

numbered by the cold, they sought out a prime site for club spectators. The fact that they chose the only bog-surrounded area in the assembly field probably accounts for the speedy disintegration of the new(temporary?) club flag - or was the flag sabotaged on behalf of Mr Mugabe/Mrs Whitehouse because of the obvious black nudity of the runner it displayed?

We entered five teams in various classes. The solitary member of the Interlopers M1-B team wisely left the area before the start, having concluded that to run three legs was beyond even his capacity. Apart from the remaining four teams (M1, M4, M5, W1), Interlopers contributed a member, Caroline Nash, to the Northern(!) Ireland team. There were some good finishers in individual legs. I haven't yet received the results, so apologies to those not mentioned. But Carol(W1), Gordon Stoddart(M5) and Ray (M4) all seemed to be well up on the first legs. Ray in particular had an exciting finish, hardly a second behind the leading (L.O.C.) first-leg runner.

But what of the course? First-leg runners were led away from the "start/finish" area to a roadway, where they had to use a foot to hold the tiny triangular maps which threatened to disappear in the wind. Then followed a seemingly interminable run uphill, in full view of the assembled masses. No chance of looking inconspicuous in a budgie suit! For second and third-leg runners there were reputed to be map stakes over the ~~xxxx~~ brow of the hill. Richard Gardner, returning from a long pre-start expedition, confirmed that they were in fact there, probably in the area of the map marked "Heere bee dragons". I personally never found the map stakes, although someone appeared mysteriously from a hollow and handed me my map.

But let's ~~follow~~ follow the success of our elite M1 team. A proper time after the first runner(let's call him S) disappeared over the brow of the hill, the second runner(J) began alertly to scour the hillside for a returning budgie suit. With a chirp of joy he saw the familiar green and yellow, and moved into the change-over enclosure. That particular green and yellow turned out to be Carol; but J was well and truly enclosed and had to stay there. When S eventually appeared, he was the victim of the planners' humour in placing one of the three final controls in full view on the bleak hillside. S went to the control only to find that it wasn't his. Then back and fore - there are some occasions when budgie suits are just too patent! By this time, the sun having warmed the air, J was asleep in the enclosure. When awakened for the changeover....well, put it like this - no one else set off in that direction to get to the maps! The third-leg runner, who can be called H, set off in due course and collected his map and description sheet at the top of the hill. Being a tidy person, and no doubt to preserve his control card in its pristine neatness, he punched his description sheet instead of a control card at each control. Enough said!!

Whatever the mistakes made, I think that everyone enjoyed the event. Orienteering, under almost all circumstances, is an enjoyable sport; and relays can be great fun. To those members who didn't manage to compete in the relays this year - please try to enter next year. If nothing else, it's a good occasion to get to know other club members.

My correspondent didn't correspond for the Scottish Individual report and as I do not yet have a copy of the event results all I can say here is once again "congratulations" to Carol for winning the W19 class for the 10th time I think - that is an incredible record which I think will stand forever. Ed.

BORDER RUN June 14th

R.Sloan

We didn't want hot weather or strong winds for this record attempt, but we could have done without the thick mist all morning and the torrential rain in the afternoon. We were lucky there were no un-bridged rivers to cross, as these rivers around Kielder rose a couple of feet in as many hours. Despite the weather, there were some heroic runs to enable SE Lansoc's record to be broken by well over an hour and with a couple of hours daylight to spare - thanks to a 4am start by John. Fred and Martin did very fast runs through Berwickshire, and made a good start on the hills above Yetholm. Robin then plodded up the Cheviot and plodded down the other side to hand over to Carol and Marg who had had to climb over a thousand feet just to get into position. They lopped another chunk off the schedule, so there was about an hour in the bank when Ben and Dermot took over. This was when the rain went really bad and the visibility went from poor to zero. To compound their misfortune, the border ceased to be marked by a fence, which put a big strain on their navigation! Like in all good stories though, they wore through and handed

handed over to a very relieved Peter, who with Packet and Hew as pacers did the next section to Newcastleton. Scott then took over, slightly behind schedule, with Gordon ~~xxx~~ as back-up. In a selfless run to get some time back, Scott didn't spare a dodgy ankle and did the longest leg of the run in the second shortest time. This brought the record within reach, with Pat making sure with another very fast run, which included four miles across fields beside Scotsdyke.

Using the Outdoor Centre ~~xxxx~~ at Scotch Kershope provided a good base and an element of civilisation to the later stages of the run, and provided - for those who had any puff left - a good attack point for an O event in the south Lakes the next day. Even more crucial to the success of the run, was the back-up and transport provided by Margaret, Meg and Steve, who were on the go from the early hours right through. The internal combustion engine didn't prove as reliable as leg power, though, as both the Mitchell mobile and the Fraser mobile packed up, luckily not causing any upset to the run. A good weekend - enjoyed by all, at least in retrospect! I hear that Ben and Dermod are spending the summer fixing the fence between Carter Bar and Rushy Knowe so that the next time they're on the Border in the mist, they won't have to rely on compasses.....

	Length	height	time	min/mile
John	11.5	800	102	8.9
Fred	10.0	150	65	6.5
Martin	11.0	1800	105	9.5
Robin	11.25	2700	143	12.7
Carol/Marg	11.5	1300	102	8.9
Ben/Dermod	11.25	1900	203	18.0
Peter(Hew/Packet)	11.0	1300	119	10.8
Scott(Gordon)	13.0	200	83	6.4
Pat	12.5	200	87	7.0
	<u>103 m</u>	<u>10,050'</u>	<u>16h 49m</u>	<u>9.9</u>

BORDER RUN

S. Balfour

Now that we've enjoyed(?) running, could all those who took their cars please send Meg Fraser a note of what they spent on the Saturday or Friday evening so that we can make an effort to balance out the costs - some folk were heavily into shuttling up and down the route while others had a simpler route with less travelling. Please give Meg details of mileage covered and the approximate amount paid for petrol. We have not included the Sunday as some folk went on to the Lakes etc. Please write before the 31st July 1980.
* "Late applications will not be considered" *

* Bibliography: Lothian Regional Council Leisure Services : Grant Applications Made Easy. R. Forman.

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Northern Championships Blea Tarn 20.4.80: Championship Standard : M17A 7. D. Ruddock, 10. S. Hall; M21E 29. J. Doig; W19A 5. C. McNeill, 9. F. Ashmole; M21E 68. S. Balfour (Silver-standard).

Anagach 26.4.80: M21B 4. J. Mitchell, 6. D. Kershaw; M21A 11. R. Sloan, 13. S. Balfour, 16. D. Ruddock, 21. R. Vander Steen; M43 6. R. Gardner; M50 1. R. Heyworth; W19A 1. C. McNeill; W19B 1. S. Mustard, 4. C. Nash.

British Championships New Forest 18.5.80: Championship Standard: M21E 19. J. Doig; W19E 2. C. McNeill; Gold Standard: M17A 15. D. Ruddock; W15A 9. A. Heyworth; W19E 14. F. Ashmole; Silver Standard: M17A 25. S. Hall; M19A 17. J. Mitchell; M21A 85. S. Balfour; M50 - 26. R. Heyworth; Bronze Standard: M17A 51. G. Stoddart.

Clydeside Orienteers Massed Start Score Event Mugdock Wood 8.6.80: M19-34 9. G. Buffety - 440 points; W under 19 6. K. Shiach, 170 points; M35+ 5. G. Shiach, 290 points.

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