



# LOG-NEWS

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**University of Lincoln**

Scale 1:5,000  
Magnetic North 2006

**Legend:**

- Open Land / Scattered Trees
- Rough Open Land
- Tree Cover / Vegetation Cover
- Forbidden Access / OOB
- Hard Standing
- Flower Beds
- Roads, Tunnel, Foot Bridge
- Alley Ways
- Path
- Building
- Building Pass Through
- Indoor / Spiral Stairwell
- River, Lake
- Stream
- Steps
- High Fence, Fence
- High Wall, Archway
- Wall
- Railway
- Statue, Lamp-post
- Contour, Form Line
- Large Knoll, Knoll, Pit
- Large Depression, Depression
- Earthbank
- Earthwall
- Crag
- Boulder, Group of Boulders
- Significant Tree

**Snooker 'O'**

- 1) Collect all 15 controls, alternating 'reds' (odd numbers) and 'colours' (even numbers) BUT numbers must be the last 'colour' control AND
- 2) White must be the last 'colour' control AND
- 3) Start and finish on a 'red' control

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LOG's summer series saw the usual array of weird and wonderful courses under the banner of 'Technical'. Here the University of Lincoln 'Snooker—O' course is shown. What would be your route choice, following the instructions seen at the foot of the index ?? Andy Stevenson (LOG) was the course winner in 27:09 with the sequence: 39, 36, 37, 40, 43, 42, 41, 38, 35, 34, 45, 32, 33, 44, 31.

## ED'S BIG BIT



A tad later than was first planned, this edition was delayed so that all the relevant summer business could be brought

to you 'hot off the press'. The final event of the record breaking summer series has just gone and all the reports from the second half of the series, plus final tables, can be found later in the newsletter. Also, we've managed to squeeze in a full report back on the Welsh 6 Days, where Messrs. Harrington Jr., Murgatroyd and Denness were

flying the LOG flag proudly in the Brecons.

It's been an 'interesting' summer so far, to say the least. A two week holiday to sunny California, with a spot of orienteering thrown in for good measure, followed by a week and a half's stay in hospital with viral meningitis, made for a fun-packed time of it in June and early July. Ah, well, it's given me plenty of recuperation time to get this issue ready! The down-side was missing out on the OOCup in Slovenia, but then there's always next year.....

So, what does the next few months hold? Plans are afoot to bring you more orienteering in Lincolnshire than ever before throughout the autumn and winter months. We have CATI events at Hartsholme, closely

followed by our second C4 event of the year at South Common, and then we're into our brand new winter series, kicking off on Saturday 1st November. This venture will see a focus on a dedicated coaching hour for newbies and improvers and then provision of short and long course competitions straight after, providing something for all, regardless of ability or ambition!

With club training starting again on Thursday 21st August and running on alternate weeks, there's never been a better time to be involved in orienteering in this area. All we need now is loads of help from you guys to make sure it all runs smoothly!!

See ya out there.....

## Chairman's & Vice Chairman's Sound Bytes



This is my first report as acting Chairman of the club, therefore I will keep it nice and short, so as not to bore everyone. (Ed: Not that Steve ever did, of course....)

By the time you receive this LOG newsletter, the 2008 summer series will be completed, details on the final positions appear later in these esteemed pages. We have, again, had a record number of entries at the events, even though the weather at some of them was hardly summer-like.

Many thanks to all the planners this year, especially the ones that have never planned before, without these

people there would be no summer series to report on.

This year, to complement the summer series and hopefully keep some of the newcomers to orienteering interested, we are going to be running our first ever winter league. Final details are still being sorted, but the aim is to run 6 events on a Saturday morning in and around Lincoln. Training will be available from 10.00-11.00 and the event will then run from 11.00-12.00, with 2 courses on offer: a short and a long.

As a club we are finding it ever harder to find an area suitable for running a District / C4 event at, with Stapleford and Twyford becoming the latest casualties of forestry commission work. Whilst they may return to us in the future, better than ever before, in the short term this only leaves us with Bourne and the South Common as definite. New areas have to be looked at and to this end the committee, and

the new mapping team, are looking at possibilities around the region. Good news is that HALO, LOG and RAFO teams are working furiously to bring a high-quality Bomber event to the fore next April and this weekend, along with our third city event in January, should give us plenty to shout about in the area, so it's not all doom and gloom!

On a final note we are still trying to sort out our next District event on Sunday Oct 5<sup>th</sup>. This now looks like having to be the South Common, due to forestry work mentioned earlier. Steve Bones has redrawn the map to bring it up to date as is possible and, assuming this takes place, I will be looking for as many helpers as I can to help out on the day. I will be in contact as soon as the event is confirmed!

Sean Harrington

A/Chairman

# FUTURE LOG EVENTS

## 2008

- 21.8.08—16.10.08 *Club training nights—various venues (see website)*  
5.10.08 **C4 - District Event, South Common, Steve Bones**  
1.11.08—17.1.09 *Winter Series 2008/9*

## 2009

- 25.1.09 **City Race, Historic Lincoln, Paul Murgatroyd**  
5.2.09 **C5N - Night Event, Riseholme Park, Paul Murgatroyd**  
12.2.09—26.3.09 *Club training nights—various venues (see website)*  
9.4.09—30.7.09 *Summer Series 2009*  
25-26.4.09 **Lincolnshire Bomber 2008, "North Lincolnshire", TBD**  
5.11.09—21.1.10 *Winter Series 2009/10*



# WINTER SERIES

*In an effort to ensure continuity for those who are keen on keeping their summer orienteering going, 2008 sees the start of the first ever LOG Winter Series, incorporating 6 events running on Saturday mornings, between November 1st and January 17th.*

*The intention is to offer coaching and instruction beforehand, to both newcomers to the sport and improvers, who are looking to pick up tips from more experienced orienteers. This dedicated hour, from 10-11am, will see coaches from the club take individuals and small groups around a 'mini course', giving instruction and guidance pitched at a level appropriate to those involved.*

*This will then be followed by the usual competition, with start times between 11am-12pm, which will include the option of 2 courses, an easy 'Short' (2-3km), for those new to the sport, and a 'Long' (4-5km), which will suit the more experienced orienteers or those wanting more of a challenge.*

*Entry fee is expected to be £1.50 and will include SI dibber hire.*

*Trophies will be awarded to the winners of each course, with the best 4 results to count! The EMOA scoring system for the EM league will be used, which for the uninitiated is based on an age based percentage handicap (for more details—<http://www.emoa.co.uk/> - and follow the links to EM league and League Rules.)*

*The dates are as follows:*

01/11/08  
15/11/08  
29/11/08  
13/12/08  
3/01/09  
17/01/08

*Venues are to be based around Lincoln and include West & South Commons, Riseholme and Hartsholme Parks, University of Lincoln and one of the newly mapped schools (possibly North Kesteven)*

*Need more info? Contact series co-ordinator Sean Harrington on 01522 791344 or go to the LOG website: <http://www.logonline.org.uk/Leagues/Winter/>*



## SECOND HALF SERIES REPORTS

### **5. Thursday 12 June – University of Lincoln, Lincoln** (Planner: Paul Murgatroyd)

Yet another dry evening and the arrival of the Lincolnshire Echo photographer saw another record breaking evening for attendance at a LOG summer series event. 68 individuals/teams partook of the three courses, with fast times being recorded on what is always a quick area. Flat and solid conditions underfoot means that the 'runners' on the evening will always do well and so it proved, with Andy Stevenson claiming his first maximum score of the summer on the tricky 'snooker O' technical course. 3 experienced LOG club members all fell foul of the cunning system, to end up disqualified on the night. On the long course, only 69 seconds separated the top 3, with Andy Bennett claiming the honours for his first win of the summer. The short course witnessed NOC's Jordan Webster win through comfortably and he is now starting to make a strong claim on the short course title. The team trophy continues to heat up, with a number of teams now benefiting from the transfer system applied after three events to start pressurising the top boys: Team Metallica (S. Harrington/K. Kirk/Carruthers); Team Def Leppard (N. Harrington/Lucas/Bates) and Team Deep Purple (Furnell/Stevenson/R. Kirk).

### **6. Thursday 26 June – Twyford Woods, Colsterworth** (Planner: Dave Denness)

Planning at Twyford this year was a bit of a lottery as the FC were actively felling/thinning the woods during the 2 months leading up to the event. It was anyone's guess as to how much they would do before the event and at one stage it looked like we might have to cancel the event, or possibly not have a technical course. However the felling work slowed down and I planned the normal Short and Long courses, but used map memory for the technical course, in an attempt to make the most of the good woodland that was safe to use. There were some good runs on all courses with the winning times in each being about 8mins/km (Kieran Sheriff – Short; Robert Parkinson – Long; Liam Harrington – Technical). Most seemed to enjoy to enjoy the challenge of the map memory aspect, which was made even more tricky by the FC work and the age of the map. Overall we had 51 entries on the night.

### **7. Thursday 10 July – West Common, Lincoln** (Planner: Sean Harrington)

The weather this year for the event was much better, all courses had reasonably dry routes to chose from, with none of the standing water that covered the common last year. On the long course Mark Smith was the clear winner, beating second place by almost 5 minutes. The technical course was map memory, which proved a little difficult for some people, the eventual winner being Liam Harrington. The short course was won by Paul Murgatroyd who "bimble" round in just over 18 minutes having only been discharged from hospital the day before!! One final note, with hind sight I should have mentioned at the start that some of the controls were well hidden / not exactly on the feature, this was to stop the local youths pinching them as has happened before, if this caused anyone but Liam a problem I apologise.

### **8. Thursday 24 July – Ostlers Plantation, Woodhall Spa** (Planner: Tim Staniland)

Ostlers Plantation has some of the finest runnable woods and unusual features that LOG has to offer. With the sun shining, and a superb summer evening this year, it was a fine place to be, despite the expanding areas of brambles. Almost 50 runners turned up, with a large number opting for the Technical course. It wouldn't be a proper TS event if there wasn't some slight hiccup and this year was no exception with a mix up over control descriptions, which tested some of the long course runners. It certainly is a runners' wood and there were some fast times recorded. Kierran Sherriff, a strong contender for the overall series title on the Short course, came home in a blistering 12:15, chased hard by a trio of ladies: Rebecca Navarrette; Clare Hanna and Lucy Turnard. The Long course was won by WAOC's Mike Capper, closely followed by LOG's own Phil Longstaff. Liam Harrington stormed home first on the Technical course and cemented his hold on the trophy, with Dave Denness unusually completing an event and finishing second and the recuperating Paul Murgatroyd in 3rd.

### **9. Thursday 7 August – South Common, Lincoln** (Planner: Andy Furnell)

It proved a more difficult task than I had expected to plan courses on the South Common as the area was looking particularly overgrown with the mixture of wet and warm weather that we've had. I certainly made a point of choosing clearly identifiable control sites - quite a few of the fenced trees were used whilst the gullies weren't. It's suprising how long it can take to put controls out on the day. This wasn't helped by the fact that I'd somehow managed to use control 123 whilst the appropriate kite was long lost. Thanks go to early arrival Tim who did some useful work in adding a makeshift number to another kite. With most of the runners on their way, action was called for when I found that I'd got a number wrong on the short course descriptions. I rushed off up there to find a few confused people around and added an extra number to the kite. Lessons learnt - more advance checking required and have the required kites ready before going to the event. It was interesting to note that only Phil Longstaff on long and Andy Lucas on technical had managed to get to all controls - but the latter had gone over time. Was very lucky with the weather though - one thunderstorm could be heard passing to the east whilst the trophies were being presented and another one hit whilst on the way home.....

# LOG SUMMER SERIES – TABLES & PHOTOS – 2008

## FINAL INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS—TOP 3 (for full results—[www.logonline.org.uk](http://www.logonline.org.uk))

SHORT											
Name	Club	HP	SC	RP	BW	UL	TW	WC	OP	SC	Tot
1 Rebecca Navarette	RAFO	-	47	-	48	-	48	45	49	47	239
2 Jordan Webster	NOC	46	46	46	45	50	46	48	-	-	236
3 William Parkinson	NOC	-	49	49	-	-	47	43	45	-	233
LONG											
Name	Club	HP	SC	RP	BW	UL	TW	WC	OP	SC	Tot
1 Craig Woods	NOC	-	50	50	-	-	49	47	-	46	242
2 Paul Rushworth	IND	-	-	40	47	47	43	49	48	49	240
3 Elizabeth Park-	NOC	-	47	49	-	48	48	46	46	-	238
TECHNICAL											
Name	Club	HP	SC	RP	BW	UL	TW	WC	OP	SC	Tot
1 Liam Harring-	LOG	50	49	-	50	0	50	50	50	-	250
2 Andrew Steven-	LOG	48	48	48	-	50	-	0	47	-	241
3 Andy Lucas	LOG	45	44	46	-	41	45	-	46	50	232



Short course series winner, Rebecca Navarette (RAFO), receiving her trophy from Ian Durrant, LOG President.



Long course series winner, Craig Woods (NOC), receiving his trophy from Ian Durrant, LOG President.



Inaugural team trophy winners, Team Def Leppard (R to L: Nikki Harrington, Andy Lucas & Sean Bates), pictured with Ian Durrant, LOG President.

# SUMMER SERIES—TEAM TABLE

Team Name	Member Name	Hp	Sc	Rp	Bw	Lu	Tw	Wc	Op	Sc	Total	Team Score
ANTHRAX	Liam Harrington	50	49	-	50	0	50	50	50	-	250	515
	Geraldine Davis	-	-	45	-	43	-	-	-	-	88	
	Ben Kirman	40	37	32	-	28	-	29	-	39	177	
METALLICA	Sean Harrington	43	39	35	45	0	0	-	44	46	217	663
	Kevin Kirk	46	39	50	48	31	35	-	-	-	218	
	Simon Caruthers	50	46	43	-	35	34	40	42	47	228	
DEF LEPPARD	Nikki Harrington	46	41	48	42	39	43	44	-	-	223	668
	Andy Lucas	45	44	46	-	41	45	-	46	50	232	
	Sean Bates	-	36	-	42	-	39	-	46	50	213	
DEEP PURPLE	Andy Furnell	49	40	39	0	42	-	-	44	-	214	627
	Andy Stevenson	48	48	48	-	50	-	0	47	-	241	
	Rachel Kirk	39	0	32	32	34	33	-	34	-	172	
AC/DC	Kaele Pilcher	44	34	35	0	32	-	30	-	-	175	468
	Andy Bayliss	41	38	38	41	37	38	31	43	42	205	
	Tom George	48	-	-	40	0	-	-	-	-	88	
NIRVANA	Paul Murgatroyd	49	50	50	-	-	-	50	48	-	247	574
	Sarah Pike	42	-	34	43	36	-	34	38	41	200	
	Ewan Tait	-	45	40	-	42	-	-	-	-	127	
LINKIN PARK	Charles Nell	46	43	44	49	46	46	-	-	-	231	510
	Laura Fowler	42	-	33	38	-	-	-	-	-	113	
	Jess Tunnard	45	-	41	39	41	-	-	-	-	166	
MOTORHEAD	Steve Bones	-	47	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	94	501
	Lucy Nell	-	44	42	44	46	46	-	45	-	225	
	Michael Wardell	38	-	33	-	27	37	35	39	-	182	
IRON MAIDEN	Dave Denness	-	-	-	0	0	-	46	49	-	95	380
	James Sampson	39	-	47	41	26	33	-	-	-	186	
	James Wood	49	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	
WHITESNAKE	Amanda Roberts	42	-	39	0	-	-	47	37	43	208	518
	Luke Grayson	-	-	42	50	38	-	-	40	49	219	
	Daniel Richardson	-	-	45	46	-	-	-	-	-	91	
RAINBOW	Jon May	-	40	-	-	44	48	49	42	49	232	495.5
	Alan Holyoak	-	48	46	44	-	42	48	-	-	228	
	George Whitley	-	-	35.5	-	0	-	-	-	-	35.5	
AEROSMITH	Phil Longstaff	-	-	44	45	44	44	44	49	50	232	622
	Craig Youngs	0	44	43	40	47	39	38	42	-	216	
	Taylor Savidge	-	42	45	-	42	-	-	-	45	174	
BLACK SABBATH	Joanne Nell	45	45	37	-	43	41	39	38	-	213	527
	James Thake	41	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75	
	Rebecca Navarette	-	47	-	48	25	48	45	49	47	239	
LED ZEPPELIN	Michael Nell	40	38	37	-	38	44	-	39	-	199	487
	Siobahn Byrd	-	43	-	46	-	-	-	-	-	89	
	Kieran Sheriff	50	-	-	-	-	50	49	50	-	199	

# CROESO—WELSH 6 DAYS

## **Part One**

### Day 0 – Arrival and Training Event

Warm sunshine greeted the arrival of the LOG advance party in Wales. Quickly pitched tent and set about enjoying BBQ and a few beers. Training Event? - you have got to be kidding....

### Day 1- Merthyr Common

This area is high level moorland covered with literally thousands of pits and small depressions. There were a couple of indistinct paths in the main area but, other than these, there were no linear features. Losing touch with the map was fatal, as relocation was very difficult (it all looked pretty much the same). The weather was the mixture of rain and heavy rain we would become all too familiar with as the week wore on. I was going well until a horrendous error lost me 10 minutes. I needed control code 135 and found it straight away, but had convinced myself I should be looking for 134. Result-disaster.

In the meantime parts of the



Team LOG looking relaxed after their runs on Day 4—Wentwood West and yes, the sun is making a very rare appearance.

campsite had become waterlogged, fortunately early arrival the day before had got me a pitch on higher ground.

### Day 2- The Bloreng

Once again high open moorland was the order of the day. Navigation was less complex than Day 1, but the terrain was much more physically challenging. Knee high bilberry and heather covered the Bloreng and there were no useful paths (plenty of contours!). No major blunders today so I felt much happier with life, despite the continued heavy rain which was now starting to flood my section of the campsite.

### Day 3- Pwll Du

Paul and Liam's arrival on Day 3 beckoned a worsening of the already dreadful weather. Cagoules and whistles were made compulsory (Yes, in August). This area is basically a huge area of disused coal tips on high sloping moorland. The map was a mass of twisting contours that were extremely tricky to make sense of. Paul and Liam put in creditable performances, but my run was marred by a disastrous third control, which I later learned cost me 16 minutes on the class leader.

### Day 4 – Rest Day

The rest day dawned to dry weather and the promise of sunshine later. It was about 4pm before the really heavy rain set in to remind us that this really was Wales.

**Dave Denness**

## **Part Two**

Paul and myself went down early on Tuesday morning to run the last 4 days, as with other commitments we could not make the first two days. We joined in with the large HALO group and stayed in their cottage near Ystradgynlais, which they had booked many months earlier.

### Day 3 – Pwll Du

This area was open moorland with lots of different contour detail with some paths. This being the first day for me, I wanted to get a good steady error free run. Overall my run was good, but I did make some poor route choices which cost me some time making me finish 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3, 1 minute behind 2<sup>nd</sup> and 12 minutes off the leader.



The boys proudly showing off their allegiance to the club flag.... Er, hang on.....

### Rest day –

Paul and I decided we would go for a walk from the cottage up into the Brecons and around the Black Mountain area, for what Paul said was about an 8 mile walk. Most of this was entailed rugged cross country walking and there were not many paths around. When we stopped for lunch and looked how far there was left, this is when we realised that the 8 mile walk was going to be about 12/13 miles, so we ended up having a good 7 hours of 'gentle' exercise. Unfortunately, and not surprisingly, it did rain really hard later in the afternoon and we got our daily soaking.

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# CROESO—WELSH 6 DAYS (continued)

## Day 4 – Wentwood West

This area was more like a home ground, East Midlands area, as it was a large forest with many paths. What was different, though, was the climb; 450metres on my 9km course. Today I hoped that I would be able to build on from yesterday's run and maybe beat the 2<sup>nd</sup> place person. I had another good run navigation wise, but after one or two poor route choices I ended up 4<sup>th</sup> of 4, a dismal 12 minutes behind. Paul who had a good run coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 22 on the M40S, Dave D also did very well and was just beaten to 2<sup>nd</sup> place by 3 seconds, so finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 20.

## Day 5 – Mynydd y Garn

The area here was again open moorland that had many pits and depressions. After having a day using a 1:15000 map and changing back to a 1:10000 again, my feel for distances was not very good, so I ended up over-shooting many of the controls and, by doing so, losing map contact and wasting lots of time. Unfortunately this was the day when I had a very late start, so did not have that long to complete the course before the courses closed. Luckily I just managed

to finish the course before they had collected all the controls in, but most people had left the event. Paul had another good run and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> of 23, but wasted time on the first control, which he said was not mapped very well (Ed: It wasn't.....grrr.....)and without this error he could have come 2<sup>nd</sup> or even maybe have recorded his first win. Dave had another solid run, but one error dropped him out of the top 10 and into 13<sup>th</sup> place out of 21.

## Day 6 – Clydach Terrace

Again this was open moorland, but with some very intricate contour detail. The start of the courses all went into an area that had lots and lots of small hills, so you needed to be really careful at the start not to lose map contact, then we went on to more open moorland with heathers and tussocks, before returning to finish in the complex terrain. The weather was truly foul, with cagoules again compulsory and driving rain was the order of the day. Paul had another consistent run, coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 23 and Dave came in towards the top end of the pack again, gaining a solid 8th of 20.

**Liam Harrington**



## LOG FINAL RESULTS

COURSE	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Best Four Scaled Times	Overall Position
M20L	Liam Harrington	—	—	85:03(3)	93:10(4)	136:17(4)	115:27(4)	<b>429:57</b>	3rd / 3
M40S	Paul Murgatroyd	—	—	63:29(7)	52:13(2)	54:27(3)	54:04(2)	<b>224:13</b>	4th / 15
M45S	Dave Denness	62:39(12)	54:51(7)	71:53(15)	46:30(3)	66:35(13)	53:40(8)	<b>217:40</b>	9th / 19

# EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE — 2008

east midlands orienteering association



## EMOA League—Remaining Fixtures 2008

7th September	Kedleston Park*	DVO	(* change of date)
5th October	Stapleford Woods	LOG	
12th October	Charnwood Forest South	LEI	
2nd November	Bestwood	NOC	
14th December	Whitesprings	DVO	
21st December	Walesby	NOC	
28th December	Beacon Hill	LEI	

With only two more events having taken place since the last LOG NEWS, there's very little change to the overall LOG table. No-one from our club competed at the events held at Burbage Common or Carsington Pastures, so the only amendments are to the relative positions to all the LOG and RAFO members. Shown below is the latest table with, as usual, the LOG & associated RAFO members shown in comparison to the league leaders..... A maximum of 7 events remain for the participants to make their final charges up their respective leagues, so come on down to Kedleston Park!

### East Midlands League 2008 (LOG & RAFO members' placings after 9 events)

Colour	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Best Eight Scores	Overall Position
Yellow	Rachel Kirk			327	589		1000											1916	4th
Orange	Craig Youngs			591	695		652											1938	6th
Orange	Kevin Kirk			753			923											1676	8th
Orange	Rebecca Navarette				1000		1000											2000	3rd
Lt Green	Luke Grayson			756	1000													1756	10th
Green	Daniel Richardson			468			641											1109	37th
Green	Lucy Nell					628	285											913	28th
Blue	Michael Nell			601	859	610	700											2770	19th
Blue	Andy Furnell	481			634	483	556											2154	27th
Blue	Sean Harrington			575		545		676										1796	35th
Blue	Joanne Nell			641	836		653											2130	6th
Brown	Paul Murgatroyd			686		795		859										2340	13th
Brown	Liam Harrington			712		764		814										1476	14th
Brown	Dave Denness		700			766												1466	29th

Key to Events: 1 Rough Park, 2 Calke Park, 3 Crich Chase, 4 Fermyn Woods, 5 Thieves Wood, 6 Bourne Woods, 7 Hardwick Hall, 8 Burbage Common, 9 Carsington Pastures, 10 Kedleston, 11 Stapleford Woods, 12 Charnwood Forest South, 13 Bestwood, 14 Whitesprings, 15 Walesby, 16 Beacon Hill

# ORIENTEERING IN THE US



The stunning Lake Tahoe—venue for this year's 3 Day BAOC event

When the current Mrs. Murgatroyd declared that we were going to California this year, to see our good friend in San Diego, I immediately did what any self-respecting orienteer would and went straight online to see what events were taking place in the sunshine state! Locating the Bay Area Orienteering Club's national 3 day event in Lake Tahoe, I informed the current Mrs M. that we had to go to the States over the weekend of the 21st/22nd June. She rolled her eyes..... and said okay.

The 3 day event started with a sprint race on the Friday afternoon, in the attractive ski resort around Northstar, and gave a taster of the kind of terrain the main weekend events would take place in. A mixture of forest and street-O, it was a great warm-up and gave me a chance to get to know one or two of the BAOC crowd. Camping in the Donner Memorial national park was sublime, too, as we were sur-

rounded by wonderful pine forest and gave us a chance to rest up from our RV trip around California.

The Saturday middle distance race at Burton Creek was a rude awakening, though. When the planner opens up with the statement 'The map is by now showing some signs of age' a chill should run down the spine. The area was bereft of distinct features and navigation required a great deal of compass and pacing work. Often the only navigational features were a change from run-



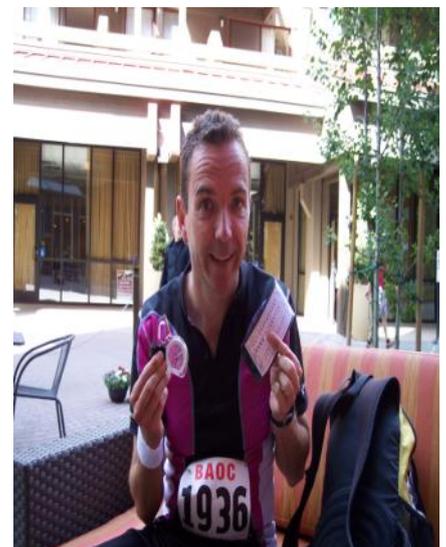
The finish location on Day 2—middle distance—in amongst the beautiful Ponderosa pine forests

nable wood to open land and the map, being at least 5 years old since last updates, was a best 'hazy' in these areas. Trying to distinguish between open areas became a guessing game and I was unfortunately often on the wrong side of this! My splits veered wildly from 1st/2nd in class to bottom by some margin, as I stumbled around these controls. It was made worse by the fact that a

lot of the wood had areas of brashings (which the US runners called 'slash') making the going underfoot very tricky and restricting visibility of features, such as small boulders. Often you had to be right on top of a control before you saw it, which brought in the 'bingo' element so beloved of orienteers. I finally managed to complete the course and found a miss-punch moved me from a potential 3rd place to a 'dsq' in one fell swoop!

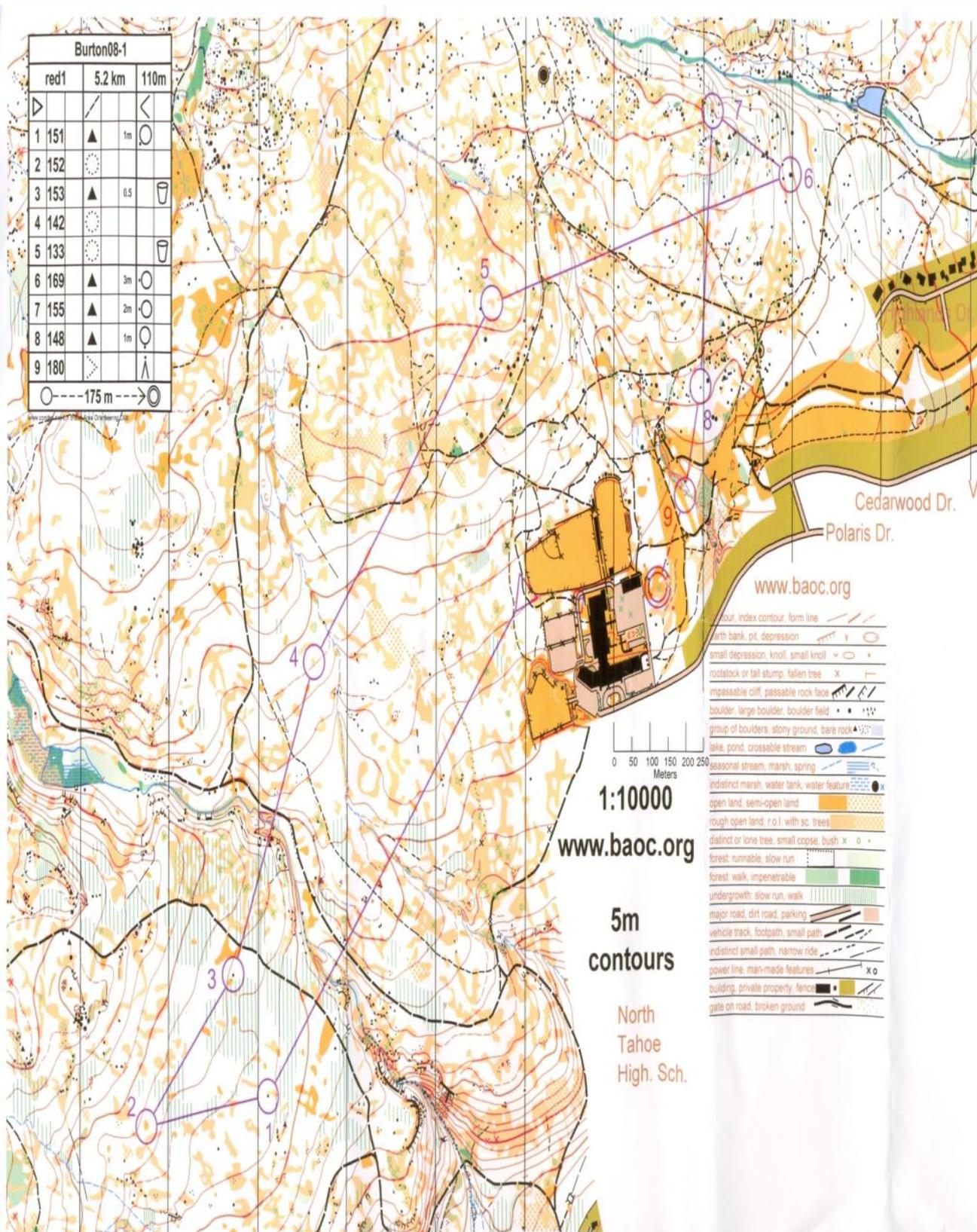
Sunday was more of the same, but longer! Battling across the slash was disheartening at times and again the splits varied between 1st and 7th, with me coming in overall 6th in class. A challenging weekend overall and it was great to see how they ran things over the other side of the pond, but please, guys, get that map updated before I make my next venture across!

Paul Murgatroyd



Now, remind me again.... What are these for exactly..?!

# ORIENTEERING IN THE US



**Bay Area Orienteering Club's map of Jacob's Creek, Lake Tahoe, California, with the Red course (M40) shown on the Middle day. Notice the lack of features on legs 2 & 3 and the plethora of small clearings around CP5—tricky stuff!**

## KNOW YOUR MEMBERS

*This section of the Newsletter is to enable members to find out more about each other, to give recognition to their achievements and to provide a sounding board for their thoughts on LOG, orienteering and life in general.....this month the spotlight turns to the first female to be interviewed for this slot—Mrs Joanne Nell—known to many as the RAFO Air Cadets’ Acting Mother.*



### ***How do you think tonight went?***

I did the technical and found the course interesting. I usually run long, but fancied a change and as it was a bog standard line course, not map memory, I was up for that!

### ***How long have you been involved in orienteering and how did you get into the sport?***

About three years through the Air Cadets. Michael started taking them orienteering and I went along, tried it and quite enjoyed it! I’ve still got an awful lot to learn, certainly navigation-wise, as I do tend to make a number of silly mistakes.

### ***What kind of orienteering do you enjoy the most?***

I quite enjoy a mix of types. Coming from Lincolnshire, I find the hills hard! I also enjoy the city/street O too, but I enjoy all of them, as I like to test myself on all different terrain.

### ***And are you involved in any other sports?***

Not so much now. I was with the swimming and triathlon clubs, but don’t do that too often nowadays.

### ***I hear you run your own business?***

Yes, we live in Spalding and have a cut-flower business there. We’re sort of semi-retired, as we actually sold our main nursery for building a few years ago, but we still grow stocks out of a site at Pinchbeck that we still own. It tends to be busy May through to August and the rest is maintenance, bookwork, etc.

### ***So, do you do any other work outside of this?***

Not really. We do a bit of work for the growers’ club and have days out walking, but that’s about it.

### ***And was the business full-time prior to this then?***

Yes, we grew tulips, lisianthus, stocks, lilies, everything. I’ve been involved in this ever since I married Michael, as it was a family business. His father was Dutch and he built it up when he came over in the thirties and Michael’s been in it ever since he left University.

### ***Is this a move then into retirement?***

Well, certainly semi-retirement, but we like to keep our foot in the door and we do planting for other businesses, if they’re busy and they want us to help out.

### ***How did you get involved in the Air Cadets?***

Lucy joined when she was thirteen and then Charles also at thirteen and it kind of escalated from there. A lot of the activities involve taking them flying, gliding, athletics, cross-country, etc. and it involves ferrying them left, right and centre!

### ***So, you’re very busy then!?***

Quite busy with the cadets, yes. It involves two nights a week and I’m also treasurer of the Air Cadets, so we have

committee meetings on top of this – not a lot of time for anything else!

### ***In terms of orienteering, what ambitions do you have?***

Not a great deal. I just enjoy coming to the various events and plodding round, to be honest. What I really enjoy is the look on the cadets’ faces when they come back and they’ve enjoyed it – I get a real buzz out of that.

### ***Would you say that many of the cadets will stay involved in orienteering?***

I think for one or two of them will carry it on. Certainly I hope Charles and Lucy will stay in the sport and the others have the opportunity to do so if they wish to. However the main reason they do it now is that they have someone to take them and if it was left to their own devices they might struggle, certainly parents-wise. When they’re old enough to take themselves, I’d like to think they’d carry it on.

### ***Joanne, thanks for your time and all the best with those Cadets—we need every single one of ‘em to keep going!***

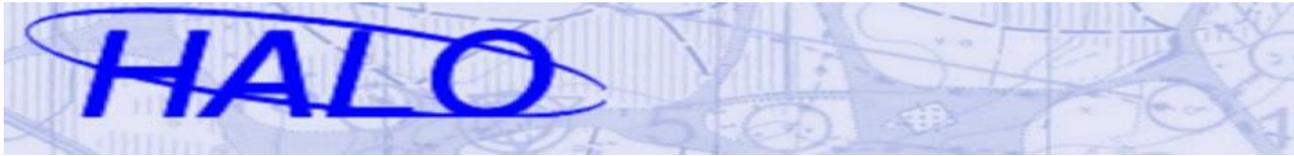
### ***Next issue—Another lady, and one of LOG’s newest recruits, takes her place in the hot seat.....***



## Lincoln Orienteering Group Executive Committee Meeting – July 17th

		<b>Action</b>
	<b>Present:</b> Paul, Steve, Ian D, Jon & Sean	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> – Andy, Dave & Liam	
<b>2</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 09.05.08</b> – Agreed	
<b>3</b>	<b>Stapleford C4 - 05/10/08</b> – Due to ongoing forestry work at both Stapleford & Twyford it was decided the only option for the C4 event was the South Common. The map needs updating / new O/S landmap, permission required, planner, controller & organiser required.	Permission – Jon Map – Steve / Paul Officials – Sean to E-mail out request for help
<b>4</b>	<b>Hartsholme Events</b> – 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug and 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Both events need registering 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Ian D in charge with Andy F assisting, could still do with more helpers. 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept Ian D in charge additional helpers required.	Registration – Jon E-mail for helpers – Sean Put on Web – Liam / Steve
<b>5</b>	<b>City Race</b> – Paul planning the event, Jon sorting out access.	Access – Jon / Steve
<b>6</b>	<b>Bomber</b> – Committee decided to go to Bomber meeting on 21/07/08 and suggest LOG run the relays at Riseholme on the Sat including all officials. This would leave RAFO & HALO to cover the C4 and LONG O on the Sunday.	Meeting – Steve / Sean E-mail for helpers - Sean
<b>7</b>	<b>Club Kit</b> – Paul is still waiting for price information back from Par, committee will then decide if club is going to hold stock for future needs.	Paul to follow up
<b>8</b>	<b>Winter League</b> – To consist of 6 events based around Lincoln, most likely South and West Common, Riseholme, Uni, Hartsholme and 1 School. 2 courses - Short & Long. 10.00-11.00: for coaching; 11.00-12.00: for starts. Planners required for each event.	E-mail for planners - Sean
<b>9</b>	<b>Club Training</b> – To start again on 21/08/08. Paul to run the events, similar to last year	
<b>10</b>	<b>Publicity</b> – Discussion took place about having some professional flyers / posters made for winter series	Paul to investigate costs and come back to committee
<b>11</b>	<b>A.O.B</b> – a. Ian D. elected as Youth Liaison Officer. b. Jon still requires all 1 <sup>st</sup> aid people to send certificates to him c. Jon / Sean still going through CRB check process	All Jon / Sean
<b>12</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b> – Thursday 21/08/08 after club training, venue to be confirmed by Ian D	Ian D

# HALO POACHER SERIES—2008



## HALO LINCOLNSHIRE POACHER— REPORTS

### 8. Wed 4 June Halliday Hill, Great Limber TA 107068

The combined area of Halliday Hill and Brompton Dale gave a big entry an excellent evening's orienteering. Despite the area's long narrow shape, planner Andy Houlden produced some excellent courses, through very runnable terrain for the time of year. The advantages of SI punching was very evident in this small area, although the mystery of box 54 remains unsolved. With just three events to go some of the trophy categories are cut and dried but most are not yet resolved. Juniors were well to the fore on the Short course, occupying five of the top nine places, with Caistor Grammar entrants packing well, with three in the first nine, spearheaded by the improving Sam Offler. At the opposite end of the age spectrum, four super-vets figured in the top fifteen on the Long course, with HALO's Mike Smith highest placed in an excellent eighth. Running speed generally was swift and many have noticed how the standard has markedly improved compared to a few years ago (verified by reference the Poacher results archive on the HALO web site).

### 9. Wed 11 June Brocklesby Park, nr. Humberside Airport TA 128123

Spur Chase Woods became the latest new addition to the Poacher fixture list courtesy of mapper and planner Mike Smith. Many in the car park anticipated a straightforward evening's orienteering. How wrong they were! Mike produced courses that precipitated innumerable mistakes in many people's navigation. Leading times, particularly on the Long course, were much longer than expected. However, current Masters Champion Neil Harvatt made fewer mistakes than the rest to record maximum points. Behind there were good runs from Halo Newsletter Editor John Fulwood returning to his standard of former years and Super vet Pete Shew who is clearly benefitting from his rowing training on the Ancholme River.

### 10. Wed 18 June Normanby le Wold, Caistor TF 123948

Welcome to the flat county of Lincolnshire! Normanby le Wold is a one off in the Poacher series consisting of entirely rough grassland with plenty of climb. Planner Pete Harris produced two good challenging courses through tough terrain. After the recent dry weather the underfoot rutted ground was a real test for dodgy joints; the vegetation was prolific reaching elephant grass proportions in places - surprising considering the number of cattle about. Early starters had to contend with a downpour that had been forecast all day and tracks began to appear in the soaked vegetation though the pit no.5 on the Long course still caused problems. Juniors dominated the Short course occupying 5 out of the 9 top places with Grasby's Jay Robinson having his best run of the series and Esther Robinson (no relation) doing remarkably well after moving up from the Newcomers course.

### 11. Wed 25 June Pillar Wood, Caistor TA 128035

The 2008 Lincolnshire Poacher Trophy Series finished on a high note - a perfect summer's evening and excellent courses set by planner Brian Slater. The choice of a new Assembly area presented a fresh challenge giving the impression of a completely different forest. Pillar Wood provided good runnability for the time of the year - a rarity in this part of Eastern England. Liam Harrington added another maximum on the Long course where there were season's best runs from Tealby's Pete Harris and Winterton's Rod Williams. Mike Smith clinched the Super Vet Trophy at the death - the only unresolved issue prior to Event 11. There was an excellent first win on the Short Course for Caistor Grammar's Sam Offler who is improving all the time. After the event many gathered at the Queen's Head for the Series Trophy presentations. The 2009 Poacher starts on Wednesday 15 April - the fixture list will be out early in the New Year.

**TROPHY WINNERS:** SHORT COURSE CHAMPION - ZAC FIELD; JUNIOR - JAKE FIELD; LADIES - ROSIE FIELD; LONG COURSE CHAMPION - LIAM HARRINGTON; MASTERS - NEIL HARVATT; SUPER VET - MIKE SMITH; ULTRA VET - PAT O'GRADY.

*Website: <http://lincspoacher.org.uk>*

# HALO POACHER SERIES—2008

## HALO LINCOLNSHIRE POACHER— LOG'ers FINAL TABLE— LONG & SHORT CLASSES

Position	Name	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
1	Liam Harrington	M20	50	49	50	50	50	50	50	50		49	50	350
4	Paul Murgatroyd	M40	47	50	45	47	47	47		49	47			334
14	Phil Longstaff	M55		35		33	35	38	43	31	41	41	38	271
17	Sean Harrington	M50	32	31	31	29	28	37	39	33	40	29	35	247
21	Andy Furnell	M40	35	29	29	30	29	33	29	27	32	25		217
44	Jonathan May	M21		42										42
Position	Name	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
17	Kaele Pilcher	W45	34		41	34			41	37	40			227
50	Alice Bennett	W21					27							27



*Long Course champion, Liam Harrington, on his debut series win, receiving the trophy from Poacher organiser, Peter Kullich (HALO)*



*'Now....tell me again, son...why does Longers keep on beating me??'*



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*The next LOG-NEWS is scheduled for the end of September, when we'll be reporting back on the second club weekend event of the year—a trip up north to Jon May's fatherland and the Phoenix Long O event. The first club trip of 2008 to Macc Forest was a cracker and will take some beating....*

*The summer series of both LOG and HALO have come to an end and the winners of the various courses have been celebrated in technicolour elsewhere, but now our attention shifts to the approaching 2008/9 Winter Series. A new venture for LOG, it'll be interesting to see what gains this brings us, with weekend racing on a Saturday morning coming to a venue near you.*

*Remember, I'm always on the search for articles, short or long, so don't hesitate to put pen to paper....or fingers to keyboard.... And get writing!*

## **SELECTED NATIONAL FIXTURES**

### **August**

**17th** EM DVO Street-O. Bakewell. SK221684. S5 John Armstrong, 01335 348238. armstrongjm@talk21.com Fees TBA. Dogs allowed on leads at all times. [www.dvo.org.uk](http://www.dvo.org.uk). Full registration pending

**17th** EM NOC Local Event & Summer League. Bevercotes, Mansfield. SK700741. C5 Bob Alderson, 0115 845 0771. org080817@noc-uk.org £2.00/£1.00. [www.noc-uk.org](http://www.noc-uk.org)

**23rd-25th** YH White Rose Weekend

C3 23rd - Day 1 Regional Event. Barns Cliff & Low North Park, nr Scarborough. SE947952.

S5N 23rd - Local Night Score Event. Barns Cliff & Low North Park, nr Scarborough. SE947952.

C3 24th - Day 2 Regional Event. Barns Cliff & Low North Park, nr Scarborough. SE947952.

R4 25th - Day 3 Team Score Relay. Barns Cliff & Low North Park, nr Scarborough. SE947952.

Organiser: Bill Griffiths, 0771 0002961. [wr2008org@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:wr2008org@tiscali.co.uk). Entries: Entry on-line preferable OR White Rose Entries, 30 Orchard Pad-dock, Haxby, , York, YO32 3DP, 01904 768066. [wr2008entries@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wr2008entries@yahoo.co.uk) CD: 1st 04/06/08. Entry Fees: Days 1 & 2 - £8.00/£4.00 before 4 June, £9.00/£4.50 before 27 July, £10.00/£5.00 after 28 July (these are BO discounted rates). See website for Day 3 team fees. Lim EOD Chq: Eborienteers. EPS-SI. Red, yellow, white, String course. Parking £1.00. Dogs allowed on lead in car park only. [www.whiteroseweekend.org.uk](http://www.whiteroseweekend.org.uk).

### **September**

**7th** EM DVO District Event. Kedleston Park, Derby. SK313403. C4 Brian Denness, 01332 553658. briandenness@naims.co.uk £7.00/£1.00 Family entry: £15. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on lead, in car park. [www.dvo.org.uk](http://www.dvo.org.uk)

**14th** YH AIRE Regional Event. Ilkley Moor, Ilkley. SE116472. C3 Organiser: Martyn Broadest, 0113 2328982 (before 9pm). [martyn@broadest.org.uk](mailto:martyn@broadest.org.uk). Entries: Alan and Margaret Parker, 10, King Alfreds Drive, Leeds, LS6 4PS, 0113 268 5764. [meparkerAT-freenet.co.uk](mailto:meparkerAT-freenet.co.uk) CD: unknown. Fees TBA. Lim EOD. Chq: Airienteers. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs allowed on leads please. [www.aire.org.uk](http://www.aire.org.uk)

**20th** EM DVO Local Event. Black Rock & Cromford Moor, Wirksworth. SK291558. C5 Val Johnson, 01773 824754. [gmjandfam@aol.com](mailto:gjmjandfam@aol.com) £3.00/£1.00 Family entry: £7. [www.dvo.org.uk](http://www.dvo.org.uk)

**21st** YH CLARO District Event & Yvette Baker Trophy Round 1. Dob Park, Otley. SE195502. C4 Organiser: John Birtwistle, 01765 677099. [birtwistle490@btinternet.com](mailto:birtwistle490@btinternet.com). Entries: Tim Moon, 18 Middleton Avenue, Ilkley, HG4 2HH, 01943602429. [tim.moon@btinternet.com](mailto:tim.moon@btinternet.com) CD: unknown. Lim EOD. Chq: CLARO. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs allowed only in car park & on lead. [www.claro-orienteering.org](http://www.claro-orienteering.org)

**21st** EM NOC Local Event & Come and Try It. Brierley Forest Park, Mansfield. SK481598. C5 Catherine Hughes, 0115 8774089. [catherine@midlandsnordicwalking.org](mailto:catherine@midlandsnordicwalking.org) £2.00/£1.00. White, Yellow, Orange & Technical. [www.noc-uk.org](http://www.noc-uk.org)

