

INTERLOPERS NEWSLETTER No 45      December 1982

Not a vintage newsletter -- I'm not feeling very inspired at present. I hope the coming Festive Season, and the Spring Orienteering Revival will re-ignite flagging spirits everywhere.

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RECENT EVENTS and RESULTS

A few interesting events recently -- if anyone has any results they would like me to print please let me have them, as full details as possible.

Scottish Junior Champs etc, Blair Atholl, 7th Nov

ESOC put on a splendid event in the woods behind Blair Castle -- it's a long time since I saw such beautiful runnable forest, and Andy Curtis's map was complete and mostly very accurate.

M15A:	4th	Packet Hyman	36m02s	4.6km + 220m
	14th	Robert Paterson	43:25	
M17:	n/c	Ken Ovens	60:50	6.5km + 275m
W17:	2nd	Ann Heyworth	49:03	5.6km + 215m
Short Open course:				
	3rd	Ray Heyworth	53:01	4.8km + 230m
	19th	Dewi Jones	65:38	

Long Open course:

	3rd	Richard Spiers	52:28	7.5km + 280m
	19th	Hilary Smith	63:47	
	27th	Pete Woolverton	67:00	
	29th	Pat Squire	67:49	
	33rd	Dave Kershaw	69:38	
	41st	Cliff White	74:07	
	48th	Steve Terry	90:47	

Ann's and Packet's times were both championship standard -- congratulations!

FVO Badge Event, Birnam Wood, 21st Nov

The weather threw everything it could at this event, turning the assembly area into a sea of mud and the hillside into an arctic scene. Nevertheless, the sheer magic of the terrain turned this day into pure joy.

W19A:	6th	Fiona Hendrie	73:46
	9th	Meg Fraser	86:05
W35:	8th	Jenny Pond	101:58
M17:	3rd	Packet Hyman	68:31
M19:	wrong punch!	Graeme Guy	83:27
M21A:	13th	Robin Sloan	107:50
	16th	Ian Hendrie	113:33
	18th	Andy Spenceley	118:37
	26th	Pat Squire	136:18
	27th	Richard Spiers	137:18
	retired:	Dave Kershaw + Hew Fraser	
M21B:	5th	Ken Ovens	74:55
M35:	4th	Cliff White	92:55
	10th	Pete Woolverton	105:43
	12th	Roger Vandersteen	117:16
	18th	Steve Terry	138:02
M43:	10th	Gordon Shiach	141 01
M50:	1st	Ray Heyworth	67:30

Lothian O-league No 1, Calder Wood, 28th Nov.

Down to earth with a bump! West Lothian was still blanketed under snowdrifts of at least 2 inches depth for this event, boringly successful as ever! Many thanks to all the Interlopers who turned up to help, especially Club Doctor Douglas McKeith whose services were required when a young lady broke her ankle. A small profit was made on the event, not as great as those who complained about high entry fees might think -- several punches and control-markers were lost and have to be paid-for out of event funds.

Yellow:	3rd	Jean Heyworth	32:17	2.2km
		(complete with L-plates!)		
	8th	Michael Ewart	36:16	
	20th	Garry Innes	48:26	
Orange:	11th	Jacqueline Robinson	91 20	3.4km
Green:	1st	Ray Heyworth	42:34	3.4km
	3rd	Murray Drummond	49:46	
	5th	Shiela Kennedy	53:59	
	7th	Jenny Pond	57:09	
	8th	Gordon Shiach	57:20	
Blue:	2nd	Douglas McKeith	59:33	5.5km
	4th	Peter Leach	66:04	
	5th	Pete Woolverton	66:24	
	11th	Ron Sinclair	78:10	
	12th	Pogo Paterson	79:47	

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The Skittles Evening at Gullane with East Lothian Orienteers was a great success. About 32 people came, with Interlopers outnumbering ELO's by a substantial margin and consequently scoring a substantial win on the alleys. Several side-shows afforded light relief -- "guess how many beans" and "spot the boulder" among them, the latter being won by our very own Margaret Tullie, with enough cans of cider as a prize to keep her going for weeks! However, Dave Copland walked-off with the biggest prize of the evening for the highest score at the skittles -- enough Porage Oats to keep him busy for years. The meal was very pleasant, and the evening afforded a good opportunity for socialising between the clubs. In the photos I took, everyone has shining RED bloodshot eyes!! That's the last time I use direct flash!

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FORTHCOMING MOUTH-WATERING ATTRACTIONS

We are committed now to helping to organise events throughout 1983: A training day in February (Andy Spenceley organising); Wednesday evening CATI's from April to June, including a Midsummer Madness event; day 5 of Royal Deeside '83 at Glen Tanar; the SOFA week (Scottish Orienteering For All!) end August/September; as well as a Badge Event in September 1984. Anyone with an interest in helping out in any official capacity at any of these will be most welcome.

On the Trail of the Silver Pedal -- Cycle-orienteering (bicycles not compulsory). The first Cycle-O was overwhelmed with enthusiastic pedallers -- 3 folk! I must admit that the weather put me off, but It Won't Happen Again. . . The second event is happening as this issue goes to press (2 folk!!). The next Edinburgh cycle-orienteering challenge is scheduled for Wednesday 19th January. Meeting place Ewart Scott's flat at 42 Learmonth Grove, off Comely Bank, from 7 pm. This competition has been running irregularly now for some years, and the winner's trophy, "The Silver Pedal" (generously donated by Mr E Scott), is fiercely coveted. A long and a short course are generally provided, and the short course is suitable for a street-O on foot (so is the long course if you're Bill Gauld!). We hope for lots of new people to turn up next time, so make a note of the date. Come and take a training run, or just consume the refreshments (byob), or something!

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OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SNIPPETS OF GUFF

Ken's article in this issue about membership structure highlights his concern about increasing complexity in orienteering administration and increasing work-load for him, but I feel that a much more important topic is the recently-published Report of the Fixtures Structure Working Party. Very briefly, this long and carefully-prepared document recommends various changes in the standards and timing of O-events in Britain, and a summary of its contents will appear in the next Newsletter. Copies are being circulated now, and Ken can help if you would like to read it. Alternatively you can get a copy by writing direct to BOF. The committee, SOA and BOF would all be very interested to hear your reactions to the report, so get in touch if you have any strong feelings.

Scott and Ray, our Lothian Region Sports Awards supremos, would like to remind all applicants that forms should be submitted as usual by mid-February, but that requests will be scrutinised much more rigorously than before, because the scheme is being wound up and money is now limited.

Another Club Course Planning Competition is under way, everyone is invited to contact Scott for full details. Briefly, the Glenearn + Berryknowe map will be used, and 2 courses will be required, a Red and a Blue standard course according to the Colour-coded course guidelines: Red - a longish course for less experienced runners, of medium technical standard, 4.5 to 6km in length, 50 to 80 mins running time; Blue - longish course for experienced orienteers, technically hard, 5.5 to 7km, 50 to 75 minutes. CONTACT SCOTT NOW for your Christmas armchair exercise!!

While on the subject of competitions, your attention is drawn to the fact that SOA is running a Mapping Competition, with the object of getting plenty of people to produce small maps of local areas for small local events. The maps can be in colour or plain black and white, and much help will be available in the form of base maps, materials and technical advice, so anyone can enter regardless of experience. There is a class for the under-17 age-group, but maps must be completed by June 1983, so it would be well to hurry if you are thinking of entering! Details are in the SOA magazine SCORE, but if you don't have one of these, contact Jim Doig, 34 Burnbutts Crescent, Cove Bay, Aberdeen, 0224-897425.

All Juniors are reminded of the Junior Interlopers Money (JIM) Fund -- apply now for a grant for your 1983 O-adventure!! It doesn't have to be an "international" adventure, any orienteering activity qualifies, and if paying for it looks like being a problem, you qualify.

Your attention is respectfully drawn to the widely-recognised delights of Cross-Country Skiing -- several clubs now exist to promote this activity, in the Edinburgh area notably the Edinburgh Nordic Ski Club, Secretary Arthur Moore, 8 Viewforth Square, 229-8642, from whom details and membership forms can be obtained. There also exists the Nordic Ski Club of Scotland, which seems to be reviving after a period of hibernation. The most useful address I have for them at present is the Treasurer, Ray Harby, 30 Redmoss Road, Nigg, Aberdeen, Abdn 873126.

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#### CALENDAR

N.B.\*\*\* Ken Ovens can help with details of any specific event listed here, and he would also like to hear of anyone needing or offering transport to any event - he can put you in touch. Pete Woolverton says that he almost always has space in a minibus going to most local events, so please contact him directly if transport is a problem. \*\*\*\*

#### JANUARY 1983

Sun 2nd Hair of the Dog event, Braids/Hermitage, Barbara Malcolm (ESOC), 664-2028  
 Tue 4th Training 7.45pm Meadows; Pub night Southsider 8.30  
 Sun 9th (Moravian) Club event, Binn Hill.  
 Tue 11th Training / Pub night  
 Wed 12th Ice Skating, Murrayfield Rink, 7.30 pm.  
           meet in Murrayfield Hotel bar, 7.00 pm.  
 Sun 16th Galloway Galoppen 4, Mable.  
 Tue 18th Training / Pub night  
 Wed 19th Cycle-0: at Ewart Scott's, 42 Learmonth Grove, 332-9108, 6.30 pm onwards.  
           bring bike, street map, pen, torch, beer etc  
           \*\*\*\* COME AND WIN THE SILVER PEDAL !! \*\*\*\*  
 Sun 23rd (ESOC) L.O.L 3, Corstorphine Woods.  
           Glasgow Galoppen 5, Mugdock.  
 Tue 25th Training / Pub night  
           Aberdeen Night Event (pre-entry by 15th)  
 Sun 30th Various events in England.

#### FEBRUARY

Tue 1st Training / Pub night  
 Wed 2nd Mass-start Street Score event, at Andy Spenceley's, 141 Liberton Brae, 7.30 pm.  
           \*\*\*\* PRIZES FOR JUNIOR WINNERS \*\*\*\*  
 Sun 6th West Area Champs, Dalry Moor.  
 Tue 8th Training / Pub night  
 Sat 12th Northern Ireland Score Champs.  
 Sun 13th ?? Lothian O-League 4, Blackford Hill + Braids (Gramp) Club event, Tillypourie.  
           Glasgow Galoppen 6, Dundonald.  
 Tue 15th Training / Pub night  
 Wed 16th Cycle-0 in Livingston, MAP PROVIDED, bring bike, pen, torch, beer etc, to 127 Spottiswoode Gardens, MidCalder, 6.30 pm onwards.  
 Sun 20th (CO) Badge Event, Balmaha.  
 Tue 22nd Training / Pub Night  
           (Gramp) Night event, Balnagask.  
 Wed 23rd Slide Evening, at Ken Ovens's's's, 25 Craigs Avenue, 7.30 pm.  
           \*\*\*\* If you have any entertaining slides to show, bring them along. \*\*\*\*  
 Sun 27th (Int) TRAINING DAY, Archerfield  
           \*\*\*\* Contact Andy Spenceley \*\*\*\*  
           Galloway Galoppen 5, Fleet.  
           Borders Score event, Jedburgh.  
 Mon 28th Interlopers Committee Meeting, AND...  
           \*\*\*\* DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER \*\*\*\*

#### MARCH

Tue 1st Braising / Nup Tight  
 Sun 6th (ESOC) Badge Event, Blair Atholl.  
 Tue 8th Training / Pub Night  
 Sun 13th (ELO) L.O.L. 5, Saltoun + Humble.  
           Galloway Galoppen 6, Drumlanrig.  
           (Mor) Club event, Darnaway N.  
 Tue 15th Training / Pub night.  
 Sun 20th Scottish Schools Champs, Tentsmuir.  
           N.E. England Badge Event, Hipswell + Bardon.  
 Tue 22nd Training / Pub night  
 Sun 27th (INVOC) Club event, Assich.  
 Tue 29th Training / Pub night

#### APRIL

3rd-5th J.K. 83, N.W. England.  
 5th Training / Pub night.

#### ADDRESS LIST CHANGES

A full address list is attached. The following are the main changes.

Dave Copland has been found alive and well at  
 3 Lauderdale St, EH9 1DF 229-4133  
 Richard Spiers has a phone number:- 0334-74649  
 Andy Spenceley (Super-Sexy Social-Sexy) has moved to  
 Left Flat, 141 Liberton Brae, EH16 6LD  
 664-3011

#### New Members

M21 Michael Ewart and W19 Sally Milton-Thompson  
 59 Saughton Rd North, EH12 7AJ 334-5044  
 W15 Jacqueline Robinson  
 33 Buccleuch St, EH8 9LT 667-8293  
 M15 Murray Thomson  
 6 Livingstone Place, EH9 1PB 667-0336  
 M15 Garry Innes  
 13 Maxwell St, EH10 5HT 447-6958  
 M21 Jonathan Musgrave  
 38 Morningfield Rd, Aberdeen AB2 4AQ  
 (or) Rm 230 Grant House, Pollock Halls, Edinburgh  
 667-1971x79  
 M21 Keith and W19 Jane Dawson  
 47 Hawkins Terrace, Glencorse, Penicuik.  
 Pnck 73287

A big welcome to all new members -- I hope you will write to your cartophrenic schizographic Newsletter Editor and tell me what you think about orienteering in Scotland or about anything in general. Also I hope you will join in with the various social activities going on (?? the thumbscrews will be coming out soon if Andy doesn't start organising a few more things in time for me to get them in the Newsletter!).

Attention all family members: We would like to get the names and O-class of all the active members of each family, to put into the Membership List (if you have no objection). So could families please contact me (Steve Terry) and let me know who you all are?

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#### MEMBERSHIP (AGAIN!)

Ken Ovens

Due to the howls of protest which came from several prominent Scottish orienteers when Associate Membership was abolished, the SOA have felt it necessary to introduce a new type of SOA membership for 1983, in addition to the others, as an interim measure until some better solution can be found to placate the masses.

Newsletter No 44 gave details of the three types of membership which were to be available next year, namely Club Only, BOF Without Magazine and BOF With Magazine. Now, in addition to these it will be possible to join as an SOA Only member. This entitles you to compete in any Scottish event of Club standard or below (i.e not Badge events or Championships) and to receive the Club Newsletter and the SOA magazine "Score". The fees for this will be: Junior £2-35, Senior £4-70, Family £7-05. (inclusive of Club fee). Please note that this is available for 1983 only. I dread to think what will evolve as the membership structure for 1984 onwards!

I consider the introduction of this SOA membership to be highly undesirable and I voted against it at the SOA committee meeting where it was decided. It makes the membership structure more complicated and harder to understand, and those people who join at this level will not be paying their fair share of the cost of running our sport.

The British Orienteering Federation (BOF) pays for all Forestry Commission Permits (£12-19 for a Club event or CATI) and for insurance cover for events, in addition to carrying out many other more mundane functions. It is only fair that those people who orienteer should help to pay for these services. As I stated in Newsletter No 43, the difference in cost between the old system (Club, Associate, Full) and the new system (Club, Full Without Mag, Full With Mag) is negligible (?? 20 to 40 per cent - Ed). What caused all this fuss? What are YOUR views? Write and tell us.

P.S. \*\*\* RENEWALS DUE NOW \*\*\* (Except Honorary Life Members!) Please send the correct fee, along with BOF form if appropriate, to Club Treasurer Ian Lamont (10 Murrayfield Place EH12 6AA).

The fees for 1983 are:-

Club only	Club + BOF without Magazine	Club + BOF with Magazine	Club + SOA Only
Junior £1	£ 2-85	£ 6-85	£ 2-35
Senior £2	£ 7-70	£ 11-70	£ 4-70
Family £3	£ 11-55	£ 15-55	£ 7-05

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EUOC FIRBUSH WEEKEND by 3/4 of 2 Gnomes  
(with a few INT's, AROS's, and ESOC's all invited by mistake, I think)

How to knacker yourself,  
drink too much booze,  
overstrain your heart,  
incapacitate yourself from any form of work for the next fortnight.

Friday  
5.00 p.m. After a heated squabble over who was to be given the honour of riding in the horsebox (to escape the silly animal games) we eventually got underway.

8.00 p.m. Saw us gratefully tucking into fish and chips, no names dropped as to who went up for seconds. We, the intrepid explorers, set off to conquer the Firbush Rainforest, and to sabotage a hut for firewood. Colin (socks) McIntyre brought with him a "mynewt" box of fireworks which Jamie managed to light without singeing his moustache.

9.00 p.m. Jonathan (our barman) could be found holding back the alcoholic crowds with tear gas and rubber bullets. The miniatures, Export, etc flowed freely and slipped down easily (as did the bodies later). Concentration on card games quickly disintegrated especially after Jean's half-bottle of sherry, but that's not as bad as the effect that half a bottle of whisky had on Angela. The silly grin was permanently fixed on her face for the rest of the weekend.

2.00 a.m. The morning began with hot chocolate and fruit cake, after which we all gratefully retired to bed.

#### Saturday

8.00 a.m. ....came far too soon for most people and we staggered into breakfast (who had two breakfasts?!). Andy (Weetabix-eater extraordinaire) Spenceley turned his volume down when Angela came in.

9.30 a.m. After getting rid of the runners the rest of us set off to conquer Ben More, led by Sherpa Musgrave. Most of us made it (!), despite the after effects of the previous evening. The rare species of the Lesser Spotted Angelica Botanica could be found happily hunting WEEDS on the higher slopes.

9.00 p.m. We returned dripping to the bus, where our quiet driver, Ken, drove us back stopping en route for a photography session at the Falls of Donarch.

7.00 p.m. Jonathan was carried to supper in style by the "super-fit" occupants of Cabin A, one of whom had her hair "done" especially for the occasion.

8.30 p.m. After a "drying-out" session and yet another excellent Firbush meal (of which some people, no names dropped, had two), we were found clattering up the confining spaces of Killin Hotel, much to the horror of the locals.

9.45 p.m. The ceilidh couldn't get into full swing until Jean had been dragged out of bed by Jamie (Prince Charming) Johnstone. One glimpse of his boot-polish moustache was enough, or was it the sight of Rona's curtain-like trousers billowing in the wind?

Jonathan and Ken set the example for the non-dancers of the group (Jonathan's waltzing capabilities came up to scratch - so we have been told). Andy Spenceley attempted to dance, but later gave it up for a much-needed Drambuie.

EUOC was treated to the unique experience (never to be repeated) of a "Gnome Show", which proved hilarious. Ask anyone about the show. Photos hopefully out later.

Jean was taught to waltz with her knees together, which in her state was quite difficult.

We danced til 2.00 a.m and over hot chocolate we tried in vain to extract from Julian the punchline of his joke.

3.00 a.m. BED

#### Sunday

8.25 a.m. A sluggish crawl to breakfast, and plans were laid for various adventures. Ken took the orienteers to Blair Atholl, and some of the remainder with "slightly" loony tendencies went canoeing. Ever seen Rona in a wet suit?! COR!!! Surely the INT canoeist missed himself, but what can you expect when he decides to have a dirty weekend ... in the true sense of the word!

Another omission from Firbush was to be found in a little heap on the floor in the Pear Tree. One more we forgot to mention was in his room, all alone, watching TV - doing nothing at all - or so he says.

Back to the story. A few went for a liesurely sail to do yet more botanising and to explore Crannogs (don't ask what they are) (some of us know - Ed). One member of the canoeing party sank after suspected over-eating! Graham Mc was found posing in a wet suit between canoeing sessions.

Some people were brave enough to go cycling after spending a little bit of time bike-repairing. The club record must be held by Rodney who managed to wreck two bikes in the afternoon. The females (2 off) were able to cycle better than the males, probably as they got to the bikes first! We honoured a coffee shop with a presence where Jean was totally unintelligible (as usual) ... the weekend activities were getting too much for her.

Woman: Are you hungry dearies?

Jean: No, we're from Firbush and up here for the weekend.

Well, I ask you! The lady quickly retreated behind the counter. On returning we found Rona falling out of a canoe, while disembarking; surely that's the easiest part?

Tea was at 4.00 p.m where we had celebratory wine. Rona was found in a corner demolishing a bottle, which didn't leave much for the rest of the group. Fully fortified we rolled (guess who had two dinners) on to the bus and proceeded to sing all the way home. Our driver, Ken, led "the Music Man" with excellent voice.

Jean was pushed out of the minibus at Linlithgow, not too soon either, and the journey continued to Edinburgh, where everyone arrived safely.

Thanks must go to Jamie (Social Sec), Jonathan (Captain) and all others who helped organise such a successful weekend.

Roll on next year.

P.S. All slags are purely intentional, any objections will be severely eyebrowed.

(P.P.S. by Ed: if you can understand that lot you're lucky. And why isn't it in the EUOC Newsletter anyway?)  
(P.P.P.S. Probably because there isn't one.)

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A HAPPY AND PROFITABLE FESTIVE SEASON TO ALL!!

May you caper in cartographic catachresis!

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