



Cleveland Orienteering Klub

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Recognition for Achievement – again!

I am delighted to report, ahead of everything else, that the NGB awarded second position to CLOK in the 2007 Club of the Year competition, and as a result Sport England selected us for third place in the UK Sports Club of the Year awards, and Gill and I attended a presentation dinner in London to receive a trophy and cheque (for the club!). On the local front CLOK was awarded the title of Stockton Sports Club of the Year, with the award received by a group of club juniors at the reception. During the year Tees Valley Sport funded some coaching work at Kirkleatham Special School, as a result of a competition for support funds in this specialist area and The Groundwork Trust provided a grant of £3700 to renew a permanent course in Grangetown, Redcar, and to provide coaching and a Level 1 course

Acknowledgements

So well done to those many club members who have contributed to this success. We matched 2006/07 activity in terms of orienteering participation, including novice instruction at newly mapped schools, Level 1 Teacher/Leader courses, continued high participation in our seven event inter-schools league, now showing results in families joining the club through school orienteering. All this is supported by a very active junior training programme for the club's juniors, leading to selection possibilities to the North-East Junior Squad, invitations to NGB junior training camps and eventual national representation. Once again, I am very pleased to recognise the help and support from our two part-time professional officers, Elaine Day and Community Sports Coach Phill Batts, together with the NGB support from and through Hilary Palmer, NGB Development Officer, and on the junior development side by Linda and Paul Thornton, assisted by coaching support from Gill Hale, Sarah Hague, Karen Heppenstall, Chris Poole, Duncan Archer, Pippa Whitehouse and Chris Wright, providing a challenging year for CLOK juniors and the North East Squad alike. At the schools level our regular volunteers - Martin and Joan Adamson, Eileen and John Bedwell, Malcolm Conway, Ann and Joe Dobbs, Gill Hardy, Bill and Alison Hodgson, Alison Elder, Peter Partington, Mike Vasey, Gerald Helm, Judith and Ian Robb, Liz Blanchard, Christine and Patrick Bonnett and Joan Selby have all contributed to yet another striking year of development. It was indeed sad to learn of John Bedwell's death, as noted in Tchimes. An obituary recognising this fine gentleman and valued club member will appear in the next edition of CompassSport. Finally, I should like to take the opportunity of acknowledging the support received through the year from our local partners - Tees Valley Sport, The Tees Forest and the Local Authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, and Stockton-on-Tees - and also from the NGB, who continue to provide financial support from their PESSCL funding.

Statistics (previous year in brackets)

In the year to date, we have had 5876 (5883) individual experiences of orienteering outside the club's normal activities, of which 65% (65%) have been main-stream school-children, 24% (20%) from economically disadvantaged areas, 8% (9%) special needs and ethnic minorities, and 3% (6%) adults. Our schools mapping and updating continues, and we now have 254 (236) schools mapped for orienteering, or in the process of being mapped. These schools are distributed 31 Darlington, 13 Durham, 13 Hartlepool, 49 Middlesbrough, 36 North Yorkshire, 36 Redcar and Cleveland, 11 Richmondshire and 65 Stockton-on-Tees. Areas such as Durham and North Yorkshire have approached us through Partnership Development Managers and School Sports Co-ordinators and we have mapped their schools, delivered a two hour introductory coaching at each, and provided a Level 1 course for teachers plus an inter-schools competition. We have, however, advised them that our support beyond this is limited and referred them to local clubs in the hope that this initiative will, with our help, bear fruit

Mainstream Development - Phill Batts

During the year Phill again planned seven schools competitions, attracting from 200 to 430 participants from 13 to 23 schools, years 5 to 11. Entry is via the club web site, and timing is now routinely done using the EMIT system, generously provided by EMIT-UK, which substantially reduces the man hours spent in entries and results processing.

An innovation for the 2007/08 league is the introduction of a yellow course to enable the better primary school pupils to run up, and the less experienced secondary school runners to run down. This is proving popular. The Light Green courses have been used throughout the year for GCSE assessment

Phill also delivered a second five-day introductory programme during the summer holidays at St Peter's Primary School, Brotton, and another is planned for Grangetown in the coming half term.

During the year 77 two hour coaching sessions were delivered across the region to primary and secondary schools, some introductory sessions using the schools maps, included in the mapping package, others by request to cover specific points on various orienteering areas in the region. Many club volunteers were involved in working with Mike at these sessions - they are acknowledged above.

Phil ran three inter-school primary schools competitions during the year, one in Sedgefield, one in Masham and one in Darlington and Mike organised a similar event for a cluster of primaries in Redcar. Commitments have been made to put on similar events in Thirsk and Grangetown in the coming year. Orienteering featured at a fun days at Summerhill, Hartlepool, Foxrush Farm, Redcar, Flatts Lane, Normanby, and Ormesby Hall, Middlesbrough, all on permanent orienteering courses established earlier. We are now having to turn down opportunities to help out at these functions because of pressure on demand. On the plus side, they are carrying on without us, as familiarity with our sport increases.

Mike presented orienteering to Loftus Young Farmers club, who have since taken part in a two hour practical session at Errington Woods. We are hopeful that they will begin to attend our week-end events

Special Needs (Elaine Day)

In addition to her responsibilities for delivering orienteering coaching to special needs children, Elaine continues her involvement with the Scout Association. During the year a competition for North Yorks cubs and scouts attracted 150 competitors in Knaresborough, Catherine and Patrick Bonnett ran an evening for cubs and scouts in Barnard Castle, Mike delivered a two hour session in Startforth and orienteering was sampled by 76 cubs from North Yorks at their camp in June. Requests to borrow equipment from time to time indicate that various scout groups are now orienteering without our help. Elaine has lead a course of five one hour sessions for two separate groups of 15-17 year olds at Kirkleatham Hall Special School, using the school map. These sessions, very popular with the children, were sponsored by Tees Valley Sport.

Finally, Elaine and Mike took a group of children from the Middlesbrough Child Deaf Project orienteering in Stewart Park – a very interesting experience, with the signer needing to keep up with rest of the party!

CLOK Juniors

The success of this section is down to the efforts of Linda and Paul Thornton and their many helpers. The year has included four individual coaching sessions on Saturdays at various locations a week-end in the Lakes, participation in the Junior Inter-regional Competition, and, to start the new orienteering year, a very successful week-end away on Speyside, reported in the squad's own words in Tchimes

Training

In addition to staff coaching at a number of schools in the region, four Teacher/Leader Level 1 courses have been held in the year, all coached by Phill Batts - Redcar, Stockton, Bedale and Thirsk. We have three courses planned in November, and Phill is now designing the presentations in such a way as to enable the course to be recommended specifically for Primary or Secondary school staff.