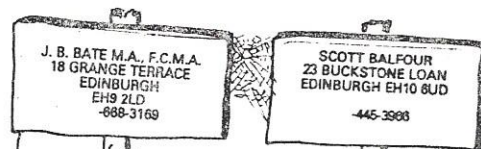


CAPITAL 'O'

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Edinburgh Orienteering Newsletter



COMING SOON : No. 12
NOVEMBER 1986 : deadline end of October.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1 October: SLIDE EVENING

Come and show your holiday slides - bring a bottle, some supper will be provided. We welcome new members, as it is an ideal opportunity for them to meet other members of the club.
Venue: 101 East Claremont Street, 8.00pm

17 November: BEER & SKITTLES

Sheep's Heid Inn, Duddingston.
More details nearer the time.

SMALL ADS AND SITS VAC.

Newsletter Editor required for ESOC, to edit Capital 'O' once every two months in conjunction with Interlopers. Start Jan '87 contact Ben on 668-3169 or Ian Jackson for further details.

Badge Event Helpers needed (ESOC). Glentress November 23 - contact Ros Pyatt 07214 319.

Wanted all ESOC equipment to be returned to Janice Nisbet forthwith. (664-2280)

'O' League Certificates - Redesign the Lothian 'O' League Certificate (A5 size) and win £10. To Peter Leach, 9 Elcho Road, Longniddry by 30/9/86.

ESOC 'O' Suit - thanks to those who have sent in designs - further entries to Ben Bate by 30/9/86.

Mapping - Survey work is required on a number of ESOC mapping projects. Contact Ian Jackson on 445-2921 or Bridget on 0506 882816.

Articles for Capital 'O' - if you want to see your name in print, have something to say or merely want to give an event report with results - copy to either Editor (if typed in 5" column widths).

Committee - There is seldom a vote at the ESOC AGM when it is time for the election of Office Bearers. You have three months to nominate yourself or any other ESOC member. Let's make 1986 the year of the vote.

Sun 12 OCT Scottish final CompassSport Cup
ESOC v Forth Valley Ross Wood
Loch Lomond (All ESOC members
required on the day)

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Sun 23 Nov ESOC Glentress Badge Event
cancelled due to problems with the
map.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Wed Oct 15 - Technique training (mainly for novice and young orienteers) Park at the junction of Midmar Drive and Hermitage Drive. 7pm. Information and offers of help to Ben Bate 668 3169 or Cliff White 229 8569.

At 8pm, this will be followed by food and drink at 18 Grange Terrace. Contributions to and further info from Senga Bate 668 3169.

EOD - all welcome.

Wed Dec 3 - ESOC AGM

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CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN MORRIS (M40) - ESOC

John was overall winner of the International Orienteering Federation's recent competition for computer software applicable to orienteering. Called the 'Planner's Assistant' it runs on a BBC 'B' and analyses course characteristics, control site traffic and punch requirements and has been extended to produce 10F control description sheets for each course. It is to be used by Solway and Clyde in next year's 6 day event and is both available and useful for controllers as well as planners.

John's prize was a Commodore 128 (promptly sold!) and a trip to Denmark to collect same. Whilst in Scandinavia John competed in Denmark and Norway. Fresh from there, he returned to the British scene coming 6th overall in the Mammoth Weekend in the Lake District in August.

John's successes are not restricted to the 'O' scene however, as he has recently started work with ICL. (I hope you find time to write an article on your Scandinavian trip - Ed).

Ben Bate

SPONSORSHIP

Richard Pyatt (M17) ESOC, competed at the Swedish 'O' Ringen, the famous five day event, and reports that there is a great deal of sponsorship in Sweden both of events and clubs. Club members turn out in all sorts of brightly coloured 'O' suits with sponsors' logos prominent. Richard would like to see a similar system operating in Scotland. Might I suggest that numbers must first increase but on the other hand if ELO can get sponsorship for the SE Area Champs, why can't ESOC do something similar?



NEW MEMBERS, ADDRESSES etc.: Since the last newsletter we are pleased to welcome Alison and Nicholas West to Interlopers. A new directory has now been produced with up-to-date information (I hope) so have a look and please tell me if you find any mistakes. Julie Grant and Matthew Strachan have both moved recently and I'm waiting for new address details; I think some other folk might also have been on the move so please get in touch to keep the address list right.

DRUMMOND HILL : The big day approaches.....and we believe all is under control, but will need a big turn out on the day to make this a really good event. Drummond Hill, at the north-east end of Loch Tay, might look a long way away, but the road is pretty good so it is not too hard to get there. Please try and come along, it is a lovely area and well worth a visit anyway. There are lots of jobs that need doing, and you don't have to be experienced for most of them. It would be helpful if you could contact Hilary Fairlie as soon as possible (031 667 5740) with offers of assistance, or if you have transport problems. The event at Drummond Hill is to include an inter-area match for Scottish juniors, arranged by Graham McIntyre, so a special effort for these youngsters would be greatly appreciated. With some hard work and a bit of luck with the weather.....

LOTHIAN O LEAGUE 1986/7 : Interlopers will be putting on a LOL event on the 11th January next year, and we need volunteers to act as officials - in particular an organiser and a planner. Ewe's Hill is still suffering from permission problems - one of the main landowners does not seem at all keen - so we are considering Holyrood Park as an alternative venue. LOL events are a good chance for less experienced club members to have a go at planning/organising, so please get in touch with me if you feel you could have a go; some of the more experienced people will be happy to give some help if required.

KINNOUL HILL : Interlopers are going to help EUOC put on a badge event at Kinnoul Hill (right next to Perth) in February 1987. Lorna Boyd is the event organiser and I think Pakit Hyman is going to be planner, and a lot of on-the-day help will again be needed.

HIGHLAND '87 : The entry forms for the Scottish 6-day next year are now out, so if you want to get in early at the less expensive prices remember please don't enter our day, day 6. There has not been much in the way of developments in the last couple of months, though some technical guidelines have now appeared, and the planners visited the area last month. "Central Organisation" are taking on a lot of the advance work for this 6-day, but we will still need all the help we can get when the day arrives. I don't think a chasing start system is to be used for the elite classes so day 6 will be the same as the others. There will be a meeting for officials and other interested people sometime this autumn, get in touch if you would like more information.

MAPPING : The Ewe's Hill project is still on ice as it is not worth drawing up a map when we do not have permission to use the area. Lorna Boyd has got most of the permissions sorted out for re-mapping Archerfield (at Gullane), though, so we hope to get this off the ground soon.

SOA MAPPING WEEKEND : This has been arranged now for the 11th/12th October, and the venue is Dunkeld. Details from me or from Jonathan Musgrave - sounds like it might be good fun, so if you fancy doing a bit of mapping, why not give it a try?

BOF BITS : A different system is to be used this year for BOF/SOA membership renewals. If you are a BOF member you will get a renewal form in November, and you should send it with your subscription, including your Interlopers subscription, to the BOF national office. The BOF office will then send me the club subscription part. If you are not a BOF member, you are probably wondering what all this is about - BOF is the British Orienteering Federation, the SOA is the Scottish Orienteering Association, and membership of these bodies is recommended for all orienteers and allows you to take part in any events in Britain. BOF and the SOA both send clubs all sorts of information which the secretary deals with, passing on any relevant bits and pieces. The last batch from BOF included a report on "Women in Orienteering" which is available to anyone who is interested.

HOBBIES EXHIBITION : Edinburgh Rotary Club are holding a big "Hobbies and Leisure" exhibition at the end of October and we may well be involved. We may need helpers to man a stand and any ideas would also be very welcome. The dates are the 30th October - 1st November; please get in touch if you could help as we hope to have more details soon.

LOL CERTIFICATE COMPETITION : The South-East Area are once again looking for a new design for Lothian O League certificates, and are offering a prize for the best. Details from, and entries to, Pete Leach (ELO).....I can't remember the address offhand but it's quite easy to find!

PARTNER WANTED : Have you ever fancied doing the Karimor International Mountain Marathon? It is to be in the Borders somewhere this year, not too far away, and as usual it is on the last weekend in October, when the clocks change. For those not used to such things, the "KIMM" is a masochist's delight, two days out in wild country with an overnight camp in the middle. You have to find your way round a course on both of the days, but you also have to carry all your kit, and you compete in pairs - so you need a partner. Entries are closed now but Pat Hannaford is looking for a partner to run with; she has a "score" class entry but would prefer to run "C". Contact Pat if you are short of a partner as well.

TRAINING etc. : Just a reminder - tuesday night intervals at the east end of the Meadows, 7:55pm, Southsider pub afterwards; thursday night run from Meggetland, 6pm, Centre Court pub afterwards.

That's about it, folks. Remember the socials on the 1st October and 13th November (details elsewhere I hope).

Charlie Walton

ESOC PRESIDENTS COLUMN

I hope everyone had a good 'dose season' whether it was in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and/or the Mammoth-White Rose - more embarrassment for us-stay-at-homes I suspect, as our Scandinavian-educated juniors sweep past us in the forests this winter. Now, it's the start of a new season and hope springs eternal. Perhaps this year, I will A new season also means it's time for ESOC to start putting on events again after our mapping blitz. First is LOL 1 on 21/9/86 at Vogrie Country Park, NE of Gorebridge with Bill Stevenson as planner and Peter Coutts as organizer, for both of whom this will be their first event as a major official. If Peter hasn't contacted you about helping yet (he will!), please put the date in your diary, so that we can repeat last year's LOL success at the Pentlands when Bridget Jardine, similarly organizing for the first time, had an excellent response. It's a new map (well almost) and everyone will have a competitive run.

Cheeri O
Ian Jackson

WISE AFTER THE EVENT!

Dick Carmichael (M35 ESOC) has become one of the three wise men of Scottish Orienteering watching over and guiding the 6 Day series. The other two are Donald Wallace and Sue Harvey.

REPRODUCED BY SPECIAL REQUEST!!

SPORTS AWARDS

Scott Balfour

The older ones amongst you may remember those hazy days in the 70's when Sports Scholarships and Awards were introduced by Lothian region. At that time around 30 orienteers received help of varying kinds from the Rates. This varied from a pass to give free admission to the Training Facilities of the area to grants of either 50, 75 or 100 pounds. To qualify, the applicant completed a form showing how good they had been in the past, and declaring their intentions for the coming year. This form was then sent to the S.E. Orient. Comm for vetting. To speed the processing of the six monthly applications, a small sub-committee was formed with members who knew the applicants well and monitored their progress. At that time, it was agreed that I chair the meetings. As the committee changed with time, I agreed to continue the vetting process seeking advice when necessary from other orienteers.

In 1983, Lothian Region's responsibility for Leisure and Recreation ended and was passed to the four more local District Council. While East and West Lothian continued along the same lines and same supportive attitude as before, Edinburgh and Midlothian District Councils lost momentum. This is to be regretted.

For example, a number of talented youngsters in West Lothian still receive Sports Awards or Grants by collecting the forms in July/August and posting them to me by 14th August (similar times for February). I check the applications and decide on the Category of Award which should be given. This may be an A for a regular International to a D for a promising youngster who is in a Regional Squad (I interpret this in the Lothian Region sense not the BOF Region). The vetted forms have to be returned to West Lothian by the 1st September.

However it seems that Edinburgh and Midlothian have opted out of the scheme. I have not seen any adverts for the scheme in Edinburgh. It seems that it is no longer possible for the District Council to support young athletes in this way. Similarly, in Midlothian Lorna Boyd received no help despite her excellent recent performances. Perhaps enquiries to the Departments of Recreation could remind folk that there are still youngsters needing support.

Another aspect of the original Lothian Scheme was the support for various types of courses. These could be for a Coaching Award but may include personal performance aspects too. The intention was that more adults became involved in helping the sport grow in the Region. West Lothian and East Lothian still operate this aspect.

Below are some addresses which should be used if you wish to find out more. If you are lucky enough to be sent a form, complete it carefully and send it to me at 23 Buckstone Loan, EH10 6UD.

Director of Leisure Recreation and Leisure
Brunton Hall, Musselburgh, EH21 6AF
66S 3711 - ask for Alan Murray

Dept. of Recreation, City of Edin D C,
City Chambers, 249 High Street, Edin EH1 1QF
225 2424 EXT 6631 - ask for Mr Linscar

Dept of Recr and Leisure, West Lothian D C,
County Buildings, High Street, Linlithgow EH49 7EZ
0506 843121 - ask for Mr Forman.

SECRETARY SNIPPETS (ESOC)

We welcome new members to the club:

Jason Peacock, David Clark, Mark Hamilton,
Greg Stevens, Chris Thomson, Gordon Simpson.

We also welcome Anita Scherrer (W19) from Switzerland, who is in Edinburgh for a few months until the end of the year. She has already been to a couple of events and is in training for the Compass Sport Cup Final! She should be a useful addition to Class D which is our weakest class.

You should all have received with Capital "Q" a copy of the 1986 BOF AGM Report which makes interesting reading and covers a wide range of topics. It is well worth spending 30 minutes reading it.

In May, the SOA approved a proposal to adopt the direct system of membership renewal rather than the present so called "indirect" system. This would be moving into line with most of the English regions. The committee discussed the proposal and felt that we should support the SOA proposal. The consequence of this will be that all club members must return the form and money to BOF and not to Kirsten or myself. BOF will then distribute the money to the club and the region. It will be important that members renew as quickly as possible and no-one will be able to claim that they had been waiting until I bumped into Kirsten at an event".

We have been contacted by the Rotary Club of Edinburgh who are organising a major Hobbies & Leisure exhibition to be staged in Adam House from 30 October - 1 November. It is expected that 10,000 visitors will attend over the three days. If we participate in this venture, we will need a group of people to man the stall and more importantly, people with artistic flair to set out the display. Any offers of help to me as soon as possible.

The women in the club should be receiving or have already received a copy of the BOF report "Women in Orienteering". I would be grateful if the report could be circulated as soon as possible and I would like some feedback - either by phone or letter - even if it is 'no comment'. I have to collate the club's views and send them to BOF by October. I would suggest that the report is read by men as well as women and I would be grateful for and interested in the male comment also.

We are grateful to Scott Balfour who, at the last minute, kindly offered to organise the series of 4 Wednesday Evening Events at the end of August and beginning of September. However, I am glad to see all the hard work drawing contour only maps has paid off, with a handsome victory in the SE Area Champs at Cademuir (unofficial results). I hope the Dormobile is big enough to carry back the M35 Trophy.

Lastly, in case any club members are ultra efficient and thinking about entering the Scottish 6 Day, please remember not to enter Day 5. This is the day we organise with Solway and Roxburgh Rivers. Every man, woman & child will be required. (In Sweden for five days, it is reported there were 4,000 helpers, none of which competed in the event, and it certainly showed, with the organisation appearing to run like clockwork).

ALISTAIR LESSELLS

Enclosed with this news letter are two ESOC application forms. Fees shown apply to the rest of this year plus all of 1987 its a real bargain all you as ESOC members have to do is recruit a new member and send the completed form with to Kirsten.

I received a late tip off about this competition and decided it was one not to be missed. The course from Dundonnell passed the back of An Teallach to Sheneval bothy, and then around ~~Beinn~~ Dearg Mor and over a pass to Carnmore. These two peaks are among the most spectacular in the Highlands with precipitous rocky summits, and I was hoping the weather would allow me to see them. The course finished by going over the causeway at the end of Fionn Loch and under the long craggy front of Beinn Lair, with the finish alongside the river at Poolewe.

After a late drive up through rain on Friday evening, the weather cleared and by Saturday morning the weather was fine (for midges). An insect musli set us up well for our coach journey to Dundonnell.

On the start line everyone was issued with a pack of dextrosol (were they expecting us to need them?) and set off up the hill. After a slow first section things speeded up on the descent to Sheneval. The weather was better than we could have hoped for with the last clouds burning off the hills. The two big mounts were as majestic as promised and it was a shame to leave them behind so early in the run.

Over the next hill, and down to Carnmore, the orienteers were doing well with Jon Musgrave, Martin Dean and Hugh Buchanan well in the lead and myself hanging on desperately to fourth. The later sections were undulating and boggy - tired legs were feeling heavy but the end was near.

The last two miles were along a track and seemed to go on for ever. At the front Jon and Martin pushed on all the way, and descended in keeping with the spirit of the day to finish together. The "twenty five" miles on stalkers tracks had taken them about 2 hours 55 minutes. Hugh and myself finished 4th and 5th completing a very satisfactory days sport.

The weekend was rounded off in an easier style wind surfing with Martin and sauntering around Poolewe gardens (and a few beers). I shall certainly make every effort to be at the run next year, and would recommend it to anyone who enjoys the challenge of a Great Wilderness.

Graham McIntyre

inter area competition drummond hill 28 sept 86

The Junior Inter Area competition will take place at the Interlopers ranking badge event at Drummond Hill on 28th September 1986.

Teams will be made up of three runners with the best two to count in M/W 13, 15 and 17 classes. Results of the counters from each area will be put in order, first place given 10 points, second given 9 points, and so on until tenth gets 1 point. Scores will be added from all the classes to get a total for each area.

Entries are on the day only. A separate entry for those in area teams will be set up apart from the normal badge event. Could teams start their runners between 11.00 and 12.00 to allow plenty of time to work out the overall results on the day.

A training day is going to be run on Saturday 27th which will be suitable for M/W 15 and 17. Any areas which would like to bring their juniors to this should contact me as soon as possible to fix up accommodation, which will probably be at Pitlochry Youth Hostel. Areas may be able to get financial assistance for the training from the SOA treasurer David Cooke.

It is also intended to hold a discussion meeting of all area squad coaches present and junior and senior national squad coaches, with the theme of how we should work together to unify Scottish coaching as far as possible, on the Saturday evening.

For any further information concerning the competition or the training day contact;

Graham McIntyre
5 Summerhall Place
Edinburgh
EH 9 1QE
tel. 031 - 668 1851

YOUTH TOUR : LORNA BOYD

For the third year running Ian and Fiona Hendrie undertook the task of taking a group of the Scottish Junior Squad on tour during the summer. In mid-July, a group of 21 Juniors and "hangers on" departed Newcastle for 3 weeks training and competitions in Scandinavia.

Our first stop was Boras in Sweden for the O-Ringen - or Swedish 5 day. With 18000 competitors this was the largest event which most of us had been to. The 3 days preceding the event were spent visiting the 3 training areas which were situated close to the competition areas. This was usually followed by a visit to a nearby Lake or swimming pool (depending on the weather!)

Day 1 of the 5 day - By 5.30 am everyone was up (ugh!) to find that the rain was mega heavy. An hour later when we crawled out to the minibus it was still coming down with unrelenting enthusiasm. By the time I got to my start at 0828 any pre-race enthusiasm for running round a Swedish forest had definately worn off.. However, once out in the forest the rain was almost forgotten as I proceeded with caution through the contour detail, along runnable marshes, through green areas consisting of tree stumps and birches, and finally, negotiated the "run in" which took you over a bridge into the assembly area and up the final 100m stretch which was taped off into 7 lanes.

During the rest of the week I gained in confidence to the point of being able to run at a fairly steady pace without making too many mistakes. On the final day there was a chasing start for all classes. Despite starting an hour after the first competitor had finished I enjoyed the course and finished a respectable 65th overall.

With the O-Ringen over our next stop was Kongsberg in Norway. This was the "training" part of the holiday. Our accommodation was situated on the edge of 2 of the maps used in the 1978 World Championships - this provided excellent training right on our doorstep. Most of our training was done in the morning (sometimes before breakfast!!) which left our afternoons free for swimming and sightseeing. The highlight of our stay here was a run on the World Champs. map - quite an experience!

Our final stop was Moss - where we were joined by a contingent from the Senior squad - to compete in O-Festivalen. This event consisted of an individual O-Sprint (the courses being shorter than usual) and a relay. In the relay we had teams entered in D17 (womans open), H17 (mens open) H13-16, and 2 adhoc teams. In the men's open Pakit had an excellent run on the first leg handing over in place to Hugh Buchanan, the team finished overall. And the rest of us, well we all survived the mass starts and change-overs (where you had to find your partners map and hand it over to them). Anyone still out in the forest by 1230 had to return as we had a ferry to catch in Gothenburg at 6.30 pm.



"runnable marshes?"

SE AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS 7/9/86 - CADMUIR

ELO (with a sponsor) staged the SE Area Champs. The area had been used often in the past but not for about 5 or 6 years. The area is mainly Open and fairly fast. Notable Edinburgh results were as follows:

W10	-	1. C Marshall (ESOC)	
		2. R Pyatt	"
W13	-	3. R Lessells	"
W17A	-	3. C Boyd (Int)	
W21A	-	3. L Boyd	"
W35A	-	1. P Carmichael (ESOC)	
		2. M Williams	"
W 35B	-	1. K Kershaw	"
W40	-	2. R Pyatt	"
W45	-	1. N Coutts	"
M10	-	3. A Carmichael	"
M11	-	2. R Lessells	"
M17A	-	1. R Pyatt	"
M35A	-	1. S Balfour (Int)	
		3. P Squire	"
		4. B Bate (ESOC)	
M40	-	1. C White	"
		2. J Morris	"

There was again a notable absence of M21's from the Edinburgh area.

Ben Bate



GREAT WILDERNESS CHALLENGE MAP



The Mammoth weekend this year was a four day event in August, with three individual days linked by a points system and a relay on the fourth day. Two new areas were used (two days on each), the maps covering adjacent areas on the east side of Haweswater, just outside the Lake District National Park. There was an event campsite nearby and organisation seemed very good on the whole. It is a nice part of the country, not too touristy and with some lovely little villages and pubs nearby, and the weather was mostly fairly kind. There was a good holiday atmosphere at the events, and with nearly 2000 competitors the NWOA did an excellent job. Travelling was easy too as the campsite and the competition areas were only just off the M6.

The terrain was open moor, rugged but runnable, though with a lot of marshes. There were excellent views and enough contour detail to make courses interesting, though with the visibility remaining pretty good it was all about speed and not wasting any time at all. The standard of competition was very high with many of the country's top orienteers present, many fresh from trips to Scandinavia. The terrain wasn't up to the best in the Lake District but I'd certainly recommend a visit, and will happily return if there are more events on these areas. Ian Lamont was one of the planners, and his "other club", Borderliners, were co-ordinators.

I did not stay for the relay but it sounded as if it was a lot of fun and a bit different. Each team ran eight legs, and could have up to eight members, with each member getting a handicap depending on class; all runners went out together with the first team to complete all eight legs the winner. It may sound complicated but I'm told it worked; the winners were a team of four M13s, but there were lots of categories and lots of prizes - how about "all team members having the same initial" and "all team members wearing the same type of shoes"?

The 1986 Mammoth was a very enjoyable weekend and the people putting it on deserve a lot of credit. I'm certainly looking forward to the next one, to be held in the north Lakes near Keswick in 1988.

Charlie Walton

THE MAMMOTH RELAY

Cliff White

Anyone who managed to run in the Mammoth Relay in the Lake District enjoyed a real treat. At last the family sport had an event the family could enter together. The secret lay in a handicap system allowing all sorts of combinations, positively encouraging unconventional teams! There were eight legs of varying lengths in the relay, and a major innovation of the mammoth was that the entire team started their leg at the same time - just think ... no more time hanging around at the changeover while leg 1 is lost and panicking in the forest! Since each team had a start time calculated on its Handicap total in minutes after 10am, the first past the post system operated, leading to some exciting finishes with the last team member being nearly dragged across the finish line. Although sounding a wee bit more complicated than a conventional relay, it more than repays the effort by the fun it generated. Could we manage something like this in Lothian? PS MANY SCOTS COULDN'T MAKE THE MAMMOTH RELAY BECAUSE IT OVERRAN THE SCOTTISH SCHOOL HOLIDAYS; UNFORTUNATE TIMING SURELY WHEN THE MAMMOTH AND WHITE ROSE ARE NOW THE ENGLISH "SIX DAYS"

See page 7 for full details

MAPPING UPDATE

Mapping by ESOC has proceeded at a great pace during the summer. A full report will appear in the December issue of Capital 'O'.

The Thicket Corner, from N.E. Thicket

Not much gossip this month after the peaceful summer. Most of our foreign travellers have returned, from orienteering on the continent or doing other strange things further afield: Jean Smith has safely returned from Operation Raleigh, and Ann Messer is back from darkest Africa. No word recently from Ken Ovens though.....

Messers Mitchell and Lamont reported that the French 6-days this year was not up to much, with poor maps and worse organisation, though it sounds like they saw a fair bit of Europe on their travels. Simon Thompson wasn't too impressed with Scandinavia either but survived a month with Andy Loudon - and Andy survived a month with Simon, for which he gets this month's bronze medal. We hear Fiona Hendrie investigated the Swedish hospital system after her ankle didn't make it through the 5-days, but Lorna Boyd told us that the Scottish Juniors and the Hendries still managed to have a good time. Does all this foreign competition do much for your orienteering? We'll have to wait and see, but we've not heard much in the way of results from the continent! We award the Hendries our silver medal for another brave trip.

One result that has been hard to miss is Carol McNeill's victory in the veteran World Champs, and we pass on our congratulations to Carol - being Interlopers only honorary life member doesn't seem to do her any harm. Also on the international front Christine Whalley and Dermot Ruddock have run for Britain in World Cup events this summer, and Graham McIntyre led a Scottish attack on Norway for the "Solo" event.

Back at home most of us have had to survive on wednesday evening events, running up a few hills, and holiday specials like the Mammoth. Scott Balfour now holds the world record for putting on the most events in the shortest time - after he put on a series of four events to carry on from the "summer 'O", he then took over another four after ESOC bottled out from the early autumn series. Simple events maybe, but they have attracted people along and Scott gets this month's gold medal for a great effort.

On the hills (and roads) Mike Burton is the flavour of the month after he continued what might become an Interlopers tradition of winning the Edinburgh "7 hills" race. Well done to Mike, who followed up with a win at North Berwick Law as well, where the trophy reveals that previous winners include Paul Forbes (of 800m fame), Robin Morris (8 times!) and one Graham

McIntyre. Takes you back to the days when they ran the long interval in under 3:30 and did 20 miles every thursday, a pastime that is left to the ladies these days. Returning to Mike Burton, he isn't planning on being around much longer, as he's off to work in California after another trip to Hawaii - you just can't win them all!

If you fancy getting away to sunnier climes, beware the curse of Drummond Hill. Planner Barry Woodfine tried to escape to Kenya this summer but was struck down by malaria and had to risk the local hospital which was none too hygienic. Barry did get back in one piece and we hope he has fully recovered. We haven't got any news from Fiona Craddock though.....

SOCIAL DIARY

Mid July is probably not the best time to have a social, since everyone is on holiday.

However, for those still in Edinburgh, the Water 'O' on Linlithgow Loch was a great success. There was a choice of canoes or toppers. Two courses were available with buoys and punches representing controls. While some of us struggled to keep moving in a straight line, Bob and Pete soared past in their toppers.

The evening was rounded off with a pint and supper.

DETAILS: FOR ARTICLE C. WHITE

MAP UNIT

Pre-marked map, control descriptions and control cards are all in one sealed unit, marked with Team number and Leg number. The Team's map units are all at a team post. Leg length is marked on the outside of each map unit.

START

At your start time, enter the arena, go round it to your team post. Take one map unit each, carry on round to the leg start triangle, then (AND ONLY THEN) open the unit and start the Leg. After their Start Time team members can act independently (presumably having made their plans to advance).

COURSES

Approximate leg lengths and technical difficulty given here will allow you to plan teams now. Final leg lengths on display at Registration.	Leg 1	1.3 km	(TD 1 very easy)
	Leg 2	1.7 km	(TD 2 easy)
	Leg 3	2.0 km	(TD 3)
	Leg 4/5	3.0 km	(TD 3 to 4)
	Leg 6	4.0 km	(TD 5 hard)
N.B. Class B omits Legs 7/8	Leg 7/8	4.5 km	(TD 5 hard)

As you finish your leg have your map ready for inspection and stamping. Don't hand it in, take it back to your team post and put in team bag provided. Then either wait around or do another leg.

FINISH

When your team has finished i.e. full team and full set of maps at post, GO TOGETHER to the Finish Funnel and run for the line. Team will be timed. Stay together for checking. Finally hand in set of map units. Control cards will be cut off, and the maps returned to you.

PRIZING

If the weather is foul and car-parking is distant, we shall ask you to claim prizes soon after finishing. Otherwise we are hoping to have a prizegiving for winners and most categories at 1.00 p.m.

WARNING

With a lot of people around, including children, ANY INCONSIDERATE BEHAVIOUR WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION (OR WORSE!)

CLASS A CATEGORIES

Members of a family (includes in-laws)

M45+ / M40+

M15- / W17-

Members of same O-Club

Mixed male/female team

Family, M/W17-, 2 generations

All female

At least one each of 17-/19-45/50+

No two runners in same age group

All male

Christian names begin with same letter

Bearing same make of O-shoes

CLASS B CATEGORIES

Family, M/W17-, 2 generations

M11- / W13-

M13- / W15-

Three generations of a family

M50+ / W50+

All female

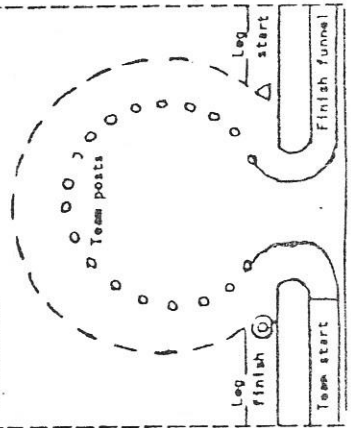
Teams including under 8's

THE ARENA

All movement is one way.

All teams have the same distance to run, regardless of position of team post.

Space in the middle is available for spectators, clothing, marshalls, children etc.



Day 4 THE MAMMOTH RELAY

We believe that those who stay (or survive) to the 4th Day of the Mammoth Weekend deserve something entirely different! We have therefore arranged what we hope will be an enjoyable and informal Mammoth Relay. It is a relay only in the most general sense - a race in which members of a team each cover part of a total distance. It is totally unconventional in that

- * the team members all run their sections at the same time
- * there are only 2 classes
- * there are very few restrictions on the composition of teams
- * teams are not required to be club based
- * young families, even babies, can usefully join in (but no pushchairs)

Should we call it a handicapped, ad-hoc, pseudo-pooter relay team event? Or the "novel", flexible, exciting, different relay event" - as advertised.

HOW IT WORKS

Class A Each team has 8 legs to complete; the legs vary in length and difficulty; any team member can run any number of legs (but only one at a time!); all team members run at the same time.

The team starts at a time depending on its size and strength; it finishes when all 8 legs are complete and all runners are back. First team over the line wins.

Class B Works just the same, but has only 6 legs to complete. This class is for families with young children and other less powerful teams.

HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR TEAM

A team can have any number in it, any age, M or W. We hope that the handicapping system will make for fair competition between teams of varying strengths. (Spot the team combination that can win - beat the handicappers). We suggest you choose your team so that you are running the sort of distance you enjoy.

If you can't find a team, come to Registration for help. We will try to make up suitable teams.

To encourage you to enter mixed and unconventional teams, and to add to the fun, there are lots of categories for which we are offering prizes and certificates, in addition to those for Class A/B winners, 2nd and 3rd. A team does NOT have to be in any category, and it can be eligible for any number of categories (but can only win one of them). The Mammoth Relay Trophies will be awarded to the leading teams in appropriate categories.

FAMILY SPECIAL

So that everyone can join in this event, there is a special handicap for under 8's. A child or group of small children gets a handicap of 10 (minus ten). They MUST be cared for by a member of the team, and anticipate that they will do one or two of the shortest legs, so that they are not and need not be team members. Abandoned babies will be disqualified. Over 8's who don't run alone can accompany another team member or play around the arena. This special handicap is restricted to one per team, on Class B only.

HANDICAPS	Under 8	-10	To calculate team Start Time
M10	9	W10	6
M11	12	W11	8
M13	16	W13	10
M15	21	W15	14
M17	26	W17	17
M19	27	W19	19
M21	30	M21	22
M35	26	M35	20
M40	24	M40	18
M45	23	M45	16
M50	22	M50	13
M55	19	M55	10
M60	15	M60	9
M65+	10	M65+	7

Add up the handicaps of all members of the team.
This is the number of minutes after 10.00 a.m.
that the team starts.
e.g. Three M45's start at 11.09

Class Belligibility

1). Families with children M/W 11-
2). Any other team with a total handicap of
50 or less.

Class B eligibility

- 1). Families with children M/W 11-50 or less.
- 2). Any other team with a total handicap of 50 or less.

The Great Merger Debate

Michael Burton

The eloquence of the speakers at the Interlopers AGM was magnificent and so moved the secretary that he was unable to minute the arguments of the great debate, on whether we should be merging with ESOC or not. (or was it that he was unable to hear Charlie's stirring words from the back of the room?) Hence I have been commissioned, several months later, to search the depths of my grey matter, dredge up the arguments again and record them for posterity. A hard, if impossible, task even though it does give me the opportunity to play with the office word processor and avoid writing my thesis. I will try, then, to describe what happened at the AGM and discuss what should happen next.

The two great protagonists were Bob Cherry (for the motion) and Charlie Walton (against the motion). After some rather futile argument over whether it was constitutionally permissible to discuss a merger at all, we decided it was alright to debate the motion "the club favours moving towards a merger at such time as this can be achieved in a manner consistent with our constitution".

Of course I am unable to recall the great words spoken forth by Bob and Charlie or even the vocal backing provided by a partisan audience. I can remember, though, that Martin Hyman, as a point of information, told the audience that he intended getting older! The basic arguments followed those expressed in the May newsletter (number 9 for collectors). To reiterate these, the main argument for merging is that Interlopers and ESOC are really two halves of the same club, with Interlopers catering for the M/W 21's and ESOC for the vets and children. Yet we purport to be two separate clubs, each providing a full range of activities to our members, the reality being otherwise. So, the argument goes, why not merge becoming one unified club, being stronger than the two individual clubs and providing a far better service to the orienteering community in the Edinburgh district?

The argument against merging says what's wrong with having two clubs? We are both active and provide a useful service to the orienteering community. We both have our own way of doing things, and though many interests of course overlap, we appeal to different types of people. So keep things the same and give people the choice of what club they want to join.

The argument then centred on whether Interlopers are providing the function we claim to? Do we really cater for all orienteering interests or are we joining up people who would be better off in ESOC? The, if we merged, would the club lose its sense of identity, being swallowed up by ESOC? Would we end up with the ESOC style of management, committee meetings lasting all night haggling over trivial details, or the Interlopers laid-back approach, where meetings last no more than one hour and all the important business is done in the pub on Tuesday and Thursday nights?

Finally we voted (after an interminably long discussion by Interlopers standards), the thought of the ensuing annual dinner forcing things to a close. The result was a majority decision in favour of merging, but the vote was by no means decisive.

So what is to be done now? Clearly the Interlopers Committee need to have detailed discussions with the ESOC committee. The first obstacle is getting an ESOC AGM to support the motion too, something we can be sure will involve considerably more constitutional wrangling than needed for Interlopers. If successful a founding general meeting will be called, hopefully at the same time as a formal meeting to disband the two clubs. All the details regarding constitution, committees etc will have to be thoroughly thrashed out by the two retiring committees beforehand otherwise you can be sure the meeting will last all night! And a new, better club will be launched, with a new name? (Or so we hope.) I'm proposing Edinburgh Orienteers as the name, but there's another topic for discussion.

And in the meantime? Interlopers continue to function as normally. A committee has been elected and is carrying on in the same way as before. Badge events are planned for 1986 and 1987 and presumably the same standards of last minute organisation will continue (no, don't hit me Hilary!). In Highland 87 we are involved with Clydeside and not ESOC. So there had better not be a merger before then or there could be some serious organisational problems for the 6-day!

Even if we do merge that will not be the end of the matter. I feel it is almost certain another club will form, following in the healthy tradition of Edinburgh orienteering. Perhaps AROS will go open? The club will contain those Interlopers members who don't want any change. I personally can see nothing against the formation of such a club, as long as it doesn't pretend to cater for all types of orienteer, but only the M/W 21 age-group it will presumably be appealing to.

What is certain from all this is that Edinburgh orienteering will remain in a state of limbo for at least a couple of years. Yet things won't really change. Tuesday and Thursday nights will continue, the summer series will get better and better and Edinburgh Orienteering will remain the best in Britain!

Fixtures List

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Sept 7	S.E. AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS, EIO S. Strain, 39 Bankpark Grove, Tranent, pre-entries closed, but some EOD.	Codemuir, Peebles 0875-611014	MT 396249
Sept 7	MORAVIAN OPEN EVENT S. Wilson, 53 High street, Rochaburn	Sluie 034382-0547	012524
Sept 13-14	HARVESTER RELAYS entries closed	Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield	
Sept 14	GRAPTIAN OPEN EVENT P. McLean, 45 Knochie Road, Turriff, Aberdeenshire	Torgue, Huntly 0988-68700	NJ 620440
Sept 21	NORTHERN LIGHTS BADGE EVENT, Moravian M. Bruce, 8 Northfield Place, Lhanbryde,	Roseisle Forest 034384-3111	105655 EOD
Sept 21	LOTHIAN O LEAGUE - 1, ESOC P. Coultis, 208 Culkew Terrace, Penicuik	Vogrie Country Park, Dalkeith 0968-74514	375632
Sept 21	SOLWAY OPEN EVENT V. Vince, Doonholm Nursery, Castle Douglas	Fleet Forest, Gatehouse of Fleet 0387-52016	602562
Sept 21	TYNE BADGE EVENT P. Mair, 20 Stocksfield Ave, Fenham, Newcastle-u-tyne	Sluie Forest, Hexham 091-274-6612	954552
Sept 28	INTERLOPERS RANKING EVENT H. Fairlie, 26 Rankellor Street, Edinburgh	Drymond Hill, Kenmore 031-667-5740	51/771460
Oct 4-5	OCTOBER ODYSSEY WEEKEND M. Crosby, 35 Allanville, Camperdown, Newcastle-u-tyne	Kyloe & Simonside, Northumberland 091-268-5449	
Oct 5	MAROC NORTHERN GALOPPEN E. Hall, The Pirs, Ballater Road, Aboyne	Pannanich, Ballater 0339-2685	NO 375960
Oct 11	JUNIOR HOME INTERNATIONAL, Clyde T. Renfrew, 39 Campbell Drive, Bearsden, Glasgow	Torrie 041-942-5882	
Oct 12	CLYDE OPEN EVENT & Jun. Home Int. T. Renfrew, as for Oct 11	Ross Wood, Rowardennan [ESOC - COMPASSPORT]	NS 360985
Oct 12	LOTHIAN O LEAGUE - 2, ESOC M. Burton, 13 Strathfillan Road, Edinburgh	Corstorphine Hill, Edinburgh 031-447-1117	204738
Oct 12	GRAPTIAN OPEN EVENT R. Anderson, 10 Deeside Crescent, Aberdeen	Balbithan, Inverurie 0224-326518	NJ 815178
Oct 12	STAUCO INTRODUCTORY EVENT M. McKinney, Hopburn Hall, St. Andrews	Normans Law, Cupar 0334-74795	NO 302190
Oct 19	SCOTTISH SCORE CHAMPS, Linco J. Biggar, 10 Wansie Road, Linlithgow	Lochcote & Bowdenhill, Linlithgow 0506-845084	GR. 997742
Oct 19	WOC BADGE EVENT V. Nelson, 35 Red Beck Park, Cleator Moor, Cumbria	Mosses Fell, Cockermouth 0946-810462	130240

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Oct 26	INOC NORTHERN GALOPPEN A. Armstrong, Woodlands, Conon Bridge, Shantullich, Munloch	0349-61246	c25555
Nov 2	STAUCO BADGE EVENT A. Reynard, STAUCO, P.E. Centre, North Haugh, St. Andrews	Birmam Hill, Dunkeld 0334-74596	NO 031417
Nov 2	SOLWAY OPEN EVENT V. Vince, Doonholm Nursery, Castle Douglas Road, Dumfries	Hills Wood, Dumfries 0387-52016	927755
Nov 2	MAROC OPEN EVENT - - no details - -		
Nov 9	EKO OPEN EVENT P. Surfleet, 5 Ballyhenman Crescent, Arrochar	Barnacabber, Dunoon 03012-437	56 / 175690
Nov 9	LOTHIAN O LEAGUE - 3, RR - - no details - -	Cardrona	
Nov 9	MORAVIAN NORTHERN GALOPPEN - - no details - -		
Nov 16	FVO NATIONAL EVENT (1X) G. Bryan Jones, 29A Dunster Road, Stirling	Trossachs, Callander 0786-72758	NN 532070
Nov 22	COMPASS-SPORT CUP FINAL (WCH) R. Day, 7 Brean Road, Hillcroft Park, Stafford	Sherbrook, Cannock Chase 0785-661637	EOD for colour coded Courses
Nov 23	MAROC OPEN EVENT - - no details - -		
Nov 29	BRITISH NIGHT CHAMPS NATIONAL EVENT X (both events) K. Dixon, 70 moor Road North, Newcastle-u-tyne	Broomley Fell, Corbridge Rothbury 034035	011597
Nov 30	closing date 20/10/86		091-265-3619
Dec 7	WEST AREA CHAMPS, Clyde	Scullion Cour, Lennoxtown	
Dec 7	Moravian Open Event	Grathes Bowdenhill	
Dec 14	Graptian Northern Galoppen		
Dec 14	Lothian O League - 4, Linco		
Dec 21	Invoc Open Event		

SOCIALS

OCT 1	SLIDE EVENING	8pm	see elsewhere
OCT 15	TECHNIQUE FOR JUNIORS + NOVICE	7pm	for details
Nov 17	BEER + SKITTLES		
DEC 3	ESOC AGM		