

Fixtures Report for SWOA committee - March 2013. 20.3.14

Event Scheduling

Major Events in the SW region:

Veteran Home International	NGOC - 13/14 Sept 2014 Mallards Pike
British Long Distance & Relay Championships	BOK - 18/19 Apr 2015 New Beechenhurst
Southern Championships	WIM/WSX - 1/2 Oct 2016
Southern Night Championships	<i>Not yet allocated to a club - late 2016</i>
British Schools Orienteering Championships	<i>Not yet allocated to a club - 19 Nov 2017</i>
British Sprints & Middle distance Championships	<i>Not yet allocated to a club - date in 2018</i>

Regional competitions for this season have been allocated as follows:

Compass Sport Cup qualifier	DEVON - 16 Feb 2014 Haytor
Yvette Baker qualifier	DEVON - 4 May 2014 Mutters Moor
SW middle distance championships	KERNO - 25 May 2014 Cookworthy
SW sprint championships	WESSEX - 5 July 2014 Bournemouth
Caddihoe Chase including SW Championships	NGOC - 13/14 Sept 2014 Mallards Pike

National Rota Survey

Most major events are allocated on a rota basis. British Orienteering is conducting a survey of all the regional associations to find out which events they are able and willing to host. The list is:

JK	BOC/BRC	Brit Sprints/Middle	Area Champs	UKOL weekends
Home Internats *	British Nights	Harvester	CSC heats	CSC final
JIRCs *	PPJTR	YBT final	BSSC	BSOC *

* These events have a requirement for the Organising Body to provide accommodation

1. Is SWOA willing and able to run the event (yes / yes with help / only with another association / no)
2. Approximately how many suitable areas does SWOA have? (0, 1-10, 11-25, over 25)
3. For those without a fixed date, what would be the preferred time of year?

CompassSport Cup 2016/2017

Currently there is no-one allocated to host CompassSport Cup final in 2016 or 2017. Mindful that our region has done well out of this competition recently and that we are fairly well resourced, I am suggesting that SWOA could do one or the other of these. Since BOK did this in October, this might be something the remainder of the region could do, perhaps with SWOA as the Organising body.

Complaints

I have received 3 polite complaints as follows:

1. From Wessex regarding event scheduling:

The entry for the 2013 Dorset Delight was just short of 180 which is the lowest for many years, partly due to the clash with the BADO event at Pamber Forest. The complainant asks why two relatively major events on the same day within reasonable distance of each other were allowed.

I replied to the effect that level C does not get any priority over other events and that while I do look out for obvious clashes within the region I do not look outside the region. Also it is simply not practical for everyone to have a reserved weekend.

(This is similar to the comment Kerno made to the Events and Competitions Committee about the Southern Championships).

2. From an individual member regarding SINS publicity

The member is not a computer user and relies on SINS for event listings. The published details have over time become very sparse. In particular a phone number for the organiser is often lacking.

I replied to say that we can only publish the information provided by clubs and I have encouraged clubs to make sure this information is made available in good time.

This may need to be followed up as the information is still not being provided in many cases. Possibly organisers assume it is sufficient to provide information on the web at short notice.

3. From an individual member regarding the Yvette Baker qualifier

The SW round for the Yvette Baker competition is 4th May - the same day as a junior regional tours selection race (i.e. Northern Champs) and a bank holiday weekend.

I replied to say that Devon were the only club to volunteer. I recognise this is not ideal but with only one offer I didn't have any choice.

The complainant suggests that the Yvette Baker qualifier should always be attached to an existing event.