

Nottinghamshire Orienteering Club



Black and Green - July 97

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EVEN LESS SPEAKING FROM THE CHAIR

Everybody seems drained after the British. The event was brilliantly organised and executed by the club. A special thanks must go to all of the team leaders who had been working towards May 17th for as much as a year, and most especially to Andy Jones and his family who took the responsibility for the whole event on their shoulders for something like eighteen months.

We could all relax the next day at Chatsworth. It was a pleasure to run such good courses on interesting terrain.

Whilst at Clumber I noticed many faces helping who I don't normally see. I hope you 'strangers' will feel able to join in more of the activities of the club, be they training on Thursday evenings from Highfields, special training at Thieves Wood in September, coming to this week's social, or even organising an event yourself! Nobody should feel embarrassed because they think they won't be able to run far enough on the training evening. Remember we are a club, and we cater for anybody who wants to orienteer in Nottinghamshire.

The quiet summer is upon us now. Time to start thinking about the **AGM (provisionally on 27th September)**. If you feel you can contribute to the

Committee, please do stand for one of the posts.

Elsewhere you will see how successful we have been this year. The tone has been set. Let's make sure we acquit ourselves well at the Compass Sport Cup Final. I hear we are flying in reinforcements from Bulgaria specially!

Thanks for Listening.

Ray Barnes

(with special personal thanks to the ever-presents in the Finish Team on May 17th who had done the Finish at the last five NOC events and even a DVO event and a BUSA event as rehearsals).

TREASURE HUNT 12th JULY 1997

Yes, This Saturday!!

Starting from Sherwood Forest Visitors Centre, Edwinstowe (GR SK 627676) anytime between 1.30 and 2.30pm. Finishing at Highfields Sports Centre, University Boulevard, Nottingham approx. 2 hours (and many arguments) later. Bar and BBQ at finish, bring your own food. This is not a timed race, winner will be the one with the most treasure and the least mileage travelled. Cost £1.00 per car. OS Maps 120 (Mansfield) and 129 (Nottingham) useful but copies will be supplied if needed.

More details etc. from the Organiser, Colin Portman.

COMPASS SPORT CUP 3rd ROUND

YESSSSSS. We did it!!!!

EPOC 57 NOC 74

What a brilliant performance at Canklow Woods on a wet, windy Saturday. Yet again a great turnout by everyone. We knew that EPOC would be hard to beat but with some good individual performances and lots of strength in depth, in the end we won comfortably. WE ARE NOW IN THE

NATIONAL FINAL. This is to be played on Sunday 12th October at Great Wood near Keswick. (On the Eastern shores of Derwent Water).

Other Clubs through to the Final are TVOC, HH and MDOC or CLOK.

The Committee feel strongly that the weekend will be a great opportunity to meet and socialise and as such it is planned to book some overnight accommodation for the Saturday near Keswick. I am currently trying to book one of the Youth Hostels in the area and need an idea of numbers. You don't need to be a YHA member and hopefully there will be Family rooms available. The cost of the Youth Hostel should be in the region of £10.00/person (reduction for Juniors). **Please let me know ASAP if you think you will want to join us.**

It may also be possible to hire some self-drive minibuses for group transport. (A full size coach for the weekend would be expensive and rather inflexible). **Again, I need to know numbers NOW.**

Analysis of the results of the qualifying rounds shows:

We had 95, 75 and 63 runners respectively at the events.

34 different people have scored points over the three rounds and only 4 people have scored in all three rounds.

The juniors have scored maximum points at all three rounds - well done.

RIGHT, LET'S GO FOR IT. Keswick here we come!

Janet Evans

1997 FOOTPATH RELAY

32 NOC runners enjoyed (?) this year's Footpath relay in the Peak District, organised by DVO. I really made an effort to get a competitive team out and we nearly did it! Finishing 2nd to Holme Pierrepont Running Club, just 2 minutes and 44 seconds down after 150km and nearly 12 hours of running. This is our best performance in this event and I think a bit of fine tuning should see us win next year! Holme Pierrepont win every year, usually quite easily, and so it was nice to give them a bit of a fright. The outcome was uncertain right up to the final leg giving an exciting finish to the race. The second NOC team also performed well coming 11th. Next years event will be organised by Holme Pierrepont on 20th June. Venue unknown at the moment.

HARVESTER RELAY 1997

On a wet, windy midsummer night, thirteen members converged on the military training area at Longmoor.

Our duty was to defend our trophy from last year, so that NOC honour should be maintained. Ah but they've changed the rules, no special class for 40+. Oh well, a secret weapon. Jim C. had been preparing it for over a year now. The Juniors!

Having attempted to pitch camp in the poor 1/4 inch deep soil, somebody pointed out it might be better off than on the old road. Dinner next. Only one late team change, so we could make sure Mick L. got the leg with the most sleep allowed, and so it was off to loud cheers at 23:00. Colin P. decided Ray B. might have a flyer, so was ready at midnight. RB had discovered that tanks make lots of tracks, in fact lots and lots of tracks which all have similar junctions! After 29 mins on one control he returned to find a shivering CP at about 01:00 !.

No one could sleep. For the Junior team in the other race, Richard R. had started at 00:45 and had returned well within schedule only a few minutes down on the lead, Pete F. had a great run into the lead.

And so the night went on, and the dawn came, and everybody was jumping up and down because we might win!

PF handed over the short easy lap to Robert P. who quickly returned to give Stephen W. the benefit of running the dawn lap still in the dark. Finally as dawn eventually came Andy P. streaked home to a clear win not only of the Junior trophy but the whole race.

Meanwhile the senior team was still running it's seven laps, Mike N. stormed round to hand on to a flying Keith S. then as dawn broke Andy S. got back a little time but we are still 30th. Late stand in, James J. continued the pace in 30th but not quite enough, the dreaded mini-mass start looms. ML was happy. It was pouring with rain again. Don't get back yet JJ. It stopped raining. The whistle went, and ML enjoyed a fast run for the final lap.

Overheard in the crowd, "Juniors shouldn't be able to compete that well". In fact NOC could have had two competitive teams of Juniors. Thanks club coaches and especially JC for ensuring the juniors had the experience to do it.

Honour was maintained!

Next year Norfolk. (RB)

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Even with the pressures of organising and helping there were some good NOC performances at the individual day:

Helen Palmer won the W16A course - well done.

Colin Olivant 3rd on M12A
Alistair Footitt 5th on M18A
Andrew Preston 7th on M20 Elite
Simon Elliott 8th on (voided) M40L
Sian Roberts 6th on W12A
Nicola Olivant 4th on W18A
Hilary Palmer 6th on W50L
Ros Bourne 2nd on W55L

At the relays on Sunday at Chatsworth some more good performances with three teams winning their classes:

M/W12 Colin Olivant, Thomas Billam and Nicholas James.

BOF Ages 165+ Stephen Wright, Bob Alderson and Keith Picksley.

Womens Short Hilary Palmer, Nicola Olivant and Janet Evans.

The **BOF Ages 40-** team of Stephen Wright(Jr), Matthew Forester and Martin Cox came second.

NEW CLUB SWEATSHIRTS AND O KIT

The new club sweatshirts have arrived!! A bargain at only £10.00. Small and Large still available. Orders needed for Med and Extra Large. Style is dark green with the NOC archer logo on the lefthand side. Requests for a lighter green or black have been received and it is hoped to order some soon. Orders/requests to Jad please.

The new kit has also arrived and sold out! It is hoped we can re-order ASAP. Order by end July. Sizes 00(tiny) - 7(v. large).

Tops (mesh) £15.00
Tops (solid) £12.50
Trousers £8.50

(If you have kit that you have not yet paid for please send a cheque payable to NOC to Alison Sage (Treasurer).

You can also order O-kit and sweatshirts direct from the Club web page.

HELP!!!!

We need a volunteer to be in charge of the new sweatshirts and kit. To act as a contact point for ordering etc. and when possible take stock to local events. Please volunteer to Ray Barnes.

COACHING NEWS

NOC Club coaching session SUN 7th SEPT 10:30-12:30 at Thieves Wood (North end). Beginners upto light green standard - all ages welcome. Details from Hilary Palmer.

BOF Womens Coaching Weekend. Lake District 26-28th Sept. Details from BOF Office or Hilary Palmer.

SUMMER LEAGUE

As I write the league is drawing to a close, just a couple more events and the 2 local fell races. A full report and winners in the next issue.

ISF WORLD SCHOOLS CHAMPS ITALY 1997.

Earlier this year Helen Palmer was selected to represent Great Britain at the above event. Helen has written an account of their trip, the first part of which will be published in the forthcoming EMEWS. Part 2 will follow in the next B&G.

ODDS 'N' ENDS

Thurs. evening club training resumes at Highfields July 17th. (None on 7th Aug).

A record?? Results from the Little John Relays arriving on doormats on Monday morning - 24 hours after the event.

DATES TO REMEMBER

12 July Treasure Hunt Organiser Colin Portman

31 July Requests for accommodation /transport to Compass Sport Cup Final to Janet Evans.

7 Sept Club coaching at Thieves Wood

13 Sept Club champs at Longshaw

27 Sept AGM (provisional) at Highfields.

12 Oct Compass Sport Cup Final

Copy date for next Black and Green - 10th September

Janet Evans (Black + Green Editor).
