Xmas Event
6th Jan 01	Walesby	N5 Night		+C or O+
7th Jan 01	Walesby	C4 Colour Coded	Bob & Gill Hatfield	+P+
3rd Feb 01	Thieves Wood	O5 Short	Helpers - All	+O+
				Robin Hood

4th Feb 01	Blidworth/Haywood/Sansom	C3 Badge	O'Neil Family	Trophy EM Championships
25th Mar 01	Bestwood	C4 Colour Coded		+O+
24th Apr 01	Byron's Walk	C4 Colour Coded		+PCO+
2nd Jun 01	Strawberry Hill	R5 Relay		+PCO+ Little John Relays

+PCO+ Need one or more of Planner / Controller / Organiser.

An apology: You may have noticed that this is the first B&G since May. I have been unable to produce the edition which should have appeared at the end of July because quite simply I was too busy with other activities and no major deadlines made it imperative that an edition was published.

Therefore after just two years as B&G editor I have resigned and I am pleased that Keith Streb has come forward immediately to take on this mantle. Perhaps you will make his task easier by providing him with copy rather than expecting him to write every word of B&G.

With many thanks to my contributors: Ray Barnes.

Submit all your exciting stories to Keith Streb, 01623 473 401, keith.streb@dtm.ntl.com.

Latest news is on the NOC web site. <http://www.cix.co.uk/~raybarnes/NOC/>

Copy date will be 31st Jan, 31st Mar, 31st May, 31st Aug (sic), 30th Sep and 30th Nov with publication normally within two weeks.

