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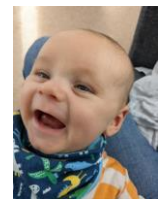
December 2024

Ho Ho Ho! What a year to be an orienteer! Definitely one to remember with WOC 2024 finally happening. A large part of the club was involved one way or another, whether as officials, behind the scenes, on-the-day volunteers, national team competitors or Tour participants. Plenty of turquoise hoodies around. Then of course there were all the other competitions, also with plenty of INT success along the way, here and abroad. Other features of this year included a fair bit of club development work, following grant funding from SOA and the Orienteering Foundation. This has focused on raising the profile of orienteering in Edinburgh via social media as well as with local partners including the Council, Cub scouts and Parkrunners.



For a fuller record of activities by Interlopers and its people, dip into the newsletters on the club website. Huge thanks to everyone who has contributed in any manner of diverse ways to the club. Merry Christmas and here's to a happy and active 2025. Katherine (Ed.) & the Committee

JANUARY Winterlopes get underway again (thanks Graeme A, Pat and Bex). Congratulations to Tessa and Murray as Rowan Strain arrives and becomes the club's new youngest member. Another very enjoyable Burns Night club social chez Carcas, thanks Jane & Max. The Big Weekend is a bit different this year with an urban vibe as WOC prep, and a WRE to boot; well done to Fiona for organising.



FEBRUARY A good turn-out for the Compass Sport Trophy Heat at Birnam – a glorious day in a fantastic area, and Interlopers comes first so the autumn final is a definite date; will we be able to take back the trophy from SBOC? Bartletts and Acklands find sun at the Maximus O meeting in Spain.



MARCH The local-events calendar gets off to a positive start with the traditional Craigmillar Castle Park one– thanks Robin for planning and Max & Jane for organising.



APRIL Alas the planned SoSol at Calder Wood gets postponed due to gales. Look out for rescheduling in 2025 to enjoy Louise's courses; thanks to her and to Graham M as organiser, and who had to make that difficult call. A muddy JK but success nonetheless. Nearly forty club members make it down to the Midlands for Easter weekend. Luke wins the M21E Long race and Peter H wins the M21E



Sprint. Wins for Lucy W too and lots of INT teams in the relays, securing second and third in the Men's Open and 4th in the Women's Open.

MAY Sprintelopes are underway so it must be summer. A fun Scottish Champs weekend with the Individual races at Creag Leach (seeing Lucy as a champ and plenty of other podium places) and then the delights of Roseisle for the Relays with several INT teams bringing home medals (including Louise, Roanne & Rebecca in the Women's open).



JUNE A nice local event at Kinneil Woods, thanks Chris & Pip as planner-organisers. Success for Laura at the Scottish Schools. Laurence runs at the European Youth O Champs in Poland and achieves best placed Scot.



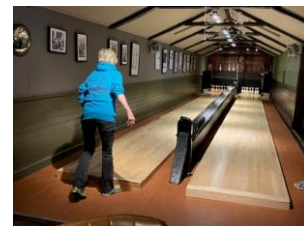
JULY The month we've all been waiting for, for about four years! WOC 2024 finally happens and a small army of Interlopers (about half the club) support across a full spectrum of volunteering tasks, variously blue-T-shirted, turquoise-hoodied, hi-vizzed, sunhatted or poncho'ed depending on the day (all of the above at times). Graeme A plans some fiendish courses and Freddie, Aoife, Colm and Thomas compete on the world stage for their countries. Exciting times for the sport, bringing it to the very heart of Edinburgh. Read all about it in the WOC Special newsletter.



AUGUST WOC recovery time. Interlopers set off on their orienteering holidays: O-ringen for the Wards; Trish goes to WMOC; Ben headed to Croeso; various off at the Coast & Islands. Pip gets a Bronze at the World Biathlon O Champs relays in Denmark. Sprintelopes conclude after another fun season. Luke makes his GB debut at the European O Champs in Hungary.



SEPTEMBER Lucy W and Laurence help Scotland see a JIRC win. The SHIs see a strong turn-out by INTs with Laurence, Scott, James and Mairi (Scotland wins). FWTN gets underway. Club AGM and dinner; Graham McIntyre is awarded the



Gullane Rock 2024 for services to the club. Many thanks to out-going chair Colin Eades for all his work for the club over the past two years. Club Skittles evening (some people definitely better at the beer than the bowling).



OCTOBER A bumper sized event at Braidburn Valley – poster the park paid off. Thanks to Colin L for planning and William for organising. Holyrood Parkrun Takeover and taster session in terrible weather. CompassSport Trophy competition at wet'n'wild Holscombe Ranges;



pipped to the podium by SROC but Pippa brought back the Golden Boot at least. Some do the OMM in Glen Artney and survive Mike's courses. A fun Halloween party.

NOVEMBER A pleasing turn out for the Interlopers-run Scottish Score Champs at Vogrie, with quite a few newcomers as well as regulars. Thanks due to Mike for planning and Ray for organising, successfully navigating the additional challenges of a championship events. Boo for dark evenings bur hurrah for the return of Lorna's Zoom S&C. Plenty of trophies for INTs at the ESOA Champs at Blairadam - Mary W50, Clare W45, Lucy W14, Laurence M18, Ben Stevens M35 and all four Eades taking home silverware.



DECEMBER Colinton Dell ends the local event calendar, thanks Mairi & Thomas as planner-organisers. More outreach to runners with a Vogrie Parkrun take-over and taster session. Christmas party (and a significant birthday for Paul) chez Carcas. Looking forward to the Xmas Cup races, with some cracking new areas in the Trossachs.

See you all for orienteering in 2025!