

Nottinghamshire Orienteering Club



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SPEAKING FROM THE CHAIR

As the nights draw in, the prospect of running in gentle sunshine through pretty, rustling leaves encourages one to get out training three evenings a week, getting those Badge event entries in, and volunteering to help or even lead a team at one of the NOC events next Spring.

But dreaming aside, here we are competing in the Compass Sport Cup Final, with the prospect of a great weekend away because we take over a whole Youth Hostel! Lights out will be early, and no doubt Janet will allocate jobs fairly (clearing away the empties?).

This October is exceedingly busy. First weekend is the October Odyssey, second is the Compass Sport Cup, third is the club AGM and a National, and the fourth is the Karrimor or the two events at Bestwood. Didn't Lennon /McCartney pen something called 'Six weeks a month'?

Because of this crowding, there was only one possible day for the AGM, and it will be shorter than last year's so we can get sleep before going to the National. As there are some posts falling vacant under the three year rule, I look forward (whether I am elected or not!) to some fresh faces with fresh

ideas on the Committee.

Good luck to everybody, especially at Keswick.

Thanks for Listening. Ray Barnes

COMPASS SPORT CUP FINAL OCTOBER 12th - KESWICK.

Arrangements have now been made to stay at Hawkshead Youth Hostel (Esthwaite Lodge) on Saturday 11th. Unfortunately there were not enough people interested in hiring a minibus, but I'm sure liftshares can be arranged for anyone who needs transport. Indeed, parking at the Hostel is fairly limited, so please try and arrive in full cars.

The Youth Hostel (GR355967) opens at 13:00 and it has been suggested that anyone who wants to go for a walk on that afternoon should meet at the Hostel at 13:30 and organise into relevant groups.

If you have booked into the Hostel then you should receive an information sheet with this B+G - if not please contact me.

Event details: Great Wood, Keswick. (GR 275215). Not sure at the moment how or where we access the car parking area. Contact me nearer the time if not staying at the Hostel. Start times 10:30 - 12:30. All the Compass Sport courses plus yellow and hopefully a string course.

A new map of the area has been produced which extends beyond the wooded slope onto the moorland. I have some copies of the old map which I intend to take to the Hostel. If anyone not staying at the Hostel would like a copy please contact me beforehand. **Note - the contour interval on the old map is 10m NOT 5m.** Please check the new map on the day. Hopefully we will have pre-allocated start times so please contact me nearer the date if you wish to run particularly early or late.

Janet Evans

NOC AGM

The date for this has been set for Saturday 18th October, 6.30pm at Holme Pierrepont. Please see the enclosed information sheet for more details.

Remember that **all** the Committee posts come up for re-election each year and several fall vacant this year due to the three year rule: Mapping Co-ordinator, Coaching Co-ordinator and Fixtures Secretary. In addition Alison Sage is standing down as Treasurer. For more information contact Ray Barnes (to be found at most events) or on his work number xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx. Or Jad on xxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

NOC TREASURE HUNT

This took place on a beautiful sunny Saturday afternoon in July. 7 teams enjoyed 'hunting' around North Nottinghamshire. Organiser, Colin Portman set an interesting challenge that was appreciated by all ages. Top 'Hunters' were John and Alison Sage who were duly awarded with their prizes at the evening barbeque. Great Fun. Hopefully we can persuade Colin to organise another one next summer.

SUMMER LEAGUE

A full report and winners in the next issue. Promise!

COACHING NEWS

Advance Warning - The next Club Training Day will be on 10th January 1998. More details next time.

ISF WORLD SCHOOLS CHAMPS ITALY 1997. PART 2.

Helen Palmer was selected to represent Great Britain at this event earlier in the year. Helen penned this report for B&G. Part 1 appeared in the last issue of EMEWS.

.....After the tension of the individual competition we were given a break in which to prepare for our contribution to the cultural evening and to enjoy an interesting guided tour of the nearby town of Cuneo.

The cultural evening was very amusing. Each country entertained on stage for 5 minutes. We were fairly unprepared and ended up doing a mixture of recorder music and the Spice Girls. The highlights were Alistair (Footitt) winning the Belgium's quiz, the Swedes making more of a fool of themselves than we did, and the Chinese demonstrating martial arts.

On Monday we were divided into mixed relay teams for the Friendship relay. I was with an Italian and a Slovenian (both M), who looked good but took longer than me. However we came 51st out of about 200 which wasn't bad.

After the 1st leg run the shirt swapping began. I swapped my British 'O' top for a large, shiny Swedish one, then my sweatshirt for a posh Italian tracksuit top, which I swapped for a Belgium one. Everything got a bit confusing with people running round talking to you in strange languages....

The whole trip was great fun and I learnt a lot. I would like to thank NOC, EMOA and Notts County Council for their help.

ODDS 'N' ENDS

Thursday night training runs continue at Highfields for the time being. Meet at 6:30pm. They may have to revert to someone's house in the near future. If that is the case then it is hoped that a rota can be set up, to add some variety and different areas to the training runs. More details next time.

THE WHITE ROSE WEEKEND, AS SEEN BY LAURA BILLAM, W4.

Mum and Dad were packing the car when I heard the words "Don't pack it like that!" and "Pack it yourself then!" "Ah" I thought "camping". Eventually everything was squeezed into the boot, the roof box and under my feet (they won't get away with this when I grow up). So where were we off to? Well, up the A1 on a Bank Holiday Friday and yes, we have made a note to travel on Thursdays in future.

Anyway the site was very nice and it didn't take them too long to put up the tent even with my help. Then for me it was supper and bed (they won't get away with this when I grow up). Next morning....rain. Just what you expect when camping after two weeks of unbroken sunshine.

While Mum and Dad washed up Thomas played French cricket. This is a game where you try to break peoples legs with a tennis ball. Then Thomas said "Time to go", and I finally realised we had come to orion.oriann.....run. I did a yellow course with Mum. I had a great time (it was very muddy !). Mum did not have a great time (I made her very muddy). We got a bus back from the finish, every event should have one. Back at the car England were winning the Test Match and Mum said pigs did fly occasionally.

Sunday was rainier and after Thomas and Dad went to run Mum said "Do you want to walk round in the pouring rain OR HAVE AN ICE CREAM ?" She seemed to know the answer. Later when we were dry and Thomas and Daddy were still dripping they told me "Only stupid people orienteer in the rain". Mum nodded.

That evening everyone played cricket....and kept playing it till they couldn't see the ball...and then still kept playing it. "Only stupid people play cricket in the dark" I thought, but that's adults for you.

On Monday it was the relays. This meant that Thomas, Dad and Mum ran round like headless chickens while I sat nice and comfy on Mrs Munton's knee at the club tent. It also means you can yell anyone's name as loud as you like without being told off (I don't think I will get away with this when I grow up). Thomas, Colin and Fiona got some nice yellow mugs and at last it was a really hot sunny afternoon.

Tuesday, home again. The end of my very first White Rose Weekend. LB For Completeness the 'Lads'(and Katy), won the annual cricket confrontation again, (even with a guest appearance for the 'Dads' by Del). The Robby Knudd Trophy was once more fiercely contested. This years winners being Dave (I never win anything) Olivant, Bob (I'm injured again) Hatfield and Alan (I'm not fit) Gould. The First to the Forest trophy was won by Stephen Wright (Junior). The Junior team of Colin Olivant, Thomas Billam and Fiona Munton came 2nd in their class.

MAPPING COURSE

David Olivant is planning to put on a mapping course in the New Year. Please contact David xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx for more details.

RESULTS FROM THE BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hopefully the printed copies of these will be appearing very soon. Several people didn't run on the Saturday but competed in the relays on the Sunday. If this applies to you and you won't receive a results book but would like to see a copy of the relay results please contact me for a copy.

DATES TO REMEMBER

18th Oct NOC AGM. See info sheet.

20th Oct EMOA AGM at Highfields. See EMEWS for more details.
Copy date for next Black and Green - 30th November.

FORTHCOMING NOC FIXTURES

Please volunteer for Planner and Organiser positions to Colin Portman (xxxxxxxxxxxxx). To help at events please volunteer your services to the named Organiser. Remember you get a free run if you help at an event.

25 Oct 97 Bestwood night event
P/O E. Gebbett & A. Gould.

26 Oct 97 Bestwood colour coded
Group C Helpers.
P. Eric Gebbett
O. Paul Billam
C. Alan Gould

22 Nov 97 Thieves Wood night event
P/O S. Wright & M. Lucking

23 Nov 97 Thieves Wood colour coded
Group A Helpers
P. Steve Wright
O. Dave Booker
C. Mick Lucking

28 Dec 97 Xmas Event.
Volunteer/s needed.

10 Jan 98 Blidworth night event
P/O Jim Clarke &.....

11 Jan 98 Blidworth colour coded
Group B Helpers
P. Jim Clarke
O.
C.

7 Feb 98 Sherwood Pines Midlands Night Champs
8 Feb 98 Sherwood Pines BADGE event.
All helping.

Organiser Bob Alderson.

Janet Evans (Black + Green Editor).