

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:

		<u>Time</u>	<u>Winning time</u>	<u>Position</u>
W19E	Carol McNeill	66.04	53.24	34
"	Hilary Smith	80.41	"	57
M21E	Geoff Peck	73.57	65.49	16
W19A	Liz Mills	52.39	47.00	5
"	Gill Robbie	69.49	"	34
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 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
Treasurer	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 Dinner 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 Sp/rlandsgaloppen 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 Interlopers 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 £6-£8. 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. A 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. I would first like to know how many people would be interested. Again please return the questionnaire (6½p stamp will do fine).

That's all for now.

Eileen Peck

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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.
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Jackets

I would like to buy a green cotton jacket; size (chest) 32", 34", 36", 38", etc. . . .

I enclose £5 deposit.

Name Address

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

