

NEWSTRACK

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Editor's Bit

Another month, another BOF Committee Report, this time tampering with JK Relay classes. OK, not so earth-shattering as the Working Party on Fixtures Structure but the JK Relay Classes are a bit of a mess - there were no less than 27 classes at this year's JK with every combination under the sun (literally so in Cornwall's tropical conditions). The JK Trophy now vies with the JK International Trophy, those of less tender years can choose between M/W60+ or Senior BOF Ages >125, and somewhere in there are such oddities as the Mixed Length Ad Hoc. With each member of each team in the first three getting a mug, there must have been over 250 to give out - and I still didn't get one.

Technical Committee's proposal is to replace this mish-mash with just 12 classes, JK Trophy M and W, International M & W, M & W 120+, M & W 165+, M & W 48-, M/W12-, Ad Hoc.

Without getting into the Elite v the Rest debate again, this does seem to leave the numerical majority of orienteers older than M21 with just 1 competitive class in practice, the 120+ (does this mean 120 and over, or over 120, which excludes a 3 x 40 team?). Assuming the former, I can't get worked up about a competition that might pit three M40s against an M35, an M45 and an M50. At least under the present regime, the club that wins the M40 class knows that it has arguably the best M40 runners in the country. Winning a 120+ class is fairly meaningless in comparison.

I would get rid of the International class, which seems to me to exist only because otherwise no British Club would win any prizes, and runs the same courses anyway. If you wanted to acknowledge British inferiority, you could award a separate prize to the top British team. I would keep M35, and amalgamate M40 & 45, M50 & 55 and then have an M60+. I would amalgamate W35, W40 & 45 (this is not sexist; numbers do not justify a separate W35 team - few clubs can raise one) and have W50 & 55 and W60+.

For juniors, I would endorse the mini relay M&W12- and keep Open 14- & 18- and W14- & 18-, not to mention Mixed Length Ad Hoc, which has always struck me as a meaningless but necessary class to cater for those not up to their own age relay class or who simply can't find two other club members to fill an age class team.

That makes 15 relay classes by my reckoning, a massive simplification of the existing 27, admittedly more than the 12 proposed, but this is *reductio ad absurdum*.

By the way , I was very impressed with the speed with which the JK Results were sent out, barely two weeks after the event had finished - a record ? The plaudits are only slightly tempered by the difficulty in making head or tail of the individual performances in the relays. They've chosen to list everyone by what course they did, not by what class they're in. I'm sure the organisers of the British this year won't make that mistake.

The All Time Orienteering Top Twenty

Always a pleasure to receive contributions to Newstrack even if it comes from someone who is not even a member of DVO - one Alan Freeman-Hardy-Willis from Rad'O' 'O'ne in this case - claiming to have compiled the all time orienteering top 20. Could be an alias of course, in which case, judging by his taste in music, he must be at least an M40 who started tuning into Radio Prozac about six years ago. Anyway here goes, (unless of course, anyone knows better) cue music, and... Paa, paa, paa , pappa-paa....

20. I must be seeing things	Gene Pitney	1965
19. Go West	Village People	1979
18. Run Away	Del Shannon	1961
17. Break My Stride	Matthew Wilder (who?)	1984
16. I Missed Again	Phil Collins	1981
15. Lost Weekend	Lloyd Cole	1985
14. Find a Way	Cold Cut	1990
13. Run To The Hills/ Running Free (double A side)	Iron Maiden	1980/82
12. We Gotta Get Out of This Place	Animals	1965
11. Hide and Seek	Howard Jones	1984
10. Lose Control	James	1990
9. Running All Over the World	Status Quo	1988
8. Follow You Follow Me	Genesis	1978
7. Running In The Family	Level 42	1983
6. Where Did I Go Wrong?	UB40	1981
5. Running Up The Hill	Kate Bush	1981
4. Just Got Lucky	Jo Boxers	1983
3. Where In The World	Swing Out Sisters	1987
2. Into The Valley	Skids	1978
1. I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For	U2	1987

Membership News

Change of Address

Andy and Michelle Mackervoy now live at 8 Amber Road, Allestree, Derby DE22 1QT. Tel (01332) 557892.

David Hobbs now lives at 32 Home Farm Drive Allestree Derby DE22 2UP.
Tel: (01332) 557890

New/Rejoined Members - Welcome back.

Margaret John Alice and Molly Gorman, 18 The Crescent, Holymoorside, Chesterfield S42 7KK. Tel: (01246) 568828

New Local Members

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Sandra, John and Robert Essex, 21 Hawthorn Way, Ashgate, Chesterfield, S42 7JS. Tel: (01246) 203595

Nathalie Berthelin, 35 Hillsway, Littleover, Derby DE23 7DS.
Tel: (01332) 271237

Lesley, Rory, Nicole, Michelle & Rebecca Walters, 18 Empress Road, Derby DE23 6TD. Tel: (01332) 603564

Mark Bradshaw, 17 Slade Close, Broadmeadows, South Normanton, Derbyshire DE55 3AL. Tel: (01773) 861137

June Open Meeting

Nobody seems to know where exactly (or approximately) this is, but, following the usual formula, it will take place on Wednesday, 11th June. Watch out in EMEWS for further details.

Summer League 1997

You have been fore-warned! The Summer is here and the fine nights bring the buzz of insects and the curses of orienteers to the forests and parks of Derbyshire again. 10 events lay ahead of you, with layoffs before the British Championships and the Club Championship (I did wonder about the order I should have put that). The starting event is on 9th May at Shining Cliff. All events have start times between 6:30pm and 7:30pm and very variable rules. I assume that they are the same when you return from your run as they were at the start but there is an idea....

The programme for the season is as follows:-

Event	Date	Organiser	Location
1	Friday, 9 May 1997	Wright's	Shining Cliff
	Friday, 16 May 1997		
2	Friday, 23 May 1997	Johnson's	Darley Park
3	Friday, 30 May 1997	Mike Gardner	Elvaston
4	Friday, 6 Jun 1997	Rob Shooter	Drum Hill
	Friday, 13 Jun 1997		
5	Friday, 20 Jun 1997	Chaffey's	Critch Chase
6	Friday, 27 Jun 1997	John Hurley	Cromford
7	Friday, 4 Jul 1997	Steve Kimberley	Lineacre
8	Friday, 11 Jul 1997	John Hopper	Calke Park
9	Friday, 18 Jul 1997	Sue Russell	Bradley Wood
10	Friday, 25 Jul 1997	Terry Peach	Robin Wood

Would all organisers please pass the results to myself after the event for the fiendish calculations to start. For those mathematically minded the points awarded for each event are 51 - Finishing Position + Position in last week's table. For the first week this latter aspect is not included and thereafter newcomers are added to the list at the end prior to the calculation being done.

Derek Gale

Friday, 23rd May Darley Park

Rejoicing in her new-found status of Coach, Val feels that Summer League events should be something more than just novelty events, fun though they are, so she will be organising a technique exercise (on Darley Park ?) to supplement the usual fare. This is an optional extra or an alternative.

Lat Access: V. M.D

DVO Hartington Flower Long Distance Relay Event

It's DVO's turn to organise this long-standing and long-running (geddit?) event in which around a dozen teams, from both orienteering and running clubs, and from as far afield as Norfolk, take part in a relay through the Peak District. In the past this has been essentially a participatory event but Ann-Marie Priston has devised a series of circular legs emanating from and returning to Hartington Youth Hostel so everyone can keep up with the action and cheer on their teams. In addition the event will take place alongside the Hartington Village fete in the same grounds so there will be lots going on. DVO is planning to enter 2 teams of 20. Anyone interested in taking on a leg, please contact Judy Buckley on 01332 552664 by 18th May. All tastes catered for. Legs vary between 2km and 17km.

Future DVO Events

Sunday, 14th June - Kedleston Park Colour-coded. See back page.

Saturday, 13th September - Twin Peaks Weekend (shared with MDOC).
Day 1 - Longshaw. Full details and entry form at British Champs.

Sunday, 5th October - Shipley Park Colour-coded event. MR: 431453

Sunday, 7th December - Eckington Colour-coded event - **NEW AREA**

DVO British Relay Teams

Only junior teams entered for obvious reasons:

DVO Swifts:

Matthew Dickinson
Emma Whitehead
Kate Johnson

DVO Stars:

Hilary Johnson
Ruth Johnson
Charlotte Langhorn

£2.00 to East Midland W40L Champion Judy Buckley asap.

Try Your Hand At Map-Making

Tuesday, 15th July.

An elementary course in simple surveying for orienteering maps. Meet at Woodlands Road Car Park, Allestree at 7.30pm. You will need a compass, a fine propelling Pentel-type pencil and a rubber. Let Mike Godfree know if you're coming beforehand on 01332 515862.

Wednesday Evening Summer Runs

To give our usual hosts a break and to explore a different part of Derbyshire, Wednesday evening training runs will, as usual, change their venue as from Wednesday, 16th July which will be Alport Heights or bust from the Johnsons - don't forget to wish the Newstrack Editor 'Happy Birthday' (last year's run was described by Tony Berwick as his high point of 1996 but this may just mean that he doesn't get out very much). Watch out for such delights as Ilam Hall, Foremark Reservoir and Carsington Reservoir later in the summer. Watch this space in the next Newstrack. Runs to suit all abilities followed by refreshments and gossip!

Mike Godfree

British Relay Champs

Helpers should try to arrive as early as possible, before the masses but those who don't should enter by the Golden Gate (Baslow) entrance to Chatsworth to ensure that they get car parking space with easiest access to the Assembly.

ODDS AND SODS

Sports Personality of the Month

Three Crich-related entries this month. First we have:

Neil Forrest who, in his capacity as organiser of Crich Chase, dutifully telephoned various DVO members seeking volunteers to help, including Dave Clough. The latter very politely declined the invitation, pointing out that he was already involved in the event - as controller.

Next up is **Margaret Keeling** who managed the remarkable feat of enrolling a new DVO member - whilst out on her run.

But the winner is ...**Dave Brodie** who managed yet another variation on the copying down the first part of brown and second half of blue theme. He arrived back at the finish at Crich in a splendid time of 47 minutes. It's not often (ever) Dave manages to beat the winner by ten minutes and he was not a little crestfallen when it was pointed out that the Brown course actually had two parts to it and he'd only done one of them. So deflated was Dave that he couldn't bring himself to complete the course and settled for ignominious retirement instead of glorious victory. Such is the narrow line between success and failure in this cruel sport.

Things to Do on Sunday when you're not Orienteering. It was noticed that John Hopper was alone at Wakerley Woods. An enquiry as to the whereabouts of his family produced the reply that Emily was recovering from a party, David was having a lie-in - and Joy was cleaning the lavatory.....That's one hell of a lavatory you've got there John.

Newstrack Editor in Newstrack Error Shock.

You will be as surprised as I was to find that the last edition of Newstrack contained a mistake. It was not Steve Buckley who won the East Midlands M40L champion title at Wakerley but Judy Buckley who won the W40L title. I humbly apologise to anyone who might have taken offence at this regrettable faux pas. (Can you stop sending the hate mail now please, Judy).

DVO Midland Champs

Just enough room in Newstrack this month to mention those emerging with honours from the Fair Oak and Brindley Badge Event. That roll-call in full is as follows:

W21L - Kim Buckley
M12A - Matthew Dickinson
M40L - John Hurley

W45L - Ann Armistead
M21L - John Duckworth

(Judy was 5th on W35L)

Judy Buckley's Relay Corner

25th May Scottish Relay Champs
Names to JB by 20th April please

7th June Hartington Flower (see earlier)

20th and 21st (cos it's overnight you see) September. Peter Palmer Junior Relays Teams of 8 juniors. Can't remember if DVO has ever had a team in this event. Can we make it a first?
Names to JB by 15th July.

Springtime in Shropshire

Judy may be heading north for the Spring Bank Holiday but most DVO members will, I suspect, be staying nearer to home, running in the West Midlands. (As an aside, I can see that it makes sense for the organisation of these events to be spread between the three WM clubs but the Springtime In Shropshire label is looking a bit of a misnomer this time around with, according to my geography at least, two out of the three events taking place, well, not in Shropshire). They are to put it mildly scattered to the four, or three, corners of the West Midlands, which brings me to my point that the usual camp site may not be the most convenient to use. Since there is usually some attempt by camping DVO orienteers to pitch together, I'll see if some sort of consensus can be reached on a good site to use and sneak it into EMEWS. Any suggestions?

FIXTURES

Yorkshire Relish Weekend

3rd May - SYO Cawthorne and Deffer Woods Badge Event, Barnsley SE/268090

4th May - EPOC Stortheres Hall Sprint-O & Score Event, Huddersfield SE/178127

5th May - SYO Wharnccliffe Woods Badge Event, Sheffield SK/270960

Enquiries: John Soady 0114-268-5334

Entries: Jayne & Martyn Hodgson. Closing date gone. Limited EOD.

11th May - Hay Wood. CompassSport Cup Match v NOC.

SP/207706. Signposted from Baddesley Clinton on A4141 (old A41) 5 miles SE of M42 Jct 5 (not 2)

Organisers: Greta Shields 01203-419854.

East Midlands British Championships Weekend

17th May - British Champs, Clumber Park

18th May - British Relay Champs, Chatsworth

BOC 97, 20b New Street, Kegworth, Derby DE74 2FT 01509-670010

Springtime in Shropshire Weekend

24th May - WYE Haugh Wood Badge Event, Hereford SO/591352

25th May - HOC Postenplain Badge Event, Kidderminster. SO/754779

26th May - WRE Linley Badge Event, Bishops Castle. SO/350928

Enquiries: Laurie Jones 01952-299356

Entries: Safestart (SinS), PO Box 22, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 2ZZ

CD: 1/5/97. £6.00/£2.50 per day. No Badge EOD. Chq: SinS.

1st June - LEI Burrough Hill Colour-coded event, Leicester 129/766115

Organiser: Gary Boothroyd 0157-275-6097

Saturday, 7th June - DVO Hartington Flower Long Distance Footpath Event.

Organiser: Ann-Marie Priston 01773 856824

8th June - NOC Little John Relays, Colwick Park, Nottingham SK/603392

Organiser: Mick Lucking 0115-922-5578

Saturday, 14th June - DVO Club Championships 255802.

See elsewhere in this issue for more details.

15th June - DVO Kedleston Park Colour-coded Event.

Organiser: Brian Moses 01332-771378

Please Note: This is National Trust Property. On previous occasions the NT have been content to charge £2.00 per car at the gate but they have increased this to £2.00 per adult occupant with children charged at £1.00. DVO's usual entry fees will apply - £2.00/ £1.00/ £5.00 - but not to helpers who will run free in view of the above charges. Please form an orderly queue when telephoning to the above number.

CLUB CHAMPS '97

The Club Championships is very much a tradition for DVO and this year's is no exception. I am told that even the change to a Saturday fixture is only a reversion to an earlier tradition. The Club Champs is an event for every member. Because you are allocated a start time by handicap based on recent performances every competitor has a chance to win. The most important tradition, of course, is that the winner has to organise the event the following year and your entry implies that you accept this possibility. Tradition also demands that previous winners are unlikely to win again and so Steve Kimberley has agreed to start a new tradition by controlling this year's event. The event is being held on the new northern extension of the Longshaw map which so far has only been used for the Junior Inter-Regional in 1996. However, don't fear if you have seen that map, hopefully the 1:10000 scale blow up will be ready in time, though those few adults who ran after helping last year may find it counting against them. So, you can expect some challenging orienteering on this area combining fast open and the intricate woodland below the old stone quarries.

The event is being held on Saturday 14th June, entry is free (treasurer permitting) on the form below, but note that it is pre-entry only so as to calculate your handicap and overprint enough maps. The short course is for children up to M/W14 inclusive and is roughly of Orange standard. The winner of that course will be awarded the trophy presented to the club by our Lithuanian visitors a few years ago. The medium course of roughly Green standard is intended for the 16's, older men, most women and less experienced competitors. The long course of Blue/Brown standard is intended for most of the men and those women who would normally run Brown. The winner of these two courses receives the magnificent Chris Yardley trophy of Derbyshire calcite(?). Start times will be from about 2:45 to 3:30 with the start times calculated according to handicap so everyone finishes around 4pm - first across the line is the winner. We have decided not to retreat to a village hall but instead assume the weather will be fine so you can eat your own picnic tea. Parking at the Surprise View car park on the north side of Longshaw (grid reference 254802 on the A625) with the start and finish just across the road (take care crossing the busy road, especially with children).

The handicapper reserves the right to change you to a more appropriate course.

Mike Godfree

To: Mike Godfree, 26 Rangemore Close, Mickleover, DERBY DE3 5JU

DVO club champs entry - Saturday 14th June 1997 (closing date for entries 7th June)

Please enter _____ (name) _____ (class) on the short/medium/long course

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