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DECEMBER 1995

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting at Clifton on October 18th Andy Jones stood down after three years in the Chair. Hilary Palmer proposed a vote of thanks to Andy and this was warmly supported. Andy will now concentrate on the 1997 British championships when he will be organising the Individual day.

Although there were no proposals for a new Chair on this night, Ray Barnes has subsequently agreed to take the post. Ray is a relative newcomer to the sport but will bring with him a lot of enthusiasm and ideas which should ensure the continuing success of NOC.

KEVIN KING

I have learnt that Kevin King has just moved to Dunfermline to take up a new job. Kevin has done a lot for the club as organiser, planner and controller. He has been EMOA representative on BOP Technical Committee and was due to co-organise DOC 97 with Andy Jones. Many thanks for all your efforts Kevin!

BRITISH SCHOOLS

The continuing success of Nottinghamshire's schools has already been reported briefly in the current issue of EMEWS. Well done to all those involved.

Speaking from the Chair

Many of you may be amazed to discover that I have become the new Chair of NOC. No am I!

After the AGM when nobody came forward for the post, the committee approached several members to take on the job, and after some deliberation and with some trepidation on my part, I was seconded onto the committee.

I have agreed to do the job on the basis that the Club needs to continue moving forward, both with new ideas, and with recycled old ideas, giving impetus towards a goal.

The committee have agreed that we need a 'five year plan', which will address the needs of the members who wish to have an enjoyable, occasional recreational run or walk, and the needs of the competitive spirits who wish to see both themselves and the club excel.

The first stage in this plan will be a survey of the membership to determine what you want from the club, what you can do to help the club, and what ideas you have. The next BlackG will come with a questionnaire. When your responses have been collated, the committee will be able to formulate the plan. Changes will not happen overnight. It will take time, so please be patient.

I'll leave you with my goal:

To develop NOC into a truly thriving club, with an active, contributing membership of all ages and abilities.

Thanks for listening

Ray Barnes

COMPASS SPORT CUP AND OTHER EVENTS

Yes, it is Compass Sport Cup time of the year again but no...it isn't EBOR and no it isn't Strines. Having been through the fixture list literally dozens of times, in an attempt to find a suitable event roughly equi-distant between ourselves and first round opponents EPOC, we finally settled on the SYO National Event 2 at Wharfedale on February 25th. Unfortunately I hadn't spotted the cost of Senior pre-entry until after we had made the arrangement. Usually SYO entry fees are low but sadly not this time. This is a pre-entry event only and if you hope to be a counter you should enter your normal 1996 age class. Long or A by January 29th. Full details of the event are given below. The result will be decided by calculating the minutes per kilometre of competitors within normal Compass Sport Cup age groupings.

NOC CHRISTMAS EVENT

Dave Cooke is planning the Christmas Event this year which will be held at Cotwick Park on Saturday 30 December. As at last year's event, there will be a mass start at 11.00am from the Car Park. Follow the road at the side of the Racecourse past Cotwick Hall to the Car Park.

There will be a 1 hour Score Event for Seniors and a 45 minute Score Event for Juniors or those suffering from the after effects of Christmas.
Both events may have some "extra" controls !!

Any offers of help for setting up controls, etc., would be appreciated -

Please phone Dave on

ROBIN HOOD BADGE EVENT

21ST JANUARY 1995

Many thanks to all who have volunteered to help with the badge event. If you have not done so already there are still several jobs which need doing. Remember if you help you get a free run.

The following team leaders are still looking for helpers.

Car Parking: Paul Morris
Finish: Ray Barnes
Results: Angela Lucking

Hilary Palmer is using members of the junior squad to run the string course. If you are a junior and want to volunteer your help, ring her on .

I also need two volunteers to man the map exchange and help with the squash.

If you can help, please ring the team leader direct or contact me on .
and I will pass on your offer.

Jim Clarke (organiser).

SUMMER IN EUROPE?

If you are already thinking ahead to next Summer, John Dalton () has information about:

- 1 Swiss 6-Days Aug 3-10 1996, Brunnen
- 2 Swedish 5 days (O-Ringen) July 22-26 1996 within 150km of Goteburg

There will be information about many other events abroad in the December edition of Compass Sport.

BERT AND BUDBY

At a far off Long O - escaping from Erwood - I bumped into former NOC Chairman and BAGWM Editor John Orton. Prompted by an article in the June '95 BAGWM about Bert Bradshaw's involvement in the first East Midlands O event at Budby in March 1966 - he sent me a copy of Bert's report when he was a first time organiser a year later, again at Budby which reproduced below.

THE SHERWOOD FOREST SCORE EVENT

Venue: Kirklands Forest - Budby Army Training Area, Notts.

Date: 14th May, 1967.

This was my first attempt at organising an event, so if its standard was lower than you have become accustomed to, please bear with me. I have learned an awful lot myself and will try and improve matters on the next occasion.

Fate seemed to be working against me. First of all the weather, it was just bloody awful, that's the only way to describe it!

For the record it rained continuously from early Sunday morning until sometime around midnight on Monday. 1.66 inches of rain fell on Sunday and the maximum temperature never exceeded 47°. It was the wettest single day for at least 7 years.

Secondly the sabotaging of two of the control points by the "soldiers". When I got permission to use the training area I was assured that the last of the Army personnel would be clear by 12 noon.

I wasn't very happy with the finishing arrangements, this being mainly due to the non-arrival of the timekeeper/recorder. I had therefore to do this job myself and by this time was a little fatigued and frozen stiff after 5 hours on these desolate plains.

I feel quite confident that all the controls were in their correct positions as indicated on the map. This includes the start which was situated adjacent to a N.W./S.E. track that exists only faintly on the ground, and was intended to deceive you.

The position of Control 2 (The Holly Tree) unfortunately coincided with the soldiers latrine, so its not really surprising it vanished.

Control F (A clump of bushes) must have actually been removed during the competition as two of the earlier starters recorded it on their cards, but later several experienced orienteers could find no trace of it. It was definitely missing when I went to collect it later.

Everyone who recorded the fact that they had looked for either of these two controls have been credited with the points.

On reflection I realise Control E (The "charred" tree) was unfairly placed due to the proximity of a similar tree.

Control J (The 'S' shaped trench) was there in all its glory and was visited by 16 competitors.

Congratulations to the various winners. Ian Watson seems to smell out control points in a score event. Jenny Tennant continues in her winning vein and must be one of the shrewdest orienteers in the game.

I don't know many of the youngsters personally but looking through the results I have the feeling that several of them are beginning to break through. The great need in the Midlands at the moment is more competition at this level.

Finally the judges apologise for remaining indoors, in any case they say, look at the results, lots of people came in before their allotted time, we couldn't have got them!

Bert Bradshaw.

17th May, 1967.

PS The new Mark Thomson, Keith Streb map of Budby for RH96 is dedicated to Bert Bradshaw, David Olivant and Keith Pickley (then of Nottingham Nutters) who attended the first ever Budby event.

Peter Bourne

**South Yorkshire Orienteers invite you to
National Event 2
Wharfedale Wood
25 February 1996**

Location Wharfedale, Greenhead, 8km N of Sheffield. MK SK332941, signposted from A61

Terrain 10 Sq. Kilometres of some of the highest quality terrain in England outside the Lake District. Mix of coniferous and deciduous woodland with intricate contour detail, gritstone edge and open moorland. Runability at its best at this time of year. Used for BOC 1984.

Map New, based on Pete Lewis' Chichester award map. Re-surveyed by Stirling Surveys and Ian Cooper 1995. Cartography by Ian Cooper. Scales + 1:15000 and 1:10000 according to class

Courses National courses (pre-entry only)
 ELITE M/W21
 LONG M/W21-70
 SHORT M/W21-45 (No M/W70S)
 A M/W10-19
 B M/W11-19 (No M/W10S)
 Colour Coded (EOD only) yellow, orange, red, light green, green and blue. String Course

	Senior	Junior (M/W10-19)
National Courses	£7.75	£2.50
Colour Coded	£3.00	£1.00

Entries Closing date for PRE-ENTRIES is **January 21st 1996** to:
 Derek and Wendy Smallwood
 Tel: [REDACTED]
 • The Standard Entry Form, Cheques payable to 'SYO'
 • Enclose two 9 x 6 SAE's (not smaller)
 • If requesting multiple sets of results, ensure postage will cover
 • No criches available. Parents should indicate need for split stages
 • Late entries subject to availability of maps and £1 surcharge
 If the event has to be cancelled, the organisers reserve the right to retain part or all of the entry fee to cover costs already incurred.

Times 10.00 to 12.30 On the day registration, colour coded only, 10.00 to 12.00.

Dogs In the car park only, on a lead, please.

Safety We are using the 'buddy' system. Make sure you have a reliable buddy who will raise the alarm if you don't get back. If you can't find a buddy, leave a completed stub and your car keys as enquires. You take part at your own risk. Wharfedale is a highly technical area with exposed high moorland, so dress appropriately for time of year and weather conditions - come prepared with sagoules. Less experienced orienteers should consider running S or B courses. Whistles are advised.

Officials **Planners:** Ian Cooper, Guy Seaman and Monika Cooper
Organiser: Brian Shaw, [REDACTED]
Controller: Ian McMillan (EPOC)

THE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Ray Harries
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