

INTERLOPERS NEWSLETTER No 39

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JOTTINGS

Geoff Ramsay

Here we are, back again with a bumper issue filled with all you would ever want to know about THE orienteering club. Unfortunately, there is no 'Spot-the-Orienteer' competition, nor are there any coupons for free packets of 'O'riel (digests twigs and thorns that ordinary powder leaves behind). In their place you will find a full report on the Three Peaks Race by Hilary Smith, a note on the White Rose by Giles Tilling, results courtesy of Ray Heyworth and the first instalment of what I hope becomes a rolling calendar of local competitive and social events. I would also like to thank Carol McNeill, Meg Fraser and Dermod Ruddock for taking the trouble to put pen to paper. Finally, just to prove that this newsletter can rival any national newspaper for truly awful reporting I have included one anonymous article. I disclaim any responsibility for its content.

Deadline for the next issue is Friday 13th. November (issue to be out about the end of the month). I am looking for an interesting page 3 contribution - anything funny (embarrassing ?) / cartoons etc. would be appreciated.

NEWS FLASHES

Geoff Ramsay

Ian Lamont assures me that he is not a blank space but in fact a full club member. Please amend your club list accordingly .....

The club appears to have lost track of Penny Fowler. Would anyone knowing her whereabouts please contact the committee.

Richard Horswill is looking for help on the day at the Gullane Badge Event on the 21st February 1982. In particular he is hoping to involve club members who normally do not get a chance to participate in the running of larger events. If you have a basic knowledge of what happens at an event and would like to gain some experience in helping at starts, finishes etc. (even organising one, perhaps) then get in touch with Richard.

Dermod Ruddock is no longer with us, having ventured to the deep South. He sends his best wishes for our survival and requests that all get-well cards, bombs etc. should be sent to his new address which can be found in the address changes list.

As a consequence of Dermod's departure, Andy Curtis of ESOC is taking over the arranging of newspaper publicity.

CALENDAR - This is the complete list of local events as I understand it. This is not intended as a purely competitive calendar so let me know of any social events which are open to the club.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the club is to hold a novice training session to help competitors in the Lothian O-League. Ian Hendrie has offered to arrange this at Corstorphine Woods on Saturday the 31st October. Meet in the quarry road off Clermiston Road (about 1/4 mile up the hill from the Queensferry Road traffic lights). As yet I do not have details of the time, but believe it to be mid-morning. If details are not given later in the newsletter contact Ian.

A further training session will be held on the day before the Pentlands L-O-L i.e. Saturday 21st November. Details to be available at the 24th October session, or contact the committee.

\*\*\*\*\* Have just heard from Ian - 10.30 a.m. on the 31st October ! \*\*\*\*



- Thu. 1 October ESOC Night Street Event. Meet at John Collis' house, 25 Gallowhill, PEEBLES 7.30 - 8.00 p.m.
- Sun. 4 October Scottish Junior Champs., Dalry Moor (near Largs gr. ref. NS206528) S. Kewley, 3 Springfield Place, Strathaven (Str. 20870).note - Champs entries closed.
- Wed. 7 October S.E.Area CATI Beecraigs
- Sun. 11 October ESOC Training Day. Binning Wood (NT607802). E Scott, 42 Learmonth Grove, EDIN. (031-332-9108)
- Wed. 14 October Beer n' Skittles. 7.30 p.m., Sheep's Heid, Duddingston.
- Sat. 17 October Scottish Night Badge Event. D McKeith, 6 Alnwickhill Court, EDIN.
- Sun. 18 October Scottish Score Champs. Benarty Hill (EUOC)
- Wed. 21 October Silly Slide Evening. See later for details.
- 24/25 October Karrimor Mountain Marathon
- Note \*\*\* There is no novice training on 24th October as had been suggested at some club meetings. This has been moved to the 31st October.
- Sun. 25 October L\*O\*L Selmuir. Contact Roger Vandersteen (organiser) for details. (031-447-5291)
- Wed. 28 October S.E.Area A.G.M. Edinburgh Univ. Sports Centre, 46 Pleasance, EDIN. 7.30 p.m.
- Sat. 31 October Novice Training. Corstorphine Woods 10.30 a.m. See above for details.
- Sun. 1 November West Area Championships
- Thu. 5 November Firework & Bonfire Evening. See later for details
- Fri. 13 November Deadline for next newsletter issue.
- Mon. 16 November Committee meeting. Geoff Ramsay's flat, 8.00 p.m.
- Sat. 21 November Novice Training. Attend on 31 October for details, or contact committee.
- Sun. 22 November L-O-L Pentlands West. M Marshall, 16 Whitelea Road, Balerno, Midlothian.
- Sun. 13 December L-O-L Spottiswoode (nr Lauder). L Macpherson, Dundrummin, Hawick.

CAROL MCNEILL

Geoff Ramsay

There has been some speculation as to Carol's future commitment to orienteering now that the World Championships are past. I am therefore reproducing verbatim part of a note which I received from her :

"World Champs - many thanks to all of Interlopers for their 'Good Luck - go well' card. I'm sorry I didn't come back with a medal although we were not far off in the relay. However, we wouldn't have got anywhere if we didn't believe it was a possibility. You probably won't believe this but I've decided not to train for any more World Championships. I'm going to have a 'rest' and do some more Fell Running as well as other fringe activities which have been neglected in the last 5 years."

Carol also adds :

"I shall continue to belong to Interlopers but shall join BOF through SOLWAY next year as I believe in supporting one's local club."



I'm sure that all the club will join me in congratulating Carol in her performance at the World Champs - a standard of excellence which few of us are ever likely to equal. We wish her the best of luck in her future pursuits and hope that we will still find time to carry on orienteering.

\*\*\*\*\* RESULTS ! \*\*\*\*\*

Ray Heyworth

Press reports of the World Orienteering Championships in Switzerland give these results :

15th. Sue Parkin  
18th. Carol McNeill  
22nd. Jean Ramsden

and

22nd. Martin Bagness

In the relays the GB team of Sue Parkin, Roz Clayton, Carol and Jean Ramsden finished fifth team - the best ever GB relay team placing.

BCF Ranking List on 1st. August 1981

This is the final list based on Assessment events :

W17 6 A Heyworth (255 pts), 24 K Shiach (85); W19 14 F Ashmole (169),  
C Heardman (164), 31 C McNeill (100), 33 M Fraser (90), 44 F McKean (58);  
M17 5 G Guy (225), 7 D Guy (215), 32 S Hall (84); M19 3 J Musgrave (305);  
M21 2 G Peck (325), 22 J Doig (131); M35 41 R Vandersteen (76); M43 25  
G Shiach (117); M50 19 R Heyworth (95).

p.s. Apologies for not supplementing Ray's notes on the World Championships with the complete results - I have not had the opportunity to borrow a set in time for inclusion - ed.

### Socials

Wednesday 14th October - Beer n' Skittles - Try your hand at this age old art. No previous experience required. Turn up at the Sheep's Heid (a pub !) in Duddingston Village (round the back of Arthur's Seat). You will find the Sheep's Heid on the corner of the Causeway (street name) or if lost, ask any self-respecting Edinburgh drinker.

Thursday 21st October - Come to a SILLY SLIDE EVENING. All welcome at Richard Horswill's flat (3rd floor right, c/o P Burnett, 1 Royston Terrace, Goldenacre, EDIN). Bring about 30 of your funniest/worst slides - loaded in a straight magazine if possible. So as to get the party going, meet in Spear's Bar, (corner of Inverleith Row and Ferry Road, opposite the Royal Bank) 8.00 p.m. Don't know when the show will start, but B.Y.O.B.

Thursday 5th November - If you don't like the chairman, here's an ideal opportunity to burn his house down ! Bonfire and fireworks in the field behind Hew and Meg Fraser's house - 8.00p.m. If you like burnt potatoes, bring your own. Probable adjournment later on to cool off in a well known Juniper Green establishment.

Either bring your own fireworks or drop John Mitchell a quid or two so that he can go out and buy some more exotic bits for the show. Help would also be appreciated in the form of anything large, wooden and combustible. The use of a pick-up truck or similar would be most useful for scouring the countryside for dead wood.



White Rose '81

Giles Tilling

Roger Vandersteen and I successfully carried out a raid South of the border to this fairly major 3 day event. I was rather perturbed that nobody else from Interlopers turned up. Surely the 'John Mitchel Kite n' suicide squad' would have been tempted by the cliffs over Sutton Bank only 4 miles down the road.

Having spent the previous 6 weeks enjoying a lazy holiday in the USA, I didn't run very well, and Roger V can make his own excuses. We decided not to enter for a two-man hit and run job in the relays, so we saved you lot that embarrassment.

The 2-day individual was of a very high standard, and apart from the 5ft bracken and the hot weather it was a very enjoyable weekend.

Although I know that a lot of people are back at school etc, why was there such a notable lack of attendance from us in the north, when this event provides as much action and entertainment (tee hee) as the JK (??)

I tho-ught (Giles' spelling ! - ed) the trip was extremely worth while. Thanks to RFV for the car ride.

3 Peaks Yacht Race - 27th. June 1981

Hilary Smith

A Report from the All Ladies Team

The impetus to get an all-ladies team together for the 1981 3 Peaks Yacht Race first came from Carol who had taken part in the 1980 race. You may have seen glimpses of Carol, Anne Marie Grindley and Jean Davies on the BBC film of the 1980 race shown several months ago.

I had always had thoughts of doing this unique and testing race (the sailing and running over challenging distances being the brainchild of Tillman) but Carol's suggestion provided the necessary impetus.

We were very fortunate to find a sponsor, one Jimmy Simpson of Simpson Fast Foods, who generously loaned us his 50' LUNA. This was a luxury cruising yacht and had never been raced. It had a hydraulic lifting keel and rudder, satellite navigation, radar .... in fact all the latest in navigational instruments. Its name was 'Red Goblin'.

It took many months before we finally had the first all-ladies team together, but sadly without Carol as she was unable to re-arrange her work to suit the race dates.

The team consisted of Charlotte McBeath the skipper, Kay Philp co-sailor, myself as co-sailor and runner, Ros Coats and Sue Harvey as runners.

The combination of our yacht being large and of unusual rig, and being an all-ladies team seemed to cause a minor sensation as we (unwillingly) found ourselves the centre of attention down on the Barmouth jetty when we arrived for the start of the race.

Some of the men didn't regard 'Red Goblin' as a serious rival, but we very soon showed them how mistaken they were when we raced over the start line on Saturday evening and rapidly began to leave the majority of the fleet behind ! 'Presto' (the Royal Marines 50' trimaran) and 'Daytripper' (the eventual winning 31' trimaran) were well ahead of us but farther south.

During the night we lost places and had dropped to 16th by the next morning as we laboured on our makeshift oars (scaffolding has many uses ! ) to pull the several tons of 'red Goblin' through the calm waters near Caernarvon. Sue was heard saying "I suspect that this race may be won or lost on the quality of the oars"... and from Ros "I only have two months holiday !!"

Ros and I had a quick four hour pull up Snowdon and back in time to make the tide through the Menai Straits. This was an exciting passage during which we touched the bottom a few times - sending Sue scrambling below in a mad flurry to press the button and raise the keel !

Once through the Straits we settled in to run up to Ravenglas and during the night our efforts to sail the boat well pulled us back into 5th place as we entered the tiny harbour. Boats behind us that didn't make the



tide in time were forced to remain outside Ravenglas for another seven hours before they could attempt to enter on a rising tide giving those already in a clear space of time for their runners to make it up to Scafell and back. Ros and Sue raced from the boat and back (a 28 mile run in total) in just under 7 hours and had barely drawn breath on their return before 'Red Goblin' was afloat and we became the 3rd boat to leave Ravenglas on the final leg to Fort William. We sailed through the night up past the Mull of Galloway, the Mull of Kintyre and into the familiar coastal scenery of Jura, Scarba, Sound of Luing and Loch Linnhe.

A poor decision during the night lost us a few places and we finally raced into Fort William, after an exciting sail under spinnaker up Loch Linnhe, in 5th place - 15 minutes behind "Whisperer".

Ros and I set off from Corpach to run up the Ben. We made good time and overtook "Whisperer's" runners on the descent. I think the sleet on the summit and the biting cold wind hurried us on. But once on the road we couldn't hold them off and they beat us to the finish line by 3 minutes, pushing us back into a final 5th place.

If you ever have the chance to do this race, take it! - it is challenging and good fun. We already have plans to enter another all-ladies team next year.

- RESULTS :
1. DAYTRIPPER (private)
  2. PRESTO (Royal Marines)
  3. BLACK ARROW (R.A.F.)
  4. WHISPERER (private)
  5. RED GOBLIN (Simpson Fast Foods)

FASTEST RUNNING TIMES :

SNOWDON - 23 miles - PRESTO - 3hrs.08min.  
SCAFELL - 28 miles - PRESTO - 4hrs.38min.  
BEN NEVIS - 14 miles - ?? - 2hrs.44min.

'O' BITUARY

ANON.

I'm sure we'll all miss Dermod greatly now that he has passed on after a long illness....

Rumour has it that he'll go to C-HEL-tenham (groan) and spend at least a year's purgatory, suffering such unbelievable tortures as being "persuaded" to join NGOC or BOK - and then another few years spent at the mercy of other English heathens. I hope your prayers - and guffaws - go out to him when you hear his howls.

Dermod was a well-liked (?) member of Interlopers, always willing to "help", to offend people, to run slower but orienteer faster than a lot of people (debatable....). He was renowned for his modesty (!!!!), co-operativeness, publicity, unending energy - almost, sarcastic comments, funny jeans, lousy car, for his ability to simultaneously argue both sides of motions at the A.G.M., to (dis)organise things - especially club champs, for his inability to kick a football, hit a ping-pong ball, for his willingness to travel in Steve's Maxi (or John's Cortina) when everyone else has opted to crowd into the other cars - the list is endless (yawn ! how boring).

I'm sure we all hope that he will survive the rigours of his new "life" and return to us sometime - albeit in a different form - maybe a punk or an alcoholic. May he always run in open forests ..... and may he write some half decent news for the newsletter. (amen)



Address Changes - if you have moved, please let us know !

Richard Horswill - now at 1 Royston Terrace, Goldenacre, EDIN.  
tel. 031-552-5451

Susan Mustard - is now Susan Manson (congratulations) at 31 Main Street,  
Pathhead, Midlothian. tel. FORD 320595

Keith Youngs - NEW MEMBER (club only), 289 South Gyle Road, EDIN.  
EH12 9EE

Dermod Ruddock - has been banished to : c/o Mrs L Harrison, Lanefield  
House, Lansdown Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

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EPILOGUE

Reading Hilary Smith's description of 'Red Goblin' makes me wonder what we are doing running around forests with maps and compasses. The way things are going, it should not be long before we can buy a subminiature navigation aid to strap on our wrist and tell us where we are to an accuracy of one foot - this assumes of course that we have some idea of where we are trying to go ! The more exotic versions should have an automatic warning to show when the mapper has got it all wrong .....

Finally, on the subject of disturbing wildlife at O-events I have come by a story which goes something along the lines of :

"Richard H goes to WCOC event in the Lake District - not far from some river or other - just finished, taking short-cut back to car (was car in river ?) - spotted woolly object (sheep) floating backwards, definitely not doing doggy-paddle - sheep either very confused or half drowned - going downstream while heading upstream (don't we all from time to time) - our Hero jumps in, defies the raging torrent (artistic licence) and hauls the soggy beast to safety."

I never got the punch-line of the story as the narrator started staring intently at the bottom of an empty pint glass. Can anyone tell me the moral behind it all ?

Geoff.