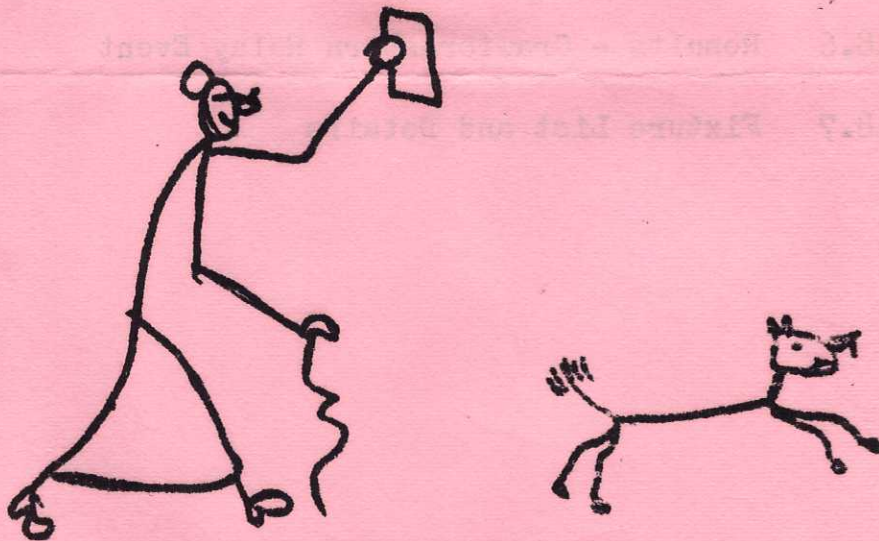


NORTHERN IRELAND ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER NO: 18

MAY, 1974



18.1 THIS MONTH'S NOTES

- 18.1.1 I must apologise to the Grandmothers and our very strong canine following for omitting them from the front of last month's Newsletter and hope that a cover to themselves is sufficient appeasement. However, I refuse to submit to pressure from the local budgie or white rabbit populations!
- 18.1.2 Thanks to the organising team for the very successful relay event at Crawfordsburn, even if I didn't win! The direct race makes the Sport lose some of its anonymity and since only one third of the competitors were on the course at any one time there was more opportunity to meet and chat. I would strongly urge all members, even non-competitors to come along to future events of this nature.
- 18.1.3 The Gortin Course was run, although on somewhat amended form. Bill Simpson is reporting on this (see 18.4)
- 18.1.4 The J K party enjoyed their Easter trip to the Forest of Dean and will be reporting fully in a later Newsletter.
- 18.1.5 Wilbert Hollinger, Dave Etherton and myself competed in the Scottish Championships on May, 5th and a report appears later (18.2). We were sorry to miss the Gortnamoyagh event, especially as it counted to the Ladder, but I hear it was the usual well run afternoon - even the weather was to order!
- 18.1.6 Last month I mentioned the BOF regulations about full body cover and carrying a whistle. At the Scottish Championships there was a check on both at pre-start and anyone without both could not compete. In fact, infection spread from grazes actually stopped the sport for a time in Scandinavia during the 60's.
- 18.1.7 As I said last month the maintenance of the Ladder was becoming very difficult. I will be restricting the Ladder to those who want to be considered. See me at any of the Competitions or write to me:- Alan Gartside, 8 Ferndene Gardens, Dundonald, BT16 OEP

18.2 THE SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wilbert, Dave and myself travelled over to Newtown Stewart on Saturday 4th May and competed on Sunday 5th at the event in Kirroughtree Forest. The M21A and W19A classes were selection races for international recognition. We weren't trying to beat that lot so we competed in the M21B class, which was a 6 Km, 12 control course. The class was won in 71.36 minutes, followed in by Wilbert in 72.55 minutes. I was ninth in 86.58 minutes, and Dave was sixteenth in 106.45 minutes. Dave was disappointed with his time, caused by a couple of navigational errors; I managed to get round with no great problems except my lack of puff, and Wilbert's only disappointment was the 1.19 minutes by which he missed first place.

The forest was a magnificent specimen of country, and the five-colour 1:15000 map was the equal of it in every detail. It was so detailed that 14 map corrections had to be applied, mostly matters of very small area. The organisation was excellent, as it ought to be with some 35 officials being used for a field of 360 competitors. How often do we boast that official / competitor ratio?

If they were so good in matters of administration, how did they fare as competitors? Suffice to say that the M21A course was half as long again as ours, but the winning times were comparable.

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18.3 BOF COMPETITION RULES AND THE MARCH HARE

In last month's I said that since I had so little to do at Tardree I would become an armchair controller and apply the BOF rules to the event. The result might seem like criticism (but isn't this a controller's job) and is not intended to reduce the considerable praise due to Wilbert Hollinger for organising a very successful event.

However, if we wish to improve our standards such an exercise as this would be useful applied to any event. The November, December and January Newsletters contain the complete BOF rules and all the comments are prefixed by the paragraph number from these.

- 2.5 Since entries were being accepted on the day the information should all have appeared in the February Newsletter, but only the bare essentials were given. This applied to all our events, and would seem to put them close to the informal class. The final information in the preceding Newsletter and the advance information in an earlier one should be the normal.
- 2.11.2 The control description sheet was not in the statutory order, nor did it give the course length or the time of course closure. While the order is not important, standardisation between events would be very useful.
- 2.11.3 The marked route to the finish was not indicated on the control description sheet, although it was on the preliminary hand-outs.
- 2.11.5 The single control description sheet covered both master maps (on the senior course), although to provide a control description sheet at the second master map would have required a further body in the organising team.
- 2.14.1 Competitors waiting to start could see competitors leaving the master map area.
- 2.14.3 The mounting of the master maps did not give a base for use when copying the course as they were only slightly larger than the maps.
- 2.16.1 The use of ditches as controls could be classed as not being distinct from the surrounding terrain i.e. the neighbouring ditches.
- 2.17.1 The circular cloth markers do not correspond to the standard three-sided ones, but they do the job perfectly well.
- 2.22.1 The provisional results system was very quick
- 3.4 Whistles were not checked for. This ought to be standard procedure at all events.
- 3.7 Some competitors attempted to gain unfair advantage by removing controls and markers. This is a criticism of these competitors, not the officials.

18.4 INTRODUCTION / MAPPING COURSE AT GORTIN

Mr Eric Rainey provided the use of Lislap Hostel for the duration of the course, which was held on the week-end of April 27/28. Six representatives from the North-West, and three from Omagh made up a party of orienteers, with a varying degree of experience.

The proceedings commenced with a brief talk on orienteering given by myself while Don McGarrigle and Bobbie Hunter prepared a small course in the forest.

After lunch the course was run, and afterwards the controls were collected in by the group as a whole, which then had a chance to discuss the course point by point. Most people put forward some criticism, but it was generally agreed that the standard of the map was the main source of error, and that on the whole it was a good course planned at very short notice.

It then seemed appropriate that the evening should be devoted to mapping techniques. After dinner I gave another talk, this time on Robin Harvey's mapping methods, which were put into practice over a small portion of the forest.

The collected information was translated into a small map with a fair degree of success, and we were more than ready for supper and bed after an active day in the forest.

On Sunday the group was split into rival factions, and each was allocated a section of forest in which to set out an orienteering course. Each person was given the opportunity to site at least one control. The two groups were then sent out individually on the other's course, and the following discussion ensued quite naturally. It was agreed that great care and accuracy must be exercised in siting controls as an error of as little as 20 - 30 metres can cause great confusion in some circumstances.

After a late lunch, the group broke up, having experienced a, not only informative, but enjoyable week-end.

BILL SIMPSON

18.5 FIRESIDE COMPETITION

From the overwhelming response, it looks as if Don McGarrigle will be the winner - his is the only attempt I have received! However, from outside sources, I have dug out this 49 - pointer

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In case anyone has mislaid their March Newsletter from their bookshelf (you don't mean to say that you throw them out!!) here is the competition again.

"Make up words containing three or more letters, each word using only letters from the word O-R-I-E-N-T-E-E-R. Each letter may be used only once in any word (i.e. up to three letter Es may appear) No foreign words or proper nouns are permitted. Arrange these words into an 8 x 7 grid to form a crossword. Blank squares should be left as required as word separators. A word may be used only once. Score as follows: one point for each word used and one point for each letter that forms the intersection of two words".

18.6 RESULTS - CRAWFORDSBURN RELAY EVENT

18.6.1 TEAM PLACINGS

JUNIOR	1	40	145.38	SENIOR	1	70	104.52
	2	65	147.51		2	8	120.40
	3	62	157.27		3	32	129.35
					4	2	130.48

No other teams completed the course, because the remaining competitors were sent off on a second mass start once the placings were clear.

18.6.2 Individual Times

JUNIOR	<u>Red Course</u>		<u>Green Course</u>		<u>Black Course</u>	
	62A	38.22	40C	43.02	40A	38.24
	69A	38.35	5A	53.04	31A	52.39
	65A	40.05	65B	53.25	65C	54.23
	40B	64.12	3A	59.45	62C	56.33
	39B	69.48	62B	62.32	36A	59.19
	64B	70.28	64B	65.37	39A	59.22
	34B	76.14	6A	66.13	38A	59.30
	31B	85.26	7A	66.21	34A	59.36
	38B	90.25	69B	106.59	6B	81.39
	66A	116.07	11A	125.35	33A	93.40
	67A	116.15	9A	137.49	35A	93.45
SENIOR	68A	38.37	70B	27.21	2B	32.21
	70A	38.50	8A	32.44	32A	38.27
	32B	40.37	63B	43.33	70C	38.41
	8C	48.02	32C	45.31	8B	39.54
	2C	51.29	2A	47.00	37A	59.31
	37B	69.40	68B	53.48		
	61A	70.27	10A	57.45		
	63A	72.54	61B	65.38		

18.6.3 THE TEAMS

1	Bessbrook 'A'	(S)	Groencudall	Davies	Bassett
2	M O C	(S)	Scofield	Etherton	Evans
3	W L B		Butler	Jones	Hughes
4	12th Down CBS 'A'		McCalliser	Troupe	Donegan
5	Warrenpoint 'B'		McCartney	Mackin	Simpson
6	Limavady 'D'		Lewis	Henry	McGuinness
7	Limavady 'F'		Douglas	Keys	Wright
8	N W O Orienteers	(S)	McGarrigal	Griffith	Bogle
9	Limavady 'B'		Reynolds	Donaghy	Preece
10	Limavady 'C'	(S)	Houston	Shaw	Hunter
11	Bangor		O'Loan	O'Loan	Smith
31	Bessbrook	(S)	Saunders	Barker	White
32	Dundonald	(S)	Gartside	Smyth	Simpson
33	Portadown		Herron	S McClatchey	C McClatchey
34	12th Down CBS 'A'		O'Loan	Smith	O'Loan
35	Warrenpoint 'C'		Rodgers	O'Farrell	Henderson
36	Limavady 'A'		Buchanan	Deighan	Buchanan
37	Limavady Ladies	(S)	H Fulton	Taylor	I Fulton
38	Limavady		Blair	James	Reid
39	Limavady 'G'		Patton	Pickett	Lunney
40	Ballyclare 'A'		Esler	Cody	Fears
61	C O C	(S)	O'Hagen	Goffe	White
62	Waterside	(S)	Warke	Hope	Hope
63		(S)	Vinicombe	Richards	Crabtree
64	Warrenpoint 'A'		O'Hagen	Begg	McCane
65	Limavady 'C'		Cole	Dale	Doherty
66	Limavady 'E'		Hinstridge	McGowan	McCrea
67	Limavady 'B'	(S)	Phillips	Hunter	McGonagle
68	Limavady 'A'	(S)	Stewart	Cochrane	Pickett
69	Waterside		Bayliss	Taylor	Faulkner
70	Ballyclare	(S)	Warren	Hollinger	Cooper

18.7 FIXTURE LIST AND DETAILS

May 25	North Carn (Ladder)	H McClintock Carrickfergus Grammar School
June 15	Drumkeeragh (Ladder)	D Etherton 14 Mountainview Drive Lisburn
June 22	Ballycastle	B B House
August 3	Ballycastle	W Simpson 206 Barnettts Road Dundonald BT5 7BG
August 31	Hillsborough	R Goffe 58 Cloverdale Cresce Lambeg
September 22	Mourne Park	
October 20	Rostrevor Score (Ladder)	H Houston 8 Riverside Crescent Bessbrook Newry

NORTH CARN CROSS-COUNTRY EVENT

VENUE:

North Carn, Carrickfergus

DATE:

Saturday, 25th May, 1974

START:

From 2.00 p m

CLASSES:

Senior Men, Women (over 18)

Intermediate Men, Women (15 - 18)

Junior Men, Women (under 15)

FEES:

10p Seniors, 5p Intermediate and Juniors

ENTRIES:

Taken on the day, or to
H McClintock, Carrickfergus Grammar School

FACILITIES:

Outhouse for changing
Minerals and crisps for sale

TERRAIN:

Very dense; leg protection is vital

DIRECTIONS:

Ballynure Road from Carrickfergus
OS 1 inch Sheet 3 366923

DRUMKEERAGH CROSS-COUNTRY EVENT

VENUE: Drumkeeragh Forest, Co Down

DATE: Saturday, 15th June (Note change from last month)

START: From 1.00 p m

CLASSES: Senior Men, Women (over 18)
Intermediate Men, Women (15 - 18)
Junior Men, Women (under 15)

FEES: 20p Seniors, 10p Intermediate and Juniors
(NIOA member half-price)

ENTRIES: Taken on the day, or to
D Etherton, 14 Mountainview Drive, Lisburn

MAPPER: D Etherton : 1:10650 scale, black and white

CONTROLLER: W Hollinger

FACILITIES: Refreshments on sale

HOW TO GET THERE: South from Dromara on B7, 1st left
Follow signs to competition area
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