INTeresting – 25 Sep 2019

Hope you all enjoyed last weekend's SOL on the Pentlands – nice to have a big race close to home. Pity the VHI team didn't quite manage to beat England, but there's always next year (and this year's JIRCs and JHIs). Any juniors who still haven't signed up for the Inter-Areas weekend need to do so by this weekend – details below. All the details on this and lots more below … and please do read the 'help wanted' section if nothing else!

Help Wanted

- **URGENT!!!** The **Club's Halloween Party** is to be held on Saturday 2nd November. Unfortunately our social secretary, Jane, is no longer able to host the part as she will be helping ScotJOS in Oban that weekend. If you are able to host the party then please let Jane know asap (jane AT carcas.co.uk).
- **Next year's event programme**: this is nearly finalised, and the committee will be sending out details shortly. We will be signing up planners, organisers and controllers rather further in advance than in recent years, and intend to provide training (and maybe a mentor) to those who would like to try their hand, but perhaps aren't quite sure about it. Events don't run themselves, so we will be looking for all active club members to play their part. More details very soon …
- Ken Daly is looking for **volunteers for our next CATI** (Come-and-try-it) event at **Mortonhall** on Saturday 5th October – please email kennethdaly1962 AT gmail.com if you can help.
- As part of the **SOA Competition Calendar Review**, the SOA (Scottish Orienteering Association) would really like to hear the views of all members on the most important orienteering events to you. Please share this link and complete the survey by 6 October. scottish-orienteering.org/news/your-opin…

News

- **VHIs (Veteran Home Internationals)** - Well done to Claire Ward (3rd, W40) and Ann Haley (3rd, W50) on Sunday. Sadly their efforts weren't quite enough to get Scotland into first place, but Scotland came a good second. I'm sure there were also good results in the SOL, but the results are not presented in the easiest format for working out who did well in each class.
- **Fight With the Night (FWTN)** is starting up soon. If you're not on the mailing list, contact **events.euoc@gmail.com** to get signed up, though I think everyone getting this should have received the mail anyway via the Interlopers list. First event is on Thursday 10th October (Exchange District and Meadows), then they are roughly fortnightly until March next year. EUOC may or may not update their website with the details before then.
- **Play With The Day** – this is a new concept from EUOC for those Thursday evenings when it isn't dark enough for FWTN. First one this Thursday in Liberton. Again, details should have been sent to the Interlopers list, and you can sign up directly via the email address above.
- **JIRCs** – good luck to Pippa Carcas (W16), and Sam Bartlett (M14) this weekend in the Junior Inter Regional Championships in South Yorkshire.
- **Foundation Training** – the SOA are hoping to put on a Coaching Foundation course on Saturday 12th October in the Edinburgh opportunity. For anyone wanting to get involved in coaching this is a pre-requisite for a level 1 coaching course, and it's not often run locally so make the most of the opportunity. There are plenty of spaces (and more

participants will help ensure it takes place), and it's possible that if you talk to our treasurer (Robin) nicely, he will fund it (£60). Katherine and I are probably going and it would be great to see other club members there.

Juniors' News

- The **Juniors' Inter-Areas weekend** is taking place over the weekend of 9-10 November. Juniors should have had more details from Katherine (Katherine AT tusks.org.uk) but contact her asap if you haven't. She's looking for responses (especially for those wanting to stay over with the group at Aberdeen Youth Hostel) by Fri 27 Sept., in order to let the North Area organisers know likely numbers, particularly for accommodation.
- ESOC will be running an **ESOA juniors' training session** on Sat 19 October at Bonaly, for Orange +. More details to follow. KFO are provisionally running ESOA Juniors' training on Sat 2 November near Lochgelly.
- ESOA is hoping to run a **Scottish Youth Orienteering Leadership training day** at the start of January, probably the Saturday or Sunday before term starts, combined with an ESOA Juniors social event. An older juniors should seriously considering participating in this, as a useful foundation for sports leadership more generally as well as orienteering. Look out for more details from Katherine.

Forthcoming Events

- EUOC Play with the Day Thursday 26th September, Liberton,
- ELO Local Event at Hallhill on Saturday 28th September
- INT Mortonhall on Saturday 5th October
- EUOC FWTN (Meadows / Exchange District) Thursday 10th October
- RR Teviothead SOL on Sunday 13th October
- Compass Sport Trophy Final on Sunday 20th October
- Club Halloween Party – Saturday 2nd November
- Club Training Weekend in the Lake District (23-24 November, contact lorna.eades AT ed.ac.uk)

Regular events:

- Tuesday Intervals on the Meadows: every Tuesday, 7:30 for 7:55pm
- Thursday club training run (see 'Training' link at www.interlopers.org.uk)