

If they haven't heard already, everybody will be very sad to learn of the sudden death from pulmonary oedema of Dave Menzies of E.U.O.C., not long after winning the Sheardale event on 5 December. The suddenness of this occurrence has almost paralysed everyone in orienteering circles; on everyone's behalf, a spray of flowers was sent "From Friends In InterlØpers", and several club members attended the ceremony at Mortonhall on 10 December.

Dave had many friends in the club, and I'm sure he'd have been the last one to want us to sorrow overlong at his passing, so, after these thoughts, and each of us with our own memories of having known Dave, let's proceed with our Club Newsletter.

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InterlØpers Committee: (also at the top of the Directory)

Chairman or Bossperson:	Liz Mills
Treasurer and Transportman:	Bob Stobie
Secretary Scribe and Workhorse:	John Barrow
Social Secretary:	Hilary Smith
Social Secretary, Edinburgh Deputy:	Marjorie Thoms
Newsletter Editor (better late than never):	Eileen Peck
Ordinary Members:	Mapping Masochist Steve Terry Gareth Buffett Club Doctor (if you live in Carlisle)

Next Committee Meeting: 6 January 1977, at 9 Bramdean Rise, Edinburgh.

**P.S.** I might add that Carol McNeill is my ace reporter, keeping me well stocked with scoops when not threatening libel.

This newsletter should have been distributed in November, but November was a very dull month for news, except for one letter to the Editor (printed below), but all at once pieces of paper are flooding in on every post, so here goes to make some sort of sense out of them.

First of all the letter (printed as received):

Dear Ed.,

Before any of our club makes any immoral deductions about myself and the Team Manager, I would like to say that he kindly replaced a light bulb in my kitchen. I have a reputation for taking advantage of the skills my friends have to offer - being a poor helpless female!!

Yours sincerely,

Carol McNeill.

**P.S.** I would like to congratulate Allan and Marjorie in coming 3rd in the Mountain Marathon - is Marjorie the only club member to have finished?

As far as I have heard, Marjorie was the only InterlØper to have finished (officially), although Carol did complete the course, and our congratulations go to them both. Carol's report (see Club Happenings) below gives a slightly more lyrical account of the two days than I have heard from others!

#### Events and Results

**Lothian O-League.** The event on 31 October at Beecraigs was judged to be a success in that it was better organised than the subsequent O-League Event, and we did not lose any money on it, but not enough helpers were present, and the Committee did not oversee the more inexperienced organisers enough, and this meant that there was a slight last minute panic. Thanks, however, are due to Dave Kershaw, Marjorie Thoms, and Graham White.

**The Scottish Junior Champs.** held at Castlecary were very encouraging for our Juniors (see Carol's Junior Section report); Hilary beat Carol by nearly 3 minutes; Sue Mustard won W19B.

**Midlands 76.** Geoff Peck, Carol McNeill and John Barrow travelled to South Wales for this event, where Geoff and Carol won by impressive margins.

## Future Events

### Scottish Score Championships - 6 February 1977

At the Committee Meeting on 14 October, Liz agreed to take pre-entries, Dewi Jones would organise the Start, Graham and Jan White were to be asked to organise the Finish, and Roger Vander Steen would co-opt a team to do Results. At that point, 75 hours' surveying had been done. By the next Meeting on 25 November, 150 hours had been put in and things were moving along. John agreed "to proceed with haste in crystallising ideas for course planning" (!), and Steve is generally keeping everyone on their toes and reminding them of things that they might otherwise neglect. It must be stressed here that club members' priority is in helping with the organisation first, and in running second if it is possible.

### Highland 77

This project, the idea of having a week's orienteering in Scotland using the WM maps, was aired before the WM.

At a Meeting of interested parties on 9 October (at which J.B. was present), it was decided that the programme would consist of seven races, starting on Sunday 7 August, finishing on Saturday 13 August, and covering the area between Aviemore and Elgin. Interlopers agreed to do the first event, at Alvie (south of Aviemore), on Sunday 7 August starting (provisionally) at 13.00. The competition would be a galoppen, with 1000 points awarded to the winner each day and 20 points deducted for every minute behind that - the best five (since then amended to four) results would be considered. When the idea was originally suggested, Carol and I discussed the possibility of using Woodlands (D.C.P.E. cottage at Kingussie) for that week, and then Interlopers could be free after the Sunday to go to further events, travelling every day, move up to the event campsite if they wished, or remain at Woodlands doing other things (canoeing?). Carol is not sure if she will be there but will endeavour to book Woodlands if enough people are interested. See tear off slip.

Subsequent developments to the accommodation question are that apparently Woodlands is only bookable on a weekly basis; we could either stay there for the whole week, or it has been suggested that we could stay for the first weekend in a flat in the farmhouse in the middle of Alvie forest, and then move up further north east for the other events. Please indicate your wishes, or any suggestions, on the tear off slip.

## Club Happenings

Steve Terry has designed a letter-heading for the Club.

The A.G.M. of Interlopers will be held at the weekend of the Scottish Championships to be held at Darnaway/Culbin on 30 April/1 May. It is also proposed to hold a Dinner at the same time, in the Elgin/Forres area.

The Edinburgh Clubs' Dinner Dance was very successful - see Social Report.

Our Directory grows longer, but note that Bill Lang is no longer resident in Bracknell; not handy for Crowthorne Forest, but is rumoured to be setting up an Interlopers Holland in the New Year.

(It's nice to know that Bill has moved - but it would also be nice to know where he's moved to! This also applies to everyone - please do let me know when and where you move, so that I can keep the Directory up to date; it's for your own benefit too, for otherwise you may miss receiving this wonderful Newsletter. - John Barrow.)

Interlopers (Fife) - Liz had an idea of cutting down our membership (just joking, honest), and is attempting to coordinate the Dunfermline area Interlopers by calling them Interlopers (Fife) for 1977, and eventually if possible forming a separate club.

Woolly hats - the prototype has been seen running the snowy slopes of the hills near Glenfarg, accompanied by a life-size model of Steve Terry. Liz estimates that the cost will be about £1, including about 40p for club funds.

Transport - Bob (Transport Officer) Stobie would like to re-emphasise that people with spaces in cars going to events should contact him beforehand, as well as those who want lifts, so that he can place the latter with the former.

Hilary has been worrying the Committee about her John Colls fixation. After addressing a letter and a cheque to John Colls meant for John Barrow, then reporting on his "amazingly witty speech" at the Dinner Dance, the Committee thought perhaps that she is trying to lure him into joining Interlopers!

Gill Robbie, Maureen Anderson, and Dave Watt gained their B.O.F. Instructor's Certificate in November, assessed by Carol at Ardentenny, where Hilary controlled and organised a C.A.T.I. on Sunday 14 November. (Isobel Inglis helped in assessing, and some of our Juniors were coached, so we nearly took over!)

Izzy Inglis is going back to Norway to work again, and to train for the World Ski-O Champs. in Bulgaria in February.

Marjorie, Carol, and Isobel have been seen at the Edinburgh Southern Harriers 'Gym' sessions at Broughton School on Monday evenings. Lots of hard work, but everyone (girls) is welcome.

Carol won a medal in a cross-country running competition, appearing for E.S.H. 2nd team.

Roger Vander Steen attended the B.O.F. Mapping Conference at Ambleside on 27/28 November.

Graham Russell Purkins appeared "surprisingly" on the scene at 00.48 on Saturday 4 December, and Terry and Alison are confident that his big feet will make him an ideal orienteer.

J.B. has been charged by the Committee with the task of "prodding" Eileen into producing a Club Constitution.

Further news is expected soon from foreign parts of Tom Lunne (now in California at the Berkeley campus of the U. of Calif.) and of Roar Flydal, now in Tromsø, in the land of the midnight sun.

#### Mountain Marathon - Report from our own Correspondent

Carol starts in a very offhand manner, mentioning that the first control was in the wrong place, and it was half an hour before they found the flag (I would have given up there and then), and casually throws in that the next 21 miles of sleet and mist were managed without too much difficulty (not what I've heard), and that she and Hilary finished 3rd to the campsite. Allan and Marjorie were 4th, 3 to 4 minutes behind them. Despite the rain, they had an enjoyable evening and a damp but bearable night; however, the 06.00 reveille did not get competitors to the 07.00 start, and so Hilary and Carol were late. After looking at the map, Hilary decided that she could not complete the course, and Carol decided to go on alone. She could not compete officially, but it was a lovely day, and she soon caught up with Allan and Marjorie, and walked and jogged the rest of the course in the sunshine, stopping to chat to officials and finishing 20 minutes ahead of the official winning couple. I have not seen the results, but my sources on the Elite Class did not enjoy it, and stories of driving rain and soggy bogs abound. Perhaps one day I shall attempt the Mountain Marathon as my husband suggests, but every year and every report of foul conditions and damp tents, to say nothing of 05.30 breakfast on the top of a cold hill in October, harden my resolve never to do it. I take my hat off to those who do.

Social Report (by Hilary Smith)

A lot of activity socially, and I missed most of it, out here! The first hockey match seemed to be a great success, but Interlopers will have to train harder to beat the skills with the hockey stick of the E.S.O.C. orienteers. The second match was unfortunately called off at the last minute owing to the state of the pitch; both teams commiserated with each other at the University Arms.

Marj was disappointed with the small turn out of Interlopers at the well-advertised Halloween Party at the end of October, only three or four walking through the portals of that flat to test their skills, remembered from childhood, in baiting treacle scones and looking for apples. It was apparently a good party, but only because Marj persuaded a whole rugby team along . . . nothing is beyond Marj's powers! Because of this poor turnout, however, Marj cancelled the cross-country race (followed by eating in her flat and thence to pub). I think this would have been a good idea, however, and hope that it will be on the future social fixture list. Having talked about social activity, we've decided that, although all the ideas and effort are there, the events have not been spaced out enough, and people have just not had the time to go to everything.

Finally, Marj exhausted herself trying to contact people to let them know about arrangements - it would save her a great deal of trouble if folks made some effort to contact her . . . and of course myself when it is something I've organised.

The Dinner Dance, with about 110 people there from all corners of the country, and abroad, was an unqualified success. Many thanks to Morris for doing most of the hard work, and to Carol for persuading so many people to come. The highlight of the whole evening was the amazingly witty speech given by John Colls, which had the whole company in danger of upsetting their recently consumed meal owing to over-laughing! I can't possibly mention who was there, except to say that it was almost like being at an O-event, because everyone was there! The success of the occasion means there'll definitely be another next year, so save up the pennies again!

I have no immediate news of any future happenings. I'll have to have a big think!

Meanwhile, keep those pub nights and do's in Edinburgh well attended.

Hilary.

Bits and Pieces

Affiliation - if you haven't already done so, please send forms and fees to Bob Stobie before Christmas, if possible.

We have recently had it confirmed that Auntie Beeb has finally decided that the BBC2 documentary film on the WM will be shown at 15.40 on Monday 27 December.

Finally, please remember to fill in the form below about your feelings on the accommodation arrangements for the club at Highland 77.

Have a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Eileen Peck.

Highland 77 Questionnaire

- I am intending to go to Highland 77: YES/NO
- I shall be available to help at Alvie on Sunday 7 August 1977: YES/NO
- I would like accommodation for the week 7 - 13 August 1977 either at Woodlands or at the Alvie flat + somewhere else later in the week if the latter is possible (please indicate wishes, comments, etc., or any other suggestions for accommodation): (Continue overleaf if needed)

Name .....

Return to Eileen Peck.

## Interlopers Junior Section

Numbers are growing all the time, and competition results are getting better at each event.

### Results

Scottish Junior Championships, Castlecary, 7 November.

W15A: 1 Katie Richards (Gold Badge) all new members of Interlopers as well  
2 Fiona Craddock as St. George's.  
3 Jenny Doig

W17A: 10 Anne Robbie (Silver Badge) M13B: 8 Scott Jackson

W13B: 5 Gwen Baillie (Bronze Badge) Wayfarers:  
5 Mr. Heyworth (Ann's Dad)  
(out of 74!)

W12B: 1 Ann Heyworth (Silver Badge)  
2 Linsey Craig (Silver Badge)  
4 Alison Forsyth (Bronze Badge)  
Anne Kilgour mispunched No. 1.

English Midlands, South Wales, 21 November.

W17A: 6 Anne Robbie (Gold Badge)

Congratulations everybody. Remember your Badge standards; after three 'Badge' events, you should be able to get a Badge, i.e. 3 Bronze standard times = a Bronze Badge. (No 'Gold' standards in B classes.)

### Ardentinny Weekend (14 November)

Scott and Anne Robbie came to Ardentinnny for the coaching weekend, and both have already shown an improvement.  
Don't miss the next one.

Blue Star Event, 28 November

Ann Heyworth was the only one there - she was 1st when we left.

### Events

Boxing Day - 26 December - Last Event Of The Year.

Holyrood Park - Dunsapie Loch (top) - 11 a.m. onwards.

Why not take the family to some post-turkey exercise?

16 January - Score Event, Kersewell College, near Carnwath - 10.30 onwards.

30 January - Lothian O-League Event No. 3 (No. 1 at Beecraigs, No. 2 at Corstorphine)

Tynninghame Estate, East Lothian. Bus going from Dunfermline College at 09.30.  
Entry fee 25p. LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT A SEAT IN THE BUS. Transport 40p.

Don't forget that there will be prizes for the best performances - overall, and within Interlopers (Juniors only).

6 February - Scottish Score Championships. Lots of controls; 1 hour to find as many as possible - good fun. Entries must be in early, so let me know soon. Transport will be arranged with club members. Interlopers are organising the event.

I am away from Edinburgh until 12 January. Let me know about which section of the club you want to join, and when you would like to orienteer next.

Carol McNeill