

While Interlopers were busy reading the last Newsletter, Geoff and I were hearing rumours that we might not in fact be going to Scotland in November but to the U.S.A in December! As this proved to be true, this will be my last Newsletter to you for the present. I am handing over to Steve Terry who is a more amusing letter-writer than I, and I am sure you will enjoy his tabloids. Eileen Peck

I promised Eileen I wouldn't change any of her writing but I find that, being in Edinburgh, I'm a good deal more up-to-date on many happenings, and quite a lot extra has turned up, so what follows is a combined effort. Steve
(P.S - I must ask Eileen not to mention my tabloids in public - it's very embarrassing!)

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Alistair MacLean, full of enthusiasm after Highland '77, has been running in M21B in Germany and has gained a gong and a bottle of wine by coming 4th on 2 occasions. Steve attempted a "Corstorphin Woods" CATI and spent a considerable time trying to find 2 missing controls! So, from the sublime to the ridiculous...

<u>Northern Champs</u> Kershope, 25th Sept.				W19A:	Carol McNeill	1st	58.03
M21A:	Alistair Thomson	2nd	79.15		Fiona Jolly	19th	80.53
	Ian Miller	9th	83.03		Sue Mustard	28th	92.35
	Bob Donaldson	35th	94.59	W19B:	Valerie Thom	11th	92.51
	John Barrow	48th	98.47				
M21B:	Steve Terry	second from last!		W17:	Frances Ashmole	1st	67.03
	and Scott Balfour	was one of those			Kate Richards	6th	79.36
	whose card disintegrated	in the rain!			Vicky Alexander	7th	89.34
					Jenny Doig	8th	90.29
M43:	Ray Heyworth	33rd	85.36	W15:	Fiona Craddock	5th	62.49
M15:	Richard Craddock	40th	72.15	W13:	Ann Heyworth	9th	60.54
M17:	John Mitchell	47th	84.20	W12:	Lucy Richards	8th	60.43

Interlopers also won the W17, W19A and M21A team prizes.

Scottish Junior Champs Mabie, 2nd Oct.
Interlopers Junior Women made a considerable impact at this event, not only in winning the prize for maximum number of woolly hats, the prize for maximum loudness of cheering, but also an impressive number of prizes for orienteering!

W17:	Frances Ashmole	1st	54.27	W12:	Kirsty Herd	1st	29.20
	Kate Richards	3rd	66.01		Lucy Richards	3rd	38.04
	Vicky Alexander	6th	83.25	M17:	John Mitchell	17th	97.13
W15:	Fiona Craddock	3rd	34.14	M15:	Richard Craddock	22nd	70.14
	Gill Rowland	11th	43.05	M13:	Fraser Rowland	31st	52.44
W13:	Ann Heyworth	4th	32.49				
	Nikki Maxwell	21st	58.59				

Startling Cases of Sex-Reversal! Scottish West Area Champs Loch Rannoch, 16th Oct.
Carol waxed exceeding wroth that she was shown as "non-competitive" in the official results, so we take this opportunity to set the record straight:

1st, M19 -- C.McNeill -- 54.31

(Let's face it, any M19 has an awful long way to go to catch that sort of competition!) Also, Joe Sherriff (of MO) walked off with the W19A laurels! Perhaps these people might like to explain this curious activity?

Other finishers:-

M21A:	Ian Miller	4th	66.10	W19A:	Frances Ashmole	6th	78.32
	Robin Sloan	16th	74.41		Fiona Jolly	7th	79.56
	Bob Donaldson	24th	84.29		Izzie Inglis	10th	82.30
	Scott Balfour	27th	88.11		Sue Mustard	17th	108.23
M21B:	Roger Vandersteen	1st	68.24	W17:	Kate Richards	2nd	35.35
	Steve Terry	4th	84.05		Vicky Alexander	3rd	44.42
M43:	Ray Heyworth	3rd	82.18		Jenny Doig	6th	53.47
M15:	Richard Craddock	3rd	35.17	W19B:	Helen Paterson	13th	111.0
M17:	John Mitchell	10th	73.59	W12:	Kirsty Herd	1st	18.37
					Lucy Richards	2nd	72.28 (!)
				W13:	Ann Heyworth	1st	11.24 (- yes,
					Nikki Maxwell	4th	16.33 (that's
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The Club has several Members in the Junior Home International on 5th/6th November (Well it was a future event!):- W13 Ann Heyworth; W15 Fiona Craddock; W17 Frances Ashmole, Kate Richards, Jenny Doig. Vicky Alexander could not go although she was selected.

A Lothian O-League event at Saltoun on 13th Nov (so was this!) is being organised by Jenny and her buddies as listed above. Ian Miller was planning, but he has now gone to Aberdeen to plan the weather instead and left Sue Mustard to finish-off Saltoun.

19th/20th Nov. - Irish Junior Champs tour. All the girls mentioned above (except Ann) are going with Carol to this event, with John Mitchell and a few non-Interlopers.

8th January 1978 - Sponsored Score event at Alvie. See latest "Orienteer" for details. Free entry - start getting sponsors NOW - forms with this Newsletter, or from Carol. There is a prize for those with the most sponsorship, so HOW ABOUT IT Interlopers? Carol is organising the 5th-8th Jan. as a Winter Social Weekend. 15 places have been booked at Insh Hall, Kincaig. £2 to Carol secures a place. Total cost will be £4 for accommodation plus approx £2 for food, plus transport, plus ski-hire etc on the Sat. A sleeping-bag is needed too. Contact Carol for any further details.

5th Feb. 1978 - Scottish Score Champs. A reminder that we are staging this event for the second year in succession, this time really at Glenearn and Berryknowe, near Perth. Graham White is Big Chief Organiser, Bob Stobie is planning (with J.B. as deputy) and Bob Donaldson is controlling. Steve is currently finishing-off the map. Once again, please will all Club Members be prepared to help-out rather than run, as we will need all the people we can muster. If you are good at high-pressure mental arithmetic (or if you have a pocket calculator!) you are specially needed, to help with results. VOLUNTEERS CONTACT GRAHAM WHITE. Don't wait to be press-ganged.

More and more people are now being inexorably drawn into the whirlpool of activity surrounding next year's British Championships. Make a note of the date: June 11th, and yet again an opportunity to help make this event a success for our many visitors from throughout Britain by offering your services. If you are a mapper, please offer
NOW!

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We have not, as yet, a new Chairman/woman for the Club, since Liz Mills stood down in September. Negotiations are still being carried on to secure a volunteer!

Discussion in Sept. resulted in an intention to map two areas, Castle O'er and Duns Wood for events in 1979.

Valerie Thom has agreed to co-ordinate indoor training sessions for Winter evenings. (Although they seem to be happening entirely at Carol's instigation, at present.)

The next 2 meetings of the Committee will be held at Jenny Ha's (before the Pub Night) on Thurs 24th Nov. and Thurs 19th Jan 1978.

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Recently, Carol organised 8 juniors and Ray Heyworth on the ergocycle, and two survivors gave us the following report:

On the 19th of October, 7 brave and fit (?) Interlopers turned up at DCPE for better or worse. We were led into what looked suspiciously like Frankenstein's Lab, but was officially called Laboratory I. For some of us the biggest shock of all was the news that we were going to be weighed! This major upset over, we were led to the dreaded stationary bicycles. Having been attached to a pulsemeter by an index finger, we set off in true Eddy Merckx style, pedalling fit to burst. Six minutes later it was all over. Then it was back to the tables and calculator to compute our own "fitness index". We each landed up with a number which sounded very impressive. We all felt quite pleased with our achievements until Carol told us we had to come back again. Maybe it's time we gave up those doughnuts and chocolate eclairs for good. On the other hand....

-- Kate Richards & Vicky Alexander.

Another junior training event was held at DCPE on Wed 9th Nov: a "Multi-Gym" introductory weight-training session, followed by a 2-man night O-relay, followed by films. The good people of Cramond are no doubt immune, by this time, to the sight of weird figures scuttling round the College grounds performing outlandish rites in the driving rain at all times of the day and night!

It is rumoured that some juniors went on a training weekend at Ardentenny.

23rd Nov. for the next "Bike Test" session, followed by a chat about mapping, by Steve.

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Do YOU have an empty car when you go to events?? For the umpteenth time of asking,
PLEASE phone our Transport Officer Bob Stobie 031-447-6898, to offer your help, as our
talented Juniors are still experiencing difficulty in getting to events.

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Cricket Match: Interlopers v Golf Tavern (late substitutes for ESOC), 2nd July(!)
Batting Order: Scott Balfour, John Barrow, Jo Barrow, Steve Terry, Fiona Jolly, Bob Donaldson
John Barrow, Captain for the occasion, lost the toss and decided to commence the drinking
from the Belhaven end. Such was the ferocity of the assault with the new thirsts that
before long both opening pints were seen back at the bar. The Interlopers attack, ably
supported by Miss Jolly and Messrs Balfour & Terry at the table, continued to send back
glasses at a regular rate and by the luncheon interval the Golf Tavern (bar staff) were
all out (or in) and the Interlopers team were in high spirits. Luncheon was taken at
Mr Chuckityleaf's Baked Potato Bar and after some solid sustenance it was the Interlopers
turn to bat. Sadly Mr Balfour did not last long, but then a good stand developed between
Mr & Mrs Barrow. Such was the frustration of the Golf Tavern at this stage that they
started to serve Mr Barrow short deliveries (whisky) and soon afterwards he was
tragically run out (of the pub) by his wife, who promptly walked out in sympathy. After
this double blow, the end was not long delayed; Mr Terry went quickly after, as did
Miss Jolly, and Mr Donaldson was last out (as usual). Final result: what does the
result matter as long as everybody enjoyed themselves? (B.D.)

The Pub Nights at Jenny Ha's have been considerably better-attended since Fiona Jolly
took over as Soc Sec (i.e she's usually there!), although still sometimes down to just
2 or 3 people. Just remember, all you Edinburgh Interlopers - the pub is not a den of
vice and iniquity, it's a very good place for keeping up communication within the Club
- so don't be shy, why not come along on the occasional Thursday evenings?

A Football Match took place on Edinburgh's famous Meadows, Sat 17th Sept last, one of
Fiona's first social fixtures. This was a remarkable occasion for several reasons,
among them the continued impact on the Interlopers social scene of one G. Ross Esquire
(alias Lunatix) who is most notable for his editorship of a rival (and considerably
inferior) publication to this one. He toils not, neither can he spell, nor punch the
right controls, yet your SOA Committee countenanceth him! He has also been heard
threatening to join Interlopers, a dire fate indeed for such an innocent young club!
At football, he displayed an inability to reduce his turning-circle below about 2km.
This would have been fine if the opponents' goal had been at St Leonard's Bank, but as
it was in fact only about 20 metres from the one he was supposed to be defending, his
numerous sorties into the fray were almost always abortive. Another notable feature of
the game was a competition for the prettiest pair of legs between Fiona Jolly, John
Barrow and Ian Miller. Ian, however, was disqualified for having an unfair length
on display, and Fiona really didn't stand a chance against the remaining competition.
The final score in the football was about 95-53 to someone or other, and Jessica Richards
was presented as a prize to console the unlucky losers.

On Thurs 13th Oct. a Skittles Evening was indulged-in by several Interlopers and guests,
in the plush, exotic luxury of the back bar of the "Marischal Arms" in Niddrie Road.
Those of us un-initiated in the ways of the more eccentric Scottish sports were somewhat
disconcerted not only by the fact that there were 10 pins, but also by the size, shape
and weight of the woods, which qualities were large, variable, heavy, eccentric, various
and big. Some of the techniques used to launch these miscellaneous missiles into the
misty distance verged on the obscene. Perhaps best to draw a discreet veil over such
horrific events.

Dewi Jones reports that the Cycle-0 Event was greatly enjoyed by all participants,
although some were confused by the occurrence of terms such as "spring", "gully" and
"bamboo thicket" for features in the middle of a City. Ewart Scott (of ESOC), with
his intimate knowledge of Edinburgh's streets, took an incredible 44 minutes, although
he "punched" a wrong control. A motorcyclist who took part could do no better than
53 minutes!

It is rumoured that the Mountain Marathon, the Volleyball match, the Edinburgh Clubs
Dinner-Dance, etc etc, also took place. Reports of these epoch-making occurrences will
appear in the next edition of this Journal, if someone will write them. Which reminds
me: don't forget, WRITE to STEVE, now, with all your news, views, complaints, ideas,
reports, results, gossip, scandal etc etc, for publication here. Address:
36 Netherby Road, Edinburgh EH5 3LX. Phone 031-552-5673. You can also phone during
office hours if you wish, on 031-332-2411 ext 80. P.T.O FOR MORE IMPORTANT NEWS...

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This section is a bit thin this time, as Fiona is rather busy, both at work and drawing a map for Heriot-Watt O.C.!? However there are lots of ideas kicking around, including ping-pong, 4-a-side football, more hockey, skittles, curling etc etc: ring Fiona for details or to offer your own ideas. The only definite fixture just now is:

Friday 30th December: Interlopers Party; at 5 Bellevue Road (top flat). Everyone is requested to bring a small prezzy for the chrizzie-tree. Juniors are especially welcome, starting at about 8 pm. No doubt Seniors will arrive any time they are capable.

EUOC are holding a Last-Event-of-the-Year (31st Dec!) on the Pentlands (Hunter's Tryst)

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This is a highly-edited version of a long screed from J.B... BOF will be sending out forms soon, and as they have now set a rigid final date for receipt of completed forms, if you're late your supply of "Orienteer" (and no doubt SOA Newsletter too) will dry up very sharply. This means that your FORM and MONEY (payable to INTERLOPERS O.C.) must reach treasurer BOB STOBIE by MID-DECEMBER. Here is a reminder of the different types of membership (Steve had forgotten), and the fees:

(1) Local (Club only) Membership: Club Newsletter only, and (strictly speaking) you are not eligible for other than "Club" events.

You pay: Juniors 30p; Seniors £1; Family £1.30

(2) Club/SOA/Associate-BOF: Club and SOA Newsletter but no "Orienteer"; no BOF vote, and Seniors are not eligible for the BOF Badge Scheme or for National or Regional Championship Events other than SOA Champs, although all BOF Juniors are eligible for all Championships and Badges.

You pay: Juniors 80p; Seniors £2.50; Family £4.05

(3) Full Membership: You get everything!

You pay: Juniors £2.30; Seniors £5.25; Family £7.30

"Juniors" are born in 1960 or later, "Seniors" in 1959 or earlier. (Club-plus-SOA only membership is also available, but is not recommended. It's only 25p cheaper anyway.)

***** THE CLUB HUT?! (AN AMAZING APPEAL FROM THE DEPARTING PECKS) *****

Just to rekindle interest in case there's anyone still smouldering...? The Pecks are VERY KEEN that we should have a hut where we can go for holidays, weekends etc etc, and to that end, we are prepared to put up the necessary money etc etc -- if someone can FIND a suitable establishment. The criteria are:-

(1) Location: preferably central Scotland (e.g Perthshire area), near good terrain for long runs, orienteering, skiing, hill-walking, canoeing etc. Somewhere like Firbush, near Killin (!?)

(2) Accommodation: anything in good condition, but preferably having the following: kitchen, communal room, 2/3 bedrooms, showers/baths etc (although some of these could be built on). Even a smart bothy would do!

(3) Organisation: the building would be run on a do-it-yourself basis, although it would be fully equipped. Club Members would get priority booking, but it would be rented to others to bring in some money.

If anyone thinks they know of a suitable place, please get in touch.

FINALLY... CHIT-CHAT-CHIT-CHAT-CHIT-CHAT-CHIT-CHAT-CHIT-CHAT-CHIT-CHAT-CHIT-CHAT-CHIT-X

Apologies to Alistair and Hilary for referring to them last time as "Hilary and Alistair MacLean"! They are not married, to each other or to anyone else. (Any offers??)

Alistair wrote to tell Eileen about his O-come-back with his local club: Duisburger Ski Klubb has two members of the last WM team, and he goes training twice a week with 15 others. The event maps are not too impressive so far, and neither is course planning - the fast runners are favoured in elite classes, and a compass is unnecessary! But Alistair is not discouraged and has hopes of improving the social side of the club.

Ann Heyworth has done a great map of Cramond Island, and planned O-courses for her Guide Patrol.

Roger Vandersteen is going to Peru at the end of the year, to teach Maths for 3 years.

Carol has had a letter from Marjorie in Zambia, and she would love to hear from anyone who would like to write to her.

T. Duncan Shiell has been sighted in deepest Woking, having returned briefly after spells of combatting malaria, dysentery, foreign women, drink etc in Chad, Fabah (?) and Mauritius. He is even believed to be indulging in the luxury of orienteering! New address: 13 Denvale Walk, Woking, Surrey GU21 3PF.

Since typing page 1, the name of David Muiry has been spotted in some results lists. Sorry you were missed - if possible, write "INT" on your card instead of "RHSOC"!

Further Future Happenings...

- 10th June: BOF AGM, St Andrews Univ. 5pm.
11th June: BOF Championships, Tentsmuir (N of St Andrews). Entries to Ron Connor by 4th April. (I am co-ordinating mapping for this -- still!)
- Nov. 78 or Feb. 79: We are hoping to stage a Badge event. The exact date is subject to negotiations between EUOC, a variety of landowners, SOA fixtures Sec, and us.
- June 79: We are committed to organising the South-East Area Champs (equivalent to Badge standard), probably at Castle O'er, if suitable. If not, we'll be needing to decide on somewhere else pretty soon.
- Oct. 79: We are committed to organising (!) the Scottish Junior Champs.
-- if we manage 3 major events in one year we will be doing pretty well, but for a club of our size it should be no problem.
- Easter 1980: J.K. comes to Scotland. We are likely to be jointly organising one day's event with ESOC. If it goes on growing as at present there will be about 3000 competitors: ruminare on that awhile.
....my crystal ball grows misty....

COMMITTEE NEWS

STILL no Chairman. J.B. is standing (!) in until the AGM.

It has been suggested that we present a Trophy to the Lothian O-League, and the S.E. Area Committee have suggested that it should be presented annually to the School/Group/Club which puts up the best combined performance. We now want detailed ideas on the form the trophy should take, and on the precise way it should be awarded.

It is felt that Eileen-and-Geo.f's ideas on the Club Hut seem to involve rather a large financial committment by Club Members, and most would be unwilling to get involved quite so deeply. Such sums might be better spent on equipment, even perhaps a Club Minibus. Since that discussion, I have heard from Bill Lang (in Holland) via Eileen (in America) that he thinks an (old) beater bothy (in Glen Prosen) might be suitable. It sounds quite good to me -- more details next time, or contact Bill.

S.E. Area are using some of their money to buy equipment, including an Overprinting Set. We'll need to get another one now, or I will - one has just been stolen from my car!

We have finally received our cut of the profits from Highland '77 - it is rumoured there is just about enough to buy a pair of scissors.

The S.E. Area also want organisers for evening CATI's - anyone volunteering?

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED, NEWS OF MEMBERS, OTHER GOSSIP AND UNCLASSIFIED CLAPTRAP...

An enormous, 7-page, illegible, abysmally-spelt "boozers guide to Asia" from Gareth Buffet, stopping-off in Nepal on his way to Australia by bus and beer-can. After teaching 3-D orienteering to the hermits of Anatolia and drinking dry the breweries of Kabul, he was last seen disappearing into the mists of Annapurna.

Also a long letter from the Pecks, who are of course exploring the USA O-scene at full stretch. Eileen apologises to everyone she hasn't written to, and sends best New-Year wishes to all. New address:- 200 Rogers Drive, Lexington Park, Maryland 20653.

Carol is currently "hibernating" in wildest Morayshire, working hard on her training programme for Norway in Sept.Norway in Sept?? -- a "future event" that I forgot! Only the World O-Champs. Carol and Geoff are both likely to be there.

Bill Lang is getting married, in May, in Margate. It must be catching: Dave Kershaw got married, last November. Caused him to miss a Committee meeting. Strange?

Ray Heyworth is also communicating, I have an article from him, and TWO from Carol! There is simply no time to include these now, but they give me a good start for next issue.

The date at the top of page 1 was correct when I typed it, but time seems to have somehow slipped by.... I am now off to Jenny Ha's to give this to J.B. for duplicating: see you there!

Steve.