

(The Typist/Printer offers profuse apologies for the late appearance of this issue; new material kept arriving week by week after the original draft came from Eileen, added to which pressing S.O.A. business had to take priority. I hope it's been worth waiting for.)

Dear Readers,

The first Newsletter of 77, and I hope you are all keeping your resolutions to train and "keep the heid" during competitions. No doubt you made other resolutions, but we will not go into these here!

We are really getting into the 'O' programme now with Badge events, Regional Championships, and the J.K. of course looming large. Having cursed early entry closing dates in the past, I now realise why we have to enter the J.K. nearly two months before the event. The number of pieces of paper involved in a championship is amazing, as I have recently discovered. Entries for the Midlands now top 900, despite early indications of poor attendance, and as the J.K. organisers have far more people to cope with than that, I wish them all the best.

More news about our involvement with the Midlands later, but now to get on with Club news.

### Events

Well, by now the Score has come and gone and, in case anyone did not hear the whole story, this is what happened. Steve was progressing with the map assisted by others in dribs and drabs, despite bad luck with the weather (the mapper's biggest enemy), until he was struck down with glandular fever, luckily in a mild form. This effectively puts paid to any activity on his part for some time, so the Committee had a quick panic at their Meeting on 6 January and decided to postpone the event until June. The appearance of young animals and the worries of John Colls (the S.O.A. President) meant that it was finally decided to hold the event at Balmaha on the new map. Steve hopes to finish the map of Glenearn and perhaps hold a Badge event in Autumn 77. This largely depends on the state of the nation which will decide what his future will be. I will just say here that I hope he makes a speedy recovery and stays with Interlopers in Scotland.

On the day of the event itself, everything went pretty well from the competitors' point of view; however, the organising team had one or two problems, partly caused by the late arrival of some of the Registration team, and the Results team slowly submerged under a sea of description sheets until they just couldn't cope. It is now realised that the calculation and checking of Results at a big Score event needs considerable thought and manpower. However, I thought you'd be interested in a quote from Gordon Petrie about the event:

"After all the difficulties and disappointments of not being able to hold the event at Glenearn, it was a terrific effort on your part to switch it to Balmaha at such short notice, especially when the area is so far from your club's main base around Edinburgh and Fife. No doubt there were last minute panics and some shortcomings which organisers feel acutely, but if so they were not apparent to the competitors. I enjoyed the event enormously and I thought that it was yet another in the series of outstanding events that the Scottish Score has produced over the years. Thank you and your clubmates very much."

According to the S.O.A. Diary, R.D.B. Sloan held an event on 16 January at Gala Hill. Perhaps he could let us know what happened?!

Roger Vander Steen organised the 4th Lothian O-League event at Saltoun on 27 February, and there was a good turnout of about 200.

### Future Events

Carol is organising again; apart from the coaching scheme and making a film with the BBC about a cross-Scotland traverse on skis, she is organising a ski-O event on 12 March at Glenshee. Another Interlopers first? Good luck to anyone who gives it a try, and lets hope there is some snow!

Several important events are looming up, and people should be aware of the closing dates for entries. These are as follows:

- Scott's Relays/Individual (30 April/1 May): enter by 2 April
- B.O.F. Relays, in the Chilterns (15 May): enter by 7 April
- B.O.F. Senior Individual, Cannock Chase (22 May): enter by 18 March (last postmark)

Please, please will everyone intending to compete at the S.O.A. Relays and the B.O.F. Relays tell John Barrow in good time, so that he can enter teams. It's been emphasised often enough about contacting him when Relay teams have to be entered, but almost always there's a last minute panic. He's still trying to recover unused entry fees from last year's B.O.F. Relays! For the B.K., I understand that the following people are entered:

Ann Heyworth	W13A	Scott Jackson	M13A
Gill Powland	W15B	Andrew Doig	M13B
Fiona Craddock	W17	Fraser Rowland	M13B
Jenny Doig	W17	Laurence Cable	M17
Kate Richards	W17	Richard Craddock	M17
Anne Robbie	W17	John Barrow	M21A
Frances Ashmole	W17	Gareth Buffett	M21A
Carol McNeill	W19A	Bob Donaldson	M21
Marjorie Thoms	W19	Geoffrey Peck	M21A (E?)
Eileen Peck	W19B	Steve Terry	M21

Relay Teams entered:

2 x Women Open, 1 Women U 19, 1 Men U 19, 2 x U 15;

John has also entered 2 A Class teams, with at the moment 5 possible runners; if anyone else is entered who has not let John know, please do so well in advance of Easter.

### Midlands 77

Steve suggested that club members may like to hear about our doings for MC 77, so here goes, a little story:

When we arrived in Norfolk, we did our usual rounds of all the green patches and open areas marked on the OS maps, and were despairing of flat ride-divided forests and bramble covered scrubland, interspersed with gorse bushes and thistles, when one sunny day in summer we decided to go to the beach. There we found a beautiful ridge of undulating valleys close to a large area of relatively flat mixed woodland surrounding a stately home. A gleam in Geoff's eye (Steve's excellent description of an orienteer/mapper with ideas of an event!) turned into a determination to use this area for a two day event. The only worry was that, as this is a fairly remote part of the world (the Pecks only live in remote parts of the world!), we would not get enough people to make the effort worthwhile. Then we discovered that the Midlands was due for this year. Early investigations of the usual time-consuming and frustrating kind to establish ownership and permission soon made us realise that the Spring before Easter was the only suitable time for the event, and so we went ahead on that basis. Geoff mapped a small area of the ridge for a local event (to be used for the training race), then got on with mapping the rest of the area which took a long time - as some of you realise only too well. (My contribution to the map was to check an area of rides which now will not be used for the event!) I struggled with scores of letters, phone calls and visits to find an event centre/parking area, and this really defined the area of woodland we could use. Eventually (months later) that was sorted out, and I started on the other side, recruiting helpers, finding equipment, getting information duplicated, and trying to think of everything. Geoff meantime was planning courses and worrying about disasters like the sudden appearance in the forest of bulldozers to remove trees blown down in the gales of January 76!

I was panicking about getting the wrong size map cases, and whether we would have Army Championships on the Saturday to help out with tents, and whether we would have enough entries to cover all the expenses we had already had! A final minute hiccup with the map seems to have been overcome, and Geoff has now disappeared to Sardinia for a month leaving me with an overpriced machine and 1500 maps! We started thinking and making enquiries nearly 18 months ago and as orienteering is relatively unknown in Norfolk we had to do a lot of talking.

Various difficulties have taught me to appreciate the organisers of orienteering events a lot more and, although Geoff has had most of the ideas and I have just done the donkey work, it has been very enjoyable and a challenge. I do wake up at night sometimes with horrible nightmares about catastrophes but I guess (hope!) it will be all right on the day.

Footnote from J.B.: it certainly seemed to be all right on the day, and provided some good challenges to the competitor, especially on the ridge and its undulations. The organisation from the competitor's point of view seemed to cope very well. Congratulations to all concerned with its staging, especially Interlopers Norfolk!

### Results

Ann Heyworth has gained a Silver Badge! Congratulations to a new orienteer (W13) on doing so well so soon. Mr. Heyworth, her father, almost got one too! Carol continues to do fast times on long courses, despite the fact that she is supposed to be "resting" this year. I haven't any other results, except that Geoff thinks that he won the Chiltern Challenge in the south recently (we have not had the results yet). Perhaps someone would volunteer to put some local results in the Newsletter. If nobody does, I might pressgang somebody - so be warned!

### Highland 77

I have had very little response to my questionnaire about helpers and accommodation for Highland 77. Interlopers are committed to organising an event and there may be a large number of people depending on us, so we simply can't forget it. The Committee agreed to run an event in this Festival of Orienteering. It would have been a very poor show if Interlopers with all their members had not offered to help. I myself intend to be there, and Geoff will come if the RAF permits, but we cannot do any pre-race organisation at this distance. If anyone completely new to organising, as I was before the Midlands, wishes ideas, Robin Sloan has just produced a booklet describing organisation of the Scottish Relays and Individual in some detail, and I have copies of our job sheets, etc., for the Midlands. Robin covers entry fees, courses, helpers, first aid, entries, map units, parking, results, etc., and, as this should be a happy relaxed affair, it would be an ideal way to learn about organising orienteers from the outside. Remember that there is no map to be made, so the biggest headache does not exist. Any offers please to J.B., Hilary, Carol, Liz, and the Whites replied to my questionnaire and, although they were all doubtful about their situation, at least I know where they stand. Even if you can only offer to help on the day - a Sunday, so you need not miss work - please let J.B. or myself know. This is an order!

### Other Occurrences

Steve's design for the headed paper is not entirely to his satisfaction but I think it is very attractive. Carol McNeill has been opening a Wayfaring Permanent Course at Glentress, and cross country skiing in Norway again. Also in Norway were Gerry Charnley and Isobel Inglis (who is back in Norway defying the immigration ban). Bob Donaldson, one of our true natives of Fife, has reputedly been mapping Beecraigs, in between home brewing and imbibing.

Hilary Smith is also gaining a reputation as a socialiser in Ardentenny. The barman has her drink on the counter before she comes in the door. Also she reports on much intermarriage in Ardentenny! She and Marj Thoms were both at Glenshee in early January so I guess Glenshee was filled with giggles for the duration.

Carol and Geoff are both Reebok agents so they will be sporting the orange stripe on their shoes in future.

Robin has been for a training run this year - can this be a build up to M 357? One run a year for the next few years?

Jan and Graham White are expecting a baby in April/May. Congratulations.

### The Origin of the Species (Interlopers, that is!)

I have been asked to give some information about the beginnings of Interlopers, so here goes.

Way back in 1970 when most of us were gay young things, students without a care in the world, there was a city called Edinburgh which had an orienteering club called ESOC. EUOC had a (fairly) friendly rivalry with ESOC, and then the time came to leave the majestic splendour of the McEwan Hall (holding the little red tubes which contained their degrees). "We can't swallow our pride and join ESOC" they thought, and so Interlopers came into being. The name is a mixture of ideas, interloping on to ESOC's preserves, the Norwegian word for running, and the symbol Ø being a mixture of 'O' and the control shape. At first, the Club was open only to those who had been at Edinburgh University or taught there, but it soon became obvious that the original members were too scattered to keep the commitments of a Club. We jogged along as an open club till we became a bit more organised and the Newsletter came into being. I still feel that the set-up is not completely satisfactory, but perhaps I can deal with that in a separate Newsletter. We are doing well as a Club and as individuals, but there is much more we could do, so we have to always remember that! Anyone else's ideas on future development of the Club are always welcome, instead of my ranting on all the time!

### Affiliation 77

Several people haven't reaffiliated for 1977; it would be a good idea to do this soon, if you intend to, since theoretically you will be denied entry to major events, and your subscription to the S.O.A. and B.O.F. magazines will cease with the current issues. Indeed, we may have to stop sending you the club Newsletter, what with the cost of distribution as high as it is. All fees and forms to Bob Stobie, please.

### Transport

We have to raise this problem yet again. Bob is finding that the only calls he receives are from people who want lifts, not those who can offer them. Indeed, the only people who frequently require lifts are Laurence Cable and Dave Kershaw. So if you are going to an event, how about giving either them or Bob a ring; it's cheaper in numbers!

### Junior News - Supplement

Interlopers Juniors selected to run in the Area Junior Champs. (at Mable):

- W13 - A. Heyworth (8th) (A. Kilgour was 3rd)
- W15 - F. Craddock (2nd)
- W17 - J. Doig (10th), K. Richards (2nd), V. Alexander (4th)  
(F. Ashmole was 1st)
- M15 - L. Cable (D.N.F.), S. Jackson (16th)

There were 5 in each team, with the top two counting towards the Champs. Overall, the South East Team won the Girls Trophy, while the Boys were runners up in their Class.

- J.K. Programme - Friday 8 April: Training Event;
- Saturday 9 April: Individual Races (Godalming)
- Sunday 10 April: Relays
- Monday 11 April: Relaxation Event (Guildford)

Badge Awards: Gold J. Doig - W15  
 K. Richards - W15  
 F. Craddock - W15  
Silver A. Heyworth - W12  
 V. Alexander - W15

3 Badge Events, and anyone can gain a badge - iron, bronze, silver, or gold.  
 Scottish Schools Championships - Aboyne. The following have been entered:

Ann Heyworth, Anne Kilgour, Alison Forsyth,  
 Fraser Rowland, Scott Jackson, Laurence Cable.

SOCIAL NEWSLETTER

Report

An enjoyable hockey match was held on Thursday 3 March at Peffermill; Interlopers versus their old opponents ESOC. The Interlopers team, dominated by women, was as follows:

- C.F. Anne E. Thoms - West District player!!!!
- L.W. John Barrow - team backbone
- R.W. Dewi Jones - proving that one can go on and on and on...
- R.I. Jenny Doig.
- L.I. Fiona Craddock
- R.H. Chris Tringham - brilliant!!
- C.H. Marjorie Thoms - The Star??
- L.H. Catriona - nearly killed her.
- Goalie Stevie Wonder - let only 10 through, but otherwise what what would we do without him....?
- R.B. Laurence Cable - good, neat footwork!???

On the other hand, ESOC had 7 men and 1 woman;  
 Coach - Eddie Harvey; Star - Morris Conlan;

no more need be said, other than that ESOC won 8 - 3.  
 Thanks to Marj for organising this - there will be no more hockey matches this season (!).

Combined Brain Making

Marjorie and I met one Sunday recently in Edinburgh and, after jogging breathlessly around H-Park, we retired to her flat for tea, cakes, and a discussion on future social events. Our mouthwatering selection of ideas for the calendar is as follows:

Saturday 30 April: Interlopers DINNER and A.G.M.

This has been booked in the Heather Hotel, Tytler Street, FORRES, opposite the station. The Dinner will cost £2.75 plus V.A.T.. The A.G.M. will be held beforehand in the hotel at 6 p.m., and the Dinner follows at 7.30 p.m.. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ARRANGEMENTS, PLEASE SEND THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT TO HILARY - CHEQUE OR P.O. - AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 15 APRIL. I WILL BE ACCEPTING £2.75 PER PERSON FOR THE DINNER AND WILL SORT OUT V.A.T. AFTER THE MEAL.

It has been unfortunately found to coincide with the S.O.A. A.G.M., but we have decided to go ahead with our arrangements. It will not be possible to attend both the Dinner and the S.O.A. A.G.M., so consider which you will attend before sending me the money.

Saturday 7 May: CHINKY KERRY OOT PERTY at "The Pink Pagoda", the velly humbie 72 DUNDAS STREET, EDINBURGH, from 9.30 p.m.-ish onwards. Bling own dlink.

ORDERS FOR CHINESE CARRY-OUT MEALS will be taken in the flat and ordered by phone - pay for own.

This is a party for Interlopers and friends - all Scottish orienteers welcome - but only allowed entry to flat if wearing chinky dress!

Saturday 11 June: INTERLØPERS BEACH PICNIC - "BEACH MUDLARKS PART II".

This is an invitation to all Interlopers and friends to frolic in the sands at Tynninghame. The frolics in the sands will of course be subject to the weather - and if it is a downpour, then there will be a retiral to The Pink Pagoda where an attempt will be made to have a Beach Picnic at an altitude of 60 feet. Bring your own bangers an' mash, and beer cans to cook in. Meet at 6 p.m. at The Pink Pagoda (i.e. 72 Dundas Street!) - travel in convoy to the venue - bring footballs, frisbies, balls, bats, etc., etc., to keep the evening lively.

This event was thoroughly enjoyed by those who made it last time - so do make an attempt to get there and enjoy yourselves!

Saturday 2 July: INTERLØPERS v. ESOC - CRICKET MATCH in an Edinburgh park, as yet to be arranged. Retiral to boozer and apres-cricker scene. Time and place yet to be arranged - and if you don't know how to play cricket, then you'd better start learning now!

We look forward to seeing everyone at these various social doings.

Until then, happy orienteering.

Hilary

I think that's all for now, folks. For those people to whom I owe replies, please take this Newsletter as acknowledgement of your letters, and I will try to reply this month, MC 77 permitting!

Eileen Peck

P.S.

In accordance with Clause 8 in the Draft Constitution enclosed, which is for your perusal before the A.G.M., please take this as formal Notice of the Committee's intention to hold the Club's Annual General Meeting at 6 p.m. in the Heather Hotel, Forres, on Saturday 30 April 1977. Other details, consisting of an Agenda and Draft Accounts for approval at the A.G.M., will be distributed later.

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