

September 1975

Already I am late in meeting deadlines! Late August has come and gone (the supposed date of my second contribution to the world of letters) and by the time you all read this late September will be gone too! I make no excuse except that domestic events overtook me somewhere in early August and I do not seem to have caught up since. My October resolution is to be a more diligent newsletter writer and I hope that the next issue will be distributed around Christmas time.

Recent Events and Results

Well, since I am writing this in Edinburgh and seem to have left all my back copies of the S.O.A. Newsletter, Orienteer, and Stop-Press in Norfolk, this section of the Newsletter must be somewhat sketchy.

One of the biggest drawbacks of being in Norfolk is that I do not know how individual Interlopers get on at their local events, which now take place all over Britain. I hope to improve communication lines in the near future to bring a more personal note to this Results section.

Generally, the Scottish Relay/Championship weekend was very successful and enjoyable for Club Members, and congratulations to all who completed their courses at the British; especially to Carol McNeill who won W19A.

Mike and Les Smithard have been seen organising different Major events in England. Geoff and I can vouch, from personal experience, that the August Festival of Orienteering was a very enjoyable experience. Carol McNeill reports that the Swiss 5-day event was hard, hot work but worth the effort.

FUTURE EVENTS

The Edinburgh area seems well catered for during the next couple of months. I feel sure that some of the more far-flung Club Members will attend the Blue Star Trophy Event at the end of November.

There is also a series of Come and Try It Events around Edinburgh on Wednesdays during October. Carol McNeill has more details. Braid Hills - 15th Oct. Holyrood - 22nd 5-6pm.

Also looming largely (perhaps literally so) is the Karrimor Mountain Marathon. Several Club Members are attempting this two-day race which involves Navigation and Racing in pairs over some of the wildest parts of Britain. This year it is to be held in the Lake District - the N.W. section - and those mad enough to take part are Carol McNeill and Margery Thoms (ex Dunfermline College, now an Interloper), Geoff Peck and Tom Lunne (ex-Heriot Watt U.O.C.), Gareth Buffet and an as yet un-named partner, and, last but not least, Hilary Smith and Bill Gauld (a member of E.S.O.C!) I expect a full report from Hilary for the next issue!

Thumbnail Notes (as written by R.D.B.Sloan)

Donald Wallace

If you ever see an Orienteer in the forest wearing a kilt, then it is probably Donald, confirming as he often does, his loyalty to his native land. He has every reason to be proud of Scotland as he lives in Aboyne, surrounded by beautiful forests and superb mountains. Donald trained as a P.E. teacher at Jordanhill, and then moved to Angus. He made an immediate impression on the orienteering scene by winning the 1972 Midland District Championships against the usual stiff opposition. (I think Robin means E.S.O.C., F.U.O.C., and H.W.U.O.C. all said Donald Who?!! - Ed)

Donald is also an excellent teacher - Forfar Academy (his continued success two years after he left there is proof enough of that - and this will stand him in good stead in his efforts to encourage orienteering in other schools in the north-east. He is now in charge of the P.E. Department at Aboyne Academy and is still keen enough to be up at 6.00a.m. to attend a club event down south. No doubt his wife, Eleanor, who competes, and baby daughter Fiona (not yet an experienced orienteer) would also appreciate events involving less travelling. Donald and Eleanor have also recently become local agents for the Sweat Shop.

Malcolm Ross

Malcolm started Orienteering in 1971 - but gave up almost immediately as he went overseas to Lerwick in Shetland. A lack of trees on Shetland makes orienteering difficult so it was not until his return to civilisation (Robin means he lives in the Borders now) that he started competing again. He spends his time wandering around looking at birds and forests and occasionally stopping to fix the teeth of the local schoolchildren.

Malcolm's interest in orienteering was non-existent until he was forced to help at local events, became curious and after being persuaded to compete a few times, has become as firmly hooked as the rest of us.

"Our Event"

Also from Robin I received a report on the S.E.(N) District Championships, parts of which I paraphrase below:

"The weekend of the event was one of June blizzards and sub-zero temperatures (an organiser's dream - Ed) which fortunately spared Sunday the snow but blasted the area with freezing winds. The beautiful forest and excellent map did much to make the 250 or so entrants ignore the weather and gave them a much appreciated event. Steve Terry gets a special mention here as one of our newer members who has worked extremely hard on behalf of the Club, travelling several times from Edinburgh to Avicmore to produce a first-class map. Thanks also go to Bob Stobie and Carol McNeill for their help in its preparation.

General organisation seemed to run smoothly - Carol's organisation was largely responsible for this, and the objective of the event, to encourage orienteering in the North East was certainly achieved. There were also a few prize winners from northern clubs which is very encouraging.

Also a special mention must be made of the varnished wooden discs given generously as prizes. This is something which makes an event especially memorable!
P.S. Wooden discs were only IOpeach.-Typist!

Below I print a contribution from "a helper" who shall remain nameless, which I received some while ago:

"The Scottish North and South-East District Championships event at Alvie on June 1st was a success, but only by the skin of our teeth.

The laurels for this achievement of footwork and prestidigitation be firmly on one head; that of Carol, responsible for all the early ground work on the map and for much inspiration in its final production; for most of the advanced publicity; for most of the local pre-event organisation, landowners' permission, control planning, etc; for planning the nine courses, from Wayfarers to M2IA; for unexpected but ungrudging co-ordination of race-day activities, pacification of race-day people and soothing of race-day temperatures; for compering the prize-giving and compiling, typing and mailing the results within the week; without question this was Carol's event.

She went on to retain her title at the British Championships the following weekend. Interlopers would be wise to remember where lies the Club's great and generous heart."

(I must echo the sentiments of this letter and this is why I hesitate, despite her willingness to let Carol take on more of the running of the Club.-Ed)

(No Comment! -Typist No2)

As a final point - the S.O.A. Newsletter for September has a cover picture of some Alvie winners and they look very happy!

News of Members

As hinted in our last Newsletter, J.B. did not take long to disappear after becoming S.O.A. treasurer, but he says he will be back from Australia in three months. Actually, the real reason he went out was to check up on an original Interloper - a certain Hew Fraser who was thought to be an eternal bachelor by his closest friends. Well, nothing of the sort - Hew made a flying visit to Scotland this August to get married. Time and space do not permit me to go into all the details of this very surprising occurrence, but I am sure those that know him well will be delighted to learn that it was a very romantic affair. Congratulations Hew and I...

Liz Mills had a little girl called Kirsty Morag on the 24th August, and the Mills have moved to Fife - congratulations on the addition to the family - does this mean another member of the club in the near future?

Isobel Inglis has gone to work in Rod Tuck's place in Norway (more CxC ski-orienteeing), and Hilary Smith has taken over her job at Ardentinnny Centre in Argyll. Duncan Shiell followed the trail to the Midnight Sun this Summer but has not yet reported on how he got on orienteeing (or if he did any)! (I just put that bit in to make Robin jealous) Ed)

All this news I picked up from telephone calls while in Edinburgh - as my mother's 'phone bill will testify. For those of you I don't know so well, PLEASE let me know what you are doing - it makes the newsletter far more interesting.

New addresses

Hilary Smith - Ardentinnny Outdoor Centre, Ardentinnny, Dumoon, Argyll. Ard' 27I (code-036-98I)

Liz Mills - Upper Kinneddar House West, Saline, Fife. Saline 32I (code 7244)

Anything Else?

As John Barrow is away I have asked the Stobic Household to be deputy secretaries/social conveners, to which they agreed. If you wish to co-ordinate transport to any events please contact them. Also it has been suggested that the Edinburgh Interlopers should have a social/business gathering. Carol(!) has offered her place as a possibility some Sunday night. Please telephone her or the Stobic's with any ideas on this matter - preferably before Christmas. As the season is only just starting it would be desirable to get some communication going amongst those in Edinburgh who are really the basis of the Club.

A.G.M. - Any thoughts about time/place?

Club Hut

A bit of effort on my part, which consisted of several letters to lawyers and an approach to the Forestry Commission in the Dunkeld area, has not got me any further on this matter but I hope to have some time and energy in the New Year to pursue the idea further.

Newsletter Material

Some feedback by mid-December would be appreciated.

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Carol's Notes!

Please can I feedback now?

1. I just happened to offer to get the Newsletter out when Eileen rushed off to Malta. Apologies for the typing errors, I haven't any correcting fluid.
2. I would like to announce my sympathy for Eileen's mother when she gets her telephone bill! All in a good cause. Good job the calls were before 1st October.
3. John Barrow has now returned to the Northern Hemisphere.
4. I heard ESOC were having evening training sessions so I've instigated one for us - They are in The World's End, High St 8.30 -> Thursdays! There are plans to move the venue to a larger bar but this hasn't happened yet. Try Jennie Ha's if were not in The World's End.
5. Hilary, Steve, Gareth, Marjorie and myself are off to Rod Tuck's place in Jan' We will be CxC skiing and Ski-orienteeing, I just hope there is some snow.
6. If you are in the S.E. District our A.G.M. is on 5th November 7.30 at the Outdoor education Centre, Regent Road. Try and come, we hope to have a film aswell.
7. If you would like an updated copy of Members addresses send me an S.A.E. or wait until they are sent out.
8. The cartoonist is Marjorie Thoms, a new member. Ex-DCPE, now teaching at St Georges School in Edinburgh. Her address - 72, Dundas Street, Edinburgh 3. Telephone - 556-6097.
9. What about a meeting on 16th November after the EUOC event? at my place, - 3, Montgomery Street. 556-393I.

J.B.'s notes

Affiliation 76. Aarrgghh!

The following is a brief summary of the benefits (?) of various types of affiliation. Affiliating now means that you are members of BOF/SOA until 31 December 1976.

Affiliation to BOF is optional but "is strongly recommended", both to strengthen British orienteering generally and to ensure that Scottish orienteering strength is adequately represented in BOF. It also brings the right to participate in all aspects of the sport throughout the U.K. plus the excellent bi-monthly BOF magazine "The Orienteer" and the SOA Newsletter in the intermediate months. Members are also covered for risks to third parties in connection with properly registered events. Membership of SOA only confers similar rights restricted to the Scottish sphere of influence. Whether affiliation is to be made to BOF and SOA or to SOA only, the same four-part BOF membership form is used. Please send the whole form to me, and make all cheques and P.O.s payable to "Interlopers O.C.". I would be grateful if I could have all forms back by about Christmas.

Affiliation Fees

<u>Age group</u>	<u>BOF + SOA + Club</u>	<u>SOA + Club</u>	<u>Club only</u>
Senior (born pre-1955)	£3.75	£1.25	£0.25
Intermed. (born 1955-57)	£2.00	£0.75	£0.25
Junior (born after 1957)	No BOF fee	£0.50	£0.25
Family	£5.65	£2.40	£0.50

The Complete Orienteer-



J.N.