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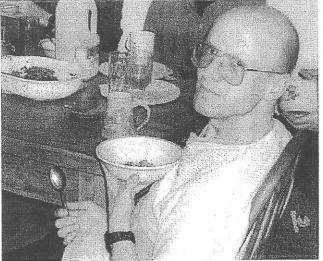
New chairman found at the 11th hour

(though it's way past his bedtime)

It was a close thing but the club does have a new chairman. Paul Caban (pictured in traditional pose below) is the man. In recent weeks all the likely candidates were approached to no avail. And with the AGM only days away, it seemed that the top job might remain unfilled...

(more of this inside), had been carefully sounding out the likely (and some of the unlikely) candidates without any obvious success – "The premier position in Scotland's leading orienteering club is a difficult one to fill." – Jörgen Martensson. The situation was indeed on a knife edge.

So, it was to the surprise of a packed AGM (at least, I'm told it was packed. I'd been forced to lead a walking tour in the Alps unfeeling employers and was thus unable attend) when, as the smoke white cleared. Paul been had elected.



Behind the scenes,
however,
powerful men
were plotting the
club's future and,
far from there
being no
chairperson, two
candidates were
busy carving up
the club's power
base for the next
few years...

In a scenario reminiscent of the Blair/Brown battle for the top spot, Paul and Brad

Connor agreed that, in exchange for a lifetime's supply of Rice Krispies TM , Paul would do the job initially and at an unspecified date in the future would hand the crown over to Brad (don't believe a word of it! – G Brown).

All of which means that for the next few years we will have excellent people at the helm and we can all go to future AGMs without the worry of coming away with unlikely high office after consuming injudicious quantities of alcohol!!

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While his credentials for high office have never been in doubt, it was always thought that his commitment to the SOA as their fixtures guru, not to mention holding down a high powered IT post and deciding the futures of potential PhDs would leave him with little time for additional club activities. However, "Cometh the hour. Cometh the man."

Not even the other members of the committee had seen it coming. Gillian, who has done a tremendous job during her three year reign

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Welcome!!

A big Interløpers' welcome to a couple of new arrivals:

James Daniel Hartman, born 22 July and weighing 5lb 6 oz

and, Thomas Campbell Owen, born 5 August and weighing 7lb 4oz

That junior section is looking really promising!

Yet more new members on our unbeatable "join now, pay later" scheme:

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Donald is rejoining after a ten year absence from the sport, and has signalled his intent by persuading Colin Eades to partner him in the LAMM last month. A newsletter article in the making, I'm sure

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Email List

The Club email list is frequently used to circulate event and social information, particularly in the gaps between newsletters. The list is closed and moderated, which means that it gets no spam, and the only emails sent to it are by club members on the list.

Many club members are on the list; noone is added in except by request. If you think you're not, and would like to be, then contact:

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who will add your email address into the list.

For those on the list, the address to send mail to is interlopers@lists.ed.ac.uk







Committee things

Firstly a big 'thank you'...



Gillian looks forward to an early night!

The election of the committee in saw June to the return 'back benches' OH chairperson, Gillian Godfree. This should not go unremarked. Over the past 3 vears Gillian has managed to fit the needs of the club around: a full job, teaching international representation, a

training program that would make grown men (Dave) weep and a prodigious baking program!

During her reign she found time to organise and plan events of all levels and successfully persuade members that they too should be doing their 'bit' for the club. She also oversaw the advent of the street —o series and ensured that people (especially starving students) kept coming back by providing food after these events.

As I discovered upon joining the committee last year, she runs meetings in a brisk and efficient manner. There was no chance of turning up half an hour late with a feeble excuse. The agenda was stuck to rigorously and briskly so that Gillian could be tucked up in bed by 9pm.

Now she has time to pursue other things. On behalf of the club I would like to say a big 'thank you' and hope you enjoy your extra free time. Gillian Godfree — a dynamo!

Two other committee members also stood down. Thanks to Darina who took on the thankless task of social secretary and tempted indifferent members with cinema outings, theatre visits, parties and meals. I'm not sure whether Darina's hen night was an official club function but the photos indicated an X-rated night was enjoyed by all...

Scott finally became too old and too busy to continue as junior representative and is now taking on the world's best with notable success while also juggling a university education. Thanks and good runs Scott!









Nothing short of crimson embarassment has caused me to bury this apology among the pages most of you never get to before succumbing to the arms of Morpheus. This newsletter should have been in your hands long ago but what with recent parenthood, I've been a bit strapped for time and – I have to confess – energy!

So a bit of a lean, disjointed issue and "No 6-day results!", I hear you cry. The next issue will contain these goodies and the ever popular 'map & run'. I had hoped to include a 'map & run' from the Scottish Championships but my champion has been a bit shy...

So, if you have a story to tell from Royal Deeside 2005, I'd love to hear from you. I'll be pestering those who had a good 6-day for maps and comments – yes! Ann and Mark, I could be talking about you...

Chairman Caban's chat

Despite Barry's front-page scoop, it's rather to my surprise that you find me as Club Chairman. With the SOA Fixtures commitment, as well as actually competing now and again, plus 'bagging' lots of small hills (don't ask) free time will be at a premium.

After the first meeting of the new Committee, we believe that marketing/publicity needs to be a priority, both to attract new member and also keep them once they join. For example, there's likely to be a monthly mid-week running group. More information in a future newsletter, coming to you soon.

Lots of events coming up during the Autumn. For the Club organised ones (Drummond Hill, Mortonhall), expect request/appeals for volunteer help. For some of the 'social' events (CompassSport Cup, Jamie Stevenson Trophy, 11 Person Relay), please join the Club in making this a good day out for everyone.

Finally, remember that this is *everyone's* newsletter. If you have something to tell, please let Barry know. Articles especially appreciated.

Planning – it's easy... ...isn't it??

by Chris Godfree

After planning the Scottish Relays I was asked to write an article for the newsletter on how easy planning was and encourage more people in the club to give it a go. I began to give it some thought and very quickly realised I'd be lying if I wrote that. The Scottish Relays was really hard work, it was stressful and it took up a lot of my time. The checking of control sites in the forest, the checking of the courses in CONDES, the checking of the control descriptions, the checking of the course guidelines. That's before bringing in the complexities of checking for a relay involving Graeme's new relay concept and ensuring that all teams had a fair combination of courses.

I hadn't planned a relay before and nothing more than a colour coded for many years. Graeme's concept gave us a lot of scope to do something more interesting than many relays of recent years and once we had the Ian Pyrah (Controller) on board, and involved in the decisions, things ran pretty smoothly. I visited the forest a couple of times over the winter and had a good idea of the forest and where the courses should go. The assembly area was the difficult bit as there was no site that stood out as being ideal. I choose the one that gave the best relay courses and things kind of fell into place after that. Courses were finalised and given the thumbs up by the Ian in April and then I taped all the sites. After moving a few sites both Ian and I were happy. Then the relay team combinations started....I worked them out first of all, Ian then found a few mistakes, Robin (Strain - SI guru despite not having done a relay before....) found some more and finally I found some more that no-one had noticed!! On the day we found no mistakes on this front - well worth all the time we spent on ensuring everything was correct.

Having decided not to run the individual at all I turned up late on Saturday to a few unhappy people (well okay, quite a lot actually...). Ian and I went round all 65 sites putting out trestles in about 3 hours with each of us checking the others work — Tentsmuir made it easy with nice big tracks to drive round and I threw the trestles from the car...well almost!! After a breezy night (and a couple of broken club tents) it was suddenly time to put out the kites and SI units. Again checking was the name of the game with Ian and I checking each others work. Then there was just the rush of getting the map issue people sorted, deciding on a last minute start procedure and watching everyone set-off. After a bit of enforced commentary on my part it was all over. With a few willing helpers (thanks to Rob, Colin and my parents!!) all the controls were collected in very quickly.

So, what about the good bits? The winning teams from three of the handicaps finished within 25 seconds and then the Men's and Women's Open within 15 seconds. Personally I got a lot of complements on the quality of my courses (and the

non-use of pits in thick green forest!!) and the closeness of the racing within lots of different teams. Of course there were a few things that people weren't too happy about but we only got one letter of complaint!!

So what's my advice?? Yes, planning does take time and it is stressful but when you get it right it is very rewarding to hear from people who have really enjoyed your courses. Remember, you don't have to start at the top – planning a local event or a street 'o' is a lot easier and a lot less stressful. There are plenty of people in the club to give you some advice and guide you through any aspects you aren't sure about. Volunteer for an event, get the advice you need, get it right beforehand and on the day then sit back and soak up the complements!!







Man airlifted out of gorse bushes

A man has been rescued by helicopter after being trapped in prickly gorse for two days.

(This disturbing piece was discovered on a BBC news site by 'supersurfer' – aka Dave Godfree – and shows that the ESOC penchant for nightmare control sites lives on south of the border...)

The 32-year-old was stuck in an area of 8ft high bushes on a cliff face at Primrose Valley near Filey until he was seen waving a lighter on Tuesday.

Emergency services were unable to reach him so a helicopter was scrambled from RAF Leconfield and the man was airlifted to hospital with hypothermia.

Sgt Colin Yorke from the RAF said they had no idea how the man had got there.

"He was right in the middle of the gorse," he said. "It was like he'd been dropped there by a spaceship."

The man, who is from Hunmanby, was rescued at about 0450 BST on Tuesday. Mr Yorke said he had been numb from the waist down as he had not moved since Sunday.

"He was out of it really," he said.

"When we arrived we could just see this hand poking out above the top of the gorse.

"Luckily there was a small hole in the bushes so I could be winched down and get this guy out."

Fixtures

- Sunday 11th October
 Jamie Stevenson Trophy
 Pitmedden Forest, PERTH
 NO 188139
 Juniors only.
 Club entry co-ordinated by Ann
 Haley (0131 445 4833)
- Saturday 17th September
 (AYROC) Scottish Score Champs
 and Scottish Inter-Club Champs
 Loch Doon East
 NS 477031
 Entries:
 Brigid Flanagan
 47 Arrol Drive
 AYR
 KA7 4AL
 Fees: £7/£3.50 Lim EOD
 CD: 04/09/05
 EPS-SI
 Information from:
 Pat Flanagan (01292 267063)
- Sunday 18th September
 (AYROC) SOL 5
 Loch Doon West
 NS 477031
 Entries:
 Brigid Flanagan
 47 Arrol Drive
 AYR
 KA7 4AL
 Fees: £8/£4 EOD CD: 04/09/05
 EPS-SI
 String course, Lim CC
 Information from:
 Pat Flanagan (01292 267063)
- Sunday 24th September (KFO) 11 Person Relay Tentsmuir South NO 498242
 Club entry co-ordinated by 'Captain' Anthony Squire

- Sunday 2nd October (ESOC) SoSOL1
 Corstorphine Hill
 NT 203747
 Fees: £4/£2
 EPS-SI
 Information from:
 Anne Stevenson
 0131 332 3045
 - Saturday 8th October
 (INT) Scottish Night Champs
 Drummond Hill, Kenmore
 NN 770457
 Entries:
 Darina Cunnane
 54/5Balbirnie Place
 EDINBURGH
 EH12 5JL
 Fees: £8/£3 lim EON+£1/50p
 CD: 26/09/05
 Information from:
 Paul Caban (0131 445 3098)
- Sunday 9th October
 (INT) SOL 6
 Drummond Hill, Kenmore
 NN 770457
 Entries: Darina (see above)
 Fees: £8/£3 lim EOD+£1/50p
 CD: 26/09/05
 EPS-SI
 String course, Lim CC
 Information from:
 Fiona Weir (01506 848824)
 - ESOC Local event
 Holyrood Park (Dunsapie L)
 NT 280732
 Entry: Adults £2, Juniors £1
 Starts: 2-3pm
 Information from:
 Janet Clark (0131 225 7771)
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Saturday 15th October

Sunday 16th October
(SELOC)
CompassSport Cup Final
Clowbridge, BURNLEY
Club entry co-ordinated by
'Captain' Anthony Squire

- Saturday 22nd October
 EUOC Relays
 Blackford Hill
 Information from:
 Murray Strain (01875 611014)
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- Sunday 23rd October
 (EUOC) ESOA Championships
 Dalkeith Contry Park
 Information from:
 Murray Strain (01875 611014)
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- Sunday 30th October (FVO) SoSOL1
 South Achray
 NN 526007
 Fees: £4/£2
 EPS-SI
 Information from:
 Gary Longhurst
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- Local Saturday afternoon events
 Starts: 2:00->3:00
 Fees: £2/£1
 Including:
 Sep 10th Davidson's Mains Park
 Sep 24th Carberry (Musselburgh)
 Oct 15th Holyrood Park
 Oct 29th Butterdean Wood (East
 Lothian)
 Nov 12th Mortonhall
 Nov 19th Bonaly
 Nov 26th Barn's Ness (Dunbar)

Definitive listing of all Scottish Fixtures on the SOA web site at www.scottish-orienteering.org

Dave's 'local' fixture lists at www.interlopers.org.uk

Results

British Championships 16/17 April Penhale Sands - Cornwall	M21S 11 th M35L	8.9km Tim Barrow 10.6km	105.56	Scottish Schools Orienteering Festival 3 June Pollock C P, Glasgow	
reillale Salius - Colliwali	6 th	Ben Hartman	81.08		
Individual	7 th	David Eades	82.23		
M21E 15km 370m 12 th Dave Godfree 92.31 18 th Graeme Ackland (M40) 100.56	M40L 2 nd	10.6km Rob Lee	79.30	Primary 5/6 Boys 1.9km 1 st Mark Haley (Buckstone) 12.10	
24 th Chris Godfree 104.34 32 nd Anthony Squire 115.33	15 th 25 th 26 th	Ken Daly Donald Reay Paul Caban	102.03 127.03 130.22	Secondary 2 Boys 2.3km 1 st Stephen Haley (Firhill) 18.22	
M35L 10.7km 300m 11 th David Eades 81.29 M40L 10.7km 300m	M45S 5 th 13 th	5.9km Graham MacIntyre Keith Dawson	55.32 64.34	1 st S2Boys Team Firhill, including Interløpers Stephen Haley and Iain Cackette	
49 th Paul Caban 112.36				SOL 3 12 June	
M75L 3.9km 120m 8 th Ray Heyworth 70.09	M45L 4 th	8.9km Rob Bloor	59.32	Achlean, Kingussie	
W21E 9.6km 225m 2 nd Gillian Godfree 67.29 12 th Toni O'Donovan 81.25	M50S 1 st	5.9km Colin Inverarity	57.24	M21L 9km 2 nd Dave Godfree 59.26 4 th Andy Kitchin 60.04 7 th Graeme Ackland 72.07	
W35L 6.8km 245m 2 nd Heather Hartman 70.53 4 th Lorna Eades 72.04	M55L 13 th M75L	7.0km Barry Owen 4.2km	66.40	M35L 7.6km 2 nd Ben Hartman 52.49 5 th David Eades 68.26	
Relays Men's Open 8 th INT 1 15 th INT 3	6 th W21S 3 rd	Ray Heyworth 5.9km Mary Ross	88.32 84.37	M40L 7.6 km 9 th Ken Daly 85.15 10 th Paul Caban 86.16	
Scottish Championships	W21L 3 rd	8.9km Lena Kask	85.18	W35S 4km 1 st Heather Hartman 54.32	
28/29 May Tentsmuir	W35S 4 th 5 th	4.9km Heather Hartman Fiona Weir	82.34 90.00	W35L 5.3km 1 st Lorna Eades 64.54	
Individual M10A 2.7km 8 th Mark Haley 27.00	W35L 9 th	7.0km Darina Cunnane	82.07	W40S 3.7km 1 st Jane Ackland 49.13	
Mark Haley 27.00 M10A 4.7km 16 th Stephen Haley 70.57	W40L 7 th	7.0km Ann Haley	66.48	White 1.8km 4 th James Ackland 33.43	
M21E 14.1km 6 th Dave Godfree 93.49	White 9 th	2.1km Max Bloor	28.34	Orange 2.5km 2 nd Sian Hughes 69.03	
17 th Graeme Ackland 104.44 22 nd Ray Ward 112.17	Relay Men's	'S		Green 3.7km 1st Dave Cuthbok(?) 49.01	

The Ramsay Round (by Graeme Ackland)

It was Seamus Cunnane who said it best: "Graeme isn't really the outdoor type". It's a comment which always rankled, and that of course is because it's true. While others camped and hiked and mountaineered, I was always one for a couple of hours run in the hills then back to the warm and dry.

So though I'd supported a few Bob Graham's I'd never given serious thought to doing a 24hour "round". But I knew what Olly and Jamie were planning, and when their postponement undermined my castiron excuse (James' 6th birthday party) I was tempted. A quick phone call on Tuesday night, and I was signed up for a Ramsay round - too short notice for any training or recceing, but with a group of six how hard could it be?

Indeed, I'd never even been to Glen Nevis, or up any of the mountains, or run for anything like that long. With no experience or backup supporters it was remarkably kind of the group to accept me at all.

Friday night was spent at Roger Boswell's in Corpach. If you've never been there, the house resembles a little hobbit hole: boxes of stuff squirreled everywhere and the cheery, bouncy occupant merrily offering tea to all and sundry. But Roger differs from a hobbit in the matter of footwear, as I was later to discover to my benefit.

Sunny Saturday, Mick James, Jamie Thin and I set off from PollDubh. Olly Stephenson and Nick Watkins were to join us at the Youth hostel. Up through the crowds on the Ben we trotted, meeting together at the top. We got stuck in rocks descending to Carn Dearg arete, and then my problems began. Outdoor types, it appears, do rock climbing, and off they all danced along the arete leaving scrabbling scrambling, straggling behind. Down the rocks from Carn Dearg they skipped, while I snapped my compass, scraped my knees and battered my toes getting myself down. At the bottom I had my low point first



... back to the warm and dry.

two Munros done, and already I couldn't keep up.

Luckily, they eased up on the climb, and by the time we dropped bags on the plateau to run up Aonach Mor, we were back together. This set the scene for the day, with me getting dropped on the descents, and catching back on the climbs. Otherwise, it was a stunning day along the Grey Corries, with the whole of the round laid out in the sunshine.

But by Loch Treig, the banging of toes against rocks had taken its toll, my toenails were making a bid for freedom, and descending was agony. I'd pretty much decided to stop, but during the 10 minute the support team dragged out my change of shoes, stuck on some tape and vaseline, and muttered about the next bit all being grassy while I scoffed pasta. The pit crew was still in action when the others left, but shoved me off back up the hill a couple of minutes behind.

The middle section is the least dramatic, and therefore easiest going. Big grassy climbs up Sgriodain and Beinn na Lap, descending into the glen at dusk and the long track run as night fell. By the time we got to our second support stop at Loch Elide we'd gained 15mins on the schedule, which we parlayed into extending the

break from 7 to 12 minutes. By now my toes were less sore, and all was going well, aside from the upcoming scrambling in the dark.

We tackled Sgurr Elide Mor and the Binneins in the dark and again my lack of rock experience saw me struggling to keep up. On the scramble up Binnean Mor I found myself alone again, and with low cloud on top the map came out. But our support team were there with tea on Na Gruagaichean to slow the others down, and as the sun rose we regrouped, still on schedule. Everyone was in good spirits and good shape what could go wrong now?

Those rocks again. Another stubbed toe, and the sole of my walsh torn away, flapping from the heel. Olly offered tape, and ran on.

A minute's repair job lasted 100m. I flapped along the An Gearanach ridge, losing time at an alarming rate. Passing me on his way back, Jamie had the answer: sock outside shoe! This held the shoe together and made for some interesting scrambling on the ridge. Proper hillwalkers in "outdoor type" clothing shook their heads at my vest, shorts and sock inadequacy.

We'd agreed that if anyone looked like they wouldn't make it, they'd be left behind. I was left for dead, and Phil stayed to support me getting home, and carry my bag. We both wanted to complete the ridge, so we trotted on together in the mist, just avoiding a navigational disaster finding Am Bodach. The urgency had gone now, we were just enjoying the day, climbing above the cloud for views of Bidean in Glencoe floating above the mist, waving at our brockenspectre selves in a personal double rainbow, then, on Sgurr an Iubhair, the hobbit appeared.

"I hear you've lost a shoe", said Roger. "Why don't you have one of mine?". I was gobsmacked. Scotland's highest shoe shop. And me only 30mins behind a 23:30 schedule. A quick change, Roger hopped off down the hill, and Phil and I set off with renewed purpose. Before long the last Munro was in the bag with almost hour to get home. I was getting pretty tired by now, and Willie Gibson and Nick MacDonald appeared to shepherd me down the last descent. Despite my sore toes and slow descending, they were comforting: "No problem, you've time to spare, we know the way". None of this was in fact true. As we left the hill into the wood about 10 minutes was left, and Nick began to urge me to speed up. By the track, everything was getting more urgent. "I'm, er, not sure exactly how far it is" confessed Willie. You'd better leg it.

Panic set in - should I try to get straight down to the road and intercept yesterday's route? But how to know when I passed that point? If we were a minute late, should I race down the road trying to beat yesterday's time to Glen Nevis? It felt like this was the fastest I've run all day: 23:56, 57, 58 and suddenly Willie's yelling and Jamie's yelling and the car park appears just in time.

And so the deed was done. The most incompetent, ill-prepared hand-held, indoor-type Ramsay round in history was complete. 24 more ticks would have brought my Munro count to 100. But the SMC don't regard Sgurr an Iubhair as a mountain any more apparently it's now a shoe shop.







Junior News (Thanks again to Ann Haley)

There have been a couple more junior training sessions:

Corstorphine Woods: (15/1/05)

There was a remarkably good turnout for this training. After the warm up, the children split into different groups and took part in various exercises including pacing, relocation, route choices and compass bearings. This was followed by a very fast fun relay, which included lots of parents too!

Princes Street Gardens: (5/3/05)

Again there was a good turnout. The children did some speed work around the park. Quick decisions were required. The scale of the map caught some out! We started in sunshine, but a hailstorm didn't help proceedings!

Thanks must go to all coaches and helpers for these sessions. The children enjoy them and they have definitely benefited from them.

Junior Aquathlon

Many of our juniors take part in other activities. Perhaps one worth mentioning is the Junior Aquathlon that was organised by the Edinburgh Tiathletes and held at the new Dalkeith School. Five of our juniors took part in this swimming and running activity:

Demi Lardner	9 th	Aged 9/10 Girls	8.29mins
Tina Lardner	9th	Aged 11/12 Girls	15.15mins
Matthew Galloway	1 st	8 and under Boys	4.20mins
Christopher Galloway	3^{rd}	Aged 9/10 Boys	6.32mins
Mark Haley	4 th	Aged 9/10 Boys	7.02mins

Scottish Schools Championships (3/6/05)

This year the competition was held in Pollok Country Park in excellent conditions. 300 children took part. Mark Haley flew around his course for Primary 5/6 boys, and despite a 2 minute error he still managed to complete 1.9km in 12.10mins. Fortunately this was sufficient to retain the title that he had won the previous year. Meanwhile Stephen Haley had worked hard throughout the year to encourage various friends from Firrhill High School to take up orienteering so that they could compete as a team (and indeed Iain Cackette has now joined us, and often gives his dad Paul a hard time at events). All of them were extremely keen to do well. Stephen had possibly his best ever run completing the 2.3 km course in 18.22mins, which gave him the overall S2 boys title. The rest of the team were close behind, taking 2nd and 3rd places and so they were justly rewarded in receiving the S2 Team trophy (a rather large orange Dalarna horse, originally donated by the Swedish Orienteering Federation back in 1962!). Perhaps there are some other Interløpers who remember this trophy from their past!





