



NEWSTRACK FEBRUARY 1992

Congratulations to Rob & Gwyneth Shooter on the arrival of the latest DVO member Amelia!

Compass Sport Cup
March 15th v
EPOC at
Blackamoor

Watch out all you keen 'Blue' Course runners. Dave Brodie has stepped down from Brown and stepped up the pace. He recorded a fabulous time of 1 HOUR 46 MINUTES at Sutton Park for a 6K? Blue Course. WELL DONE DAVE, GOOD DECISION.

DVO go down under - see inside!

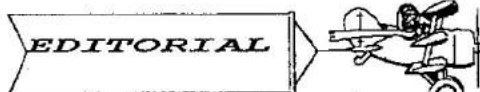
Rocky Knoll Returns !

Future Organisers take note
- See Dear Ed.

Crich Chase CANCELLED!

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I 'm sorry about the late delivery of Feb's Newstrack. As Catherine keeps telling me I've too much on my plate. Combined with this I've spent the last 4 weeks trying to solve a technical problem with the PC and Printer (still not solved - and driving me up the wall).

The next few months are going to be busy for DVO, what with our own events coming up and several major events on the horizon - NATIONAL I, II, III, British Champs, British Nights, JK, OD's Badge..... the peak season has arrived. Lets hear about your experiences out there - the successes and the not so successful experience, the funny and the angry!

At a recent DVO training night Dave Brodie was asking if anyone knew the winning time for Blue at Sutton Park, obviously very interested as he had stepped down from Brown in the hope of getting a victory. He felt he had recorded a great time of around 46 minutes. Paul pointed out to him, with a huge smile on his face, that the on the day results had him down as 1 hour and 46 minutes and in last place. Dave's face was a picture!

Ed.

Deadline For April Newstrack Is 15th April



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NEW MEMBERS

A WARM WELCOME to the following new members:

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Full senior

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Full family

*Simon and Carol CRISTER
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Full family*

*New additional family members
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Joel Hawkins
Ruth and Hilary Johnson*

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Change of telephone number

Colin MacDonald and family

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

DVO Dinner - Saturday 29th February

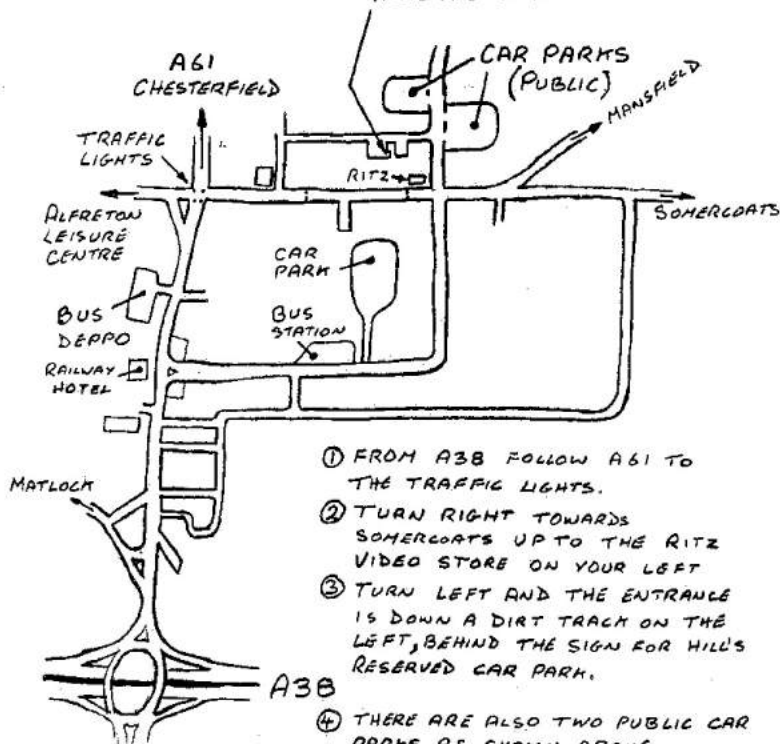
This years DVO Dinner is at the Hills Rest in Alfreton (on the High Street). See Map below. Total cost is £9.50 per head, contact Judy Buckley for last minute places.

THE D.V.O. DINNER

A DAVE CLOUGH GUIDE
ON HOW TO GET LOST.

SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY

7:30 FOR 8:00 ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE
HILLS RESTURANT CAR PARK.



DVO CLUB EVENTS

REPLY:

Dear Ed,

I was saddened to read the contribution "What did you do at the Club's last event?" by A.N.Orienteer in the December Newstrack: first that your correspondent chose anonymity, secondly by his/her air of injured innocence. Organising almost anything in a voluntary context was ever like this: some people are keener than others.

I have never volunteered to help at an event. I have been asked to help on several occasions and have usually done so willingly; it has never taken the organiser SIX PHONE CALLS! On the last occasion that I agreed to help, I attended an event when I would otherwise have been absent. I had been asked to help "late with registration". I deliberately chose a shorter course than I usually run and when I returned to registration I found that my services were not required. As there is less pressure in the second hour of registration, some colours had been merged. The helpers were either retired or non-orienteers or runners who had arranged a start after the close of registration. By the way I HAD made myself known to the organiser at the start.

I hope organisers will continue to ask me to help. I, in turn, will try and think of volunteering, but I think it is unrealistic of organisers to expect overmuch of casual runners like myself whose major loyalties lie elsewhere. In turn organisers could help me and themselves by making me feel useful - preferably not "helping" someone who is managing quite well on their own!

Rob Tresidder

[I (Ed) have also been criticised by other DVO members for accepting contentious articles from those who wish to remain anonymous. What do you think? Should I allow this? Ed.]



DVO CONTROLLERS LIST

This is a list of all the DVO controllers. Only people on this list may control an event above C5 status. If you think your name has been omitted from this list then please contact me so that I can get the list amended if necessary. Thank you

Paul Wright EM rep 0773 856387

Grade 2 Controllers

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| Steve Buckley | 0332 552664 |
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| Pete Jones | 0629 640589 |
| Steve Kimberley | 0246 233575 |
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| Ian Whitehead | 0332 760177 |
| Roger Wilkinson | 0332 640712 |

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| | |
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| Andy Thomson | 0773 747781 |
| Dave Walker | 0332 574003 |
| Deborah Wilkinson | 0332 640712 |
| John Hawkins | 0332 557446 |
| Dave Clough | 0773 833059 |
| John Hopper | 0332 703830 |
| Mike Godfree | 0332 515862 |
| Bob Day | 0742 745506 |
| Tony Berwick | 0332 558998 |
| Barrie Bibby | 0629 823757 |

Are there any mistakes?

Do you wish to become a controller?

Do you wish to become a Grade 2 or Grade 1 controller?

If so then please contact me.

The following is a list of qualified coaches. The EM list is very much out of date. Again if there any omissions please contact me.

Coaches

| | |
|--------------|-------------|
| Mike Godfree | 0332 515862 |
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SPORTS PERSONALITY



It has to be Dave Brodie for his gallant effort on the Blue Course at Sutton Park - see Editorial.



DVO GOES FRENCH

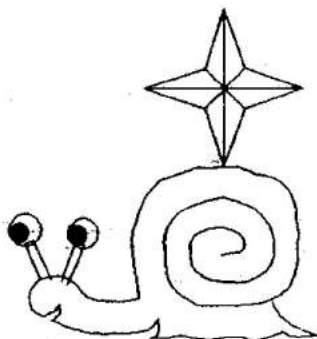
For those who missed the first instalment, the French champs are being held in the Landes, between Bourdeaux and Biarritz at the end of August. 4 days of orienteering in the pine covered sand-dunes bordering the Atlantic Ocean with cheap wine and warm sun to fill in the rest of the week. If you want any more information let me know. There is still plenty of time to join.

We have now made a provisional booking for a number of pitches at Camping Rural l'Océane in Vielle St. Girons. This is about 15 km south of the event centre at Lit-et-Mixe. To quote:

Il s'agit d'un petit camping très calme, ombragé et équipé de douches, lavabos, bacs à laver, WC. L'eau chaude est à toutes les installations. Terrain de jeux avec ping-pong, baby foot. Il se trouve à 5km de la plage, 1,5km du Lac de Vielle, 0,8 km du bourg de Vielle.

Cost is about £5 for a couple per night if you want a complete pitch to yourself. The booking is from Saturday 23rd August till Monday 31st. Let me know if you want to reserve a pitch, I would appreciate a deposit of £3 to cover the group deposit that I have made.

Mike Godfree.



DEAR ED.

Dear Ed,

**COMPASS
SPORT CUP:**

the next round (following our excellent victory over Deeside) is against EPOC and will be on March 15th at the SHUOC event at Blackamoor. Many thanks to all those of you who ran at Sutton park & I look forward to seeing you all again at Blackamoor.

Sue.

Dear Ed,

We received a letter from Nottingham Rotaract Club advising us of a talk by Doug Scott: it is under the heading of CHARITY LECTURE entitled "DOUG SCOTT HIMALAYAN CLIMBER". It will be held on the 5th March at the Great hall of Nottingham University. Tickets are £4 and doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start and will end at 10pm. For further info contact Ed. (Tickets are £4.50 on the night if available).

Sue.

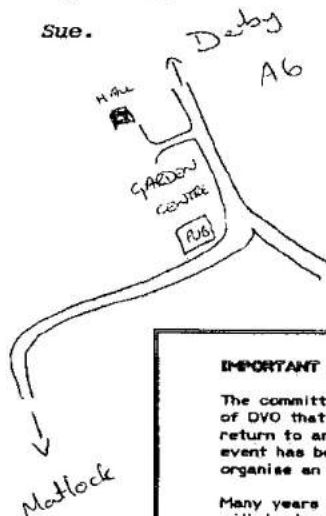
Dear Ed,

**March
Open
Meeting**
will be at Millford Hall on March 11th. the meeting will be preceded at 7 o'clock



by an aerobic session (bring your Karrimat) and the meeting will start at 8:15 (ish). At the meeting Ranald Macdonald will be talking about their trip to the World Cup Veterans Championships.

Sue.



Dear Ed,

**CRICH
CHASE**

has been CANCELLED due to access problems (nothing to do with orienteering).

Alec S.

Dear Ed,

Wilderness ways of Chesterfield (Outdoor/Fell Running Shop) are offering a 10% discount to DVO members on purchases over £10. You will need to show proof of membership e.g. BOF card.

Steve K.

Dear Ed,

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS

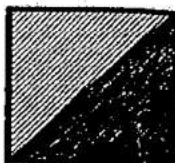
The committee would like to remind all members of DVO that they do not have permission to return to any area where an orienteering event has been held for either training or to organise an event for their friends

Many years of creating good relationships with landowners and obtaining their permission to hold club events, to say nothing of the time and cost involved in mapping areas, can be lost by one thoughtless individual found in a sensitive area with an orienteering map.

If you wish to introduce your friends to the sport, please either bring them along to any colour coded event or try one of the permanent courses at either Allestree or Cromford. Maps may be obtained for permanent courses from Mike Godfree and permission must be obtained from the warden at Cromford for groups of over 20.



EMOA COACHING



EMOA are keen to promote Coaching as a medium through which Orienteers can improve and consequently gain more enjoyment from their sport. A programme of personal performance sessions is being arranged for all standards and this will be published shortly. The sessions for experienced Orienteers will be combined with the Regional Junior Squad programme with suitable exercises for all.

In addition to this programme Coaches in your own club will no doubt wish to put on Coaching sessions. Please contact the Regional Coach for advice or guidance. The following services can also be arranged or delivered at club level mainly through contacts within the National Coaching Foundation.

- Fitness Testing Session combined with a discussion on Fitness for Orienteering (requires a hall at least 22m long)
- Talk/Seminar on Nutrition for Orienteers (1-2 hrs)
- Planning Your Programme - the way to peak for the big events (1-2 hrs)
- Mental Preparation for Events - relaxation, concentration, visualisation (1-2 hrs)
- Coaching Children - how you can get the best from your own children and those you coach
- Club Coach/Instructor Course for those who are keen to help coach beginners in their club/college/school

All sessions can be tailored to your own clubs requirements.
Contact Hilary Palmer on 0602 820651 for further information.



ROCKY KNOLL

ROCKY KNOLL in THE SIGN OF THE SPORRAN

EPISODE SEVEN

Author's note : Due to the mysterious disappearance of the manuscript for edisode 6 of my thrilling adventures, both from my possession and from that of the editor of Newsplatt (conspiracy is suspected), I can but give you a brief synopsis of what took place before embarking on episode 7. Read carefully, I shall write this only once.....

On the trail of the organisation determined to sabotage the European Orienteering Championships, identified only by their use of the Sign of the Sporrán, Rocky and Toby Beeswick are seeking to stop ace orienteer Stan Hole from falling into the clutches of two overcoated heavies. Stan is captured when he returns to his remote Scottish cottage after a training run. The heavies make a getaway but are blocked by Toby Beeswick who overturns and sets fire to Rocky's Reliant Robin. In the ensuing confusion, Rocky steals the heavies' car and drives off across fields with Stan Hole. They crash the car into a forest and hide until twilight when they meet up again with Beeswick. They realise that Hole has been brainwashed and no time should be lost in getting him back to BOF HQ. As they make their way back to civilisation along a forest road, they hear the sound of approaching dogs. Now read on.....

We were trapped. The dogs were meant for us all right. Two massive hounds, their teeth bared, muscles straining, were closing in with alarming rapidity. Even a world class orienteer didn't stand a chance of escape, far less a rain coated overweight underfit agent in BOF issue wellington boots. The dogs were snarling, foaming at the mouth, shaking the very ground. Suddenly I remembered back to episode 3. My top secret duel purpose thumb compass and dog repeller, specially developed in the BOF underground laboratories at Darley Dale. It was just the thing. I reached into my pocket. Unfortunately it wasn't there, it must have fallen out in the undergrowth. We were doomed.

Everything seemed to happen at once. Hole set off at top speed down the track away from the carnivorous canines. I decided that the top of a nice tall tree might be preferable and slithered off the track to find one. Unfortunately they all appeared to want to be telegraph poles when they grew up and offered little chance of rapid ascent. Only Beeswick seemed unperturbed, standing his ground firmly. The hounds sped closer. "Run you fool" I wanted to cry but the words wouldn't come. Instead I watched with a mixture of horror and disbelief. The first dog sprang at Beeswick's throat. He twisted away skilfully and as the dog passed delivered it a swift upper cut. The stunned animal full in a heap, struggled up and was despatched with strong left hook. It slumped senseless to the ground. Its partner in crime skidded to a halt, took one look at the situation and decided that it wouldn't put things to the test. As it fled away from us I clambered back up onto the track. Hole was out of sight.

"Very satisfying that" mused Beeswick, examining his knuckles. "It's a long time since I did any boxing. I was pretty good as a lad you know. You never know when it'll come in useful." It made up substantially for Beeswick destroying the Robin so I slapped him on the back and thanked him. "We better get moving quickly" I said, "They



y have more tricks up their sleeves. And where's Hole got to? We can't afford to lose him, he's our evidence". We turned to see him cawling sheepishly out of the undergrowth. It was almost dark and we had no torch between us. Again Beeswick seemed unperturbed. "I know this forest well. I mapped it some years ago. We need to head up that way." He pointed diagonally up through the pines. "We should hit the main road in about half a mile". I thought quickly. "They'll expect us to do that, they'll be waiting for us. Mind you, it'll be pretty black by then. We'll just have to risk it".

The journey was slow and difficult; more than once we fell into pits and stumbled over rootstocks. I found myself, irrationally, worrying about the smouldering remains of the Robin. I could just see his perspiring face now, looming over me, laying down the law about P regulations. Normally I could handle it, but in the gloom of a damp Scottish forest, his reddened features seemed to dance before my eyes. It was with some relief that we finally clambered out onto the main road. There was no sign of anyone and no traffic either. We needed a telephone. By a near miraculous coincidence there was a phone box just visible across the road. I ran to it. In the dim moonlight I saw to my horror that the phone had been ripped out. Across the box, painted in still glistening paint, was the Sign of The Sporrán.

I stood there transfixed. Suddenly car headlights blazed on from both sides. Shadowy figures were advancing. "Run!" I shouted. "Split up, they'll have less chance of catching us all". I flung myself over the edge of road into the forest below. It was a glorious failure. The expected ground did not materialise for what seemed an eternity. In fact it was probably twenty feet before I made contact with the soft pine needled forest floor, was catapulted forward and struck my head on something much harder. My arms and legs tried to continue the escape, but my brain decided to give in and take a rest. Within a few moments I was in the hands of the enemy. I was too woozy to realise as going on for some time. I have vague recollections of being flung into car, but after that, nothing until a wet towel was applied vigorously to my face. "You're coming to see the boss" said a voice. My brain began to function. "Who's that" I croaked. "Shut up" was the only retort "And get up".

I shuffled along into a dimly lit room. It must have been the middle of the night. My head was spinning. A shadowy figure stood facing me. "We've got him, Mr McHarvey" said a voice. "We've got the interfering pest". My brain began to function even faster. I looked up and squinted. Across the room stood none other than the mastermind of this operation. It was Jock McHarvey. Jock McHarvey, who had gone missing under mysterious circumstances, who must have faked his own kidnapping, but used his own map production skills to print the bogus maps. Jock McHarvey of McHarvey McMaps, who had hypnotised Stan Hole into accepting the bogus maps and wrecking the country's most prestigious orienteering events. Jock McHarvey, hell bent on getting the P to withdraw its invitation for Wales to stage the European Championships. Now I knew the truth, but was it all too late. Jock was pointing a gun at my stomach.....

Is this the end for Knoll?
Where is Stan Hole?
Will Toby Beeswick save the day?

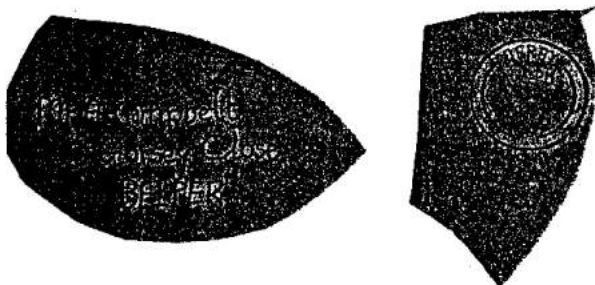
Read on in the next exciting episode of The Sign of the Sporrán!



WHO IS ROCKY KNOLL

CLUE NUMBER 1: The episodes arrive with a Derby Post Stamp!

CLUE NUMBER 2: Below is a copy of the hand writing on the envelope!



CLUE NUMBER 3: The above article is in the original type set. Who has access to Word processing and a good quality printer?



WINTER IN WALES

Early February, with the seasonal possibility of snow and/or other nasties, what better than camping combined with not one but two badge events?

On the Thursday before the weekend, the weather forecast was not at all encouraging, with high winds, rain and progressing to wind-driven hail on the Sunday. Saturday was spent travelling to reach Merthyr Mawr to get my tent up in daylight, which I am glad I did as the approach is poorly signed and on very small roads - a pleasant campsite well sheltered in undulating woodland a mile back from the sea.

Then on to Pembrey, including getting lost in Llanelli, for the Night Badge Event in the Country park, mostly complex contoured sand dunes now forested with Pines, and with a fairly simple track network plus many small paths. I hoped to find Ultrasport to buy a new battery; of course no traders were there so on a moonless and overcast night I set off with only half a battery (backed for emergencies by a small hand torch).

The M55 course was well planned with controls always on small contour features, but with good attack points. As usual some of my navigation was muddled and therefore time consuming, as in one case having somehow missed a small path leading to the control I relocated some distance away from which there was an easy way in to the control by a dog-leg, yet my mind was still fixed on the small path, so back I went, crossed the path without seeing, felt lost, relocated yet again, and so eventually to the control (see Map A).

Provisional results showed my time of 106 minutes against a winning time of some 65 minutes - at least it was good training for the British Night Champs in 2 weeks.

After a comfortable night's camp (yes true!) without the threatened bad weather, I walked to the start at Merthyr Mawr, one of Britain's classic O-areas (hardly a forest), first used in the mid 70's and enjoyed (!) ever since by many far travelling DVOs.

Merthyr Mawr is approximately 3 square km. of intricately contoured sand dunes mostly grasses over, on a map with 2.5m contours (see map B, enlarged for readability). The start was uphill to a low ridge 100m distant, from where the area stretched into the distance.

Slowly covering the ground (a speciality of mine!), I reached the first control, then set off over a small dune expecting to see more small dunes stretching away to the sea - instead there was half a Chemical Works on low ground; at least it had a fence! In calm occasionally sunny conditions course navigation was easy using the numerous thickets of sea buckthorn, VERY thorny, often with bright orange berries, which were accurately mapped in solid green on the yellow open, then finished by fine navigation on the contours.

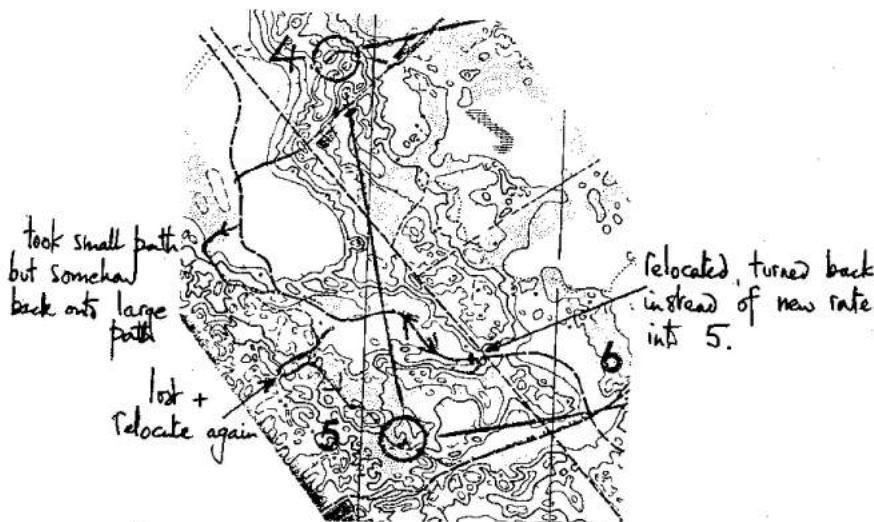
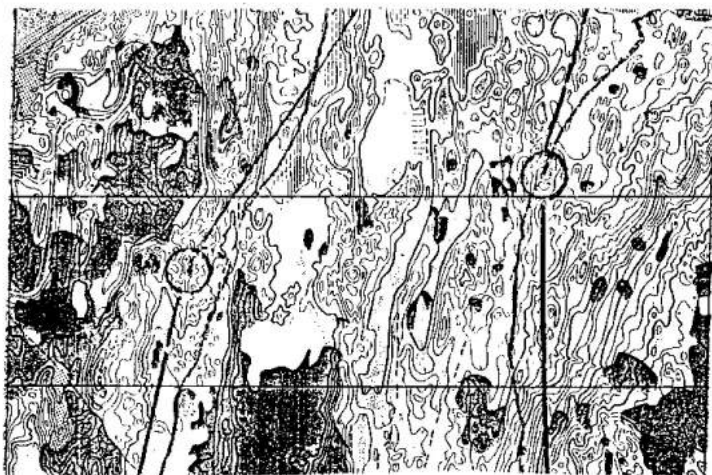


The final control was a small knoll on top of 40m high sand dune followed by a steep, fast descent over loose sand. My time of 76 minutes was approximately just in Silver according to the incomplete results. (No other DVO results known).

Tony Berwick

MERTHYR-TYDFIL
enlarged to scale 1:7070
dark patches are thin thickets
mapped solid green.

B



PEMBERY. MSSL.
enlarged to 1:7070

A



FINDING OUR WAY DOWN UNDER

Veteran World Cup Orienteering, Tasmania, 1992

Ranald Macdonald

I think that it was at last year's JK that I picked up a leaflet publicising the Veteran World Cup. At first I was attracted by the picture on the front and perused it out of interest, rather than with any real intention of taking part. As the days went on and Viv and I thumbed through the leaflet time and time again our thoughts moved from "wouldn't it be interesting", through "how could we afford it?" to "what the hell, let's go for it!" The prospect of a month in the sun in December/January grew more and more attractive, dampened only slightly by the realisation that travel to Australia is at its most expensive in what is, after all, their summer.

Saturday 14 December saw us boarding the Qantas 747-400. 30 hours later we took off! London was enveloped in freezing fog and, after spending 8 hours on the 'plane on Saturday, a night in a hotel near to Gatwick (where there was no fog) and a fraught time on Sunday morning when we couldn't check in because Qantas's conveyor belt at the check in had broken down, we eventually took off at 6.00 pm.

As a result, instead of arriving in Sydney at 9.00 pm on Sunday evening, we arrived at 2.00 am on Tuesday morning. However, Sydney was wonderful. Hot, sunny and full of fascinating sights and friendly people, it lived up to all our expectations. The beauty of the harbour, the splendour of the Opera House, together with the ever-present Harbour Bridge and visits to the botanical gardens, China Town and the cosmopolitan areas of Kings Cross and Paddington (I've heard of those places before!), all made the time go all too quickly.

We did manage to spend a scorching day out in the Blue Mountains and take in a visit to Bondi Beach where we had a fish and chip supper on the beach. On the final afternoon we took a ferry to Manley, a northern suburb of Sydney, really as an excuse to have another look at the harbour.

Our time in Sydney had been memorable, with the added spice of a power struggle within the ruling Australian Labour Party and Paul Keating replacing Bob Hawke as Prime Minister. All good, exciting stuff. However, after four days, it was time to be off to Tasmania. Because of the collapse of Compass Airlines and the need to accommodate their passengers, we were upgraded to Business Class on our flight, courtesy of Ansett Airlines - shame Qantas couldn't have done that for us on the 13 hour return haul from Bangkok to London leg.

At Hobart airport there was a Budget rental Toyota campervan waiting for us as we were to spend the two weeks prior to the orienteering touring Tasmania and, hopefully, getting in some trekking as we had all our backpacking gear with us.

To write about Tasmania in detail would take too long and use up all the superlatives in my range of adjectives. Suffice to say that Tasmania is a wonderful mix of mountains, lakes, bush, coast and plains, with extremely friendly and helpful people wherever we went. Large parts of the island are a World Heritage Area and there are fourteen National Parks; we visited those at Cradle Mountain, Lake St Clair, Mount Field, Freycinet and the Gordon River.



One episode is worth recounting as it was possibly the highlight of our trip. On Christmas eve we trekked out into the bush via Dove Lake and Hanson Peak to spend the night camped next to a small hut in Waterfall Valley. The hut was occupied by two Australian women and, apart from one other rather uncommunicative Australian, we were on our own. In the evening we were visited by a large, cuddly wombat. As luck would have it, as I subsequently found out, my camera was playing up, so I have no pictures to prove it.

On Christmas day we awoke to a clear blue sky and bright sunshine and, clothed in shorts and t-shirts, we had our breakfast in one of the most idyllic settings imaginable, with a friendly wallaby for company. After breaking camp we set out for a main objective of the trek - the summit of Cradle Mountain! Leaving the heaviest sack at the bottom (mine!), we scrambled to the top of the mountain on a path which we subsequently described as 'exhilarating!' I'm sure there must be, but I can think of few better places to have Christmas lunch that over 5,000 feet up a mountain in bright sunshine with very few people about. Around us were mountains as far as the eye could see. It really was an experience to be remembered.

However, we couldn't stay there all day, so trekked off back to where we had left the van and returned to the National Park campsite for our evening meal. And what a meal! Most campsites have electric or wood barbecues. So for Christmas dinner we had huge barbecued steaks (£1 each), salad and bottles of nicely chilled Australian champagne (£2 a bottle!) and Tasmanian red wine. Unfortunately, we couldn't have a Christmas pudding because the microwave only worked if the van was connected to the mains, and we were at that time running of the batteries. Still, never mind, it hardly spoiled what had been a wonderful couple of days.

Back at Hobart we saw some of the finishers in the Sydney-Hobart boat race. Unfortunately we missed seeing the winner come in, but did see the second boat, surrounded by scores of smaller craft which came perilously close to colliding with each other.

Whilst in Hobart we heard that a general election had been called in Tasmania for 1 February. We subsequently found out that the Liberal Party had taken 19 of the 35 seats, ousting the Australian Labour Party who had governed with the help of the 5 Green MPs.

Which brought us at last to the orienteering. This was the third official Veteran's World Cup; the first being in Sweden and the second in Hungary. The World Cup consisted of two qualifying races and a final, with the qualifying days also forming part of a 4-day Forestry Commission Orienteering Classic. All veterans had a chance to compete in an A, B or C final, depending on the numbers competing in their class.

The event had attracted more than 1,700 competitors from 22 countries, with over 700 coming from Scandinavia and 600 from Australia. 74 of us made the trip from the UK. Based at St Helen's, on the 'sun coast' in the east of Tasmania, we more than doubled the population of the town. Given that they claimed they were experiencing the worst summer in 10 years, the shopkeepers welcomed the extra potential customers.

The weather was to play a major part in the first few days of the event as the usual average annual rainfall fell in the first 3 days of the year. As a result, the first qualifying day had to be postponed as a bridge to the start was under 2 metres of water and many of the creeks were in flood. The Forestry Commission, one of the



major sponsors of the event, did a splendid job in building bridges and the event was only delayed by one day. The generally cooler weather suited the Europeans, who still found it warm compared with the temperatures we had left behind.

The official opening ceremony took place in St Helen's and the platform was crowded with politicians all conscious of the forthcoming election. We all had to march behind our national flags, then listen to a series of Aboriginal chants and finally sing Waltzing Matilda.

The ceremony was followed by a beef roast and Australian festival which included log chopping, sheep shearing, sheep dogs and chain saw carving.

The first event was held just north of Hobart and consisted of fairly fast, runnable eucalypt forest. It was here that we had the rather unusual experience of seeing kangaroos bouncing across our path and being laughed at by the kookaburras. Water was made available at regular intervals on the course as Rule 3.11.16 of the Orienteering Federation of Australia states that:

"Drinking water should be provided on ALL courses at intervals of not more than 20 minutes (based on anticipated winning times) if the temperature is expected to exceed 20 degrees C and at intervals of no more than 30 minutes in cooler conditions."

Drinking water also had to be provided at the start if there was more than a 10 minute walk there. This rule involved organisers in some quite lengthy carries of water containers.

There were basically three elements to the courses during the event. The first was of granite or sandstone with some steep climbs, rocky outcrops, button grass and swamps. The second was fast, runnable eucalypt forest with some patches of bracken or fern and impenetrable wattle bushes. Finally, there was intricate alluvial tin-mining areas which, whilst looking flat on the map, had deeply cut stream beds, often with 20 foot vertical banks.

During the event there was controversy over "communicating with another orienteer while competing", which subsequently resulted in a disqualification. I even had my map snatched from me at a control by a Scandinavian who was trying to find out where he was.

In the qualifying events a finishing time under 3 hours had to be recorded to qualify for the final. However, after a Swede took four and a quarter hours to complete a 2.3k course because he had lost his map they changed this rule; well it was the 88-year old Bertil Nordenfelt, who was the sole competitor in M85!

Following a model event which helped to get us used to the alluvial tin areas, the qualifying days produced some good British performances, with Anne Salisbury and Carol McNeil being clear leaders in W35 and W45, respectively. The Final was held on the fast alluvial tin area, and Anne was beaten into fourth place by 2 seconds, whilst Carol was beaten into second place by a New Zealander who had come second in Hungary. However, Anne and Carol both subsequently won their classes in the 4-day Forestry Commission Classic.



Perhaps one of the more unexpected results of the final was that Hilary Palmer of NOC came third in W45. She had run quite well in the qualifying events, but I think even she was surprised how well she did. Vikki Crawford of FLX finished third in W50. In the Forestry Commission Classic Helen Palmer came first and Robert Palmer second in their classes.

Perhaps the greatest disappointment must have been felt by Bill Gauld of EDS in M55. He was in first place with only two competitors to run in, but all the maps had gone and they could not start. Following an appeal, the course was declared void to the obvious embarrassment of the organisers. 5 extra maps had been placed in each box, but somehow they had gone missing. What a distance to go to have all your efforts discounted!

Running in W40 for the first time, Viv had to run the A final because there were not enough competitors to have a B group. Consequently, she had to run 8.3k + 100m and came 39th out of 48, with 11 not finishing or disqualified. This was the first time she had run this distance in an event, but she claims she enjoyed it. Some Australians we had got friendly with had suggested that she should take her packed lunch with her as she had taken so long in the qualifiers, but Viv said it was an interesting nature ramble and she didn't want to rush it!

Also running in M40 for the first time, I missed the A final by 5 places and, having to run only 6.1k + 70m, felt that I did quite well to come 12th in the B final.

Overall the orienteering was of an extremely high quality (which is more than be said of our performances at times). Most of the maps had very few man-made features such as paths and fences, so reading the contours and vegetation boundaries carefully was important. Some legs did allow an element of route choice, but on the whole taking a straight line appeared to be the best strategy. We both found that we had to maintain close contact with the map as there were few features on which to re-locate. I am sure that both of us have improved our skills considerably and gained a lot of confidence.

At the Closing Ceremony that evening Sweden was awarded 22 of the 54 placings, with Norway getting 10, Finland 9, Australia 5, New Zealand 3, Britain 3 and Switzerland 1.

Immediately following the closing ceremony we had to drive the 255k to Hobart to catch our plane the next morning, missing the final day of the Forestry Commission Classic.

An uneventful, if boring, journey home, to be followed by a week of jet-lag. However, we had both thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The orienteering was challenging, the country had been breathtaking at times and we had met some really friendly people. Tony Berwick has copies of the maps used, in addition to those that Viv and I have. Viv is currently madly compiling her holiday scrapbooks and I have more than a few slides, if anyone would like to see them.

If anyone is interested in taking part in the next Veteran's World Cup, it is going to be held on Strathspay on 1-5 August 1994, so you won't have to travel too far. For the purposes of this event a veteran is anyone over 35. However, before then I have my eye on the next Asia-Pacific Orienteering Championship on North Island, New Zealand from 29 December 1993 - 9 January 1994.



EVENTS

Allestree Park - New Years Day

A score event with a difference - the difference being you had a blank map ie no controls marked on it. They were kind enough to give you the control descriptions and 60 minutes to find the 20 controls. After about 15 minutes you were able to return to the start and copy the master map if so desired. Alex Pryor recorded the fastest time for getting all controls but had to return to look at the master map. Only 3 orienteers managed to complete the course in the allocated time without coming back to the master maps. Three of the four Buckleys, with Judy (the 4th) collecting 17 of the controls.

First was Baby Buckley (Alastair) in a time of 52:14, second was Daddy Buckley 55:19 and third was Kim in 56:11.

Me! I ran round the park 6 times - only kidding - I had 16 of the 20 controls after 30 minutes with another 30 minutes to find the last 4. I ran right round the park again looking for 'thicket south side', 'path bend', 'wall end' and 'building'. I had a fair idea about the building (genius) but the others were a problem. Still with 4 to find I had just over 8 minutes left. I knew where the 'building' had to be and took the long road round just incase the 'path bend' was on the path leading to the 'building'.

Sure enough I picked up 2 more controls and arrived at the finish with a poor 18 out of 20 controls. It was very quickly pointed out to me that you could see the 'wall end' from the finish - TWIT!

Winner on the shorter Score Event (45 minutes) was Kev Cunniffe with all 20 controls in 39.26 with Rex Bleakman only 3 seconds behind.

Ed.

COMPASS SPORT CUP

Our second round match is against EPOC and will be played at Blackmoor on Sunday 15th March 1992. The more runners we can turn out the better so I look forward to seeing you all there! If you need more details or are not sure which course you should run to be competitive please give me a call on 0629 823712.

Sue Russell

P.S. The following is a list of the courses you should run depending on your BOF age group.



Yellow : M10, M11, W10, W11, W13
 L.Green : M13, M15, W15, W17
 Green : M55 and upwards
 W35 and upwards
 Blue : W19, W21, M45, M50
 Brown 2 : M17, M19, M35, M40
 Brown 1 : M21

RELAYS - BRITISH & JK

I have entered 11 teams for the **British** - the categories are fixed, the actual runners aren't. I suggest the following teams but if any of you want to change please let me know.

| <u>TEAM 1</u> | <u>TEAM 2</u> | <u>TEAM 3</u> |
|--|---|---|
| <u>OPEN 17-</u> | <u>OPEN 35+</u> | <u>W45+</u> |
| Ian Finlayson David Godfree Alastair Buckley | John Hurley Ian Whitehead Pete Jones | Helen Finlayson Debbie Wilkinson Judy Buckley |
| <u>TEAM 4</u> | <u>TEAM 5</u> | <u>TEAM 6</u> |
| <u>OPEN 45+</u> | <u>OPEN 40+</u> | <u>OPEN</u> |
| Roger Wilkinson Steve Buckley Doug Dickinson | Ronald Macdonald Mike Godfree Dave Brodie | Dave Clough Paul Wright Andy Stevenson |
| <u>TEAM 7</u> | <u>TEAM 8</u> | <u>TEAM 9</u> |
| <u>OPEN</u> | <u>WOMENS OPEN</u> | <u>W40+</u> |
| Ewan Thomson Alex Campbell Steve Kimberley | Roz Clayton Kim Buckley Helen James | Viv Macdonald Liz Godfree Chris Pollard |
| <u>TEAM 10</u> | <u>TEAM 11</u> | <u>CURRENTLY SPARE</u> |
| <u>SHORT OPEN</u> | <u>SHORT OPEN</u> | |
| Andy Clayton Alex Stalker Kev Cuniffe | Chris Godfree Ray Stuart Caroline Walden | Sue Russell Zoe Wilkinson Barry Bibby (sorry Barry - entry had gone) |

If the teams suit you then please let me know your preferred running order.

Ta. Sue



As for the British I have entered 11 relay teams for JK, again runners have not yet been named so let me know running orders and any changes.

| <u>TEAM 1</u> | <u>TEAM 2</u> | <u>TEAM 3</u> |
|--|--|--|
| <u>M17-</u> | <u>M45+</u> | <u>W45+</u> |
| Ian Finlayson David Godfree Alastair Buckley | Roger Wilkinson Steve Buckley Doug Dickinson | Helen Finlayson Debbie Wilkinson Judy Buckley |
| <u>TEAM 4</u> | <u>TEAM 5</u> | <u>TEAM 6</u> |
| <u>W40+</u> | <u>M35+</u> | <u>M40+</u> |
| Viv Macdonald Liz Godfree Chris Pollard | Graham Johnson Andy Thomson Dave Brodie | Ranald Macdonald Mike Godfree Alex Stalker |
| <u>TEAM 7</u> | <u>TEAM 8</u> | <u>TEAM 9</u> |
| <u>WOMENS</u> | <u>WOMENS</u> | <u>JK TROPHY</u> |
| Roz Clayton Kim Buckley Val Johnson | Caroline Walden Helen James Sue Russell | Ewan Thomson Alex Campbell Steve Kimberley Kev Cunniffe |
| <u>TEAM 10</u> | <u>TEAM 11</u> | <u>CURRENTLY SPARE</u> |
| <u>MEDIUM</u> | <u>MEDIUM</u> | |
| Andy Stevenson Paul Wright Dave Clough | Mike Gardner Ray Stuart Chris Godfree | Tom Brodie Zoe Wilkinson |

Entry fees to me (cheques to DVO) £4 for British, £5 for JK (juniors less but I can't remember what!)

Sue.



BOF DINNER

BRITISH ORIENTEERING FEDERATION

25th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

SATURDAY JUNE 13th 1992

7 for 7.30pm.

NORTH LAKES GATEWAY HOTEL, PENRITH, CUMBRIA

Tickets £15 + sae (cheques payable to BOF) available
from BOF Office, or at the British Championships or JK92.

MENU

Chilled Honeydew Melon, Orange and Grapefruit Cocktail
OR Chef's Freshly Made Vegetable Soup with Croutons & Cream

Carvery Buffet - Prawn Salad, Chicken, Ham & Beef
with a selection of Salads

Old English Sherry Trifle
OR Blackberry and Apple Pie and Cream

Coffee

Please specify choice of Starter and Sweet
when purchasing tickets

The evening will round off with Barn Dancing led by former
BOF Chairman Chris James. There is plenty of quiet space
for conversation if you don't want to dance.

The BOF AGM will be held nearby in the afternoon. The
WCOC Badge Event next day is on High Rigg at Threlkeld
between Penrith and Keswick.

Accommodation suggestions available with tickets.



TSB 1991 FINAL RANKINGS

Another year over and another set of prize winners for the TSB Rankings for 1991.

Congratulations to Steve Buckley Ranked Number 1 in the M40 class. Steve finished on 4235 points, 32 points of his nearest rival.

Top DVOs in each class were:

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|-----|-------|-----------------|-----|------|-----------------|
| W19 | 5th | Zoe Wilkinson | M19 | 11th | David Godfree |
| W21 | 107th | Val Johnson | M21 | 45th | John Hawkins |
| W35 | 3rd | Roz Clayton | M35 | 71st | Ian Whitehead |
| W40 | 9th | Judy Buckley | M40 | 1st | Steve Buckley |
| W45 | 18th | Helen Finlayson | M45 | 9th | Roger Wilkinson |
| | | | M50 | 28th | Ted Smith |

FIXTURES

| DATE | REGION | CLUB | TYPE | AREA | DETAILS |
|--|--------|------|---------------------------|---|--|
| February | | | | | |
| 23rd | YHA | SYO | NATIONAL 1 | Dwden Valley, 12km NW Sheffield SK 270960 | Fees £5.50/£2.00, CD 27/1/92 Entries: Beryl & Guy Seaman, 121 Dobcroft Road, Sheffield, S7 2LT, 0742 368263, Cheques to SYO, 2 * SADS & SKY. DOGS in car park area only (LEADS). |
| March | | | | | |
| 1st | EM | KOC | Badge Event | Cumber | No entry on day for Badge Courses. |
| 2nd | | DVO | Open Meeting Training Run | Belper Sports Centre | 7pm Run, 8pm Meeting |
| 8th | EM | DVO | Colour Coded | Stanton Moor | Organiser C.McDonald (1 The Paddock, Church street, Nonyash DE4 1JB - 0629 813472) Grid Ref: SK 242632 |
| 15th COMPASS SPORT | YH | SHOC | Colour Coded | COMPASS SPORT CUP match at Blackmoor | Sheffield SK 276806 D.Befferman 0742 687909 |
| 15th No DVO member should be going to this one!! | WM | OD | Badge Event | Bentley Wood, near Atherstone. | Entries: Hilary Simpson 181 Loxley Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 7DD - 0789 266143. £3.50 & £1.00: Cheques to Octavian Droobers. Ltd. Entry on day. |
| 21st/22nd | EA | | BRITISH CHAMPS | Kelling & Breckland | 21st - Ind. - Kelling TG 118415 22nd - Relay - Breckland Special entry form and no BDO. |



| DATE | REGION | CLUB | TYPE | AREA | DETAILS |
|-----------|--------|------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 29th | WM | WCH | Colour Coded | Beaudesert, Cannock Chase | SK 050125, B.Clayton 0543 250072 |
| 29th | EM | LEI | Badge Event | Benscliffe | |
| April | | | | | |
| 5th | WMOA | WRE | NATIONAL II | The Wrekin, Telford | John Broadhead 21 St. Margarets Drive, Apley Park, Wellington, 0952 244882. No other details to hand. |
| 12th | EM | DVO | Colour Coded | Linacre Wood (Instead of Chatsworth) | Org: John Tunna (1 The Hazels, Chesterfield Rd., Two Dales, DE4 2EZ - 0629 712318) Grid ref: SK 340732 |
| 17th-20th | WM | | JX WEEKEND | Cumbria | 17 - Training Day, Cartmel, Cumbria 18 - Ind.1, Bigland Estate, Newby Bridge 19 - Ind.2, same (SD 356836) 20 - Relay, same Special Entry form only. Enquiries to BOP 0629 734042. |
| 26th | EM | NOC | Colour Coded | Bestwood, SK 570465 | J.Clarks 0602 419603 |
| May | | | | | |
| 3rd/4th | SEDA | SO | NATIONAL III & Badge Event | Friston Forest, Eastbourne TQ 518008 | Both Events in same area. R.Smith, Entries Secretary, 8 Havelock Rd, Southsea, Portsmouth, Hants, PO5 1RU 0705 830076 CD 3/4/92, Nat f7/f2: Badge f4/f1.50: Both f10/f1, Special Entry form required. No EOD |
| 3rd | EM | LEI | Colour Coded | NVO area | |
| 17th | EM | DVO | Badge Event | CANCELLED | CANCELLED |
| 24th | SOA | | NATIONAL IV | | |

