

THE LINCOLN ORIENTEERING GROUP

Presents

A DISTRICT EVENT AT LINCOLN SOUTH COMMON

Sunday 27.11.05

Map Ref SK972696

Part of the Lloyd Davis East Midlands League

This is an SI Electronic Punching Event

Registration 10.00-12.00

Starts 10.30-12.30

Fees £4/5, juniors £2, family £10

Car Park £1

Help Available for Beginners

Full Courses “white” to “brown”, and “string”

Terrain – Rough open hillside with some small wooded areas, and views of Lincoln Cathedral

Planner – Steve Bones

Controller – John Bennett

Organiser – Karl Pickworth 01526 320136

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The Bi-Monthly Newsletter of The Lincoln Orienteering Group

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CHAIRMAN'S PIECE

I have to really apologise for my absence at the club AGM last month, those who know me can only shake their heads and say "typical". There can't be many chairmen who actually manage to miss this event. I had the misfortune to bump into Kaele near City Hall and the conversation went something like this...

She asked where had I been, I told her I had been to the circus. She replied "no you didn't". I assured her that I had been to the circus. She said "which one?" to which I replied puzzled "the one on the South Common". "Oh" she said, "it's a pity you weren't at the one called the AGM Mr. Chairman" or words to that effect! I really had a mental blackout. I think the drinks will have to be on me at the next meeting.

I will see everyone at the South Common event but will be busy running the string course. At least I hope I'll be busy. Last year only the Bennett Twins competed on the string course, and I have to say it is a lot of effort if no one tried the course (no I'm not hinting at you Liam).

I even forgot that Leanne had a trophy to pick up at the AGM, and have still not told her. Of course she reads this newsletter so I expect an early e-mail from her!

It does say a lot for the other club officers and committee members that the club continues to do well with little effort from me. *(I must say here that Ian has been very active mapping schools' grounds over the last 12 months so need not be defensive, Ed)*. A point I would like to make about meetings is that if you don't want to stand as an officer there is no reason you can't offer your services as a committee member. This way you can attend meetings without any particular area of responsibility, get involved in discussions and maybe pick up one or two small jobs if you want. The next committee meeting is on November 24th, and will concentrate largely on the South Common event. Meetings tend to move around the County to make it easier for people to attend. Future dates are in this newsletter.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please extend a warm LOG welcome to Sarah Pike and Tim Staniland who joined the club recently after taking part in some of the Summer Series events. I know Tim has already been active on the Yahoo Group, and we hope you can both make it to the South Common later this month for our first major event of the new season.

FUTURE LOG EVENTS

- 27.11.05** **Lincoln South Common District Event**
- 1.1.06** **Lincoln Street-O.** Now based at The Pilcher's on Doddington Park, not the Cathedral area due to logistical problems. Watch the website for details or contact the editors.
- 14/15.1.06** **"The Lincolnshire Bomber Weekend"**, joint event with RAFO.
14.1.06 **Temple Woods district event and Long-O**
15.1.06 **Twyford Woods Relays**
Note the days have switched round since originally planned, visit this special website for further info on this exciting event
<http://www.rafo.org.uk/Rafo/pages/lincsbomber.htm>
- 5.3.6** **Stapleford Woods** regional event and East Midlands Champs.
- (LOG SUMMER SERIES 2006)**
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| 13.4.6 | Callans Lane Wood, Bourne. | Planner Marc Roberts |
| 27.4.06 | Hartsholme Country Park, | planner needed |
| 11.5.06 | Stapleford Woods, | Sean Harrington |
| 25.5.06 | Twyford Woods (also LEI summer league) | John Bennett |
| 8.6.5 | Lincoln South Common, | Jon May |
| 22.6.06 | Riseholme Park, | Steve Bones |
| 29.6.06 | Barkestone Woods (also LEI summer league) | Ian Wells |
| 6.7.6 | Lincoln West Common, | Karl Pickworth |
| 21.7.6 | Bourne Woods, | planner needed |
| 3.8.06 | Lincoln South Common, | Liam Harrington |
- 6.8.6** LOG Summer Relays, details to be confirmed, planner needed
- 22.10.6** Lincoln South Common district event, planner required
- 21.1.07** Twyford Woods district event, planner required
- 18.3.07** Stapleford Woods, Compass-sport Cup first Round
- 21.10.07** **Temple Woods**, district event TBC
Jan 2008 **Bourne Woods**, regional event TBC

SELECTED FIXTURES

NOVEMBER

13th NOR District Event. Roydon Common & Grimston Warren, Kings Lynn. TF/681230. Nicky Nicholls, 01603 781411. n.nicholls@virgin.net £3.00/£1.00 + £ 1 for non club members. EPS-SI. Dogs on lead. www.norfolkoc.co.uk/

19th LEI Winter Night League. Bagworth Woods, Coalville. SK/446081. Peter Hornsby, 01530 456066. mapping@lineone.net £2.50/50p. EPS-SI. www.leioc.org

20th LEI District Event & Lloyd Davis EM League. Bagworth Woods, Coalville. SK/446081. John Cooke and Judith Holt, 01827 61663. jholtcooke@btinternet.com £4.00/£1.50. EPS-SI. String course. www.leioc.org

27th LOG District Event. Lincoln South Common, Lincoln. SK/979699. Karl Pickworth, 01526 320136. pickworths@aol.com £4.00/£2.00. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.00. Dogs on leads. www.logonline.org.uk

DECEMBER

3rd HALO Night Event & YHOA Night League. Bishop Burton College, Beverley. SE/985405. John and Sue Chaney, 01482 653152. john@chaney.karoo.co.uk £3.50/£1.50. EPS-SI. No dogs. www.halo-orienteeing.org.uk

4th HALO District Event. Bishop Burton College, Beverley. SE/985405. John and Sue Chaney, 01482 653152. john@chaney.karoo.co.uk £3.50/£1.50. EPS-SI. No dogs. www.halo-orienteeing.org.uk

4th NOC District Event & Yvette Baker Final. Sherwood Pines, Mansfield. SK/606636. David Cooke, 01773 770278. d.cooke4@ntlworld.com Fees TBA. EPS-SI. (Pre-entry for Yvette Baker, EOD for C4 event). www.noc-uk.org

11th SYO Regional Event. Blackamoor, Sheffield. SK/287805. Organiser: Jill Gorvett, 01433 630271. jgorvett@waitrose.com Entries: Online entry via SYO website preferred. www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk CD: 28/11/05. £7.50/£3.00. *Late online entries until 09/11/05:* £8.25/£3.50. Postal entries : Douglas Thomson, 3 Lynwood Close, Dronfield Woodhouse, Dronfield, S18 8QH, 01246 411158. douglasthompson@gmx.de CD: *postmarked* 28/11/05. £7.50/£3.00. Chq: SYO. EPS-SI. Lim EOD £9.00/£4.00. No string course. Lim CC courses - W to LtG. EOD only £4.00/£1.00. Parking £1.00. Dogs on leads.

17th LEI Christmas Novelty Event. The Outwoods, Loughborough. GR/510145. Simon Ford, 01162 598277. di.ford@btinternet.co £4.00/£1.50. Starts 10.45. Post event Christmas Buffet. www.leioc.org.uk

18th NOC District Event. Walesby, Mansfield. SK/668703. Janet Evans, 01636 813058. janet@janetandnick7.freeseerve.co.uk £4.00/£1.50. EPS-SI. String course.. Parking £1.00. www.noc-uk.org

JANUARY

1st Lincoln Street-O, details to follow on website

2nd SYO District Event. Ecclesall Woods, Sheffield. SK/310819. Alan Goddard, 07764895657. alangoddard10@tiscali.co.uk £4.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. String course. www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk

14th-15th LOG/RAFO Lincolnshire Bomber Weekend. 14th - Long O & District Event. Temple Woods, Bourne. TF/060280. Organiser: Marc Roberts, 01476 585378. webeditor@rafo.org.uk 15th - Relay Event. Twyford Woods, Colsterworth. SK/946238. Karl Pickworth, 01526 320136. karl@logonline.org.uk Long-O & Relay Entries: Nigel Paul Hillary, 25 Northern Avenue, Henlow, Bedfordshire, SG16 6ES. nhillaryuk@yahoo.co.uk CD: 31/12/05. Day 1: CC - £3.50/£1.00. Long-O (Pre entry) - £7.00. Lim EOD (Long-O) +£1.00. String course. Parking £1.00. Day 2: Relay £5.00 per team. Teams of 3, Legs approximately 2.5KM, 3.5KM & 4.5KM. Lim EOD +£1.00. Chq: RAFO. EPS-SI. Dogs on lead. www.logonline.org.uk www.rafo.org.uk

22nd NOC Regional Event, Robin Hood Trophy. Clumber Park, Mansfield. SK/622748. Organiser: Bob Alderson, 0115 845 0771. org060122@noc-uk.org Entries: Joy Cholerton, The Doves, 40 Fairdale Drive, Newthorpe, Nottm, NG16 2FG, 01773 715234. peter@cholerton.fsnet.co.uk CD: 07/01/06. £8.00/£3.50, Family £19.00 +50p SI hire. EOD & late entry no fee, but subject to maps. Chq: NOC. EPS-SI. String course. Lim CC courses - £4.00/£1.50. Parking £1.00. Dogs on leads. Entries before Christmas would be appreciated. Internet entries via NOC website by 08/01/06. www.noc-uk.org

Remember that this fixture list is only a selection of relatively local events from the BOF national fixtures list. The full fixture list is linked from the LOG website. More events are being added and confirmed all the time, look out for flyers at events. LOG will also use our Yahoo Group to inform members of events, with opportunities to arrange car sharing, meeting up after events etc. Note that some of the larger events require pre-entering, or there could be a surcharge for on the day entries. Non-BOF members will increasingly have to pay extra too.

LOG SUMMER SERIES 2006

As you can see from the fixture list there are 10 events in next year's Summer Series, 1 more than this year, and we are using 3 new areas. You could say there are 4 new areas as Bourne has changed so much, but more of that below.

As mentioned previously we are joining up with neighbours LEI for 2 events. They are using our event at Twyford as part of their summer league, and then we join them over the border at Belvoir Castle and Barkestone Woods at the end of June. Only 2 events still need planners, so if anyone fancies organising Hartsholme or Bourne then please get in touch.

RE-BOURNE!

An incentive to plan the Bourne Summer Series is a brand new map that is nearing completion as I type. Remember that Glyn was part-way through planning a C4 there this spring, until they decided to chop down huge chunks of the forest. The major work has finished, and although we expect more thinning over the next few months the wood is now looking good. Sadly the forestry operations have made a mess of some of our favourite bits from the past, but natural maturation of other blocks has turned them into stunning chunks of runnable wood. Take a look at your old Bourne maps and I can tell you that hardly a single block now looks the same.

Almost everything that used to be dark green is now white, complete with lots of detail on the ground. The biggest changes are around the main car park, and in the northern block. Some of us remember the trees in the northern block being planted(!), but these are now mature blocks of conifers and native broadleaf that are a pleasure to run through.

The new map will be launched at The Bomber Weekend in January, but only the Long-O competitors will see anything of it as they head north to Temple Wood. This map will include the separate Gunboro' and Nab Woods to the north, which are unlikely to feature at any other event unless we repeat the Long-O. There is a distinct possibility that "Bourne North" could be used on it's own for a Summer Series event, all we need is parking at that end. I have some ideas so watch this space.

Several years ago we held a poll on the Yahoo Group to vote for LOG's favourite wood and Bourne won. It's crown has slipped in recent years as Stapleford has changed for the better, with South Common resurrected by a new map and e-punching, but I have a feeling that Bourne is on the way back right to the top.

LOG AGM 13.10.05

The minutes of the 2005 LOG AGM are as follows;

Present; Steve Bones, Liam Harrington, Sean Harrington, Jon May, Karl Pickworth, Richard Pickworth, Ian Pilcher, Kaele Pilcher, Alice Bennett, John Bennett.

Apologies; Rob Shepard, Glyn Mayley, Andy Furnell, Andy Lucas

- 1) The minutes of the previous AGM were agreed.
- 2) There was no Chairman's report but Vice Chair Steve spoke about the past year and plans for 2006. These include updating the Club's constitution, and gaining the Clubmark accreditation.
- 3) Outgoing secretary Glyn had resigned some time ago there was also no secretary's report this year.
- 4) Outgoing treasurer Rob sent in his report and it was presented by Steve. The club has done well financially over the last year, primarily due to increased event income. The Summer Series in particular was a great success again.
- 5) Election of Officers for 2006. The following were elected;

Chairman	Ian Durrant
Vice-Chair	Steve Bones
Secretary	Liam Harrington
Treasurer	Ian Pilcher
Fixtures	Steve Bones
Junior Rep	Liam Harrington
Membership	John Bennett
Newsletter	John Bennett
Publicity	Sean and Nikki Harrington

The following agreed to be unposted committee members;

Karl and Richard Pickworth
Jon May

- 6) Setting of Fees for 2006. A motion to increase fees for 2006 was defeated 6-2 (2 abstentions), therefore they remain the same for the next 12 months.

- 7) There followed an informal discussion about future developments, largely around plans from BOF to abolish club only membership in 2007. There was broad agreement to do this, but more consultation is needed with club only members.

AGM CONTINUED

Also at the AGM the meeting formally thanked Rob Shepard and Glyn Mayley, our out-going treasurer and club secretary. Both did a great job for the club, despite being based miles from the rest of us, Glyn in Crowland and Rob in Cambridgeshire. We really did think that we would struggle to fill their shoes, so a big thank-you to Liam Harrington and Ian Pilcher for doing so. Liam is probably the youngest club secretary in the country, although we know that Sean and Nikki will help him out, not to mention support from the rest of the committee.

Ian is also going to lead work on up-dating LOG's constitution. Most clubs have either done this or are in the process of doing so now. BOF has produced a guide for updating and simplifying constitutions, and we will be following this closely.

The debate on membership changes continues, with Steve Bones and John Bennett feeding back from their attendance at the recent BOF EGM and Club Delegate Conference. For the full details visit the BOF website, but there is broad national agreement to abolish club only membership in 2007. In other words, if you join a club you automatically join BOF. Many other sports have this as the norm, indeed many orienteering clubs have done this for years. The argument is an old one but it bears repeating.

Some clubs feel strongly that "forcing" people to join BOF, costing more, will mean that they won't join anything, reducing the number of orienteers. The alternative view is that people get far more from full BOF membership so are more likely to stay on and orienteer for years. One suggestion to bridge this gap is to reduce BOF membership to about £6, so price won't be a deterrent. Some people are worried that this could drastically reduce BOF's income, so there are now discussions at BOF around keeping fees high, with the concept of associate of day membership of BOF for those who don't want to join permanently.

In LOG our club only members have tended to be more transient, whereas those who join BOF do tend to stay on, so at the 2006 club AGM there is likely to be a proposal to abolish LOG only membership. We've asked for feedback on this before and got very little response, so please send your views via the newsletter, start a discussion on the Yahoo Group etc. At the moment committee favour the simple "everyone joins BOF" position. But if the majority of members are against this we will have to reconsider. Of course the level of fees could affect your view, so if that is the case what would be acceptable/unacceptable?

TROPHY WINNERS

The AGM also saw the presentation of trophies for the various category winners from our club league "The Lincoln Limp". Congratulations to all of the following;

OVERALL CHAMPION	Leanne Durrant
TOP JUNIOR	Liam Harrington
TOP WOMAN	Alison Marvel
TOP M/W45+	Richard Pickworth

Unfortunately Leanne and Alison couldn't collect their awards on the night so we would like to present them formally at the South Common event on November 27th. If this isn't possible could you get in touch with us and we'll arrange to present them at a time of your convenience.

The new "Limp" has now started and will continue up to the AGM next year. The rules remain the same as before, based on performances at District events. Pick a course appropriate to you, pot hunters will be spotted(!), and hopefully everyone will have an equal chance of a trophy at the end. Points are awarded for your time compared to that of the first 3 runners on your course, if anyone wants the equation to calculate this please ask, but we wouldn't want to bore anyone!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We usually wait until the January newsletter before sending out membership forms and reminding you to re-join for 2006, but in the past this has meant chasing some people up to Easter and beyond. It makes it much easier for us if people are BOF members and renew direct through BOF, but some of you may still prefer to be club only members and we have enclosed LOG membership forms for those people. Apologies if we've missed anyone out. If you need a LOG membership form you can download one from the website, or if you're not online please ask and we'll send you one. However, we would urge everyone to at least consider joining BOF, you will get far more for your money, and it may be the only membership available in 2007. BOF members get an excellent regular magazine, and reduced entries at most events. In the future this fee reduction will be even greater to encourage BOF membership. BOF members also contribute to the development of the sport, including coaching for schools, improved technology, insurance cover etc.

SOUTH COMMON 27.11.05

Our next event is almost upon us, and Karl may already have contacted you about helping on the day. Steve's courses are just about finalised, and as his controller I can say that they are looking pretty good. The map has been updated again for the event, and includes areas not used before. If you think this is impossible on such a popular and well used area as the Common then, you are in for a pleasant surprise on the day!

Repeating Ian's plea from his Chairman's Piece I would urge members with young children to try out his string course. Our 2 had a great time on it last year, it is free and you get sweeties at the end! Ian will have put a lot of work into it, so please make it all worth while.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE BOMBER

Things are really coming together for this our first weekend event in January. Our partners RAFO are very organised, which is a good job with such a complex event. LOG could certainly not have put this event on ourselves.

All the maps will be completed by the end of November, with major updates of Bourne and Temple Woods, plus the completely new areas of Callan's Lane, Spring and Gunboro' Woods. Callan's Lane is the largest and most promising of these, and opens our Summer Series next April. The Long-O will start in Bourne, with a short field crossing to Gunboro', a track run to Spring, then on through Callan's Lane to finish in Temple Woods. Hopefully giving a total of 20km+ orienteering, with less than 1.5km on taped routes between woods. Temple will also be the venue for a C4 event, which ironically will attract by far the biggest numbers over the weekend, but will be the least interesting for some of us!

Day 2 should see Twyford at it's best as a relay venue. The shorter courses should avoid having to go through much of the nasty stuff, giving excellent and technical (for Lincolnshire!) orienteering through beautiful runnable forest.

The weekend now has it's own website, complete with photos, and you will need to go there to get pre-entry forms if you want to take part in the long-O or relays. There will be limited entries available on the day, but don't tempt fate. If you don't think you can put a team together for the relays don't worry. There are always lots of people in that position. Either look for team-mates on the Yahoo Group, ring round or turn up on the day and hope that maps are still available.

JUNIOR NEWS

By Liam Harrington

Well not really about the juniors this month, but my experiences on my second KIMM, which took place on the 29/30 October in the Eastern Lake District. As some of you may know from reading the yahoo group several of us entered the long score course. We did not get much training in this year for the event with trying to find time to get away then Steve injured his ankle about 2 weeks before the event.

Day 1 for us meant an early start 8.12am. With not being that fit this year we choose an easier route than we probably would have, also with mid-camp being a long way from the start we didn't what to be late back like last year when we were 45mins over our time limit. We got about 5 controls before making our way over High Street, and as we were going over the top we didn't see many other people around. After we got over the top we decided to drop a couple of the controls we were going to get as we thought we were not going to make it to mid-camp in time. As we ran down to the finish we thought we were a couple of minutes over our time limit only to find when we downloaded we were 6 minutes inside our time, but this was changed later on to 11 seconds over. I told Steve to run faster!



At mid-camp we were only the 6th team to get there so we had a big choice of where to put the tent up. Once that was up and we'd sorted stuff out I found that my shoe had started to fall apart that day. We met up with Dave and Andy as well there and they said John hadn't made it for his start time and didn't know why, later we found he didn't make the trip up.

Day 2 was not such an early start, and with how my shoe was, we did not push ourselves. Within an hour my shoe had fall apart so Steve had the idea of using the strap the tent was tied together with, and putting that around my shoe so we could keep going. We had a short day and got back about 1hour and 45minutes early. We finished 146 out of 216 with 35 people retired. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to do it was it's a great event to compete in.

(I know how Liam feels as I had to run the Capricorn Mountain Marathon with a disintegrated show a few years ago, not fun! Liam's partner Steve has also written an account of the KIMM on the website Ed.)

