Nominations for IOA Annual Awards for 2007, to be announced at IOC 2008

Silva Award:
“This is intended for a person who has made an outstanding contribution to orienteering mainly in a background type capacity, i.e. someone who is not an elite orienteer or has not been a member of the Executive or Regional committees.”

Fachtna Healy nominated by Danny O'Hare
He has been a member of CorkO for the past 6 years and was a member of Setanta for a good while before that.

In his time with Setanta he was an active member of the club, held the post of chairman, planned a Rogaine, organiser of 2001 Leinster Champs. Since joining CorkO he has been a major contributor to the revival of the Shamrock as planner of Day2 in 2003 in Shrone Hill, Day1 in 2005 in Rathgaskig and Day2 in 2007 on the sheeps Head. He is overall organiser of the Current Irish Champs. As CorkO webmaster he has created the online entry scheme that you all enter the irish champs by. For the past three years he has been chairman of Cork Orienteering Club. He also is or has been gate-keeper of the IOA e-group.

To summarise I would like to nominate Fachtna for his professionalism, dedication and efficiency (he likes to minimise the amount of controls) in planning events over the years.

Eoin Dunne nominated by Lindie Naughton
I would like to nominate Eoin Dunne for the Silva Award. Without his determination and energy, Three Rock would not have survived a pretty major crisis last year.

Finn van Gelderen, Ondrej Pijak & David Healy nominated by GEN Committee
For their Film ‘An Orienteering Adventure’.
During the 2007/2008 season, Finn Van Gelderen and David Healy made an absolutely wonderful DVD entitled ‘The Orienteering Adventure’. This is a great DVD which has been and will be used extensively to promote orienteering. Films are very time consuming to plan, make, and edit and produce, but Finn and David did this very cheerfully. I have shown this as part of a training class to a group of 40 schoolboys and it was very effective. Our committee and I highly recommend Finn and David for the Silva Award for their dedication to this excellent task.

Stephen Doorly, GEN Chairman

"The Orienteering Adventure" is a short film by Ondrej Pijak, David Healy and Finn van Gelderen made one day in December showing an elite race. It combines live action and animation with the characters racing each other over Djouce Mountain. The racers talk about what motivates them, what go's through their head whilst competing with each other. It is both serious and humorous at the same time and gives both orienteers and non-orienteers an overview of the extreme end of the sport. The racers include David Healy, Ondrej Pijak, Denise Healy, Ruari Short, Colm Hill, Niall Mc Alinden and Niall Ewen. It has been made to professional standards and has a broadcast version available. Finn, David
and Ondrej gave a lot of free time to this project over several weeks and it was mixed and graded professionally. Finn lent his equipment and expertise to the production. David and Ondrej gave their expertise and experience of orienteering. David even composed a score for the film. It had a premiere at the wee adventure sports film festival in early February.

**Mactire Trophy:**

“This trophy is presented to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to orienteering during the previous year in any of the following:

a) Achievement in Competition.
b) Mapping, planning, controlling or organising an event.
c) Administration.
d) Other activities which the IOA may consider meritable”

**Mary Healy nominated by GEN Committee**

Mary Healy did very good work in the last year to promote orienteering in Leinster: Firstly by attending a demanding week long planners course in the UK and secondly for her outstanding work with Leinster Schools Orienteering in 2007. This was a huge personal commitment from her while maintaining the highest standards. It was all done with good humour and a desire that the children also enjoy the events. And planning and organising schools championships. These events also received TV publicity. I and our committee highly recomends Mary for the Mactire Award.

**Ruirí Short nominated by Val Jones**

I’d like to nominate Ruiiri Short for the Mactire trophy. First in M18 in the JHI is quite an achievement.

**Nick Simonin nominated by David Healy**

For his impressive results in the 2007 season. His most notable results were; his first place on day one of the JK race in M18L, his 2nd overall placing in JK which is no easy feat, and his middle qualification 4th place in the Australian JWOC. When the juniors around the world come to race at JWOC it’s all too easy to run too fast and take all the chances in the beginning of the week (traditionally the first race, the middle qualification race). Inexperience is the main reason for this, while the more experienced competitors realise that keeping a moderate speed and having a clean race will easily grant a qualification spot. Nicks 4th place shows that he understands how to run a Championship qualification race by keeping a calm head, maintaining focus on the map and his navigation, and holding a disciplined speed. These are some of the best results any Irish junior can ever hope for.

**Silva Trophy:**

“This award should be presented to a person who has contributed in a most deserving manner to the development of orienteering in the country.”
Andrew Cox nominated by Peter Kernan

I would like to nominate Andrew Cox of WatO for the Silva trophy in recognition of the outstanding work that he has done over many years to promote and develop Schools Orienteering in the southeast and nationally. His tireless commitment will undoubtedly lead to a new generation of orienteers and a healthy future for the sport.

John Casey nominated by Mary Healy Mactire

I believe he has been an outstanding Treasurer and it is with regret that I see that he is standing down this year. He has managed the finances of the IOA for ___ years, quietly, efficiently, and responsibly.

Raymond & Teresa Finlay nominated by Mary Healy – Mactire

For a very well run Irish Champs 2007

Pat Healy nominated by Pat Farrelly – Silva Trophy

Some of Pat Healy’s contributions to Orienteering in Ireland are well known and other contributions are less well known except to the people who he generously offers to assist. He is always willing to help Organisers. He has produced many maps for major events, including this year’s Leinster Championships. He provides an invaluable service by supplying shoes, kits, gaiters, compasses etc at events, we have missed this service while he has been away the last year.

Brian Power nominated by Terry Lawless – Silva Trophy

Brian is our mapping officer in Setanta and has nurtured the skill of map making for others in the club. He has always been available for advice and will gladly give demonstrations and walk the ground for surveying and explain the finer points of map interpretation.

Brian is our main competition organiser and has tirelessly organised LL events over the last 7 years that I know him, he was one of the driving forces behind the recent Leinster Championship and did a lot of networking to organise the map.

He is also one of the original members of Setanta and has been active for the last 25 years competitively as well as on a committee level, he has kept the ship afloat during the darkest of days when numbers were low and there was talk of disbandment!
He has also taken over the role of Minding and administrating the Si card system, making sure all is shared out and kept in order.

Andrew Cox nominated by Hugh Dobbs, Chairman, WATO – Silva Award

As an individual orienteer he is very active at local events and frequently travels within Ireland and abroad to compete.

He has been active in the development of orienteering locally:
* as PRO for WATO, he has achieved increasing coverage in local newspapers and produced the WATO website www.iol.ie/~newtownw/wato (currently there are technical difficulties with updating this) and more recently has started a blog at www.waterfordorienteers.blogspot.com (strictly speaking, this may perhaps be 2008 rather than 2007, but it reflects his ongoing commitment to developing new communication modes)
* he has planned and/or controlled numerous events including local events, SouthEast League events and Irish events such as the Relays in Kennedy Park
* he has revised and updated maps, including those for Carrickbyrne, Portlaw/Tower Hill and Portlaw/Kilbunny
* he has been instrumental in the introduction of SI electronic equipment in WATO, first on a trial scale and then on a scale sufficient to run local or regional events.

He has been especially active in the promotion of schools orienteering:
* he has produced orienteering maps of Newtown School, Waterford and of St Angela's School, Waterford
* he has run training sessions in both these schools
* he has run training sessions for primary schools in the Waterford area
* he has planned, controlled and/or managed local, regional and Irish events for primary and secondary schools.