

Although the South swelters, I have summoned up some energy, wiped the sweat from my brow, and retired to the cool of the house to write again of the doings of Interlopers. Although we are about to enter the quiet season as far as competitions are concerned, there seems to be plenty of club news, so here goes:

Recent Events/Results

"Dave Watt wins M21C at Scottish Champs." Our apologies for omitting this fact from our last Newsletter.

I have just received the results of the British Championships, so for those who were not there the results of Interlopers were as follows:

<u>W19A</u>	Carol McNeill	1st	64.33	<u>M21B</u>	Robin Sloan	46th	92.19
	Hilary Smith	4th	70.44		Gareth Buffett	59th	98.16
	Liz Mills	11th	77.01		Bill Lang	79th	104.33
	Isobel Inglis	22nd	96.27		(another comeback in his own name!)		
					Roger Vander Steen	97th	116.07
<u>M21A</u>	Geoff Peck	1st	86.14		(This class was won by a member of ESOC		
	Graham White	24th	101.28		in 72.26)		
	Martin Peet	30th	103.23				
	John Barrow	54th	125.53	<u>M35A</u>	Dewi Jones	40th	99.45

As you can see, Interlopers did very well generally, and winning both M21A and W19A was an excellent achievement, and one which should help us attract new members.

Geoff and I stayed for the weekend of the British in a farmhouse in a beautiful area of the North York Moors which would make an excellent club retreat, perhaps for a weekend in Spring - we are looking into it.

The next event was the S. E. District Champs. on 6 June at Glentress, which attracted over 300 competitors. Liz Mills, Roger Vander Steen, Dewi Jones, Anne Robbie, Bob Stobie, Dave Kershaw, and also our newest members "Davidson's Mains Juniors" helped Carol and John on the day, and Steve did a good job on the map under very difficult conditions. 12 Interlopers also competed, and it is good to see new names in the club.

Following close on this was the Interlopers Club Event at Norman's Law on 13 June. John Barrow organised and Dewi Jones planned. Start was manned by Gareth Buffett and Marjorie Thoms; Alison Purkins, Dave Kershaw, Gill and Anne Robbie manned maps and registration with Carol, and Steve Terry and Laurence Cable processed results with the D. Mains Juniors helping. Dave also helped John and Jo Barrow, braving the elements at the Finish.

I have heard good reports of these events, and our thanks go to all these helpers, and to Carol for getting the results posted so quickly.

An International was held in the North East of England later in June, and the club was represented by Carol, Liz, and Geoff, plus Fiona Jolly, a new member from the ranks of EUOC. Welcome, Fiona.

Carol and Geoff were the best placed British competitors in the Individual race; the British Teams did better than ever before against strong Scandinavian opposition, although there has to be still further improvement if the British are to match the Scandinavians.

The club did not attend the British Relays held in Wales on 26 June, for various reasons, but there is always another year!

Future Events

The Lake District Mammoth Weekend is being held this year on 21/22 August, and it has been suggested that this could be a social/orienteering weekend for the club, where we could help our new juniors, and if the weather is like this it can hardly fail to be a success.

September is fast approaching, so keep your fingers crossed for the Interlopers selected for the World Championships squad.

On 31 October this year, the club has been asked to organise an event for the Lothian Orienteering League (a sort of East Coast Glasgowgaloppen), so keep yourselves free for that date, and expect to be asked to help.

Next year, the Scottish Score Championships on 6 February are being organised by Interlopers, so mappers are needed now. See Steve Terry's circular enclosed; please do reply to it.

Club Happenings and News

Gareth and Martin are rumoured to have taken part in a fell runners' race at Ennerdale over 23 miles and 7500 ft. - did they go, and did they finish? I don't see how Gareth manages with 12 cans of beer in his rucksack!

Malcolm Ross and Robin Sloan are reputed to have run up a hill in the middle of Melrose. Hilary has been to Norway with the British Team, and John Barrow has had his car stolen (did he set it up to claim the insurance - it is getting on a bit!).

Carol has booked "Woodlands", West Terrace, Kingussie for the week 30 July to 7 August. This is a house owned by D.C.P.E., situated in a lovely area of Scotland, and all Interlopers are welcome; just call in. Also, she has suggested an organised Interlopers holiday next year at Woodlands, with all these nice new maps of World Champs. forests available. Anyone with any particular ideas on this, dates, etc., please say so. At present, a foreign tour seems too expensive to consider for most of us.

Carol and Geoff were both invited to appear on a television show for children, called "We are the Champions". We should be able to see Carol flashing on the small screen on 7 September at 4.50 p.m. on BBC 1, but Geoff was unable to attend unfortunately.

Carol has also been busy in another direction - recruiting new members. She has attracted some of the pupils of Davidson's Mains Primary School (previously called the "D. Mains Juniors"), so we welcome Anne Kilgour, aged 11, Jane Dixon, aged 11, Alison Forsyth, aged 12, Gwen Baillie, aged 12, and Lynsey Craig, aged 11.

We also had a letter from Hew Fraser and his wife Meg, the Australian section of Interlopers, telling us about the very sociable orienteering club they belong to in New South Wales. Hazards tend to be snakes and other nasty animals, and of course one has to get used to the heat (although that nowadays applies in Britain too!). Hew sent us some maps, mostly drawn by Norwegians, and printed in Scandinavia, which were very impressive, and not at all what I expected Australian terrain to look like. I shall bring them to the Mammoth Weekend so anyone who is interested can have a look at them. Hew reports that terrain is often good, although undergrowth can be a problem (I'll drink to that! - Typist), and the maps accurate, and that the standard of competition is still rising rapidly and that the Australians may well rival the British in the World Championships.

Thumbnail Notes - John Barrow

Only new members will need an introduction to the workhorse of the club, for it is impossible to be around long without noticing J.B.. He is one of the founder members of Interlopers, and that former great club, EUOC, going as far back as 1966, and has held office in one or the other since 1967. His O-history is as follows:

- 1966 Joined EUOC.
- 1967 Ran in EuroMeet in Sweden for Edinburgh.
- 1968 Summer tour with P. Simpson, B. Lang, G. Peck, et al., of Norway, Sweden.
- 1969 Member (with Geoff and Robin) of only British Club team (EUOC) ever to win J.K. Trophy; E.U. Blue for Orienteering; Edinburgh Team at EuroMeet in Belgium; G.B. Team at Swedish O-Ringen; Scottish Team in Arnhem; elected Secy. of S.E. District Committee, and has served on Committee ever since.
- 1970 G.B. Team in Denmark; left EUOC; joined Royal Observatory on Blackford Hill, having studied astronomy, not astrology as rumoured; participated in founding of Interlopers, with Robin Sloan and Mike Smithard, at ESOC event at Castle O'er on 11 October (failed to finish!).
- 1971 Ran for Scotland in Home International in France.
- 1972 With Hew and Robin, won Atholl Rose Bowl (Scottish Relays) at Newcastleton.
- 1974 In March, married Jo; spent end of honeymoon introducing her to joys of camping at Chepstow for J.K.!: became club Secy. on Hew's departure for Australia.
- 1975 In January, became S.O.A. Treasurer; with Geoff and Donald Wallace, retained Atholl Rose Bowl at Callendar Park.
- 1976 With Geoff and Martin, retained Atholl Rose Bowl at Kirroughtree.

It is obvious from the above that we have an outstanding competitor and club administrator with a great deal of experience, and he has had a hand in organising most

of the events put on by both EUOC and Interlopers. Since discovering he was a diabetic, in 1969, he has still maintained as active a training schedule, although he will admit he has difficulties in the longer distance events; his recent short distance results in relay events prove he is still a great asset to the club, and we look forward to seeing him in the winning 1977 Scottish Relay team (Buffett, Peet, etc., watch out!).

I might just add that his wife Jo is also a great asset to the club in her assistance in producing these newsletters, to say nothing of her pleasant personality and baby-minding qualities.

Social Scene

The Beach Party "happened" on 24 June at Tynninghame; and below are reprinted verbatim some musings by one who attended:

"Marjorie's Midsummer Mudlarks

it just seems like a happy dream now, seen from a highly-personal distance.....

three cars. about a dozen people. a long drive. slight mis-navigation.
slight misgivings - the first beach we looked at was also sniffed at.
misgivings - for a cranky old bachelor the sight of a lot of nubile young
females cavorting scantily-clad could be hard to bear. not so, as it happened -
- they all wore full body-cover. trust orienteers!

and the effect of contents-consumption of multiple multiform liquor-vessels
was salutary. as also were the cornucopian quantities of bread, cheese,
pickled-onions, baked tatties, beer-can-broiled bangers, spit-roasted
marshmallows, soot and sand which descended all gullets.

ample armfuls of high-stranded driftwood made a blaze fit to lure the most wary
of maritime navigators to their doom.

we learned that some of us can't throw a frisbee, some of us can't kick a rugger-ball,
some of us don't know the rules of rounders, some of us can't tell jokes,
some of us can't distinguish seagulls from seals, some of us dislike
neither wine nor whisky.

the Bass Rock winked at us as indigo dusk crept gently and imperceptibly about us,
making mysterious silhouettes of the brave bathers and the sharp-fragmented
rocks against the shimmering sea, and drawing us all closer around the fire.

talk grew quiet, companion-content, golden fire-warmed, leisure-lazy. slow slumber
was stealing unsuspected over us. we could have slept til morning
on the warm beach, beside the warm embers. it was morning already anyway.....

But the Iron Hand of Discipline descended, woke us, smothered the fire, cleared
the rubbish, marched us back to the transport, shielded us from suspicious
law-guardians, and dumped us all safely back in Edinburgh and real life.

..... dream again some day, Marjorie! "

Tickets for the Edinburgh Orienteering Clubs Dinner Dance are now available from Hilary and Carol, and Morris Conlan (ESOC), price £4 each. The Dance will be held on 5 November between 7.30 p.m. and 1.30 a.m. at the Grosvenor Hotel in Edinburgh, and will no doubt match the usual high standard of our social events.

Mutterings have been heard at about third hand about a Hockey match against ESOC, a Curling and Beer night, a Hallowe'en Party, etc.. Thursday pub nights are now back to Jenny Ha's in the Royal Mile, not the Claret Jug in Great King Street.

Club Gear

I have been investigating the cost of club gear, and I am afraid that unless I find a cheap supplier my original estimates will have to be revised. Long sleeved cotton T-shirts, which can be worn for competitions, seem to be available only from Yngve Ek at £2.95 in mid-green. I do not wish to buy shoddy T-shirts which will lose shape, and Liz Mills reports that she has had an Yngve Ek one for some time and has been very satisfied with it. The cheapest sweat shirts that I have found are about £3.35, but again I shall keep looking.

If anyone knows a cheaper source, please let me know.

Miscellany

Mountain Marathon entries:

Hilary and Carol, Marjorie and ? , Joe Sherriff and ? , Gareth and ? , Geoff ?.

A Junior Training Day will be held in the vicinity of Edinburgh on Saturday 18 September; if anyone is able to help organise/instruct/attend (Under 19), please let Carol know.

An unsubstantiated rumour is abroad that Joe Sherriff is seeking to join our exalted company.

Carol and Hilary have been feeling a little lost in the vastness of Swedish O-Ringen, so they are going to make a club banner, to provide us with some identification at events.

That seems to be all for now. Please keep writing with all your news. See you all at the Mammoth Weekend?

Eileen Peck.

I'm not setting-up in competition with Eileen: I intend to confine my occasional "Stirs" to mapping topics or other specific things that I'm trying to organise, on the same lines as Hilary's Social Newsletters. In this case: 1, Scottish Score; and 2, Ongoing Mapping Organisation. As I have just swamped my typewriter with tea this must be typed as fast as possible before it seizes-up.

1. Scottish Score Championships, Feb. 6th. 1977.

February 6th next year may sound a long way off; if you think that, just consider the following:

- a) A map has to be made. (?? - if anyone has a suitable area already mapped - say so!)
 - b) It will need to be overprinted with control sites etc. This takes time, so the maps should be printed by Christmas.
 - c) That means drawing should be complete by the end of NOV.
 - d) That means field-work should be finishing by the end of OCT.
 - e) So we have effectively Aug, Sept & Oct for field-work, and just look what's going on in those months: only the Mammoth, the White Rose, the English Northern Champs, the Scottish Junior, the Mountain Marathon, the WORLD Champs, to name but the cream, and forgetting such non-O events as the Edinburgh Festival etc etc...
 - f) From now on, the daylight hours can only get fewer and the weather can only get worse.
- no room for complacency!

We have a probable venue (South of Perth) with several possibilities as back-ups if that falls through. Liz is investigating land ownership and permission, J.B. has expressed interest in planning and I am investigating base-map material.

Anyone wishing to volunteer their services with any aspect of mapping or organising will be very welcome.

2. General Mapping Activities.

The "Score" is obviously the main concern at the moment, but apart from this there's a number of interesting areas waiting to be mapped - there's plenty of work for everyone for years.

NOW - it's not practical for me to circulate everyone every week to find out who's available for mapping, so it's essential that you contact me if you want some work to do. If you ask yourself the question "is there an event this weekend?" and the answer is "No", your next thought should be "mapping instead!" Then, if you don't already have some to do, I can suggest some.

To enable me to assess our strength and co-ordinate activities, I'd appreciate it if you'd reply to my questions on the next page, even if only to say "not interested", or to tell me things you think I may already know. It's a theory of mine that almost no-one reads newsletters: now's your chance to prove me wrong by responding promptly! I hope "questionnaires" are not unpopular - they are essential if the club's resources are to be mobilised effectively. "Foreign" members are not obliged to reply, although I'll be interested to hear about maps from anyone!

For those who haven't tried it, here are some of the qualities that I feel are desirable in a mapper - see if your character fits!

- some sort of feel for the requirements of an O-map, or clear opinions about them.
- an accurate and consistent eye for detail.
- a capacity for steady dedication.
- interest in art-work, design, layout etc.
- a steady, confident drawing hand.
- reliable navigational ability: can you always tell when it's the map that's wrong and not you?
- plenty of spare time to devote.
- if you're interested in optical machines you might make a good photogrammetrist.
- your own transport is obviously very useful, but still not essential.

So now it's just a few nice, quick, kind, simple, helpful answers to the questions..... It occurs to me that all this means that I have to do some work now. HELP!*@&1%:?"/'!-()

Mapping Questionnaire

- a. Please outline what mapping experience you have already.
- b. If you have experience, are you prepared to help "train" inexperienced mappers?
- c. Do you have other people available to assist you? e.g. school, family.
- d. Do you prefer to work: on your own projects; as part of a team; either?
(I don't want to tread on anyone's toes!)
- e. If you are looking after your own projects,
 - are you working on any at present? (It might be helpful to keep in touch with the organisation.)
 - can you make use of club assistance?
- f. If you are happy to work in a team, please indicate the type(s) of activity that most interest you; e.g:
 - "prospecting" for new areas.
 - land-owner/occupier liaison.
 - photogrammetry, i.e. working stereo-plotters.
 - field-survey.
 - drawing / scribing.
 - anything else?
- g. Roughly what area of Scotland would you be prepared to work in?
- h. Do you have your own transport, and if so could you carry other mappers?
- i. Roughly how much time (& when) do you have available:
 - this year?
 - next year?
 - (- sometime?)
 - (- never?)
- j. Any other helpful ideas, suggestions, comments?

N.B.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO WRITE ON MORE THAN THREE SIDES OF THE PAPER SIMULTANEOUSLY.
That's all....

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