

At this year's SWOA AGM I shall be standing down as chairman at the end of my three-year term. Thank you to the committee members – Mark Lockett treasurer, Richard Sansbury fixtures, Jeff Butt SWJOS squad manager, Erik Peckett, Dick Keighley, Nicholas Maxwell, and especially to Katy Dyer our hardworking secretary.

Like quite a number of us, I am looking forward to the Caddihoe races on the first weekend in September (and a week's holiday in sunny Cornwall) so do enjoy yourselves.

If you would like to train as a UKCC Level 2 coach, please see the details below. **Applications should be in by 31st August** so don't delay ...

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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Christine Vince KERNO

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Courses

New UKCC Level 2 Coaching Course to be held in SW

BOK are running a Level 2 Orienteering Coaching Course. Applications are particularly welcome from members of SW clubs. The first stage will be held over the weekend 14/15th October 2017. Applications have to be submitted by 31st August.

More details in the link with the News Item on the SWOA website.

Conferences

SWOA Planning Conference

on Saturday 7th October 2017, 1000 to 1700
at WESC, Topsham Rd, Countess Wear, Exeter

Speakers:

David May SLOW – Planning for Urban and Sprint Races
David Peel SYO – Planning for Middle Distance Races
Roger Hargreaves KERNO – Planning for Night-O Races
Roger Hargreaves KERNO – Planning for Older Competitors

SWOA is funding the conference, so bring your own lunch, mug and soft drinks; we will provide tea and coffee. Places are limited, so for more details please register your interest at: christine.vince2@btinternet.com

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

SWOA AGM

Saturday 02 September 2017, 1700 to approx 1830

Main Hall, Pool Academy, Pool, Redruth TR15 3PZ

(right next to the parking for the evening SEOUL race at Camborne College)

SWOA is looking for a new chairman at this AGM; at the next AGM we will be looking for a new secretary.

UKCC Level 2 Coaching Course – grants. Candidates for this course may apply to SWOA for a grant (via the grant form from treasurer Mark Lockett). As we hope for a number of candidates from the SW, the grant per candidate has been fixed at £300.

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

Mike Hamilton is to retire as BOF CEO after 11 years. He has given a great deal to the management of orienteering and his sporting experience will be much missed (Christine Vince writes). I always found him a pleasure to work with, and his sense of humour enlivened many a meeting.

From Mike's eNews for August:

Staffing - Many of you will know that we have gone through a prolonged period of change driven by the reduction in government funding that has impacted across governing bodies of sport. British Orienteering has maintained funding from Sport England but at a level approximately 40% below that of the previous funding cycle.

This has resulted in a widespread restructuring of the staff and British Orienteering now has the following staff structure:

Chief Executive, Mike Hamilton – normally full time but in the interim whilst a new CEO is recruited I'm officially working half-time but realistically considerably more.

Development Manager, Craig Anthony – Full-time

Accounts Manager, Jannette Blunden – Full-time

Orienteering Services Officer, Dan Riley – 2 days a week funded from reserves

Administrator, Scott Parker – Full-time

Administrator, Liz Goodwin – Part-time, 3 days a week

Additionally, there are several positions fully dependent on funding:

England Development Officers x2, Nat Weir & Tim Herod – full-time; another

two full-time officers are being recruited all funded by Sport England

Communications Officer, Jennie Taylor – full time funded by Sport England

Orienteering Services Officer (England), Dan Riley – 1 day a week funded by

Sport England

Northern Ireland Active Clubs Coordinator, Juls Hanvey – full time funded by

Sport Northern Ireland.

Saturday, 14th October 2017 at 11:00 am

EGM - An Extraordinary General Meeting of British Orienteering has been called to take place at The Studio, Riverside West, Whitehall Road, Leeds, LS1 4AW.

The EGM has been called to make a number of changes to the Articles of Association:

- a. To formally include the Isle of Man in the territories over which British Orienteering governs the sport of orienteering. The Isle of Man is a self-

governing British Crown dependency in the Irish Sea between England and Ireland, not a part of the UK & NI and is currently not included in the territories covered by British Orienteering.

- b. To clarify the situation regarding Directors who have served their maximum term in office. Currently, the situation is unclear and we would like to follow the good practice identified in the new governance code by making it a minimum period of 4-years during which a director cannot stand again. This is in line with good practice and a change required by Government.
- c. To clarify the membership of the Appointments Panel that is used to make nominations to the Board regarding independent directors. This is also in line with the new Governance Code of Practice and required by Government.

Every member of British Orienteering over 16 is entitled to attend and vote. A member is entitled to appoint another person as their proxy to exercise all or any of their rights to attend and to speak and to vote at the meeting.

Club & Association Conference -The EGM will be followed by the 2017 Club & Association Conference. Your club and association are each entitled to send up to 2 members to represent your views. The theme of the conference will be to consider our competitions and local events and the part they play in delivering our Strategic Plan. This is a theme that should interest everyone as it looks at the heart of the sport from local events through to major events.

Of course, there will also be opportunity for your club or association to raise matters that are important to them and if your club or association has a topic you would like considering for inclusion in the Conference agenda please let us know – it must be an item that you think will be of interest to a wide group of clubs and associations of course.

Event Report

Dick Keighley has written a most interesting report on his eventful experiences at this year's World Trail O Championships in Lithuania. This is in a pdf file on the WIM website – just paste this link into your browser:

<http://www.mjk2.net/waffle/events/WTOC%2017/WTOC%202017%20report.pdf>

He writes: "As you will discover when you read the report, it was a flawed event and we had an eventful time, not that you would know that from the report on the IOF website, where everything is sweetness & light!

"Most of the problems with the event stemmed from the Lithuanian Planner/Event Director, trying to do far too much of the work by himself, coupled with a weak IOF advisor who was out of his depth.

If the event had had a stronger, more experienced IOF advisor, many of these problems might have been averted. However, the Swedish dominated IOF TrailO Commission had appointed a fellow Swede, actually the father of one of the Swedish team, who had no international TrailO experience as a competitor, and limited experience as an assistant advisor at the Portuguese ETOC a couple of years ago, together with a Finnish lady as his assistant advisor, who whilst an experienced event organiser, had no competitive international experience at all!

"That the event wasn't an even greater disaster was down to a group of volunteers from the OK Vihor club in Croatia. Their leaders had been the organisers/mappers for WTOC 2015, and having been appointed as the IOF advisors for WTOC 2019 in Portugal, had brought a minibus of older juniors who had worked with them in Croatia, on a working holiday as volunteers to man the timed controls & Tempo stations.

"So between the Croatians, the enthusiastic Lithuanian teenagers who helped them, the IT team and the assistant IOF advisor, the event organisation, once it got started, ran like clockwork. Unfortunately, once we got into the forest, the things that we were really there for, like the mapping, control hanging, planning etc weren't up to scratch.

This was unacceptable for an IOF event, particularly given that so many of the competitors, especially from the non-Nordic countries, are paying their own way to compete."

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