

# H O T S P O T S

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CUP FINAL LATEST!

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## EDITORIAL

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For the third time running DVO have made it to the final of the CompassSport cup. This is the reason for this edition of Newstrack coming out now, when it will no doubt clash with ENEWS. I will endeavour to get the next issue in step. Apologies to some new members who have not been welcomed in this or the previous issue. It is a priority to get your name and address onto the labels disc and the last issue was ready for copying before I realised that people had been missed out. If you would like to help at an event and don't get asked please ring the organiser.

## AGM REPORT

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At the AGM a temporary new constitution was adopted. The affairs of the club will now be run by a committee meeting once a month. Every third month there will be an open meeting at Ripley Leisure Centre where all members can air their views. Committee Meeting Minutes will be available at the Wednesday night training sessions. Also any member who particularly wants to attend a committee meeting may do so. Fixtures and Social Activities will be organised by sub-committees.

At the AGM the following were voted to be members of the committee:-

Chairman - Steve Buckley	Social Secretary - Angela Gardiner
Vice Chair - Steve Kimberley	Equipment Officer - John Birkin
Secretary - Terry Peach	Newstrack Editor - Jo Thornley
Treasurer - Judy Buckley	Minutes Secretary - John Hawkins
EMOA rep - Andy Thomson	Development officer - Dave Nevell
Fixtures W/P Chair John Hurley	Committee Member - Zoe Wilkinson

Future meetings are as follows

11th Nov. Committee Meeting 8.0p.m at Buckley's  
9th Dec. Open Meeting 8.0p.m. at Ripley Leisure Centre  
(run at 7.0)  
13th Jan Committee Meeting 8.0 pm at Buckley's  
10th Feb Committee Meeting 8.0 p.m. at Buckley's  
9th March Open Meeting 8.0 p.m. at Ripley L.C.  
13th April Committee Meeting 8.0 p.m. at Buckley's  
11th May Committee Meeting 8.0 p.m. at Buckley's  
8th June Open Meeting 8.0 p.m. at Ripley L.C.  
13th July Committee Meeting 8.0 p.m. at Buckley's  
14th Sept Committee Meeting 8.0 p.m. at Buckley's  
28th Sept AGM at Ripley

Also at the AGM two new O-suit designs were chosen. I think both were in blue and green, but one had a diagonal stripe. Costs are being investigated. Watch out for information at events.

FEES: There is no club membership fee for members who join through the region and become full members of BOF. Full members will receive a notice from BOF in due course. Local members who wish to become full members should contact Terry Peach.  
The fee for local members remains at £1.50.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

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Mr M J Charles, 11 Cheverton Close, Alvaston, Derby DE2 0XE  
Derby 755517

C M Shaw and family, 4 Oak Close, Duffield, DE6 4HF 0332 841748

Paul Whittington, 18 Grenfell Avenue, Sunnyhill, Derby D 771421

Mark Cast, 45 Draycott Drive, Mickleover, Derby DE3 5QE 0332 511574

Andrew Riley, 36 Sandhills Road, Bolsover, Chesterfield 0246 824489

Les and Del Heaton, 63 Corbar Road, Buxton SK17 6RJ

Fiona Palmer, 28 Priory Close, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston Derbyshire

David Wheatley, 5 Sunnyside, Whitwell, Worksop, Notts 0909 720807

Please note the following new addresses:-

Derek Brown, 10 Thornhill Road, Derby DE3 3LX

Christopher Meadows, 6 Six Oaks Road, North Baddesley Southampton, Hants

Martin Ward, Room 044, Sorby Hall, Endcliffe Vale Road, Sheffield

Steve Kimberley, Flat 3, 55 Avenue Road, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield  
Tel 0246 451610 and ask for Flat 3

New members please note if you live in the North of the area please consider yourself part of the Matlock team(N) for helping at events. If you live in or near Derby assign yourself to North(N) or South(S). DVD events coming up are:

- 8th Nov Matlock Forest Team N Org. Rob Shooter Derby 661525
- 4th Dec Night Event Hardwick
- 13th Dec Cromford Moor Team M Org. Mike Godfree
- 17th Jan Allestree Park Team N Org. Roz Clayton Leabrook 836687
- 7th Feb Robin Wood Team S

#### OTHER FIXTURES

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- 14 November VCH Open Event Shugborough, Stafford contact  
D Kneill 0785 46349
- 15 November compass sport cup final: see below for further details
- 22 November LEI Open Event Grace Dieu, Coalville MR 438166 0533 363349
- 28 November British Night Champs sherwood Forest, Mansfield Closing Date:  
9/11/87 £3.00 to M Dalton, 35 Crossdale Drive, Keyworth, Notts.
- 29 November NOC Badge Event. Sherwood Forest. Closing Date 9/11/87 fees £2.50  
and £1.25 for Juniors. Send fees to M Dalton as above. No entry  
on day
- 13 December OD Badge Event Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield MR 109972. Closing  
date 30/11/87 Fees £2.00/£1.00. H Simpson, 181 Loxley Road,  
Stratford upon Avon
- 27 December SYO Open Event Beeley Wood, Sheffield. Sorry no map ref given  
G Green, 14 Woodsetts Road, north Anston, Sheffield 0909 565122
- 3 January VCH Badge Event, Sherbrook, Stafford. EOD only G Jones  
299 Tixall Road, stafford 0785 212276

14 February National Event 1 Bentley Woods and Purley Chase, Nuneaton  
Contact Arden House, Saunders Avenue, Bedworth, Warwicks

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST - THE DVO DINNER

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Friday 29 January 7.30 for 8.00. Palm Court Restaurant. Menus from £6.50 to £9.50, including vegetarian meals. Angela Gardener will circulate menus. If you don't see them please contact Angela on Nottingham 784219 or Debbie Wilkinson on Derby 840712  
Definite numbers by 15th January, please.

FOLLOW THE FOX Swithland Wood 19th September

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My main impression of this event was the apparent "speed" of the 1:7500 map (if only I could really cover the ground that fast!). But that aside, the area of Swithland, Roecliffe and the Brand (as the map title informs us) is quite interesting, although the competitors on the blue and brown courses courses would probably not agree as their maps were devoid of any paths.

I ran the Green course and was quite intrigued with the way the planner got us out and through the areas of Roecliffe and the Brand (which is which?), linking each part of the course with corridors of open woodland. Thankfully I got an early start as shortly after I finished the heavens opened, but still it was a good day out.

Mike Hughes

TIPS FOR NOVICES

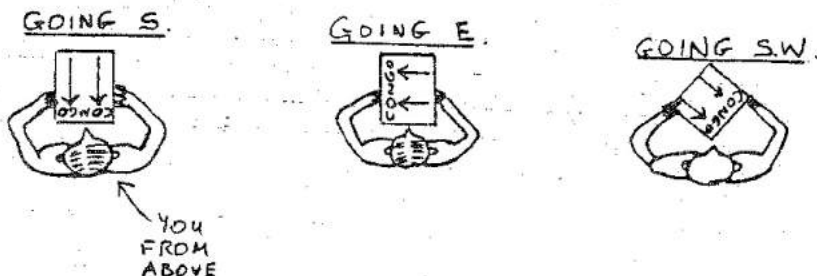
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I've got some bad news for our new members - unless you are a one-in-a-thousand "natural" - you will find in the early years (yes, years!) almost as many ways of losing time as you find controls. There isn't much anyone can do to help except suggest a few ways you can help yourself.

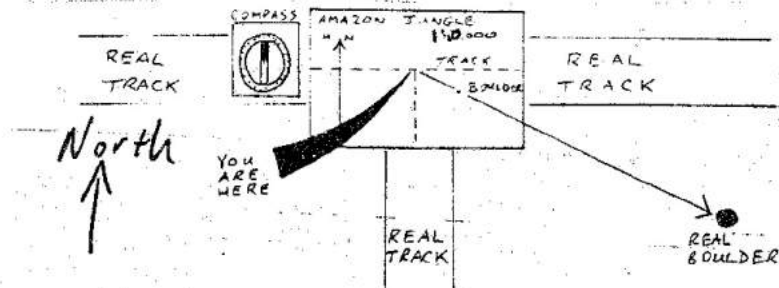
1. Dealing with the paper work:- take a map case, preferably a heavy gauge poly bag (Reminds me of a school pupil who turned up with a black one, not realising what it was needed for.). Control card: put this in small poly bag and pin it to your top garment. Description list: this can be dispensed with if you copy codes and descriptions into the appropriate box on your control card. You will need to abbreviate descriptions, and don't forget to write them upside down if you are pinning the card to your top. (I always put the description list in my pocket so I have a check against clerical errors.) Always tape up the map case to stop the map falling out. Don't use ex-army type map cases - it is important to be able to fold the map up small so you can "thumb" your position. Many people put red arrows all over the map to show north even when the map is screwed up. You are recommended to keep map and control card separate so you don't have to unfold the map at every control. Don't forget to look for map corrections and ask if you don't see them.

2. The start and master maps:- Look where north is while you're waiting, and fit the map to the ground in the vicinity of the start. Look particularly at the contours and see where other starters are heading. Look at the master map layout board near the start. Mark up your master map very carefully - a mistake here has to be avoided at all costs. For each control look for a large feature near the control to find approximate location, eg lake, clearing, prominent junction; find this on your map, look back to master map to find the feature; put pen on the spot, and check back to the master map; if correct circle the feature, taking care not to obscure other detail nearby; check back to master map again. I would always recommend numbering the controls (not inside the circle, but nearby on a blank piece of map) and joining the controls with a line. And don't neglect to mark the triangle from the master map; wherever you're going you need to know where you are now.

3. On the course. Always keep your map ORIENTATED (This is the main use of the compass for the novice). This means the north edge pointing north. Only if you're travelling north should you have the map the "right way up". If travelling east, north is on your left, etc.



When you reach a junction where you are turning, remember to turn the map as you turn so that it remains orientated. When your map is orientated a line drawn from your position to your destination will, when extended off the map, go to your destination, thus:



Note that O-maps always show magnetic north to facilitate bearings.

Try to keep tabs on where you are all the time - walk before trying to run. Feedback from ground to map is vital for checking position. By this I mean

look around continually and try to check off the things you see against what you should be passing if you are right.

Don't try to go straight on a compass bearing from control to control. Use the compass to keep the map orientated and map-read. Use the paths and other hand-rails (ie line features like fences, streams, walls). On orange courses and above, you will have some controls on point features such as boulders and depressions. Here the best technique is to choose a nearby ATTACK POINT eg a track junction and then perhaps use a bearing to the control.

Always check control codes against the description list for your course.

Try not to loiter near the control - this will only attract other competitors. If you get lost and want to retire, DON'T PANIC! Don't blow your whistle unless injured and in need of rescue. If you must, ask someone how to get back, but don't expect someone who is running flat out to stop for you. By orientating the map you can usually see which direction would take you to, say the forest edge or a road. But remember, fields are nearly always out-of bounds, and trespassing could jeopardise future events.

4. After the event:- Remember to fill in a results envelope (and pay for it!), usually near registration. Introduce yourself to other DVO members, they are on the whole almost human and not too haughty with newcomers. If you ask for advice they'll probably be flattered, and you'll not be able to get rid of them. If it's a DVO event offers of help with the results (and even collecting the controls) may be well-received and are a sure-fire way of getting to know the old hands. When you get home mark up your route on the map and see where you went wrong. If you're part of an 'O' family go over the courses with each other and learn from one another.

COMPASS SPORT CUP SEMI-FINAL - BRINDLEY HEATH OCTOBER 25th

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Despite valiant attempts at sabotage by the Thornley family (all 3 cup runners retired) DVO won its semi-final versus BOK last Sunday. It was very close: a tie on points; a tie on firsts; a tie on seconds; so it was decided on thirds. Had the green course been declared void due to a faulty description sheet then DVO would have had it on points, but since I was the only one who noticed it seemed a bit unfair to press the point.

Congratulations to all scorers:

Orange:	Chris Godfree	5	Red:	Ian Finlayson	4
	Ian Forrest	4		Alastair Buckley	2
	Tessa Wilkinson	1		David Godfree	1

Total 10

Total 7

Green:	Judy Buckley	6	Blue:	John Seaston	6
	Debbie Wilkinson	3		Roger Wilkinson	5
	Helen Finlayson	1		Mick Jubb	2

Total 10

Total 13

Brown B	Steve Buckley	6	Brown A	Dave Newell	5
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Dave Brodie	4	Andy Thomson	4
John Hopper	1	John Hurley	3
Total 11		Total 12	

The final is at Witherslack on Sunday November 15th. Judy Buckley has organised a coach leaving Derby at 6.30 and picking up in Duffield, Belper and Matlock. Cost £6.00 per adult, £3.00 per child including entry fees (which are high). Please contact Judy on Derby 552664 as soon as possible.

Extract from information sheet about Witherslack "Along Hall drive turn left into front courtyard and enter door facing you. Pay fee, address an envelope for results (no stamp required) and collect Control Descriptions for your course. Show this at the Course desk to agree Start Time and receive a Control Card with stub. Check details are correct and complete both parts. -- Fees include mailed Results and overprinted maps on all courses. Adults £2.50, Juniors £1.50, Family £6.50 (1 or 2 adults and any number of own juniors.

Toilets are limited to 'elsan' type only; good advice is to go before you come!

Start and finish are both within a few minutes walk of the Hall.. Keep to the taped routes. Orange juice supplied at the finish. Start times 09.30 - 12.30 hours only

COURSES White not in Compass sport cup so any age eligible to enter  
 Yellow as white  
 Orange M10, 11, 65 and W10, 11, 13, 55, 60 and 65 for CSC entry  
 Green M55, 60 and W15, 40, 45, 50  
 Red M13, 15, 50 and W17, 19, 35  
 Blue M17, 40, 45 and W21  
 'A' Brown M19,35  
 'B' Brown M21

Map 1:15,000 with 5m contour intervals. Size 14W" x 8W". Map exchange on some longer courses

Terrain Attractive runnable deciduous woodland with areas of limestone outcrops and some open land."

#### NOTES FROM OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETING

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Fees at events from Cromford onwards will be Seniors £1.20, Juniors 50p

Each team of helpers will have an overall organiser who will try to coordinate event officials. Steve Kimberly and Jo Thornley will 'do' the Matlock events, Dave Nevell Derby South and John Hawkins Derby North.

The no smoking rule is not being observed at events. Please tell anyone you see to stop smoking. J.B. to be asked to make signs.

TSB are sponsoring the National and Badge events.