

The CompassSport Final took place on 20<sup>th</sup> October at Pippingford Park. Well done to BOK and DEVON who qualified for the Cup competition and to SARUM who qualified for the Trophy competition. BOK came 4<sup>th</sup> and DEVON came 8<sup>th</sup>; SARUM came 4<sup>th</sup>; there were some fine course results for SW athletes.

The November Classic was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and the results have just been posted on the BOF website. SW athletes were prominent at the top of all the senior classes.

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

Level C Controller's Course (DEVON) – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at Ilsington Village Hall

Level B/C Planners' Course (BOK) - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## 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 email Jolyon Medlock WSX with the 3 dates on which you qualified (anywhere in Britain). Jolyon can be contacted at [jolyonmedlock@hotmail.com](mailto:jolyonmedlock@hotmail.com). (Please see also item in SWOA News.)

## SWOA News

The next SWOA committee meeting will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at the Ruishton Inn (just outside Taunton). The meeting starts at 7pm; those wishing to eat beforehand can do so from 6pm.

The first meeting of the new committee (on 8<sup>th</sup> October) considered a revision of the budget. It was agreed that SWOA's main expenditure should continue to be on the support of athletes selected for competitions/tours and training courses for club volunteers. In the past few years, a major item has been for athletes selected to go to the World Schools Championships (which occurs every two years). It was noted that this is run by a commercial body and athlete contributions are very high; whilst it was recognised that athletes gain much from being selected for overseas events, the costs are much higher than for UK-organised tours (e.g. Stockholm). It was agreed that we should ask what other funding is available, notably from the schools who send teams to this event.

SWOA has published a document describing its' functions, "What SWOA Does", which is on the website. The committee agreed to review this for the next meeting.

The SWOA levy is currently 60p per senior (3 juniors count as 1 senior), last set in 2012; it is the only form of income (membership fees were set at zero at the 2012 AGM and have remained unchanged). Clubs are proposing to merge some of their league events with their neighbours (which is a good thing as it will reduce pressure on the fixtures list) but this is likely to lead to reduced participation. The committee agreed to keep an eye on this for the next six months.

DEVON hosted all three SWOA Championships in 2019. Attendance was low for the Middles at Braunton (although much enjoyed by those who did come). The SWOA committee's recommendations were that these events should form part of a weekend of National (Level B) events and that events should have UKOL/UKUL status if possible; the Fixtures Secretary will be encouraging clubs to bid early for the SWOA Championships (possibly two years ahead).

Caddihoe Chase Trophies. SWOA thanks Jill Green DEVON who has looked after these for the last few years. This year, several trophies are in need of repair or have no more space for engraving, and we are looking for someone to take over from Jill; responsibilities would be to recall trophies in good time for the Caddihoe, repair and engrave if not already done; trophies not awarded would need to be stored for the next year.

Colour Coded Badges. The committee agreed that the effort required to qualify for a badge should be recognised by awarding the badge to those who request it. (Previously payment has been made by the requester.)

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

### **Junior News**

SWJOS took part in the Junior Inter Regional Championships on 28th/29th September. Half the squad were running up an age class and many of those in the right age class were in the first year, so it was pleasing to report that this very young squad came 4th in the championship. The SWOA chairman has written to Jeff Butt and Peter Maliphant to congratulate them.

A New Forest Junior Camp took place on the Saturday before the November Classic. The SWOA committee had agreed to pay £12.50 for each SWOA junior attending (up to a maximum of £125). The training camp was run by Phil Conway for BOF and was aimed at those currently running Orange standard who want to try Light Green. (SWJOS training starts at Light Green.) Ten SWOA juniors attended this camp.

### **BOF News**

The BOF Club and Members' Conference will take place in Leeds on Saturday 16th November. Details on the BOF website.

The 2020 National Development Conference will be held on 11/12 January 2020 at the YHA National Forest near Burton-on-Trent. The agenda has been announced and with the theme of 'Making Development Work For You' considers numerous areas where clubs can take some valuable tips and advice which clubs can adapt to suit their own needs. Saturday sees a focus on club initiatives, data and surveys to help clubs get a better understanding of how to make informed decisions on the club's direction. Sunday moves onto looking into the volunteering sector, youth and the club offer for members which considers what clubs are doing to help retain existing members whilst making their club an attractive position for new people in a busy sporting market.

## Events

10<sup>th</sup> November – WIM SW League, North Ringwood Forest

17<sup>th</sup> November – NGOC League, Parkend Walk, nr Coleford

17<sup>th</sup> November – KERNO League, Trelissick, nr Truro

17<sup>th</sup> November – QO Forest League, St Audries nr Williton

24<sup>th</sup> November – DEVON League / QO Forest League, Ashclyst Forest

### **Southern Championships Weekend**

#### **Middle Distance Race**

30<sup>th</sup> November 2019

NGOC, Mallards Pike SW, nr Cinderford

#### **Southern Night Championships**

30<sup>th</sup> November 2019

BAOC, Caerwent nr Chepstow

#### **Southern Championships and Mike Nelson BOK Trot**

1<sup>st</sup> December 2019

BOK, Churchill Inclosure and Cannop Ponds, nr Cinderford

8th December – KERNO / DEVON League, Lanhydrock, nr Bodmin

26<sup>th</sup> December – WIM Boxing Day Canter, Moors Valley Country Park

28<sup>th</sup> December – QO, Christmas at Fyne Court, nr Taunton

29th December – DEVON Christmas Novelty, Haldon Forest, nr Exeter

1<sup>st</sup> January – SARUM New Year's Day Score, Martin Down, nr Salisbury

1<sup>st</sup> January – NGOC New Year's Day Score, Bixslade, nr Coleford

5th January – DEVON League, Woodbury Common

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