

Nottinghamshire Orienteering Club



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NOC RIDING HIGH

*Congratulations to **Hilary Palmer** on her election to be Chairman of the national Coaching committee at the recent BOF AGM. Coaching Committee is responsible for developing orienteering coaching in Britain. As Chairman, Hilary will work closely with the Director of Coaching Derek Allison.*

*NOC successes at the **British Championships** near Oban last month were:*

M11A 1st David Hodkinson W15A 4th Helen Palmer

M15A 2nd Alistair Footitt W55S 1st Val Gebbett

W11B 1st Rosemary Hodkinson W35L 6th Janet Evans

In the relays the M45 team of Steve Wright, Alan Beardsley and David Olivant were 4th and the Junior Ad Hoc team of Colin Olivant, David Hodgkinson and Nicola Olivant won by over 30 minutes.

The Footpath Relay on the June 15th produced an exciting race and a good day out. Although NOC were third yet again - we were the first Orienteering club beating WCH, DVO, MDOC and SYO. Overall winners were Holme Pierrepont with Hallamshire Harriers (Sheffield) second.

SPEAKING FROM THE CHAIR

Over 60% of you have now returned a survey form. This is an amazing response level. ***Thank you.*** From your responses, lists of members who want help or want to help have been derived, and you will receive direct contact on these areas.

Many of you have mentioned the lack of social activity and the isolation of new members. In addition to the club training days mentioned in the last B&G, the committee has further decided to alleviate these problems by extending the annual programme of open meetings and social events as follows:

October AGM starting early on a Saturday evening, followed by an Open meeting. Twenty members is not enough, let's see 75 of you!

December/January Xmas meal

March Open meeting especially targeted at newcomers. Question and answer session. All members welcome.

May Open meeting on a Saturday afternoon, followed by a social, say a Barn Dance with a simple meal.

May/June Summer League on Thursday evenings. Informal events like these are ideal to make acquaintance with other members.

August White Rose Social and Cricket match.

September Open meeting again targeted at newcomers.

For the open meetings, we would like to find a private room in a pub, or similar, preferably in the north part of Nottingham, so everybody has reasonable access. If you know of somewhere, please let me know. Unfortunately it is too short notice to arrange a newcomer meeting this September, but we will try to make the AGM as 'newcomer friendly' as possible, so please do come. Details of the AGM will be in the next B&G.

Thanks for listening *Ray Barnes*

SUMMER LEAGUE

Just a reminder that the Summer League programme is in full swing. This year's Co-ordinator is Dave Goodwin XXXXXXXXXXXXX. The outstanding fixtures are:

June 27th Rufford Keith Streb XXXXXXXXXXXXX

July 4th Blidworth Dave Cooke XXXXXXXXXXXXX

July 11th Colwick Park Stuart & Katy Hatfield XXXXXXXXXXXXX

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

This will be held in conjunction with the Twin Peaks weekend. Day 2 September 1st 1996 at Macclesfield Forest. This is a Badge Event with both pre-entry (closing date August 7th) and entry on the day. You enter your normal age class, long, short, A or B with the winners decided on a handicap basis (with adjustment made if you are running up from your normal age class). There will small permanent momentos for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and best newcomer to be presented at the AGM in October or at the Xmas Social. We are staging the Club Championships at another club event to avoid possible conflict between helping and competing. Any problems regarding entry please contact Hilary Palmer XXXXXXXXXXXXX.

RELAYS

PETER PALMER JUNIOR NIGHT RELAY

Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, September 29th 1996

Contact Jim Clarke if you are a junior and interested XXXXXXXX XXXX

HARVESTER TROPHY RELAY EVENT

Dipton, Hexham, September 14th 1996 (NY 968608)

This is seven person relay with a mixture of night and day legs, starting late on Saturday evening (the number of day legs depends on how well the team does).

In recent years our teams have shown promise on paper which hasn't always been realised in the forest. Perhaps this will be our year? We could enter Class B and/or Class C (longer and shorter handicap classes). The entry fee to NOC members is £3.50. Please let me have a cheque payable to NOC and your preferred relay class by August 14th. Peter Bourne, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.

COMPETITION CORNER

I quite like the Summer 'O' top which I think is smart and unpretentious. However I am told that in some quarters it is considered boring and dated and that it is time for a change. So it has been decided to hold a competition to design a new club 'O' suit. The design should include top and bottom with summer and winter versions and incorporating the club colours of black and green.

Entries to Ray Barnes on or before Day 1 of the 1996 White Rose. Winner to get a free 'O' top in the new design.

EQUIPMENT STORE

This has a new - hopefully dry - home. It is situated between

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Ray Barnes XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Hilary Hodgkinson XX XXXX

The start and finish clocks are stored separately at Michael Napier's XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.

1. If you have a key to the old equipment store could you please give it to Ray Barnes so that he can forward it to the garage owner
2. Blank kites and trestle type punches for use at major events are stored by Peter Bourne XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
3. Tyvek control cards and all maps are stored by David Olivant XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
4. The first aid kit is stored by Andy Jones. Andy attends most NOC events but organisers please check with him XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

CLUB FEES

For C4 (Open) events NOC will charge £3 for non BOF members, £2 adult BOF members, 50p for Juniors and students (in line with BOF

recommendations adopted at the AGM). The fees will operate from October 1996 with the first event of the season at Thieves Wood October 20th.

PLANNERS GUIDES

Steve Wright holds the club's copies of the BOF Course Planners Guides and is concerned that they are not being used. From personal experience I can only say how useful they are in trying to achieve the correct technical level for your courses.

Contact Steve XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX and he will get a copy to you.

NOC HISTORY

Is there anyone out there who would like to combine an interest in history and orienteering by writing a history of NOC to date? All the more worthwhile because the origins of our club go back to the very beginning of the sport in this country. Please contact Ray Barnes XXXXXXXXXXXX (Work) if the idea appeals to you. Taking that a stage further NOC would like to systematically collect information regarding club activities and to this end is looking to appoint a club archivist.....again contact Ray.

SURFING THE INTERNET

How could I possibly have got the address of the NOC Home Page wrong? It should have read in the last edition:

<http://www.engtech.co.uk/NOC>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Plans are afoot to change the day and timing of the 1996 AGM which will be held in October. Details to follow in the September BAGWM. Inevitably there will be some changes in the new Committee as the Fixtures Secretary (John Dalton) and Team Manager (Peter Bourne) will be standing down having served the three years allowed under the constitution. Also a representative on the East Midlands Committee (which meets bi-monthly) will be required. This involves acting as a link between the NOC and EMOA Committees.

THE COMMITTEE

Chairman

Ray Barnes

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| Secretary | John Dalton |
| Fixtures Secretary | Colin Portman |
| Treasurer | Steve Wright |
| Coaching Co-ordinator & EMOA Rep. | Hilary Palmer |
| Team Manager and B&G Editor | Peter Bourne |
| Mapping Co-ordinator | Dave Olivant |
| Equipment Officer | Alan Jones |

Date of next meeting Tuesday September 17th, 1996.

COACHING MATTERS

1. A number of people mentioned in their questionnaire response that they were interested in club coaching sessions. I will continue to organise local sessions on a Saturday morning or afternoon about every two or three months (see future B&G and EMEWS for details).
2. I am hoping to organise a weekend's coaching in South Wales on Merthyr Mawr sand dunes probably in January. This will be a joint session for adult improvers and the Regional Junior Squad but whereas the juniors will be staying in a local scout hall I would like somebody to take responsibility for co-ordinating the senior numbers and accommodation - volunteers please contact Hilary Palmer.