



# Interlopers

December 2020

Ho ho ho! Deck the halls with kites and dibbers! It's the Interlopers Family Christmas Newsletter! Fear not - no rambling on about foreign holidays, shiny trophies, stunning exam results, Grade 8 harpsichord etc etc. Despite the year that it was, there was still some orienteering to report on, lots of running, club events and socialising, plus new 'jobs' for some. 2020 might have been unusual, but nonetheless, plenty to celebrate for a club as fantastic as Interlopers truly is. Merry Christmas and here's to a happy, healthy and generally more normal 2021. *Best wishes from the Interlopers committee*

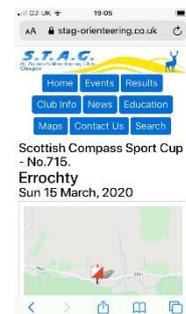
JANUARY – Scottish Orienteering Young Leaders training, and helping Judy run the ESOA juniors' party. EUOC Big Weekend.



FEBRUARY – errrr, ... normally a fairly quiet time in the O calendar. Warm weather training for some. Warning signs at airports etc but nobody thought a dodgy bat on the other side of the world would change anything much here.



MARCH – club WINTER party. Angus' algorithm deems Robin to be the 2020 club champion. We held our first CATI of the year at Craigmillar Castle Park (thanks Graham MacIntyre for planning). A win at last for the club chair! We went to what turned out to be our last proper competition of the year - the CompassSport Trophy heats at Errochty. We got through, hurrah for Interlopers! Then Covid struck ...



APRIL – Virtual O. Laughably now, we all thought it'd just be a few weeks or so... No JK, but Lockdown Orienteering takes off in a big way, and members disappear into terrain spanning Scotland to South Africa for the Catching Features Scottish league and World Cup. Ken's Course Planning Competition – congratulations to Mike Stewart! Youngest club member Bertie Ward makes his appearance.

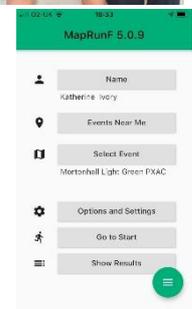


MAY – no British Champs but lots of Mapruns and Golf-O. Who needs forest and contours when you can have peacocks and shallow sandy depressions? Zoom quizzes.

JUNE – still no events. Juniors take part in the Alternative Jamie Stevenson Trophy, designing and running their own Swedish-Horse shaped courses. Santa self-isolating, and sadly no Jukkola / Venla trips to Lapland.



JULY – at last we can travel again. Everyone gets out and further afield as much as they can just to enjoy the outdoors more fully again. Ali & Sasha create a new record for Munros in 24 hours in the Cairngorms. Self-serve Sprintelopes start up.





AUGUST – no Scottish Champs, but socially-distanced GB Junior Selection Races at Graythwaite (Pippa selected again for next year’s Talent Squad).



SEPTEMBER – first attempt at re-starting CATIs, though thwarted by Edinburgh Council. Thanks Chris for planning a set of Colinton Dell courses which were run by local orienteers on a self-serve basis over a week, followed by a post-event INT Zoom social and quiz.



OCTOBER - our first actual post-Lockdown event, hurrah! Mortonhall CATI, planned / organised (apart from the weather) by Katherine, gratefully assisted by a significant proportion of the club. Another post-event quiz. Paul completed his virtual London Marathon the next day, with club members out in force to support. Some ran in Senior GB selection races in the Lakes.



INT AGM – thanks to Max as retiring Chair (and worthy recipient of the Gullane Rock trophy), and congratulations to Colin on his elevation to that esteemed position! ESOA juniors start training again with an afternoon at Yellowcraig. Congratulations to new ScotJOS recruits Fiona and Laurence (joining Pippa, Angus and David). The CompassSport Trophy final, inevitably, is cancelled.



NOVEMBER – Bonfire Bake-Off! Who knew we had such creative (and messy) people. Congratulations to the Carcasses for their sparkly extravaganza, even if the outcome triggered thoughts of Trump-style lawsuits. Thanks to Lorna for organising, and honorary-President Carol McNeill for judging! Another actual ESOA juniors’ training afternoon (John Muir Country Park) with INT coaching input (esp for TD4/5s). A bumper newsletter full of club members’ lockdown tales of wide-ranging actual and virtual activities. Special mention to the INT-EUOC’ers who grew horrible taches for Movember and completed some brutal challenges: a sub-2-hour marathon as a relay team (2:40 min/k; 1:52:41), then the Everest Challenge relay: 8,848 m as 48 reps up (and down) the MFD Strava segment on Arthur's Seat. Achieved in 9h15, smashing the record of 11 hours 17 minutes. A truly awesome fundraising effort for supporting men’s health, physical and mental (<https://uk.movember.com/team/2385082>).



DECEMBER – congrats to Chris & Philippa on their engagement! First Zoom meeting of the new committee: forward planning in a spirit of optimism. Fingers crossed, lots to look forward to: CATIs, SOLs, Six Days, Scottish Champs, Compass Sport Trophy ..... Plus of course more (maybe actual) socials, and newsletters. Roll on 2021!

