

It is a tradition by now well-established that InterlØpers Newsletters shall always be produced late, and who am I to destroy a hallowed institution? I have not been orienteering for so long now that I've almost forgotten what it's like, but there are some high-class events coming up soon, and plenty of opportunity to exercise the grey cells.

One offer of help with Newsletter production has been received, from Meg Fraser in Aberdeen. Many grateful thanks, Meg, I will try to do this one myself, but I may be in touch before the next issue! I hope you realise how much time it takes -- the last one took me a full day to type on my word-processor at work -- I could spare the time then. This one is being bashed out on my manual typewriter at home, and I have used both methods during the last two years -- I wonder if observant readers can spot the differences?.

One difference that the more observant of you may have already spotted is that this issue is not a joint ESOC-InterlØpers effort as was semi-promised last time. That promise was the result of a mistaken assumption on the (bachelor) Editor's part -- that when a husband (ESOC President Ian Beck) speaks, he also speaks for his temporarily absent wife (ESOC N/L Editor Ros Beck). Ian seemed to be in favour of the idea, but it turns out that Ros is not, so for the time being we continue our separate ways. I guess it's the way of the World that the nay-sayer has her way in preference to those in favour. Sigh!

A. CLARIFICATION AGAIN

The attached issue of the InterlØpers Directory contains a considerable number of asterisks against several names. You have been specially marked out for stardom and privilege by a carefully-designed selection process -- you haven't paid! Just because I forgot to put £-signs on all the figures in the last issue is insufficient excuse for this lapse. We look forward to a speedy rectification of the deficiency.

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*           9th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING *
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* is to be held on                    *
*           Thursday 31st May          *
*           *****                   *
*           at                          *
*           7-30 pm                    *
*           *****                   *
*           at a venue to be announced. *
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* to be followed by                   *
*           9th INTERLØPERS ANNUAL DINNER *
*           *****                   *
*           at                          *
*           an as-yet unknown Edinburgh Restaurant.
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* Any important items for the AGM Agenda, including any proposed amendments to the Constitution, must be in the Secretary's hands, in writing, by the 3rd May. * The Agenda for the AGM, its venue and that of the Annual Dinner, will be published in the next Newsletter which will be issued not later than 17th May. *

RELAY TEAMS

JAN KJELLSTROM 21 - 23 April North Wales

7 teams have been entered for this relay, and there are still a few vacant places, so if you fancy filling any of those slots please contact Andy Spenceley now. Teams:
 2 x Junior teams, 1 x Women's Open,
 1 x Long Open, 3 x Short Open.

The BRITISH RELAYS are way down south near Amersham on 6th May. Entries have just closed and I have not heard if we have any teams entered. Contact Andy if interested.

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS -- CLUB WEEKEND. Touch, nr Stirling
 Individual - 26th May *****
 Relay - 27th May

It is planned to organise cheap accommodation near Stirling for any Juniors and Seniors who want to make a fun weekend of the Scottish Champs away from home. Pete Woolverton is taking names of those interested, so please contact him by the 6th April. Address/phone on the list. Contact Pete or Andy anyway if you want to run in an InterlØpers team in the Relays. Remember to enter the Individual event by 30th April!

If anyone hears any good news about the HARVESTER TROPHY -- get in touch! It seems a pity that SOA or a group of Scottish clubs cannot get together to organise this event in Scotland from time to time.

CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

The weather can't have been far from the minds of most people lately. Some people cursing the snow and others praying for it. As a result of the snow and a sudden addiction to skiing, I have not done a great deal of orienteering lately, but I don't think that I am alone in this. Most people that I have spoken to seem to have some difficulty remembering when they were last at an event.

Personally I feel that it is a good thing to have a break. It makes you appreciate the sport so much more when you return to it. I went down to the South West Area Champs at Drumlanrig feeling really enthusiastic and keen to get out into the forest. It was then that I realised that although my break from orienteering may have been a good idea, my break from training wasn't. I came in through the finish feeling as if I had just run all the way from Edinburgh rather than just round the B course.

Different people prefer to train in different ways. Some don't like training at all, some like training on their own and some like training as a group. I hope that those of you who prefer training in a group are all aware of the Tuesday night interval sessions on the Meadows and the Thursday night runs from Meggetland. If not, contact Andy Spenceley for details.

These training sessions are for all orienteers (and friends etc) in the Edinburgh area, not just InterlØpers. It is hoped that in the future many more of our activities will be held jointly with the other Edinburgh clubs.

Finally, I would just like to remind you all that this is YOUR club. If you want something to happen, let the committee know. If you want something to stop happening, let the committee know. If you feel strongly about something, write to the Newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you all at the forthcoming social events, especially the newer members whose faces are not so well known yet.

Ken Ovens

FRENCH 5 DAYS

10 members of InterlØpers and 4 "friends of InterlØpers" have now been entered for the French 5 days event in the Summer. The event centre is at Carcans Maubuisson near Bordeaux, and the competition runs from the 4th - 8th July inclusive, with training events on the 2nd and 3rd.

Many people are intending to extend the holiday by either preceding or following the week of orienteering with a week of more general touring. I am sure that everyone is hoping for good weather, especially as we will be camping at the event.

The people intending to go (not including any who may have entered individually) are: Mike Burton, Bob Cherry, Pete Couldery, Pete Duthie, Ian Jackson, Ian Lamont, Jane Lupton, Calum McIntosh, John Mitchell, Ken Ovens, Steve Terry, Chris Whalley, Susan Wilkie and Sarah Wood.

How many of you can spot the four Interloping friends?
Ken Ovens

FORTHCOMING COMMITMENTS -- VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

A series of Colour-coded Evening Events is planned this year, in place of the simple CATI's of previous years. It is hoped that these will be more attractive to more Seniors, with longer, more serious, courses available. There is to be 1 in May, 2 in June and 1 in September, with ESOC sharing the organisation. Anyone willing to help should contact Andy Spenceley.

On 30th September we have a Badge Event to stage, and some progress is being made. Permission to use Norman's Law has been applied for, and Mike Burton has agreed to plan. Pete Woolverton has volunteered to act as assistant organiser and pre-entry contact, so the task of chief organiser will be greatly eased, if anyone is wavering on the brink of offering their services. Take the plunge!

Next season, another Lothian O-League event will no doubt have to be tackled.

Scottish Relays '85 are on our plate, too. The likely venue looks to be Balmaha (by Loch Lomond), and organisers and helpers will need to be appointed soon.

We are co-operating with LINO and ELO on Day 2 of Tayside 85, and we need to find at least one official, probably assistant planner or assistant organiser, by 16th April.

We hope to remember to enter the CompassSport Cup this year, now that we have a new influx of Junior members, so will someone jog the committee's memory by the 16th April, to make sure it gets done?

NEW MEMBERS and ADDRESS CHANGES

I hope I've got all the new names here -- some were provided on very tenuous slips of paper! Please let me know if your details on the Interlopers Directory are wrong.

- W17 Lorna Boyd and W15 Carol Boyd
Edmonstone Cottage, 545 Old Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh.
- M17 Craig Blaney 12/7 Durar Drive, EH4 7HN
- W21 Dawn Smith 1 Railway Cottage, Kinrara, Aviemore.
- M17 Alan Meikle 32 Greenend Gardens, EH17 7QF
- M17 Roderick Kay 27 Corstorphine Hill Avenue EH12 6LF
- M13 William Forsyth 47/9 Burdiehouse Street, EH17 2HD
- W21 Hilary Fairlie Top Flat L. 54 Rankeillor Street, EH8 9HZ
- M21 Graham McIntyre 212/2 Causewayside, EH9 1PN
- M15 Neil Taylor 50 Manse Road, EH12 7SS
- M21 Gordon Thompson 125 Morrison Street, EH3 8AJ
- M17 Colin Ramsey 17 Wester Broom Terrace, EH12 7QY

Bob Cherry has moved, to 46 Strathearn Road, EH9 2AD
Mike Burton likewise, to 13 Stratheillan Road, EH9 2AG

RECENT SOCIALISING

Some Social Events have been happening, mostly at very short notice so that I couldn't get them into the Newsletter. To keep up-to-date on social activities it pays to go to the "Southsider" pub nights on Tuesday evenings!

The AROS Winter Weekend was its usual disgrace of aged "orienteers" trying to get themselves mistaken for students and generally exposing themselves in all directions. Fun tho!

The Interlopers Burns Supper was said to be a resounding success, although no-one who attended saw fit to provide written proof. The stains on Ian Lamont's anorak must remain the only visible evidence. It is hoped that the event will be repeated in future years.

A joint ESOC-Interlopers Wine & Cheese Party was held at the house of SOA President Dave Kershaw, where Bill Gauld was able to off-load some of his embarrassing prize of Peter Dominic wine! Dave & Kirsteen's mice are even yet munching their way through the remains of the cheese mountain.

FORTHCOMING SOCIALISING

A Dinner/Skittles Evening is to be held on Wed. 28th March at the Golf Hotel, Gullane, cost £3-75. This was an excellent event when held last year -- it may be rather short notice now (!) but if you're sharp about it you might be in time to let Pete Couldery know you'd like to go.

Another Skittles date for your diary is Mon. 18th June, at the Sheep's Heid, Duddingston. All welcome.

CALENDAR

This is a brief note of as many forthcoming events as I can find. For more information consult the SOA newsletter SCORE or CompassSport Magazine, if you have them, or contact Andy Spenceley who will oblige with full details. If you have space in a car which you would like to fill, or if you need a lift to an event, Andy will help to fix you up.

April 1984

- Sun 1st FVO Badge Event, Trossachs.
- Tue 3rd Training, Meadows. Pub night.
- Thu 5th Training, Meggetland.
- Sun 8th Galloway Galoppen 7.
MOR Club event, Sluie.
- Tue 10th Training. Pub night.
- Thu 12th Training.
- Sun 15th MO Club event, Norman's Law.
INVOC Club event, Shantullich Wood.
- Mon 16th INTERLOPERS COMMITTEE MEETING
- Tue 17th Training. Pub night.
- Thu 19th Training
- 21st - 23rd. J.K. Weekend.
- Tue 24th Training. Pub night.
- Thu 26th Training.

May

- Tue 1st Training. Pub night.
- Thu 3rd Training.
- Sun 6th British Relays, Wendover Woods.
INVOC Club event, North Kessock.
Tentsmuir Trot '84.
- Mon 7th Inter-Regional Champs, Alice Holt.
- Tue 8th Training. Pub night.
- Thu 10th Training.
- Sun 13th Borders Colour-coded event, Cardrona.
- Tue 15th Training. Pub night.
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- Thu 17th Training.
- Sun 20th CLYDE Badge Event, Gleniffer Braes.
- Tue 22nd Training. Pub night.
- Thu 24th Training.
- Sat 26th Scottish Individual Championships, Touch.
- Sun 27th Scottish Relay Champs.
- Tue 29th Training. Pub night.
- Thu 31st INTERLOPERS AGM & DINNER
(training excused for 1 night!)

June

- Sun 3rd British Individual Championships, Sheffield.
- Tue 5th Training. Pub night.
- Thu 7th Training.
- Tue 12th Training. Pub night.
- Thu 14th Training.
- Sun 17th Northern Lights Event, Braemar.
- Mon 18th INT Skittles evening, Sheep's Heid.

A CLOSING NOTE

If this newsletter seems a bit thin, YOU can make it fatter and more interesting. Any Newsletter Editor always wants to receive writings of all kinds, in this case anything remotely connected with orienteering or with the members of the club. If you go to an event which you enjoy, or some amusing incident or situation occurs, or if you have opinions you would like to share, why not write about it? -- don't leave it all to Ken, Andy and Jean. Who knows, you might be a new Charles Dickens, or even a Barbara Cartland!

AND FINALLY.....

I've just remembered that there was supposed to be a questionnaire about the ESOC/INT merger idea, with this issue.... Sigh!
