

INTERLOPERS ORIENTEERING CLUB  
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Ardentinny - Well, I hope that you all had a good New Year and that 1981 will be a year full of interesting new experiences and exciting challenges. I can't really use New Year as an excuse for all my typing errors, but maybe for some of them. Thanks to everyone who sent N/L info in and especially for getting it in well on time. The deadline for the next N/L is Monday 23rd February 1981. Finally congratulations to the Balfour family upon the arrival of their third daughter....I think they'll be starting their own family club soon!

News from Hew Fraser

FILM NIGHT - To be held at the Outdoor Centre, McDonald Road, Edinburgh on Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm. We will be showing two of the BOF instructional films and this will be accompanied by a talk from a leading local expert about the techniques being demonstrated in the films. This should be of interest to the more experienced orienteer as well as the less active members. The evening has been timed to take place before the main competition period so that the benefits from the evening can be put into practice when it most matters. As it has been a long time since our last club night we look forward to a good turn out and seeing some new faces.

SQUASH NIGHT - I have made a block booking from 7.30 to 9.30 on Friday 27th February at Colinton Castle Squash Club. This is aimed at being a relaxed social evening with a non-serious competition and ample opportunity to sample the refreshment facilities. There will be a small charge for hire of courts and this will depend on the numbers who turn up. Please let me know beforehand if you're coming so that the number of courts booked can be altered if necessary.

GALLOWAY 81 - With Jim Doig and new member Ian Lamont both volunteering (without any pressure being exerted) to control and organise our day at G 81 the main positions have now been filled. John Mitchell and Dermod Ruddock have also volunteered to look after start and finish respectively. This may mean that other club members can relax somewhat now but don't forget that we will be needing plenty of help on the day....6th August 1981. A note on accommodation from John Mitchell....please can those members who are going to Galloway 81 and are interested in sharing caravans please contact John. The caravan site would be used at the JK 80 event. Interlopers event for the 6 day is at Dalbeattie and the caravan site is very close to this area.

BLUE STAR EVENT - Despite cold and windy weather about a dozen Interlopers turned up at the Blue Star Badge Event in Northumberland on the 23rd November. With 7 of them in the M21 class where the best three counted towards the team prize this is where the main interest lay. Robin having been convincingly beaten by Hew at Comrie was obviously determined to prove that training really does pay and on this occasion succeeded! However it was the younger members who really starred with Dermod coming 2nd Douglas Guy 9th. It looked for a while as if Dermod, Douglas and Robin were going to give the club its first male team prize for some time but Eddie Harvey of ESOC who was a late starter managed to finish well enough to edge us into 2nd place ahead of EUOC. This was a most encouraging result and with the form being shown this last year it looks as if we could have strong competition for first team places in the next JK.

OTHER NEWS - Bob Stobie's report from Down Under is that John and Jo Barrow and family are all well and enjoying life and John is still in one piece despite trying to test the aerodynamic qualities of his car! Ian Miller has been in Edinburgh briefly en route from the Middle East to Libya. Obviously the Middle East has some advantages as he came third in the Solway Badge Event which was won by Jim Doig. P.S. If you wonder why you haven't seen much of Bob recently it's because he's been commuting between Edinburgh and Belgium, USA, Australia and the NW Highlands of Scotland. However having just acquired a water bed the attractions of the home base should mean that we see/

see more(or less?) of him now.

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NEWS FROM SCOTT BALFOUR

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - Probably another Social Event of the Year on an evening in early June at Beecraigs. Handicapped event followed by Barbecue. Any volunteers to:

- 1. Handicap folk in the club.
- 2. Organise the O-event.

CLUB TRAINING - Local technique training for beginners intended for some weekend in March - Contact Scott if interested. Date finalised to suit O-calendar - maybe Sunday morning or Saturday morning depending on interests of those who contact Scott.

JANUARY SALES - BE READY FOR SPRING! Buy the latest 'in' O-Wear from the Interløper Trendy Boo-Tike. Wear a badge, round 10cm diameter 75p now 60p. Interløpers long-sleeved T-shirts, were £4.50, now reduced to £3. Interløpers downie cover size 44" in Interløper Bell Tent design T-shirts - now reduced to £1.50 each to clear.

These bargains will be further promoted with one "Go Orienteering" car sticker free with each article bought. Send NOW while stocks last or phone Scott Balfour and book one of these quality articles.

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NEWS FROM JOHN MITCHELL

EDINBURGH ORIENTEERING CLUBS DINNER DANCE - at last news of the event that you have been waiting to put into your diaries...the dinner will be on Friday 6th February at the Grosvenor Centre. Tickets(price unknown at time of N/L printing) from John Mitchell.

THE 1981 SPONSORED HILL RUN - in aid of J.I.M. fund. This will be held on Sat the 31st of January 1981, starting from Dunsapie Loch at 10 am. Would those in need of extra sponsor forms please contact John Mitchell.

Carnethy Hill Race - will be on the 21st February 1981.

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SCOTLAND V IRELAND LAKELAND CHALLENGE 12-15 December 1980

DERMOD RUDDOCK

Two Interløpers were in the team, Jim Doig and Dermot Ruddock and Dermot reports on their successes and adventures. Setting off for Stranraer with Gross, we were a bit alarmed to see him putting on a crash helmet, but this didn't reflect his driving and we arrived safely.

After a fairly calm crossing, we were treated to our first bit of Irish(or to be more precise Fermanagh Sports Council) hospitality, in the shape of a bus and guide to take us to Irvines-town, 120 miles away.

The next day dawned windy with rain showers, but neverthe less everyone donned their Scottish O-suits eagerly and set out into the fray.

The Championship area, Castle Archdale, was on the shores of Lough Erne, and was one of the "oldest forests in Ulster" - I'd hate to see the young ones. It suffered from a surfeit of brambles, electric fences and mud, and consequently winning times were fairly slow.

We Scots took several of the top men's positions with Grant Carstairs having "an outstanding performance" - quote himself, and winning by over six minutes. The women's race was a much closer run affair, with Fran Loots only 30 seconds down on the winner, and Ireland winning by a mere 40 secs. However, overall, Scotland won by about half an hour.

The afternoon was spent getting cleaned up in a beautiful new sports centre followed by a marvellous tea and the prize giving - livened up by people dancing jigs as cramp caught them unawares.

A ceilidh was arranged for the evening, and while waiting for the band, both Scottish and Irish teams tried to sing, make jokes and even recite poems. Our trophy, a four pint rose bowl was christened by being filled with Guinness(twice) and soon everyone began to enjoy themselves immensely.

Enormous breakfasts in Mahon's Hotel on Sunday, followed by short training runs filled in Sunday until time to depart for the ferry at Larne. With the ferry cancelled because of the strong winds, we were forced to spend a pleasant night in a youth hostel. The ferry crossing early next morning was calm and uneventful, but to make up for it Gross' car had a puncture.

It was an enjoyable weekend and once more thanks must go to Grant and Gross for 'organising' the trip and Jonathan Warde and Fermanagh Sports Council for laying on so much at their end.

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AND NOW A WORD FROM CAROL McNEILL

MOUNTAIN MARATHON REFLECTIONS - Did I see John Mitchell or was it a vision through the sweat and the rain? I saw a lot of other people - it was the same old story of too few route choices and lines of pairs chasing each other round the island - it was all happening/

happening on Arran if you hadn't heard.

I find it a sociable event as well as a physical challenge. I don't mind if someone leads me into a control, I'll just spend the rest of the day trying to keep them in sight or even overtake them.

We always seem to be going round those beautiful mountains rather than through or over - pity.

We (Wendy Dodds and Carol - Ed) finished 21st on the first day(A Class) - not bad for a couple of ageing females, but secretly we were disappointed. We would have liked to have been higher up. Anyway the first pair were leading by 20 minutes. They shouldn't be in this class, should they?

It rained all Saturday night.

Cloud down Sunday; people seemed to be overtaking us all day.....that is until the penultimate control. My superior ability to plot Grid References(MLC trained) allowed us to overtake 12 pairs who had gone up the wrong re-entrant - He He! We finished 9th - I'm still not sure how.

Frances Ashmole was seen flying over the heather - rumour has it she put rocks in her rucksack to stop her being blown away.

It's in Dartmoor this year - anyone coming?

J.K.- Have you noticed the individual days are on Saturday and MONDAY. I think it is a campaign to keep the Scots invasion out. Maybe Walton Chasers are planning a take-over. A letter to the organiser will prevent it happening again - that is if you don't like the arrangement.

CAROLS ANNUAL PARTY - on Friday 23rd January 9.30pm - bring your own lemonade. A strength endurance weekend is planned for anyone willing to do a bit of furniture removing....it is down the stairs. Food provided for those wanting to do it at both ends - that is going to Castle Douglas with the van.

Yes, I am moving from Edinburgh and going to work for Dumfries and Galloway Education Authority. I shall be running a sailing base at Carliswark Loch in the summer and developing other outdoor activities in the winter. Interlopers will always be welcome for training outings etc.

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I am sure that everyone in the club wishes Carol good times ahead in her new job and she'll certainly be missed from the Edinburgh scene, but I'm sure that she'll have many invasions from a trail of disreputable Interlopers on their way to or fro raids south of the Borders!!

LOTHIAN "O" LEAGUE - 18th JANUARY 1981

Venue is Craigluscar Hill, near Dunfermline, Fife. Take the Craigluscar Road leading from the A907 Dunfermline?Stirling road on the western edge of Dunfermline - the turning will be signposted on the day. Usual O-League format in the courses. Registration from 10.00 to 12.00. Start times 10.30-12.30. Courses close 15.00. Entries on the day only. Juniors - Op. Seniors - 6Op. New 1:10,000, 5-colour map with 5M contours. No changing or toilet facilities. Organiser-Jim Moffat(Ph Dalgety Bay 822599), Planner-Val Finch, Controller-Bob Donaldson. Check with the organiser that the event is still on in the event of snow in the area prior to competition day.

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CORRECTION TO ARTICLE IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER - that is, membership of the National Trust and the Woodland Trust is Reduced price for juniors.

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- M21 Ian Hendrie, o/o George Heriots School, Lauriston, Edinburgh.
  - M21 John Sharpe, 32 East Preston Street, EH8 9QD. 667-2438
  - M21 Peter Woolverton new phone number 334-3456
  - M21 Gareth Buffett, Broadhurst, The Park, Blaenavon, Gwent.
- Apologies to Giles Tilling for misnaming him "Topping"(as Scott Balfour admits it was due to his yearning for trifles, Birds Custard etc.,)
- WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS NEW MEMBERS NEW MEMBERS NEW MEMBERS NEW MEMBERS NEW MEMBERS
- W17 Roana McCarthy, 6A Ettrick Road, EH10 5BJ. 229-1916.
  - W17/19 Clare Heardman, Balfour Hall, East Suffolk Road, Edinburgh.
  - M21 Ian Lamont, 2A Kier Hardie Drive, Mayfield, Dalkieth. 660-1350.
  - M21 Geoff Ramsay, 33 Braehead Road, Edinburgh.

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MARCH:

- 1st .....Midlands Championships,East Anglia.
- 2nd .....Interlopers Committee Meeting.
- 22nd .....Lothian O-League 5,Elibank(near Innerleithen).ESOC.
- 29th .....Gillette London Marathon.

APRIL:

- 1st .....Film Night,City Centre, MacDonald Road at 7.30pm.

MAY:

- 10th .....Colour Coded event, Duns.Roxburgh Reivers.
- 15th .....Interlopers AGM in Edinburgh and Chinky afterwards.
- 17th .....Colour Coded Event, Borders. Roxburgh Reivers.

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