

# **West Fife Orienteers Newsletter**

**March 1997**

## **EDITORIAL**

*As is traditional in taking over editorship of a newsletter, I'm making the usual heartfelt plea for letters, articles and anything else from the membership to fill these pages. I'm not entirely optimistic that you'll all rush and put pen to paper, so GO ON, SURPRISE ME !!*

*This issue has been put together thanks mainly to club news items supplied by Rab Philp, as well as some stuff I foraged or stole from other places. If you've got anything remotely interesting to say about orienteering I want to hear from you.*

*I'm not too sure about the frequency intended for the Newsletter, so I'll go on the basis of once a quarter at the moment : bulging mailbags will, of course, increase the frequency.*

*This edition has been flung together at fairly short notice, so I hope to sort out a few graphics, re-introduce the WFO logo and other things for next issue. In the meantime, enjoy orienteering this spring and drop me a line !*

**Grant Carstairs**

## **CompassSport Cup KO for Perth**

*Faskally at Pitlochry was the scene of WFO's most recent CompassSport Cup triumph when Perth Orienteers were comprehensively thrashed (well, narrowly edged out, if you must know) by our stalwart members.*

*A 29-27 victory meant that the Fair City club went home fair sick. The sweetness of our win was dampened only by Phil Smithard's altercation with a large portion of the event venue which jumped up and skelped him in the face in mid-race. Faskally 1, Phil's Good Looks and Glasses 0.*

*Thankfully, it seems that Phil was none the worse for the experience and Pitlochry Medical Practice was happy to indulge in some repair work.*

*The event itself was well organised with challenging, if fast, courses, not an easy achievement in a very limited area. For members' results, see p.4.*

*The next round is to be held at **Tentsmuir on March 23rd.** against ESOC : the event is also the quarter final of the Scottish Inter Club Championship where we are drawn against Roxburgh Reivers. You may receive this after the event : if, by any chance, it gets to you early, please let Heather & Les Smithard know of your availability on [REDACTED]. Thanks!*

**DID YOU KNOW ?** (first in a series of irritating snippets)  
*One of the early Dukes of Atholl planted larches on the cliffs of Craig a' Barns at Dunkeld by firing the seeds from a cannon at the hillside. There you go!*

## **FIXTURES WORKING PARTY REPORT**

*Rab has passed on to me a summary of the above Report which has been compiled by some group of working party-type orienteers who probably write memos and reports for a living and get some curious kick out of doing the same in their spare time. On your behalf, dear members, they have been working-partying like nobody's business and have now come up with some key recommendations.*

*Seriously though, their findings do have implications for the sport, so here they are :-*

- a shortened racing season from February to June, culminating in a new style championship event, provisionally called the British Orienteering Championships, for 4 competitive classes only, W & M 21+ and W & M 21-. The existing championships would continue as a separate event, provisionally called the National Orienteering Championships*
- the replacement of the present structure of National and Badge Events by a structure of Area Championships, ranking Regional Events, and non-ranking Regional Events*

*Rab and I both have the full Report Summary, which is quite lengthy, but which members should feel free to ask for copies of.*

**DID YOU KNOW** *that one of the Nordic words for orienteering is 'Orienteeringslob' - or something like that-? And I thought they were just good judges of character !!*

## REMINDERS & SNIPPETS

- **BRITISH RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS** Les Smithard is co-ordinating teams for this event at Chatsworth, a posh house and large adjoining garden somewhere in Derbyshire (or is Derbyshire somewhere in the garden ?) Call Les, number on the back page, if you intend going. PS if you're going, buy their wild boar sausages : they're ace !
- **SCOTTISH RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS** Rab is doing the same for these championships. Call Rab if you want to be in a team at Strathmashie, a large collection of pine trees joined together by mud, as I recall. A good orienteering area, nevertheless
- **BREADALBANE 97** Scottish orienteering's bi-annual descent upon an unsuspecting community which cleans it out of cornflakes, bread and bogroll, takes place in July / August. If you are going, expect a phone call to allocate you a job. WFO is involved in Day 4 at Craig Vinean. (Rab is already involved in the planning)
- **MAPPING** Look out soon for a new map of Benarty Hill, currently out to contract for re-mapping ( I think). The area is to be used for a Lothian O-League event in November 1997.



## **WFO Committee 1997**

*The Annual General Meeting was held at Gauldry on the eve of the Club's stirring victory against Perth Orienteers, on February 8th.*

*The 1997 Committee is :-*

<i>Chair</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Dave Ellison</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Rab Philp</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Jim Moffat</i>
<i>Members</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>Les Smithard</i> <i>Peter Adams</i> <i>Alan Shields</i>

*While no disrespect is intended to those who have volunteered their services on our behalf, you can't help but notice that we're a wee bit understrength in the female representatives department. Heck, there's not even a token wumman this year !!*

*Never mind, I'm sure that, like me, you'll have faith that our Committee is made up of New Men who will serve all our interests well.*

**DID YOU KNOW ?** (Another in a tedious series of orienteering miscellany) Our own Devilla Forest was previously known in orienteering circles as Tulliallan Forest to avoid confusion with Bath Moor Plantation which lies to the north of the Kincardine-Dunfermline road and was known as Devilla Forest. Both areas were mapped together at 1:20,000 for an event in 1970 called Euromet and formed a colossal event area. At that time, Tulliallan, or Devilla as we know it now! was a yucky expanse of knee high heather and young sharp pines.

## **Recent Results**

### **Scottish Score Champs, Devilla, 8/12/96**

M13: Graham Philp 2nd ; W15 Carol Smithard 1st; M50 Rab Philp 2nd ; W19 Lorna Philp 2nd ; M40 Grant Carstairs 1st ; M45 Phil Smithard 5th ; W35 Fran Loots 2nd

### **Lothian O- League, Beecraigs, 19/1/97**

Green Course : Bob Steven 9th, Fran Loots 13th, Carol Smithard 18th, Graham Philp 20th, Heather Smithard 42nd, 69 Ran

Blue Course : Phil Smithard 15th, Rab Philp 17th, Les Smithard 32nd, 66 Ran

Brown Course : Grant Carstairs 8th, Alan Shields 38th, 39 Ran

### **STAG Colour Coded, Faskally, 9/2/97**

Light Green Course : Graham Philp 10th, 22 Ran

Green Course : Carol Smithard 6th, Andy Batham 18th, Heather Smithard 27th, 51 Ran

Bue Course : Rab Philp 15th, Fran Loots 24th, Lorna Philp 34th, Jim Moffat 49th, Phil Smithard, received keeker (ret'd) 52 Ran

Brown Course : Grant Carstairs 8th, Bob Steven 21st, Alan Shields 29th, Les Smithard 32nd, Andy Cowton 34th, Michael Hall 36th, 38 Ran

Sorry, these are all the results I have at the moment. If **you** go to an event and want to forward a copy of results which show that you have resoundingly beaten any (or all) of Perth Orienteers, as the club has become accustomed to doing, please forward them to me.

**DID YOU KNOW ?** (More nonsense) that mushroom hunting is a seriously addictive pastime ? I've orienteered for 27 years, yet have never spent a more enjoyable autumn than last year looking for fungi  
More in the next issue on this fascinating topic - can you wait ??

## T SHIRTS

## SWEAT SHIRTS

THE CLUB IS ABOUT TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR O TOPS, OR SUITS, WITH ULTRASPORT. THE ORDER WILL BE BASED ON THE INTEREST SHOWN WHEN AN ORDER WAS TO BE PLACED WITH GORDON ROSS, BEFORE HIS SUPPLY DIFFICULTIES. IT IS HOPED THAT ALL MEMBERS WHO PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN PURCHASING AN O TOP, OR SUIT, WILL STILL BE INTERESTED BUT NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO LET RAB KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS THE CASE. GIVE HIM A PHONE (01337 830823) OR FILL IN THE REPLY SLIP NOW.

	COSTS		O TOP ONLY		£11.50					
			TROUSERS ONLY		£ 8.50					
			O SUIT		£20.00					
SIZE	00	O	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CHEST	27"	29"	31"	33"	35"	37"	39"	42"	44"	46"
WAIST	23"	24"	25"	26"	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"	38"
INSIDE LEG	24"	25"	26"	27"	28"	29"	30"	32"	34"	35"

INTEREST HAS ALSO BEEN EXPRESSED IN THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING CLUB T SHIRTS OR/AND SWEAT SHIRTS. IF EITHER OF THESE INTEREST YOU THEN RAB WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

INITIAL INVESTIGATIONS INDICATE PRICES, INCLUDING PRINTING WITH CLUB NAME AND LOGO, TO BE AROUND £6.00 FOR A T SHIRT, £11.50 FOR A SWEAT SHIRT AND £19.00 FOR A HOODED SWEAT SHIRT. COLOURS AVAILABLE INCLUDE WHITE, BLACK, NAVY BLUE, ROYAL BLUE, BOTTLE GREEN, BURGUNDY AND RED (NO RED IN HOODED SWEAT SHIRTS). SIZES ARE S, M, L, XL AND CHILDRENS. IF INTERESTED WOULD YOU PREFER THE LOGO PRINTED OVER THE WHOLE FRONT OR ONLY ON THE LEFT BREAST?

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ O TOP(S) \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
TROUSERS(S) \_\_\_\_\_ SIZE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTED IN T SHIRT - SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ COLOUR \_\_\_\_\_  
SWEAT SHIRT - SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ COLOUR \_\_\_\_\_  
HOODED SWEAT SHIRT - SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ COLOUR \_\_\_\_\_  
PREFERRED POSITION OF LOGO - WHOLE FRONT \_\_\_\_\_ BREAST \_\_\_\_\_

Reply to RAB PHILP, QUEENS GARDENS, LADYBANK, FIFE, KY15 7LP or  
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## WFO MEMBERSHIP LIST

*Pete Adams*

*Batham Family*

*Grant Carstairs/  
Fran Loots  
Andy Cowton*

*Bob Duguid*

*Dave Ellison/  
Matthew Ellison  
Michael Hall*

*Johnstone Family*

*George Kerr/  
Karen Hood  
Knight Family*

*Linton Family*

*Liz Mills*

*Jim Moffat*

*Muir Family*

*Angela Murray*

*Philp Family*

*Alan Shields*

*Smithard Family*

*Smithard Family*

*Bob Steven*

*Richard Little*