

"Four Interlopers in British Team for World Champs."

As you all must know by now if you read your Scotsman/Daily Mail/Glasgow Herald/Aberdeen Press and Journal/Inverness Courier/Times/Observer/Guardian, Interlopers had four of its members at Aviemore for the World Champs., three as full members and one reserve out of a total squad of 8 members and 2 reserves, a very impressive occurrence.

After the final selection race on 12 September in the Lake District, Liz and Carol were selected for the team with Hilary as reserve, and Geoff had already been named for the men's team. Carol and Geoff both ran in both the Individual and the Relay, and Liz in the Individual but, unfortunately for Hilary, nobody broke a leg, and so she had to be satisfied with a run on the Individual course the day after the big race, but her cheerful smile contributed greatly to the morale of the team.

There were 65 competitors in the Individual Ladies' race at Darnaway Forest, from as far away as New Zealand, and Carol as first Briton was 33rd in a time of 91.47. The winning time was 68.12 by Liisa Veijalainen of Finland. Sue Banner did a time of 100.25 and was 39th, followed in 40th place by Liz (102.35) and Jean Ramsden in 42nd position in 104.08. The British girls felt slightly disappointed by their placings, although they did not make any major mistakes, and a few minutes lost in a WM makes a big difference in final positions. The course was 8.9 km long and the map reading was very difficult, on a very detailed and complicated map.

The Individual for the men was again slightly disappointing for the team, Rik Plumb having the misfortune to be first off, and Geoff running into a branch which scratched his eye, making map reading very difficult as his eye kept streaming water! I must hasten to add that he is O.K. now, and was in fact fully recovered in time for the Relay. Egil Johansen of Norway won over the 15.5 km in 91.22!

Both the men and the women were happier with the Relay - held in Culbin Forest on the north coast of Morayshire. The area was one of sand dunes, and the very intricate map was amazingly accurate and allowed the competitors to rely on it completely. Sue Banner came back third, a mere two minutes behind the Swedish and Finnish girls, showing how well she could have done in the Individual if she had not been unwell during the week, and Carol took over to come back 6th, dropping places to the Czechs, Norwegians, and Hungarians, but staying ahead of Denmark and Switzerland, whose third runners then overtook Jean Ramsden. The Danish girls' third runner was Mona Norgaard, so Jean did well to come back only two minutes behind her. It was very exciting to watch as was the men's with Mike Down doing the 4th fastest time on his course to come back 5th on the first leg. Rik dropped a place, but Chris Hirst and Geoff managed to remain 6th all the way through and Britain finished 13 minutes ahead of Denmark.

"The Orienteer" will no doubt say a lot about the Champs., but, as an Official and a spectator, I can say that the Team and the Officials worked hard and, apart from one or two small quibbles, I thought it was a very memorable and enjoyable week. The organising committee thought of just about everything, and I hope they are satisfied with the result.

Anyway, enough of all this heady stuff, and let us return to more everyday things.

Events and Results

Way back in August, a lot of Interlopers went to the Mammoth Weekend, and a good time was had by all.

M21A

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| 8  | G. Peck    | 88.47  |
| 17 | G. Buffett | 107.49 |
| 26 | C. McNeill | 114.51 |
| 31 | J. Barrow  | 121.48 |
| 68 | D. Kershaw | 146.57 |

Liz Mills, missing no. 1, did a time of 131.30 (about 40th)

Short Wayfinders

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|-------------|-------|
| L. Craig    | 62.30 |
| G. Rowlands | 62.30 |

M21B

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|----|-----------------|--------|
| 29 | D. Watt         | 112.05 |
| 30 | S. Terry        | 112.14 |
| 53 | R. Vander Steen | 132.17 |

W19A

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| 6 | H. Smith | 91.27 |
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W12

|    |            |        |
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| 8  | A. Forsyth | 57.12  |
| 13 | J. Dixon   | 114.20 |

Gwen Baillie had a control incorrect but did a time of 80.03.



In the Relay, held again at Broughton Moor Forest, Interlopers' team of Gareth Buffett, Geoff Peck, and John Barrow were first, despite Liz Mills returning for the women's team before Gareth. The women (Liz, Carol, and Hilary) were 10th out of 26 otherwise all male teams in the open class, a very good result. In the class including one woman, Interlopers were 21st (I took rather a long time!). Unfortunately, our Junior class team and the Rowlands in the Family class did not finish but, as new orienteers on a difficult map, this was not surprising. In the training week that followed, the British squad had trouble using the same map! This is the second time that the Peck family has attended the Mammoth Weekend, and I can recommend it as a relaxed family event.

#### Future Events

At the Mammoth Weekend, I persuaded Dave Kershaw to organise our event on 31 October at Beecraigs, and have since heard that Dewi Jones who was surveying the area had a car accident en route. Sorry to hear that, and I hope that all is going smoothly now. Dewi was O.K., but the car got bashed rather badly. Marjorie has planned some courses, with Carol's help, and Graham White is at present perusing them as Controller. Dave was initiated into the art of organising at a club committee meeting last Thursday, and seems quietly confident!

#### Scottish Score 1977

Steve Terry was very disappointed only to receive 5 replies (2 from Juniors) to his questionnaire about helping to map the Score area (I must admit to not replying myself), and points out that he would rather have a negative reply than none at all. As a mapping member, he cannot be expected to do all the mapping as well as coordinate and, much as he likes mapping, the area for 6 February 1977 needs a lot of work and all offers will be gratefully received. He spent some time in September on the map, but unfortunately it rained a lot, so there's still a lot to do.

Some info from Steve:

The venue is 5 miles due south of Perth, called Glenearn and Berryknowe. Terrain is undulating open fast moorland with rock, contour, and marsh features. Map - 1:20000, with 5 metre contours. As large an area as possible will be mapped. Gill and Neil Mather are overall organisers, and J.B. is planner; club members will be nobbled anytime now for assistance. If the weather is bad, the event may be postponed or cancelled (the area is rather exposed), or converted into an informal ski-orienteering event instead.

#### Club Happenings and News

Bob Stobie was Australian Team Host at the WM - he allowed the women to do rather well against our girls!

All Carol's 6 T-shirts (specially imported from Sweden) have been sold (they appeared all over the place at the Mammoth Relays!). They were similar to the Sweat Shop's at £2.95, but we are still looking for a cheap supply. There are some long-sleeved T-shirts in Cockburn Street Market for £1.95 but they are not really the correct colour, so I'll keep looking.

Fiona Jolly has gone to the Sudan to see her father, and may work there for some time. In a letter to Carol, she casually talks about getting up early for a quick swim (her only exercise at present - hardly the way to prepare for WM 78!), and sleeping out under the stars - it's all right for some!

Alistair MacLean has gone to Germany to teach English, having taught the Swedes all he knows.

Carol is organising another cross-country skiing trip in January to Norway - £160 with £50 down in October - leaving from Glasgow. It may be cheaper if you take your own equipment. This price includes everything except drink, and very cheap for Norway. Added attraction - mixed saunas! So far, Gareth Buffett and Bill Lang seem very keen, so it will be a pretty sociable affair.

Carol is still recruiting club members as fast as she can, the Rowlands family at the Mammoth and several Juniors at her Come-And-Try-It at Corstorphine.

Edinburgh was a hot-bed of orienteering activity at the run-up to the WM. Most of the British Team stayed at either 3 Montgomery Street or 22 St Leonards Bank, and there were many social goings-on.



Allan Mason, the British Team Manager, did a good job mending the light bulb in Carol's bedroom and was seen chatting to Carol en route to a WM race on BBC's "Grandstand". Carol also received a large bunch of flowers at Aviemore from a mysterious admirer, but despite all this Allan is doing the Mountain Marathon on 24 October with Marjorie Thoms!

The Scottish Champs will be held in the WM maps next year, and perhaps will be combined with the Interlopers Annual Dinner Dance (?).

Carol was on STV the week before WM and is now charging high fees for interviews and personal appearances.

### Social Scene

The Curling didn't happen owing to a mix-up over dates. A Beer and Darts night was held instead at the Randolph Bar in Queensferry Street, adjourning afterwards to 72 Dundas Street for fun and games.

Remember, remember, the fifth of November - Dinner Dance in Edinburgh.

### Affiliation 77 (by J.B.)

Most people will be getting new forms with their SOA Orienteer. For convenience, I'll set down here the respective fees,

| <u>(Ages as at 31 December 77)</u> | Club | SOA  | BOF  |
|------------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Senior (over 21)                   | 0-60 | 1-25 | 2-50 |
| Intermediate (ages 19, 20)         | 0-60 | 0-75 | 2-50 |
| " (age 18)                         | 0-60 | 0-75 | 1-25 |
| Junior (under 18)                  | 0-30 | 0-50 | 1-25 |
| Family (children under 18)         | 1-00 | 2-25 | 3-25 |

So, for example, an 18 year old wanting SOA only membership should send £1.35, a 19 year old wanting SOA + BOF £3.85, a 23 year old wanting SOA + BOF £4.35, and a family wanting SOA only £3.25. Please return all completed forms with payment made out to "Interlopers Orienteering Club" to Bob Stobie by Christmas, if possible. If anyone wants any more information on the benefits of respective membership, please ask me (J.B.). By the way, on the form, "Full" means SOA + BOF and "Associate" means effectively SOA only. You can also have "local" membership, which means club only, i.e. no benefits of SOA membership.

### S.E. District

Will all club members please accept this as formal notice that the District A.G.M. will be held in the University P.E. Dept., 46 Pleasance, Edinburgh at 19.30 on 9 November. Carol, John and Dewi are currently on the committee, but the former two wish to stand down this year.

Well, that's about all for now. Keep the news and scandal flowing in; it will provide interesting reading material over Christmas and New Year for you all.

Eileen Peck  
19 October 1976

INTERLOPERS SOCIAL NEWSLETTER NO. 3

From the wilds of Ardentinny where nothing ever happens (not strictly true), I report on the scene in Edinburgh where it all seems to be happening this year. Social affairs are whirling away into the future at a dizzying rate. That genius of cartoons and social organising, a certain young lady called Marjorie, has so many social events on the calendar that I think Interlopers members will be kept fit and happy in preparation for 1977. I extracted the following details from her at a well attended pub night in Jenny Ha's a few weeks ago.

Take note! Enter the dates now into your diaries! Contact Marjorie!

FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER: CURLING AND BEER NIGHT; Interlopers v E.S.O.C.  
Venue: Haymarket Ice Rink; 9 p.m. 8+ people per club.

Contact Marjorie by WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER at 556-6097.

THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER: HOCKEY MATCH; Interlopers v E.S.O.C. (let's show 'em!)  
Venue: Peffermill; full teams, or seven-a-side.

Contact Marjorie by FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER.

SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER: HALLOWEEN PARTY!! All comers welcome.  
Venue: Marjorie's flat; 72 Dundas Street, Edinburgh.

. . . licking treacle scones . . . !! . . . dooking for apples . . . !! . . . dancing . . .

THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER: CROSS COUNTRY RACE!!

"Well, whatever next?" you may be thinking, but what could be better for you after a sedentary week at work. But, read on! AFTER the race . . .

go for a . . .

SCRUB 'n RUB 'n GRUB 'n PUB

at: 72 Dundas Street, Edinburgh (if you can manage to stagger up all the steps!).

Contact Marjorie by MONDAY 1 NOVEMBER if you can make it.

THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER: RETURN HOCKEY MATCH; E.S.O.C. v Interlopers.

Venue: Peffermill or D.C.P.E.

Contact Marjorie by FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER if possible.

A LOT of effort has been put into this - a LOT of brainpower used up! So, all YOU have to do now is go out and enjoy yourselves!

Finally, a reminder that tickets for the Edinburgh Clubs Dinner Dance, on Friday 5 November in the Grosvenor Hotel, Edinburgh, are on sale now! Morris Conlan, Carol, and I would all be delighted to sell you tickets - so make haste, and make sure you have set aside that evening as a definite social engagement.

That's all for now -

remember, if anyone has any ideas for social happenings, phone up Marjorie (556-6097) or myself (ARDENTINNY 271).

Hilary

30 September 1976