

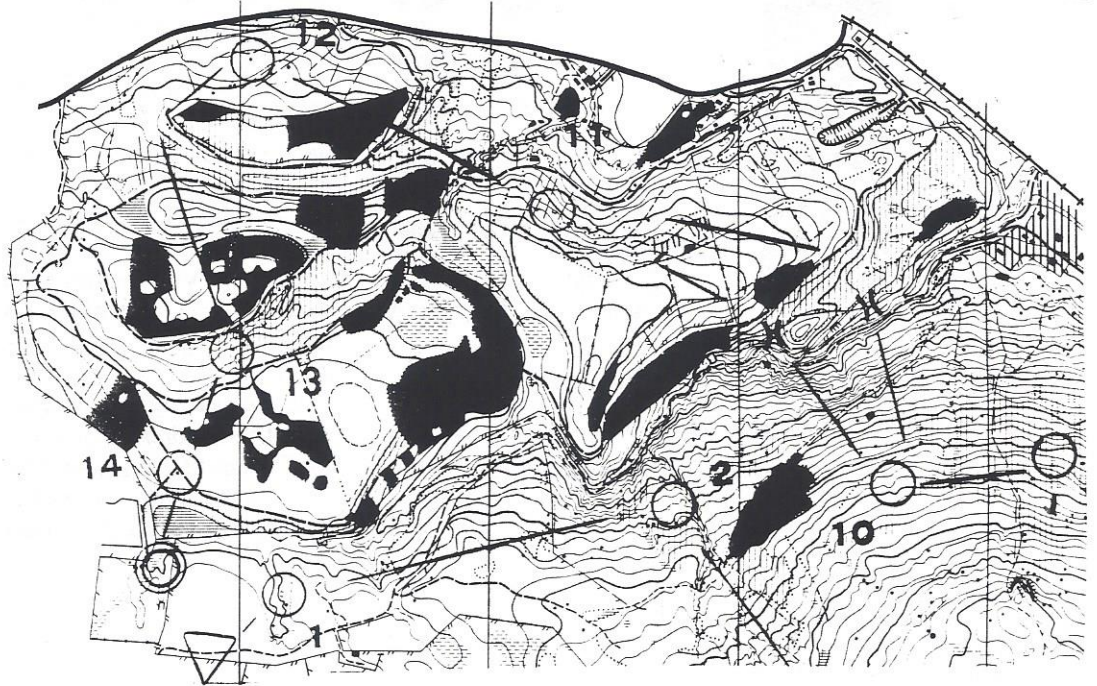
# INTERLOPERS

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# The Scottish Championships

Well it's been and gone! Months and months of planning and organising by a gallant band of Interlopers so that several hundred idiots can run about a hillside and lose themselves in a forest for a few hours. This was the first championships I've been at for a number of years being injured or incapacitated in some other way so it was nice to be involved even in some minor way. Tell your friends afterwards that you parked a few hundred cars, handed raffle tickets to sweaty, gasping, bedraggled figures for a couple of hours, gathered in what seemed like a mile of plastic tape and then filled in some latrines. Is it any surprise then that they think - "What a way to spend a Saturday!" Anyway, it was nice to see so many club members involved and from what I could gather things ran fairly smoothly and the event was well received by the competitors. More detailed reports of the Championships from Janet and Charlie can be found inside. A big thank you to all those who helped out in any way, no matter how small, and the prize for the Most Colourfully Dressed Car Park Attendant went to Stephanie Lee.



# 91 Scottish Championships

Janet Fallon tells us all you need to know about organising Scotland's premier orienteering event.

The momentous event is over and life at 2/4 New Orchardfield is slowly returning to normal. The phone is ringing less often, we can get into the spare bedroom again and there is just about room for three in the car beside the hundred odd toilet rolls and the controls and punches that haven't been returned yet.

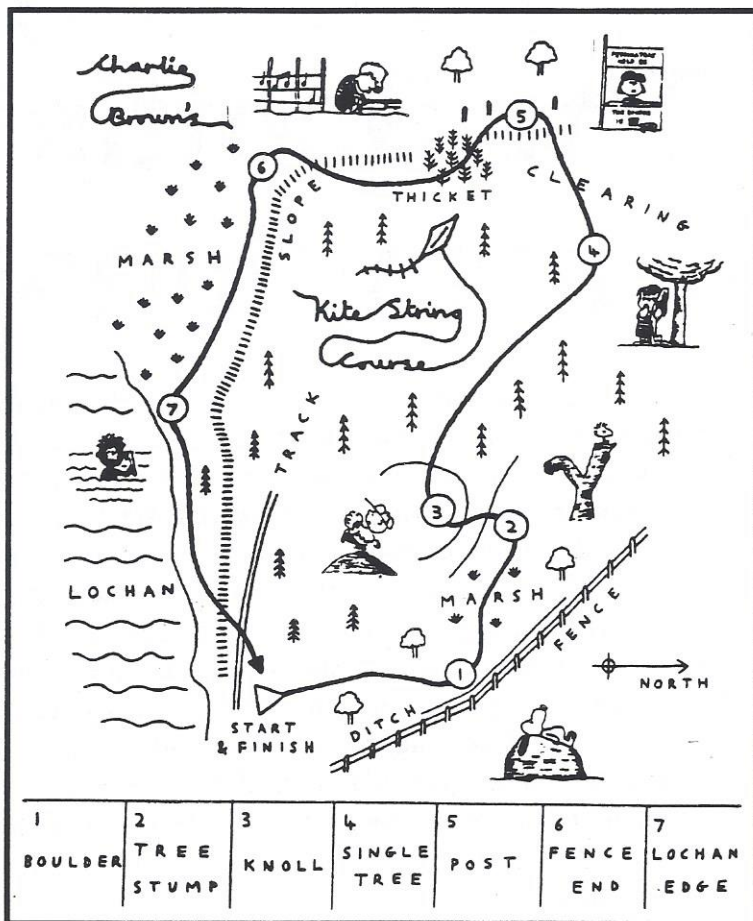
It is some two years since the organisation for the event first started. Over a drink in the Hilton, Jan and I agreed to organise, Scott and Simon to plan and Charlie to co-ordinate the whole thing. Various areas were discussed and discarded and Birnam emerged as the favourite.

Over the next eighteen months we got permission, a Controller and Graham McIntyre joined the 'team' to look after the entries, with a view to possibly doing

event entries professionally. I don't know what his ideas are on that now! The SOA proposed holding a Scotland v South Sweden International match at the event. The chance of so many extra blonde women for the day was something Charlie couldn't refuse, so he agreed straight away, on the grounds that this would make the event more prestigious.

This year Gareth Bryan-Jones of FVO arranged a re-print of the map and we selected a computer system from Daddy Eades of MAROC. My colleagues spent one lunchtime folding the 800 publicity sheets that were sent out with SCORE. Most of the rest disappeared at the JK. The planners finalised the courses and we started to think of the mountain of equipment we would need - Just how much bog roll will 1,000 people

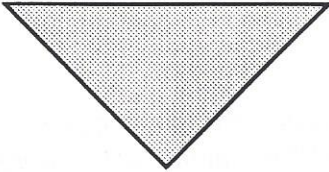
A very popular attraction for the younger orienteers (and some older ones with a sweet tooth!) was Charlie Brown's Kite String Course. Many thanks to Andrew Bankhead for his time and effort devising an amusing and entertaining course which seemed much appreciated by the young orienteers I saw doing it. For those club members who didn't realise it, a small treat for the competitors on completion of the course is very much the norm these days. My two eldest sons certainly think it's a good idea. As Andrew erred on the side of caution there were quite a few 'mini-bars' to be had by all the helpers around at the end. The weather on the whole was kind to Andrew apart from when he retrieved Charlie Brown's Kite at the end to find the dye running out of the crepe paper and having to go back in the car to Edinburgh with a pair of rather bright red hands.



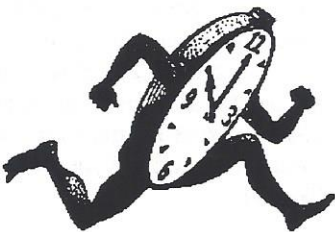
Has anybody got a source of No. 56 staples? The club staple stock was decimated by the event. If some were to fall out of an office filing cabinet I'm sure Charlie would only be too glad to offer you. A few toilet rolls, some cartons of juice or even a commemorative mug!



Winning a prize at the Club Champs might be a bad idea this year, or any up and coming Interloper's event, competitive or social. There is a distinct possibility that you may receive - yes - you've guessed it! - a commemorative mug! You have been warned.



go through in one morning ? (Well, we got that one wrong!) Charlie and Jan produced the programme and Charlie designed the beautiful mugs for the prizes. A party of Russians phoned several times and were hopeful of sending a team to join in the match against the Swedes. As the event loomed ever nearer, one team spent a couple of evenings enveloping control cards and programmes with Graham, while another spent a day overprinting the maps at Ian McIntyre's. After Jim had checked the 1300 or so maps (Who'd be a Controller?) another team spent a night sealing them in plastic bags. In the week before the event Rudolph landed some sponsorship with the Milk Marketing Board. This provided lots of banners and badly needed tape to use in the assembly field, and also some cash, which made the Event Treasurer much happier. Scott and Simon put all the controls out and we gathered together



### The Ideal Orienteer ?

more and more equipment. Gail and Ynske stocked up with goodies for their stall to raise money for their trip this summer to the World Schools Champs in Finland. The help for on the day was looking good as lots of Interlopers said they would come. It was only the weather forecast that was looking grim. But ha! Friday the 7th was warm and sunny. Charlie hired a van and

seemed to go down well. The courses were reported as tough, but most people seemed to enjoy them. Unfortunately, the Russians didn't make it due to problems with red tape. (Is this a pun? - Ed.) The Swedes won the International Match and congratulations to Gail Balfour, our Scottish Champion in W13A. Thank you very much to all of you who helped behind the

## Coming Soon Interlopers Cloth Badges

Sew them on your sweatshirt, hide the tears in your 'O' suit or just use them as a beer coaster.

If you're interested in buying one (or more) of these designer collector pieces contact Rudolph Riemersma. (Have they in fact been designed yet? - Editor). Once we know who's interested we'll know how many to get printed.

Another batch of 'O' suits might be purchased if sufficient interest is expressed. Once again, I think Rudolph is the person to inform. Finally on the fashion front, t-shirts and / or more sweatshirts might be in the pipeline.

drove all over Scotland picking up equipment from the SOA's and the 6-Day's stocks. At Birnam, Rudolph put up banners and flags and built a rostrum for the winners of the International Match. The assembly field was beginning to take shape. Then, as the first vanload of equipment arrived, it started to lash with rain. Not to be put off, Jan and I started putting up some amazing toilet tents. Next time you go to an event, if the toilets are brown with a green roof, make sure the four corners are tied onto trees or something else secure. If not, go for a different colour! After that it was still raining so we retired for the night to Pitlochry.

It was the big day! Well it seemed to go alright really. The sun shone, the car park, start and finish all being close together

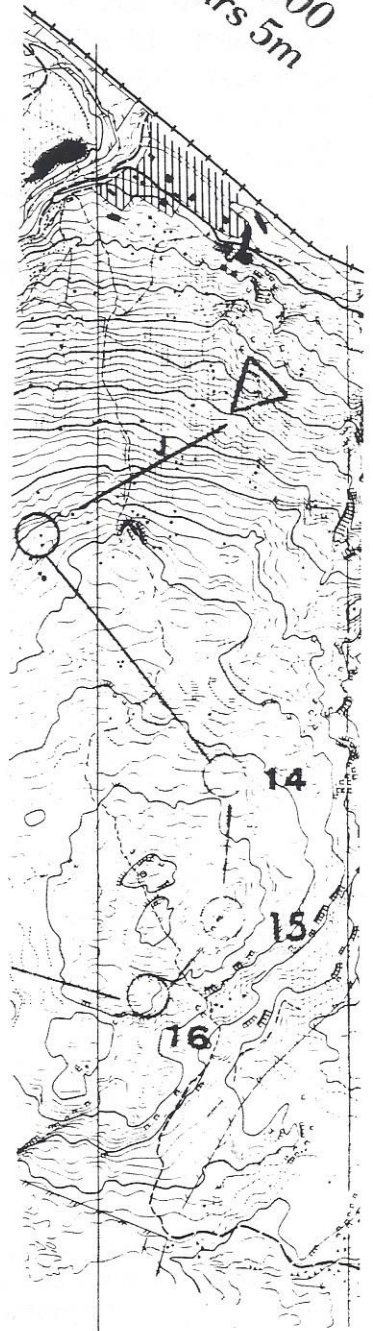
scenes and came along to help on the day. It was nice to see some less well known faces as well as the old diehards. I hope it is not too long before we see you again. Thank you too, to everyone who supplied us with picnic tables and deck chairs and tents on the day. In the end the tents were not really needed, but if the event had been on Friday night they certainly would have been.

As well as all his work in the forest, Simon also found time to arrange the prize-giving and a social for the Saturday evening in Pitlochry. This was well attended and very enjoyable. I hope it catches on for future Scottish weekends.

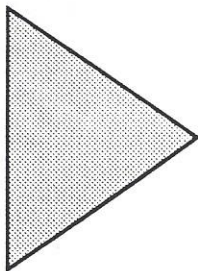
Now it is all over, just a few bills left to pay. Then I'm going on holiday for 3 months. See you in October!

BIRNAM  
HILL

scale 1:15000  
contours 5m



## LBOA News



Further to Ray Heywood's concern expressed at the AGM about the effect of Compass Sport Cup matches on the scoring in LOL events, the matter was considered in part at the most recent LBOA meeting. A proposal was put forward which seems likely to be put into effect next season. This is that everybody participating in a Compass Sport Cup match is deemed to be non-competitive unless they state otherwise. While this may remove the problem of the Dave Peel's or Gareth Bryan-Jones's from distorting the scores, it doesn't address the issue of competitors who may be forced to run a different course from that they normally would due to the rules of the Compass Sport Cup.



Charges for LOL events will be considered at the next meeting. It seems likely that the present rates of £2 for seniors and £1 for juniors will continue.

And there was I thinking that I had forgotten to put in a results envelope for LOL7 at Blairadam way back in April! At the recent LBOA Inter-Club Champs at Cardrona, results co-ordinator Robin Strain of ELO informed me that he had processed all the results some time ago but for some reason none of them have been sent out yet. So for all you people eagerly awaiting your results - they might still be some time yet. I did manage to jot down some of the final placings, so here are some of the best Interlopers' performances over the series.

### Light Green

6. Graeme Ambler M13

### Green

1. Ray Heyworth M60  
7. Steve Ambler M40

### Blue

1. Anthony Squire M13  
4. John Barrow M45

### Brown

7. Robin Galloway M21  
9. Pat Squire M40

Congratulations also to Simon Thompson for winning the Brown League. He was running under St. Andrews colours but he is a club member after all.



Some of you may have noticed in Score a while ago, a suggestion for a National Clubs League using the Scotland gallop series for scoring. Next year LOL will pilot such a scheme. The league will run in just the same way, only the computer program which prints the results will be amended to provide the necessary additional data. Clubs will be asked for their views for or against the idea.

If you want to make a note in your diaries or year planners (so that you can organise your training schedules!!!), here is a provisional list (and a very provisional one too!) of dates for next season's LOL events.

Date	Club
13th / 20th October	RR
10th November	WATTOK / EUOC
8th December	LINOC
12th January	ELO
9 / 16th February	WFO
8th March	ESOC
5th April	INT

As you can see, no venues have been decided yet although it has been rumoured that the WFO event may be at Tentsmuir. This date was originally scheduled for the Interloper's event but we have apparently accommodated their request for a change in the dates suggested. This gives you all plenty of time to suggest possible areas for our event or even to organise it if you would like to!

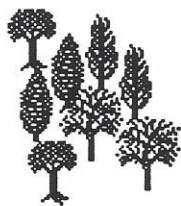
## STOP PRESS

Apparently ESOC and WFO are expressing more reservations and we may yet again be hosting our event in February. Watch this space!

# Down

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# Woods



My last month has been dominated by the Scottish Champs and even now it is all over I'm still surrounded by the debris and have a list of things still to be tidied up. Things went pretty well on the day, thanks partly to reasonable weather, but mainly due to the hard work put in by the 'officials' and all the helpers - Interlopers and friends - on the day. I'd like to thank everyone who contributed before, on the day, and after to make a successful event I think the club can be very pleased with. I can't list everyone, but much credit goes to the planners, Scott and Simon, who dealt with all the 'forest' side of things, and to Jim Heardman from ESOC for his able controlling. Graham McIntyre deserves a special mention for volunteering to take on looking after entries, start lists, results, computing and other related tasks and spending many hours getting through a mountain of work, without which the event wouldn't have happened. And a final special mention goes to Rudolph Riemersma for all his work with sponsors and the international match which really added a touch of class to the event. I hope you all enjoyed the day out - Now we've got a couple of years before we put on another major event !

After the Scottish I thought that I might be in real need of a holiday, so luckily I had one all ready and arranged before - three months visiting Australia and New Zealand with a few other stops on the way there and back. I'll be missing the Club Champs and the Club Weekend and the 6-Day, but I'm sure things will still be rolling along nicely when we get back in October. See you at circuit training !

Have a good summer !



*Charlie Walton*

## The Chairman's Bit



### Scotlandsgaloppen 3, Creag Vinean, 21st April

This event included a British Squad Selection Race on the M/W21L courses, which ensured a strong turn-out and a high standard of competition.

W13A	3rd	Gail Balfour	M13A	1st	Anthony Squire
	5th	Fay Balfour	M17A	4th	G. Riemersma
W15A	2nd	Y.Riemersma	M21L	2nd	Andy Kitchin
W19A	4th	Jeni Martin		7th	Rob Lee
W21L	12th	Jo Mitchell		9th	Pakit Hyman
				21st	Charlie Walton
			M21S	7th	John Kenworthy
			M40L	3rd	Pat Squire
				7th	Scott Balfour
			M60	1st	Ray Heyworth

### Scotlandsgaloppen 4, Drummond Hill, 12th May

Very runnable, very fast - not too difficult but very enjoyable.

W13A	1st	Gail Balfour	M13A	2nd	Anthony Squire
	6th	Fay Balfour	M19A	3rd	G.Riemersma
W15A	2nd	Ynske Riemersma	M21L	1st	Rob Lee
				9th	David Eades
				10th	Charlie Walton
				11th	Ian McIntyre
				12th	Simon Thompson
				14th	Robin Galloway
			M35L	5th	TimJordan
			M40L	2nd	Scott Balfour
				6th	Pat Squire
			M45L	9th	R. Riemersma
			M60	2nd	Ray Heyworth

### Scottish Championships, Birnam Hill, 8th June

Most of you were helping, of course, but some of the championship contenders did go out for a run.

W13A	1st	Gail Balfour	M13A	3rd	Anthony Squire
W15A	3rd	Y. Riemersma	M17A	4th	Gordon (1st UK) Riemersma
W21E	14th	Jo Mitchell			
			M21E	6th	Andy Kitchin
				7th	Rob Lee

At the Relays, the following day, our M/W13 team of Anthony Squire and Gail and Fay Balfour came close to winning, probably only beaten by a non-competitive team' who turned out to be competitive.

# Junior Page

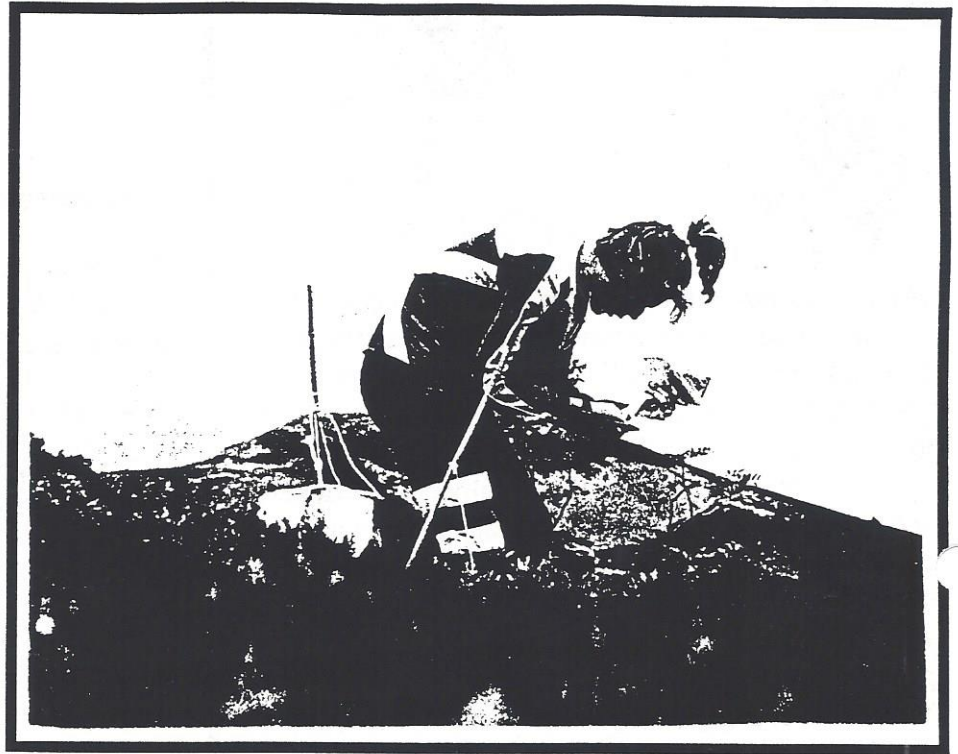
## Well hi there !

I'm Ynske Riemersma and I'm your new junior member representative . . . . so if you've got any complaints, suggestions or enquiries about the club, it's me you speak to - that's if you're a junior ! I hope I can help you out.

Some of you may know me through the club newsletter, school or have seen me at orienteering events. If you don't, then here's a photo of me opposite.

I don't know how long I'll have this job, but now I've got it I hope to get more of the juniors noticed and involved in orienteering; WE are the future of orienteering ! If you want to write to me or 'phone me with complaints, etc., then here's my address and 'phone number.

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## Here's some 'O' events to keep in mind:

I hope I'll reply with helpful info for you. Now on to some of the latest junior news. Anthony Squire was selected to go on a British Orienteering Federation Tour. He will be training up at Lagganlia, near Aviemore, this summer with some of the British coaches and other M/W13's. I'm sure everyone would like to join me in congratulating him on his selection. **WELL DONE and GOOD LUCK !**

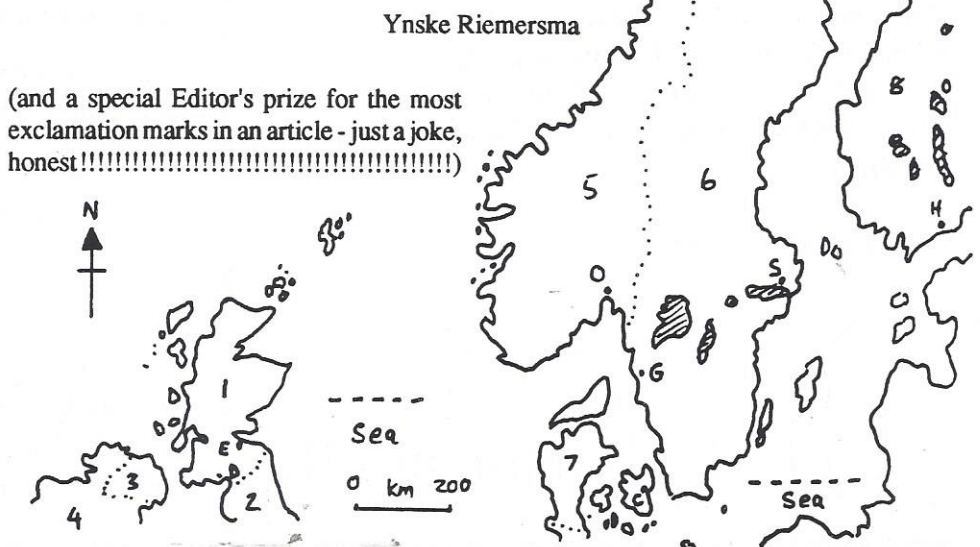
Of course, we mustn't forget the other people who will also be going on tour this summer. Gail Balfour, Gordon Riemersma (yes, my brother !) and myself will be going with the Scottish Junior 'O' Squad to Finland for the Finnish 5 Days and the World School Champs. After this tour, I will be travelling on to Sweden to join other M/W15's for another B.O.F. tour, to Vastergotland. A busy summer for some of us ! If you're orienteering over the hols, why not tell me about it and I'll send it to be published in the newsletter.

I'll also try to tell you about future events. If you haven't any transport, how about 'phoning me up and I'll see if I can help you out. There's a lot of us going to 'O' events, so I'm sure one of us can help. Don't be scared to ask !

The Southern Uplands / Scottish Six Days. If you haven't entered then there's always the colour coded events. Good luck to all competing in it. (Day 3, which is Tuesday, August 6th if I'm correct is at Bowhill, near Selkirk, which isn't too far away from Edinburgh for those who can't make it down to Galloway - Editor).

Also the Club Champs ! The BEST 'O' event ever invented ! This year Anthony Squire will be planning. Everyone is looking forward to it. It's on the 17th August, hopefully at Kinneil Wood. Afterwards there will be a picnic or BBQ - so drag your parents along to it !! Well you know where to contact me now - so please write ! Have a great summer holiday, whatever you're doing . . . hopefully orienteering !!

Until next time !!



(and a special Editor's prize for the most exclamation marks in an article - just a joke, honest!!)

## M thirtysomething

Welcome to the random scribbles of a slightly deranged, enthusiastic but incompetent orienteer. What you'll find here should relate in general to orienteering although sometimes the link might be a bit tenuous. The topic of this issue is petrol tokens. Visiting the more scenic and sometimes less accessible parts of the country tends to bump the mileage up a bit, and if you're like me this is the only time you really travel any longish distances apart from holidays. So if the event is at Drumlanrig or Clunie it's fairly usual that I have to fill up the tank and me being the gullible type that I am and a slave to brand loyalty, I go to my local Esso station. I was hooked a few years ago when Volkswagens were about the only cars that ran on unleaded fuel and Esso stations were the only ones who seemed to have it. The next thing was actually to collect enough tokens to get something. By the time the target was reached though the catalogue had become redundant. After a few months you have also found out that your tank holds £17.75 worth of petrol when full and because tokens are given for purchases of £6 you're having to buy more petrol to get the tokens you need. The new catalogue has finally come out, your wife has decided what she wants and of course it needs more tokens. All this time, meanwhile, you've been driving past stations which now have unleaded fuel and where it's cheaper too! You justify your actions by saying "It's on the road to school" or "I can get petrol when I go to the dump with the newspapers and bottles." And then you finally have enough tokens. You sit back and work out that it's taken just over 3 years, you've spent over £1200 and you've driven around 22,000 miles (almost the circumference of the Earth around the Equator!) and for what you are asking - A toaster! Yet all the adverts on television seem to feature items like colour televisions and microwaves. Do people actually drive enough to be able to obtain these more expensive items. Perhaps if you drove to the Moon you might manage it! (240,000 miles, 30 miles per gallon, 8,000 gallons, £16,000 - 2600 tokens!) If anybody knows of an upcoming orienteering event on Venus or Mars please tell me!

Hope you've enjoyed my first newsletter. Please forgive any mistakes or errors. Ed.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Our newly appointed Social Secretary, Andrew Bankhead has been racking his brains already about possible extravaganzas for you anti-social lot out there. Currently under consideration are :-

Historienteering - a variation on the successful Beerienteering of a year or so ago, using the same map but testing our knowledge of famous buildings and citizens of Edinburgh who may have resided there.

Venturing further afield, a car treasure hunt in the provinces of Mid/East Lothian may be a possibility, perhaps in late summer (September) if someone can actually get out there and devise it.

Also suggested was a tour of the hidden street under the City Chambers round about Halloween. A nice, chilly, damp evening with a full moon could make it an atmospheric visit.

Andrew, I'm sure, is open to any other suggestions you may have. If you've been somewhere, heard or know about something that was funny, interesting, entertaining - please let him know about it.

If you enjoy getting sweaty and smelly remember the evening training sessions on Tuesdays at the Meadows and Thursdays at Meggetland. If you don't you can always socialise with these smelly, sweaty people in the pub afterwards

You can find them all, (if you want!) in the **Greenmantle** on the corner of West Crosscauseway and Nicolson Street on Tuesdays from around 8.30 p.m. onwards and at the **Centre Court** on Colinton Road about 7.30p.m on Thursdays.



## CONGRATULATIONS

A huge well done to our M21 Relay Team of Andy Kitchin, Rob Lee and Pakit Hyman who won the Mens Open event at the British Championships at Alnwick back in May. It's nice to see the club enjoying success. The efforts of the lads can only serve as an example to our younger members and give them something to strive towards in the future. Well done again team!



## THANKS.....

to all the customers who helped the **INT Girlies** - Gail Balfour and Ynske Riemersma - to raise money to go on their Finnish Trip this summer. The money raised so far, from the tuck shop they have held, is approximately £200. They have been selling at many events including the Scottish Championships and the Summer Series in and around Edinburgh. Thanks again to all customers.



**dnf** - as well as standing for did not finish, on this page it means **do not forget!**



- Southern Uplands 91 lies just beyond the horizon. Interlopers are helping with the organisation on Day 5 (at Mabie Forest, if I'm correct, near Dumfries - Ed). We have been asked to help out with the start and the wayfarer's course. If you want to volunteer your services contact Jane Smith before she contacts you. For those attending the Six Days you may have to forgo your run on the day although enquiries are being made to see if this can be avoided. If anybody who is not attending the event can take the day off work to help out, their services would be gladly taken up.
- Planning for the Interlopers Club Championships is under way. The proposed date for this popular and enjoyable event is Saturday August 17th. The venue is likely to be either Kinneil or Beecraigs. Controller, planner and organiser is Anthony Squire. For those away on holiday during the summer it may be a good idea to get in touch with Anthony nearer the date to confirm arrangements.
- An elite team is venturing into deepest England (somewhere near Guildford ?) to rob them of some of their silverware. The event in question is the Harvester Relays. To help them in this night time dawdle, the committee have decided to invest in a reasonably upmarket headlamp which can thereafter be used by any member of the club foolish enough to want to use it. If there is anybody out there by the way who has a lamp capable of lighting up the Forth Bridge, would you be willing to lend it? If so get in touch with Pakit Hyman or the Equipment Officer (Pat Squire) sometime before the 1st of September. Pakit, along with the Riemersmas, have also offered the use of their lamps at any time they are not using them to anybody who would like to use them.
- Sunday 8th September is the date for Derek Allison's 14 Person Relay at Beecraigs. This event seems as if it could be quite a lot of fun. It would be nice to see a big club turnout at it. It would give us another opportunity to dazzle everybody with the new O-suits en masse. If you are interested please contact John Barrow. Entries have to be in by August 25th. As an incentive for you to take part the club will pay for all entries.
- The Lothian and Borders Area Championships will be held at Glentress on Sunday 17th November. If you fancy yourself as an area champion you had better start your training schedule now. As well as the individual championships there will also be a Men's Open Cup with three to count. Interlopers must stand a fair chance of capturing this following our success in the British Champs.
- Quite what the format will be no one seems to know but at the recent LBOA meeting it was announced that there would be a coaching clinic as part of the upcoming Borders School of Sport. This is apparently taking place on the 7th July at Duns High School. The coaching is reputedly being taken by "some top Swede"! Further information can probably be had from Derek Jones or Donald Wallace of Roxburgh Reivers.

**Squire Enterprises** (a subsidiary of Moray House College of Education) present

**The Interlopers Club Weekend**  
 Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd September  
 At Woodlands, Kingussie

**Circuit Training at Moray House Gym**  
 Wednesdays 6.00 - 7.00 p.m.  
 11th September - 18th December

There is a MAROC Badge Event at Anagach on the Sunday and a training event might be organised for the Saturday if we can't find another event.