



the BLACK and Green word MACHINE

SEPTEMBER 1995

1995 AGM

This year sees a change of venue to Sherwood Pines (Clipstone) Wednesday 18th October 7.30pm in the Teaching Classroom. Forest Enterprise have agreed to put on a talk/slide presentation on the management of Nottinghamshire forests. It is hoped to provide light refreshments on the evening which is expected to finish at 9.45pm. The venue will be signed off the E6030 Ollerton - Mansfield road at GR 612647.

Last year we had a poor turn-out at the AGM. Please support this attempt to make the AGM a more interesting evening. There will be no arm twisting to get you to take on a job.

Our Chairman, Andy Jones will be standing down having completed the maximum three years in office. If you are at all interested in this position please contact Andy. All other members of the committee are eligible for re-election and are willing to carry on if proposed and seconded.

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FOOTPATH RELAY

A strong NOC team came third in the Footpath Relay (White Peak Walk) on June 17th, twenty minutes down on Holme Pierrepont and three on MDOC in an event lasting 10 hours for the twenty legs. It was pretty close all the way. We were in the lead after twelve legs and second after eighteen.

Next years event will be organized by SYO when we really must beat MDOC.

HARVESTER RELAYS

Our bid for an improved performance in the Harvester relay night event got off to a bad start when several team members were involved in a road accident on the way to the event. Fortunately they were eventually able to continue their journey and run. Our NOCturnals team - Keith Streb, Helen Palmer, Chris Hodgkinson, Mick Lucking, Stephen Wright (Jnr), Mike Napier and Andy Sykes came 20th of 43 teams on course B with Mike Napier having the best individual run to come third on leg 6.

The NOCivilians did better than their name suggests on the shorter course C finishing 8th of 41 teams with Ray Barnes, Bert Bradshaw, Alan Beardsley (7th), Jad, Colin Portman (3rd), Kevin King (6th) and Keith Pickesley.

CLUB DELEGATE CONFERENCE

This will be held in Leeds on Saturday 21st October 1995. The club are looking for two delegates to represent us. Please contact Andy Jones if you are interested. All expenses will be paid by the club.

VWC 1996

The Veterans World Cup is now an annual event and next year will be held in the province of Murcia, southern Spain, April 8th-12th 1996. The terrain is described as mediterranean pine woodland with good visibility and easy penetration. All areas are moderately hilly. For the lowest entry fees you must enter by 31st October.

There have been suggestions of a NOC "trip" to the event. Please let me know if you are interested. I have full details and will forward them if you send a S.A.E.

Peter Bourne

CALDERDALE WAY RACE

This is a six stage race with two runners per stage following the route of the Calderdale Way in West Yorkshire to be held on Sunday December 10th 1995. The race attracts a good entry and is very competitive. The total distance is 50 miles giving an average stage length of 8+ miles mainly on footpaths. I would like to enter a team.

Please get in touch

if you would like to be involved.

Peter Bourne

WHITE ROSE RELAYS

The White Rose Relays brought success again for NOC juniors with Chris Hodgkinson, Nicola Olivant and Colin Olivant being only narrowly beaten into second place by a team from CLOK made up of the Elder family.

The Robby Nudd trophy was taken by Derek Mill, John Palmer and Ray Stewart after Derek had a real flyer on leg 1. Tony Hornewill defied advancing years by taking the "First in the Forest" from Robert Palmer with superior tactics.

The traditional cricket match resulted in a draw as bad light stopped play before the youngsters could be prised out.

INTERNATIONAL SELECTIONS

There has been a crop of international selections for the Autumn from NOC members. Chris Hodgkinson and Andrew Preston will be running for England in Ireland in the Home Internationals. Robert and Helen Palmer will be among the opposition in the Welsh team while Hilary runs for England in the Veterans event near Aberdeen.

This follows attendance by NOC juniors at training camps this summer with Chris Hodgkinson, Helen Palmer, Alastair Footitt and Nicola Olivant at Lagganilla and Andrew Preston at Mysen in Norway. The Mysen camp was managed jointly by John and Hilary Palmer.

Summer League 1995

I am pleased to announce the winners of this friendly competition.

First Place: Chris Hodkinson 5000 points

Second Place: Katy Hatfield 4566

Third Place: Jane Hooker 4547

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| 4. Stephen Wright | 4499 | 9. Nicola Olivant | 4008 |
| 5. Robert Hatfield | 4350 | 10. Fiona Munton | 3955 |
| 6. Stuart Hatfield | 4298 | 11. Dave Booker | 3761 |
| 7. Ray Barnes | 4229 | 12. Dave Cooke | 3751 |
| 8. Robert Palmer | 4106 | 13. Paul Beverley | 3750 |

A special thank you to these leading runners. Nobody else attended more than 6 events.

Prizes will be presented as soon as enough of you are in one place at a time.

75 runners or pairs came to the events, including some foreigners from LEI and HALO.

34 attended only a single event. The Yellow course was attended very poorly. On one occasion nobody ran it! Thank you, Colin Olivant for running it four times.

I trust you were not too upset by some of the strange exercises set, but your skills or lack of them, have all been put into a sharper focus, whether you had good runs or not.

I was disappointed that other commitments prevented some of the more senior club runners from attending more often. Scaling up from the small sample, Mike Napier would have scored 4716, John Dalton 4410, Alan Beardsley 4324, Mick Lucking 3945, Keith Streb 3768 and based on only one event, Tim Hills 5000!

Should this scoring system be continued next season, it is worth mentioning that CH changes class, but KH, JB and SW don't, so the competition will be very hot.

The most pleasing thing to note is the skills of the younger club members. Most of those named above took on the technical challenge of the harder Long courses, CH sometimes beating every adult on un-handicapped times.

The full results are, of course, available on request.

The events showed great ingenuity from the planners, without whose efforts the league would not have happened. Thank you all again.

Now is the time to express your doubts about the venues, the courses, the controls, the scoring system, the planners, the co-ordinator or even the weather (which was sunny and hot every time except Vicar Water). Better still, plan an event next year, or even be the co-ordinator. My stint as co-ordinator is done.

Several of this year's planners have already volunteered for next year, so let's have someone with fresh legs come forward to be next year's co-ordinator. I have many thoughts based on this year's experiences to communicate, and the program to calculate and print the results is available, but then it will be down to you. It is essential to get the venues selected before Christmas so the poor fixtures secretary can get their job done. (Thank you CP). Call me for a chat about what's involved.

Ray Barnes

(I know I said Thank You 4 times)

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ORIENTEERING CLUB AGM

The 1995 Annual General Meeting of the Nottinghamshire Orienteering Club will be held on Wednesday 18 October 1995 at the Teaching Classroom, Sherwood Pines at 19:30. In addition to the normal agenda there will be a talk and slide show given by a representative of Forest Enterprise about the management of Nottinghamshire's forests.

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of the 1994 AGM
- 3 Matters arising from the minutes
- 4 Chairman's Report
- 5 Treasurer's Report
- 6 Membership Fees for 1995/1996
- 7 Election of Officers
- 8 Plans for the New Year
- 9 Any Other Business
- 10 Talk by Forest Enterprise

Any amendments to the Constitution or other substantive items of business should be sent to the Secretary, not later than 4 October 1995. Any nominations for committee posts should also be sent to the secretary. A new Chairman at least will have to be found as Andy Jones will have completed 3 years in the post.

THE COMMITTEE

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| Chairman | Andy Jones |
| Secretary | John Dalton |
| Finance Secretary | Colin Portman |
| Treasurer | Steve Wright |
| Coaching Co-ordinator & BMOA Rep. | Hilary Palmer |
| Team Manager & BAGWM Editor | Peter Bourne |
| Mapping Co-ordinator | Dave Oliver |
| Equipment Officer | Alan Jones |

The NOC training run will return to Michael Napier's house on Thursday 5 October 1995.

Michael lives at telephone
Turn into from, then carry on
along for about a mile is on the left

The run is between four and five miles long, taking in the University campus. There are usually slow, medium and fast groups. Shorter runs are also available for beginners, juniors or those recovering from injury or illness.

Come along and discuss the latest event and enjoy a cup of tea afterwards (10p). Your performance will almost certainly improve with regular attendance!