

Cris Tween (1938 - 2019)

Cris, a native of Poole, gained a degree in Maths and Physics at Southampton University. Having trained as a teacher she spent many years teaching Maths, both full and part time in local schools before joining Queen Elizabeth's School, Wimborne in the early 1980s.

Romance was in the air when Cris and Mike met in the early 1960s through the local camera club, and they began Orienteering in October 1967 at the Wiltshire Championships where a young Carol McNeil persuaded Cris to try a course even though she was in high heels and stockings! Undeterred, her first major event was the November Classic 1969 where she had 'value for money' and Mike took over 4 hours to complete his course!

Cris and Mike were founder members of Poole OC and the Dorset Orienteering Association, later to become SWOA, with Mike acting as Chairman for 3 years. When the task of SWOA Fixtures Secretary became vacant, Cris took on the role for a while and then she became the Chairman/Secretary of the National Fixtures Committee. The Tweens became thoroughly involved in all aspects of Orienteering from introductory courses for newcomers to organising the British Junior Championships in 1972. Cris enjoyed planning and controlling local events and with Mike then progressed to be part of the organising team for the first World Orienteering Championships 1977 at Darnaway on the Moray Firth. WIM was heavily involved with the JK Relays at Bramble Brook in 1979 in which Cris and Mike had a major role.

The WIM Committee benefited from Cris serving from 1977 to 1987 and as Chairman for the last 3 years of that period. At the legendary JK 97 at Penhale, Cris was the lead member of the Enquiries team.

In those days, IT technology was in its infancy, and event entry and all other communications had to be by post. Cris was pivotal in the operation of JK 89 at Stourhead dealing with start lists, programmes, results etc. which all had to be prepared by hand. Their house became an office to process entries with start lists fastened to the walls of their dining room, with Cris and Mike cheerfully hosting a near constant flow of volunteer workers and team leaders who were treated to scrumptious meals and cakes! Cris and Mike also welcomed WIM members to their home for Club evenings. Other activities included looking after the club equipment, doing all the Club printing on a Gestetner, and many hours spent

processing the punched control cards after events. As for contrasting 'recreational' activities, Cris enjoyed cooking and gardening as well as bringing up two sons, Nick and Malcolm.

Cris embraced modern technology with enthusiasm and led the original WIM computing team. She became competent with the world of computers which proved to be invaluable with her involvement in the development of IT in Orienteering.

A major role at all levels of Orienteering was undertaken by Cris culminating in the World Championships centred on Inverness in 1999.

Her involvement as a member of the SWOA regional committee continued into the early years of the new century, with a major role in the BOC Relays at Penhale in 2005, but with Mike's health deteriorating with Parkinson's disease this began to restrict her involvement.

Cris and Mike had a dream of living in the country so they part designed and had built their new house in Fiddleford in the heart of rural Dorset, a real change from their previous homes in urban Poole. Once established in Fiddleford, Cris became involved in the local Parkinson's Support Group, organising activities and editing their group newsletter.

Unfortunately, Cris and Mike were not able to share their dream of life in the country for long because Mike became increasingly disabled by Parkinson's Disease and probably Lyme disease. After Mike died, Cris continued to live on her own in Fiddleford. She tended her garden, continued to support the local Parkinson's Society, volunteered for the Friends of Blandford Hospital and enjoyed going for country drives but, as her health deteriorated, she passed her days knitting and sitting by her window looking over her garden.

The positive, disciplined and vigorous personality Cris brought to her sport was instrumental in laying the foundations for Wimborne Orienteers and SWOA to develop into the successful orienteering organisations we know today.

Chris will be very much missed by everyone who knew her. The Wimborne Orienteering Club sends condolences to her two sons Nick and Malcolm at this sad time.

Trevor Bridle, John Warren – WIM

Cris Tween's funeral is on 1st April at Poole Crematorium.

Good luck to all of you going to the JK. I hope you have lovely Spring weather. Did you know that we more often have a white Easter than a white Christmas?

Congratulations to those who won their classes at the Northern Championships:

Teresa Maria Rush BOK, W40

Ben Perry DEVON, M12

Jim Bailey BOK, M16

Flurry Grierson DEVON, M18E

Mark Saunders BOK, M60

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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BOK will be running another of their successful Track to Terrain courses, starting on Tuesday 30th April at Ashton Court.

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

The SWOA committee meeting was held on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at The Corner House Hotel TA1 4DQ in Taunton. Peter Hart, BOF CEO, attended the meeting, as did Nath Fernandes, our webmaster.

Grants. All clubs and members are reminded that requests for SWOA grants must be made to the SWOA treasurer before the event.

Helen Kelsey BOK has taken over from Katy Dyer BOK as SWOA Secretary, as of 1st January.

SWOA Fixtures Secretary: would anyone like to take on this interesting post? Richard Sansbury is willing to train up a replacement.

Galoppen League

The discussion paper listing all club comments was presented to the SWOA committee. The full paper is attached to the minutes of the meeting. There will not be an increase in the number of events each season; these remain as 9 events with 5 to count. The league will be known as the SW Orienteering League, as of the start of next season in September 2019.

SW Sprint Championships, 2nd June 2019 at Exeter University

The SWOA Chairman has been approached by several Controllers concerning the fairness of the current competition rules (which are on the SWOA website). In particular, whether the Prologue and Final results should be separate or combined. If the Prologue is treated as a separate race (and the results used only to define the starting order of the Final), then there is no penalty if, for whatever reason, a competitor chooses to have an 'easy' Prologue race; this produces an inherent unfairness.

The Chairman has consulted the SWOA committee and they have decided that, for 2019, the results of both the Prologue and the Final shall be combined to find the SW Sprints Champion in the various age classes. This was ratified and minuted at the recent SWOA committee meeting.

Unfortunately the Southern Championships weekend, organised by BOK and NGOC for 30th/31st March, had to be cancelled. The Forestry Commission had given permission, only to withdraw this at the beginning of March, because of nesting goshawks. It was suggested that clubs who suffer from seasonal bans (e.g. Dartmoor) should inform BOF so that National Office have a better picture of areas/times where orienteering is excluded (particularly where the general public continue to have free access).

BOF News

BOF AGM - Friday 19th April 2019 at 5pm. Venue: Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre, Rawlinson Road, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 2LQ on Friday 19th April 2019 at 17:00. Details are on the British Orienteering website.

ELECTRONIC VOTING. This year, British Orienteering have introduced electronic proxy voting, for those who cannot attend the AGM in person. Everyone should have received an email from Peter Hart CEO. PLEASE use your proxy vote. (Your Editor has already voted.) Voting remains open until 5pm on Wednesday 17th April.

World Orienteering Day 2019. This year, events to celebrate World Orienteering Day can be held at any time during the week of 15th-21st May. More details on the BOF website [here](#).

Events

7th April – NWO Galoppen + YBT qualifier, Savernake Forest, Marlborough

7th April – KERNO League, Poldice, Redruth

13th April – NGOC League, Cleeve Hill nr Cheltenham

14th April – SARUM Urban, Tisbury

JK 2019

19th – 22nd April 2019

Entries are now open for the SCOA JK

Closing date is 24th March

28th April – KERNO League, Hustyn nr Wadebridge

British Orienteering Championships 2019

Saturday 4th May – Mixed Sprint Relays, University of Bradford

Sunday 5th May – Long Distance, Kilnsey North & Arncliffe

Monday 6th May – Relays, Middleton Park

Hosted by YHOA

5th May – WSX Galoppen, Rushmore nr Shaftesbury

12th May – BOK Galoppen, Wavering Down nr Winscombe

19th May – DEVON – SW Middle Distance Championships, Braunton Burrows

2nd June – Devon – SW Sprint Championships, Exeter University

Scottish 6 Days 2019

28 July to 3 August 2019

Entries are now open for Strathearn 2019

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