

Fixtures Secretary's Report for 2014 AGM

This has been my third year in the role of SWOA fixtures secretary. My job is to develop an orderly programme of orienteering across the region and to assign major competitions. I do this by frequent liaison with club fixtures secretaries, by representing SWOA on the national Event Scheduling Group and by giving equal opportunity to SW clubs bid for major competitions.

We've had the following events and activities in our region over the 12 months from 1 Sept 2013 to 31 Aug 2014:

Club	Number of events/activities				
	Level A	Level B	Level C	Level D	Activities
BAOC	0	0	0	5	0
BOK	1	2	7	26	32
DEVON	0	3	6	16	40
KERNO	0	0	10	13	1
NGOC	0	0	1	35	0
NWO	0	0	2	7	43
QO	0	0	1	14	32
SARUM	0	2	2	3	28
UBOC	0	0	0	1	0
WIM	0	2	4	13	2
WSX	0	0	4	12	52
TOTAL	1	9	37	145	230

Reviewing the major events, the biggest event in the region was the CompassSport Cup last October. BOK were hosts - and winners of the main competition. BOK and other SWOA members also gave substantial assistance to the JK just over the border in Wales. Wimborne held the Junior Inter Regional Championships last September, and the Southern Night Champs were last December as a Wimborne-Wessex joint venture.

Regional championships were well distributed across the region: Devon provided our region's CompassSport cup qualifier at Haytor in February, our Middle Distance Championships were held by Kerno as part of the Tamar Triple in May, our Sprint Championships were in Wessex in July, and obviously our Long Distance Championships have been here today.

Coming up, BOK are organising the British Long Distance Championships and British Relay Championships in April, and in 2 years' time the Caddihoe Chase will be the Southern Championships with Wimborne and Wessex.

However the majority of orienteering fixtures are at the other end of the scale. There have been over 400 events and activities in our region in the past year. This has been fairly constant over the last couple of years but BOK and NGOC have recently told me of their intentions to increase their number of local orienteering events yet further. This represents a huge amount of effort on behalf of individuals and clubs, and we should be very grateful that there are so many opportunities for local orienteering.

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