

Congratulations to BOK who won the CompassSport Cup, and to WIM who came 2nd in the Trophy Finals; details below.

Good news on the coaching front – there are enough candidates to commence the UKCC Level 2 Coaching Course; details below.

SWOA has its next committee meeting on Wednesday 29th November, in Taunton.

Please send news of your training courses, publicity for future events, and anything else from clubs that needs to be seen across the region, to :

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Courses

UKCC Level 2 Coaching Course to be held in SW

BOK will be running a Level 2 Orienteering Coaching Course. Applications are particularly welcome from members of SW clubs. The first stage will be held in February/March 2018. Please contact Alan Honey BOK for more information – there are places still available.

Event Safety Workshop

Organised by WSX / WIM

Saturday 09 December 2017 at Avon Heath Country Park

The flyer is on the SWOA website under Latest News

Please note a correction to the date – this is the 9th not the 2nd December

Colour Coded Awards

To qualify you must be within the first 50% of all starters or within 1½ times the winner's time in the results on the same colour course, 3 times in any 2 years.

For WHITE courses you only need to complete the course 3 times.

STRING COURSE (PURPLE) is for any young person who does not already hold any other colour award, and who has completed 3 string courses.

To obtain a colour coded badge award please let me have the 3 dates on which you qualified (anywhere in Britain). Badges cost £1.50 for Juniors (20 & under) or £2.50 for Seniors (21 & over) – please note the change in price, as SWOA has ordered some new badges (these prices are subsidised by SWOA). If applying by post, please make cheques payable to SWOA and enclose a stamped addressed envelope. My address is: 34, Westfield House, Cote Lane, Bristol BS9 3TJ. Sorry no E-mail.

Anne Donnell BOK

SWOA News

CompassSport Cup and Trophy Finals 2017

Congratulations to all the SWOA clubs who qualified for the finals. Here is a summary of the results:

Trophy Competition Final

| <i>Pos'n</i> | <i>Club</i> | <i>Score</i> |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1st | INT | 1260 |
| 2nd | WIM | 1219 |
| 3rd | SBOC | 1212 |
| 4th | SARUM | 1208 |
| 5th | WCH | 1196 |
| 6th | SAX | 1181 |
| 7th | LOG | 1099 |
| 8th | CLARO | 1072 |
| 9th | SUFFOC | 1071 |
| 10th | SROC | 914 |
| 11th | KERNO | 861 |
| 12th | BASOC | 489 |

Cup Competition Final

| <i>Pos'n</i> | <i>Club</i> | <i>Score</i> |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1st | BOK | 2363 |
| 2nd | FVO | 2323 |
| 3rd | SYO | 2296 |
| 4th | DVO | 2154 |
| 5th | DEVON | 2134 |
| 6th | NGOC | 1997 |
| 7th | SN | 1951 |
| 8th | OD | 1835 |
| 9th | CLOK | 1439 |
| 10th | SO | 1266 |
| 11th | LOC | 376 |

Required – an administrator for the South West Junior Squad

The South West Junior Squad (SWJS) urgently requires administration help for **about six months** whilst the deputy manager Pete Maliphant is off sick. The job would suit one person or could be a job share. The work includes booking accommodation, getting permissions, arranging parent helpers, cooks etc, sending out details to those who have registered an interest and collecting the contributions made by the juniors. Anyone interested should contact Jeff Butt, Manager SWJS, on jnbutt@aol.com .

Wild Boar in the Forest of Dean

The numbers of wild boar in the Forest of Dean have been rising steadily over the last decade and, given the number of orienteering events in the Forest, the chance of an orienteer seeing some of these animals is becoming increasing likely.

Simon St Leger-Harris and Chris Johnson BOK have kindly provided a link to a very informative article published by the Forestry Commission – the link is here: <https://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-9fyfc5>

It is worth reading the paragraph on Behaviour of Feral Wild Boar, but it is all interesting.

SWOA Galoppen Trophy Winners 2016/17

The full list of course winners is published on the SWOA website, and well done to all of them. I have some photographs from the presentation ceremony, done by Mark White SARUM at the recent SARUM Galoppen (thank you, Mark, for standing in with no notice at all ...). The photos will appear when there's space and I have permission:





JK 2021

JK 2021 is coming to the SW in less than four years' time! It is being staged down in Cornwall, and we are fortunate that we have already found the planners for all four days. We will need Day Organisers plus a number of Team Leaders so, if you are interested, please contact Christine Vince.

The Chairman's Challenge (SWOA Summer Relay Series)

The Chairman's Challenge needs a new Scorer!

The SWOA chairman would like to thank Gavin for his work over the past four years in co-ordinating and scoring the Summer Relay Series. Quite rightly he feels that it is time that someone else had a go, so here is the job description:

1. Around August / September contact the six relevant clubs to get at least a date and preferably a venue for the following year's competition.
2. Send the agreed fixtures to Nath Fernandes (SWOA web manager) to update the SWOA website.
3. Review the rules and submit any suggested amendments to SWOA.
4. Around February, ask the SWOA Chairman to publicise the relays!!
5. June / July – analyse the results of each relay and score according to the rules.
6. Send an updated league spreadsheet and a few words about the event and league to Nath and the SWOA Chairman after each event – preferably on the day after.
7. Update the Relay History file.

If you are interested, please contact Christine Vince.

BOF News

The editor attended the Club and Association Conference in Leeds on Saturday 14th October 2017. 39 representatives attended, along with a number of BOF staff and Board members. SW members attending were Christine Vince KERNO, Liz and Alan Yeadon SARUM, Mike Forrest BOK and Alan Honey BOK.

Mike Hamilton who is retiring was presented with gifts and a splendid cake.



(thanks to Liz Yeadon SARUM for the photo)

The conference focus was on how we can best work together to implement the participation and competition aspects of the Strategic Plan. The first session was on Local Competition; following a BOF survey, this information was shown to us:

- Local events make up 80% of all events
- 30% of members have not participated at regional level or above
- 55% of respondents say they would go orienteering more often if events or activities were closer to home or work
- 55% of respondents say they would go orienteering more often if there were more regular events and activities

Discussion groups were asked to think about how we can better design local orienteering to meet the needs of local orienteers.

The second session had two topics. The first was Club-Association competitions: which competitions encouraged local competitors; did we have successful new formats (that was interesting); were there any redundant competitions? The second was Major-National competitions: which competitions encouraged club members to attend; who might feel disadvantaged by the current set-up; were there any redundant competitions?

The third session was on Event Volunteers. The collated feedback from all the sessions will be available on the BOF website shortly. There is more information under the BOF News item on the conference, plus a link to the conference slides. The editor also has a copy.

Events

Southern Night Championships, Saturday 2nd December 2017

The Chilterns Night & Day events will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 2nd and 3rd December, on Penn Wood and Common Wood. The Southern Night Championships will be on Saturday evening, and the SCOL4 colour coded event will be held on Sunday morning. Pre-entry only, via Fabian4; entries close on 26th November. Details at www.tvoc.org.uk.

Events Diary

5th November – SOC November Classic, Highland Water

12th November – DEVON Galloper, Haytor

26th November – KERNO Forest League, Mt Edgcumbe

2nd December (Saturday) – Southern Nights Championships (see above)

3rd December – BOK Galloper, Brierley

10th December – East Midlands Championships, Eyam Moor

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