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Photographs from LOG's inaugural appearance at the CompassSport Trophy Final, Burbage Moor, 17th October 2010. Clockwise from top left: the chairman sets out on his epic adventure; Burbage Moor in all it's autumnal glory; the LOG team revelling in their top half finish; Charles Nell striding across the moor on his way into the finish and the look on Ally Wright's face tells a tale or two. Full reports and LOG results inside this issue...

## ED'S BIG BIT



Well, it came, we saw and we conquered ... partly! The first ever Compass Sport Trophy final appearance for the club was undoubtedly a great experience for all involved and was

the culmination of several years of hard work from many in LOG to get us to this point. The club is in a healthy position now, with a solid membership level, regular training sessions every week and a much higher number of events than ever before. However, once the dust settled on the day, and we begin to look forward to future years and challenges, my thoughts inevitably turn to how we can be better. What more can we do? How can we go from a club that has appeared in one final to one

that makes it a regular occurrence. And, once there, how can we go from being a mid-table finalist to one that is in the top 3 and challenging for the number one position?

For me, it's a case of focussing our attention on three areas:

- 1) Recruitment and retention of members
- 2) Increases in junior participation
- 3) Improvement in the quality of the individual orienteer

We've made big strides on the first point in the last three years, with regular opportunities for orienteering in the area, all-year round, and improved marketing and publicity of the club, using ventures such as the winter series to recruit from the locality.

However, much remains to be done on the other two areas. We rely far too heavily on the great work of the Nells

to provide us with juniors and, unfortunately, many of these do not stay in the club once they've 'graduated' from the cadets. We also have many seniors now who are keen, enthusiastic local orienteers, but this 'quantity' now needs turning into 'quality.'

More regular training by members, both on the physical and technical side, would be the first step, but we also need to encourage the developing orienteer to step out of the comfort zone of LOG events and begin orienteering further afield on a more regular basis. Orienteering in the Lakes, Scotland and Wales undoubtedly made a massive difference to my own orienteering and I learnt more in one week at the Scottish 6 day festival than I would in a year of East Midlands racing. The challenge is there, my friends—can we rise to it?

*Paul Murgatroyd*

## Chairman's Sound Byte



This year's AGM was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> October at the Golden Eagle and the various reports from committee members reflected a positive year for the club. The club's finances are in a

healthy position and I would like to thank Andy Lucas for his continued good work as club treasurer.

As far as the committee was concerned, Liam Harrington (Secretary), Jon May (Fixture Secretary) and Paul Murgatroyd (Publicity) all stepped down and I would like to thank them for the hard work they have done on behalf of the club over the last few years. Amanda Roberts is going to the cover the Secretary position, combining it with the old Membership Secretary role, whilst John Mather has taken over the Fixture Secretary position, Paul Murgatroyd is staying on as Vice Chairman, Liam Harrington & Michael Nell continuing

as non-post holder members and Charles Nell remains as our Junior Rep.

As far as new members to the committee are concerned, I would like to welcome Ally Wright (Publicity) and Clare Hanna and Hayley Fox as non-post holder members.

Membership renewals should have arrived with all existing members by now, please can I encourage everyone who has not yet re-joined to do so and keep the club at a healthy membership level.

Our first Winter series covering the central and southern parts of our area is now well under way, with the first 3 events at Sleaford North & South and Harlaxton already completed. The turnout has been very good throughout, with 51, 36 & 36 competitors at the events. It is still too early to see whether we have gained any new members on the back of this venture, but there have been some individuals who've made all three events, who aren't yet members, so hopefully this will pay dividends! Please can I en-

courage as many people as possible to make the effort to support our planners to the south of the county for the last 3 events at Grantham (please note the re-arranged date of 11th December for this one), Stamford and Bourne.

We will be running our annual "Blue Riband" event again this year at NOC's Walesby event, with full details available later in the newsletter. Whilst this is mainly aimed at adults running the blue course, if there are sufficient juniors on the day, we may well have an informal competition for them on the Orange course.

This is the final call up for the EMOA training event to be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December at Trent University. There will be courses for Planners, Organisers, Controllers and Mappers and details are available on the EMOA website: <http://www.emoa.org.uk/>

Please complete the forms and send them into Pauline as soon as you can, if you are interested in going along.

*Sean Harrington*

# FUTURE LOG EVENTS

## 2009/10

- 25.11.10 *Training Session - Hartsholme Park - Fitness*
- 02.12.10 *Training Session - Hartsholme Park - Technique*
- 09.12.10 *Training Session - South Common - Technique*
- 11.12.10 *Winter Series #4 - Grantham Town (Terry Crosby)*
- 16.12.10 *Training Session - South Common - Fitness*
- 19.12.10 *L3 event—Blue Riband Handicap Championships , Walesby (NOC)*
- 06.01.11 *Training Session - South Common - Technique*
- 08.01.11 *Winter Series #5 - Stamford Town (Michael Nell)*
- 13.01.11 *Training Session - West Common - Fitness*
- 16.01.11 *L3 event—CompassSport Qualifying Round, Beacon Hill (LEI)*
- 20.01.11 *Training Session - West Common - Technique*
- 08.01.11 *Winter Series #6- Bourne Woods (Justin Williams)*



## NIGHT SCORE CUP



In February 2011, the club will be launching a new series on Thursday training nights..... The Night Score Cup.

**The Concept:** Simple, fast and furious night racing, based on a score theme. Open to all comers, and suitable for everyone from novice through to experienced orienteers.

**The Format:** Each race will consist of a 45 minute, mass start, score course. Collect as many controls from the 25 available in the time limit. Each control will be worth 5pts to the competitors overall total, with a time penalty incurred of -5 pts for each 30 seconds (or part thereof) over the time allowance. SI timing will be used at each event.

**The Series:** 4 races at venues around Lincoln, with each race counting to the orienteer's overall cumulative series total. Winners medals will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- Series Champion
- Highest Scoring Female
- Highest Scoring Junior (<M/W20)
- Highest Scoring Veteran (>M/W50)

In the event of a competitor collecting all 25 controls within the time limit, their overall time will also be recorded.

In the event of a tie for a series title, the competitor with the lowest cumulative time for their points total will be declared the winner.

### The Dates & Venues:

- 10.02** *West Common*  
**17.02** *Hartsholme Park*  
**24.02** *South Common*  
**03.03** *Riseholme Park*

**The Timings:** Registration will be open from 6pm, with call up and briefing at 6:45pm. Maps released at 6:55pm, allowing a maximum of 5 minutes of route planning. Mass start at 7pm. Course closes at 8pm.

**The Maps:** Pre-printed and bagged, with separate written control descriptions.

**The Cost:** Entry is £2 per person, including dibber hire.



# LOG WINTER SERIES 2010/11 – REPORTS

## **Race#1—Sleaford North (23.10.10)**

*Planner: Amanda Roberts*

The sport of orienteering hit Sleaford in a big way this weekend. A request for LOG's help in running a small orienteering course for a team building day at Carre's Grammar School had gone out. Knowing that I was planning the first winter series race in Sleaford the following day, it seemed sensible to put my name forward. Jeff Baker very kindly offered to help me out on the day - which was a godsend because he sported the club colours and tried to entice some of the 110 boys to return for more orienteering delights the following day.

Saturday dawned with a mixture of sunshine and showers, and 51 runners turned up at Carre's for the first race of the winter series. On the short course, RAFO cadets featured strongly, and it was their Stephen Barnett who claimed victory by just 14 seconds over Brendan Clancey and Jacob Hester (both IND). However, once the handicap scoring system had been applied, LOG veteran, Anne Gibbs, leapfrogged to the top of the leaderboard and took the 1000pts on offer. On the long course, Paul Murgatroyd (LOG) held off the challenge of FVO's Craig Thomson to secure the 1000pts, with Tim Street (HH) back in third.

## **Race#2—Sleaford South (06.11.10)**

*Planner: Sean Harrington*

This was my first time planning an urban event, and, to be honest, it's the first time I have planned for a while and, I must admit, I felt a bit rusty. As I do not know Sleaford that well, I decided the best way of starting would be to have a walk around the whole area and find good control positions that I could actually gripple a control to. Having done this, I returned home and set about sorting the courses out, trying not to have to many "Murgatroyd Dog Legs" on any of them. (*Good lad, I've taught you well..... Ed*). Courses printed, I set off early Saturday morning, arriving at Sleaford at 7.00am to start putting the first controls out, arriving back at the school for 9.30am - job complete. The first problem of the day was then pointed out to me that I had used the same control on the Long course twice, I soon realised that I had changed the control on the map but forgotten to change it in the control descriptions. My thanks to Craig Lucas for spotting this and also updating the computer on the day to reflect this.

I set the first runners off on both courses, then started the nervous wait for the first finishers. This was not helped by 2 of the first 3 runners on the long course coming straight back into the school grounds, which I had not expected, but a quick check with Liam confirmed the control was in the right place and, more to the point, the control description did actually state the correct side of the wall the control was on. To my delight, finishers then started arriving back on both courses having found all the controls.

As far as results are concerned, on the short course Steven Barnett had a great run, coming in first 6 minutes ahead of the second placed runner and, on the Long Course, Paul Murgatroyd continued his recent good form with a win in 35:06. The handicap system however saw NOC's Will Parkinson claim the 1000pt maximum. There was dispute on the day regarding some people crossing what on the map was an "uncrossable" wall, I probably did not help with the placing of the control, therefore I decided not to disqualify anyone, the lucky people involved will know who they are. As usual, thanks to everyone for helping on the day, especially the people who stayed to the end to collect in.

## **Race#3—Harlaxton College (06.11.10)**

*Planner: Jeff Baker*

When Paul asked for people to plan the winter series events, mouth took over from brain and I volunteered to plan the Harlaxton race. First item on the agenda was to co-opt my willing, or not so willing, partner Tanya to help. With this done, it was time to put the cunning plan together. A nice Sunday ride to Harlaxton, which is an American college that teaches something or other, saw us stuck at the gate looking in at the vast expanse of grounds and thinking this was going to be a piece of cake. A long and short course with all this space to play with, no problem. The map duly arrived on my computer a month before the event and with it the first shock, the only area that had been mapped was the big house and the woods to the east and west of it, not so big an area after all. It came to dawn that most of the area around the manor is farmland and does not belong to them at all.

Plan B was hastily formed and put into action like a well oiled piece of machinery. A formal visit this time and words with the head gardener gave us a few more problems to think about. Badgers in the east wood and ten foot uncovered manholes in the west wood. A walk round that lasted two hours gave us some ideas of positions for the control points and it was then back to the drawing board. The short course around the house grounds and woodland path was no problem; it was the long course and trying to get a distance over four kms that proved the hard part. Another recce, when we were spoken too by the security guard for walking around uninvited, solved the problem. A few zig-zags and a chance to meet brer rabbit in the brambles and, hey presto, we had a course.

On the Friday afternoon I played truant from school and set out the control stakes for the east brambly wood and in the process meet the nice farmer who didn't want the event to take place in case it disturbed the pheasants for a shoot that he was having on the Monday. I did him a favour and made sure that there were no pheasants around that might startle those taking part the next day.

# LOG WINTER SERIES 2010/11 – REPORT & TABLES

The great day arrived and with it an early start. Whilst I was out in the wet damp woods, feeling my way around because of the mist, Tanya decided that running was more important. She had an extra hour in bed and then ran to Harlaxton, arriving in time to help set out the controls in the house grounds and west woods. In all, this task took just under two and a half hours, but we were ready to go with some help from club members by 1030.

The event itself went reasonably well, even if I do say so myself. I think that the positive comments outweighed the negative ones and most people enjoyed the courses. It would have been nice for a few more people to turn up, but it's a long way to travel on a cold damp day and we still saw 38 runners take to the courses. As for results, Paul Murgatroyd, who was last man out, had the easy task of following the tracks through the brambles and recorded a fast time of 32:46, although this wasn't enough to beat Will Parkinson on the handicap. First woman home on the long course was Jeanne Gaudin (LOG) in 46:12, although I do think she had an advantage because she was wearing my gaiters. On the short course, Fiona Pennies, an independent (sounds like an election), covered the 2.3kms in a respectable 28:28. My heart goes out to the two Kings School girls who were out for over two hours on the short course and still missed a control, but hey, they were out there doing it and it was their first time in the woods trying to work out how to use a compass.

Finally, thanks go to Paul, who gives a new meaning to the saying patience is a virtue after all my phone calls to him. Also, Tanya for her loving help and all those others that helped on the day. It was good fun and something I will do again.

## 2010/11 WINTER SERIES TABLES

	Name	Age Category	Sleaford (N)	Sleaford (S)	Harlaxton	Grantham	Stamford	Bourne	Total (Best 3)
<b>LONG</b>									
1	Paul Murgatroyd	M40	1000	992	977				2969
2	Ian Wells	M55	770	746	752				2268
3	William Parkinson	M14		1000	1000				2000
4	Craig Thomson	M16	931		952				1883
5	Michael Nell	M60	847	867					1714
6	Andrea Page	W21	632	543	460				1635
7	Clive Street	M50	869		739				1608
8	Clare Hanna	W45	576	570	455				1601
9	Mark Thomson	M45	800		733				1533
10	Robert Parkinson	M50		809	720				1529
11	Sarah Edwards	W21	552	568	397				1517
12	Joanne Nell	W45	741	742					1483
13	Amanda Roberts	W45		716	683				1399
14	Pete Harris	M50	702	679					1381
15	Trudy Crosby	W50	698		651				1349
16	Jack Audis	M14	636	641	0				1277
17	Craig Lucas	M14	635	631	0				1266
18	Mark Hebden	M40	514	664					1178
19	Andy Pearson	M40	528	533	0				1061
20	Ally Wright	W21	529		373				902

	Name	Age Category	Sleaford (N)	Sleaford (S)	Harlaxton	Grantham	Stamford	Bourne	Total (Best 3)
<b>SHORT</b>									
1	Jacob Ashton	M14	651	715	740				2106
2	Ryan Harris	M14	650	715	740				2105
3	Steven Barnett	M16	926	1000					1926
4	Anne Gibbs	W65	1000	0	864				1864
5	Sam Luscomb	M14	915	786					1701
6	Sarah Fletcher	W18	788	736					1524
7	Luke Thomas	M12	674	659					1333
8	Fiona Pennie	W21			1000				1000
9	Andy Furnell	M45			995				995
10	Brendan Clancy	M16	914						914
11	Jacob Hestor	M16	913						913
12	Ryan Lucas	M10	790						790
13	Stuart Wyatt	M16	760						760
14	Hannah McNab	W14	758						758
15	Kurt Colyn	M18	707						707

# COMPASSSPORT TROPHY FINAL – REPORT



First of all, I must congratulate the Club, not only for reaching the final, but also on the marvellous team performance on the day. I'm not a regular contributor to the newsletter, as you will discover, although I was in the early days of LOG, when a much smaller group of stalwarts tried everything they could to promote orienteering in this part of the country. So when Paul asked for a few thoughts on the day from "the longest surviving original member still actively orienteering", I started to reminisce .

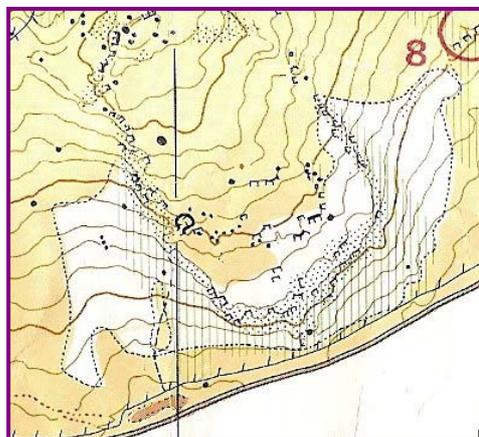
For some, the experience will have been the pinnacle of their orienteering career; for others it may have been their first visit to Burbage and eagerly began their course not really appreciating what to expect. For a few, like me, who have maps from events dating back to the early 1980s, it was not so much "what is the area going to be like and what might the planner have in mind this time?" but more a question of "will my legs actually get me round and in a fit state to drive home?" The Blue course was much as expected, with a long leg from 1 to 2 that seemed (at the time) to be designed to simply sap the energy out of the legs, before making you climb a steep hillside through waist high bracken, to a control which was not difficult to locate. This, followed by another long energy sapping leg to number 8 (again easy to locate), confirmed my suspicions that the field would surely split into those very fast and accurate orienteers and those of us who, despite our best efforts, would take more than twice our normal time to complete the course. Bright coloured tops, frowned upon in the early days of the sport I seem

to remember, were of little help when yomping in crocodile fashion though knee high heather - you knew where those in front were going but were just unable to keep up with them.

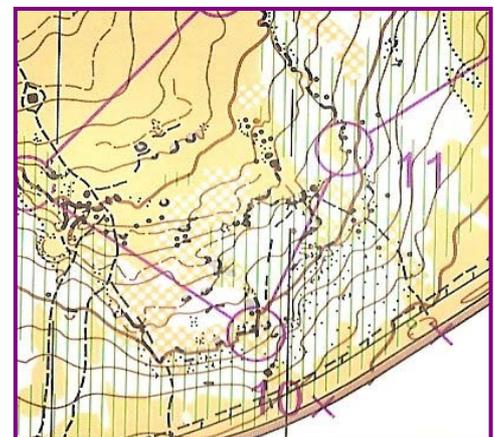
Closer inspection of the map after the event confirms the enormous improvements in mapping and printing over the last 30 years. Now, we are provided with the means to make even more mistakes as we are drawn into ever more complex areas where individual rock outcrops, micro re-entrants and indistinct vegetation boundaries really challenge the thought processes and at just the stage when the brain is slowing right down. Clearly, at this level of competition, along with fine navigation skills, comes the need for stamina and I wonder how many of us more used to the "sedate" Lincolnshire landscape really felt at home on Burbage Moor.

Finally, some of the changes in the sport have had a major impact on one's preparation for an event like this. For example, not having to apply by post four weeks before the event and enclosing 2 stamped addressed envelopes – 1 for final details (which hopefully would arrive in time) and the other for the results. I guess long before the last person left the site and the toilets were collected, we were analysing our run, comparing our times, plotting our courses on routegadget, scrutinising split times and more, all from the comfort of home. I guess that all this, along with a fantastic team effort, ensures that once hooked on the sport, you tend to go on and on. A timely point to stop I think.

*Martin Wheeler*



1983 version 1:15000



2010 version 1:10000

# COMPASSSPORT TROPHY FINAL—REPORT & RESULTS

We arrived at Burbage Moor expecting it to be cold and foggy, but in fact it was very sunny and quite warm. The tent was put up in record time and we were ready to go. There was very good attendance, with the only member missing from the team sheet, being Paul Barnes, due to an injured knee. The time passed quickly and plenty of people started making their way up to the start. I got ready to go in the boxes and found out that it was a timed start, which I had never encountered before. As I got going I found that my type of running suited the rocky paths and I stormed along. I had a good first half, but I struggled with

controls 6 and 7. After an eventful run from control 7-8, where I fell over twice and many people on different courses came past me, I ran my hardest to the finish. Overall I found the course challenging and very physical. At the end I felt like collapsing, due to the lack of energy my body had left but I managed to make it back to the tent and then to download. When people got back a few were talking about their mistakes and we even had 5 people either mis-punch or retire. Even with these mistakes we still managed to come 5<sup>th</sup> as a club, which is higher than any of us thought we would come. I find

that amazing, since it was the first time LOG have ever qualified for the final and we only got through by 1 point. Our highest scorers were Bella Williams and Joanne Nell who both got 96 points. Although many claimed to make mistakes, we got several high scores and there were some very close times and some surprising results. Even though there were a few fast times they didn't all score, but everyone played a part in it by knocking other runners down so they scored less. Overall I think that it was a great event and we as a club did very well.

*Craig Lucas*

<b>Brown</b>				
Name	Club	Class	Trophy Points	Course Placing
Paul Murgatroyd	LOG	M40	85	49/126
Liam Harrington	LOG	M21	81	64/126
Jon May	LOG	M35	73	88/126
John Mather	LOG	M40	69	96/126
Thomas Honniball	LOG	M21	67	101/126
Paul Barnes	LOG	M35	dns	
Mike Chapman	LOG	M21	rtd	
<b>Blue Women</b>				
Karen Williams	LOG	W40	76	38/84
Tanya Taylor	LOG	W40	74	39/84
Andrea Page	LOG	W21	58	63/84
Jeanne Gaudin	LOG	W21	56	65/84
Ally Wright	LOG	W21	48	71/84
Hayley Fox	LOG	W35	46	73/84
<b>Blue Men Trophy</b>				
Justin Williams	LOG	M45	89	13/59
Charles Nell	LOG	M20	82	20/59
Dave Gourlay	LOG	M50	77	25/59
Clive Street	LOG	M50	72	30/59
Martin Wheeler	LOG	M55	64	38/59
Dave Denness	LOG	M55	62	40/59
Jeff Baker	LOG	M55	61	41/59
Danny Richardson	LOG	M20	60	42/59
Sean Harrington	LOG	M50	54	48/59
Andy Furnell	LOG	M45	rtd	
Andy Lucas	LOG	M45	rtd	

<b>Green Women</b>				
Joanne Nell	LOG	W45	96	8/95
Trudy Crosby	LOG	W50	74	46/95
Amanda Roberts	LOG	W45	58	67/95
Clare Hanna	LOG	W45	48	78/95
<b>Green Men</b>				
Micheal Nell	LOG	M60	50	69/101
<b>Short Green Vets</b>				
Anne Gibbs	LOG	W65	68	51/69
<b>Light Green Men</b>				
Tom George	LOG	M18	76	32/37
Andrew Oxby	LOG	M16	68	35/37
<b>Light Green Women</b>				
Georgia Davey	LOG	W18	84	20/30
Sarah Fletcher	LOG	W18	80	21/30
<b>Orange Men</b>				
Craig Lucas	LOG	M14	84	22/38
Luke Fortune	LOG	M14	56	33/38
Sam Luscombe	LOG	M14	48	35/38
Matt Welton	LOG	M14	mp	
<b>Orange Women</b>				
Bella Williams	LOG	W12	96	11/30
Hannah McNab	LOG	W14	92	14/30
Lauren Bates	LOG	W14	72	24/30
Rachel Goodacre	LOG	W14	mp	

## NOPESPORT URBAN LEAGUE 2010



The Nopesport Urban Race League for 2010 came to a conclusion in Warwick on the first weekend in October. I had last been to this event three years earlier and found it particularly enjoyable, as the race included access to Warwick Castle, which made it both interesting and challenging. The Lincoln contingent was made up of a car full including Paul, Liam, Ally and myself. LOG numbers were made up at the event by Dave Denness, Andrea Page and Thomas Honnibal (now based in that area) arriving independently. The other key objective that Paul had in mind for the day for persuading Thomas to join the Compass Sport Trophy final team, which was achieved successfully.

After a fine Saturday, the weather forecast was looking very poor for the Sunday. As it was, it didn't turn out to be too bad, with the rain being little more than a light refreshing drizzle whilst we were out running.

The men's open course first control was at the north end of the park, which left us faced with solid wall between that and control 2 further north

in another park - so straight away some thought was needed to find a way around.

The next few controls were in another park to the north of the town centre. The most challenging issue here was keeping a footing on wet ground, as I had opted for road running shoes. The town centre was then touched upon before heading out to housing estates to the north and west. There seemed to be a mix of fairly straight-forward legs, along with a few that required some careful thought. After circling around the town centre again, the course made its way into Warwick Castle. This provided the greatest difference from the 2007 course, which had included a number of loops and a large number of controls in the Castle. This time it was a relatively straight forward route through the castle - or so I thought! The event was using EMIT cards which, for those not familiar, display the control number that it has just registered and how many controls have been visited. It was only when I had visited control 28 that I noticed that the EMIT card was telling me I'd only recorded 27.

The question was which one had I missed? I had no idea so just pushed on to the finish resigned to my third consecutive mis-punching event.

With hindsight it would have been worth looking at the map closely at the time, as I had just completely missed control 27. Even so, this would have meant the embarrassment of going back past the event officials on the castle gate and explaining what I'd done.

The results showed that Paul had beaten Liam by just 15 seconds, so comparing of splits was definitely called for as we made our way to the nearby café for lunch. Despite the result, it was an enjoyable event to end the series on and I look forward to seeing which events make it into next year's series.

In the final standings for the series, Liam had failed to hold onto the Mens Open title but was in 2nd place this year. Paul managed to repeat his 4th place finish on the M40+ this year, but beat us all by way of attendance records by completing nine events this year. In the Women's Open, our best placed competitors were Hayley Fox in 7th and Ally Wright in 10th, but both had completed only five events, whilst up to six scores could have counted in the series. (Full LOG results below)

*Andy Furnell*

## BLUE RIBAND PREVIEW

*For the fifth year, we will again be running a club handicap championship at NOC's Walesby event on Sunday 19/12/10.*

*Last year, we had yet another new winner, with Thomas Honnibal becoming the fourth champion, following in the footsteps of Andy Furnell, Dave Denness and Andy Lucas. On the handicap side of things, 15 out of the 24 runners ran faster than their predicted time. Either people are getting faster or I'm getting soft in my old age!!!*

*The plan this year, as in previous events, is to give all runners a handicap, based on races that they have competed in over the*

*last year. This will then give them an average Min/Km that will be used to calculate how long it should take to run the course, ie. if your handicap is 10Min/Km and the course is 7.0 Km, you will be given 70 mins to complete the course. We will then give out approximate start times, with the aim of everyone finishing at the same time!*

*As the event has become more established over the years, with 10 people competing in the first year and rising gradually to a record entry of 24 last year, your committee has decided to make it a bit more formal. This year there will be a new "Blue Riband Trophy" presented to the winner of*

*the race, to be passed on to subsequent winners each year. Also, this time, Paul Murgatroyd is joining me on the "Handicap Committee", therefore its going to cost you twice as much to get your handicaps adjusted!*

*For anyone who has not been to Walesby before, the area is mainly fast open grassland, the further North you go the more intricate it becomes. South of the road can be brambly, but in recent years this part of the map has had few controls in it. If you are interested in competing at this event, please contact me on 0 1 5 2 2 7 9 1 3 4 4 or [sean@logonline.org.uk](mailto:sean@logonline.org.uk).*

# THE MAIZE MAZE 'O' RACE



There surely couldn't be a better way to get three consecutive mis-punching events behind me than an event that offered three races in one day and all in an area just 200 metres by 100 metres. The catch was that this was in the National Forest Maize Maze near Burton on Trent and it's intricate design was set to catch quite a few runners out. The maze is open to the public during the summer and again for Halloween events, but in between Walton Chasers have taken the opportunity to put it to an even better use.

Two qualifying races were held in the afternoon named 'Left' and 'Right' as each competitor's hands would be marked to show which course they had done. Although each course was less than 1km direct, they were obviously going to be significantly longer, as they were planned to ensure a great deal of thinking about route choice would be required. In theory, this should be really fast and runnable, but the amount of thinking required slowed people down a lot. On the first race, I found it took a while to plan a route to the first few controls, but gradually found that the two bridges within the maze were the main junction points and started working

around these. The far end of the maze had a number of intricate spirals, where just one moment of losing your position would prove costly. I did this in the 2nd race but, even so, had still improved from 33 minutes in the first race to 26 in the second.



The final was to be run after dark. This did mean quite a long wait, but the farm were selling hot food and the club also had a cake stall in the meantime. The format for the final was that the runners would be split into three groups for an 'A', 'B' and 'C' final race based on their finishing position in the qualifiers, with any disqualified runners having a non-competitive run in the 'C' final.

Due to the number of disqualifications I found that I was right at the bottom of the group for the 'B' final. At first, I thought this would give me little chance, but it worked to my advantage that the slowest in each group were set off first. I set off and had a error free run in the maze which, after I'd finished would be packed full of runners. It was a good sign that I was the first one back to download and I ended up coming in 14th out of 27 on the 'B' final. Hayley Fox was the only other LOG member there who didn't stay around for the night race, having failed to get a time on the 2nd race.

As it a fair way to drive home I didn't hang around for the presentations, but, from the photos of the event, it looks like the winners got a framed map of the event and the runners up received a tin of sweet corn. All in all it was a really great event and where else are you going to be told at the start, "The finish is on the bridge next to the scorpion". The thing that really makes this event looking forward to, hopefully, coming around next year, is the prospect of a completely different maze.

*Andy Furnell*

## OMM 2010



After a short steep uphill drive from Okehampton village we were marshalled into Okehampton camp, a substantial army training camp used by a variety of military training units including the Marines and many cadet training units. This weekend however, it was to be the event headquarters and Friday night camp for the 2010 OMM. The camp is in a perfect and very considerate location right on the northern edge of Dartmoor and at an elevation of approximately 350m. Driving through the gates of the camp at 17:00, we were within the first hundred or so to arrive which meant we were marshalled to a grass field at the top of the camp in which to park and pitch our tents. From here we headed straight to registration. On the way Patrick

pointed out various locations in which he had visited during his Royal Marine Reserves training, including the range in which he zeroed his rifle during the first day of his field firing exercise and a stream in which they were to submerge themselves to remind them that they were amphibious soldier.

Registration was quick and easy, all that was necessary was to go to the table for your corresponding course, we were on course D, hand in our team checklist form, state our team number and collect the team dibber. With registration complete we walked uphill passing the feeder serving refreshments, to stare longingly at some expensive, but very lightweight, clothing and equipment. My wallet managed to survive the ordeal, as I made do with buying just the souvenir race shirt. After trying to leave it as long as possible before eating, in order to gain the maximum benefit from it the next day, we headed for the feeder. There was a large selection of different sorts of pasta, chips, jacket potatoes and pitta bread cooked and served by the camp cooks, obviously very pleased with the amount of money the OMM was bring-

ing them. After suitably stuffing our faces we got our heads down.

We woke up to a clear morning with the clouds glowing a yellowy orange to the east. We could tell this was going to be a good day already. After some kit preparation, bacon and egg rolls and a quick brew, we were ready to start. Our start time was at 10:15, so we had plenty of time to prepare, arriving at the start exactly as our time was called out. I checked the dibber and then after a minute we were handed our maps and were off. I noticed above the control description on the map that the course was 25.8km, with 890m climb, before folding the giant laminated map to a suitable size. The route started with a nice short uphill climb along a track. Patrick pointed out it was the same as the start of the Marines 30-mile march that he had recently completed. We reached the first control location without difficulty. However, due to us not reading the control description fully, I ended up crossing a stream, which was slightly too wide to jump across, to find that the control was actually on the side I had just come from, but hidden around a bend.

## OMM 2010 (contd.)

This meant crossing the stream three times, giving our shoes and socks a thorough soak, possibly the organisers plan. For the rest of the course the ground was so wet underfoot in places anyway that our initial slight annoyance was now laughable.



We jogged the rest of the day as much as possible and began to find that the event had shifted more towards an endurance and fitness race and less of a navigational exercise. The navigation was made very easy by the clear weather and by the amount of people that had already started before us on the first day. On each leg there was always one obvious route choice and after taking a bearing towards the next control there would always be a line of people following the same route. On a few occasions Patrick and I went for the less obvious route choice in order to do a bit of navigation for ourselves. After 4 hours 24 minutes of jogging on boggy, uneven and repetitive terrain, with the occasional flapjack or sports bar for energy, we had finished the Day 1. Overall the route was good and the weather made it a very enjoyable day.

The overnight camp had everything needed to survive overnight comfortably; a constant supply of water and plenty of toilets. The toilets included several Porta Loos and other toilets which could only be described as square buckets with toilet seats, surrounded by sheets of black tarpaulin to conceal them. They were perfectly adequate, however they must not have seemed as adequate to others because in the morning there was a huge queue for the Porta Loos whereas these other toilets were always free. The camp was situated around a troop shelter which was used as a first aid base, fortunately we did not need it but

after seeing a few people shivering heavily Sunday morning, and seeing some tents now located in puddles, it was well planned and came into good use. We pitched our lightweight Laser Photon tent with ease and stood back to admire our work and noticed several hundred other lightweight Laser Photon tents and realised it could be quite difficult to find our tent again. Thankfully our neighbours had brought along some glow in the dark Halloween decorations which they had attached to their tent. The weather gradually started to worsen over the evening so we cooked our dinner, had a brew, and checked the results before getting our heads down.

We had found out the night before that we had finished 12<sup>th</sup> on Day 1 and so we would have an earlier start time to be part of the chasing start. We were quite excited about this. It meant an earlier start time than planned of 07:47, but we did not mind as we had had plenty of sleep the night before and were raring to go.



At the start we were given a tracker, which Patrick slipped into his bag, so that our progress could be viewed on the internet via a live feed. Unfortunately we were to find out later that ours wasn't working. The weather on Day 2 was miserable, with constant drizzle from low cloud and the rain from overnight, leaving the already boggy conditions even worse. Thankfully being only the 12<sup>th</sup> team to start on course D, we could really test our navigation and to some success, overtaking two teams by the second control. The course today covered 20.2km and 1016m climb with 9 controls, one more than Day 1.

The terrain was very much the same and again navigation did not seem to be a problem and was just a case of keeping up a good pace. Only on one leg, 6 to 7, did we need to pay particular attention to navigation. The leg started off with a steep descent to a

stream which looked far harder to cross when we got to it than we first predicted, spending a good few minutes finding the best and safest place to cross. This was followed by a 2km uphill slog which took us up through the cloud base reducing visibility to 20m or so, all we had to do was stay on our bearing and we should easily find the control, which was at a cairn at the highest point. However, due to a combination of thinking we knew better, being so close to the finish and concentrating on moving fast uphill we allowed ourselves to deviate right off the bearing. Thankfully we knew that there was a track that went perpendicular to our bearing on the ridge of the hill that we would hit if we went off course. We eventually picked up the track and followed it to the control. This was a small reminder that we hadn't finished yet.

The rest of the route went smoothly and even allowed Patrick to show off by walking through a stream up to his hips. We finished Day 2 after 3hrs 50mins and were very wet. Although the weather was worse, I found Day 2 much more enjoyable as we were far more competitive and were able to choose the routes for ourselves.



On the way to download, we were handed cold drinks and cups of soup, which were very much appreciated. Patrick and I made the most of finishing as early as we had and jumped straight into the nearest showers before a queue could develop. Without hesitation we headed straight for the feeder to dig into a portion of pasta, potato and pitta bread. In the feeder there were a few computer screens which were displaying the results. We saw that we were the 9<sup>th</sup> fastest on Day 2 and 10<sup>th</sup> overall and the first military team, winning £30 worth of OMM- brand kit vouchers each. That's a result!

# RAB MM



*New LOG member, Jeanne Gaudin, here on work placement from Brittany for a year,*

*gives her account of her recent RAB MM experience.....*

On the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of September the RAB mountain marathon took place in the Lake District. It's a classic mountain marathon/navigational challenge in the mountains for solos or pairs; all courses are set up on a score basis with a time limit, therefore fitness, event strategy and navigational skills are a must. Competitors have to be self sufficient for the two days.

Why did I register for this race? (certainly a crazy idea...) I've already practised orienteering in big courses. But, never on my own, always in a team! So, what a challenge! I needed to work out English control definitions and compulsory collected materials. (Thanks Paul for your tent, thanks Marcus for your rucksack, thanks Nick for the lift, advice and all.)

I like challenges, orienteering and mountaineering, so I went for this crazy weekend!

Day one: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of October.

I did not sleep a lot. The night was too cold and my sleeping bag isn't the best. In the morning, I just closed my rucksack, the weather was nice: I was ready!

We needed to complete a 30min walk to reach the starting point. What a good warm-up! I made for a marshall, I "bip" my dibber and he gave me the instructions and the map. The run went on for 6 hours!



I had a big map (A2) and there were controls everywhere. It wasn't easy choosing the ones you wanted and your way.

I took controls during around 4 hours and I made lots of mistakes with my navigation, however, I made a point of enjoying nature: the landscapes were splendid!



The last 2 hours were meant to get you to the overnight camp. I was getting worried and stressed about being late, but in the end I was 20 minutes early. What a relief!

My navigation and my race strategies weren't that great on this first day, but, I made my mind up to be better the next day, because, by now, I understood how to work out the map and the distances involved.

Overnight, I'm ranking 106/270.



Overnight camp on Saturday night.

A beautiful field between 2 beautiful mountains. You eat, you drink, you try to dry your clothes, you watch others, you try to sleep... Life is not too difficult!

Day 2: Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October.

We had 5 hours to get the maximum points and return to the starting point. I chose controls with maximum points, as it is better, even if sometimes I couldn't make it in time and using the right directions!

The weather was so good (sun and warmth: perfect!) I had a lot of fun! Five hours wasn't enough to collect a lot of controls.

I arrived just 7 min before the end time at the finish point. I'm ranking 51/268. Better!!! (75/268 for the past 2 days)

I was very happy because I enjoyed it a lot! I climbed, I ran down sloping paths, across marshland, peat bogs, high grasses, ferns, rivers. I met sheep, red dears, birds and friendly people.

2 days in the Lake District. It was amazing and finally, not so crazy! Maybe, it was the adventure of the year for me.



Finally, I would recommend that all of you take part in mountains marathons, because you can choose your way, your distance and your speed. I encourage you to participate in the Dark & White events!

2 Rab Mini-Mountain Marathons will take place:

14th November 2010 - Dark Peak/ North Derbyshire

9th January 2011 - North Derbyshire

Further details on the Dark & White website:  
<http://www.darkandwhite.co.uk/index.asp>

*Jeanne Gaudin*

# EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE — 2010

east midlands orienteering association



## EMOA League— Remaining Fixtures 2010

28th November  
19th December

Burbage Common  
Walesby

5th December  
28th December

Shining Cliff  
The Outwoods

The last two events at Stanton Moor and Bestwood have seen a number of LOG'ers gain points and some are beginning to challenge for final season honours. Joanne Nell is well placed to defend her 2009 Blue title and Paul Murgatroyd has now risen to the top of the Brown table. RAFO members, Matthew Welton, Russell Kirk and Michael Nell are all well placed for podium positions. The next race in the series is LEI's event at Burbage Common on the 28th November, with Shining Cliff the week

### East Midlands League 2010 (LOG & RAFO members' current standings)

Colour	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Best Eight	Position
White	Ben Mather											442	392					834	8th
Yellow	Matthew Welton	342	624	1000	1000													2966	2nd
Yellow	Russell Kirk	318		435	371	503	586		312				419					2944	3rd
Yellow	Andrew Oxby					876	433		1000									2309	4th
Yellow	Rachel Kirk					415	465		365									1245	8th
Orange	Luke Fortune			862		865			861									2588	4th
Orange	Georgia Davey	752		1000		854	514		1000									4120	4th
Orange	Hannah McNab	1000	1000			962	1000											3962	5th
Lt Green	Craig Youngs	710	553		661	301	579											2804	8th
Lt Green	Geoff Gibbs								501	426								927	29th
Lt Green	Sarah Fletcher	724	606			655												1985	12th
Green	Kevin Kirk		761		500	742	824		1000									3827	16th
Green	Martin Wheeler			985	893				920									2798	28th
Green	Andy Furnell	597		586														1183	55th
Green	Clare Hanna			666								471	546					1683	27th
Green	Tanya Taylor						635		638									1273	32nd
Green	Alison Wright										492	566						1058	33rd
Blue	Michael Nell	769	878	908	700	765	806		773			812	769					6480	3rd
Blue	Dave Denness	837		886	771	849				864			768					4975	13th
Blue	Sean Harrington	614	704	651	524				664				560					3717	21st
Blue	John Mather									807	742	588	638					2775	31st
Blue	Tom George	552		705		737	696											2960	33rd
Blue	Joanne Nell	1000	946	951	944	1000	937		935			741	1000					7713	1st
Blue	Jeanne Gaudin										822		642					1464	14th
Brown	Paul Murgatroyd	909	992			845		818	799	860	923	790	832					6978	1st
Brown	Dave Gourlay		1000	834			860		1000	740								4434	10th
Brown	Charles Nell		803	724									712					2239	19th
Brown	Paul Barnes			725	599				670									1994	27th
Brown	Liam Harrington	868			914													1782	33rd
Brown	Jonathan May		772	690														1462	38th

Key to Events: 1 Bagworth Woods, 2 Allestree Park, 3 Thieves Wood, 4 Stapleford Woods, 5 Crich Chase, 6 Charnwood Forest South, 7 Cromford Moor, 8 Clumber Park, 9 Bradgate Park, 10 Carsington Pastures, 11 Stanton Moor, 12 Bestwood Country Park, 13 Burbage Common, 14 Shining Cliff, 15 Walesby, 16 The Outwoods

# LOG Annual General Meeting – October 20th 2010

**Present:** Sean Harrington, Andy Lucas, Michael Nell, Joanne Nell, Hayley Fox, Paul Murgatroyd, Jon May, Andy Furnell, Sarah Pike, Ally Wright, Nikki Harrington, Amanda Roberts, Ann Gibbs, Geoff Gibbs, Clare Hanna.

**1. Apologies:** Ian Durrant, Charles Nell, Robin Wright, John Mather, Steve Bones, Terry & Trudy Crosby.

## 2. Minutes of 2009 AGM:

These were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed by: Sean Harrington      Seconded by: Paul Murgatroyd

**3. Chairman's Report:** We have had another very good year, having put on 17 events. Both the winter and summer series are still doing really well. We had a great turnout at both this year's Stapleford event and City race.

We also reached the final of the Compass Sport Trophy for the first time and came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 10 entries which was a great effort.

The first running of the "Lincolnshire Challenge Shield", a competition between LOG & HALO took place, with HALO winning the first event, next year we must win it back!

Thanks were given to all club members who have helped to make this a successful year.

**4. Treasurers Report:** The clubs finances are in a solid position with around £4500 in the bank. We made a healthy profit this year, just over £500.

## 5. Election of Officers:

Post	Proposed	Proposer	Seconder	Outcome
Chairman	Sean Harrington	Amanda Roberts	Joane Nell	Elected
Vice Chairman	Paul Murgatroyd	Sean Harrington	Ann Gibbs	Elected
Secretary	Amanda Roberts	Paul Murgatroyd	Sarah Pike	Elected
Treasurer	Andy Lucas	Sarah Pike	Ally Wright	Elected
Fixtures Secretary	John Mather	Joanne Nell	Ann Gibbs	Elected
Publicity Officer	Ally Wright	Amanda Roberts	Clare Hanna	Elected
Junior Rep	Charles Nell	Michael Nell	Joanne Nell	Elected
Welfare officer	Sarah Pike	Ann Gibbs	Ally Wright	Elected
Un-posted	Michael Nell	Andy Lucas	Paul Murgatroyd	Elected
Un-posted	Liam Harrington	Michael Nell	Sarah Pike	Elected
Un-posted	Clare Hanna	Ally Wright	Ann Gibbs	Elected
Un-posted	Hayley Fox	Clare Hanna	Paul Murgatroyd	Elected

## 6. Any Other Business:

Sean Harrington is happy for anyone to take on the EMOA rep from him

There is to be another EMAO development day on the 11.12.10. With Planners, Controllers, Mapping and Organizers courses on. People should talk to Pauline Oliviant if they would like to take part in it.

## LOG Committee Meeting – October 20th 2010

		<b>Action</b>
	<b>Present:</b> Sean, Paul, Michael, Andy L, Jon, Liam, Ann, Geoff, Joanne, Hayley, Sarah, Alison,	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> – John, Charles, Ian	
<b>2</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes of Meeting on</b> 19.08.10 – Agreed Look into different storage for the kit	AL to look into it.
<b>3</b>	<b>Winter Series</b> – For the first event we have access to St Georges School but only between 10.30 and 1.00. For the second Sleaford event we are having to pay £45 for access to Sleaford Girls School.  Due to new forest commissions rules we may have to pay £75 for access to Bourne.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Night Cup Score</b> – We are going to hold a small night series consisting of 4 events, with points to count from each event. They will be 45 min score events for each with Paul to plan all of them. Venues are to be S. Common, W. Common, Hartsholme & Riseholme.	
<b>5</b>	<b>L3 Event 20.03.11 Belton Woods</b> – Once we get the new map we plan to use Belton for the next Level 3 event.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Participation Project</b> – Look to see if it would be possible to set up a participation project, this would be based around Lincoln. Probably on a Saturday morning, which Karen may be happy to run. Plan to get Pauline to our next meeting to talk about what we could do and what money we could get.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Permanent Courses</b> – Look at setting up the permanent course again in Hartsholme, as half of the post are missing, Hartsholme are happy to provide the man power to put the posts in, but don't have the money to buy the posts and materials. LOG to look into the costs	SH to talk with ID about grants and cost of materials.
<b>8</b>	<b>EMOA Meeting</b> – For the YBT final we are looking at holding it at Belton Woods in 2013.  EM are asking clubs if they would put on a short green courses at events, committee didn't think there was much need for this.  Asked to look at draft details of the Masters UK Cup.	SH to report back to EM  LH to email out masters cup details.
<b>9</b>	<b>Mapping</b> – Grantham and Harlaxton have now been mapped and Belton woods is under way and will hopefully be done by the mid of Nov.  Some members who went on the mapping course are doing well on their maps, hopefully some will be ready to use in the next year or so.	
<b>10</b>	<b>LOG Kit</b> – We are looking at putting another order in for Club Hoodies, If anyone would like one please contact Paul.	PM to sort the order out.
<b>11</b>	<b>A.O.B</b> - a. Paul has sent for some free publicity from BOF.  b. Sean has been sent an email from a Lincoln Drill Hall group asking for help setting up orienteering events, going to invite them to our event so they can see how we do them.  c. Liam is going to do his UKCC level 2 in coaching and 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid course, Club happy to pay costs of the courses that BOF/EMOA do not pay.  d. Look at holding a club social, on Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec, the idea is just to meet up in Lincoln for a few drinks.	b. SH to reply to email    d. LH to sort out.
<b>12</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b> – End of Nov, to suit Pauline and Karen if possible.	

# VENICE CITY RACE 2010



A city of canals (6)...177 of them – FACT!

To be honest, I had done little prior research on Venice, but of the

little I had read the fact it had 177 canals seemed to be commented on in every report. So this one is no exception, luckily the four and a half hours sat at the departure gate at East Midlands airport allowed me the time to learn a little more.

When we finally arrived at Venice, Liam and I, despite being organised with proper tourist maps, decided we would leave it to the VC to guide us, on his thumb-size map (we thought he was just showing off) to Ranald's for drinks. As we were fashionably late (not down to Paul's navigating... this time) we only had time for a quick drink on the rooftop of the apartment with the DVO crowd and then we went off for our very own 'LOG Abroad' meal. As we were in a different country, I thought it appropriate to try the local beverage. When I ordered it the waitress queried it twice, with raised eyebrows so I should have been more concerned. What came to the table was an espresso mixed with Montenegro (some aromatic liquor) – you should have seen my face when I tried it! Kindly the rest of the team, after some hesitation, supported me in experiencing a bit of local culture with the VC's wife giving it the best description, 'it's rank'.



On Saturday morning, after a night of listening to church bells, I was relieved to find that my bargain hotel deal didn't come with any eebie- jeebies, and I had a stunning view of the church opposite. Meeting with the rest of the LOG clan the first mission of the day was to find the event centre and pick up our race numbers; again we let the VC lead with the thumb-size map (we didn't want to ruin his fun). We then went off exploring the delights of Venice.

Clare and I decided we would cover as much ground as we could to familiarise

ourselves with our map and made up our own tour of the City, taking in as many sights as we could, whilst avoiding the tourists. If you don't know Venice there are many Churches including, Trouser Church (Chiesa St Pantalon), Church of Rocks (Chiesa St Rocca), Pizza Church (Chiesa St Margherita) and many, many more.



On the Saturday evening, with the exception of Liam and Amy, who had escaped to have their own romantic meal, we met with the DVO group for dinner. After the meal we chose a bar close to where Clare was staying, at the Hotel Panda, to test out another local beverage. This time I made sure I asked the bar tender for his suggestion.....He returned with a bottle without a label which tasted like a sweet dessert wine, this time the facial expressions were more controlled though we quickly reverted back to our normal choice of drinks.

By Sunday morning, I was beginning to tire of the bells, but still had not found any eebie- jeebies – phew! Today was the big race and I felt pretty chilled as I began to wander to the events centre. As I drew closer, however, an increasing amount of orienteers came into view and all of a sudden I felt quite nauseous. I saw the VC doing his usual warm up that would leave most of us worn out before we start, and then I spotted Clare who was just finishing and running for her waterbus to the airport. At the event centre I met up with Liam, Amy, and Helen from HALO and my sympathetic nervous system went into overdrive!

I wandered up to the start with Helen, who did a fantastic job of steadying my nerves, and then before I knew it I was off, map in hand and clambering up the steps of the first (of many) bridge. It was an amazing experience. The concentration levels had to remain high, as decision making was quick and route choices popped up at every turn. A mistake at control 3 in the centre of the butterfly loop cost me dearly and I had to retrace my

steps. In my annoyance I set off at speed and flew around the next loop, being too quick to register my dibber at 5 & 6.

I was at this time cat and mousing with an English girl who seemed to keep popping up at each control just when I thought I had lost her! This distraction had cost me an official result, though at the time I was completely unaware of my kindergarten mistake. I finally lost the girl at control 16 and by this time I was whizzing around using the squares and bridges to guide me and stop me referring to the map at each route junction (this seriously slowed you down as each junction was no more than every 20m). When I came out on to the Grand Canal waterfront with just one control remaining I was beginning to flag, but an encouraging cheer from the VC's wife kept me going, and knowing I would be in trouble with the VC if I stopped to



breathe at this point. So I managed to carry on until I had ran over the next bridge, I had made my final control, and most importantly I was out of sight to grab a few deep breaths for the final push! Sprinting down to the finish in front of a supportive crowd was awesome and I had a great sense of achievement as I dibbed for the finish.

My download experience was disappointing, and I was surprised I had mis-punched as I knew I had been around the course. The lass I had been cat and mousing with appeared to ask which route I had taken when I lost her, and tried to vouch to the officials as our times matched up at the controls and but sadly no luck. I was very happy with my time, and know I completed the course and not receiving an official result can't take away what a brilliant time I had 'O' ing around Venice.

I finished off the day with a Bellini, the best local beverage I tried, and hoped it would help me sleep through another night of bell ringing!

Roll on Venice 2011.

*Ally Wright*



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## FUTURE ISSUES

*The next LOG-NEWS is scheduled for the end of January and will be focussing on the end of the 2010/11 winter series, with full results and remaining reports. We'll also be bringing you upto date with the annual Blue Riband event, now in its fifth year—will Tom Honniball be the first to defend his title or will we see another new name on the trophy?*

*The new year will also see us back in Compass Sport trophy action, with us, in all probability, competing in the regional round at LEI's Beacon Hill event on the 16th January and we hope to qualify for the final for the second year running. Report and results will also feature in the next issue. We'll be previewing the inaugural Night Score Cup—yet another series bought to you by your ever-willing committee!*

*See you out there somewhere!*

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## SELECTED NATIONAL FIXTURES

Sat 27/11/10	East Midlands	<a href="#">DVO</a>	Local	DVO Local Event	<a href="#">Shipley Park</a>	EOD	<a href="#">SK432454</a>
Sun 28/11/10	East Midlands	<a href="#">LEI</a>	Local	EM League Burbage Common and Woods	<a href="#">Burbage Common</a>	EOD	<a href="#">SP451945</a>
Sat 04/12/10	East Midlands	<a href="#">DVO</a>	Local	DVO Night Event	<a href="#">Allestree Park</a>	EOD	<a href="#">SK352398</a>
Sun 05/12/10	East Midlands	<a href="#">DVO</a>	Regional	DVO Regional Event	<a href="#">Shining Cliff</a>	EOD	<a href="#">SK334523</a>
Sat 11/12/10	Yorkshire and Humberside	<a href="#">HALO</a>	Local	Normanby Hall Night Event	<a href="#">Normanby Hall</a>	EOD	<a href="#">SE887168</a>
Sun 12/12/10	Yorkshire and Humberside	<a href="#">HALO</a>	Local	Normanby Hall Colour Coded Event	<a href="#">Normanby Hall</a>	EOD	<a href="#">SE887168</a>
Sun 12/12/10	East Anglia	<a href="#">NOR</a>	Local	NOR Colour Code Event	<a href="#">Roydon &amp; Grimston</a>	EOD	<a href="#">TF681230</a>
Tue 28/12/10	East Midlands	<a href="#">LEI</a>	Local	EM League. The Outwoods	Beacon hill	EOD	<a href="#">SK515163</a>
Sun 02/01/11	East Anglia	<a href="#">NOR</a>	Local	NOR Informal New Year Score Event	TBC	EOD	<a href="#">TG194083</a>
Sun 16/01/11	East Anglia	<a href="#">NOR</a>	Local	NOR Colour Code Event	Hockering	EOD	<a href="#">TG074146</a>
Sun 16/01/11	East Midlands	<a href="#">LEI</a>	Regional	CompassSport Cup 1st Round	Beacon Hill	EOD	<a href="#">SK510147</a>
Sat 29/01/11	East Anglia	<a href="#">CUOC</a>	Regional	Thetford Thrash - Day 1 Icenian Regional Event	Thetford Forest	EOD	<a href="#">TL797898</a>
Sun 30/01/11	East Anglia	<a href="#">WAO</a>	Regional	Thetford Thrash - Day 2 Regional Event & EA Championships	Croxton Heath	EOD	<a href="#">TL877894</a>