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This edition of the great Interlopers communicator is being produced with amazing swiftness for various reasons.

Firstly, a great deal has happened lately which needs to be noted, and, secondly, Interlopers are involved with the South East District Championships on 6 June. Carol and John are organising, and Steve Terry is in charge of the map. The event will be held in Glentress Forest near Peebles. People are needed on the day to help officiate, registrate, etc., and all those willing to help in this way are asked to contact Carol McNeill - those helping will also have the opportunity to run.

Recent Results

While in the past I had hardly any news for this section of the Newsletter, I have a surfeit for this edition.

As a result of my questionnaire in the last issue, I have learned that Interlopers were well represented at all the recent Scottish events, at Montreathmont, Dunkeld, and Saltoun, with members in many classes from M15 to W43.

Interlopers have also done well in major events recently, perhaps the best results being the winning of the Atholl Rose Bowl by the men's team in the Scottish Relays, and

the women's team coming third in the J.K. Relays.

The Atholl Rose Bowl has been won every year by Interlopers since it was presented by the Duke of Atholl four years ago, and is a magnificent trophy which holds celebratory drinks beautifully! The team consisted of John Barrow, Martin Peet, and Geoff Peck. The women's team of Carol, Liz, and Hilary were beaten into third place by two Swedish teams, and had a very good race.

Liz Mills, Carol McNeill, and Geoff Peck have done so well in the recent championships that they are now assured of a place in the British Pool for selection for the World Championships teams, regardless of their performances in the British Championships. Hilary Smith is also doing well, so we wish her luck in the British. Congratulations to them all for their recent successes.

Gareth has also had some very good runs recently, and seems to be taking fitness seriously these days, although beer still has its attractions!

J.K. results:

			Time ·	Winning time Position
W19E	Carol McNeill		66.04	53.24 34
11	Hilary Smith	5 x	80.41	57
M21E	Geoff Peck		73.57	65.49
W19A	Liz Mills		52.39	47.00
· · · · · (1	Gill Robbie	3	69.49	."
M21C	Duncan Shiell		96.12	57.00 . 25
-W17-	Anne Robbie		97.29	40.29 28

Bill Lang ran as Les Smithard, and I as Jan White, and our results are a bit disastrous, mine because I am very slow, and Bill's because he started about 90 minutes after Les's start time!

Scottish Championships weekend: the club did a major part of the organisation, and Robin Sloan, Bob Stobie, Carol, John, and Steve all deserve a mention in despatches. The weekend went fairly smoothly, but Bob's idea for a minimum-organisation event (he was the organiser of the Individual) reflects the amount of work that goes into the organisation. Pouring rain from 6 a.m. till 5 p.m. on the Sunday did not add anything to the joy of competing, but the organisers remained stoically cheerful in an increasing amount of mud.

Future Events

I have already mentioned the South East District Championships on 6 June. We are organising a Club Event on 13 June at Norman's Law, and Dewi Jones has agreed to plan this. Maps are available and permission has been obtained, and club members can expect to be asked to help with this event as well.

After this, we have a gap to prepare for the Scottish Score Championships on 6 February 1977. Our mapping man, Steve Terry, will be coordinating help, but the area has not yet been chosen, and anyone with a local forest which has not been used recently (or at all!) please feel free to find out whether permission could be obtained, and contact Steve. He is tied up until after 6 June, obviously, and this first approach to the Forestry Commission/local landowners can be made by anyone with an idea that an area could be suitable.

At our recent Committee Meeting, we also noted the possibility of a minimum-organisation event in April/May 1977, and a Relay event in Autumn '77, a fairly healthy commitment for the club.

Club Happenings

The club held its A.G.M. and a Club Dinner at the Rockhall Hotel on 9 April, and very successful it was too. The $\underline{\text{A.G.M.}}$ was well attended, and, although unorthodox perhaps, it succeeded in getting new office-bearers elected, and therefore an organisational framework for the club:

Chairman Liz Mills
Secretary John Barrow
Bob Stobie
Social Secretary Hilary Smith
Newsletter Editor Eileen Peck

Ordinary Members Gareth Buffett, Steve Terry

Membership Fees: these were unanimously raised to 30p for school children and 60p for everybody else, and will come into force next year. The increase was felt to be necessary to help to cover, at least, the cost of distributing this wonderful tabloid.

The <u>Dinner</u> was excellent and good value and the hotel pleasant. A number of intruders helped swell the numbers, consisting mainly of officials of the Scottish Championships and their guests (some were from E.S.O.C.!) They were very welcome, and the Edinburgh Orienteering Clubs dinner to be held in November this year should be a success. Our thanks go to Hilary for her organisation (which is not too easy at a distance from the venue) and also for arranging accommodation for 14 people and 12 cars "just the other side of Dumfries" for us. After finding the hotel proved a test of navigation and luck (just like orienteering) she undertook to lead us all to the farmhouse - through Dumfriesshire at midnight at 60 m.p.h.! Our hosts were very welcoming and our thanks must go to them for facing such an invasion so calmly.

Club members met again at the J.K. to build up some club spirit over the weekend. (Bill Lang now holds the club record for flipping beer mats, followed by Gareth and John - all comers record is 36 (I think).)
Other gossip gleaned from the J.K. weekend:-

Liz Mills used to stop half way round a race to have her lunch and a cigarette! Bill Lang attended 4 events in 4 weeks - his 42nd comeback.

Duncan is now off to form a Mauritius branch of Interlopers, having climbed Ben Nevis on his recent holiday in Scotland.

The Stobies had a baby boy called Craig, whom Bob hardly saw for weeks - he was too busy organising!

Gareth is muttering about joining Interlopers Australia (he would have to find out if the beer were O.K. first!).

Carol and Hilary are going to Sørlandsgaloppen and O-Ring this summer, then taking in the Mountain Marathon when they return (and of course the World Champs. in between!). Marjorie has kindly offered to hold an Interløpers party around September in her flat, probably fancy dress; more details later.

Most Recent Happenings

Hilary, Marjorie, and Liz did well in the B.U.S.F. Relay held in glorious sunshine on 25 April. They were first team back as the St Andrews team misstamped on an early leg. Congratulations to Marjorie for her navigational breakthrough.

Afterwards, the Committee (minus Gareth) held a meeting at the Mills' country seat, and made some decisions, as follows:

a) I am going to do some work on the Constitution, and present it after Committee approval in the next Newsletter.

b) Transport - Bob Stobie (031-447-6898) is going to be transport chief. Please phone him if you have spaces in your car or if you want a lift, several days before events so that he can coordinate travelling.

c) World Championships follow-up events - we agreed to try to attend each of these Come-And-Try-It events with an information sheet and a poster to recruit new members and to help and advise newcomers (a poster, Marjorie?).

d) Bob Stobie (Treasurer) will handle affiliations next year, and the club will open a

bank current account, at his bank.

e) Steve Terry has news of a photogrammetry course at Edinburgh University in the near future - I expect that this would be very interesting to everybody, but especially those wishing to learn about mapping - all interested contact Steve at 031-552-5673.

f) Bill Lang is going to cost ways and means of getting to Scandinavia with a "club

tour" in 1977 in mind.

Yet another questionnaire!

Club Gear

Carol has a contact who she thinks can get green cotton jackets (as worn by J.B.) for E.S.O.C. paid nearly £10 for their last batch, so this is quite a good price, although still a fair bit to pay. She is going to order one for herself, so anyone else who is interested please fill in the questionnaire at the bottom of this page. deposit of £5 is necessary.

Because of the expense of these garments, we also discussed recently the possibility of sweat shirts and T-shirts in green, and I am going to look into this; costs are probably around £1.25-£1.50 for T-shirts and £2.25-£2.50 for sweat shirts.

first like to know how many people would be interested. Again please return the questionnaire ($6\frac{1}{2}$ p stamp will do fine).
That's all for now.
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Sweat Shirts and T-Shirts
Name Address
I am/am not interested in buying a club sweat shirt (long sleeved, dark green). Size - small / medium / large
I am/am not interested in buying a club T-shirt (long sleeved, cotton, dark green). Size - small / medium / large
I am/am not interested in a woolly hat - dark green and yellow stripes (possibly).
Delete where applicable. Return to Eileen Peck 30 Barnby Road, COLTISHALL, Norfolk.
<u>Jackets</u>
I would like to buy a green cotton jacket; size (chest) 32", 34", 36", 38", etc

I enclose £5 deposit.

Address .

Please return as soon as possible to Carol McNeill 3 Montgomery Street, EDINBURGH.

INTERLØPERS SOCIAL NEWSLETTER No. 2 MAY 1976

Here we go again - may the social whirl continue!

My thanks to everyone who attended our first Dinner on the eve of the Scottish Champs. I enjoyed both the eating and the competition, and I hope you all did too.

There are two main items of interest in this Newsletter.

Firstly, I am pleased to tell you that Marjorie Thoms has agreed to be co-opted on to the Committee to manage the Edinburgh-based social scene, which I am really unable to do much about, living in the back woods of Ardentinny. What happens in Edinburgh will therefore largely depend on Marjorie for organising things, and YOU for supporting her efforts. I don't envisage a huge amount of social activity, firstly because there are not enough people in Edinburgh or thereabouts to support it regularly enough, and secondly I don't think everyone has enough time. The main purpose of any of our social activities will be to get people together as a Club, so that members may get to know each other, introduce new members, etc., but not necessarily to talk SHOP!

EDINBURGH SOCIAL SCENE to come . . .

PUB NIGHTS These have definitely been agreed upon to be held every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month in "The Claret Jug", which is the basement bar of the Howard Hotel at 34 Great King Street. The first night will be Thursday 27 May.

Occasional get-togethers in members' own homes/flats.

Challenge matches versus other clubs: E.U.O.C., H.W.U.O.C., D.C.P.E., E.S.O.C.... hockey, drinking, football . . . or any other suggestions to Marjorie, please.

Secondly, The Combined Edinburgh Clubs Dinner Dance INTERLOPERS HWUOC ESOC EUOC DCPE The original suggestion was to hold this soon after the Karrimor two day Mountain Marathon in October. However, when Morris Conlan (ESOC) took it upon himself to make bookings, only a later date, 5 November, became possible. We need an absolute minimum of eighty people to make it feasible financially. Here lies our problem - the date clashes with another large function which EUOC members will prefer to attend. Our main concern now is whether we can get enough people to come. Details available so far are:

SUPERB Dinner Dance at the Grosvenor Hotel Excellent Band Late Licence Cost approx. £4 per person on 5 Nov 1976

It should be a great DO, provided we can get enough folks interested, and there is plenty of time between now and November to save up pennies!

CAN EVERY MEMBER OF INTERLOPERS PLEASE CONTACT ME AT THE VERY LATEST BY MONDAY 31 MAY LETTING ME KNOW AS WELL AS POSSIBLE HOW MANY TICKETS THEY MAY NEED (invite friends, relatives, etc.). If I do not get enough interest shown in the Dinner Dance by that date, then it may have to be cancelled altogether. So PLEASE, everyone, think about it NOW and let me know as soon as possible (I'll be at the British).

(An alternative being considered is to change the date to Friday 19 November.)

FINALLY, (yes, this is the final word!) as Social Secretary I'd appreciate it if people would inform me directly of any cancellation, plans for social events, etc., rather than just mention it to someone else. I found that, in spite of my most careful efforts, I still didn't know exactly who was coming to the Dinner, and indeed found that I was the 3rd person to invite John Colls (ESOC) to the meal. He very politely declined for the third time!

Meanwhile, there may be plans afoot for a large party in Edinburgh, so keep your eyes open for more details later.

HAPPY SOCIALISING!