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*And, as in uffish thought he stood,  
The Jabberwock, with eyes of flame,  
Came whiffling through the tulgey wood,  
And burred as it came!*

## **Editorial**

In this edition you will find details of the proposal from BOF to change the membership structure. This is only a proposal currently and they welcome your views. There is another reminder from Ian about colour coded badge awards. Thanks to Blanka Sengerova for the article and photos of the Peter Palmer Relays and to Mark Collis and Blanka for the photo O competition. You will also find the final results of the midweek summer galoppen (thanks to Rolf). Congratulations to the winners!

The orienteering season is picking up again so I hope to see you at the Rowney Warren event on 24th October and the Maulden event on 5th December at which we will be having training for all.

Julia Wotton

## **Next Copy Date**

25<sup>th</sup> November 2004

## **Message From John Marjoram**

*After the last edition of Jabberwaoc was posted on the web site, I received the following e-mail:*

It must have been some strange premonition that has led me to look at the WAOC website tonight and then to the last edition of Jabberwaoc - lo and behold that article I wrote in 1979 on archaeology and orienteering.

Just for the record I am still orienteering - not a lot but a little. It was really good to see some of the (very old - sorry) members of WAOC such as Hally, Mary Palmer, and David and Satu at Croeso. There were certainly a lot of distinctively dressed WAOCs I didn't recognise going through the Croeso Day 2 start - I was the bloke sheltering behind a big umbrella giving the instructions on the start line.

Its 15 years since I left a very flat Biggleswade - no regrets - North Wales has the contours!

Best wishes

John Marjoram (ERYRI)

## **Message From Jean Sinclair**

Wandlebury rangers & field teachers are going to run an orienteering taster session, aimed at families, at Wandlebury on Sat 13th November, 10am to 3pm. We hope to include a range of activities from very basic indoor maps & models, through the "schools" course to the yellow course. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a charge of £2.50 per family (or small group) for maps, plus £1.50 for extra maps, and normal car park charges will apply (£2 per car). There is no need to pre-book but contact details for enquiries are:

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Jean Sinclair

# WAOC Membership Information

## NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members :

David and Alison Cronk and family (Molly Farrow W9 and Eleanor Farrow W7)	from Little Eversden
Alex and Carolyn Holmes and family (Brigid W8 and Edmund M6)	from Meppershall
Warren and Penny Lancaster	from Great Paxton

We hope that you will all enjoy orienteering with us.

Anne Duncumb (membership secretary)

## Draft Membership Proposals from the BOF Council

*The following information regarding restructuring proposals of BOF membership is available on the BOF web site at <http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/asp/makepage.asp?PID=MEMBPROP> but I thought all members of the club should be aware of the proposals as it affects all orienteers.*

### **Introduction**

You will be aware from last year's AGM and recent correspondence on nopesport that Council and Management Committee have been looking at the options for BOF membership. The full presentation to the Council is available <on the web site>, a summary of the background is as follows:

- Income continues to fall under the present system and we must do something just to maintain the current levels. The strategic plan calls for increased levels of investment in the grass roots level of the sport and particularly club development and requires that we raise even more income.
- Only 65% of club members are BOF members. The current system is unfair on BOF members who pay for the development of the sport and particularly the provision of insurance at events, where all participants are covered by BOF insurance.
- With the event calendar being widely available and no event entry fee discount for BOF membership, it is too easy to not be a member of BOF.
- BOF is not getting income from Club only members, Clubs are not getting income for participants who "float" from event to event. The current system is unfair.
- The presentation highlights the value of BOF and notes particularly that it is essential for a single body to be recognised by the Sports Councils, Government and the general public to represent the sport of orienteering in the UK.
- Orienteering is one of the cheapest outdoor sports

### **Aim**

Council accepted the aim of any new membership scheme should be that: "All who take part in orienteering in the United Kingdom should take equal financial responsibility for, and share ownership of, the sport by becoming members of the Federation".

## ***Acknowledgement of Clubs***

Council recognised that our clubs are the heart of orienteering in the UK and wanted any new scheme to recognise this. However Council also accepted that a centrally run membership scheme did relieve a great deal of administrative burden from the clubs and that an up to date data base was essential in running the sport.

## ***Draft Proposal***

Council agreed that all members of clubs should automatically be members of BOF. This would require an adjustment in fees and event levy with club only members required to pay more and BOF members slightly less. Features of the new scheme would be:

- Membership cards would be issued in the name of the Club and to show Club and BOF logos
- BOF Office to administer the whole membership system on behalf of Clubs
- BOF fees to be reduced to £10 - £12 per senior; other membership categories to be affected by a similar proportion
- BOF Event levy to rise by 50p to £1:50 and £2:00; again this would be proportional for juniors
- Clubs to increase event entry fees by £3 - £5 for non-members (except for introductory events) in order to encourage club membership.

Whereas the principle of the scheme was accepted throughout Council, there were alternative proposals varying the proportion raised by membership fees and event levy. One of the biggest concerns about this scheme is the possibility that the introduction of BOF fees for Club members would drive club members away from orienteering altogether and therefore the BOF fee should be as low as possible. If this was the generally accepted view, BOF fees could be reduced to £5 per head but this would mean that BOF event levy would have to double to £2 and £3 per senior. This would then penalise the regular orienteer who, if running almost every week, could pay double the current combined fees and levy. Council also recognised that it would probably be necessary to reintroduce compulsory Club/BOF membership to take part in a C3 (or above) event

## ***Timings***

Over the last months Council and Management Committee have considered a number of different proposals. Following the Council meeting on 25 September this proposal has emerged as the favoured choice. The earliest a new scheme can be put in place is 1 January 2006 and to do this a proposal would have to be adopted at the AGM in April next year. Management Committee meet in December and will make recommendations to the next Council meeting in January 2005 where a detailed proposal will be agreed, to put before the AGM. Everyone is keen to ensure that whatever goes before the AGM has been well publicised and consulted on in order not to get a myriad of counter proposals.

## ***Views***

This paper has been prepared in order to promote discussion on the subject and we hope that both current BOF members and those who are 'club only' members will participate. We urge you to engage in the debate which you can do by emailing, writing or phoning as follows:-  
To one of the Councillors whose role is to represent the views of members:

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To Robin Field at the BOF Office, with a copy to Ranald Macdonald.

## **Colour Coded Badges**

As the new season gets under way its time to remember that the Colour Coded Badge scheme is not just for the juniors , anyone can apply for these badges. Whatever your favourite Colour Coded course is, why not set yourself the target of obtaining that badge, and then moving on to the next one !

As mentioned in the last edition, to qualify for a badge you need to do three courses within the 'standard time'. The standard time is calculated in two ways, and whichever calculation includes the most competitors is the one that is used. The two methods are:

The winners time plus 50%

The time which includes 50% of the competitors that start the course.

To claim a badge simply let me know which three events you've completed and I'll send you your badge free of charge. We will also publish lists of badges awarded in JabberWAOC, what more incentive could you need !

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## **Peter Palmer Relays 2004**

For those who haven't heard of it before, the Peter Palmer relay is a night/day relay, a junior version of the Harvester, with a mass start at 4.30am. This means that the first two or three runners run in the dark, depending on the speed of their team-mates. The legs vary in difficulty from yellow to green level courses, so that even the younger juniors can take part in the event. This year, there was an extra twist in allowing up to three yellow runners to run in parallel, meaning that more of those younger/less experienced juniors could take part. The event had been cancelled last year and everyone had been looking forward to its comeback; this meant a well attended event, with 32 teams competing.

This year's event, organised by City of Birmingham O.C., was held at Sutton Park, where the event actually originated 11 years ago. WAOC managed to field two teams, with one of the teams having one extra yellow, so in all 13 WAOC juniors made the trip to the event. Those competing, in running order, were:

WAOC Foxes: Helen Gardner (red), Simon Gardner (red), Clare Woods (light green), Sophie Louth (orange), Jonathan Cronk (yellow), and Ed Louth (green).

WAOC Cheetahs: Martin Humphries (red), Alice Gresham (red), Lewis Hadler (light green), Catherine Gresham (orange), Katrin Sengerová/Katy Woods (yellow), Stuart Wright (green).



On meeting up bit by bit in the car park of the Sutton Leisure Centre, we found that there was a slight hitch and we would only be able to move in our stuff later, as the hall was still being used by the public. So by the time we were able to 'move in', we'd managed to put up the club tent (fortunately it was one of those that withstood the torrential rain during the night!), find out where the start/finish/handover area would be, and register for the five-a-side football competition. Because we were teams 31 and 32, WAOC just happened not to fit into the main hall, and we were directed to stay in the room (a side-hall) where we had originally deposited our bags whilst waiting for the hall to become available. This was quite convenient, as it meant it was more feasible to get some sleep than in the main hall. Nevertheless, I was impressed by how certain juniors were still in deep slumber at 6am when I had to shake to get them up for their yellow run!

On the Saturday evening, WAOC also took part in the afore-mentioned five-a-side football. Unfortunately we were knocked out by MDOC fairly soon – however, they ended up winners of the tournament eventually...

Despite the weather forecast for the weekend, the night was very clear by the time the first runners got up and ready for their runs. Helen and Martin set off first, in a crowd of other first leg runners (plus the white rabbit, which appeared in random places, such as the run-in, every so often...)

Helen, who has run the first leg for WAOC in the Peter Palmer's countless of times before, set a high pace, finishing 5<sup>th</sup>, being first girl to finish and about 2 minutes down on the winners. She had said it was hard to keep up as the navigation was fairly easy, and the boys were just faster when it came to path runs. She handed over to her brother Simon before heading back to the sports hall to catch some more sleep. Simon managed to catch up two positions during his run, finishing third behind AIREienteers and DEEside orienteering clubs. When he handed over to Clare for the light green course, it was still dark enough for her to need a head-lamp, although it got light by the time she came back. Clare came 9<sup>th</sup>, commenting that it was one of the easier light greens she had done recently but that she unfortunately hadn't been able to take full advantage of this, taking slightly longer than she hoped she would. She was followed by Sophie on the orange course, coming in 15<sup>th</sup>, and handing on to Jonathan, who managed to maintain this position.



Foxes, found himself stuck in some vegetation for some time, but nevertheless caught up two places and finished 13<sup>th</sup>. Although the results did not explicitly say so, as only the winners (MDOC) of this trophy were announced, the WAOC Foxes were 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> in the Joan George trophy, a handicap trophy for teams with total BOF ages of M/W90 or less, which is a good achievement.

Ed, running the final green leg for the WAOC



On the other team, WAOC Cheetahs, it was great to have Martin, despite not having orienteered much recently, come back and run the first night leg for WAOC. This meant that many of the younger juniors or those new to the club were able to take part in the event. Our second runner was a first-time Peter Palmer competitor Alice, for whom this was also the first experience of night O (excepting the training, which we organised the weekend before the relays). The light green was run by Lewis, who had a very solid run after not orienteering much recently again. Catherine took on the challenge of the orange course, not having done many of those before, whilst Katrin and Katy (talk about too many similar names!) raced each other around the yellow course. The WAOC Cheetahs were brought into the finish by Stuart on the final green leg.

To finish off, I'd just like to say well done to all the juniors who took part – it was great to see so many of you keen on competing, and I hope we will have a similarly good turnout for next year's event! My thanks must go to all the parents who drove the juniors to Sutton Park, as well as those

who stayed with us at the event centre or came to cheer them on in the morning. And of course to those who made all that cake!

*Blanka Sengerová (WAOC)*

## **Training**

Due to lack of interest there will be no club training weekend this year.

### ***Coaching For all at Maulden Woods, 5<sup>th</sup> December.***

This will take the form of Compass Clinic for all ages and abilities (apart from white juniors who will have one of their regular coaching sessions.

Come along and hone your compass skills :there will be compasses available for loan.

COACHING by East Anglia Coaches

Come early, have a run and something to eat and drink (WAOCJuniors will have a soup and cake stall so bring plenty of money) and meet near registration at 12:15.(look out for the orange notices and badges). Coaching sessions will finish at 1:30

It will be possible to register on the day subject to availability but to ensure a place in a coaching group, please book ahead with your name, age group and the course you usually run to

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Ursula Oxburgh

## **Puzzle Corner**

The answer for the last puzzle is:

The three identical squares were D3, L4 and M8.

All the received answers were correct and so on the throw of an independently tossed dice the winner was Rolf Crook. Well done, Rolf. You win free entry to the WAOC event of your choice.

This edition's puzzle is produced by Mark Collis and Blanka Sengerova

### ***Photo O Competition***

Those of you who subscribe to CompassSport will have seen this type of problem before – if you do theirs regularly this will be some good practice, but in case you don't we have deliberately made this a bit easier, and used an area that most of you will know: Coe Fen.

We have provided a blank map (*Ed. paper copy only*) and photographs of each of the ten control sites, and your task is to reconstruct our course. To help you, you are given the description for each control, and in place of the control code you have the approximate



direction that the camera is pointing in. The first and last controls are a good starting point, since for the former the start triangle indicates its direction and for the latter you know that it is 280m away from the finish. The 3km length of the course has been measured in a straight line, ignoring out of bounds areas.

You can also download a copy of the puzzle with colour map and photos from:

<http://www.drongo.org.uk/mark/CoeFenPhotoO.pdf>

Mark & Blanka

Send your solutions to [mark@drongo.org.uk](mailto:mark@drongo.org.uk) or

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1. Earthbank foot - looking W



2. Stream E side - looking E



3. Footbridge NE end - looking NE



4. Ruin W side - looking S



5. Climbing frame N side - looking N



6. Middle distinct tree S side - looking SE



7. Eastern seat E side - looking W



8. Path junction - looking E



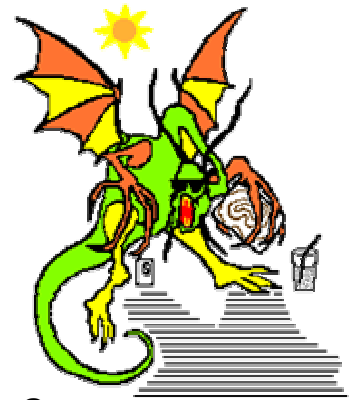
9. Stream E side - looking NW



10. Northern distinct tree E side - looking S

## Final WAOC Summer Galoppen Results

Here are the overall 2004 WAOC Summer Galoppen results. Well done to everyone. Small prizes will be presented to the Class Winners at the AGM next year. See you all next summer. Rolf.



	Total	Port Holme	Wandlebury Park	Coe Fen	Cherry Hinton Hall	Hinchingbrooke	Therfield Heath	Midsummer Common	Milton Country Park	Coldhams Common
<b>Junior Men</b>										
Edward Bailey	1122		175	167	200	190			200	190
Simon Gardner	757		200			157	200			200
Edward Louth	191		191							
Tom Adams	138						138			
<b>Senior Men</b>										
Marcus Misson	1266	174	163	182	181	200	166	200		
Rolf Crook	1200	200	200	200				200	200	200
Ian Jones	761	183	188				200		190	
Peter Walling	691				170		166	185		170
Peter Beale	511	168				185	158			
Rob Sheppard	472			155	156			161		
Peter Gardner	397				200		197			
Andy Merrit	358	168		190						
Russ Ladkin	357		177						180	
George Klein	200					200				
Michael Rosin	192							192		
Leo Eisner	190						190			
Jim Heeley	190					190				
Mark Collis	187									187
Simon Freytag	186					186				
Simon Williams	186					186				
Robin Chrystie	159			159						
John Sutcliffe	159				159					
Jon Gibbs	155		155							
Glenn Freeman	116	116								
<b>Veteran Men</b>										
Roger Horton	1758	200	191	187	196	200	200	184	200	200
Ian Lawson	1588	166	173	171	170	181	200	173	180	174
Martin Bailey	1569		192	200	200	197	190	200	190	200
Bruce Marshall	1277	188	200	179	174	184		182	170	
Hally Hardie	1178	200	190	146	150	186			140	166
Mike Bickle	524		200						150	174
Chris Thorne	327			167					160	
Tim Mulcahy	200								200	
Ian Smith	198		198							

Chris Morley	185		185						
Maurice Hemingway	176	176							
Norman King	151	151							
<b>Junior Women</b>									
Helen Gardner	375		175					200	
Niamh Ni Cholmain	200	200							
Alice Gresham	190		190						
<b>Senior Women</b>									
Julia Wotton	1334	177	190	167	200		200	200	200
Blanka Sengerova	792	200	200	200					192
Jean Sinclair	597		176	141				180	100
Fionne Austin	554	182	197	175					
Helen Bickle	522						190	150	182
Sarah Nosworthy	466	175	142	149					
Rosemary Dyer	200			200					
Penny Bickle	190							190	
Michele Silvey	190				190				
Alison Sleigh	168		168						
Anita Buxton	160							160	
<b>Veteran Women</b>									
Maria Marshall	1144		200	200	183	195		186	180
Frances Cooper	1123		200	175	191	183			190
Nicola Gardner	960		189		200	171	200		200
Lindsey Freeman	600	200				200		200	
Hazel Bickle	708		178					190	170
Noreen Ives	380	190	190						
Ursula Oxburgh	188							188	
<b>Groups</b>									
David, Simon, and David	200					200			
Anne-Marie Cody	190							190	
Debbie Harvey & Carl	190	190							
Joe, Tom, and Charlie	190								190
Hemingways	175	175							
Claire and Chris Ellis	175		175						

## WAOC Committee

See web site

## Fixtures

See web site.