

Well, at last I've managed to stir the typographical juices enough to start on the latest load of O-garbage, for the benefit of all 2½ readers. A large Results section this time, but the main event since May of course was the AGM and the associated shuffle-around of committee jobs. The new line-up is:- Chairman, Ken Owens; Secretary, Andy Spenceley; Treasurer, Ian Lamont; Social Sec, Pete Couldery; Newsletter Editor, Steve Terry; Junior Member, Rob Paterson; Other Members, Pete Woolverton, Jean Smith; S.E.Area Rep, Dave Copland.

Scott Balfour has finally succumbed to the entreaties of wife and daughters and released his vice-like grip of Interlopers affairs after some 5 years' tyrannical rule, and ex-Sec Ken Owens takes over the semi-retirement position on the Park Bench. Andy (Spenco) Spenceley moves from Social Secretary, and in between gadding about the world teaching the Italians etc etc how to fell-run he can now attempt to demonstrate his capacity for real work! Ian Lamont continues to build up his influence as Monopoly Banker, as he has now also taken over treasurership of S.O.A. Pete Couldery is a comparatively new face in Edinburgh, and this is his big chance to consolidate his position on the Southsider pub stools. M15 Robert (Pogo) Paterson has already contributed notably to club activities, including writing for the newsletter, and is currently building (out of concrete and RSJ's I think) a new Interlopers Club Banner -- we look forward eagerly to the unveiling of this Monumental Edifice. Pete Woolverton seems to be our main contact with the Schools orienteering organisation. Jean M Smith (of whom more later in this issue) is a young nurse at the Royal Infirmary, and has recently had a chance to sample her own medicine by having her appendix removed. She used the opportunity to improve her sun-tan, but resolutely refuses to show off her scar to anyone! Dave Copland is a notable figure at most training runs and marathons, and contributor of brain-teasers and crosswords to the newsletter.

Honorary President Carol McNeill has just achieved 3rd place in the Veterans World Cup at Lahti in Finland -- to be beaten only by two Finns is no shame in orienteering. This must confirm Carol's position as Britain's finest orienteer of all time.

Finally, the Editor retains his position (buried under a pile of scraps of paper usually), but would appreciate any help anyone can give, especially in the form of WRITINGS, or any ideas about ways of working up enthusiasm to produce this organ on time!

Other items from the AGM which I have been asked to stress include the Thursday evening training sessions at Meggetland (off the Colinton Road), which usually consist of simple runs of 5 miles or so. The committee has agreed to share the cost of £11 per quarter for changing and shower facilities with ESOC, and the more people turn up regularly on Thursday evenings, the more worthwhile this investment will be. Minutes of the AGM and the audited accounts are included with this issue, and I urge you to give your profound and urgent consideration to their contents.

My notes from the recent committee meeting contain some bits and pieces which may be of general interest -- contact Andy Spenceley for further details of any of the following. It's been agreed that the club should subsidise Relay entries partially, to the extent of entering as many teams as seem likely to be filled, and then charging club members a standard fee of £1 (seniors) and 50p (juniors) for their run in a team. The club funds will cover the extra cost of unfilled places etc.

There have been several discussions about encouraging Juniors in the Club, but with no clear outcome. The situation at present includes:-

- reduced membership fees for first-time junior members
- subsidised relay entries
- J.I.M. fund cash available for specified projects
- transport to events on an ad-hoc basis provided by seniors with cars or minibuses or coaches, Pete Woolverton in particular takes a minibus to most local events. Juniors are expected to phone the secretary, who will try to find transport.
- no formal organisation of a "Junior Section" -- if anyone wishes to volunteer to do this, or having any other helpful ideas, please come forward.

Andy has details of the "Scottish National Camps Association" which has outdoor centres in various parts of Scotland, bookable for very reasonable prices.

Jordanhill College has produced some videotapes of orienteering activities, which I presume are for hire.

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Two welcome new faces:

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Several other changes are included on the new address list, which is attached.

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#### OTHER RECENT HAPPENINGS

Another skittles evening at the Sheep Heid was a great success as usual, especially judging from the number of photos taken. The Club Championships at Selm Muir on 22nd June was a triumph for Ken's planning efforts -- eight enthusiastic folk tried the score event, and Ian Hendrie narrowly pipped the strong opposition of Copland, Spenceley and Couldery to take the Champion's Laurels. I think he had to cut his own laurels from the nearby bushes. His good wife Fiona so far forgot herself as to attempt the course wearing clogs! Strangely, about the same number of people spurned the chance of the champion's crown and just ran the ordinary courses. And about 8 people also turned up for the Interlopers barbecue on the 29th June at Gullane. Pete Couldery's car was ceremonially broken up and thrown on the fire while he was running in the traditional quinquennial three-legged O-race on the dunes, and if you don't believe it then just come along to the next one and write the report of it yourself. Similarly, if there are any other recent happenings which you think should be reported here, then WRITE!

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#### FORTHCOMING GOODIES

The fourth Scottish Six-day event is upon us again -- it's amazing how quickly they come round, it seems like yesterday I was lying in the finish tent at Alvie waiting for the sun to rise on the very first day of the very first Scottish Six-day, listening to the owls hunting among the trees and the roar of the conversation from the 6 blokes in Hilary Smith's tent! Roger Vandersteen, Ian Lamont and Mad Mitch have been working hard to get the courses planned, maps bagged up and race-day procedures worked out. Roger is expecting that everyone who is going to Deeside will be available on the Friday at Glen Tanar to help out, and if he has not already contacted you, then PLEASE contact him NOW to let him know your readiness. Best wishes to everyone who's going -- may you romp in right Royal forests!

The next notable thing upon which to set your sights is SOFA Week (Scottish Orienteering For All, in case you didn't know). Interlopers are putting on 3 or 4 small events in the week 28th August - 3rd September, see the Calendar for exact details. Anyone available to help out on any of our days, please contact Andy Spenceley NOW.

After that, for those with extraordinarily strong constitutions only, there is the next Glencoe AROW. For those who have never heard of this horrific experience, don't dare to contact Douglas McKeith to find out anything about it! Probably the 9th-11th September.

On December 11th we are committed to organising a L.O.L. (Lothian O-League) probably at Selm Muir again. As always, officials are needed for this, so anyone with a desire to plan, organise, control, or otherwise help out, please contact Andy Spenceley NOW!

In the further-off future, but still frighteningly close (cf "Scottish 6-Day" above) we have a Badge Event to organise on 30th September 1984 -- again, officials are wanted, but most of all, good ideas for a VENUE! Sound ideas to the committee, NOW!

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#### CALENDAR

Secretary Andy Spenceley has more details of most events, so contact him if you need to, also if you need transport to get to any event. 031-664-3011

#### August

- Mon 1st - Sat 6th: Royal Deeside '83.  
 ....Fri 5th: INT event at Glen Tanar, Aboyne.  
 Roger Vandersteen organising.
- Tues 9th Intervals training, Meadows, 7.45 pm.  
 Pub night (unconnected with the above!),  
 Southsider, 8.30 pm.
- Thu 11th Running training, Meggetland  
 (time from Andy Spenceley).
- Tue 16th Meadows training.  
 Southsider pub night.
- Thu 18th Meggetland training.
- Tue 23rd Meadows training.  
 Southsider pub night.
- Thu 25th Meggetland training.
- Sat 27th/Sun 28th White Rose weekend, Pickering.
- Sun 28th SOFA, ESOC, Corstorphine, 11 am.
- Mon 29th SOFA, INT, Meadows, 4.30 pm.
- Tue 30th SOFA, ESOC, Hillend, 5.30 pm.

September

Thu 1st SOFA, ESOC, Bonaly, 5.30 pm.  
 Fri 2nd SOFA, INT, Galton Hill, 4.30 pm.  
 Sat 3rd SOFA, ESOC/INT, Riccarton, 11 am.  
 Sun 4th Edinburgh Marathon.  
 Mon 5th Interlopers Committee Meeting.  
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 Tue 6th Meadows training.  
 Southsider pub night.  
 Wed 7th SOFA follow-up, ESOC, Bonaly, 5 pm.  
 Thu 8th Meggetland training.  
 Sun 11th Galloway Galoppen 1, Dalbeattie.  
 Glasgow Marathon.  
 Tue 13th Meadows training.  
 Southsider pub night.  
 Wed 14th SOFA follow-up, INT, Meadows, 4.30 pm.  
 Thu 15th Meggetland training.  
 Sun 18th RR, Badge Event, Duns Wood.  
 Tue 20th Meadows training.  
 Southsider pub night.  
 Wed 21st SOFA follow-up, LSOA, Holyrood, 4.30 pm.  
 Thu 22nd Meggetland training.  
 Tue 27th Meadows training.  
 Southsider pub night.  
 Wed 28th SOFA follow-up, INT, Blackford, 4.30 pm.  
 Thu 29th Meggetland training.

October

Sun 2nd Scottish Score Champs., Mable (Dumfries).  
 Tue 4th Meadows training.  
 Southsider pub night.  
 Wed 5th SOFA follow-up, INT, Liberton School, 4.30 pm.  
 Thu 6th Meggetland training.  
 Sat 8th - Sun 9th October Odyssey weekend, NEOA.  
 Sun 9th L.O.L, ESOC?  
 Tue 11th Meadows training.  
 Southsider pub night.  
 Thu 13th Meggetland training.  
 Sun 16th Northern Champs, YHOA.  
 Tue 18th Meadows training.  
 Southsider pub night.  
 Thu 20th Meggetland training.  
 Sun 23rd small events near Inverness, Galloway, & Borders  
 Tue 25th Meadows training.  
 Southsider pub night.  
 Thu 27th Meggetland training.  
 Sun 30th MAROC, Badge Event, Coull?

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J.K. '83 WEEKEND

by Pogo

Dum-de-de-dum-dum-dum-dum!! Yes, it's another article from the Pogo House of Horror, or should I say from "Pogo's Pen" (see April newsletter). Oh well, better late than never (eh Steve!), so now what the masses have been clamouring for, yes, it's my article on the J.K. '83 weekend.

Friday 2nd April

The time when even the most apathetic orienteers dusted off compass and bramblebushers, the time when the house was ransacked in a hunt for some safety pins, had arrived, yes it was J.K. '83 weekend.

I got a lift down with the Hyman family, and after last-minute changes in the packing arrangements (we had to put a roof-rack on to carry Packet's jacket, alias "the Marquee!") we were off in the Hyman limousine. Charging along the roads at a steady 90 mph while listening to Bod, sorry Bob Dylan, is not my idea of fun, especially with Mr Hyman doing arm movements in time to the music (he was driving, incidentally). Suddenly the land of haggis and heather was behind us and we were travelling in a foreign land. We arrived in Kendal and headed straight away from the Event Centre, then towards it and then away from it again (that damned one-way road system). After finally picking up various pieces of paper (in no-expense-spared-biodegradable-polythene bags!) we headed for the training event. After jogging around Haverthwaite Heights for several hours, pretending we knew where we were, we decided to head for Y.M.C.A. Lakeside on the shore of Lake Windermere, which was to be Headquarters for the weekend.

Saturday 3rd April

After making my packed three-course meal we headed to the location of Individual Day 1. After an amazingly bad run (I finished last, half an hour behind second last) I arrived back at the car park only to find that the Hymans had left after asking Geoff Peck to give me a lift back to Lakeside. Unfortunately for yours truly, Geoff thought that the Hymans must have seen me and given me a lift so he also left, leaving me to walk back in spikes and O-suit (on the road). One woman even stopped her car and asked if I knew I was three miles away from the finish!

Sunday 4th April

The location of Individual Day 2 was so close to Lakeside that we just walked there. I did much better on that day than on day 1 (I couldn't have done much worse!). We eventually arrived back at Lakeside and watched Geoff doing some wind-surfing. I thought the object of this was to stay on the board!

Monday 5th April

Ray Heyworth, Packet H and your intrepid author organised a relay team to run in the Short Open class. I want to know which bright spark had the idea of putting a half-mile downhill run between the map collection point and the starting kite! After finishing this, Packet and I caded a lift back to Lakeside with Carol McNeill. I still haven't got rid of all the dog-hairs on my clothes! For the rest of that week we stayed at Lakeside and did a Squad course.

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MY VIEW OF SUNDAY MORNING by "Mother of 'Orienteer'"

My early Sunday morning is shattered as 'orienteer' crashes through my bedroom door and yells at me accusingly "you could have called me, now you've made me late!". 'Orienteer' slams out of the room whilst I, still bewildered by this verbal attack, try and work out why I am blamed for 'orienteer' over-sleeping.

'Orienteer' throws the contents of the cabinet around the bathroom in search of the toothpaste. I know now that until 'orienteer' leaves the house to chase after the mini-bus neither Dad nor I will get any peace.

The cat whose morning sleep has also been disturbed decides it's time for play. He sits at the top of the stairs waiting for 'orienteer' to come out of the bathroom. This is a cue to move into 'orienteer's' path and watch as the tracksuited body falls down the stairs. Poor Puss! If he could put his paws into his ears he would, so as not to hear the abuse hurled at him. His feline rugby tackles are just not appreciated.

My bedroom is directly above the kitchen and I can hear as 'orienteer' bangs about the kitchen making breakfast and a packed lunch. Crash! Bang! Oh my plates and cups -- will they survive this treatment?

Then at long last the sound for which I have been waiting, the reverberation of the house as 'orienteer' bangs the back door. Now I can have a short nap. Oh! the bliss! I love the sound of silence. I knew it was too good to last. The back door is slung open and 'orienteer' comes back, "It's only me", I am informed unnecessarily (I mean, I ask you, would a burglar announce his presence so loudly?) "I've forgotten my whistle". Drawers bang and cupboard doors are pulled from their hinges as a fruitless search is made. "I'll have to borrow one, I can't find mine", I am told and 'orienteer' leaves the house in the same characteristic way. Might as well get up now as I am fully awake. I can have a lie-in next Sunday -- or can I?

'Mother Smith'

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RELAY WELL DONE

by SILVAN

I met a well-known member of ESOC on his way home from the British Relays looking very pleased with himself. "ESOC got a prize in the Men's Relay, the Women's Relay, and ad hoc classes", he told me. "How did Interlopers and LINOC do?" "Don't you know?" I asked. "No, we had to leave before the prizegiving". "They too got a prize each for the Men's, Women's and ad hoc classes. So between the clubs we scooped all nine prizes. Interlopers' lowest prize was for the ad hoc." "Oh", he replied after thinking for a few moments. "So LINOC did better in the Women's relay than in the Men's". He then listed all nine prizewinning positions correctly. Can you?

There are answers to these SILVAN problems, please apply to the Editor, or to the SE Area Rep. In this case, the results referred to bear no resemblance to reality!

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My typing time has come to an end, so Results will have to wait yet again. Sorry.

All for now.

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