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Southampton Orienteering Club Annual General Meeting - Notice

The 2013 SOC AGM will be held at IBM Hursley Social Club on Friday 19th April at 7.30pm

This is our annual get together to review the past year, agree membership fees for the following year, elect the new Committee and discuss any motions proposed. It will be followed by our annual prizegiving.

All SOC members are welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided, and a bar is available. Following consultation with club members we will not be providing food. However, bar meals can be purchased if required.

If you wish to propose any motions for the AGM please let Andrew Nash know by the end of February. Any motions must also be supported by a seconder.

Terry Smith is leading work on updating the constitution. This will be an item on the AGM agenda, and a draft constitution will be sent out beforehand with the AGM agenda and 2012 accounts. However, if you have any strong views that you feel Terry should know about at this stage, please also let him know before the end of February.

Committee Elections and Vacant Positions

The SOC Committee is essential to ensure the smooth running of the SOC and drive its development. All Committee posts will be up for election, so here is your chance to get involved! Any active member of the club is welcome to stand for any post but the two most urgent requirements are for (i) Secretary and (ii) Fixtures Secretary, as the current post holders (Andrew Nash and Jillian Devine) are standing down.

Details of each post are available in the members' area of the website; you may also contact the current post holders or the Secretary. Anyone who wishes to stand for any of the posts should also let Andrew know by the end of February.

Note too that if you feel you don't want to stand for Committee but would still like to help out - eg on publicity, the website, or any other aspect, please get in touch. The club is reliant on its volunteers and your help would be very welcome!

Club Prizegiving: Nominations Required for the Pits and Depression Trophies

The AGM is traditionally followed by the club prizegiving, so all those who were awarded trophies in 2012, please return them to Andrew Nash or another Committee member by the end of February. Andrew intends to be at the Ibsley Common event on 3rd Feb, and also the CompassSport Cup on 17th Feb.

Most club trophies will go to those who have won their respective classes in the 2012 club championships. However, our famous "Depression" and "Pits" trophies go to those who have done less well, and your nominations for these trophies are required . . . either yourself or someone else:

- The Depression traditionally goes to someone who has had a very unfortunate orienteering-related experience . . . for example, losing a map in a bog or having their bike stolen while mapping
- The Pits is for something more self-inflicted, such as multiple disqualifications, losing an e-card down a toilet or tripping over the same stone twice (all these have happened!)

Again, please send Andrew any nominations and a description of what happened.

Editorial

Pete Davis

There's unlucky and then there's SOC luck! Not one event cancelled, but two. The last minute cancellation of the November Classic was not only disappointing it was expensive too. The refund policy agreed by the Committee resulted in the event itself breaking even. We offered competitors a 67p in the pound refund of their entry fee. This was calculated on the basis of the expenditure made on the event that could not be regained - such as map printing costs. So, if the event broke even why was it expensive? In order for the Club to exist it aims to make some profit from events to cover costs not directly related to events, such as equipment maintenance and publicity. It is also the case that our bigger events tend to make a profit and our smaller events a loss. We need some profit from the November Classic to remain financially viable.

And then, to cap it all the next large SOC event, the Level C event at Busketts Lawn is cancelled due to all the snowfall. It is early days but we can be sure that this event will make a real loss. With no pre-entry, the map costs will be lost unless we can reschedule.

There are many learning points from these cancellations. I think we improved our communications for the Busketts Lawn cancellation - well we did have a lot more notice. We used emails to club members, banners on the website, a message on the SOC Event Hotline and a posting on the Nopesport forum.

You can read details on the refund policy for the November Classic on the SOC website at <http://www.southampton-orienteers.org.uk/ncrefund>.

On with the rest of this edition. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Club Captain's Update

Kevin Bracher

First I would like to congratulate Tamsin Moran and Tim Morgan for selection onto the 2013 Talent Development Squad. This is recognition of their development and dedication and a great achievement. I hope you all join me in wishing them every success for the future.

Compass Sport Cup First Round

The Compass Sport Cup First Round is on Sunday 17th February at Agglestone Heath near Pool hosted by Wessex Orienteering Club. Details are on the Wessex Website.

We are up against BOK, DEVON & NWO.

To do well we need to have competitors running all the courses.

Course	Compass Sport Course	Eligible Age Classes	Class Size	Max Counting Runners Per Club
1	Brown	Men Open	Large	6
2	Blue Women	Women Open	Small	4
3	Blue Men	M45+ M20-	Large	6
4	Green Women	W45+ W20-	Small	4
5	Green Men	M60+	Small	4
6	Short Green Veteran	M75+ W60+	Small	4
7a	Light Green Men	Men18-	Very Small	Max 4 to count
7b	Light Green Women	Women 18-	Very Small	From 7a 7b combined
8a	Orange Men	Men14-	Very Small	Max 4 to count
8b	Orange Women	Women14-	Very Small	From 8a 8b combined

The 25 highest scoring runners, split between the categories above, count for each club.

The Scoring System:

Large Class: Scores 100, 99, 98, 97..... Down to 0. First place Scores 100 etc.

Small Class: Scores 100, 98, 96, 94..... Down to 0. First place Scores 100 etc.

Very Small Class: Scores 100, 96, 92, 88..... Down to 0. First place Scores 100 etc.

There are 36 possible Scoring slots from which the top 25 scores can be taken, so not filling every course will reduce our chances of winning, we need a good selection of juniors and seniors from all categories.

Even if a runner does not score for his or her club they can be placed above runners from other clubs thus reducing other clubs scoring potential. There is no limit to the number of runners a club can field!

We need as many Club Members as possible to compete across all age classes.

As usual with competitions where members run for the club the club will pay 50% of the entry fee.

To run for SOC you need to let me know as I have to submit our team on a special entry form at the beginning of February. If you can run please let me know by Sunday January 27th. I will need to know your BOF number, SI Dibber number (if you have one) and your Age Class, (note; have you moved up a class as it is a new year?)

Contact me by email: kevin.bracher@talktalk.net

I hope to put on a Coaching activity for Juniors and Seniors before the CSC. Check the SOC website for information.

JK Relays & British Champs Relays

I am also looking for SOC members who would like to run in the JK Relays. I already have a list of interested members. If you would like to be involved email me at the above address.

The JK Relay teams also have to be registered in the beginning of February so let me know by January 27th.

The entries for the British Champs Relays will also need to go in soon so let me know if you would like to be included in the British Relays as well.

JK2013 - Volunteers needed!

Terry Smith

Thanks to those of you who have offered to help. However, we still need more people to step up for JK2013. The benefits of offering to help are:

- Free car parking pass for the weekend

- Food/drink voucher for each day they help

- £5 discount on an individual entry fee for each day that they help (no discounts for relay entries).

SOC are primarily looking to man Download over the four days. The activity will mostly require helpers to download ecards and hand out splits. Help will be on hand to deal with disqualifications or other problems. We would also like to hear from people who would be willing to man the finish (including video capture of finishers) and results display as part of the extended "Download" team. There is also a vacancy for a deputy Start Team leader. If you are able to assist, it will help the organisers if you would contact either Ian Moran or Terry Smith before Christmas and put in your entries early (see below). Please contact Ian Moran (Ian_Moran@btinternet.com) if you want to help with the extended download team or Terry

Smith (terrismith@compuserve.com) if you would prefer to help in any other way. Feel free to identify your ideal task. If you are able to help for one day only or for the whole weekend please do step forward to make this prestigious event a success.

JK entries are now open via the JK2013 website <http://www.thejk.org.uk/jk2013/>. The entry activity is being done via SIEntries but note that the event is using EMIT electronic punching.

The first price cut off date is 3rd January, then 3rd February & 3rd March. The earlier you enter, the lower the cost.

Southampton Orienteering Club Summer Series

Kevin Bracher

Once again this year we are running the Summer Series consisting of eight events in and around Southampton and four in the Portsmouth area.

The aim of these events is to provide newcomers, beginners & established orienteers a chance to orienteer locally on a regular basis. More details of the venues and dates can be found on the SOC Website.

The events all follow same format: Saturday morning; Starts 10:00 - 12:00; Courses close at 13:00. There will be three courses on offer; Easy, Medium and Difficult loosely based on Yellow, Orange/Red and Light Green/Green or a Score course.

Volunteers needed for planning and organising

We are also encouraging club members who haven't previously planned/organised to have a go. It is great fun and very satisfying to "put on an event" and the Summer Series is an ideal opportunity for budding planners or, for experienced officials to just to keep their hand in at a local venue. Each event needs a planner to plan and set the courses, and an organiser to ensure things run smoothly on the day. Help is at hand for beginners with experienced club members always happy to act as a mentor.

As you can see from this table, there are plenty of empty slots to be filled!

Date		Event	Officials
April	Sat 13th	Greggs School	
	Sat 27th	Pear Tree Green	Planner-Jamie Hicks
May	Sat 11th	Stoke Park (tbc)	
	Sat 18 th	Staunton Country park	
	Sat 25th	Knightwood and Valley Park	
June	Sat 1st	West Walk, Wickham	
	Sat 8th	Fleming Park	
	Sat 22nd	Itchen Valley Country Park	
	Sat 29th	West Walk, Wickham	
July	Sat 6th	Hursley (tbc)	
	Sat 13th	Queen Elizabeth Country Park	Planner-Peter Stewart Organiser-Sally Topsom
	Sat 20th	Royal Victoria Country Park	

To volunteer or to find out more about what is involved, contact Jillian Devine jillian.devine@ntlworld.com 01243 432521 or Kevin Bracher kevin.bracher@talktalk.net.

Membership Secretary's Report**Peter Stewart**

This is the time of year when the membership appears to drop because anybody who hasn't renewed yet is not a member. If you do intend to renew, remember that British Orienteering have reduced their fees. If you intend to run in the Compass Sport Cup on 17th February, you must renew your membership before the event, so that you are a member of SOC.

Membership currently stands at 153, divided between 148 British Orienteering members and 5 Associates.

I have changed the database to use the data from British Orienteering more, rather than manually copying data from the BOF database to the SOC membership data. If you notice any

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members: Jeremy and Zachary Choppen, Vicki Barkaway, David and Mary Nixon, the Lacey Family: Richard, Lisa, Ruben and Frances.

SCOA Report**Terry Smith****SCOA League**

The prize-giving for the 2011/12 SCOA League took place at the SCOA League event at Kings Wood (near High Wycombe) in October. Congratulations to club members Rachael Chapelhow, Jenny Chapelhow and Jenny Dickin for their class wins.

2013 SCOA Championships

We have the following SCOA Championships scheduled for 2013:

- Sprint Championship at Wellington College on Saturday 6th April
- Middle Distance Championship at Bagshot Heath on Sunday 7th April
- Long Distance Championships in the New Forest on Sunday 3rd November 2013

**JK 2013**

Organisation of the JK is progressing well. Day 1 (Sprint) and Day 3 (Long) have been confirmed as World Ranking Events. Entries opened on 1st November and we now have some 200 entries.

News from British Orienteering

The new Chairman for the Events and Competitions Committee is now in place. Volunteers have been appointed to the three main Working Groups and a further three Advisory Groups to support ECC's efforts. Terry Smith (SOC) has been appointed to the Event Systems Group, and will chair the Technology Advisory Group. Richard Sharp (TVOC) has been appointed to the Event Scheduling Group (which broadly replaces the National Fixtures Group) and to the Programme & Publicity Group.

Two work groups have been formed to assess needs within British Orienteering; a Volunteer Needs Work Group and a Coaching Needs Work Group.

Work is underway to create a revised Strategic plan for British Orienteering, which will be available for discussion at the AGM in March 2013.

Financial support for Community Orienteering is scheduled to end in March 2013. Some limited support will be available after that date, which will be focused on clubs in the Midlands and the North.

British Orienteering is developing some new products to encourage participation by young adults and families. Initial roll-out will be in the Midlands and the North of England; the products are:

- Xplorer - which is primarily a Park Orienteering type event for families with young children.
- Run Challenge - a long-O score event lasting about 45 minutes aimed at students and young adults.
- Virtual-O - effectively a virtual event; the participant completes the course as and when they wish, recording their arrival at controls with their smart phone and uploading their results to compare/compete with others.

SCOA Committee Vacancies

As mentioned in previous bulletins SCOA still has no Secretary or Treasurer. SCOA cannot continue to function effectively without these officers. **Please, please, please** therefore give serious consideration as to whether you could undertake one of these roles. Neither role is very time-consuming, but they are vital for the smooth-running of our sport.

Club Championships 2012 – Final Standings

Peter Stewart

Many congratulations to the winners of the 2012 Club Championships. The top three places in each class are shown below. The full championship tables are available on the Club website at <http://www.southampton-orienteers.org.uk/content/soc-championship> :

Boys

- 1st Tim Morgan
- 2nd Sam White
- 3rd Shrinivas Anikhindi

Open Men

- 1st Matthew Whipple
- 2nd Andrew Beverley
- 3rd Chris Williamson

Gerry Barrell Memorial Class

- 1st Robert Sweatman
- 2nd Mike Goldthorpe
- 3rd Ian Moran

Girls

- 1st Jenny Chapelhow
- 2nd Pippy Dickin
- 3rd Jenny Dickin

Open Women

- 1st Christine Currie
- 2nd Olwen Rowlands
- 3rd Jill Choudhury

Veteran Women

- 1st Jane Morgan
- 2nd Gill Thomlinson
- 3rd Helen Wheelwright

Junior Men

- 1st Jamie Hicks
- 2nd Robert Finch
- 3rd Nicholas Moran

Senior Men

- 1st David Currie
- 2nd Andrew Nash
- 3rd Marcus White

Veteran Men

- 1st Philip Eeles
- 2nd Julian Hartwell
- 3rd Robin Smith

Junior Women

- 1st Tamsin Moran
- 2nd Beth Albon

Senior Women

- 1st Jessica Stanfield
- 2nd Lisa James
- 3rd Tracey Penna

Deputy Website Officer Needed

David Currie, SOC Website Officer, is keen to find a deputy. This would be a non-Committee role and would support David in the management and development of the SOC website. If the post holder feels confident there is also the option for them to take over as the lead Website Officer (also non-Committee).

Please contact David if you would like to know more - webmaster@southampton-orienteurs.org.uk.

The A to Z of Romsey

David Nixon

In late 2011 GB team member Murray Strain decided to add variety to his training programme by running some new routes. His choice was rather drastic - to run ALL the roads and streets of Edinburgh, and in alphabetical order. This gave me the idea of doing something similar but around the much smaller confines of Romsey, where we live.

I used two maps to work out where to go. The County Council produce a street map with Andover on one side and Romsey on the other. It has an index showing in which of 16 squares each street was located. I assumed it would be correct, even if the actual location was sometimes stylised. This was a wrong assumption, as a couple of streets weren't in the index, three were in a different square, there were spelling errors and even order mistakes. However another problem was that the map and index had all the blocks of flats named. Two shopping trips into town early in the year ended in walks round crossing these flats off my list.

The second map was John Horton's streetO map, which had two benefits. It showed exactly where all the streets were and their shape, and it had all the footpaths. This enabled me to exit the far end of cul-de-sacs (and there are a lot) without having to double back. I was surprised that only one person told me I was going up a dead end; he was surprised when I told him why I was doing it.

My hope was to run the whole lot in one year. I started on January 3rd, 2012 and for the first seven months just planned a week ahead. Training with Romsey Road Runners on Monday and Thursday, plus orienteering most Wednesdays and Sundays, meant I was only going out on the schedule twice a week (I needed one rest day) but treating them as recovery runs. Speed wasn't important. Whilst watching the Olympic Games on TV I realised I would need to do longer runs and reduce the rest days to finish by mid-December. I then worked out a route plan for the last 20 weeks, which gave me ten spare days. In the wet summer there were many days where I was waiting for the rain to stop before going out, there were only two or three times I decided not to venture out. I was also fortunate that unlike previous years I lost virtually no time to injury or illness.

We live near the NE edge of town so I tried to do a minimum of one road on the way out, one on the way back. Most of the runs took 45 to 60 minutes. I was also able to fit in a few roads during club training runs. My best day was 9 streets though I also enjoyed running Church Lane, Place, Road and Street in under 8 minutes altogether. Occasionally if the first road of the day was the far end of town and Mary was going down to train at the Romsey Rapids gym I would go with her then run from there (at my age I need all the help I can get). I finished the list on December 23.

The 280 streets involved 116 runs. Half of these streets took less than a minute, only 13 took over six minutes. Roughly 10% of the time and 11% of the distance was on the streets on the list, the rest was getting there, between and back home. Distance- streets 65.8km, total 604km. Time- streets 7 hours 54 minutes, total 81 hours and 21 minutes.

Mary decided that she would do this list as well, but on her bike, and finished in August. At the time of writing (7th January) Murray is up to Cramond.

Honour for Former SOC Member**Colin Hicks**

In the 2013 New Year's Honours list, Ian Diamond, former member of SOC/SUOC, Vice chancellor of Aberdeen University received a knighthood for services to Social Statistics.

Ian was active in the club in the late 1980s early 1990s. He planned SOC events and controlled events for other local clubs WIM and SARUM. At that time he was very fit and his orienteering was variable as his legs were pretty much always going faster than his brain.

Always noted for overshooting controls - once memorably on Dartmoor where he relocated on a tor about one kilometre from where he should have been! I also remember him turning up late at an event (can't remember whether it was a SOC or BADO event), where he was told there were no maps left, so he turned up at the start and took the master map off the board and proceeded to run around the course.

He has a great fun side to him - I remember him organising a Christmastime fancy dress night street score event, from his house in Highfield, Southampton. Virtually all the runners ran in costume and the sight of members dressed as bizarrely as Bernie Clifton - complete with Emu and a Viking complete with horned helmet running around Southampton Common and the streets of Highfield had to be seen to be believed!

Ian also enjoyed competing in the Karrimor (now OMM) mountain marathon.

I imagine many club members have memories of Ian and his antics and I am sure will want to join me in congratulating him on this very prestigious award.

Personal Review of the year**Robin Smith**

Summary: 94 events, 1 disqualification (wrong control), and no retirements.

The usual suspects, Barossa, Mytchett, Long Valley, thanks to the army, and not forgetting SOFA's contribution of West Walk featured heavily in this year's calendar. Other than urban areas, the only 'new' wood I ran in was Pyestock near Fleet, though a low key event had been held there many years ago.

Best result: 34th in the WMOC Sprint Final in Goslar, Germany.

Most brambles: Midlands Champs at Foxley and Garnside (March). Actually all brambles.

Coldest: Army event on Cleeve Hill (February). No trees, concrete hard ground and a dash of snow.

Hottest: Poole Town and Frenchay Village, Bristol (same weekend in May), though the army event at Ash in an unseasonably hot March should get a mention.

Wettest(!): New Beechenhurst, Forest of Dean in late April. Icy cold as well.

Fastest: Wroughton-on-the-Green, Milton Keynes. Trying to avoid the mass cycle ride going on at the same time.

Best Golf Course on a course: Army relay at Cranleigh School (June). We even ran through (legally) a building with a marble floor.

Best disappearing map: Aldermaston relays (May). Two sided map, except most of the reverse got rubbed off before we had time to use it.

Best contrived difficulty: Kingswood, High Wycombe on a map with no paths.

Most confusing competition: Sparsholt College (I don't think anyone got all the correct controls.)

Most historical: Windsor & Eton and Canterbury urban events.

Most local, but least accessible: Southwick Park, near Fareham, home of the Military Police.

Dullest: Castle Vale Estate urban, Birmingham.

Most entertaining: Brighton Night Urban.

Joint place for 'Oh no not there again' for Shillingstone and Perham Down.

Best event: Hatch Warren Suburban, Basingstoke, 'cos I organised it, planned it and financed it, as a special 60th birthday present to me to say 'Thank you' for all the 2,283 orienteering events I have attended in the last 43 years. Look out for the 2017 event.

P.S. Further to my article in the last SOCK regarding the demise of a decent pair of orienteering shoes, the replacements lasted 15 events before the sole again come off at today's 'Military Challenge'! I've changed to VJs now.

Special Top Ten

Kieran Devine

Now that the debate has died down about the November Classic, I have to own up to the fact that I was woken by the wind and rain beating against my bedroom window at 6 am on the Sunday of the event. I turned to Jillian and said "Oh no! I feel another Top Ten coming on!" Which only got more relevant whilst we were out in the forest checking control sites.

Incidentally, I realised how wet it was when I saw that many of the ponies had sunk up to their knees!!

Theme for an Imaginary November Classic;

Out now on Janespond Records, soon to be available to download from Amazon.

Bubbling under;

Riders on the Storm - Doors

By the Rivers of Babylon Kingsgarn - Boney M

The River - Bruce Springsteen

Top Ten;

10) Wild is the Wind - Bon Jovi

9) Stormy Monday Sunday - B.B. King

8) Box of Rain - The Grateful Dead

7) Wildwood - Paul Weller

6) It's Raining Men (In Lycra) - Weather Girls

5) River Runs Deep - Eric Clapton

4) I Can't Stand the Rain - Ann Peebles

3) Gimme Shelter - The Rolling Stones

2) Slip Slidin' away - Paul Simon

And for number one it has to be: Cold November Rain - Guns N Roses



Route Choice Made Easy

David Currie

Recently David provided this very succinct advice in response to a question posted on the Club's Facebook page:

"If your route choice was sound then it will be either running speed through the terrain that you need to work on or speed of navigation. The latter could be the time taken to choose the route: you should aim to plan ahead so that when you punch a control you already have a plan for the next leg. Indeed you can use a long dead running leg to look further ahead on the course for legs which have significant route choice and decide what you are going to do."

Having a good plan for the leg is important in being able to execute it quickly. Start at the control and pick your attack point. Then work out how you're going to get there and simplify that down as much as possible e.g. peg it in a north-east direction, crossing two paths and when you hit the third, turn right and run to the next junction (your attack point). Then slowdown from there into the control."

Do you have a Facebook account? Have you "Liked" the Club page yet? This year we will be making more use of Facebook to publicise our events. It would be great to have a Club member - maybe one of our younger members, take on the role of maintaining the Facebook page. If you fancy it contact Pete Davis - publicity@southampton-orineteers.org.uk.

And you think we had problems at the Classic!

Robin Smith

This photo was taken at this year's Venice event. Starts were delayed by an hour to 10:00, but the Police under pressure from shopkeepers, etc. cancelled the event at 12:50 with about a third of runners still to start (and the tide had subsided by then).

It seems to be the season for the 'unusual'. I was at Castle Vale (Birmingham) urban recently and the planning was bland to say the least. Quite a few of the optimum routes were in straight lines between controls. Shame as the map was excellent and there were plenty of planning opportunities. I can only assume the planner was trying (incorrectly) to get the course length to match the actual length, which is usually not possible with urban events! My course length was 6.6km. and I ran 7.8km without unnecessary deviation



Then at Ringwood North, the straight line between controls was often the only viable route but it seems no account was taken as to the nature of the terrain encountered. Slow going through bracken, furrows and windblown ensured I was close to 12mt kms! (I was doing 5.5mt km at Castle Vale). The winner of Blue (an M21) took 78.12, with Tamsin Moran 2nd in 85.04 and myself 5th in 87.51. Only the first 20 from a field of 68 broke 100 minutes.

Compare and contrast!

Time Warp Continuum Bafflement

Kieran Devine

Have you ever wondered why the journey up the A34 towards Newbury and the M4 seems to take much longer than expected?

Well I may have found an explanation;

By the junction of the A34 and the A33 just NE of Winchester, the large road sign says M4 - 27 miles. After approx 1.3 miles the next large roadsign says M4 - 29 miles!!

No wonder the journey seems so long. The closer you get - the further away you are (and that's without taking into account any Klingons on the Starboard Bow). "Totally illogical Captain" as Spock would have said.

O Book Review

Robin Smith

In the August 2012 edition of CompassSport, there is a review of the *iconic* Wilf Holloway book 'Murder at the 14th Control'. In my early days of orienteering (late 1960/70s), I had heard of Wilf and was aware of his writing*¹ but had never met him.

At the World Masters in Germany this year, Wilf was selling the updated edition of 'Murder ..' and so I bought a signed copy. In the Introduction, Wilf describes how he was encouraged into a reprint (2012) when he discovered copies of the original were selling for \$240 on Amazon! Sadly he had only kept two of the originals, meaning the chance of making a fortune had gone!

There are 16 other short stories in the book, all of which I would describe as 'amusing' to 'slightly amusing', but then how many other orienteering fiction books are there out there?*² There is also the true story of how in 1984, a top class Czech orienteer with his family escaped to the West.

Other books from Wilf include 'Modern Orienteering Training' (edited by Bruce Tulloh, European 5000m Champion, and recommended by several times British Orienteering Champion Geoff Peck), 'Winning Chess Psychology' - 2 volumes, and in Swedish 'Hans Livs Lopp', some sort of orienteering history?

Wilf can be contacted on wilfholloway@web.de for a full list and prices.

*¹Did he used to write in the BOF magazine 'The Orienteer'? I have the early copies if anyone can remember.

*² THE FIFTH WOMAN - Henning Mankell (Harvill Press)

"How many books do you know where one of the characters is an orienteer? And a night orienteer at that! Well this crime novel has just that. The story involves further 'adventures' of the Swedish detective Kurt Wallander."

I wrote that review in 2002. However, on searching the web, I now see that it formed an episode in the BBC TV series 'Wallander', starring Kenneth Branagh and now released (2010) as part of a box set. Has anyone seen it, or more importantly, seen the orienteer in it?

And from when I was the Editor . . . !

From 'The Southdowner' March 2001

The Island of Lost Maps: A True Story of Cartographic Crime. Miles Harvey

Quotes from The Daily Telegraph's review: *'Map collecting seems to be a male fixation', '... a woman who is unsure of her whereabouts will ask directions, most men tend to blunder onward hopefully, convinced that some inner pilot, some 'sense of direction' will restore them to the known way.', 'The difference may be explained by the vanity of men, or by their shy reluctance to depend upon the knowledge of strangers, or by their sheer pig-headedness.', 'But. . . perhaps there is a primitive need to find out, which is satisfied by the time-wasting ritual of getting lost'.*

I can think of many orienteering maps where 'cartographic crime' has been committed!

What are Wednesdays for?

Ray Massey

So it's over now to our racing commentator Harry Teering who has been watching the mid-October Army Minley Scamper.

Well, it's a lovely day here at Minley, the recent rain doesn't seem to have slowed the field too much, the sun is shining and the forest is incredibly runnable - so we are expecting some fast times. And the runners are off:

On the Blue course, with 127 starters, Tamsin Moran puts in a faultless performance to get 6th place, closely followed by Julian Hartwell in 11th, didn't he do well? Consistent as ever Robin Smith gets home 23rd, slipping a little is Kevin Bracher in 37th. Caroline Moran gets 59th, possibly a little further adrift from her filly than she would like? And Terry Smith rounds up the SOC contingent in 92nd place: too much tech, not enough train, Terry?

Now to the Green course, with 63 starters: Colin Hicks scampers around into 6th place, wow, are you working this afternoon Colin? But Jack Hutchison is just 2 places behind in 8th place: Oh, Jack you make it seem so easy. Roger Pleasant is again only 2 places behind Jack, showing that mapping really does improve your orienteering (woops, orienteering - what's that? this is a horse race). Bit of a gap now, then Graham Harrison gets 32nd place, just ahead of Barbara Davidson, another consistent runner, in 33rd spot. Ray Massey limps in at 40, with Norman Wilson breathing on his neck in 41st place. Di Smith completes the Green course in 54th place.

In the score event, designed especially for riders who don't know what the course is, there are 39 starters. The lone runner for SOC - Bill Davidson finishes a very creditable 11th with maximum points.

So SOC, what did you think of today's performances? "Well, fifteen members having the time of their lives in delightful forests, with the sun shining - well it beat's working for a living don't it?" Well, yes, I guess it does.

Before I pass back to the powers that be, I'd just like to thank the British Army OC for putting on these great races in such varied and often great forests. As I've said before if Army Wednesday O...ing didn't exist it would have to be invented. So this is Harry Teering saying goodbye, but before I go, where's this guy Kieran - with the tomatoes? Cheerio all, see you next Wednesday?

Shillingstone Conundrum!

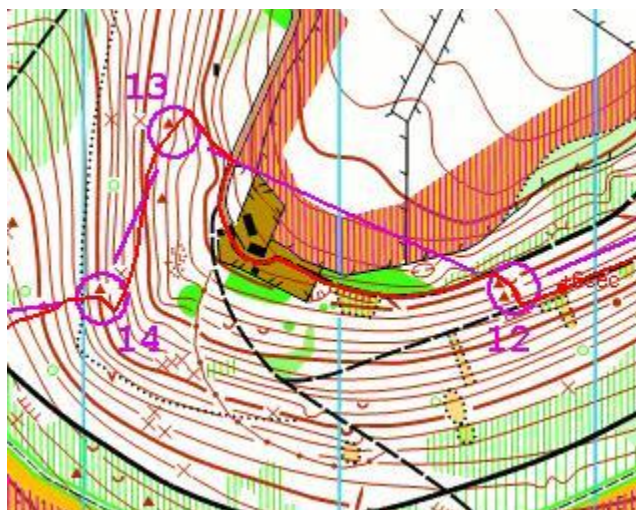
Robin Smith

Faced with a path through a settlement should a competitor be tempted to take the path?

My answer is that the 'Olive green' is a settlement and usually out of bounds. If the path through it is in bounds then the map should show it as a permissible corridor. The route through the out of bounds was significantly quicker than climbing and circumnavigating the green. The planner could have avoided the situation by repositioning 13.

This extract is from the controllers report;

The second issue was the leg from 63 to 124 on Blue and Brown, where a short cut through the settlement put potential confusion directly in the way. Some properly followed the line around; [some] took the direct route through. Perhaps overlaying the olive green with OOB markings or deleting the track would have avoided the problem. Removing the element of choice altogether might have been wiser. In this case, as it affects one leg only the decision is to void the leg and deduct the time from the results.



Event Calendar

An extract from the British Orienteering Fixtures List showing Level A UK wide, Level B from our adjoining regions, all events from SCOA and events from our adjoining clubs. Check the British Orienteering website for updates.

Date	Event (click for details)	Level	Club	Region	Venue/Map	Nearest Town	GridRef
Sat 02/02/13	Dorset Schools & Wessex Night League + limited Colour coded	Level D	SARUM	SWOA	Vernditch	Salisbury	SU052210
Sat 02/02/13	SN - Saturday Series 6 Eagle House - from Wellington College	Level D	SN	SEOA	Eagle House	Crowthorne	SU827638
Sun 03/02/13	Midland Championships	Level A	NOC	EMOA	Sherwood Forest	Mansfield	SK626675
Sun 03/02/13	WIM Regional - Ibsley Common, New Forest	Level C	WIM	SWOA	Ibsley Common, New Forest	Ringwood	SU175105
Mon 04/02/13	Brownsea Island Night Event	Level D	WSX	SWOA	Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour	Poole	
Tue 05/02/13	SO SONIC 5 - Horsham (street-o)	Level D	SO	SEOA	Horsham - exact location tbc	Horsham (Little Haven is nearest train station)	
Sat 09/02/13	New Forest Local Event	Level D	SOC	SCOA	Anderwood, New Forest	Southampton	SU248058
Sun 10/02/13	TVOC Chiltern Challenge	Level B	TVOC	SCOA	Christmas Common	High Wycombe	SU715933
Sun 17/02/13	Compass Sport Cup Round 1	Level B	SLOW	SEOA	Headley Heath	Leatherhead	TQ192531
Sun 17/02/13	Compass Sport Cup Round 1	Level B	WSX	SWOA	Agglestone East	Poole	SZ030830
Sun 17/02/13	Compass Sport Cup Round 1- Fineshade	Level B	LEI	EMOA	Fineshade	Corby	SP078984
Sun 17/02/13	Compass Sport Cup Round 1	Level B	WRE	WMOA	Wrekin	Telford	
Sat 23/02/13	SOG 12 - Earham Wood (south)	Level D	SO	SEOA	Earham Wood & Nore Hill	Slindon, north-west of Arundel	
Sun 24/02/13	Ace of Herts SE League Event	Level B	HH	SEOA	Egypt Woods & Burnham Beeches	Slough	SU942872
Sat 02/03/13	3 in 1 Event at Ringwood North	Level D	WIM	SWOA	Ringwood North Forest (South end)	Ringwood	SU108077
Sat 02/03/13	SN - Saturday Series7 Hindhead	Level D	SN	SEOA	Hindhead	Hindhead	SU896367
Sun 03/03/13	SO District (level C) event, Worthlodge Forest	Level C	SO	SEOA	Worthlodge Forest	between Balcombe & Crawley	
Tue 05/03/13	WIM/WSX Monthly Evening Event and Wessex Night League	Level D	WIM	SWOA	Archbishop Wake School, Black Lane, Blandford Forum	Blandford Forum	ST893065
Thu 07/03/13	SO SONIC 6 / KNC. East Grinstead (streets) and East Court (park / woods)	Level D	SO	SEOA	tbc	East Grinstead	
Sat 09/03/13	SOG 13 (level C) - Friston Forest (west)	Level C	SO	SEOA	West Friston Forest	Seaford	
Sat 09/03/13	Salisbury City Race - moved to 15th June	Level D	SARUM	SWOA		Salisbury	
Sat 09/03/13	Informal and Night League	Level D	WSX	SWOA	Broadstone Recreation Ground	Broadstone	
Sun 10/03/13	MV Regional SE League	Level B	MV	SEOA	Balcombe Forest	Crawley	
Sun 10/03/13	SARUM Saunter Regional Event plus SW Middle Distance race	Level B	SARUM	SWOA	Fonthill	Salisbury	SU
Sat 16/03/13	SOG 14 - Rivers Wood, Balcombe	Level D	SO	SEOA	Rivers Wood	between Balcombe & Haywards Heath	

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Sun 17/03/13	SCOA League New Forest	Level C	SOC	SCOA	Kings Garn Gutter, New Forest	Southampton	SU245135
Sat 23/03/13	SN - Saturday Series 8 Frimley Fuel Allotments	Level D	SN	SEOA	Frimley Fuel Allotments	Frimley	SU891586
Sat 23/03/13	SOG 15 - Angmering Park (west)	Level D	SO	SEOA	Angmering Park (west)	Arundel	
Sun 24/03/13	GO Regional SE League	Level B	GO	SEOA	Verdley	Midhurst	
Fri 29/03/13	Jan Kjellstrom Orienteering Festival - Sprint (UKOL5)	Level A		SCOA	Whiteknights Campus	Reading	SU733719
Sat 30/03/13	Jan Kjellstrom Orienteering Festival (First Day of UKOL6)	Level A		SCOA	Hambleton	Henley	SU772855
Sun 31/03/13	Jan Kjellstrom Orienteering Festival (UKOL6 uses combined result)	Level A		SCOA	Cold Ash	Newbury	SU520737
Mon 01/04/13	Jan Kjellstrom Orienteering Festival - Relays	Level A		SCOA	Hambleton	Henley	SU772855
Sat 06/04/13	SE Sprint Championships	Level C	SN	SEOA	Wellington College	tbc	
Sun 07/04/13	SE Middle Distance Championships	Level C	SN	SEOA	Bagshot	tbc	
Mon 08/04/13	Night League Event	Level D	WSX	SWOA	Upton Country Park	Upton	
Sat 13/04/13	Southampton Summer Series	Level D	SOC	SCOA	Greggs School	Southampton	SU452150
Sun 14/04/13	Southern Championships	Level A	KERNO	SWOA	Penhale	Newquay	SW769548
Sat 20/04/13	British Sprint Championships (UKOL7)	Level A	LEI	EMOA	Loughborough University	Loughborough	SK516187
Sat 20/04/13	SOG 17 - Cissbury Ring, Findon	Level D	SO	SEOA	Cissbury Ring	Findon, north of Worthing	
Sun 21/04/13	British Middle Distance Championships (UKOL8)	Level A	DVO	EMOA	Stanton Moor	Matlock	
Sat 27/04/13	Southampton Summer Series	Level D	SOC	SCOA	Pear Tree Green, Southampton	Southampton	SU435112
Sun 28/04/13	The Mike Nelson BOKTrot	Level B	BOK	SWOA	Stourhead	Frome	ST745350
Sun 28/04/13	OD Regional Event	Level B	OD	WMOA	Yardley Chase	Northampton	SP849554
Sat 04/05/13	British Orienteering Championships (UKOL9)	Level A		SEOA	Winterfold	Guildford	
Sun 05/05/13	British Relay Championships	Level A		SEOA	tbc	South East	
Mon 06/05/13	BOC Weekend Urban Race	Level B	MV	SEOA	Dorking	Dorking	
Sat 11/05/13	Southampton Summer Series	Level D	SOC	SCOA	Stoke Park Woods, Bishopstoke	Southampton	SU473196
Sun 12/05/13	SARUM Galoppen & SCOA League	Level C	SARUM	SWOA	Hamptworth	Salisbury	
Mon 13/05/13	WIM/WSX Monthly Evening event	Level D	WIM	SWOA	Verwood	Ringwood	
Sat 18/05/13	Dorset Sprint Championships - Blandford	Level C	WIM	SWOA		TBC	
Sat 18/05/13	Portsmouth Summer Series	Level D	SOC	SCOA	Staunton Country Park	Havant	SU721087
Sun 19/05/13	WSX Galoppen	Level C	WSX	SWOA	Wareham Forest / Agglestone	Poole	SY995837
Sun 19/05/13	BKO SCOA League Event (Bloom Wood)	Level C	BKO	SCOA	Bloom Wood	High Wycombe	SU860890
Sat 25/05/13	Southampton Summer Series	Level D	SOC	SCOA	Knightwood and Valley Park	Southampton	SU420202

Southampton Orienteering Club Fixtures 2013



Sunday 20th January

Level C SCOA League Event - Busketts Lawn
SO40 7AD / SU331100

Saturday 9th February

Level D Local Event - Anderwood
BH24 4HS / SU248058

Sunday 17th March

Level C SCOA League Event - Kings Garn Gutter
SO43 7HH / SU246135

Portsmouth and Southampton Summer Series

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| 13th April | The Gregg School
SO18 2GF / SU452150 |
| 27th April | Pear Tree Green
SO19 7RF / SU435112 |
| 11th May | Stoke Park Woods
SO50 6GR / SU473190 |
| 18th May | Staunton Country Park
PO9 5HB / SU721085 |
| 25th May | Knightwood Leisure Centre
SO53 4SJ / SU420202 |
| 1st June | West Walk
PO17 6JD / SU596123 (tbc) |
| 8th June | Fleming Park
SO50 9NL / SU443191 |
| 22nd June | Itchen Valley Country Park
SO30 3HQ / SU462160 |
| 29th June | West Walk
PO17 6JZ / SU593135 (tbc) |
| 6th July | Hursley Park
SO21 2JN / SU422250 |
| 13th July | Queen Elizabeth Country Park
PO8 0QE / SU719185 |
| 20th July | Royal Victoria Country Park
SO31 5GA / SU462078 |
| 17th Aug | Summer Celebration - Special event
at a location to be confirmed! |

Saturday 14th September

Level D Local Event - Acres Down
SO43 7GR / SU267078

Saturday 12th October

Level D Local Event - Hinchleslea
BH25 5TZ / SU255010

The November Classic

Sunday 3rd November

Level B Event, SCOA Champs - Round Hill West
SO42 7QL / SU335020

Sunday 8th December

Level C SCOA League Event - Ashurst Wood and
Matley Heath
SO40 7AD / SU331100

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www.southampton-orienteers.org.uk/events