Nottinghamshire Orienteering Club



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SPEAKING FROM THE CHAIR

Highfields

Many of you will remember that the committee were talking to a sports club with a view to having a permanent focal point. I am now pleased to announce that, for a trial period of nine months, we will be able to use the facilities of Highfields Sports Club, Nottingham. It is on the south side of University Boulevard where the long straight bends a little, only 2 minutes off the Nottingham ring road at the Dunkirk flyover.

We will have the regular Thursday evening training run there, starting from January 9th, and use the upstairs meeting room for the Newcomers' Meeting on January 15th. Later we may store equipment, have junior training, and hold socials and other meetings. There are proper changing rooms and showers, and a licensed bar with a pool table and TV. We will also have a club noticeboard.

The committee are aware that the use of facilities for training will only benefit a section of the membership, but the many other advantages of the club will accrue to everybody, and I hope that in time NOC will become stronger now we have a home.

Going back to the survey, I note that many of you would like to be fitter. So come on, let's see twenty five of you on January 9th at 18:30!

Open Meeting

The first open meeting of the year will take place at Highfields on January 15th at 19:30. It is targeted at newcomers to the sport, and newcomers to the club, but all members, young and old are invited.

Every few weeks you go to an event, change on the roadside, start at minute intervals, and never see the same face again. You don't know who is who, and you have nobody to talk to about your successes and failures. Come along to this meeting, meet some of the other club members, and for the newcomers to the sport, we'll try to explain the rules, tell you how to tie your laces, and what a Badge event is!

This is the first time we've done this, so the trial format will be: introductions, a Q&A session, then a more open discussion.

Compass Sport Cup

Well done to everybody for going to Eyam. Let's have another good turnout for the next round against DVO or HOC.

Xmas Novelty Event

Look forward to seeing you all at Rufford, 27th Dec, full details elsewhere. We have permission to play music, so if you have the inclination, bring along your instrument for your party piece.

Thanks for listening.

Ray Barnes

COMPASS SPORT CUP - 1st ROUND

A big thank you to everyone who ran at Eyam Moor enabling us to easily beat LEI. The official points score was NOC 84, LEI 44 (not as printed in the

results). There were 95 NOC runners competing - a fantastic turn out. Well done to all the points scorers, and a thank you to all those people who ran a different colour course than usual. Now the real competition begins!!!

The next round will be against DVO or HOC. They play in January and the form book would suggest a DVO victory. I will be trying to arrange the next round for February or March and we really will need everyone out if we are to beat DVO and progress further.

(Club newcomers may be interested to know that we reached the final and subsequently won the competition back in 1991.) It would be great to get to the final again this year and this years draw is a good one for us).

NOC CHRISTMAS EVENT

Yes, the highlight of the festive season has this year been arranged for Rufford on Friday 27th December, from the northern car park. It will be a novelty score event, with a Junior course, arranged by Ray Barnes and Stephen Wright. You must register before 10:45 for a mass start at 11am. We will be able to use a room in the hall afterwards. Bring food, drink, and an instrument!

Following NOC events will be at Sherwood Pines on 18th January (Night) and 19th (Colour Coded).

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS - 17 May 1997

As NOC members should be aware the East Midlands region is hosting this years British Championships weekend. NOC are responsible for the Individual day and Andy Jones, the day organiser, has been working hard to make the day successful. He has now appointed all the team leaders. They will be putting all their helpers together shortly and it is expected that ALL club members help at this prestigious event. You will still be able to compete at the event and will need to enter in the normal way. More details can be obtained from Andy on (xxxxxxxxxxxx).

OUT OF BOUNDS

Would all members please note that Clumber Park (and Chatsworth) are out of bounds for orienteering training until after the British Championships.

CLUB TRAINING WEEKEND

A club weekend is being organised for January 24 -26. Training on the sand dunes at Merthyr Mawr on Saturday and competing at a colour coded event on the same area on the Sunday. This will be excellent preparation for the JK in March which is also on a sand dune area. Eddie Nicholson is coordinating the accommodation and needs to know final numbers by Saturday December 21st. If you would like to go please ring Eddie on (xxxxxxxxxxxxx). Once final numbers are known car sharing arrangements can be worked out. It should be a good sociable weekend.

JK RELAYS

Janet Evans needs entries for the JK relays by FRIDAY 10th JANUARY. Classes are as follows:

Open (JK Trophy)	Open 35+	M/W 55+ (at least 1W)
Women's Trophy	Open 40+	M/W 60+ (at least 1W)
Open 12-	Open 45+	Seniors BOF ages >=125
Open 14-	Open 50+	Veterans BOF ages >=165
Open 18-	W35+	Mixed length ad-hoc.
W14-	W40+	Medium
W18-	W45+	Short
Junior BOF Ages <=40	W50+	Women's short
Junior BOF Ages <=48		

£5.00 per run for adults. £2.50 per run for Juniors, except those running Open 12- or BOF ages \leq 40 where the cost is £1.50.

MAPPERS REQUIRED

There are several NOC areas that need remapping over the next 9 months. These areas are all over Nottinghamshire, not just in the north of the county. If you are interested, either in helping survey or producing an entire map, please get in touch with David Olivant (xxxxxxxxxxxxx).

EVENT ORGANISERS WORKSHOP

SECRETARY'S BIT

As you may have noticed in the last 1-2 years, Diamond Cable have been busy, giving us a challenge by seeing whether we concentrate on looking where we put our feet when winter training makes us run on pavements. Some of you will also have decided to subscribe to their services and have therefore changed their telephone numbers. You can't escape the phone call from the event organiser or team leader that easily. Would you please let Jad have your new telephone number so that we can update our address and telephone list. I have heard that surfing has taken hold among the membership, if you have an Internet address please also pass it on to Jad.

For those of you who don't know, NOC and BOF have web sites. The NOC site is current, I noticed the BOF page was last updated 2 Aug 1996. Thanks to our Chairman ours is updated on at least a weekly basis. The results of NOC events are generally on the net the following Monday. The address is http://www.cix.co.uk/~raybarnes/NOC/

We will be distributing an updated membership list with the February 97 edition of the Black and Green.

JUNIORS TRAINING

NOC CONTACT LIST

At this years AGM several new officials were elected. The new Committee is as follow:

CHAIRMAN / EM Rep Ray Barnes

SECRETARY Jad Dziadosz
TREASURER Alison Sage
FIXTURES SEC. Colin Portman

TEAM MANAGER / Janet Evans

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MAPPING CO-ORD. David Olivant COACHING CO-ORD. Hilary Palmer JUNIOR REP. Nicola Olivant

Several committee members are now 'on line' and may be contacted at:

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Jad Dziadosz <u>dziad@innotts.co.uk</u>
Hilary Palmer <u>hpalmer@innotts.co.uk</u>

Ray suggests that people will find it easier to contact him on his work number (01332 799777) or on his mobile (0374 203419).

ODDS 'N' ENDS

The garage keys are now with Colin Portman and Mick Lucking.

The pair of LEI events at Grace Dieu are now on Jan 25th and 26th not as previously advertised in EMEWS. No further details available.

The competition to produce a design for a new O suit had several entries. 2 are now being priced up. More details in the next issue.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DEC 21 Deadline for club training weekend.

Deadline for Organisers Course.

JAN 7 Junior training starts.

JAN 9 Training at Highfields.

JAN 10 Deadline for JK relay entries

JAN 15 Newcomers meeting at Highfields.

Copy date for next Black and Green - 31st January.

AND FINALLY....

A Very Merry Christmas to all members.

Janet Evans (Black + Green Editor).