
INTERLOPERS NEWSLETTER No. 50 December 1983

Right. This is developing into a massive all-night writing session, sustained by massive doses of coffee, whisky and (whisper it not in BOF Council) tobacco. I only hope the Editor's dissipated constitution can withstand such an unaccustomed onslaught. In spite of repeated appeals for help with Newsletter production, F.A. has been forthcoming so far, but some relief may arrive soon -- see later. Meanwhile, a happy and carefree Festive Season to all Readers -- may you in forests (insert appropriate verb and adjective to taste).

REMINDERS, RAMBLINGS, REMNANTS, and OTHER BRIEF BITS OF BUMF

T-SHIRTS, short-sleeved, yellow, with Club Motif, Interlopers for the wearing by. Still available, desirable, affordable and supplyable by Kenneth-able.

CLUB TOUR to the French 5-days event, 2nd-8th July 1984 -- Ken has half-a-dozen or so names now, and we would like to get the entries off early in the new year, so if you're attracted to the idea but undecided, take the plunge NOW and tact Ken!

Ken also has info about the next FINNISH 5-DAYS, so if you fancy floundering forlorn amongst the fleet-footed Finns, he can point you in the right direction.

The INTERLOPERS TENT is now in official existence. It has not yet been used in earnest, but its first appearance will be faithfully reported at the earliest opportunity.

AGE CLASSES -- for those who don't get BOF literature, please note that the official competitor age classes are changing slightly as from 1st January 1984. The new classes include W21, corresponding to M21, and all classes from M/W 35 upwards will go in 5-year intervals, i.e M/W35, M/W40, M/W45, M/W50, M/W55, M/W60, M/W65. If the new Interlopers Directory (attached) unduly flatters or insults you, please let us know!

Also, BOF intends to introduce the new NATIONAL FIXTURES STRUCTURE in 1985, and I hope that the Editor (or someone) will write a summary of this soon. Any volunteers?

The SCOTTISH SOUTH-EAST AREA seems to be going through an even more than usually lean and sticky time at present, and there are those who would advocate a swift slicing of the angular to end its pitiable convulsions. Apparently it had an AGM recently, in conditions of such secrecy that no-one attended, but STILL it is not permitted decent burial! It is beyond human comprehension why this atrophied pseudo-organisation was not, years ago, re-constituted as a simple liaison committee of reps from all the clubs in the Area, meeting 2 or 3 times per year and appointing its own officials as required. It cannot be held that the present "democratic" structure is necessary for such an organisation when so few people are affected by, or take any interest in, its activities. Chop chop chop!

RECENT SUNDRY OCCURRENCES

Interlopers Packet Hyman and Andrew Loudon were in the team representing Scotland in the Junior Home Internationals, held in Eire in November. Packet's 6th place helped Scotland hold 2nd position in the International. See Andrew's report later in this issue.

Andy Spenceley and Steve Terry each put on a NIGHT STREET EVENT recently, and these were patronised by 1 person and 2 persons respectively. In the face of such blistering public demand, it is not intended to attempt to cancel the current plan of not organising any more of these events. Maybe we suffered from the competition of EUOC's series of street events?

The SKITTLES NIGHT on 28th November was considerably more popular, with EUOC providing doughty opposition to Interlopers' superior experience with the balls, in spite of attempts to sabotage their efforts by transferring our Chairman to their team.

A SLIDE EVENING was hosted by our ubiquitous Chairman, and many memories were stirred by the appearance of strangely-young faces, and nostalgia flowed profusely. Another Interlopers record in the manipulation of balls was achieved.

Cripes, chaps -- an EVENT!! SELM MUIR was the scene of Interlopers' latest contribution to the Lothian O-League series, and the Old Hands turned out in force to support Bob Cherry's organising, Ken's planning and Ian Lamont's controlling. Some of the Old Hands found their beds very much more attractive than an icy outdoor morning and the lift-off showed signs of control-system overload, but sheer weight of experience ensured a smooth transition to orbital trajectory and ultimately a completely successful mission. Ken (him again!) supplied newly-constructed digital clocks which, although not yet fully functional, bid fair to supply Interlopers with high-quality Time for all time!

OTHER SECONDS FROM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

INTERLOPERS BADGE EVENT 30-Sep-84 -- most probably to be held at Norman's Law, Fife. Officials needed -- please volunteer!

SCOTTISH RELAYS '85 -- venue is still under review, subject to liaison with ESOC who are organising the Individual event.

INTERLOPERS BANNER is receiving finishing touches at the painstaking hand of Master Craftsman Pogo.

CLUB O-SUITS are still under investigation by Pete Couldery, and POSSIBLE SOCIAL EVENTS likewise. The latter include another skittles/dinner at Gullane, curling etc, but nothing is definitely booked yet. Pete is too busy organising private ski-ing trips at Xmas/Newyear to be able to attend to general Interlopers social activities. PROD!

POTENTIAL SHARE-OUT OF DEESIDE '83 PROFITS has been made so unattractive by the controlling body that we have joined with most clubs and accepted that we get no financial return from our efforts at Glen Tanar last August. The return in the form of pleasure in participation and increase in experience etc is inestimable.

TAYSIDE '85 is well in hand, and we are committed to running Day 2 at Drummond Hill, in harness with LINOC and ELO.

Ken has up-to-date CLUB INFORMATION SHEETS + MEMBERSHIP FORMS for anyone who requires solid proof of our existence and commitment in recruiting new members.

10TH ANNIVERSARIES seem to be in fashion at the moment -- 1984 is the tenth anniversary of Interlopers "going open" -- any celebratory ideas?

AFFILIATION
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Paying-up time is here again (except for those who joined since October). The table below is derived from a tatty scrap of paper prised with infinite patience and enormous force from the clammy grasp of multiple treasurer Ian Lamont. I think there should be enough different flavours of membership to suit every taste, but note that the "SOA-only" variety is no longer available -- no doubt BOF squashed the idea by sitting on SOA with tyrannical weight. Also, remember that first-time Juniors can join Interlopers at half price, but unfortunately this magnanimity is not extended by SOA or BOF. BOF members should have received renewal forms direct from Matlock, and you are urged to send them back to Andy S. or Ian L. with the lolly INSTANTLY -- Interlopers will keep you on for a few months if you forget to pay, but BOF won't -- it's because of this computer thing you see.....
Finally, you are urged to consider Full membership WITH MAGAZINE:

CompassSport
Needs your support;
Only with enough backers
Will it avoid the knacker's.
(with apologies to E Clerihew Bentley)

	Club fee only	(SOA+BOF)	Total without Mag.	Total with Mag.
Junior (under 19)	1	(2)	3	7-50
1st-time Jun. 0-50p	(2)		2-50	7
Senior	2	(6-20)	8-20	12-70
Family	3	(9-30)	12-30	16-80

JAN KJELLSTROM TROPHY by Andy Spenceley
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The 1984 J.K. is being held in Snowdonia in North Wales over the Easter weekend. It is open to all full members, who should have received a J.K. entry form. This year there are differences from previous years in that there is a W21 class and the classes go up in 5-year jumps from M/W35. The class changes also affect the Relays.

Interlopers will enter Relay Teams in several different age groups, depending on demand. Entries close very early, so please contact me A.S.A.P. if you want to run in the Relay. Remember, the club subsidises relay entries -- we charge Seniors 1 and Juniors 50p, which is a fantastic bargain. We hope to enter at least one Junior team, so how about coming to run for Interlopers, all you Juniors, and have a weekend away in Wales.

N.B. If you want to make sure of a run, CONTACT me NOW, giving your preferred relay class. 031-664-3011.

JUNIOR HOME INTERNATIONALS by Andrew Loudon
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The Junior Home International Championships were incorporated in the Leinster 2-day event, 12th and 13th November. Both days were on the same map, Glenree. This is about 20 miles south of Dublin, in the northern end of the Wicklow Mountains. The map and terrain were very good, especially a huge rough open area which was similar to the open at Pananich but steeper, rockier and rougher.

The courses were good, though there was a lot of climbing, not including a 240m climb to the start on Day 1. I had to drop out of the Day 1 course -- half way round I smashed my knee on a rock. Packet however had quite a good run, coming in 4th.

By Day 2 the swelling had gone down enough and I had a reasonable run. Packet dropped a bit on Day 2, still coming 6th overall.

The final result was: 1 England
2 Scotland
3 Ireland
4 Wales

NEW MEMBERS -- WELCOME TO INTERLOPERS!
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- M21 C Michael Burton; 8 Moston Terrace, EH9 2DE.
- W19 F Sarah Wood; Top Flat R, 13 Spottiswoode Rd, EH9 1BH
- W17 C Brenda McCaw; 616 Rutherford Drive, EH16 6AX
- M15 C Mark Wood; 17 The Spinney, Gilmerton Rd, EH17 7LD

ADDRESS LIST CHANGES
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Susan Wilkie has moved to
2nd Flat R, 48 Bruntsfield Gardens, Edinburgh.

Jonathan Musgrave is now at
Flat 2/2, 70 Warrender Park Road, Edinburgh.

Pete Couldery (social secretary) can be found at
Top Flat L, 28 Mardale Crescent, Bruntsfield.

Hon. President Carol McNeill has also moved, to the Lake District, but I do not have the exact address to hand.

CALENDAR
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As usual, please contact secretary Andy Spenceley for more details of any item on the list (or even not on the list), or if you need transport or can offer space in a vehicle.

January 1984

- Sun 1st INVOC New Year Score event, N. Kessock.
- Mon 2nd GRAMP Hogmanay Hangover Handicap, Kirkhill S.
- Tue 3rd Evening training, Meadows, 7.45 prompt.
Pub night, Southsider, 8.30 pm ++
- Thu 5th Evening training, Meggetland.
- Tue 10th Training; Pub night.
- Thu 12th Training.
- Fri 13th EUOC Night Street event, Commonwealth Pool.
- Sun 15th GRAMP & Buch Club event, Dalgety.
Galloway Galoppen 4, Mable.
- Mon 16th INTERLOPERS COMMITTEE MEETING
- Tue 17th Training; Pub night.
- Thu 19th Training.
- Sun 22nd LINOC L.O.L. 4, Kinneil.
Glasgow Galoppen 5, Mugdock.
- Tue 24th Training; Pub night.
- Thu 26th Training.
- Fri 27th EUOC Night Street event.
- Sat/Sun 28th/29th AROS Winter Weekend.
- Sun 29th AUOC Club event.
- Tue 31st Training; Pub night.

February

- Thu 2nd Training.
- Sun 5th StAUOC Badge Event, Birnam.
- Tue 7th Training; Pub night.
- Thu 9th Training.
- Fri 10th EUOC Night Street event.
- Sun 12th EUOC L.O.L. 5, Holyrood Park.
- Tue 14th Training; Pub night.
- Thu 16th Training.
- Tue 21st Training; Pub night.
- Thu 23rd Training.
- Sun 26th Galloway Galoppen 5, Drumlanrig.
- Tue 28th Training; Pub night.

March

- Thu 1st Training.
- Sun 4th SOLWAY S.W.Area Champs.
- Tue 6th Training; Pub night.
- Thu 8th Training.
- Sun 11th ELO L.O.L. 6, Saltoun.

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Newcomers, either to Edinburgh or to Orienteering, may have noticed that there are two open clubs based in Edinburgh, and those of inquisitive disposition may have wondered why.

The answer seems to be purely historical -- "it just grew that way", with Interlopers starting as an alternative for Edinburgh University people who did not wish to join the established "Edinburgh Southern" club.

In the early 70's, INT was a small, dynamic, stylish, closed club consisting mainly of such Giants as Geoff Peck, Carol McNeill, Robin Sloan, Liz Mills, Hew Fraser, Ian Sutherland, Hilary Smith, Donald Wallace, John Barrow, and a whole tribe of Smithards.....

In 1974 the club decided to "go open" and Steve joined, thus starting the downhill path which has continued ever since.

Numbers have grown slowly but steadily, nearly all the Giants have moved away or reduced their commitment because of family etc, resulting now in a totally different club -- large (for Scotland) and consisting mainly of pygmies.

ESOC, although longer-established, seems to have remained smaller and its nucleus of stalwarts has remained comparatively unchanged, with figures such as Bill Gauld, Eddie Davey, Graham Pyatt, still battling away after 10 or 20 years.

History is repeating itself in a way, with AROS now trying (and failing dismally) to emulate the Interlopers of 10 years ago by discomfiting the established clubs. Could this be a 10-year cycle? -- does the character of AROS reflect the character of the 1980's, idle and dissolute, while the character of the early Interlopers reflected the character of the 1970's, active and effective?

A few years ago several brash young upstarts, with no sense of Tradition or of The British Way Of Doing Things, suggested to the open clubs a logical, rational step: Merge! Such revolutionary ideas could scarcely expect to survive, and sure enough this one was drowned in a massive wave of overwhelming apathy. Since then however, many have had the guilty feeling that things could be better if the clubs combined their activities more, and slowly the idea has been gaining ground. Several members of ESOC have recently increased their agitation in this direction, and several Interlopers are known to have similar treacherous leanings. It seems that, unless a lot of people have strong objections, the clubs will "grow together" over the next few years, and will probably eventually achieve consummate wedlock.

There are many pros and cons to the idea, and I hope everyone with thoughts and feelings about it will write them down and let me print them in future Newsletters. My own feelings are mixed -- the present duplication of effort and lack of communication are things which could be greatly improved by a merger, but the friendly rivalry and the individual character of the separate clubs would be lost. A seemingly trivial point, but one which will cause much agony, is the question of the NAME of a combined club -- I, for one, will fight hard to prevent the subsuming of two very distinctive and distinguished names under some bland, characterless anonymity such as "Edinburgh Orienteers"!

Anyway, the message now is -- joint activities as often as possible, folks! -- I hope that cross-links will develop rapidly as more people see the advantages.

Since Interlopers themselves refuse to help me with the Newsletter, I intend to implement the idea of a joint INT-ESOC Newsletter forthwith, and I hope that the next issue will be the first in the new format.

Watch this space!

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