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It Was Twenty Years Ago Today

Sergeant Pepper taught the band to play . . . Well, not really ! That was 1967. 1972 started with Ernie, the Fastest Milkman in the West and ended with a Long Haired Lover from Liverpool. Hasn't civilisation progressed ? Maurice Chevalier died. The Queen Elizabeth went on fire in Hong Kong Harbour. The miners went on strike. 13 civilians were killed in Londonderry on Bloody Sunday. Britain recognised Bangla Desh. The Three Day Week began. Tutankhamun came to London. The Berlin Wall opened for the first time in six years. British Rail began a work-to-rule. Ceylon became Sri Lanka. The Duke of Windsor

died. Five burglars were caught in the Watergate building. The national dock strike started. Idi Amin expelled 40,000 British Asians from Uganda. Iceland extended her fishing limits. Arab guerillas took hostages at the Munich Olympics ending in gun battle at the airport. Sir John Betjeman became Poet Laureate. Cyril Smith elected to Parliament. Nixon re-elected. Willy Brandt also. Hunger strikes began in Ireland. The Queen celebrated her Silver Wedding. US resumed bombing of North Vietnam. Survivors found ten weeks after air crash in the Andes. Earthquake devastated Nicaragua. Interløpers formed.

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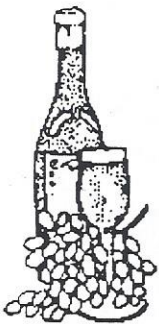
Social Events

Not a lot of orienteering over the festive period but some well attended socials. A big thank you to Andrew for organising them and persuading you all to come out.

Un Soirée Française



J'ai le plaisir de vous annoncer une soirée française le Mercredi 25 Mars. Une chance pour vous d'améliorez votre français ou l'occasion de boire quelques verres de vin. Vous êtes activement encouragé à amener des bouteilles. Les amuses-gueules seront cuisinés par Samuel Glardon. La soirée sera tenue dans mon appartement, 3 Heriot Hill Terrace, à partir de 19 heures.



If vous n'avez pas une clue what le git célébré Anglais, Andrew, à dire, téléphonez him at 031-556-5141.

The Mulled Wine and Mince Pie Evening at the Riemersma's had been arranged to coincide with the return of Gordon from Sweden for Christmas. When the tired and travel weary lad arrived from the airport he found that the party had already started. Eva had been slaving over a hot stove concocting a very pleasant mulled wine and fruit juice drink. Whether it would have satisfied stringent E.C. food and drink regulations is open to question though.

As a few more guests arrived and a few more glasses were consumed, Rudolph decided to liven things up by setting off some party poppers. He also managed to wind up the middle Inverarity child who spent the rest of his time there blowing up and releasing untied balloons. A fatal mistake! Crackers were pulled and the party hats appeared. Fortunately, nobody paid much attention to the jokes.

Then the party games began. All the old favourites were there. The back room became swamped in a tide of torn up paper after a couple of rounds of Pass the Parcel. Then, to consolidate the mess, it was the old 'Eating the Chocolate Bar with a Knife and Fork While Wearing a Pair of Gloves' game.

Then in true Interlopers fashion the competitive team events began. All manner of undignified postures were adopted while passing balloons between peoples' legs, pulling wool through clothes with a teaspoon and finally necking with oranges. Who says we don't know how to enjoy ourselves? Just as well the Martians didn't land then. Heading balloons down the lines proved too much for the more staid and dignified members of the assembled company and the game ground to a halt as they claimed it was too difficult.

Meanwhile, our esteemed chairman had been devising a more cerebral exercise. Charlie had managed to dig up a couple of Holyrood Park maps and chopped them up to make some Mazzles. The object, of course, was to try and rebuild the maps as quickly as possible. By this time it was getting towards the end of the evening and Charlie was convinced that the liquid refreshment was beginning to take effect.

The adjudicators had difficulties with the final ranking as the timing wasn't very accurate and had to be rounded off. (Some say you just ran out of calendars - Ed.). The results were, 1st equal - Andrew Bankhead and Steve Conway. 3rd - Anthony Squire. 4th - Gail Balfour, Lucy Barrow and Ynske Riemersma. 7th equal - Ishbel Mollison and John Barrow. 9th - Colin Eades. 10th - Walter Clark (ESOC). 11th - Phil Smith. 12th equal - Janet Fallon and Tim Barrow. 14th - Ian McIntyre !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 15th - Gordon Riemersma and 16th - Mark Squire.

After the usual devious hand-capping for age / size / map knowledge / winning orienteering events / being in national squads, etc the clear winner was Lucy Barrow.

On observing the range of interesting and varied approaches used to complete the task, Charlie feels that it has potential for some sort of aptitude test. He thought Gordon deserved special mention for managing to make 4 half maps very quickly but taking an inordinate length of time to match up the correct halves. And we thought Sweden was going to improve his orienteering skills.

All in all, another very enjoyable evening. Many thanks are due again to the family Riemersma for their hospitality and hosting of this event.

Letter From Canada

The Burns Supper

Lucy and Robin were the kind hosts for this popular annual event. They prepared countless saucepans of tatties and neeps for the assembled throng. Combined with the numerous Haggii on offer, most people were able to have three helpings (Is that right? - Ed.). Outstanding performers according to our resident critic were Phil and Gordon. The former's rendition of 'Ode to a Haggis' being noted as particularly bloodthirsty.

What's On ?

If this newsletter reaches you in time you might be able to attend the **Skittles Evening on Sunday 16th February**. It's being held (or was!) at the **Sheep Heid Inn, Duddingston** from about **6.30 p.m.** Probable cost is £1.50 for Seniors and 50p for Juniors. Do go along if you can make it. Support your Local Social Secretary. He's doing a grand job!

Also on the cards a **Pancake Evening on Shrove Tuesday (3rd March)** chez les McIntyres à **Leven Terrace**. Pop along after the Meadows training. Any time after 7.30 p.m. Contact **Andrew Bankhead (031-556-5141)** for further details.

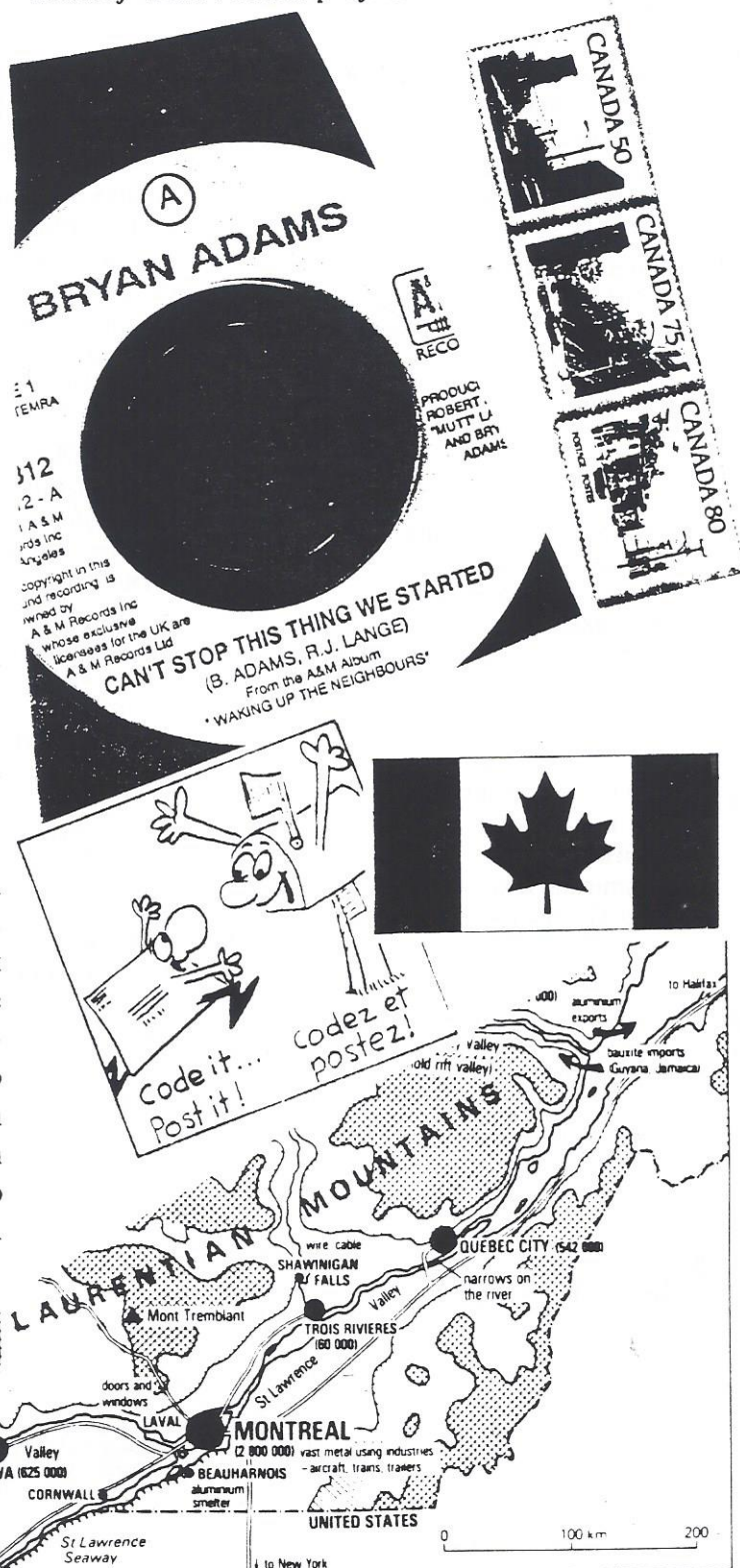
Dear John, (A novel introduction - Ed.)

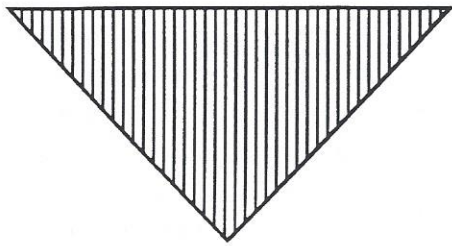
A Happy New Year to you and your family. Here's a cheque for £6 for Interlopers club membership and a badge. Rudy sent me one with the O-suit top I ordered. As suit design here is fairly staid, the flashy Interlopers design raised a few comments. I christened mine by winning the M21B course at the US Long O Championships in New York State in it. I must have dazzled the opposition at the mass start. Judging by Colin's excellent newspaper, (This lad'll go far - Ed.), Interlopers is thriving. Hopefully I'll get a business trip to Newcastle this spring which will allow me to come up to Edinburgh and take part in club activities. Other than some Ski-O, there's no orienteering here until April.

Cheers for now,

Donald.

Following on from last issue's inaugural letter from foreign parts, I was quite surprised to receive another epistle for inclusion via John Barrow. Our correspondent in exile this time is Donald Watson. Should we tell him club membership is only £3 or will we use it to cover the exorbitant postal charges to foreign parts which must have contributed to Royal Mail's recent announcement of £220 Million profits.





■ **Sunday 16th February**
Glasgow Galoppen (CLYDE)

Erskine Paisley
(NSA 8315)
Information from
G. Willison (0475-54431)

■ **Sunday 16th February**
STAUOC Colour Challenge
Tentsmuir North

Information from
Ros Gash
4 Alfred Place
St. Andrews

■ **Sunday 23rd February**
Solway 'O' League 4
Dalmacallan, Moniaive

(NX8088)
Information from
John Shaw
(08482-275)

■ **Sunday 23rd February**
PO Local Event
Blairadam, Fife

Information from
Mike Goldthorpe
(0738-813183)

■ **Sunday 23rd February**
National Event 1

Ewden, Sheffield
Information from B. Shaw
(0433-314523)

■ **Sunday 1st March**
ESOC Badge Event
LBOA Champs
Penicuik Estate

(NT218593)
Information from
Roger Scrutton (0968-74257)
Pre-entries to
K.M. Lessells
40 Ormidale Terrace
Edinburgh, EH12 6EF
£4 / £1.50 + £1 per vehicle
Closing Date 17th February
Limited Entry On Day

■ **Sunday 8th March**
LOL 6 (ESOC)
Hillend Park

(NT245667)
Information from
M. MacCormick
(031-441-4155)

■ **Sunday 15th March**
Scotlandsgaloppen 1
Penninghame,
Newton Stewart

(SOLWAY)
(NX369681)
Pre-entries and enquiries to
Dave McQuillen
10 Craigvale Court
Dumfries, DG1 4QH
(087-61741)
£4 / £2
Closing Date 1st March
Limited EOD

■ **Saturday 21st March**
British Champs

East Anglia
Special entry form required
Information from
A. Bedder (0603-424589)

■ **Sunday 29th March**
Scotlandsgaloppen 2
Inchmarnoch, Ballater

(MAROC)
(NO410970)
Pre-entries and enquiries to
Evelyn Hall
The Firs
Ballater Road
Aboyne, AB34 5HY
(03398-86685)
£4.50 / £2
Closing Date 19th March
Limited EOD

■ **Sunday 23rd February**
Solway 'O' League 5
Keir Hills, Thornhill

(NX850910)
Information from
J. Rammel
(0387-710406)

■ **Sunday 12th April**
PO Local Event
Birnam, Perth

No further details.

■ **Sunday 19th April**
JK Weekend
Lake District

Special entry form. No EOD.
Enquiries to BOF Office
(0629-734042)

■ **Sunday 26th April**
Scotlandsgaloppen 3
Hill of Fare, Banchory

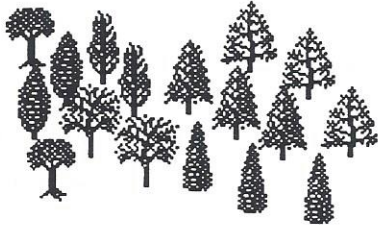
(NJ728018)
Pre-entries and enquiries to
G. Manning
Snipefield
Culsalmond
Insch, AB5 6TU
(04664-394)
£4.50 / £2
Closing Date 11th April
Limited EOD

Events



"Now you're really sure sir? You do want to become an orienteer?"

Down in the Woods



A Happy New Year to you and may I wish everyone the best of orienteering in 1992. I hope that you have renewed your Interlopers membership by now, and that if you're competing regularly (or would like to become more involved) you've joined the SOA and BOF as well. I think that the Club is giving good value to members now, with the Newsletter, regular training, socials, the Club Weekend, low cost physiotherapy cover, relay runs, financial aid . . . and, of course, the chance to meet up with fellow orienteers. I know there's a lot more we could do and the Committee will be working hard again this year, but please remember to make your feelings known to us - it is **YOUR** club after all! The benefits provided by the SOA and BOF are less obvious to some who orienteer and many complain of bureaucracy and waste, but orienteering does not just happen; some structure is required, and you can support the sport through SOA/BOF membership.

There are plenty of events coming up to look forward to. March offers two promising Scotlandgaloppen events with the British Champs in between - in East Anglia this year. A long way to travel, but our Mens' Open team hope to defend their title successfully. In April, after our own Lothian 'O' League event (put on jointly with the British Orienteering Squad - Please do help out!), there's a Lake District JK weekend which could be outstanding. Then, at the end of May, the Scottish Champs are at Darnaway, one of the best orienteering forests around. A real treat!

Away from the heat of competition, we as a club put on events, have socials, get together for training, etc - normal orienteering club activities that I think have been successful recently. Unfortunately, we've perhaps not been quite so successful in some other areas such as mapping and encouraging new juniors, and these are required to sustain the club in future years. I can see potential problems on the horizon and think that action is needed **now** to secure our future. I believe that we badly need to find more new areas to map. Small local ones and better quality ones, perhaps further afield. With these we could put on events, have training sessions and develop our officials' skills. We have no major event commitments this year so let's try and make 1992 the year we do something about this situation. Let's have some suggestions of areas to consider. We have the talents and enthusiasm. We need some impetus to build for the future.

Charlie Walton

The Chairperson's Bit

Jim Doig

Many Interlopers past and present will have been shocked to learn of the untimely passing of a former club member and friend. The appreciation of Jim which follows is from Charlie.

Jim Doig died in Aberdeen on the 10th of January after a sudden and short illness. He was 34. Jim was one of Scotland's top orienteers through the early 80's, and was an Interloper for a couple of seasons when he worked near Edinburgh after graduating from the University of St. Andrews. He moved on to the Aberdeen area to work for Shell and after competing at international level in the forest for a number of seasons, he switched to the road to become one of the top marathon runners in the country.

As an orienteer Jim ran for Scotland and for Britain, and was in the victorious British team at the first Transatlantic Cup in the U.S.A in 1984. On the roads he won marathons in Bermuda and Reykjavik in addition to fine runs in Glasgow, London and Dublin. His best marathon time was 2:17:58 and he ran for Great Britain in the European Marathon Cup. Many high class performances in Scotland included a winner's medal in the prestigious Edinburgh to Glasgow Road Relay with Aberdeen AAC, and victory in the Great Wilderness Challenge race in Wester Ross.

Recently, Jim hung up his racing shoes and was finding time to enjoy the Scottish hills and things like downhill ski-ing and fine wine that do not mix with top quality athletics. He and fiancée, Linden Cooper, were to be married in May. Jim's many friends were shocked and deeply saddened by his death but have been rallying round to help Linden and each other at this time of great loss.

Junior Page

Lothian Mountain Challenge 28th-29th September 1991

Ynske

With the competition set over two days, Gail and I were new to this different side of orienteering. Gail's dad, Scott, helped with the packing of our rucsacs which weighed in at 14lbs and 16lbs (Haven't you gone metric, yet? - Ed.). The 'mums' helped out in the food department.

Walking up to the start butterflies began to float about in our stomachs! A sure sign that we were nervous but getting excited. As the whistle blew we moved off at a jog and slowly the nerves let the excitement take over. When control one came into view we had already planned our routes to the following controls. When we came to the first check point at control four, however, we were informed that the course had been changed because of the wind strength on the tops of the hills to be crossed. No problem - We could handle this easy!

Into the glen, Gail and I jogged at a constant pace. We were enjoying this greatly, getting more and more satisfied as we picked off more of our 'enemies'. Coming from control seven to the finish was probably the best part of the course for me. We had traversed along the side of the hill to control seven, and as we moved off to the next control, which was on a saddle, we realised that it was going to be a hard climb - six hundred metres approximately in one slog. Yuk!!! Far from it though. Although the climb wasn't what you would like to do each day, seeing the figures of the other competitors moving up the hill like an army of ants gave us some reassurance and we staggered up beside them, speaking to many of the competitors as we overtook them, some of whom had been on the course for about five hours!

We finished in a time of 2 hours and 38 seconds and the most amazing thing was that we had come back first, the second team coming in some three minutes behind us.

We didn't sleep all that much that night due to our excitement and also the noise coming from some of the other tents. Being

woken up at six o'clock in the morning isn't one's ideal start to the day. Stuffing our faces with high calorie foods was FUN though! We were told it was a good thing to do and you can't exactly disappoint people by not following their advice, can you?

The start was at eight o'clock. We had to climb back up to the saddle where we had been the previous day. As it was a mass start, everyone moved up the corrie like the army of ants we had seen on Saturday. With another of the groups from our school joining on to Gail and I, we were going to make this a fun day and we weren't going to take things TOO seriously. Coming down the hill to control five at the bottom of the glen we saw where our next control was - at the top of the other side of the glen! Aaaargh!! Another hard slog but only five hundred metres this time though and made more enjoyable by the terrible jokes from each other.

Traversing along the hillside we could see two other groups in front of us, one of them being our rivals in second place. Coming down the hill from the second last control we thought that we could see the finish but it turned out to be an old, disused barn. We thought we saw the finish again and this time it was a Scout camp. Hopes were rapidly disappearing that the finish was near and being replaced by thoughts that our blisters were increasing in size and pain. And then, suddenly, turning ANOTHER corner in the winding track the finish appeared in sight. Yippee! Then aaaarrghhh as we all sprinted like mad to the finish.

Of course, the other group won, but we finished higher up the final results than them. Seeing as it was the first time that Gail and I had done anything like this we think we did pretty well - 2nd overall and 1st 'Women' in the Mixed Class. (Mixed what?) We received two prizes - a compass and a Karrimor rucsac. Not bad for two days of fun. We also managed to collect more than £300 in sponsorship money for the Sick

More tales of derring-do and success from our young Interløpettes. Ynske tells us how she and Gail fared in their first attempt at this event.

Kids appeal.

So next year if you see two girlies huffing and puffing around a course in the hills with a rucsac on their backs and smiles on their faces - That's probably us doing the **LOTHIAN MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE**.

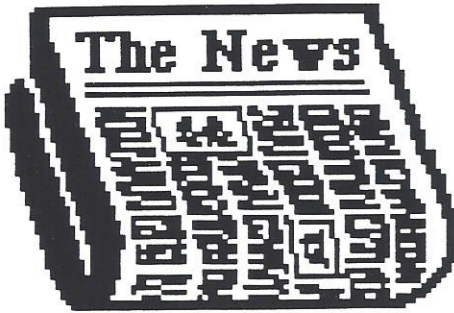
More Junior News

Ynske was recently invited to give a talk to some P5/6 pupils at Preston Street Primary School on orienteering. The talk went quite well apparently and we may have another group joining the club soon. For a fee of £1, I believe, it represents good value for any schools wishing to affiliate themselves, if we can develop more of our policies towards junior members. It won't be enough just to attract schools and think that that is us doing our bit for Scottish orienteering. We will have to inform, encourage and maintain the interest of these junior orienteers. Perhaps the club should be looking at the appointment of a Junior Development Officer at the next AGM?



"Number 4. Its over here!"

A start might be provided by the Fit'n'Funday at the Meadows. A simple course pitched at the right level could do a lot for the club's image and catch the imagination of many youngsters. On a more general note, if anyone can devise or sketch a rough outline for an Introduction to Orienteering, with relevant information, and passes it on to the newsletter editor, I would be happy to produce an information sheet for distribution at events such as the Summer Series. Think about it!



Does anybody want to map an area? Mapping grants are available. They are fairly restricted in number but would make a small contribution to costs. Applications by the end of the month to Jonathan Musgrave at the SOA.

As the government continues to refuse to allocate any extra funds towards the Sick Kids Appeal there is still a sizeable shortfall. Sunday 29th March is the date for the next mass fund-raising event. A Fitness and Fun Day is planned for the Meadows with attempts at a world conga record and mass workout session I believe. It has been suggested that the local O-clubs might want to put on a demonstration or a small low-key event. This would provide an excellent opportunity to attract juniors to the club. Anyone interested in putting something on get in touch with Charlie or John.

New member Cathy Tilbrook has recently been appointed Holyrood Park Project Officer. One of her first tasks has been to conduct a survey of the use of and peoples' ideas for the Park. If you have any views I'm sure she would welcome them.

The Club's bank balance should receive a healthy injection of funds shortly with the arrival at last of monies for our efforts in major events last year. The income from the Six Days is finally on its way as are most of the profits from the Scottish Championships. Lack of event income has meant a steady decline in our coffers recently so this will reassure our Treasurer. If you have any bright fund raising ideas let the Committee know.

The LBOA is keen to develop the idea of continuity in orienteering events and as such is striving to integrate the LOL and the Summer Series. There always seems to be a gap between the two. They are keen to publicise the series and want us to start thinking much earlier in advance so that posters and publicity are available for the last LOL event of the season. Start thinking for 1993!

Numerous British and Scottish Squad Training Weekends are held throughout the year. Where resources and numbers permit the presence of mere mortal orienteers is welcomed. It would seem that some of our elite runners can't get enough exercise and are fairly willing to take people out after the main training sessions and offer advice and assistance. The next major event is SG1 at Penninghame on March 15th where I believe some accomodation may be available. Pakit Hyman should be able to furnish you with further details should you need any.

There are 9 events planned for this year's Summer Series and Interlopers have volunteered to organise 2 of them. Are there any budding planners out there interested in cutting their teeth. These small events provide the ideal opportunity for your first attempts. The dates and venues are 6th May at Colinton Dell and 3rd June at Holyrood Park. If you fancy taking charge of one (or both!) of these events put your booking in with Charlie or John now.

The Committee are still actively pursuing the idea of some club training events. With some free Saturdays ahead in February and March watch or listen out for some small scale affairs. Any club member wishing to offer his or her services for a morning or evening make your availability known. Some members would welcome even an informal get together after a major event to diagnose what went wrong / right. If you want to offer your house for an evening or can suggest a good pub, say so. Get talking everybody!

Organising workaholic Graham McIntyre's latest nightmares are over the World Universities Orienteering Championships to be held in Deeside in the last week of July. He has some assistance at present from Cathy Tilbrook and Simon Thompson but I'm sure that he would appreciate any help you could offer, either in preparation for the event or on the actual days themselves. There will be opportunities for non-student types to run around as well. Let Graham know now!

**Scottish Orienteering Association
Development Conference 1992
Stirling University, Saturday 22nd February**

"The Way Forward"

All Scottish Orienteers are invited to attend at a cost of £8.50 per person. This cost includes morning coffee, sandwich lunch and afternoon tea.

PROGRAMME

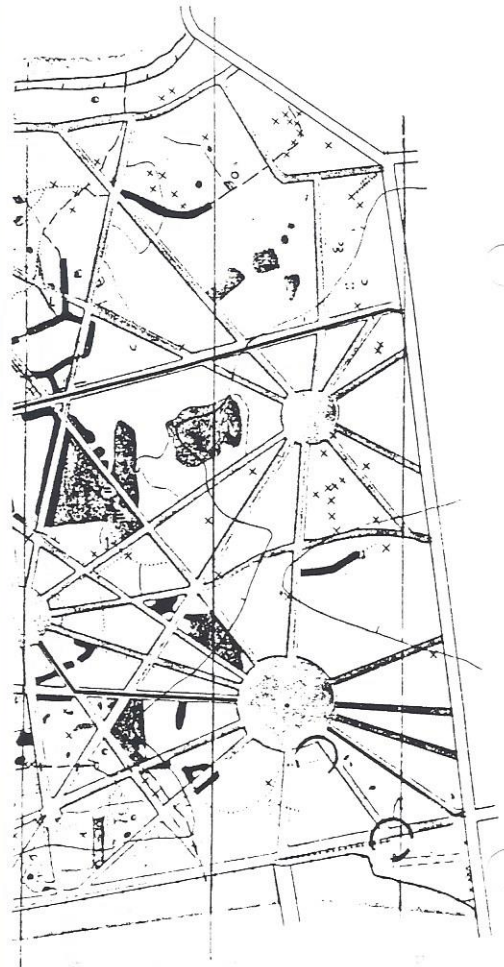
- 10.00-10.30** Registration and Coffee
10.30-11.00 "Important Changes To Competition Rules".
 Chaired by Simon Thompson
11.00-13.00 "The Way Forward". Presentation of the report by
 SOA's working party on SOA/BOF relationships
 and structures, followed by workshop sessions and
 feedback. Chaired by John Morris.
13.00-13.50 Lunch. Display stands by map-makers.
13.50-14.50 Trail-O demonstration in the university grounds
 with Tom Renfrew.
14.50-15.00 Afternoon Tea
15.00-16.30 "Recruiting and Retaining Juniors". Presentation,
 workshops and preparation of a club agenda for
 action. Chaired by Donald Wallace.
16.30-17.00 Question Time. Your chance to raise any O-topics.
 Chaired by Ken Davidson.

1. If the weather / ground is impossible there will be an alternative to Trail-O. If you need transport from Stirling Station please let me know in advance. Participants will get a synopsis of the working party's report and other papers about ten days in advance.
2. If you intend to come, please write to Derek Allison, 56 East Stirling Street, Alva, FK12 5HA.
3. Enclose your cheque and mark your envelope DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE.
4. Any enquiries to Charles Howie, 3 Sylvan Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1LH (031-667-8287).

I hope as many people as possible will come. Make your views on the structure of BOF known to the SOA and go home with a list of things your club can do to recruit and encourage juniors and the less abled. See you there!

Charles Howie
(Organiser).

BINNING



WOOD



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



If you are going to the British Championships in East Anglia and you would like a relay run then you had better do something about it **now !**

Elite runners should make their availability known as soon as possible, (if they haven't already done so), to Rob Lee (668-2822) or Pakit Hyman (668-1851). Other members interested in a run should contact John Barrow (440-2136).



The JK is looming up as well. Once again, Club Secretary John Barrow is the person to inform if you are interested in a relay run in the Lake District. March 17th is the final deadline and John says if you don't tell him soon, you've had it. So there !



The SOA Development Conference at Stirling is next weekend. If you haven't already booked your place phone up Charles Howie a.s.a.p. The Conference will give members the opportunity to say how orienteering is organised in Britain with respect to Scotland. It is believed that there will be a few resolutions critical of BOF and their lack of recognition of the needs of Scottish orienteers. (Have the SNP infiltrated the SOA ? - Ed.)



Any suggestions for future events ? We will probably beholding an event in the autumn, either an LOL or an open event of some sort. If you can think of any venues or ideas then let the Committee know.

Also, as ESOC seem to have organised the LBOA Night Championships for the past few years it might be diplomatic of us to offer to do the next one. Any owls out there with keen night vision ?



If you missed out on signing up with the Sports Injuries Clinic at Moray House you've had it for this year. Contact Pat Squire (445-4830) and he can give you details and procedure to follow if you want to take advantage of the scheme next time round. For £10 it must be a bargain for all you accident-prone types out there.



Various club members have a habit of jumping in a car at the weekends when there are no events on and drive around the country in search of interesting and technical bits of forest to orienteer in. If you're interested in filling up a car / cars, likely people to get in touch with about this informal, low-key training are Colin Eades, Pakit Hyman or Rob Lee.



For those venturing to darkest Norwich, I am assured by Pakit that there is a relatively inexpensive air service from Edinburgh which might appeal to those averse to long road / rail journeys, short of time and heavy of wallet. If you do take this option, be prepared like the gentleman on Page 11.



We can at last reveal the venue of our LOL event. It will be held at Calder Wood, so remember to take your pen for all the master maps, keep your eyes on the power lines and stay away from the SSSI. The proceeds from the meeting will be split 50-50 with the British Squad. Experience the privilege of an event organised by Pakit Hyman, planned by Andy Kitchen and controlled by Jon Cross.



A mug or sucker is wanted (so the Chairman said !) to find a suitable area for the Scottish Score Championships in 1993. It is recommended that someone volunteer for this prestigious and thankless task before Charlie starts pulling names out of hats.



Our city rivals are going to have a busy time ahead by the looks of things. ESOC are organising this year's LBOA Inter Club Championship. It will be held on May 31st in Holyrood Park. This is on top of the upcoming LBOA Championships at Penicuik and the 14 Person Relay later on in the year.



It's nearly time for the AGM. If you are unhappy with the pigs' breakfast which the present, useless committee are making, start thinking up your motions and organise your subversive cells to take over the running of the club. Seriously though, if you do want to take a more active part in the club or feel you have some useful talent you can offer let us know.



"Ooops ! Who put that banana skin there ?"



WE WIN

It isn't official but a preliminary count would suggest that we narrowly beat Roxburgh Reivers in our Compass Sport Cup match at the recent LOL event at Tentsmuir. Full marks to Charlie and John for getting a team together at such short notice without the benefit of newsletter publicity. Apologies to anyone who missed out on our moment of success. Make sure you're available for the next round.

For trivia lovers everywhere, the headline above appears in the opening credits of a popular comedy series. What is it?

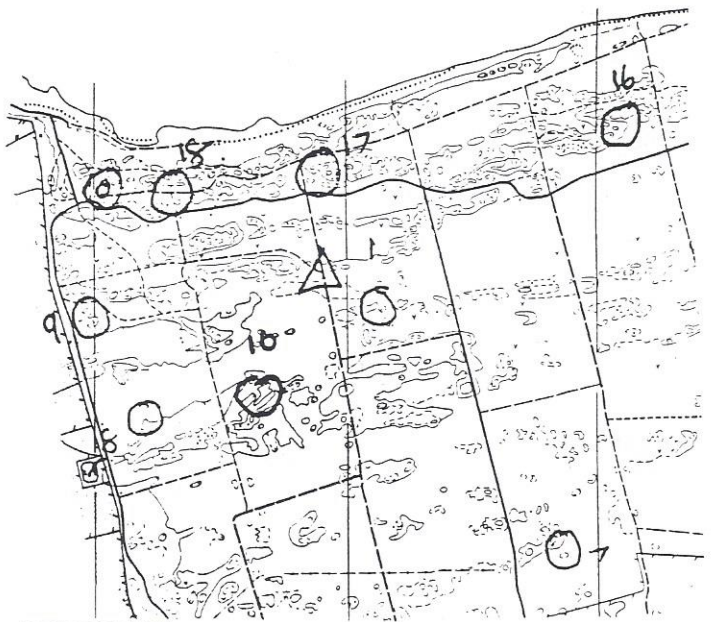
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EH25 9NY

If you are not a club member and you would like to join Interløpers, why not get in touch with our club secretary at the address opposite?



**Look out British Championships !
Here come the Interløpers M21 Open
Team.**



Have You Bought Your Badge Yet?

Threat To The Traditional Haggis

One of our club members of a more scientific bent came across some worrying articles in a journal he reads recently about the spread of farm-bred animals at the expense of native species. He felt compelled to write this plea in defence of one of our most loved animals at the Burns Supper. Large quantities of whisky did not play any part in its composition.

As you all know well, haggis farms have been springing up all over the Highlands in recent years in order to meet the rising demand from Europe. Although this brings welcome employment to rural areas, a serious problem has recently come to light. Unlike the wild haggis whose habitat is exclusively the steep sides of the hills, the farm haggis is reared on flat land. Agro-scientists have genetically manipulated the farm haggis so that they have legs of the same length. This allows them to scurry around the fields with ease. The problem, however, is that some of the farm haggis have escaped and reached the hills. They have begun to breed with the wild haggis having the advantage of being able to turn round quicker on the hillside. The resulting offspring have appeared with legs of different lengths on different sides of their bodies (Sounds like some orienteers I know - Ed.). If this cross-breeding continues the whole population of wild haggis could be threatened. No longer would we be able to watch those elaborate and quaint courtship rituals which have been the inspiration behind many Scottish country dances. We must act now before it is too late!

Scotlands galoppen 91

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| M13A | Anthony Squire | 3942 | 2 / 31 |
| M13B | Graeme Ambler | 1000 (1) | 4 / 10 |
| M21L | Andy Kitchin | 3790 | 1 / 70 |
| | Robin Galloway | 2919 | 8 / 70 |
| | Rob Lee | 2810 (3) | 12 / 70 |
| | Pakit Hyman | 2578 (3) | 15 / 70 |
| | Phil Smith | 1992 (3) | 25 / 70 |
| M21S | John Kenworthy | 2822 | 11 / 51 |
| M35L | Colin Inverarity | 2717 | 11 / 29 |
| M40L | Pat Squire | 3728 | 4 / 41 |
| | Scott Balfour | 3636 | 5 / 41 |
| M45L | Rudolph Riemersma | 3105 | 10 / 32 |
| M60L | Ray Heyworth | 4000 | 1 / 4 |
| W11A | Rachel Balfour | 2487 | 7 / 11 |
| W13A | Gail Balfour | 3952 | 1 / 32 |
| | Fay Balfour | 3018 | 9 / 32 |
| W15A | Ynske Riemersma | 3896 | 2 / 16 |
| W21L | Jo Mitchell | 2678 (3) | 11 / 32 |
| | Lucy Patterson | 2247 | 14 / 32 |
| | Janet Fallon | 1778 (3) | 18 / 32 |

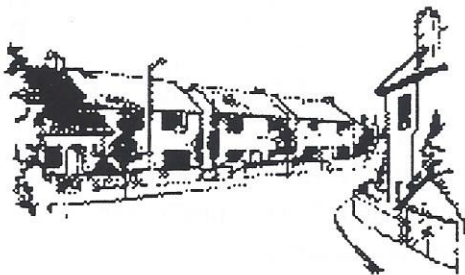
Congratulations to all who took part in the series and good luck this year.

The final results for last year's Scotlands galoppen have finally surfaced so here are some of the better placings by Interløpers. The best 4 runs out of 7 count. Our winners included; Andy, who won his first race and didn't bother to win any more after that; Ray, who only had three other active M60's to compete with but nevertheless managed to win four races; and Gail who won three races and by only two points from the second placed girl. Anthony also won three races but it wasn't enough to come out on top. Apologies to anyone omitted, especially new members who may have been running or originally registered under their previous clubs. The full copy of results can be obtained from John Barrow if you are interested.



"I'm going to get that control if it's the last thing I do!"

Street Navigation Event



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| Venue | Livingston Mill Farm, Kirkton, Livingston, GR 034667 |
| Date | Wednesday 11th March |
| Registration | 6.30p.m. |
| Starts | From 7.00p.m. |
| Entry | By donation |
| Courses | Short, Medium and Long |
| Map | Scale 1 : 8000 (Black and White) |
| Notes | The event will take place on traffic-free foot-paths which are in good condition and well lit. Refreshments will be available after the event and the profits will be donated to the British Orienteering Squad funds. For further information please telephone John Coon on 0506-632728 |

New Members

One thing that I have been a bit remiss about in my rush to meet printing deadlines and feverishly mailing out newsletters is to welcome new members to the club. Recent arrivals to Interløpers include

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| Tom Brownlee | Lesley McFarland |
| Ben Hartman | Heather Peel |
| Pete Kinny | Cathy Tilbrook |
| Donald Reay | |

(all M21's)

(all W21's !)

The club would like to extend a friendly welcome to you all and wish you successful orienteering. Don't hesitate to engage any of us characters in garish O-suits at events if you see us and remember to come along to the socials.

We also have our first group members. In the light of recent concerns at the low number of juniors taking up our sport it is encouraging to have George Watson's College affiliating themselves to our club.

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I was going around in my bags and my blue suede boots with my hair down to my shoulders along to the Empire to see T.Rex. I had just stopped going to the Volleyball Club because I thought I wasn't leaving enough time for my studies !!! Elsewhere in Edinburgh some graduands were thinking of setting up an orienteering club. Interlopers was born. According to the first ever newsletter there were ten of them. Where are they all now? Two remain as Interlopers to this day - Club Secretary, John Barrow, and Honorary President, Carol McNeill. Another three still compete regularly to my knowledge in Scottish orienteering. The other five, who knows where? Perhaps the threat of some 20th Anniversary celebrations might bring them out of the woodwork!

While many of our successful present-day Interlopers were toddling about the primary school playgrounds of Britain the foundations of the club were being laid. Twenty years on gives the editor the opportunity to dip into the archives and find material that will make the BOO's (Boring

Old Orienteers) go misty-eyed in reminiscence. It also gives him an excuse to fill up the white space which threatens to fill up a major part of each issue. Many thanks to those members who have kept me supplied with copy.

Interlopers must be running fairly smoothly these days judging by the lack of unfavourable comment or irate letters in my mail. Maybe you're too polite to make any criticism or perhaps you don't have the time with your other demands. If you do have any views you want to air don't hesitate to use the newsletter as a vehicle for your thoughts and musings. Any orienteer with extreme views should feel free to write some provocative article to stimulate some lively debate.

The club does seem to be thriving though with membership continuing to rise, increasing success at all levels and an active programme of social events. Our bank balance is fairly healthy and should continue to be if we remain mindful of the concerns which Charlie has expressed in The Chairman's Bit. Let's make sure we have a happy and successful 20th Birthday.

Me and my big mouth! In the last issue I commented on my fairly mediocre performance as an orienteer and then I go and win something. I managed to totally dominate and humiliate a field of three (one of whom dnf'd) to become LBOA M35A Champion. Perhaps the small turn-out is the reason why I haven't been presented with my trophy yet. Pat Squire, a previous winner, assures me that there is one - a huge chunk of carved wood straight out of the hotel in Twin Peaks. Maybe they realise that it won't be in my possession for long with this year's Championship coming up earlier in March. Nevertheless, I did have a fairly good run and actually managed to go round faster than Pat for the first (and last?) time ever. Well, I'll be there at Penicuik on March 1st, defending my title.

On a final note, it is interesting to read the last comment in Newsletter No. 1, as compiled by then editor - Carol McNeill.

"Any volunteers for Newsletter editor?"

Things don't change much!

"Th-th-that's all folks!"

Stirling Knockout Cup

Saturday 29th February Touch Estate

Another fund raiser for the BOF Squad, this promises to be an interesting event.

The terrain is described as hot and sexy!

All maps are bagged and over-printed with pictorial descriptions being used.

Car Parking is along roads at G.R. 744937.

No Loos, Dogs or Sheep.

There are two assembly areas. Assembly A is 300 metres from the car park and Assembly B is 1km away from Assembly A

Entry is £4 per person

Cheques should be made payable to S.B.Nicholson

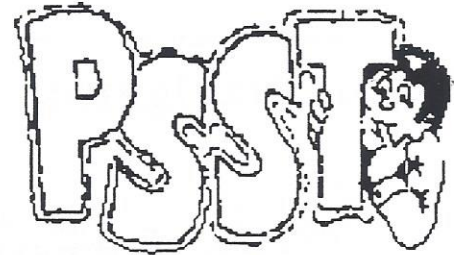
Send two SAE's to
Steve Nicholson,
16 Castle Court
Stirling
FK8 1EL

Telephone: 0786 51041

Closing Date
22nd February

Limited EOD (£5)

Final details will be sent shortly before the race



Join Interlopers and it appears you run the risk of becoming attached to members of the opposite sex. The club seems as if it is beginning to function on a secondary level as a dating agency.

Our gossip columnist who stalks the periphery of orienteering society reports that;

John Kenworthy finally persuaded Lesley McFarland to join Interlopers and also announced their engagement around Christmas.

Colin Eades and Lorna Boyd were engaged at the New Year with an autumn wedding planned.

Already fairly common knowledge, but best wishes to Robin Galloway and Lucy Patterson who get married sometime around the 30th May.