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Neil Harvatt receiving the LOG Winter Series Long Course winner's trophy

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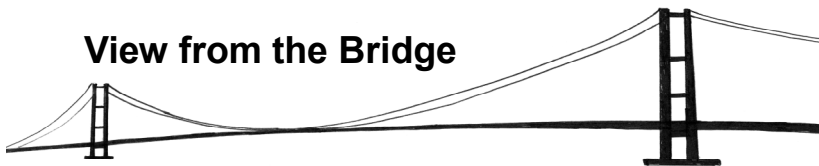
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Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer were elected at the AGM. The designated posts above were agreed at the Committee meeting on 23rd October. Ken Hutson being co-opted onto the Committee as Immediate Past Chairman.

View from the Bridge



The start of the New Year provides the opportunity to look backwards as well as forwards.

One of the more significant things that happened last year was that Neil Harvatt, Brian Slater, Mike and Dorothy Smith all qualified as British Orienteering level 2 coaches and Mark Tyszka, Alan Brown and Kim Walton all qualified as level 1. This meant that the Club was able to put on a series of introductory events on the South Bank in the autumn where a number of our new coaches introduced 14 newcomers to the fascinating sport of orienteering. As a direct consequence we have 7 new members in the Club – a very warm welcome to the Sharma and Anikhindi families.

Another significant thing that has been happening quietly in the background over the past few years is the mapping by a few Club members of over 150 school grounds in the area covered by HALO. Orienteering is now a major sport in education meeting the developmental needs, both physical and mental, of pupils. It is an important vehicle for delivering the Outdoor Adventurous Activity within the English National PE Curriculum as well as providing the opportunity for cross curricular links with Maths, Geography and Citizenship Studies. Likewise it offers an exciting multi-dimensional extra curricular activity. The trick is to encourage the pupils to move on from schools orienteering to take up mainstream orienteering with HALO.

The final Club event last year, which was held at Primrose Warren on 14 December, was also the Club Championship using the new scoring system devised by Peter Shew for the HALO league. The competition was very intense but after several recounts, the 2008 Club Champion was Dean Field with 122 points, closely followed by Helena Crutchley with 120 points.

The first event of 2009 was the traditional New Year's Day event which was organised by Mark and Dinah Tyszka in Brigg. Unfortunately a family gathering in Swansea meant that I could not be there but I am told that over 20 members had a great time scouring the streets of Brigg in teams of three before returning to decorate their cakes with what they found. Looking at the photos on the website it was obviously great fun and many thanks to Mark and Dinah for all their efforts.

Looking forward we have another new venture which started on 24 January – the East Yorkshire Sprint and Chase – a series of four events at

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different locations which promises to provide fast and furious competition. This is Brian Ward's brainchild and he has done a lot of work in putting it all together, including persuading a Beverley sports shop, Start Fitness, to put up £200 in prizes. The maximum number of competitions is 60 per event and entries are coming in thick and fast, so if you have not entered by now you may be too late!

On 22 March HALO is putting on a Regional (although it may be changed to a local) event at Londesborough Park so make sure that you put the date in your diaries. Another date for your diaries is the following Sunday, 29 March, when HALO will be competing in the opening round of the Compass Sport Cup. This is always a great day out but we do need maximum support so do please contact Brian Ward and let him know that you will be coming. And as if that was not enough we have the Lincolnshire Poacher series, now in its 12th year and organised once again by Pete Kullich, starting in the middle of April to look forward to. We really are spoilt for choice!

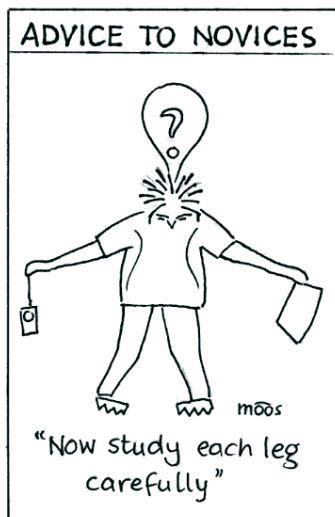
Looking further afield the British Orienteering Championships take place on 28 February/1 March in the New Forest and the JK at Easter in Northumberland. Two tremendous weekends of competition on superb areas and great social occasions. If you are going and want to take part in the relays let Brian Ward know. If you are really keen you could even attend the BO AGM on Easter Saturday!

I was delighted to hear that Zac Field has been selected to represent England at the Interland races against Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands. Congratulations Zac.

In 2009 we will continue with the approaches that have been successful elsewhere – like making events more sociable, using smaller areas closer to centres of population and making sure that newcomers feel welcome and are helped. Orienteering is a fantastic sport for all the family so let us all make a New Year resolution that we spread the word through good publicity, good relations and valuing volunteers.

A Happy and Successful New Year!

John Butler



Committee News

Committee meeting held Dec 4th:

- * It was decided the dibber hire fee to be £1.00 for Seniors. This to apply for all Events including Poacher. (This was agreed in October's meeting but minutes were not clear)
- * SI dibber hire to be free for new members for the first six months of joining HALO. A senior could potentially save up to £16.00 on dibber hire fees for the first six months of 2009.
- * A budget for the year had been drawn up by John Butler showing a planned surplus of £140. It was agreed to delete the insurance element as equipment in general is covered by individuals house insurance and a claim has never been made in the last 25 years.
- * An individual Event Budget form was also presented by JB. Organisers of Individual or series of Events to be asked to complete this as a check that the Events will show a planned surplus. (n/a for coaching)
- * An "after the Event" finance form to be completed by Organisers to show Income, and where the Expenditure went. Neil to trial this at Primrose Night / District Events at beginning of December.
- * It was decided not to pursue the Trimtex tracksuits as estimated uptake seemed to be very low.
- * It was decided to use the HALO League scoring system for the HALO Championships. The Champion being the person with the most points on the day.
- * Planners for Londesborough to decide whether to retain the age classes or go for the "New" multi colour coded system

YHOA Meeting 14 Jan

- * YHOA Gallopen might not be run in 2009 as new Event structure not clear
- * £140 to be sent to HALO for coaching course expenses
- * YHOA Fixtures meetings to continue for planning although club fixtures officials will enter own Events on the BOF database.

Editorial - John Fulwood

Thank you again to all those who have contributed. Keep the articles & pictures coming.

HALO have put on a number of Events since the last Newsletter. There were the Primrose Warren Night & District Events. The District Event incorporating the HALO Championships was also the venue selected by EBOR for their championships, so in theory someone who is a member of both clubs could have won both the EBOR & HALO Championships in the same race. That led to some discussion!!

The New Year's Day event organised by Mark & Dinah really got into the seasonal spirit as recorded elsewhere.

The first Event of the East Yorkshire Sprint series was a real success. I will own up to not being a sprinter, but it turned out to be a really enjoyable day. Well done Brian & Amanda for the initiative, and getting the sponsorship

2009 sees the introduction of the new 3 tier Event Structure introduced by BOF. This does mean that the Night, District, New Year's Day, Sprint races and the LOG City race held on Jan 25th are now all called the same. i.e. Level 3 Local Events. Whilst I see some logic to the three tiers I feel it is a shame to ditch the District / Colour Coded Event as a tier which is the mainstay of the sport, and which should be the Events to give a progression through the colours as intended. Hopefully my explanation later will be of use.

Thanks again for all the copy. Apologies if some has been missed out.

A reminder that HALO NEWS is On-line at www.halo-orienteeing.org.uk

If you are happy to view, or download / print from the website instead of receiving a hard copy by snail mail, then please let me know by e-mail.

Savings on printing, stationery, postage will all help the club funds!!!!

Copy date for next Newsletter: 25th March 2009

POSITION VACANT

YHOA Secretary. Applications are invited for this vacant post. Administrative experience desirable but not essential. For further particulars and a job description contact the YHOA Joint Chairman Chris Dicken (dicken_chris@hotmail.com)

SPORTTRACKS

Would you like to see where you lost that vital minute? (Or in my case, 10 minutes). If you have a Garmin GPS, there is a shareware program called SportTracks that you can use to analyse your time at any point on your course.

While you are having your run, your GPS unit, is busily recording your position and the time that you were there. When you get home, you can download that information onto your computer, and then view your route superimposed onto a Google Earth aerial picture of the ground. By clicking the cursor on any point on the route, you can display the time and distance that you have run. It's surprising how much time you find you have wasted very close to that elusive control site.

However this is not the only information that can be gleaned. At the same time the program calculates your pace, and by selecting pace zones you can highlight where you were running, jogging, walking or even stopped. Do you think you are running as well as you did last year? This program is also a comprehensive training diary, keeping a record of every training run or competition you do, so you can compare your performances over the years.

A daily entry shows each activity, map, time, distance, pace, climb, calories, and if you have a heart rate monitor, that as well. There is space for you to add your own comments and keep records of your weight, health and equipment. You don't even have to use a GPS as you can enter data manually, but then you'll miss out on the map.

The program has been written and developed by an enthusiast, and has attracted a community of volunteers who have enhanced its facilities to appeal to cyclists, and triathletes. And it's shareware, so you just make a donation to the author to use it legally.

You can find out more and download a copy from -

<http://www.zonefivesoftware.com/SportTracks/>

John Butler

HALO New Years Day Jolly 2009

“Brass monkey weather” (*famous Tyke saying*) is what we had in central Yellowbelly land (*that’s Brigg for the ‘incomers’*) for the New Years Day Jolly (*local name for a trip*).

We expected about 18 to come, so we prepared for 6 teams. Despite the frost, twenty-two turned out (publicity must have worked). My apologies to the 2 or 3 who expected a ‘regular’ (*a transatlantic term*) ‘O’ event. This put a strain on the supply of treasure in the ‘Treasure Hunt’ part of the Jolly.

Dinah-the-Clipboard gave out the rules, appointed team leaders with a dunce’s hat each and sorted out the absolutely evenly matched teams. Mark-the-legs hid the last few treasure controls.

Thanks to Mike-the-Map everyone had a colourful, infinitely detailed map of Brigg with 33 controls.



Team leaders

Mike Smith & Pete Shew



Now what were those instructions?

The instructions were:

- * collect 12 letters from street signs controls;
- * bring back 12 objects from the yoghurt pot controls;
- * decorate a small cake and a mini Christmas tree with your treasure.
- * solve a 12 letter anagram from letters collected.
- * Only 25 controls of the 38 out would apply to any one team.

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The winners, who were first to light their two candles, were;

The Blue Houghton Wood team of Dean, Yasmin and Zac Field with Dave Jolly in 30 minutes,



The winning team decorate their cake

The other winners, all under 45 minutes, were;

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| Green | Normanby Park team | - Pete S, Dorothy and Andy from LOG |
| Brown | Brompton Dale team | - Pete K, Rosie, Jake and Joe |
| Purple | Halliday Hill team | - Neil, Margaret and Paddy |
| Yellow | Primrose Warren team | - Mike, Mary and Pat |
| Red | Brocklesby Park team | - John F, Ann and Ken |
| Slater Special (fastest walking) | | - Ingrid and Brian (injured) |

Afterwards the Black Bull Inn was warm and very welcoming.

See Flickr for photos : <http://www.flickr.com/photos/jmt-pics/>

Mark Tyszka

On behalf of the competitors may I thank Dinah & Mark for what was one of the best New Year's Day Events HALO have had. A really novel twist on a festive occasion that required a lot of work and ingenuity.

Photos Mark & Dinah from Mark's Flickr site



Inside the Black Bull

John Fulwood

Welcome to new club members

The Sharma family : Sandeep, Lily, Avantika and Tanisha from Swanland

The Anikhindi Family: Santosh, Meera and Shrinivas from North Ferriby.

I hope all club members will introduce themselves and make them feel welcome.

The **Club Championships** were held at the Primrose Warren Event on December 14th

Points scored using the HALO league handicap system led to the following positions:

Champion : **Dean Field** **122 points**

2nd: Helena Crutchley 120 points

3rd: Pete Kullich 119 points

Dean retains his status as Club Champion, although this year unlike 2007, he does not have to share it with Zac

Well done **Zac Field** for being selected as one of three M14s to represent England in the **Interland** Competition. In this England (represented through an age range of M/W14 to M/W60) will compete against two Belgian teams; the Netherlands, and a NW German team at Burnham Beeches on 22nd February.

Obviously the fine tuning and being on the winning team for New Year's Day Event paid dividends !!

Winner of the LOG Winter Series Long Course

Neil Harvatt:

Neil had the winners place wrapped up by this last event, so only needed to do a lap of honour before he met the ghosts of Hartsholme Park



THE TRAVELLING MAN

As some of you may know our new Chairman, John Butler, has just completed a twelve month stint as President of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, one of the leading professional accountancy bodies in the UK. On handing over the reins to his successor, John said –

“I consider it a huge honor and, indeed, a privilege to have served as President of the Institute which has given me so much. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year during which I have given 64 speeches at 140 events attended by some 15,000 people. I have spent 123 days and 71 nights away from home and traveled 54,000 miles - 5,000 miles by car, 18,000 miles by rail and 31,000 miles by plane. This has required 90 train, 84 tube, 63 taxi and 32 plane journeys, and has meant eating 52 official dinners and 59 lunches! Despite that I weigh 0.8 kilograms less now than when I took up the office 12 months ago - thank goodness that I managed to find time for some orienteering in spite of my dodgy knee, without that I am sure that I would have been a lot heavier!”

This should have appeared in November's HALO News, but there was not enough room - apologies John.

Ken, Mary & John Butler at the start at Beverley—*Photo Brian Ward*



New Controllers:

Congratulations Pete Harris & Paddy Neligan on completing the Level 3 Controllers Course held on 13th December 2008

CONTROLLERS COURSE

Calling all level 3 controllers – isn't it time you became level 2? The YHOA is putting on a course in the near future. Watch the YHOA website for more information. www.yhoa.org.uk

HALO League Rules and Scoring:

The following are the key points. The full set of rules can be found on the HALO website.

- There shall be at least twelve Competition Days designated HALO League events, of which the highest six will count
- All HALO competitive Local Events should be included. Other events should be YHOA Local Events but in addition, there could be some competition days when there is an alternative event in another region which would enable those living in the more southerly parts of our region to participate in the HALO League with less travelling. These competition days are known as 'alternates' (previously 'doubleheaders'). When calculating points only the higher of a pair of alternates will qualify.
- Planner/Controller of HALO events to be awarded the average of their scores for the event(s) where they officiate
- Calculations to be based on speed/km (adjusted for climb) for a particular colour course.. Running 'up' or 'down' one or more colours increases or decreases points by an adjustment of a fixed 10% to the par speed used in the calculation.
- There will be a minimum points award of 50 to anyone completing a course but scoring less than that in any HALO League event.

Class	Course	Class	Course
M10	Yellow	W10	Yellow
M12	Orange	W12	Orange
M14	Lt Green	W14	Lt Green
M16	Blue	W16	Green
M18	Blue	W18	Blue
M20	Blue	W20	Blue
M21	Brown	W21	Blue
M35	Brown	W35	Blue
M40	Brown	W40	Blue
M45	Blue	W45	Green
M50	Blue	W50	Green
M55	Blue	W55	Green
M60	Blue	W60	Green
M65	Green	W65	Lt Green
M70	Green	W70	Lt Green
M75	Lt Green	W75	Lt Green

The following are designated League Events for 2008/9

09/11/2008	Skipwith	EBOR
23/11/2008	Eccleshall	SYO
14/12/2008	Primrose Warren District Event	HALO
04/01/2009	Adel & Meanwood	AIRE
18/01/2009	Gilling	EBOR
01/02/2009	Guissecliffe	CLARO
08/02/2009	Cold Keld Stack	EBOR
08/03/2009	Wombwell Wood	SYO
25/04/2009	Lincolnshire Bomber Week-end	HALO
03/05/2009	Storthes Hall	EPOC
07/06/2009	Beeley Woods	SYO
05/07/2009	Dalby	EBOR

HALO League 2008/2009

The following have scored over 90 points in the League to date

Name	Class	Category	Skipwith	Eccleshall	Primrose	Adel	Best Six	Events
Dean Field	M45	Senior	117		122	131	370	3
Neil Harvatt	M50	Vet	115		115	127	357	3
Zac Field	M14	Junior	114		106	125	345	3
Brian Ward	M45	Senior	112		113	114	339	3
Helena Crutchley	W45	Senior	90		120	127	337	3
Charlotte Ward	W18	Junior	104		110	122	336	3
Jake Field	M14	Junior	109		110	106	325	3
Helen Smith	W21	Senior	76	76	79	86	317	4
Mike Smith	M60	Vet	93	90	117		300	3
Pete Harris	M50	Vet	86		105	103	294	3
Yasmin Field	W10	Junior	101		102	85	288	3
Joe Field	M10	Junior	97		94	95	286	3
Amanda Ward	W45	Senior	87		92	94	273	3
Tracey Blackburn	W35	Senior	85		81	70	236	3
Paddy Neligan	M60	Vet	105		111		216	2
Geoff Smith	M50	Vet	63		66	77	206	3
John Fulwood	M55	Vet	94		97		191	2
Pat O`Grady	M70	Vet			90	99	189	2
Vernon Davis	M65	Vet	87		97		184	2
Rosie Field	W45	Senior	79			99	178	2
Brian Slater	M60	Vet	63		90		153	2
Andrew Houlden	M35	Senior	70		73		143	2
Isoldt Harris	W45	Senior	72			69	141	2
Amber Harris	W16	Junior	75			60	135	2
Pete Kullich	M65	Vet			119		119	1
Mary Carrick	W55	Vet			118		118	1
Fiona Forest	W21	Senior			107		107	1
Megan Walton-Lamming	W16	Junior			96		96	1
Pete Shew	M60	Vet			93		93	1
Dinah Tyszka	W70	Vet			93		93	1
John Chaney	M70	Vet			93		93	1
Sue Chaney	W65	Vet			92		92	1
Shrinivas Ankhindi	M12	Junior			91		91	1
John Butler	M60	Vet				91	91	1

Changes to Event Structure in 2009

For some of us that have yet to get to grips with District and Regional Events instead of Colour Coded or Badge Events, 2009 is going to be a traumatic year.

BOF has introduced a new three tier structure starting in Jan. 2009 is a transition year in which some Events will be described as those in 2008, and some to the new structure:

What does this mean?

The current 5 levels of competition from Championship to Local will now be reduced to three as the following table:

Current	From 24th Nov (There are no changes to 2008 events)	Jan 2009
Level 1 – Championship		
Level 2 – National	Level 2 – National	National Events (Level 1)
Level 3 – Regional	Level 3 – Regional	Regional Events (Level 2)
Level 4 – District		
Level 5 – Local	Level 5 – Local	Local Events (Level 3)

The immediate consequence of this appears to be that if you are now thinking of going to a level three Event it could be almost anything. A Local Event could be in Colour -Coded format as a previous District Event, or a City race, or something like a Poacher, or Park Race. As no assumptions can be made from the description, the event details will be need to be examined carefully.

To quote British orienteering

“Currently British Orienteering has courses that can be confusing to newcomers and difficult to explain. Courses are defined using a variety of parameters, technical difficulty, adjusted distance (adjusted to take into account climb), physical difficulty and expected finish times. A series of courses that follow the colour coded incentive scheme are offered primarily at district events while regional events have courses based on age classes, which the event structure

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review group considered were a barrier to progression of adult novices. We must make it easy for new participants to make the step from club activities and local events into regional events – it is vital to the future of our sport and a key phase in the ‘participation pathway’. At the same time, courses offered need to meet the needs of current orienteers.”

To make it easier a billboard structure describing the courses on offer has been suggested as follows: Very Easy is Technical Difficulty (TD)1 to Very Hard being Technical Difficulty 5

Navigational Difficulty	Course Length				
	XS 0-2.5km	S 2.6-5.0km	M 5.1-7.5km	L 7.6-10.0km	XL 10.1+km
Very Easy	✓				
Easy		✓			
Medium			✓		
Hard				✓	
Very Hard		✓		✓	✓

A District (Colour-coded) Event would therefore be shown as:

Navigational Difficulty	Course Length				
	XS 0-2.5km	S 2.6-5.0km	M 5.1-7.5km	L 7.6-10.0km	XL 10.1+km
Very Easy	✓ (White)				
Easy		✓ (Yellow)			
Medium		✓ (Orange)			
Hard		✓ (Light Green)			
Very Hard		✓ (Green)	✓ (Blue)	✓ (Brown)	✓ (Black)

A Black is rarely done, otherwise the courses are as expected.

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This format can then be used to translate into age class competition, although this is very rarely used..

		Course Length				
		XS 0-2.5km	S 2.6-5.0km	M 5.1-7.5km	L 7.6-10.0km	XL 10.1+km
Navigational Difficulty	Very Easy					
	Easy		✓ M10, W10			
	Medium		✓ M12, W12	✓		
	Hard		✓ M14, W14			
	Very Hard	✓ M75-85 W65-85	✓ M65, 70 W16-20, 45-60	✓ M16, 55, 60 W35, 40	✓ M18-50, W21	✓ M21

The matrix approach seems quite straightforward, although HALO will need to develop a white board or similar system to show courses available for Entry on the Day Events.

It starts to get complicated for Regional Events where a proliferation of colours allied to age groups now exists. As can be seen from the page opposite there is a rationale about this. It does mean at the moment that there are now different information systems. Course numbers may now longer used, numbers being replaced by colours, as the Croxton Heath Event. AIRE seem to

Croxton Heath Courses
Black (M21) 13km
Brown (M35-40) 11km
Short Brown (M18-20,45-50, W21) 9km
Blue (M16,55-60, W35-40) 7km
Short Blue (M65, W18-20,45-50) 6km
Green (M70, W16,55-60) 5km
Short Green (M75-80, W65-80) 4km
Light Green (M14, W14) 4km
Long Orange 7km
Orange (M12, W12) 3.5km
Yellow (M10, W10) 3km
White 2km

have Light Green and Short Green as the same course, which seems impossible if the guidelines are followed. Some Events will presumably be sticking to the age group classification and course numbers. It does seem that unless short colour courses are put on at the old District type events, age groups eliminated at Regional events and guidelines followed there will not be the participation pathway BOF desires.

John Fulwood

Colour	Course Length Ratio M21L = 1.0	Minimum-Maximum Length (km)	Technical Difficulty	Men Classes	Women Classes	Men old 'S' Classes	Women old 'S' Classes
Black	1.00	10.0 - 14.0	5	M21			
Brown	0.85	8.0 - 12.0	5	M35 M40			
Short Brown	0.69	7.0 - 10.0	5	M20 M18 M45 M50	W21	M21S	
Blue	0.56	5.5 - 7.5	5	M16 M55 M60	W35 W40	M35S M40S	
Short Blue	0.45	4.5 - 6.5	5	M65	W20 W18 W45 W50	M45S M50S	W21 S
Green	0.39	3.5 - 5.0	5	M70	W16 W55 W60	M55S M60S	W35S W40S
Short Green	0.33	3.0 - 4.0	5	M75 M80	W65 W70 W75 W80	M65S M70S	W45S W50S W55S W60S
Light Green	0.30	3.0 - 4.0	4	M14	W14		
Long Orange	0.50	5.0 - 7.0	3				
Orange	0.25	2.5 - 3.5	3	M12	W12		
Yellow	0.22	2.0 - 2.9	2	M10	W10		
White	0.14	1.0 - 1.9	1				

Development Conference



Sat 21st March 2009 10am to 4pm

English Institute of Sport, Coleridge Road, Sheffield, S9 5DA

- 2 miles from M1 J34
- 15 mins drive from Sheffield Train Station and a short walk from Arena/Don Valley tram stop

Free onsite parking for 130 cars

Organised by Yorkshire and Humberside Orienteering Association

Free to members of British Orienteering. (Clubs or Regional Associations may be prepared to assist with travel expenses).

Theme: Increasing Participation

- Get tips for increasing participation including creating satellite clubs and other models.
- Find out about how the latest marketing information from Sport England and British Orienteering can help you to target and recruit potential club members of all ages.
- Explore how clubs can benefit from the growing level of orienteering that is taking place in schools.

Presenters. Steve Vernon, Participation Manager

Clare Baker, South Yorkshire Sport

Colin Best, Regional Development Officer YHOA

Brychan Jones, Partnership Manager, South Leeds SSP

Refreshments will be provided.

Final details later.

To register and for more information contact

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Email: colin@britishorienteering.org.uk

2009 Compass Sport Cup/Trophy

First Round 29th March 2009:

We have requested Sherwood Pines as our venue of choice for the Compass Sport Trophy. Our second choice is Bramham Park just off the A1 NW of Leeds. As the draw is not being made until after the closing date of mid-February we do not know if we have our first choice of venue at the present time.

Please let me know if you can run for HALO

The courses as described by British Orienteering are as follows:

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|----|--------------|---------|-----------|-------|
| 1) | Brown : | Men | Open | Large |
| 2) | Blue : | Women | Open | Small |
| 3) | Blue : | Men | M45+ M20- | Large |
| 4) | Green: | Women | W45+ W20- | Small |
| 5) | Green: | Men | M60+ | Small |
| 6) | Short Green: | Vets | M75+ W60+ | Small |
| 7) | Light Green: | Juniors | M/W18- | Small |
| 8) | Orange: | Juniors | M/W14- | Small |

We can field as many competitors as we like. There are 13 to count which is made up from a max. of 3 on each of the large courses & 2 on each of the small courses. All competitors score points, so even if you do not count as a scorer it is possible to help the club by pushing another club's runner down the field.

HALO will pay the Entry fees.

Anyone wishing to represent the club should forward the usual details – name, age class, Si card number and preferred course to run, to me:

by e-mail brian@halo-orienteeing.org.uk

or telephone – 07792 711 032 or 01430 421343

As is usual in these events you may run “up” a category but cannot compete below your allocated class, however, if you would like a run but do not feel able to compete at the required standard please send your details for a non-competitive run.

The more members we can get to compete, the greater chance we have of progressing to the Final – EVERY RUN COUNTS – even if you do not end up being an actual scorer, every place you gain on the opposition reduces their score.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU !

Brian Ward

East Yorkshire Sprint and Chase Series 2009

Promoted by Humberside And Lincolnshire Orienteers (HALO)

A series of 4 (Level 3) events incorporating a Sprint Prologue followed by a Chasing Start based in East Yorkshire, provisional venues and dates –

- Saturday 14th February – Bishop Burton, Beverley
- Saturday 14th March – Beverley Westwood South
- Saturday 4th April – Londesborough Park, Market Weighton

Planner / Controller for each venue / race tbc. All races run under BOF rules.

- One course of around 3km (winning time approx. 15 minutes) for the Prologue, the same for the Chasing Sprint.
- Map Scales 1:5,000, Sportident electronic punching
- Starts 10:30 – 11.30 (pre-allocated) with Chase Base Time from 12.00
- Each individual race scores, with overall category winners based on best 6 scores overall.
- Categories - Men Open, Women Open, Men Vets (M50+), Women Vets (W50+), Men Junior (M18-), Women Junior (W18-).

Unfortunately, we have been restricted on entry for the final event to 60 participants – therefore each race will be limited the same.

On-line entries via www.fabian4.co.uk

Per event - Seniors £5, Juniors £2

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Beverley - 24 Jan - The chase is on!

The Mysterious case of Déjà Vu

The name's Knoll, Rocky Knoll, BOF special agent (retired). I hadn't worked for the Fed for over decade. I was taking a long earned retirement from orienteering enforcement. So it was with surprise that I got a message from BOF one morning as I ate my breakfast. After I cleared up the glass and unwrapped the message from the rock I realised that my retirement was at an end, I was needed for one more case.

I made my way to Darley Dale. The sign to the secret headquarters of BOF hung limply on one hook creaking in the wind as I made my way to the door. I found it was all boarded up. I knocked. "The cheque's in the post," came a voice from the inside. "It's me, Knoll," I shouted realising that the figure hiding behind the door was Alexi Rossoff, "I got a call to come back to BOF." With that explanation Alexi shuffled into the light. "I don't work for the Fed anymore. I've resigned. They are across the road now in those plush new offices"

I made my way over to the new glass fronted offices. As I entered the atrium O came around from behind the fountain. "Welcome back Knoll", he said "How do you like the new offices?" I muttered a reply as the elegant glass elevator silently and smoothly took us to his top floor office. I hadn't been so surprised since I found out that Ing the HALO social rep was not a guy but a gal. A large picture of Silas Wegg hung in O's office. We both looked at it knowingly. Some people thought Silas was gone, his grave marked a single stone where he was supposedly felled, leading on the brown course. We both knew better...

"Tea", asked O, as we both sat down? The Silver tea service was brought out. I relaxed as we discussed old cases. The time I solved the case of the disappearing ink with my old mate Pim Poacher was my best case but I grew impatient, "Let's cut to quick," I told H, " What's cracking off?"

"Well it's like this," said H, "Orienteers are stating that they are running courses they think they have run before. It's happened at the Twin Peaks, The Double Gloucester and more recently at Swallow Vale and Warren Primrose." "My old mate Warren, the dress designer," I exclaimed in puzzlement? "No, Primrose Warren that used to be Primrose Hill but we had to change the name to protect the planner after the K6 defections," O replied frustratedly. "The problem is that the planner of the first Swallow event thinks he ran it again last week, but then he couldn't find number 5 which sort of destroys his case." "Who was the planner," I asked? O told me. "Mmm," I said with a wry smile, " if it was him then it could well be true, getting lost on his own course is something he would do. I'll go and pay him a visit." "You'll need this" said

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O handing over a canister of deodorant. "What for," I asked? "We've dropped the reference to the Fed we've got to appear more orienteering friendly, we're just known as BO now!"

I made my way to Robin Hood Airport, centre of the Universe, where HALO has its HQ. I was going to see P the Equipment officer who had supplied me with many a gadget over the years. As I walked down the path to his house I was thrown to the floor by a rugby tackle. "Oops, sorry mate," my assailant exclaimed "I thought you were my brother." "It's all right," I said looking up at his near 6' frame and realising that retaliation was out of the question, "I'm looking for P". "Oh Dad's in the HALO HQ he said pointing to a set dilapidated garages. As I spun round an identical bruiser stood in my way. It wasn't only courses that were being repeated. They took me over to the HQ which was a windowless building at the end of the row shrouded by trees. I knocked at the door. The door creaked open a notch. "Yes - Can I help you," snapped a voice from inside? "Its me Knoll," I replied, "I have come to discuss the case of the repeated courses." "You'd better come in," said P as he led me into the HALO depot.

The depot was an Aladdin's cave of all things orienteering and in the corner under the warm glow of the orange lanterns was a sofa and table. "Sit down," said P as he poured me a scotch on the rocks. A jazz record played quietly on the gramophone in the corner. "It's very cosy in here," I said "But I need to know all you know about the repeated courses." "Its true," said P "we are having to recycle orienteering courses from previous years. You see there aren't enough organisers, planners and controllers." "What can I do," I said? "Recruit," said P "or orienteering will cease to be!"

So volunteer now to organise, plan or control an event. Your club needs you.

The name's Knoll, Rocky Knoll, BOF special agent (retired).

(Thanks to Mark Tyszka for locating the article, which first appeared in the DVO Newsletter "Newstrack" produced by Neil Forrest, and adapting it for HALO readers.)

HALO Fixtures & Officials to April 2010

Listed below are HALO events up to April 2010, together with the names of those members who have agreed to officiate. If you can help by volunteering to fill any of the other main posts, please contact our Fixture Secretary, Neil Harvatt (neil@neilharvatt1.orangehome.co.uk). This help will be much appreciated and will also allow some of the regular officials to fully take part in our events.

If you can't fill an official role but are able to help on the day for any event, then please contact the organiser for that event. Even if you can't help during an event, you could still contribute by volunteering to collect some of the controls in. (This is a valuable way to improve your orienteering skills, finding controls with no time pressure – you should have to pay for the privilege!!)

Neil Harvatt

DATE	VENUE	CONTROLLER	ORGANISER	PLANNER
2009 Feb 14	East Yorkshire Sprint Series Driffield Airfield	John Butler	Amanda Ward	Brian Ward
Mar 14	East Yorkshire Sprint series Beverley Westwood South	Brian Ward	Amanda Ward	Mary Carrick
Mar 22	REGIONAL Londesborough Park	EBOR (tbc)	Ken Hutson	Neil, Mary, Mike
Apr 4	East Yorkshire Sprint series Londesborough	Brian Ward (tbc)	Amanda Ward	Charlotte Ward (tbc)
Apr 26	Lincolnshire Bomber Pillar Woods		Joint HALO / LOG / RAFO	
Oct 4th	DISTRICT Beverley Westwood (from Racecourse)			
Dec 12	NIGHT			
Dec 13	DISTRICT			
2010 April 25	REGIONAL Scardale? YHOA Champs			

Fixtures

Links for more info: AIRE: www.aire.org.uk CLARO www.claro-orienteing.org
 DVO www.dvo.org.uk EBOR www.eborienteers.org.uk
 EPOC www.eastpennineoc.org.uk NOC www.noc-uk.org
 SYO www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk

Feb 1st	District	CLARO	Guiscliffe
Feb 8th	District	EBOR	Cold Keld Slack
Feb 8th	District	DVO	Haddon Lindop (Bakewell)
Feb 14th	East Yorks Sprint Series	HALO	Driffeld Airfield
Feb 15th	District	SYO	Ramsley Moor
Feb 15th	Closing Date	AIRE	Haworth Moor/Penistone Hill
Feb 21st	YHOA Night League	EPOC	Ogden
Feb 22nd	Regional	AIRE	Haworth Moor/Penistone Hill
March 1st	District	NOC	Annesley
March 8th	Colour coded	SYO	Wombwell Woods
March 14th	YHOA Night League	EBOR	Wheldrake Woods
March 14th	East Yorks Sprint Series	HALO	Beverley Westwood
March 21st	Local	SYO	Bingham Park
March 22nd	Regional	HALO	Londesborough Park
March 29th	CompassSport Cup	AIRE	Bramham Park
March 29th	CompassSport Cup	NOC	Sherwood Pines
April 4th	East Yorks Sprint Series	HALO	Londesborough Park
April 5th	Regional	EBOR	Wykeham