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# LOKation 149



Paul Todd, after his first event  
as a Planner on Hampstead Heath

Calling for new planners: Look, Paul's still smiling!

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Announcing the AGM on November 20th

November 2008



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## Chairbound chatter - Glen

Rather a brief chatter this time for reasons which will become apparent later (you're probably already sighing with relief!).

TRIUMPH - was the only word for it, as the summer saw the traditional Frolics series dominated from start to finish by LOK - very well done to everyone who took part. Two years ago we won a moral victory (not that I am biased), but had to share honours with SLOW, then last year we slumped to 5<sup>th</sup>, but this year - ahh a result to savour. A special thank you to Catherine Galvin and Glen Slade who both turned out for all 5 events!

We also hosted a summer small 'O' series on Hampstead Heath, running a couple of low key Thursday evening events which were open to all comers.

After the August break, the usual Autumn district event was on Hampstead Heath again after we had moved to Alexandra Park last year. About 150 is an average attendance for this event, but this year we hit 191 - and that despite the Regional Event on the same day in Hatfield (which had crept into the fixtures calendar after we had booked our slot). Attendance was buoyed by the City of London race on the Saturday and we had several positive comments from 'foreign' runners (ie those from North of Watford) along the lines of 'hmm that was a bit trickier than I would have expected'. Well done to Paul Todd for excellent planning and several map updates, and a big thank you to Neil Brooks who stepped into the Organiser's shoes after I became unavailable.

Coming up very soon (November 20<sup>th</sup>) is the AGM - this really is an important date in the Klubb calendar, and I urge that you should think of it as a sort of 'obligation' to attend if you possibly can. It is really the only opportunity in the year to get a large group of people together to consider how things are in the Klubb, and it's very helpful for the committee to hear the views of everyone in the Klubb. Even if you are not a particularly active orienteer, please come and have your say. The AGM starts at 8pm (so you really should be able to get there even if you work late) - and there is a delicious supper provided FREE OF CHARGE. There will also be free drink all night and dancing girls and the Chippendales. [OK, that last bit is a complete lie, but there really is a free supper and you get the message!]

LOK will be running 2 Street O events over the winter, the first of which in London's West End, is on 27<sup>th</sup> Nov - if you haven't tried street O you really should, it's great fun, especially dashing about Oxford street avoiding bemused Christmas shoppers clutching a map and with your head-torch on - try it, you'll love it.

We have a date for the Hampstead Street O (22 Jan) - I am supposed to be planning this one but under the circumstances I may have difficulty with this date, so if anyone fancies helping, I'd be very grateful - please get in touch ([glen@glenandfelicity.co.uk](mailto:glen@glenandfelicity.co.uk))

This year we have set the Street O dates in conjunction with the London and Kent weekday series of events (ie to avoid clashes) - so for those who like midweek

orienteering you can look forward to events almost every week through the winter from the various clubs - enjoy!

Boxing Day will see the traditional Score Event at Trent Park - and this year we are light on volunteers since stalwart John Hardy is on a 3-line whip to be elsewhere on the day - so if you could help with this PLEASE let Neil Brooks know.

2009 will be a quieter time for us in that we will not be running the usual Spring Regional race which we have done the last couple of years - this is because we have used Holmbury Hill 2 years in a row, and need to keep Leith Hill free for 2010 when we are hosting the SE round of the Compass Sport Cup - I hope however that we will do a Score Event in Hyde Park in Spring as we did last year (and which proved so popular).

Turning for a minute to the individuals who make up the Klubb; this afternoon I visited Ronan and Julie Cleary - you may not be aware that Julie suffered a second stroke on 20<sup>th</sup> October. I was glad to find both Ronan and Julie in good spirits under the circumstances, and I detected immediately in Julie the strength of will which she showed last time to overcome this setback. I am very confident that with this inner strength and Ronan's great support she will once again come bounding back to winning ways and I am sure you join me in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Finally, on a personal note, this will be my last Chairman's Chatter. I had imagined that I would continue for another year to make up the three allocated as a maximum under the Klubb constitution, but in early September I was diagnosed with kidney cancer. I had an operation in mid-September to remove the kidney and tumour, but the cancer has spread to my lymph nodes, which means that I have some pretty unpleasant treatment ahead. Right now I am feeling as fit as a fiddle (bar the inability to run because my stomach muscles are still knitting back together) - but the doctor has promised (I thought I could almost see a gleam in his eye!) that he would be making me very poorly in an attempt to try and make me better (figure that one out!). I shall be having intensive treatment during November and then hoping to be fit again for Christmas, but there is a strong likelihood that this sort of cycle will continue and so it is obviously better to pass the LOK baton to the next (metaphorical and literal) runner. Over the past 6 weeks I have had great support from friends within the Klubb and for this I would like to say a heartfelt 'thank you'.

LOK represents for me a circle of great friends and in closing I would like to thank all those who have frequently given selflessly to support the Klubb over the last 2 years of my chairmanship. We may be a small Klubb, but I think we can hold our head up in the Orienteering world, proud that we have put on good events over recent times. My especial thanks to all the committee, who have been much involved and turned up reliably for Tuesday committee meetings to keep the business of the Klubb ticking over. And, finally, a vote of thanks to our excellent Lokation editor for once again stepping up to the mark despite the distractions of motherhood.

I hope to see you in the woods before too long.  
Glen



## From the thicket - Camilla

Here's an edition which mixes business with pleasure. On the serious side, there are the Minutes to last year's AGM for you to read ahead of this year's meeting. On a lighter note, there is David Rosen's hot-off-the-press account of this year's OMM, which was memorable for being top billing on the BBC News for a few hours. And Greg Birdseye describes another foreign expedition he undertook this summer. Thank you to these two regular contributors for their articles. Next publication: Spring 2009.

As Glen's Chatter makes clear, the Klubb has had a too-large dose of bad news in recent weeks. I hope that Glen and Julie know how much their dedication to the Klubb is admired and appreciated. And I am sure everyone reading this sends them good wishes over the coming weeks.

Camilla



## Klubb Business

- ⊥ The AGM will be held on **Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup> 2008** after a short training run in Hampstead. The meeting will start at **8.00pm** in the upstairs room at **the Magdala pub, 2a South Hill Park**, London, NW3 2SB. It is just round the corner from Hampstead Heath Overground station.
- ⊥ Please make the effort to attend your Klubb's AGM: it is an important meeting to discuss the future!

### Provisional Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of the minutes of last AGM
3. Chairman's report
4. Treasurer's report and approval of accounts
5. Election of officials
6. Any Other Business  
(including Frolics sub-committee, January party)

- ⊥ **Bloomsbury Street-O on November 27<sup>th</sup>**
  - Similar to last year's event, test your knowledge of Bloomsbury, Fitzrovia and the West End. David Rosen is your host, planner and organiser.
  - A one-hour score event on the streets.
  - Starting point (and changing facilities) in Birkbeck College, Malet St, WC1E 7HX. Entrance in Torrington Square, just north of Senate House.
  - Starts from 6.30-7.15. Maps printed and waterproof.
  - Bring reflective top and PEN. A head-torch may be useful.
  - Food and drink afterwards in the College Arms pub, Store Street.

- ⊥ **LOK's Not-a-Christmas-Party - in JANUARY 2009.**
  - We'd like to hold a party to blow away the cobwebs in January. Previous events in excellent hostelrys have been great fun. Personal recommendations always best! So, please do some research (no expense account, I'm afraid), and then a 'sub-committee' will be sought at the AGM to take responsibility for organising it. (Oh, and we'll possibly find a date, too).
  
- ⊥ **Controllers' Course poorly attended at home ... but LOK has its own big Swiss cheese!**
  - Recent courses for training have been offered to clubs across the south-east, including planners and controllers. The word has been passed back that they have been poorly attended. Please do consider whether you would like to put yourself forward. Contact Neil if so: if you are proactive you might be able to influence the date of the course...
  - To inspire you, here's some news hot off the press: David Rosen has just been appointed as Senior Event Adviser (in effect, overall controller) for the 2012 World Orienteering Championships in Lausanne, Switzerland.
  
- ⊥ **Future events**
  - After a busy 2008, just two more events to go before we enter 2009, a notionally 'fallow' year. Only 2 events but of course they must be top-quality! Contact Neil if you want to discuss the roles available.

Event / Date		Planner	Organiser
2008 Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> Night Street O	Bloomsbury/West End	David Rosen	David Rosen
2008 Dec 26 <sup>th</sup> Xmas Score	Trent Park	John Hardy (not on the day)	
2009 – Frolic	Location TBC		
2009 – Sept 27 <sup>th</sup> District	Hampstead Heath TBC		
2010 March Compass Sport Cup	Leith Hill or Holmbury		



## Winter orienteering in London - from SLOW

Branch out from the Thursday night on the Heath. Here are the regions of London which SLOW are using for street-O on Tuesday evenings once a month over the winter. Further up-to-date information/directions/prices etc will appear on [www.slweb.org.uk](http://www.slweb.org.uk) a week or two in advance of each event.

Date (Tuesdays)	Location
11 Nov	Richmond
<i>Thurs 27 Nov for LOK event</i>	<i>Bloomsbury</i>
9 Dec	Putney
13 Jan	Surbiton
<i>Thurs 22 Jan for LOK event</i>	<i>Hampstead TBC</i>
10 Feb	Kingston
10 Mar	Wimbledon
7 Apr	Pimlico

### **Series results (for the SLOW events only):**

Points are scored at each event, with 50 for the winner, 45 for 2nd place, and then 41 for 3rd, 38 for 4th, 36 for 5th, 35 for 6th, 34 for 7th etc down to 1 point for everyone who finishes 40th place or lower. The organiser of the event scores an automatic maximum 50 points. The overall results will be based on your best 4 scores in the series, and there will be prizes for the leading man and leading woman over the series. In the event of a tie, head-to-head results will be used.



## The OMM 2008 - the One-Day Mountain Marathon by David Rosen

We knew that this year's OMM was likely to be challenging. The weather had been so bad on Thursday that the roads in Borrowdale were impassable and the organisers couldn't get onto the hills to get the controls out. Friday was much better, but Saturday was forecast to be wet and windy again. Seathwaite Farm is famous as the wettest place in England. The OMM (the Original Mountain Marathon) is the new name for the KIMM (the Karrimor Mountain Marathon) and it has been running for over 40 years. Miriam and I have competed nearly every year for more than 30 years.

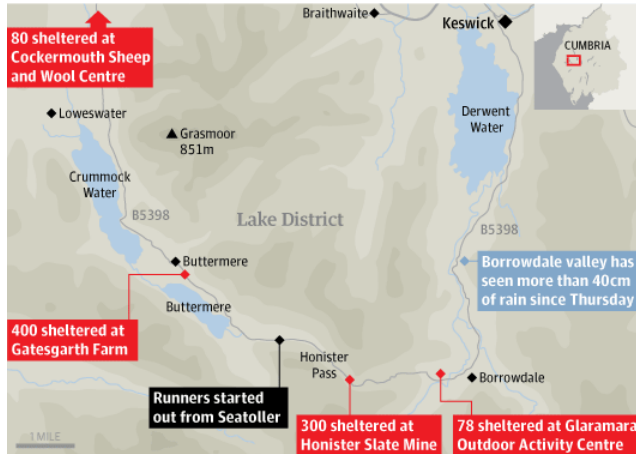
In the last few years we've been doing the 'B' course but we've often ended up finishing in the dark (last year on both days) so we decided it was time to move down to the C course. We drove up to Seathwaite on Friday evening, parked and pitched on a slightly soggy field, and had a meal at Wilf's.

In the morning, it was windy but dry. The organisers were nervous about the conditions and so had drastically shortened all the courses. Of our 10 controls, 5 were cut out leaving us just 13 km instead of the original 19.5 km.

After a control on Base Brown and then one near the foot of Raven Crag we headed down to Honister Pass as the rain started. We took time to shelter at Honister and eat some food before setting off on the climb to control 3. As we got higher, conditions got tougher with driving rain and strengthening wind. The shortened course meant it was going to be a dog leg coming out of 3 and we could see that the teams coming back weren't enjoying their battle against the wind. Control 3 was on a spur which looked obvious on the map but there seemed to be many more spurs than were mapped. Luckily, a team coming the other way indicated where it was, otherwise we could have lost a lot of time.

The only way to get to the next control (number 9) was over 750m-high Dale Head. We battled back to the foot of it and just managed to ford the fast-running stream. I put on some extra clothing as I was getting really cold.

Source: Guardian website



Conditions got really severe as we ascended. We kept getting knocked over by the wind which on the stony ground was potentially quite dangerous. At the top, we were literally crawling in order to make any progress. The rain felt like needles and the wind made progress almost impossible. We clung onto the rocks for dear life but we realised that it was no good waiting for the wind to drop so we kept doing our best to stand up and move forward, wary of the sheer

drop that the wind was blowing us towards. After every few yards, another blast would pick us up and send us flying. It was no longer a race, just a battle for survival. Eventually we got to the point where we could drop down towards the checkpoint and conditions got a little easier as we descended. The checkpoint was manned by Martin Stone (Mr Sportident UK) who had a river running through his small tent - he swore it wasn't there when he put the tent up.

We dropped down and along the hillside to the last control just above Gatesgarth Farm at the end of Buttermere. We were slightly concerned that we couldn't see any tents at the camp site so we weren't entirely surprised when the official told us the event had been abandoned. Luckily, there was a huge barn to shelter in temporarily, but it was 5 miles over Honister Pass to get back to the car.

It was only 2 p.m., so after putting on some more clothing we set off on the trek back. The rain was sheeting down and the road itself had become an ankle deep stream. Even on the road, we were getting knocked over by the wind. It looked a bit like the retreat from Moscow with sodden people staggering along.

As we descended to Seatoller, the village at the foot of the pass, the wind got less strong. One of the residents told us that Borrowdale was again impassable but we could drive out over Honister. She warned us that she had heard it was difficult to get out of the parking field and one of the runners with us said "Oh it's all right, my car is on the road". As we turned up towards Seathwaite Farm, we were looking forward to getting home, watching 'Casualty' and then having a long sleep in a nice warm bed. There were a few stretches of calf-deep water which we reckoned would be OK. However, with just 500m to go, we got to a section of road which was waist deep in water and went on for 500m. About half way along was our friend's car with water up to its windows!

We checked in at download and then went to find our car which luckily was only in an inch or so of water and the keys were still where I'd left them on top of the wheel. But the car wasn't going anywhere until the waters subsided, and rain was coming down as heavy as ever with the hillsides just white with raging streams. We managed to find a spot that might not get flooded to erect the tent and after another Wilf's meal had a reasonably good night's sleep. Most of those who got back slept in the cars.



We were up at dawn and were one of the first to get out of the really sodden field; even our Freelanders needed a bit of pushing. The road up Borrowdale was just passable with several flooded sections and Derwentwater extended about a kilometre further south than usual. We were amazed to hear that the OMM was the leading item on the BBC news. We were really pleased to get home relatively unscathed and start the process of drying out a lot of very wet kit.

Should the event have gone ahead at all? I think all the runners felt that the organisers made the right decisions in difficult circumstances. On Friday and Saturday morning, the weather was forecast to be wet and windy but the teams all have a minimum level of experience and a complete set of equipment for rough conditions. In fact, the weather was possibly the worst the valley has seen for several years, evidenced by the walls that were flattened by the torrents. The combination of high winds and uncrossable streams meant that it was right to abandon the competition. The fact that all competitors got off the fell safely with only a relatively few minor injuries is testament to the inherent safety of the event format.

## Une expérience différente! By Greg Birdseye

Tuesday 19 August, Île Grande, about half way between Roscoff and Île de Bréhat if you know the north Brittany coast. Picture the island - about 1½ km across, quite pretty with stone-built houses and some wooded areas, joined to the mainland by a causeway/bridge. At high tide, a wide bay between the island and the mainland with dozens of little sailing boats all around; at low tide (some 10m or more along this coast) a vast area of sandy mud-flats (or muddy sand-flats) dotted with rocky outcrops. As the programme put it: "Vase, sable, rochers, mer et coquillages". In fact, a paradise for small boys and girls who love clambering around in rock pools looking for crabs and lugworms and generally getting wet and messy. And, on this occasion, scene of probably the most bizarre O-event I've done for a long time "...dans un cadre inhabituel".



Low tide was around 14.00. First starts were due at 12.30, but were put back half an hour, then another half-hour - possibly they misjudged the tide and it took longer putting out the controls than planned. A middle distance course - 4.2 km, 14 controls for M60 - starting on the beach on the mainland, across by a circuitous route to the 'island' via rocks, undersea walls and navigation markers, then onto the island proper through some woods and a caravan park, and

back to the mainland via more rocks, etc. Splodging through hollows and rivulets in the sand, squelching over slippery seaweed, clambering up barnacle covered rocks (quite dangerous in places, I thought), and wading through areas of sedge ("...les chaussures seront humides!").



The last control (a special feature X) was a sunken boat revealed by the tide, and then a 200m muddy run in to the finish. Slow going in places, albeit not very challenging navigation. The last control (a special feature X) was a sunken boat revealed by the tide, and then a 200m muddy run in to the finish. Slow going in places, albeit not very challenging navigation. And a good job too - best not to be late back "...avant que la mer efface toute

trace de cette épreuve".

Only a relative handful of non-French runners out of over 900 in total. A couple of days earlier I'd done a score event in a fairly unimpressive area, followed by a much nicer national event in lovely woodland. The following week was the Championnat de France further south, but I was on my way back home by then.

C'était tout extraordinaire!

#### A French "Wilf's" for the beach



## The Frolics - their Past and Future

Here's a round-up of the 2008 Frolics season from information by Greg. We are publishing this again so that you can think about 'our' series of events and the way in which the 'experience' handicap is awarded. This feature is an essential part of the Frolics but with fewer people actively collecting 'badge standards' (perhaps a reflection of the age-profile of orienteering), there is a need for LOK to issue clearer guidance next year.

A subject for brief debate at the AGM, Greg and the committee are looking for a couple of extra heads to consider this next year, before launching the series in April. Please contact Greg if you will not be at the AGM itself.

## LOK roll of honour 2008

- Top scorer Fabor Erdos for 385 points (at only four 4 events, average 96)
- Second top scorer Jon Chandler with 294 (at only 3 events, average 98)
- Michael Krajewski for scoring the maximum at his two events
- Glen Slade and Catherine Galvin for 100% turnout at the five events
- 36 individual LOK members ran at least one event, well over half of the LOK membership
- 78 individual runs in the five events (doubled from last year)

Final position (best three out of first four events + last)	Club	Cumulative individual scores	Trophy points
1	LOK	2131	78
2	MV	1898	74
3	SLOW	2000	72
4	HH	1731	69
5	CHIG	1467	63
6	DFOK	1500	61



## Minutes from 2007 AGM: Please read before Nov 20

Present: Iain Millar, Neil Brooks, Julie Cleary, Ronan Cleary, John Hardy, Matt Cook, Catherine Galvin, Glen Slade, Glen Jones, David Rosen, Miriam Rosen, Peter Sacares, Martin Potter, Nick Vass, Graham Williams, Hideo Ianaba, Eric Le Roux, Rachel Hopkins, Ian Bullock, Amy Lewes.

1. **Apologies:** Andrew Redington, Duncan Minty, Jackie Wastell.

2. **Minutes of last AGM 23.11.2006;** accepted as true record. Proposed David Rosen. Seconded Neil Brooks.

### 3. **Chairman's Report.**

The state of our club is strong - (with one or two weak bits.) It has been a good year with ten events.

LOK events were as follows:

**Hampstead Street-O** (Attendance-18). Thanks to David Rosen for Map. First use of post boxes.

**2007 Boxing Day Score Event Trent Park 26** (Attendance-78, 60% return rate. Thanks to John Hardy, also to Peter Sacares for planning in spite of hernia operation a few days before. Ronan and Julie Cleary stepped in late in day as controllers. Won for third year in succession by Ed Catmur.

**March 4<sup>th</sup> Holmbury Regional** -Nick Vass organiser, Pete Sacares and Matt Cook planners. Keith Tomkin, excellent controller. (Attendance-501 competitors/14 string.) A wet event, it rained all day, with a small band of volunteers but lots of responses, all positive. The first use of web entry chosen after providers researched in advance, using Fabian 4 gave direct link to BOF database. On-line entry went well. (313 web entries -90%, 30 postal entries.) First proper test of waterproof maps.

**May 20<sup>th</sup> Hampstead SE Relays.** Neil Brooks organiser, Andrew Redington Course, Julie and Ronan controllers. 41 entries 3 in team, (included team of one.) Glorious day and well received after lots of detailed planning.

**Summer Small-O** (4 events May- July on Thursday evenings) planned by David, Pete, Matt and Glen popular low key events (attendance 12-20) Waterproof maps used for event 4.

**July Frolics Series Trent Park Frolic July 15<sup>th</sup>**. Organiser Neil Brooks, Graham Williams; Planner Ronan and Julie; Controllers (attendance 89) included Guardian journalist who wrote G2 feature on orienteering. Also launched Trent Park permanent O-course. Lamentable collapse in Frolics series from joint winner 2006 with SLOW to 5<sup>th</sup>, behind SLOW/MV/HH/Havoc.

**September 30<sup>th</sup> Alexandra Park District**. New map for AP, Highgate and Queens Woods (thanks to Janet Biggs, HAVOC), last mapped 1987, First event since 1999. Organiser Neil, Planner Glen Jones, Controller David Rosen

New Map (Janet Biggs). Included Queens and Highgate Woods - run back along the road with dead leg

### ***General Comments on Events***

Good maps and waterproof paper

Good organisation and smooth running

Good club equipment Tables/PC/Tent etc - sail flags coming, perhaps new signage

All profitable,

Competitor numbers stable

Hampstead - 1999 - 125 entries, 2006 - 143

Leith Hill - 2000 CSC (great weather) - 571 +55 string / Holmbury 2007 (horrid weather) - 501 +14 string

### ***Individual Results***

Julie Cleary coming back in storming fashion to dominate W40's. 1<sup>st</sup> W40S at British Champs S Wales and 1<sup>st</sup> in USA!

### **Looking Forward**

Nov 29<sup>th</sup> - Street O in London's West End - new map - Thanks to David Rosen.

Boxing Day Score - Pete Sacares planning. John Hardy Organiser.

### **2008**

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> - Holmbury Regional

Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> - JK Leith - need for volunteers for car park organisation

April 17<sup>th</sup> - Thursday evening - Hyde Park for Activity Mix, planning for 200 people in 20 teams - new map plus open event for all clubs.

July 13<sup>th</sup> - Frolic Alexandra Park using new maps

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> - District Hampstead Heath

March 2010 - Compass Sport Cup Holmbury/Leith Hill

### ***Social***

Christmas Dinner - Thursday 13 December Fleet Tandoori

### ***General Comments & Observations***

Membership decline 95 units in 2000 to 51 now is very concerning

Whole Sport Plan supplied to BOF recently - hard to predict much growth without a change of approach. The challenge is -can we do anything.

### **Constitution - Objective:**

The objectives of the Klubb shall be to **promote and develop** the sport of orienteering for all ages and abilities and encourage competition at all levels in accordance with the BOF rules & guidance.

I tried to put Ally Pally event in Sept in TimeOut and Guardian What's On - didn't even get listed!

We need to arrest decline in membership and do things differently. Two thoughts:

**1 Publicity** .People usually enjoy first attempt a sport. Use more systematic approach to get wider audience if accessible events. Consider appointment of publicity officer.

**2 Conversion** - a more systematic approach to conversion - offering incentives get email addresses of independents and add to mailing list. Consider flexibility of fees/use of goody bags at events.

**Schools liaison?** - help is available for this from RDO (Helen) - but again it needs some extra manpower.

**Volunteering / Event Officials** - we have a small band of regulars, no consolidated list of who in the club is able to do what and when they last did it - so approach to finding event officials is ad-hoc - we need to build a database of competences, and a database of volunteers so that we can see who is doing what and encourage the free-riders (gently!)

And so we can arrange training for those who want to learn new skills (e.g. planning/organising)

### **Thanks:**

*To Julie Cleary for designing kit (new kit subsidised and can be purchased at this meeting)*

*Officers - note of thanks to retiring Captain, Andrew Redington and Coach, Martin Potter*

To continuing Officials

To event officials, planners, controllers string course organisers, volunteers and helpers

Lokation - splendid (ly annoying) puzzles

Frolics co-ordination (but not the result) - Greg Birdseye

Janet Biggs - mapping Alexandra Park & H/Q woods

Catherine - shed accommodation

### **Welcome**

Camilla & Andrew - baby Hebe Sunday morning 18 November

### **Conclusion**

We are a strong club with good events. There are things to be addressed but we are in good shape.

## **4. Treasurer's Report.**

### **Treasurer's Statement**

#### **Overview**

It is my pleasure to once again present the Klubb's accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007.

The financial side of the Klubb enjoyed its best year since 1994 with an excess of income over expenditure of just over £1,000 resulting in a closing bank balance of over £3,200. This came about almost entirely from running events where we generated surpluses this year in excess of

£1,750 - our best since 1983 when we ran our last National Event on Leith Hill. I have distributed copies of the accounts to all of you and will briefly run through the key areas. As usual, these are in draft form as they are with our auditor, Sonia Gable, for sign-off. I am pleased to confirm that she signed off on last year's accounts without qualification or amendment and I am (once again) not expecting any post-audit changes to these drafts but, if there are, I will distribute amended copies of the final accounts with a future Lokation.

### **Income**

**Event Profits** were up significantly on last year at £1,765 from £643 with 1 more event hosted. The main reason for the higher profits was the inclusion in the schedule of a very successful regional Event at Holmbury Hill which showed a profit of £800 even after allocating over half of the total cost of £1,965 for Stirling Surveys resurvey. We also held 2 very successful events on Hampstead Heath: a District and the SE relays, both of which generated surpluses after all costs in excess of £300 each. As usual, those Trent Park stalwarts: Xmas Score and FROLICS also made good contributions. However, despite assisting with the setting up of a Permanent Orienteering Course there, we may have to review the frequency of our use of Trent Park going forward as Enfield Council now impose an access fee of £100 per event regardless of size. With Alexandra Palace now remapped and available again, this is not as serious issue as it might have been.

**Subscriptions** continued their downward trend this year from £557 to £508 as membership numbers again fell from 59 to 50. As you will see later, the administration of the club is again very comfortably covered by existing subscriptions, so it has been decided to again leave fees unchanged for the coming year. Including the SEOA element which used to be separate, our fees are virtually unchanged from 10 years ago. You will also be hearing details of our subsidised new Klubb tops which make membership extraordinarily good value.

**Map Sales** were significantly up on the previous year thanks to £1,018 charged to the Holmbury Regional Event as mentioned above, just under £500 for sale of Hampstead Heath POC maps to Corporation of London (as I flagged at last year's AGM) and £12 relating to the sale of maps for the new Trent Park POC.

**Donations** of £61 relates to land access fees collected from the Intervarsity Championships on Leith Hill for passing on by us to the Wotton PCC as requested by the land agents controlling access to Leith Hill. This should have been shown in and out of the accounts with no net impact. Unfortunately, due to an oversight, this was not paid on before the financial year end, so (as the accounts are produced on a cash rather than accrual basis) it appears as income. Next year's accounts will show a one-off £61 cost under Donations to reflect the overlooked payment being made.

**Income from North London SI Consortium** of £200 represents the distribution of funds back to participant clubs which I flagged at last year's AGM. This brings to £600 the total of our original £1,000 investment returned to date. It is likely that another £200 distribution will be made early in 2008.

### **Expenditure**

**Administration Expenses** decreased from £406 to £184 due mainly to Other Costs which the previous year included the approx. £130 cost of maintaining our website over a 2 year period. The other significant reduction was that only 1 issue of Lokation fell within the financial year (compared with 3 normally) although the related postage costs include an element relating to the previous year which had never been charged.

**Map Production Costs** were significantly up reflecting £1,965 for Holmbury and £248 relating to printing Hampstead Heath POC maps for on sale to London Corporation. The Holmbury Hill Regional Event planned for February 2008 should recoup the remainder of the survey/cartography cost leaving us with a fully expensed, professionally-surveyed, OCAD version of the map.

**Equipment Purchases** included a new tunnel tent (£350), folding table (£88), and some miscellaneous items including the smart new Klubb noticeboard which Neil Brooks has constructed.

**Training** No Klubb training weekend again this year for a non-financial reasons. The only expenditure relates to waterproof maps for an evening event on Hampstead Heath. I am happy to reconfirm funding will always be available for suitable training related activities such as the weekend away, if such events are possible to organise.

My thanks as always to Sonia Gable for agreeing to audit the accounts yet again and, although she could not be here tonight, I am pleased to advise that she is willing to offer to continue in the post for a further year.

As always, I can assure all the members that the Klubb continues to operate on a very satisfactory basis financially and is well capable of meeting all foreseeable commitments with a year-end bank balance of £3,223.

**Ronan Cleary** Honorary Treasurer

Accounts report accepted. Proposed Nick Vass

Seconded Peter Sacares

## 5. Election of Officials

Post	Nomination	Proposer	Seconder
<b>Principal Officers</b>			
Chairman	Glen Jones	John Hardy	Rachel Hopkins
Secretary	Iain Millar	Martin Potter	Matthew Cook
Treasurer	Ronan Cleary	Glen Jones	Catherine Galvin
Fixtures Secretary	Neil Brooks	Julie Cleary	Miriam Rosen
Membership Secretary	Julie Cleary	Neil Brooks	Matthew Cook
Mapping Officer	Julie Cleary	Martin Potter	Glen Jones
Equipment Officer	Catherine Galvin	Neil Brooks	Iain Millar
Klubb Captain	Graham Williams	Martin Potter	Peter Sacares
<b>Other Officers</b>			
Lokation Editor	Camilla Darwin	Glen Jones	Rachel Hopkins
SEO Rep	John Hardy	Julie Cleary	Matthew Cook
Frolics Co-ordinator	Greg Birdseye	Ronan Cleary	Catherine Galvin
<b>Other Roles</b>			
Auditor	Sonia Gable	Miriam Rosen	Peter Sacares
Klubb Kit	Julie Cleary	Glen Jones	Rachel Hopkins
Consider Co-opting Publicity Officer and Coach			

## 6. Constitution: Resolutions, amendments, policies and principles.

None

## 7. Any Other Business

- David Rosen requested volunteers to help with next Street O event.
- Klubb Kit. Comments invited on new club kit. Discussion on preferred colours, comments invited. Top £28, trousers £16. Email orders to Julie Cleary



## Fixtures

Orienteering Fixtures are available via the following websites:

**LOK webpage:** <http://www.londonorienteeing.co.uk/>

**South-east:** <http://www.seoa.org.uk/>

**BOF:** <http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/fixtures/fixtures.htm>



## Club Meetings

The last Tuesday of every month is the club meeting held in bar at the Royal Free Hospital Recreation Club, Fleet Road, Hampstead, London NW3. (See below for directions.) Kick off is **8.00pm**. Everyone is welcome; fresh views on club/SEOA /BOF business are always needed.

Dates are as follows:

November 20 +AGM	March 31
December - no meeting	April 28
January 27	May 26
February 24	June 30



## Club Training/Drinking

A group of members meet on a Thursday, at 6.30pm, at the Royal Free Hospital Recreation Club in Fleet Road (near the junction with Pond Street) Hampstead NW3 for a training run, sometimes technique training, and afterwards for a beer and to plan the arrangements for attending the coming weekends orienteering (lifts, timings etc). This is usually about 8.15pm in The Stag pub on the corner of Fleet Road and Lawn Road, NW3, and good food is served until 9pm.