

THE WRITE TRACK

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Orienteering
Newcastle and Tyneside



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Editorial

Thank you to all who have contributed to this edition. It is greatly appreciated.

This edition includes details of the Club Christmas Party and events over the Festive period. Also included a report from the Competitions Committee and an article about opportunities to 'adopt' permanent courses.

Provisional schedule for 2010 Write Tracks:

Issue 1 articles by 14th February for distribution at beginning of March

Issue 2 articles by 23rd May for distribution at beginning of June

Issue 3 articles by 22nd August for distribution at beginning of September

Issue 4 articles by 21st November for distribution at beginning of December

So articles for the next issue to me by 14th February 2010.

Email to crosbynicola@hotmail.com or send to 29 Reedswood Crescent, Cramlington, Northumberland. NE23 6RW or hand to me at an event.

Thanks, Nicola.

Ceilidh

Saturday 9th January

Organised on behalf of the North East Junior Squad

Venue East Harlsey Village Hall

Jigpot Ceilidh Band - Caller: "Dynamic Dottie" Siddle

£5 junior/£8 adult.....includes pie and pea supper! (with vegetarian option) and Assorted desserts

Tickets from Linda Thornton 07715 147640

linda_thorntonATntlworld.com

Compass Sport Cup Match

24th January, Northallerton

The qualifying round for the CompassSport Cup will be held on Sunday 24th January, provisionally at Silton, Northallerton.

Everyone from the club will be needed to run at this event, so put it in your diary now. Please let me know if you think you are available for this event as soon as possible. Further details will follow, but provisional names would be great.

Thanks, Nicola Crosby

JK 2011

By Paul Boyles

Following this years success at the JK 2009 hosted by ourselves in the North East, I am canvassing all club members to ascertain interest in the JK2011. It will be held in Northern Ireland and will provide a fascinating weekend of Orienteering and also provide a fabulous opportunity to have a club weekend/holiday. At present I am only looking for numbers to see if it is feasible and the type of transport and accommodation that will be cost effective.



For more details on the JK2011, you can visit www.jk2011.org.uk You are not committing yourself at this early stage but prompt response is needed as accommodation is getting booked up. Please respond to Paul Boyles at boyles.pATbtinternet.com to express your interest.

Bike O Competition Answers

Answers to the Bike O competition from the last paper edition are as follows;

	Colour	Age	Trouble	Bike
Alan	Blue	55	12th	Specialised
Betty	Red	18	1st	Stinson
Chris	Black	42	4th	Giant
Dave	Green	21	6th	Peugeot
Elsie	Yellow	37	15th	Raleigh

Four people entered the competition, with correct answers from Willard Wright and Tricia Davies.

Permanent Courses

By Paul Boyles

You may or may not know but there are 14 permanent Courses in the N. E. of England maintained by NATO. Some are well used and others are used occasionally. This provides the club with a generous income over the year with schools, groups, individuals and families all using them throughout the year.

The area though is getting very big now and I am asking club members if they would be willing to adopt a permanent course. This would involve a small task of walking or running around the markers once every 2 - 3 months just to check they are still there and replace or remark if necessary. It can be used as a training run, developing orienteering skills and also benefit the club by ensuring all the courses are up to date.

The Courses available for adoption are:

- 1) Bolam Lake
- 2) Wallington
- 3) Druridge Bay
- 4) Queen Elizabeth II Park, Ashington
- 5) Carlisle Park and Morpeth Area
- 6) Kielder Burn
- 7) Whitburn Coastal Park (Souter Lighthouse)
- 8) Wansbeck Riverside
- 9) Walltown Crags
- 10) Gibside
- 11) Plessey (Already adopted)
- 12) Rising Sun (Already adopted)
- 13) Tyne Riverside (Already adopted)
- 14) Choppington (Already adopted).

If you wish to adopt a course please contact Paul Boyles at boyles.pATbtinternet.com or in person at an event.

Competitions Working Group

From Richard Field, Chairman of
Competitions Working Group

This Working Group comprises Kath Dixon, Neil and Sheila Sprot and Richard Field and at our October meeting we started the process of appointing officials to the 2010 fixtures. If you haven't been contacted and want to help as an official or an assistant then contact us with your details.

We will be recommending to the Club Committee that the Club Championships should be held at the New Park Wood event in September 2010.

We discussed event financing in the light of the poor results reported at the AGM and we discussed ways in which they might be improved. We have recommended to the Club Committee that event fees be raised slightly, whilst still allowing major and specialised events to have their own budgets and appropriate entry fees. We are also pressing for better publicity through regular advertising in the local press, by producing and distributing event flyers, and by getting event details to Peter Firth (for the website) at least a month before the event. We are also asking that limits are put on event expenditure like map printing, loos, Red Cross attendance and mileage claims by event officials.

The Working Group is due to meet again on 9 February 2010 and anyone who feels that they can help with club administration is welcome to come along.

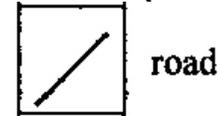
Richard Field, Chairman of Competitions Working Group

Hollywood Goes Orienteering

Christmas Quiz

Hollywood goes orienteering! For this Christmas quiz the answers to all these questions are international orienteering symbols. Please send your answers in the following form.

Eg Crosby and Hope were famous for their films entitled X to Rio etc (X is Road and



thus the answer is

Find the orienteering sign that best fits the clue.

1. Silvester goes boxing in a series of films.
2. Musical New York story based upon Romeo and Juliet.
3. Mel Brookes Comedy Western Flaming..... ?
4. Prisoners of war built what?
5. 617 Squadron broke these.
6. Surname of actor who works who for a few dollars more?
7. Lonely robot from New York ?
8. The second Lord of the rings trilogy?
9. This actor's first name in an anagram of Drab, What's his surname?
10. Henry Fonda's last golden film took place on this?

Answers to the Editor by Tuesday 8th December.

Thanks to Jeremy Lakey for creating.