

MAY 1975

Since John Barrow has now taken over the lucrative perk of S.O.A. Treasurer and spends all his time away on expensive holidays (instead of training?), the burden of compiling the Newsletter has fallen on the Peck household.

We hope from now on to put to right some past omissions, and that the Newsletter will do a lot more for the club, which, because of its constituents, needs some form of up-to-date, useful communication. To do this, the Newsletter will be regular, and will contain as much information as you give us and we can gather.

The date of the next issue is late August, so if you have any news/plans/queries/requests/articles?/complaints, please get in touch before then.

### RESULTS

Recent Scottish Events were the Score on 2 Feb. and the Midlands on 2 Mar. While we did not exactly win every class at the Score, it may be noted that Geoff won M21A, Carol was 2nd in W19A, and that InterlØpers had 13 members running, with representatives over a wide range of classes. (I hope that Fiona Jolly has been given some propaganda on the merits of InterlØpers!) I apologise if any InterlØper did incredibly well at the Midlands, but I do not have the results of that event. The J.K. was well attended and club members acquitted themselves creditably, despite inhospitable weather and a flat and sandy terrain, to which we highland-orientated peoples are unaccustomed. (When the results come out, for M. Stobie read E. Peck. I took Mary's place 'cos she couldn't make it and I was too cold to stand about. I apologise for the rather poor times credited to M. Stobie.)

### FUTURE EVENTS

It is hoped to use this section as a planning guide; if you are going to any event, get in touch with someone; if you want to be in a team, get in touch with the Secretary (J.B.).

In this issue, we will only mention that the Welsh W/E and the August Festival seem worthy of note, but as yet we have no knowledge of who might be going. Also, there are, at least, two men's teams entered for the BOF Relays on June 7. I only hope that six men have entered for the Individual too.

We would also like to point out, in case you didn't know, that InterlØpers are organising the South East/North District Champs. near Aviemore on June 1 and need helpers. Contact Robin Sloan, Carol McNeill, or J.B.

### NEW MEMBERS

The plan for this section of the Newsletter is for anyone introducing a new member to write a short piece about them. We are starting to clear the backlog in this issue:-

Duncan Shiell ex-EUOC (Maths honours), in fact, one of the founder members of the club (really making him feel old now). Responsible for lifting the University O-club from insignificance to prominence, then domination of the University Athletic Club; extracted large amounts of money for holidays, retirement benefits, etc.; a keen summer-tourist, he did much training in the past (he was a protege of Robin Sloan, who also introduced him to the evils of drink). A claim to fame could be his winning of SM'B' at the 1970 J.K. He joined the Ordnance Survey (Overseas) and went to Borneo, and later Chad; learned to drive a car, got very used to drink, and earned far too much money; he is now in Southampton for a year.

Bill Lang ex-Dunfermline High School and (for one season only) HWUOC, where influence of undisciplined Norwegians overcame his better judgment. Won Scottish Schools' Champs in 196(6?) in the good old days of pairs and when Dollar got hammered every weekend (sorry, Hew). Even ran for Scotland at Euromet in 1967 under a pseudonym. Gave up all this frivolity and worked for Civil Service, M.O.D., and now I.C.L. He lives in sin in Bracknell and despite killing himself at the J.K. has decided to start wasting his time again. He performed a valuable service to the club by taking the place of D.Menzies (EUOC) in M21B at the J.K. and recording unbelievable times thereby ruining Dave's selection chances!

Stuart Armstrong Assistant warden at Lagganlia Outdoor Centre at Feshiebridge. Used to be in charge of orienteering at the other Edinburgh Corporation Centre at Benmore after Carol McNeill left. He orienteers whenever he can - which isn't very often. He is married, and originates in N.E. England.

Steve Terry Recently joined Ferranti's in Edinburgh, he used to be a member of Reading O.C. One of the few to have ski-orienteered in Norway (lucky man), he is more interested in mapping, especially drawing, and research into computer mapping. He was responsible for drawing this year's J.K. Relay map. He was a member of a mini-Interlopers meeting held in Aviemore earlier this year, when he had been mapping for our coming event.

Alan Chainey A member of long standing but perhaps not well known, he used to be a Saxon before coming to Edinburgh (that means he was living south of Newcastle somewhere!). He is a member of Edinburgh University P.E. Department and coaches the University's football teams. Apart from having one of the fittest dogs in Edinburgh, he is married to Anne and has a baby daughter called Christina.

Anne Robbie (our first junior member!) She attends Leith Academy and she and her sister (who is at Dunfermline College of P.E.) have already had their parents out in the forest.

More thumbnail sketches will follow, but this is all we have room for in this issue.

#### NEWS OF MEMBERS

As previously mentioned, J.B. is now S.O.A. Treasurer. The Pecks are about to move house yet again. This time we go to not-so-hilly Norwich. Isobel Inglis was a member of the cross country skiing team which won a bronze medal for Britain in the World Ski-Orienteering Champs. Hilary Smith was last seen looking sun-burned, and is indulging in outdoor activities all over Britain.

#### ANYTHING ELSE?

A.G.M. Having given this a bit of thought we think that around Christmas, say Dec. 26, might be a good time, perhaps combined with a Dinner/Social to the benefit of the Edinburgh members. Or perhaps at the time of the Scottish Champs? Any ideas by the next issue?

Club Hut This is a current idea, as yet in its infancy. Any ideas about location, contacts, rent-free accommodation, or rich patrons - contact D. Shiell.

Newsletter Material For the next issue until we know our new address write to Peck, c/o Anderson, 22 St. Leonard's Bank, etc.