



LOG-NEWS

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Photos from the Bomber Relays, April 25th 2009. Clockwise from top left: The assembly on the lawn in front of the Old Hall; the Chairman explains to HALO exactly how to go about organising; the winning team—LOG Squadron (Andy Lucas, Liam Harrington & Paul Murgatroyd); runners take their marks for the mass start and Barnes and Carruthers (Team No Hoppers) in changeover mode.

ED'S BIG BIT



In the end it was so close... only 4 points, equating to 2 runners improving their standings by a single place, kept us out of our first ever Com-

passSport Trophy Final. It was gut-wrenching.....

However, once the dust of battle had settled and we begin to reflect on this near miss, it becomes clear how far the club has moved in a very short space of time. In recent years, we have often struggled to raise a full team for the first round and it has been a rare occurrence indeed for us to get anywhere approaching the full number of counters, so to see a LOG team

able to put forward a full scoring contingent, and have the luxury of extras not counting on the day, is a healthy sight indeed. With the likes of Joanne and Charles Nell claiming 100 points each at the event, newcomers Tom Honniball and Andrea Page scoring well and established, but improving, members such as Amanda Roberts, Sarah Pike and Jon May all contributing to the LOG effort, the future is rosy.

Looking to how we can develop further, and take that last step to appearing in our first ever final, it would appear that there are a number of initiatives that are going to assist greatly in the next twelve months. For instance, Ian Durrant is working hard on us attaining Club-mark status and this will help us in a number of ways. The club structure will be more robust, it is likely that we will be viewed more favourably by governing bodies when grants come to be allocated and it is

making us look at the way we govern ourselves, with simple things such as the effectiveness of our marketing and website coming under scrutiny.

The development of our club training will help assist in recruitment of newcomers and technical improvement of our current members—both of which will continue to make us stronger in competition. The winter series also helped on the recruitment front and efforts at publicising this bore fruit this year, with a substantial growth in membership. Once individuals such as Klaus Roberts and Paul Barnes gain a touch more experience, through local and regional competition, they too will come to the fore and strengthen the LOG contingent.

It's going to be interesting next year!

Paul Murgatroyd

Chairman's Sound Byte



The first round of the Compass Sport Trophy was held on 29/03/09 at Sherwood Pines and we had a great turnout of LOG members. We managed to get the full 13 counters scoring for us on

the day, which was a great achievement. We ended up with a superb total of 1258 points only to be pushed into second place by HALO with 1262. Thanks to everyone who turned out on the day, with a bit more luck and a couple of extra runners we may even have ended up winning it!

The Bomber weekend on the 25th/26th April was a great success, further reports on the event can be found later in the newsletter. Even though this year's event has only just finished, the committee are already looking into the next Bomber, which may involve a different format and more details will be made known as and when available.

The summer series is now well under way, with 4 events completed. We have been getting approximately 50 people each night, which is good to see. Even at this early stage it looks like we could well have some different hands on this year's trophies.

Club training is due to start again on Thursday 13/08/09 and this year it is going to be every week, alternating between physical fitness and technical sessions. This will then be followed by 6 events in our Winter Se-

ries and it has been decided to keep the events centred around Lincoln again this year, in order to build on our recruitment efforts last winter, and hopefully next year we will have 3 of the events in the south of the county.

At the moment the likely venues for the 2009/10 series are going to be West Common, University of Lincoln, Hartsholme, Lincoln Christ Hospital School, South Common & Sudbrooke Park. As usual we will be looking for planners and if you are available to plan any of these events, then please get back to me ASAP. All offers gratefully received!

Finally we are looking into revamping the website, therefore if we have any budding web designers out there, please get in contact with any of the committee members.

Sean Harrington

FUTURE LOG EVENTS

2009

4.6.09—30.7.09

Summer Series 2009

4.6.09

South Common (Sarah Pike)

18.6.09

Bourne Woods (Dave Denness)

2.7.09

Riseholme Park (Phil Longstaff)

16.7.09

Ostler's Plantation (Sean Harrington)

30.7.09

University of Lincoln (Liam Harrington)

22.11.09

L3 Stapleford Woods (East Mids League), TBD

5.11.09—21.1.10

Winter Series 2009/10



NEW PERMANENT COURSE

On Wednesday 25th March, the Mayor of Lincoln, Councillor Ron Hill, kindly officially opened the new permanent course on South Common. Sincil School, on South Park, put up the finances and provided manpower from teachers and pupils to provide 20 permanent marker posts.

On the Wednesday, pupils from the school, accompanied by teachers, were introduced to the Mayor, before being set off on a score event. At the same time pupils from The Priory on Cross O' Cliff Hill were also carrying out orienteering training using the permanent course map. After setting the runners off, the Mayor was given a tour of Sincil School before the pupils returned from their orienteering efforts. Prior to his departure, the Mayor presented medals to all those who participated in the score event. They were very impressed that the medals were made of metal, not plastic. If only my grandchildren were so easily impressed.

Although the school is for children with educational or behavioural problems, I found them, ultimately, very enthusiastic about orienteering. Unfortunately, they are either bussed or taxied in from all over the county, so there is little, if any, opportunity for them to follow up the experience, although of course the permanent course is right on their doorstep and I have also surveyed and mapped their school. Hopefully they will be able to have another go in the near future.

I did take the opportunity to bend the Mayor's ear about orienteering and what an excellent challenge it is for young people and how I am struggling to get a second course set up on West Common. Time will tell, though, so watch this space.

Ian Durrant



Ian Durrant (rear left) with staff and pupils from Sincil Bank being introduced to the Mayor, Cllr Ron Hill (front centre), before taking to the new permanent course on South Common.

LOG SUMMER SERIES—REPORTS 2009

This is a series of informal events to be held on Thursday evenings during the summer months.

There will be 3 courses:

Short: 2-3 Km (Orange standard - Short easy).

Long: 5-6 Km (Red standard - Long easy).

Technical: 4-5 Km (Green standard - Hard).

Start Times: 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Cost: £1.50

Points calculation: Best 5 results to count

Trophies: Series winners of each course

1. Thursday 09 April - Hartsholme Park, Lincoln (Planner - Andy Furnell)

The 2009 Summer League started on a fine evening in Hartsholme Park. It fell on the Thursday before the JK weekend, which resulted in the absence of several regulars who were heading north. By contrast though, the first two competitors to turn up announced they had come up from Surrey and had spotted our event as a good half way stopping off point on route to the JK. Even they were to be outdone by the arrival of the Parkinson's, who turned up with two Swedish girls who were also over for the JK. As such, we still managed a reasonable 38 competitors on the evening and no missing controls—always a bonus here! Darkness soon descended and we were collecting in as soon as the final runners were clear of the opening circuit around the lake. Thanks in particular go to Amanda Roberts, who stayed around to help collect in, despite heading off to the JK early the next day. Thanks also go to Ian Pilcher, who I'd earlier called on for printing the Technical maps when my printer stopped picking up yellow ink. It would have otherwise resulted in some very unusual looking maps. The only down side came on seeing the results later: the Surrey boys had denied my team mate Andy Stevenson maximum points on the opening event! Nikki Harrington, round in 25:08, claimed top spot on the Short, whilst Rob McIntyre of ULOG took the honours on the Long, completing the course in 30:10.

2. Thursday 23 April - Twyford Woods, Colsterworth (Planners - Joanne & Michael Nell)

There's a well known expression used by us South Lincolnshire folk, and it goes like this: "If you can't see the Bourne hills, then it's raining. If you can see the Bourne hills, it's about to rain!" After last year's epic wash-out at Bourne Woods, we were hoping that luck would be with us. It was. A balmy spring evening welcomed the 37 competitors to Twyford Woods. But not the Twyford as we knew it. Determined thinning over the winter and early spring months had changed the character of the place, with the old dark overgrown areas suddenly becoming much more runnable. Victory on the Short went to Rebecca Navarrete, in her usual fast pace. Three Parkinsons featured in the top 6 places on the Long, which was won by LOG's Paul Barnes. A conventional technical course was won in style by Paul Murgatroyd (LOG), with a spirited run giving a close second place for SO's Carlos Fernandez Lence.

3. Thursday 07 May - Sudbrooke Park, Lincoln (Planner - Paul Murgatroyd)

A beautiful spring evening and the promise of a new area resulted in the best turn out for a event so far in the 2009 summer series. 52 individuals and 'teams' ran around the course, which was a great mix of urban and woodland O, and the reports coming back were that the area was a superb addition to the LOG portfolio. Ideally, the race would have taken place a month earlier, as originally planned, which would have avoided some of the undergrowth now taking hold in places, but nevertheless all courses managed to make the best of the combination of terrain on hand. The courses generally followed an urban-wood-urban theme, which meant that runners had to switch between different techniques and styles and this inevitably caught a few out. On the technical course, GB junior Peter Hodgkinson (NOC) breezed round in 31:48 to claim maximum points, over 12 minutes ahead of the first LOG runner. The long course honours went to Elizabeth Parkinson, who continues her fine form from the winter series. Early season pace setter, Paul Barnes (LOG), had trouble with control 13, and ended up with 'null point' from his evening's endeavours, but no doubt he'll be back to form at the next event. Finally, the short course saw a RAFO trio head the results table, with Phil Ingamells claiming the 50 points over last year's short series winner, Rebecca Navarrete. The series tables begin to take shape and the transfer system now comes into play on the team league....

4. Thursday 21 May - Stapleford Woods, Newark (Planner - Amanda Roberts)

This event was the second that I have planned. I thought it would be much easier this time. However, coping with the OCAD programme proved to be very frustrating. It all seemed so easy on the mapping course we did last autumn but the reality of changing vegetation symbols, and adjusting the map from A3 to A4, meant a lot of cursing at my computer! Luckily the weather was kind to me and, although it threatened to rain, we had a lovely evening and a fantastic turnout - note for next planner: I suggest more than 20 maps for the long course - 46 maps sold in total.

I apologise for control number 3 on the long and technical courses - it seemed OK to me but then I did approach it from an easier direction. Paul blamed it on the out of date mapping but then route choice might also be to blame! The evening saw three LOG victors. Thomas Honniball claim his maiden victory on the Technical course and Paul Barnes returned to the top of the Long course results, following his minor blip at Sudbrooke Park. Clare Hanna scored a maximum on her first outing of the summer on the Short course.

As last year, I was very relieved when the first runners came in on all the courses and the controls were all there and in the right places. Thank you to those that stopped to help collect in the controls, and, for the future, anyone who has time after an event to help with the collecting please let the organiser know, your help will be really appreciated! Next year we also need to amend the post race drinking spot - The Vincent Arms is not a pub any more!



LOG SUMMER SERIES—FIXTURES & TABLES 2009

5. Thursday 04 June - South Common, Lincoln SK977698

Rough open hillside facing the cathedral. The South common is situated to the South of Lincoln, parking is on South Park just North of the B1188/B1190 junction.

Post race - Golden Eagle, Lincoln High Street. Planner - *Sarah Pike*

6. Thursday 18 June - Bourne Woods, Bourne TBA

Mixed working forest. Parking and start area not yet confirmed, please see website for details

Post race - TBA. Planner - *Dave Denness*

7. Thursday 02 July - Riseholme Park, Lincoln SK984755

Mixed woodland and parkland. From the A15 or A46 onto Riseholme Lane, just North of Lincoln.

Post race - The Plough, Nettleham Planner - *Jon May*

8. Thursday 16 July - Ostlers Plantation, Woodhall Spa TF236627

Mixed woodland. From the B1191 East of Woodhall Spa take the road to Kirkby on Bain.

Post race - TBA Planner - *Sean Harrington*

9. Thursday 30 July - University of Lincoln SK966712

Street "O". Parking at University of Lincoln Sports Centre.

Post race - The Shed, Brayford Pool. Planner - *Liam Harrington*

Series co-ordinator—Sean Harrington (01522 791344 / 07711 045655)

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INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS - TOP 3 (AFTER 4 EVENTS)

SHORT						
Name	Club	HP	TW	SP	SW	Tot
1 Craig Lucas	LOG	49	47	47	45	188
2 Nikki Harrington	LOG	50	44	45	—	139
3 Rebecca Navarette	RAFO	—	50	49	—	99
LONG						
Name	Club	HP	TW	SP	SW	Tot
1 Elizabeth Parkinson	NOC	47	49	50	48	194
2 Robert Parkinson	NOC	48	48	46	49	191
3 Helen Parkinson	NOC	40	45	47	44	176
TECHNICAL						
Name	Club	HP	TW	SP	SC	Tot
1 Klaus Roberts	LOG	43	40	36	40	159
2 Sean Harrington	LOG	42	38	38	39	157
3 Andy Stevenson	LOG	48	—	46	47	141

LOG Executive Committee Meeting – May 14th 2009

		Action
	Present: Andy, Paul, Michael, Ian, Sean, Sarah and Jon	
1	Apologies for Absence – Dave & Liam	
2	Approval of Minutes of Meeting on 19.02.09 – Agreed	
3	Bomber 09 – The committee thought the event had been worth putting on, even though the numbers were down approx 30% on 2007. Accounts still to be completed. Discussion took place regarding next Bomber, Paul suggested leaving it 3 years and combine with LOG's 25 th anniversary. Possible format: Friday – Chasing sprint, Sat – City Race (Stamford) & Sunday Long "0" and L3 (Lincoln).	Andy to complete accounts All to take away
4	Summer Series 09 – First 3 events completed, approx numbers 50 at each event. Require a planner for Riseholme event on 02/07/09.	Sean to sort
5	Stapleford L3 – Date confirmed as 22/11/09. Need to get things moving on this. Mapping / Car Park / Planner / Controller. Decided to check things out on site at the Stapleford summer series event and bring details back to next meeting.	Jon sorting permissions All
6	Clubmark – Ian to send out all policies to enable them to be adopted at next meeting. Copy of ER forms to Ian. Try and enter junior team into Peter Palmer Relays or Yvette Baker (Joint with HALO?) Stapleford L3 could be venue for YB.	Ian Sean Michael & Sean to check with EMOA
7	Courses – Names taken of those interested in courses, try for September date	Sean to take to EMOA
8	Winter Series 09/10 – Venues sorted: West Common, University of Lincoln, Hartsholme, LCHS, South Common & Sudbrooke Park. Planners to be sorted.	Sean
9	Club Training – To be every Thursday starting on 13/08/09. Alternating between 1 week physical and 1 week technical.	Paul to arrange
10	Club Website – Check on who has done the LEI / EMOA website, look into cost of having ours re-built by a 'professional'.	Sean / Paul / Ian
11	City Race 2010 – We need to look at new date as provisional date clashes with Sheffield City race—possibly week 2 or 3 in Sept.	Jon to sort
12	Incentive Scheme – EMOA pushing new colour coded incentive scheme.	
13	Computers – Need more people trained up on computer for running events. Andy to arrange training course on Thursday 29/05/09 - Jon, Nikki, Sarah & Sean to attend.	Andy to sort
14	A.O.B – (a) D.O.E – Sarah trying to get them involved with orienteering (b) Welfare Officer: Sarah - proposed by Jon, seconded by Michael, carried unanimously	Sarah
15	Next Meeting – TBC	

JK FESTIVAL—A LOG PERSPECTIVE



JK 'newbie' and LOG stalwart, Amanda Roberts, gives her take on her 2009 JK experience:

Whilst everyone in Lincolnshire had rather a cloudy and damp Easter Bank Holiday Weekend, those of us who took up the 'Murgy Tours' offer and braved the JK2009 had a glorious sunny few days and came back thinking summer was on the way.

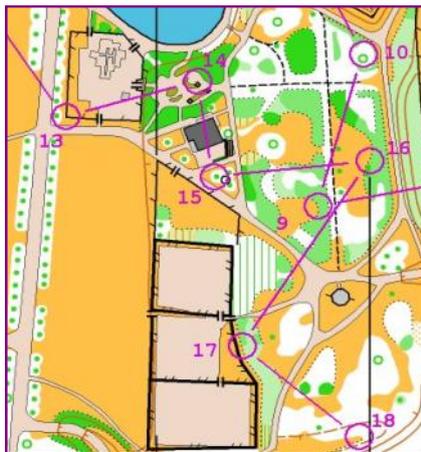
This year the JK was based around Newcastle. Dave, Spikey and I set out on Friday morning, with the idea of a relaxed journey up the A1. The plan was to arrive in Newcastle in plenty of time to get the feel of the place before our start times in the



City Sprint. Well, forget that - after three traffic queues we were getting rather worried that everyone would have packed up and gone home before we even arrived. Luckily, Jon May (being a local lad) advised us that the quickest way to the City

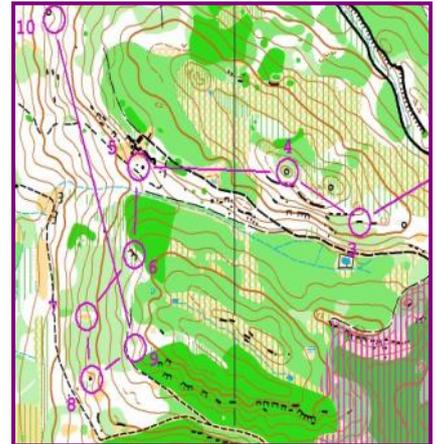
Centre was to park up at Gateshead and use the metro. We made it with just enough time to brave the queue for the loos and then we were off.

I was surprised how short a course it was, you really were expected to run all the way - a bit of a shock for me! - and there was no leeway for navigational errors.



The competition area was divided into four by an intersection of a motorway and a dual carriage way, both of which were out of bounds, unsurprisingly, and the only way to move from area to area was using the 4 underpasses/bridges. It tended to be a long leg followed by a few short sharp ones in each of the areas. With lots of kites out for different courses, checking the control codes was definitely a good idea.

After a night in the Jesmond area of the city visiting haunts from Paul's past, we set off further North to Kylee Woods for the next phase of the JK. Yet another queue on the A1, but fortunately it didn't delay us too much. We had very late start times on this day, so we foisted ourselves on the HALO camp and sat in the sunshine absorbing the atmosphere.



The first thing to throw me at the start was that we didn't dib as we set off - only mild panic that I had made a mistake somewhere and missed something obvious - well I have learnt now that in big competitions that this is the norm.

There seemed to be quite a few controls where you had to launch yourself into an area without many positive features, so it was then a case of crossing your fingers that you had followed your bearing whilst fighting with thick trees and identified the right vegetation boundary.



In some cases I was very relieved to have found the checkpoint and been able to complete the course. They were kind to us at the finish and gave us a downhill run-in, which meant that you could finish in some sort of style.

JK FESTIVAL—A LOG PERSPECTIVE

Unfortunately, Spikey learnt that another feature of these sort of competitions is that they put the final control just as you get to the run-in and, in her eagerness to finish, she ran passed it - however, so that she wasn't disqualified, they let her go back and dib it - and it gave us a second chance to catch her finish on camera! The second night was spent in Alnwick, however, the new episode of 'Dr Who' was more important to some than dinner! Luckily there was one establishment that was still serving after 8.30pm. Day 3 we were back up the A1 to Detchant, Shiellow, Greensheen Hill & Cockenheugh for the long courses. There were a lot of crags in some of these woods - and if you ask me one crag looks much the same as another - I had been going quite well and then got totally

disorientated on a craggy outcrop and lost a ridiculous amount of time, particularly as I probably doubled the climb on the course.



At the end of this day they weren't so kind either - the last 1km everyone could see you, bumbling about on the open hillside, and also the finish was all uphill, so there was no hiding!

Reading this you may wonder whether I enjoy orienteering! Well, despite my grumbles, it was a great weekend and I came away having learnt a bit more about larger competitions, very satisfied that I had completed all three days and with the added bonus of a healthy glow, due to the fantastic weather.

Thanks to Paul for organising our weekend up North and a very big thank you to our chauffeur, Dave.

Also, for your pleasure, the latest additions to the colour co-ordinated range for LOG from JK2009, include trainers, a winter woolly hat and a bottle of nail varnish (please see Spikey for the official shade specifications).

JK Festival – LOG Results

Name	Day 2/3 Course	JK Sprint—Time & Position	JK Day 2—Time & Position	JK Day 3—Time & Position	JK Days 2 & 3 - Overall Time & Position
Thomas Honniball	M21S	21:12 (66/132)	84:14 (24/50)	94:11 (26/52)	178:25 (24/45)
Jon May	M21L	24:47 (100/132)	147:30 (36/47)	137:22 (37/43)	284:52 (32/33)
Andrea Page	Lt. Green	25:15 (51/81)	63:10 (27/97)	51:13 (36/94)	
Sarah Pike	W35L	25:34 (11/17)	126:36 (18/22)	123:12 (20/20)	249:48 (19/19)
Paul Murgatroyd	M40L	21:18 (17/49)	86:21 (18/46)	106:21 (24/43)	192:42 (20/33)
Robin Stevens	M45S	DNC	112:28 (mp)	63:33 (27/40)	DNQ
Amanda Roberts	W45L	21:14 (25/56)	86:21 (36/70)	77:04 (50/70)	163:25 (43/62)
Dave Denness	M50L	22:16 (42/105)	84:02 (52/109)	82:11 (54/103)	166:13 (50/95)



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SCOUTING WITH AN ORIENTEERING MAP

Following up a contact from Saxilby Scouts, I visited the scout hut and gave an introduction to orienteering, showing what equipment we used, what the well dressed orienteer, except Spikey, wore and what a map looked like. A few basic skills on orienteering were perhaps a lot to take in in one night, but I was invited back in a fortnight to have another session.

I was also shown what outside facilities they have and was impressed. The hut is situated on the edge of a playing field with quite a lot of ground, buildings, trees and play areas. I suggested that if they could provide a basic map of the

area, I might just be able to provide an orienteering map. Well, they did and I did. Two weeks later I arrived early, set up three courses and sixteen scouts had a very good evening orienteering. I was impressed by their enthusiasm, having done the three courses they all volunteered to go out and collect all the controls in for me.

Young Iain was very promising. I congratulated him on his third course, which he won comfortably, and he said 'I was trying to remember what you said, know the control letters as I approached and where I was going next after I had punched, check the letters, punch and

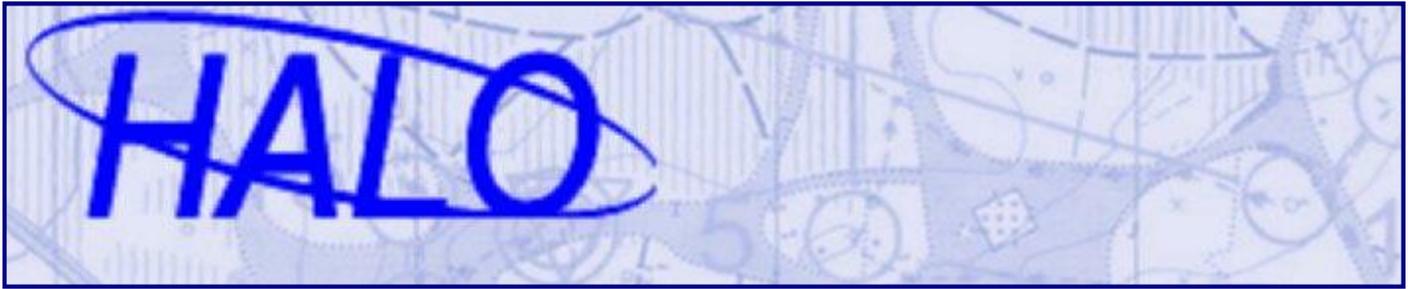
move on to the next without stopping, it worked'.

I enjoyed the evening as well, their enthusiasm on the night might just get them to our summer series.

While wandering around the playing areas I was approached by 'a suit'. He enquired what I was doing and when told, introduced himself as Peter Odam, Chairman of the Village Council. He asked for my card and said he had a few ideas how the area could be put to good use in the summer.....

Watch this space as well.

an Durrant



Series Details

Courses

* Long 4.5-6.0 km

* Short 2.25-3.25 km

* Newcomers 1.5-2.0 km

Start Times: 5.45 - 7.00 pm.

Entries: £1 entry, Pre-Marked Bagged Maps, SI Punching (Hire for £1)

1. Wed 15 April: Cottager's Dale Wood, nr. Gt Limber

The 12th annual Lincolnshire Poacher Trophy Series got off to a record start, with 77 competitors testing out their current state of fitness and navigation skills. The entry largely comprised a mix of seasoned orienteers, returning from the big two day international event near Berwick upon Tweed, and a significant contingent from local villages. Recent dry weather and a colder winter produced a fast forest, with little vegetation to bother runners. England representative, Zac Field from Beverley, was first home on the short course, but was only 11 seconds clear of the fast running Charlotte Ward from South Cave. Four of the next seven places were occupied by juniors from Caistor Grammar School, with Keelby's Sam Offer leading the way from Grasby's Jay Robinson. Long course competitors ventured into the nearby wood of Hendale and sampled the newly runnable area that provided interesting route choice. With current Poacher champion, Liam Harrington, unable to defend his trophy due to work commitments, it was left to another LOG member, Paul Murgatroyd, to score maximum points, ahead of Poacher webmaster, Martin Kullich, and mountain marathon man, Andy Higgins. DVO's junior, Ben Beresford, came in a great fourth place, in front of some experienced orienteers.

2. Wed 23 April: Elsham, nr. Brigg

Poacher 2009 was again blessed with superb weather and a 70+ turnout. Planner Malcom Humphrey made the best possible use of the woodland each side of the M180 motorway, an area of Elsham not used for Poacher since the late 1990's, when Chris Sanderson of the British Army won the Long Course Trophy. The terrain varied from heavy going in parts to excellent runnability in the far Southwest of the area, which was visited by Long Course competitors. Zac Field again dominated the short course with a clear win from Sam Offer and Kirmington's Digby Sowerby. Beverley's Rosie Field, winner of the Ladies Trophy in recent years, still looks to be the one to beat but was closely challenged by the Grimsby duo of Tracy Blackburn and Kim Walton. Former Poacher trophy winner, Dean Field, made it a family double, with a win on the Long Course. Behind him in sixth place, with an excellent run, was junior Ben Beresford, who like Zac Field figures prominently on the national scene. With only a month's experience of orienteering, junior Matty Edwards showed real promise by finishing in the top ten.

3. Wed 30 April: Mausoleum Woods, Gt Limber

Willingham was not originally in the plans for Poacher 2009 but, after permission was declined for Laughton and then Broughton, it became third choice. However, it turned out to be far better than expected, partly due to this earlier date before the vegetation reared up, but mainly due to the expert planning of courses by Neil Harvatt. The short course went into areas not recently visited and the long had plenty of controls on Hamilton Hill - the slope visited twice, and a largely runnable area to the east where competitors were confronted by a butterfly shaped section, albeit one winged. A convincing win by Lincoln's Paul Murgatroyd has propelled him into the lead for the Long Course Trophy, where he is now the bookies favourite to take over from present holder, Liam Harrington. A fantastic performance from junior Ben Beresford earned him second place - by far his best ever in the Poacher - watch this space! Almost breaking into the top ten was the only lady on the long course, Pocklington's Helena Crutchley, ahead of some seasoned orienteers. Registration guru, Brian Slater, looks to be on the road back after a foot operation and many hours planning Sunday's Bomber event. With retirement looming further progress up the places is a distinct possibility. The Field brothers clinched 1st and 2nd on the Short, with Market Rasen's Jack Robinson improving in 3rd. Excellent performances came from two junior girls, Jessica Beresford and Jasmine Field, both in the top eight.

HALO POACHER SERIES 2009—REPORTS

4. Wed 7 May: Nettleton Woods, Caistor

A fine evening in Nettleton Woods saw another seventy plus turnout test their navigation skills and fitness. The assembly area at the western end of the forest provided excellent parking in pleasant surroundings, but this venue was not easy for planner Vernon Davis. Permission to use a significant piece of woodland near the Guide Camp was withdrawn. Vernon overcame this brilliantly to produce courses that were not only physically challenging at this time of the year but made competitors carefully consider their route choices. Top positions on the Long and Short were almost identical to last week, although the Long was more closely contested with little more than a minute separating the top three. Two to watch here were Glenthams improving Dave Jolly and the strong running Stephen Higgins from Market Rasen, who made his debut in orienteering last week at Willingham. Both finished ahead of several experienced Poacher participants. After four events the leading contenders for the seven trophies are mainly the 2008 winners. Pat O'Grady leads the Ultra Vets but John Chaney could spring a surprise if he can get the requisite eight counting events. Current Super Vet holder Mike Smith leads in that category whilst the Masters looks to be a shootout between current holder Neil Harvatt and former Poacher Champion Dean Field. Paul Murgatroyd's odds have shortened for the Lincolnshire Poacher Trophy after another maximum. On the Short Course the Field family figure in all three groups. Zac has what looks to be an unassailable lead whilst younger brother Jake contends with Sam Ofler for the junior cup. Mother Rosie Field again looks the favourite for the Ladies Trophy, although with eight events to count, things could change.

5. Wed 13 May: Middle Rasen Woods, Mkt Rasen.

Course planner Paul Murgatroyd had a very difficult task at Middle Rasen. Large areas of new trees, cattle enclosures and challenging vegetation severely restricted his choice of control sites. However, he rose to the task and included a butterfly section of controls for Long competitors in a runnable part of the wood to the North. Thanks go to him, a member of LOG, not HALO, and this continues the excellent cooperation between the two clubs that has existed for several years. Thanks also to Neil Harvatt, Dorothy Smith and Ingrid Slater who handled the computer side of things for the seventy competitors including two from Norway - taking Poacher back to the late nineties when there was a strong Scandinavian presence from the Humber bank capital projects. Kite retrievers Sean Harrington, Mel Clark and Mark Tyszka did sterling work at the end in heavy rain - the first for many weeks. The lack of rain in the last two months had dried up some of the marshes and ponds, one of which proved to be particularly elusive for some. Results on Short and Long courses were altered to compensate for a problem with two controls, a rare occurrence considering the Poacher Series' frugal approach to man power. There was a double win for the Fields on the time adjusted courses.

6. Wed 20 May Primrose Warren, nr. Brigg

Making his debut as planner, Brigg's Pete Shew did an excellent job at Primrose Warren. Although the wood has probably been used by HALO more times than any other, Pete's courses visiting new control sites gave everyone a good navigational challenge with some close competition. None more so than on the Long course, where Poacher Trophy main contender, Paul Murgatroyd, was pushed all the way by 2008 Master's Champion, Neil Harvatt, who is two age groups higher. Only sixteen seconds separated them, with both using their new high speed dibbers. Has anyone calculated the advantage over fifteen or so controls? A notable performance came from W45 Helena who vanquished several regular male Poachers. Zac Field continued his excellent form with a clear win on the Short. Zac along with Ben Beresford has been selected for British Orienteering's Talent Programme Summer Training Camp at Lagganlia in Scotland this July. Both have taken part in the Poacher Series regularly since they were 10 years old or even younger. Other juniors going well on the Short are Sam Ofler from Keelby, Jake Field from Beverley and Lewis Tuck from Grasby in only his sixth orienteering competition, having graduated from the Newcomers course at the first Poacher this year. One to watch is the improving W12 Jessica Beresford.

REMAINING FIXTURES

7. Wed 28th May Otby, Lincolnshire Wolds

Planner: Brian Slater

Post-race analysis: King's Head, Tealby

8. Wed 3 Jun Normanby Park, Scunthorpe

Planner: Pete Harris

[SE894158](#)

Post-race analysis: Farmhouse M181/A18 roundabout

9. Wed 10 Jun Foxdale, Caistor

Planner: Michael Robinson

[TA132059](#)

Post-race analysis: New Inn, Gt. Limber

10. Wed 17 Jun Brompton Dale, Gt Limber

Planner: John Fulwood

[TA131053](#)

Post-race analysis: New Inn, Gt. Limber

11. Wed 24 Jun Swallow Wold Wood, Caistor

Planner: Dean Field

[TA157045](#)

Post-series analysis: Queen's Head, N.Kelsey Moor

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BOMBER WEEKEND—RELAYS



The 'gang of 3'
Jon May
(planner),
Martin
Wheeler
(controller) &
Sean Harrington

(organiser) give their take on the successful relays on Day 1 of the Bomber weekend:

Jon writes: As many of you will know from being there, we had a fantastic day's weather for the relays at the Riseholme Campus. Weather makes such a difference to a relay event, and encourages a good atmosphere and good team support in the assembly area. As planner, I was a little apprehensive, as I've only done one relay as a competitor, but Liam gave me an excellent briefing very early on regarding how the event is organised, and what is needed from the courses. Also as a planner, this was my first experience of having a controller. Martin did a great job and I learnt a lot. Two heads are better than one, in particular the ideas that spring out of bouncing thoughts around between the pair. Overall



the event would have benefitted from a few more teams, especially to give more head to head competition. The highlight for me was definitely the view down the field watching finishers come up the lawn to shouts of encouragement from their team mates.

Martin writes: The success of the day was due in great part to the LOG team who, in their individual ways, helped to provide a great event, in a perfect setting overlooking the lake. Controlling was made all the more enjoyable by the professionalism of Sean and his team and Jon's thoughtful planning. I know competitors welcomed the opportunity to shout encouragement to their team members as they darted to-and-fro on the far side of the lake but I'm not sure many heard their cries. For those visiting the largest depression (47) in any of LOG's areas and wondering why



they found the control high on the upper edge rather than the more conventional setting at the bottom let me say that close inspection of the far side showed several feet of rotting leaves which may well have "consumed" those unfortunate to venture into them. Finally, I know some runners would have welcomed more routes through the centre of the campus, but the open day meant that due consideration had to be given to the extra traffic and potential dangers to runners. I'm sure greater use will be made of this area on other occasions, so I look forward to seeing you then.

Sean writes: In the weeks leading up to the event, I had very little

input, as Jon May (Planner) and Martin Wheeler (Controller) were busy sorting out the 3 courses to be used on the day.



My only input at this stage was to keep an eye on the entries in the weeks leading up to the event, of which we had only 7 until a couple of days before pre-entry closed!

On the day, we had plenty of helpers to set up the registration and start area. Due to most people wanting to run in the relays, I tried to keep the main helpers to an absolute minimum.

At the start, we managed with Ian Durrant and Andy Furnell giving out the maps to the 2nd and 3rd leg runner and myself just keeping an eye on everything (just standing around doing nothing some may say!).

We ended up with 19 teams on the day, which I feel made all the work everyone had put into the event worthwhile. If, and when, we run the next Bomber weekend, I think it may be time to give the relays a break and go for something different on the Saturday, as it would appear that relays do not seem to be that popular with a lot of orienteers.

Finally, and most importantly, I would again like to thank everyone who helped on the day, thus enabling the event to take place.

BOMBER WEEKEND—RELAY RESULTS

Results for Relay A: Open (Length 10.6km, 40 controls over 3 laps)

Pos	Time	Club	Team	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Course Order
1	55:22	LOG	LOG Squadron	15:37 (1)	18:55 (1)	20:50 (1)	Short,Med,Long <i>Andy Lucas, Paul Murgatroyd, Liam Harrington</i>
2	61:45	FVO	Fantastic 4 - 1	22:13 (4)	17:27 (2)	22:05 (2)	Long,Short,Med <i>Stuart Thomson, Mark Thomson, Craig Thomson</i>
3	63:17	EBOR	A Field & 2 Paddocks	23:11 (7)	19:44 (5)	20:22 (3)	Long,Short,Med <i>Dean Field, Jake Field, Zachary Field</i>
4	65:33	RAFO	RAFO High Flyers	23:05 (6)	19:17 (3)	23:11 (4)	Long,Short,Med <i>Charles Nell, Kevin Kirk, Tom George</i>
5	67:01	RAFO	RAF 2	19:28 (2)	23:16 (4)	24:17 (5)	Short,Med,Long <i>Mike Edwards, Phil Johnston-Davis, Ade Chapman</i>
6	75:01	LOG	No Hoppers	22:51 (5)	26:42 (7)	25:28 (6)	Long,Med,Short <i>Paul Barnes, Simon Carruthers, Matthew Harrington</i>
7	79:32	HALO	HALO Broughton	29:01 (12)	24:46 (8)	25:45 (7)	Med,Long,Short <i>Helena Crutchley, Brian Ward, Brian Slater</i>
8	79:55	DVO	Gruesome 2some & Dad	24:12 (9)	29:36 (9)	26:07 (8)	Med,Short,Long <i>Paul Beresford, Jessica Beresford, Ben Beresford</i>
9	80:33	NOC	Chuck Norris	28:47 (10)	30:03 (11)	21:43 (9)	Med,Long,Short <i>Ben Lord, Michael Lord, Jack Lord</i>
10	83:18	NOC	NOC it to them	31:13 (14)	27:30 (10)	24:35 (10)	Long,Med,Short <i>Mark Webster, Jordan Webster, Julie Webster</i>
11	83:40	HALO	HALO Normanby	24:10 (8)	25:21 (6)	34:09 (11)	Long,Short,Med <i>Neil Harvatt, Mark Tyszka, Mary Carrick</i>
12	86:11	HALO	HALO Scardale	31:52 (15)	29:21 (13)	24:58 (12)	Long,Med,Short <i>Peter Kullich, Paddy Neligan, Pete Shew</i>
13	90:08	RAFO	RAFO Good, Bad & Phil	28:51 (11)	32:27 (14)	28:50 (13)	Med,Short,Long <i>Michael Nell, Phil Ingamells, Joanne Nell</i>
14	90:39	LOG	Bouncing Bombs	29:03 (13)	30:30 (12)	31:06 (14)	Short,Long,Med <i>Nikki Harrington, Amanda Roberts, Sarah Pike</i>
15	126:01	HALO	HALO Young Things	47:16 (17)	40:45 (15)	38:00 (15)	Short,Med,Long <i>Ann O'Grady, Patrick O'Grady, Vernon Davis</i>
16	137:13	RAFO	RAFO TeamTeam	45:01 (16)	45:49 (16)	46:23 (16)	Short,Long,Med <i>Craig Youngs, Peter Berrisford, Steven Barnett</i>
n/c	72:45	RAFO	RAF 1	27:40 ----	26:39 ----	18:26 ----	Med,Long,Short <i>Stevie Collins, Paul Watson, Mike Edwards</i>
dsq	74:38	OD	OD Marrs	22:08 (3)	25:29 Dsq	27:01 ----	Med,Short,Long <i>Andrew Marr, Carolyn Marr, Dave Marr</i>
n/c	28:57	HALO	HALO Pillar	28:57 ----			Short,Long,Med <i>Amanda Ward</i>

BOMBER WEEKEND—LONG ‘O’

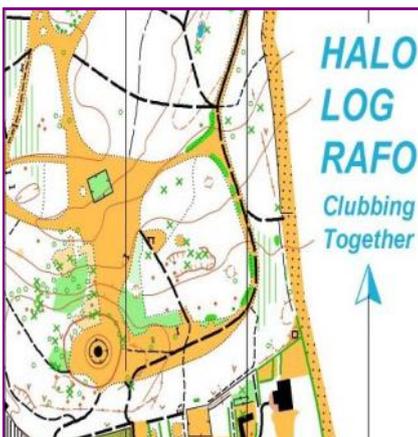


The HALO / RAFO crew of Brian Slater (planner) & John Fulwood (organiser) report on the Sunday:

John writes: The

Bomber had been a joint LOG / RAFO competition comprising a Relay; District and Long “O” started in 2005. Previously held entirely in LOG territory, discussion had taken place during the Poacher series about how the various woods could be joined up to create a Long “O” and how the Bomber was an appropriate vehicle to run it. In 2009, therefore, HALO was invited to participate, making use of the Earl of Yarborough’s Estate, and the Bomber organisation was well under way when I joined the team.

One of the problems with running a Long “O” is the high map cost, the minibus travel to a remote start, and relatively few entrants. This makes it uneconomical as a stand alone event and only becomes feasible when linked with a Colour Coded Event. This can spread some of the costs over a larger number of competitors. Items such as mapping, planning costs, toilets etc are covered by larger numbers.



Brian Slater and the guys from LOG had identified that Mausoleum Woods, as opposed to Pillar, would be feasible for a District Event, and Brian, as OCAD map librarian, had the various Poacher maps to hand and confirmed they could be linked.

The mapping was the key to the project. The Poacher maps had been drawn on OCAD to various standards, with various degrees to detail, and using many non standard symbols. Brian did a wonderful job in bringing the all to one standard.

Brian again obtained permission from the Earl of Yarborough’s estate and negotiated the car parking area (which was one of my main concerns) at Mausoleum. RAFO supplied the minibus, driver and Controller, and the format of the District Event was agreed.

By the time I joined the team in mid-Feb, the preparation work was nearly complete. It was agreed that although the Long “O” could be considered a separate Event as in the past, the streamlining of having one Planner/ Controller/ Organiser of Colour Coded and Long “O” courses saved time and duplication of effort. The Long “O” effectively became another course on the Colour Coded Event, and the organisation simplified. The exception to this was that there was a Start, four road crossings and two drinks stations outside the assembly area to consider. Paddy agreed to organise the outside assembly area elements making the organisation as a whole much more manageable.

Pre-entries by Liam Harrington, through Fabian relieved the pressure on registration. To counteract that, however, was the need to open Long “O” Registration an hour earlier than usual at 9.00am. I decided to split that away into the old HALO shelter tent. This gave the registration and computers an opportunity to set up without any disruption from early arrivals.

The feedback on the day was most positive, and the runnability of the woods appreciated by many. Thank you to all those who helped in any way to make the Event run so smoothly.

Brian writes: Steve Bones was the instigator of the idea of the Long O’ through the estate, but bringing together all the maps of the Yarbor-

ough woods did present difficulties, not least that of the duplication of symbols which I had to reduce manually as the survey proceeded.

I limited the course to 30 controls, so that all would be recorded by SI and this concentrated the mind on longer



legs, rather than shorter legs with direction changes. The runnable blocks lent themselves to long compass legs or use of parallel running to field boundaries, and the odd right-angle short legs place the competitor for the next longer route choice leg.

I chose to start with 2 loops in Pillar so that marshalling would be kept to a minimum. The crossing at the A18 was an unfounded worry and was well managed by the team, keeping all safe negotiating a very fast road with a precarious blind bend. It didn’t occur to me ‘til later, but, having to circumscribe The Mausoleum on the hill, after 17k of running, did happen to be a most appropriate setting for those ‘dying legs’. We had a great field from around the North of England, including some stalwarts in their 60s. I hope I will be joining you next time!

Mike Edwards was very supportive, rigorous and giving of good advice. On the weekend of the event I was impressed with his team who checked all the sites and that all ‘boxes’ were working on the morning. We were able to work closely together through e-mail to achieve fair, accurate and interesting courses.

BOMBER WEEKEND—LONG 'O' RESULTS

Long O (45) (Length 18.28Km, Climb 200m)

1	Geoffrey Ellis	RAFO	M21	95:34
2	Steve Watkins	AIRE	M40	100:08
3	Andrew Thorpe	EPOC	M40	105:27
4	David Peel	SYO	M40	106:43
5	Alastair Mackenzie	CLOK	M50	108:12
6	Kevin Lomas	NOC	M50	109:32
7	Liam Harrington	LOG	M21	110:05
8	Paul Murgatroyd	LOG	M40	110:45
9	Mark Smith	LOG	M35	114:04
10	Neil Harvatt	HALO	M50	117:36
11	Matthew Burden	AIRE	M21	117:36
12	Paul Watson	RAFO	M21	118:35
13	Charles Nell	RAFO	M18	124:05
14	Alan Holyoak	IND	M40	128:16
15	Mike Holyoak	IND	M45	128:38
16	Andy Lucas	LOG	M45	129:38
17	Paul Beresford	DVO	M35	131:10
18	Graham Johnson	DVO	M50	132:54
19	Andrew Marr	OD	M21	134:08
20	Dave Marr	OD	M55	134:12
21	Dave Denness	LOG	M50	136:33
22	Martyn Andrews	EBOR	M50	138:21
23	Jonathan May	LOG	M21	140:29
24	Simon Caldwell	EBOR	M45	141:35
25	Christopher Wright	CLOK	M50	141:36
26	Kevin Randall	SYO	M21	144:43
27	Gerry Symes	AIRE	M60	145:42
28	Peter Harris	HALO	M50	147:18
29	Steven Wood	EPOC	M55	148:02
30	Peter Leake	LEI	M70	150:38
31	Paul Taylor	LOG	M40	161:08
32	Sean Harrington	LOG	M50	161:09
33	John P Mather	LOG	M35	170:48
34	Chris Burden	AIRE	M60	171:36
35	David Leboutillier	WCOC	M50	172:19
36	Andrew Houlden	HALO	M35	173:02
37 (1)	Amanda Roberts	LOG	W45	173:52
38	Paul Goodwin	NOC	M55	175:34
39	Peter Hornsby	LEI	M55	177:14
40	Robert Haskins	LEI	M55	178:57
41 (2)	Sarah Pike	LOG	W35	183:23
42	Andy Furnell	LOG	M45	186:24
43 (3)	Carmen Elphick	EBOR	W35	191:55
44 (4)	Mary Carrick	HALO	W60	210:02
dsq	Mark Thomson	FVO	M40	mp



LOG's own Amanda Roberts receives 'First female' trophy on the Long O from HALO Chairman, John Butler.



Geoff Ellis (RAFO) receives his 'First male' trophy on the Long O, having won the event by over 4 minutes from his nearest rival.





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FUTURE ISSUES

The next LOG-NEWS is scheduled for the end of July when the final standings in the summer series will be known. Who will step into Liam's shoes as the new Technical course champion? Will Elizabeth Parkinson follow up Craig Wood's NOC success in 2008 on the Long Course? And can Rebecca Navarette retain her Short course title against stiff opposition? Many questions and only a brief two months to find out the answers...

Other happenings during this time will be the conclusion of the ever popular HALO Poacher series, which will have a new Long Course winner, due to Liam's work commitments stymieing his attempt to defend his inaugural win of the trophy last summer. If you travel to any events this summer, such as the Scottish 6 Days or even further afield, I'd love to hear your stories.

SELECTED NATIONAL FIXTURES

Thu 04/06/09	East Midlands	LEI	Local	LEI Local and Summer League Event	East Carlton Park	EOD	SP835894
Sat 06/06/09	East Midlands	DVO	Local	DVO Score Event & BBQ	Riber Hillside	EOD	SK318564
Sun 07/06/09	East Midlands	DVO	Local	DVO Local Event (White to Brown)	Carsington Pastures	EOD	SK248546
Sun 07/06/09	Yorkshire and Humberside	SYO	Local	SYO Colour Coded Event	Beeley Woods	EOD	SK339912
Tue 09/06/09	East Midlands	LEI	Local	LEI Local and Summer League Event	South Charnwood High School	EOD	SK472092
Tue 16/06/09	East Midlands	LEI	Local	LEI Local and Summer League Event	Fosse Meadows	EOD	SP489909
Sat 27/06/09	East Midlands	LEI	Local	EMOA League and Local Event	Swithland Woods and The Brand	EOD	SK542115
Sun 28/06/09	East Midlands	DVO	Local	DVO Local Event	Hardwick	EOD	SK463637
Tue 30/06/09	East Midlands	LEI	Local	LEI Local and Radio (ARDF) Summer League Event	Outwoods	EOD	SK515163
Sat 04/07/09	East Midlands	DVO	Local	Shipley Country Park Local Event	Shipley Country Park	EOD	SK431454
Wed 08/07/09	East Midlands	LEI	Local	LEI Local and Summer League Event	Swithland and the Brand	EOD	SK537130
Thu 16/07/09	East Midlands	LEI	Local	LEI Local and Summer League Event	Common Hill, Ibstock	EOD	SK418105