setanta orienteers

DEVILS GLEN EVENT. May 13th 1979

Setanta Orienteers wish to thank AFAS most sincerely for the use of their splendid new map of the Devils Glen for the 1979 Leinster Orienteering Clubs Championships. It was almost ten years, as we were reminded on the day by M. Lunt, since one of the first orienteering events was held in this wood on a much more basic map.

Despite the postal strike it was decided to use a system of pre-entry through club secretaries. This system worked reasonably smoothly but there was reason for some complaint by the organizers. Almost forty people did not turn up on the day, which left that number of pre-marked maps on our hands. Over thirty people arrived late for their start times and were facilitated as far as possible despite complaints of delays at registration by those who did not have time to spare. The day also coincided with the beginning of the present petrol shortage which accounted for many of the problems, but as other organizers have remarked in the past, pre-entry in Irish orienteering is not as smooth as it ought to be.

The courses which were set by A. Flegg and controlled by C. Dunlop could be described as challenging to mind and body. The winners in each class, from the Leinster clubs, received gift vouchers which were kindly presented by the Great Outdoors.

For the M21E class, Setanta Orienteers presented the Setanta Perpetual Shield which went to W. Young for 1979. Perhaps other clubs will follow suit for other classes in future years!

Full results of the event are outlined below.

NOTES: Leinster Orienteering Championship placings only are indicated.

Results for those who did not pre-enter (maps not pre-marked) are shown separately.

Intervarsity results are not included.

M21E

1.	W. Young	CO	75.29
2.	P. Healy	CO	77.31
3.	E. Rothery	AJAX	82.02
4.	D. O'Callaghan	AJAX	88.59
-	R. Weaver	LV	94.41
5.	T. Russell	ECO	97.09
6.	D. Reidy	ECO	97.59
	W. Hollinger	AOK	102.10
	W. Simpson	LV	116.13
	E. Wilson	LV	116.36
7.	J. Murray	MAC	122.00
	C. Henderson	AOK	124.35
8.	M. Lunt	GEN	130.36
9.	J. Barnwell	MAC	131.35
10.	E. Niland	MAC	152.02
	L. O'Byrne	ThO	155.01

M35

1.	H. Quirke	CO	81.01
2.	P. McCormack	GEN	81.02
3.	T. McGrath	3ROC	95.31
4.	P. Flanagan	3ROC	101.12

W19A

1.	E. Loughman	UCD/GEN	84.11
2.	M. Walshe	3ROC	87.04
3.	M. Turley	MAC	97.48
4.	U. Cregan	SET	98.09
5.	C. May	AJAX	98.25
6.	B. Flanagan	3ROC	101.58
7.	C. Murtagh	SET	104.25
	C. Nutall	MO	106.53
8.	W. Delaney	GEN	109.03
9.	B. Byrne	MAC	120.46
10.	E. McCarthy	SET	129.08
11.	A. McCormack	GEN	133.43
12.	S. Cawley	3ROC	147.16
	M. Collison	ThO	151.16
13.	C. McGrath	3ROC	156.44
14.	M. O'Brien	SET	181.59

Entry on Day.

A. Hamilton	LVO	104.21
M. Majury	LVO	114.06
Y. Christian	GEN	126.33

Devils Glen Results (Ctd.)

M21A

1.	B. McGrath	3ROC	105.22
2.	P. Nevin	GEN	111.12
3.	M. Ryan	CO	111.58
4.	M. Kavanagh	SET	116.05
5.	P. Ryan	GEN	117.21
6.	B. Coleman	CO	121.19
7.	R. Garrett	MAC	134.33
8.	K. Flannery	GEN	129.51
9.	D. Quinn	GEN	131.01
10.	T. Hodson	CO	144.48
11.	G. Smith	MAC	147.59
12.	P. Neary	ECO	178.14
13.	B. Fitzpatrick	GEN	180.03
14.	P. Neeson	SET	193.28

Entry on Day

C. Majury	LVO	125.08
J. Murphy	ECO	138.02
D. Fitzpatrick	SET	170.30
M. McAuliffe	UCD	181.51

W15

1.	R. White	SET	64.38
	J. Martindale	ThO	80.51
2.	C. Lyons	MPO	85.10
3.	O. Cooke	MPO	86.50
4.	O. Fitzgerald	MPO	94.55
4.	C. Bonar Law	GEN	94.55
6.	E. Keane	MPO	96.33
7.	R. Williams	SET	106.44
8.	J. English	3ROC	111.10
9.	S. Fearing	MAC	118.34
10.	J. Williams	SET	137.37
11.	M. Coleman	MPO	142.42
12.	A. Masterson	MPO	161.21

Entry on Day

M. Fitzpatrick	SET	163.22

M15

1.	N. McAuliffe	DLSO	71.55
	P. Ryan	TO	108.52
2.	G. Parker	WCO	121.52

W17

1.	H. Mackey	MPO	95.54
2.	T. Horan	MPO	131.34

Entry on Day

H. Davis	WCO	106.01

W35

D. Large	GEN	87.50

W.43

F. White	SET	133.11
H. Newman	GEN	189.34

M50

J. Caffrey	SET	188.89

W19B

1.	M. Maher		154.38
2.	C. O'Byrne		157.29
3.	R. Roche		173.52
4.	H. O'Friel	GEN	175.52
5.	M. Murphy	SET	216.52

D. Course

M13

1.	A. May	3ROC	42.53
2.	T. Butler	3ROC	49.45
3.	M. Garland	3ROC	80.13
4.	P. Fox	SET	100.09

W13

1.	S. Burns	3ROC	75.51

W12

1.	M. Convery	3ROC	101.02
	M. O'Donnell	MAC	236.15

M12

	G. Martindale	TO	55.02

M19

1.	R. Cleary	3ROC	73.53
2.	J. Ryan	AJAX	92.09
3.	Grennan	CO	94.38
4.	F. Horan	3ROC	96.35
5.	M. Dillon	CO	111.09
6.	M. Harris	3ROC	124.23
7.	Kiely	CO	160.46
8.	McDonnell	CO	170.12

Entry on Day

	M. Kelly	MAC	198.21

M17

	C. Ryan	TO	81.19
1.	W. McAuliffe	DLSO	93.57
2.	B. Butler	3ROC	95.11
3.	B. Connell	DLSO	110.45
4.	R. Patton	WCO	111.10
5.	S. Flannery	WCO	122.36

Entry on Day

	D. Jenkins	AOK	149.50

M43

1.	A. Bonar Law	GEN	79.08
	J. Riordan	MO	135.25
2.	D. Rowe	3ROC	155.04
	R. Garland	3ROC	229.32

(C. Course)

BOF Junior International

It was with great anticipation that the Irish Junior team set off from Dublin early on Friday June 22nd for the JOF Junior International in the Lake District. For all concerned a distinct challenge was felt as teams from Norway, Denmark and Britain were known to be attending. Those travelling were Aongus O'Cleirigh, Nigel Finlay, Mick Lynch, Carey, May, Roxanne White and Julie Martindale, with Faith White (Manager) and Declan O'Callaghan assisting. We were to be joined by Kenny Warren in England and Ronan Cleary, William McAuliffe, Catherine Murtagh and John McCullough who were travelling on a later boat. Despite some mix-up in Liverpool over the car hire we were soon on our way up the M6 to the first night's accommodation. We stayed at the Borwich Residential Centre which was a very modern and extremely comfortable hostel. A restful night was had by all despite the intervention of Monty Python.

Next morning there was a briefing by the Organiser, Peter Haines, and we set off for the first day's event. This took place at Parkgate and Irton forest on a 1:10,000 map. The forest had extensive fight areas and a large open fern-covered area with intermittent marsh. First starts were at about 12.30 p.m. and the travellers in John McCullough's car were only slightly late despite being held up in Liverpool.

The first control for both M20 and W20 were 500m away with a huge climb through areas of fight, therefore route choice was all important. Best results in M20 were from Ronan Cleary, Aongus O'Cleirigh and William McAuliffe, and in W20 by Carey May and Roxanne White, but our times were well down on those of Norway, Denmark and England.

We all descended on a Rugby League Club for a banquet and prize-giving at which many friends were made.

The second night we spent at Ellsmere Youth Hostel which, compared to the first night's accommodation, could be said to be slightly antiquated. Most people slept well, and despite being violently raised by Declan O'Callaghan at 7.30 a.m. for early starts, awoke refreshed.

Sunday's event was the West Cumberland O.C. Long-O Event and the M20 had a 20km course and the W20 a 10km course. The M20 course took place on 3 maps of differing scales with 1 map and control card changeover and more than 900m climbing while the W20 course was just on one map. The best Irish times for M20 was Aongus O'Cleirigh with Ronan Cleary and Willie McAuliffe just behind. They completed the course in respectable 10-11 min. per km. but we were astonished to find the Norwegian No. 1 completed the course in 6.5 mins. per km.

In the W20 Carey May had a very good run to finish third behind two Norwegians but defeating all the Danes and British competitors. Roxanne White also had a very good run in W20.

It was unfortunate, but in order to catch the boat we had to leave before the prizegiving. We took home no prizes but it was felt that the experience gained was invaluable and I am sure that all members of the team are looking forward to travelling away to more international events in the future.

Each member of the team would like to express gratitude to Faith White, Declan O'Callaghan and John McCullough for the help and advice which they gave throughout the week-end.

Nigel Finlay

DECADE

The owls of the Devil's Glen looked in, no doubt, on Emlyn Jones as he prepared five meticulous tracings for the new Devil's Glen map. Winter had laid mapping by the heels and a map was urgently needed for the first of the Leinster Orienteering Championships in May. Planning went ahead on black and white and in the evenings the roding woodcock whirred over the woods. Then the map was at the printers. Leaves fell from the calendar like autumn. A week to go ... days ... then the maps were there. It was Friday; the event was on Sunday.

Ten years previously, almost to the day, Michael Lunt, stimulated by an article in the Observer, organised the first of our now familiar Orienteering events. The map was an unmodified six inch Ordnance Survey sheet. The course, with glorious disregard for wind or limb, plunged from the north of the present map down into the Devil's Glen, across the river, up to the summit, down to the farm, and then like hound on hare across the road to a finish in a distance which even Mike can not remember. The event was won by Niall Rice in the first of many wins. "We had very little idea of fairness in setting courses in those days", Mike Lunt recalls. "A control was once put hard up against a wide ditch. There were only two alternatives: total immersion or a very long run round."

Tactics too were different. Was it at the Devil's Glen that Jim Butler, when hard pressed, was seen to hide in the grass until the opposition, missing the control, had passed?

The map prepared by Emlyn, aided by others, particularly from A.F.A.S., represents an enormous stride forward in ten short years. The development of modern maps reflects the unfolding of an almost surprised awareness of the richness and variety which the sport has to offer. Accuracy and detail have become intelligible through

the use of colour, and the orienteer carries with him not only fact but opinion. This is runable, this is not. Tedious though the modern map may be to produce, it carries with it complete freedom of choice for the orienteer. For the planner it makes it possible to set a course designed, as Mike puts it, "to eliminate chance and to reward skill".

Colin Dunlop (controller) and I poked in the gloom over our fuzzy dye-line print wondering if we were looking for a path or a drain; colour does make a difference. We enter the stage together, searching.

Planner: I have ribboned a control on this knoll here.

Controller: What knoll? (He inspects a gentle undulation on the ridge) Well, I suppose it could be called a knoll. Where do you want to hang your control?

Planner: Down here. (With enthusiasm, pointing to a cavity in a pile of brashings. The controller, with a patient look, takes the control from the planner and hangs it high. The players leave the forest.)

"The important thing on that first event," Mike Lunt recalls, "was to find features which the organiser could recognise. We were not the least bit worried about whether they could be recognised by an orienteer on the run. The controls were H. Williams' bags and the markers coloured felt pens. Nobody worried too much in those days: we just came out and had a great time."

A great time! A great time? Is there something in that for us? Something perhaps we are in danger of forgetting?

The course was all but set. Worried about one last bearing, I was following, in advance, the track of many feet when, a yard

before me, the leaves erupted and a woodcock rose and curved down through the trees. At my feet was a nest with two or maybe three brown-smudged eggs. The course was changed, the many feet went else-where, and the woodcock sat, merged with the fallen leaves, until we too had gone and the owls of the Devil's Glen flew again over Tiglin.

Aubrey Flegg.

ORIENTEERING 'DOWN-UNDER'.

Patrick Neeson. SETANTA

"Snakes and Kangeroos keep a low profile: but the sun is bloody hot".

Thus encouraged, I made my first foray into the gums near Hobart, Tasmania in 1975. Surprisingly, Tasmania (in view of its less extreme climate) is the youngest orienteering state. However, the gap between the pace-setters, N.S.W., Victoria, A.C.T. and the rest is no longer a chasm. Aussie orienteering is about 15 years old and shows remarkable growth since 1970 when visiting experts from Scandanavia began regular coaching aimed particularly at schools. The only serious limitation on continued progress is geographical isolation: despite Freddie Laker's welcome efforts overseas competition is out for most. Irish orienteers might travel to England, or even Canada a few times a year: 'Down-Under' competitors commute between Sydney and Melbourne (600 miles) regularly and most by car with the inevitable tent in the boot.

However, despite the distances involved disparity between regional environments is not great. The uniformly hot climate makes for a vegetation cover sparser and less varied than in Ireland. This strikes you immediately on comparing Irish and Australian maps: the amount of feature detail and colour tones on the former is much greater. Glad I'm not colour blind. In Aussie, features are at a premium through scarcity: I remember the organiser of an event in Victoria leading us 'foreigners' from Tassie into the woods to introduce us to the mainland 'native cherry tree'. A prominent map feature but in reality difficult to distinguish from other evergreens. Plantations of conifers are not universal and in gum forests controls must be concealed to counteract the improved visibility. For the same reason they tend to be fewer and farther apart e.g. M21 - 9 controls / 7 Km. Many creeks (streams) are seasonal and their dry gullies are often indistinct features.

Newcomers are offered novice courses at events. The season spans Autumn and Winter (April-October) to avoid dehydration and the 'bush flies': the temperatures still permit the 'after-event' post-mortems to take place outdoors, where beer and 'sanners' or even a BBQ are the normal fare. Remember the nearest pub is twenty miles away!

Sounds cosy? You can appreciate, then, my recent drastic initiation into local orienteering: in true 'aussie' style I was proposing to do Clarabeg in shorts and singlet. Remember the snow? In fact, when crouching over the master map fighting a losing battle with a biro that was curring a sodden map to shreds I was tempted to set a bearing for Aussie where snakes and sunburn seemed welcome hazards.

MIDSUMMER MADNESS AT KILRUDDERY

This years' event(unlike last years) took place on a beautiful summer's evening and I think everyone enjoyed themselves. We had an entry of 82 competitors - 26 competing on the A course and the remainder on the B, some of whom were new to Orienteering. Quite a few extra turned up for the Barbeque later in the evening.

The numbers on the A course were down - due I think, tomtheLug walk which started 9 hours later. However David Quinn (GEN) came along -was 5th with a creditable score of 498, and then competed in the Lug Walk the next day, despite a pulled muscle- certainly a feat of endurance. We must try not to coincide with this date next year.

First on the A course was J MAY (3ROC) with a score of 590. His brother A MAY also 3ROC and M13 came first on the B by a large margin with a score of 435.

Thanks are due to George Eager who helped put out the course and did most of the work on the nighta and also to Ann Mc Bride and Hazel Newman. The Waller familyc contributed to the latter part of the evening by lighting a magnificent fire and the event continued into the small hours.

Four controls were taken, but I hope everyone was credited with these if they visited them.

U.C.D Orienteers camped the night and then took in controls the next day - as well as tidying up the rubbish, etc. They also ran a relay event on theSaturday evening. Thank you to them also!

We hope to have a more up to date map in the next few years, as this is a really magnificent area.

Diana Large.

EVENING EVENT AT DALKEY

An Evening event was held by G.E.N. at Dalkey on Wednesday 6th June. Due to the petrol shortage there was a low turn-out, but the weather was ideal. Two courses were set out, and despite the loss of two controls, for which we apologise, all went well.

Thanks to all who came along and to Ann Mc Bride for her help in running the event.

Philip Ryan.

LEINSTER ORIENTEERING CLUBS*

The first meeting of the LEINSTER REGIONAL COUNCIL was held in the Montrose Hotel on Wednesday, 18th July 1979.

- All proposals for the Council should be set out in writing.
- A Chairman will be elected at the end of each meeting for the following meeting.
- A Secretary will be appointed at each meeting to record the minutes of the meeting and also to send any notifications arising from the meeting to the LOC Newsletter.
- A Treasurer will be appointed annually, and the Treasurer's address will be used for mail collection.

Treasurer: Ronan Cleary (3ROC)
16 Dodder Park Road,
Dublin 14.

- Aubrey Flegg (SET) was elected as the Representative for the Leinster Regional Council to attend Central Council Meetings.
- If any club is interested in claiming the Glendalough Map which now requires re-mapping to international standards, they should put forward a proposal in writing, detailing their plans for re-mapping and future use of the map, etc., before the next meeting.
- The forest at Crone, Co. Wicklow will be closed to Orienteering after December 31st because a new, larger, map of the area is being made.

Proposals for next meeting:-

(1) Financial Structure of Leinster Regional Council
(2) New methods for event results circulation
(3) Leinster Ranking List situation
(4) Policy for Junior Orienteering in the Leinster Region
(5) New map to be drawn up to show Catchment Boundaries for new club members

The next meeting of the Leinster Regional Council will be held on Wednesday 19th September.

C. Murtagh

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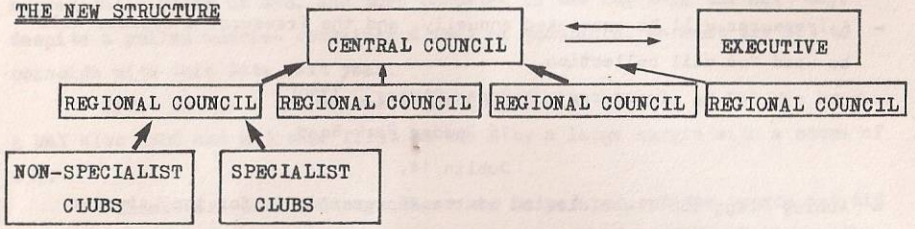
THE REGIONALISATION OF THE I.O.A. CENTRAL COUNCIL

I have been asked to explain myself. But really the question of the Regional Councils is now, by the democratic process, in your hands. All I can do is to say that - this is what we meant. The frame-work of our proposal is, of course, fixed by constitutional amendment and this can be shown in diagram form.

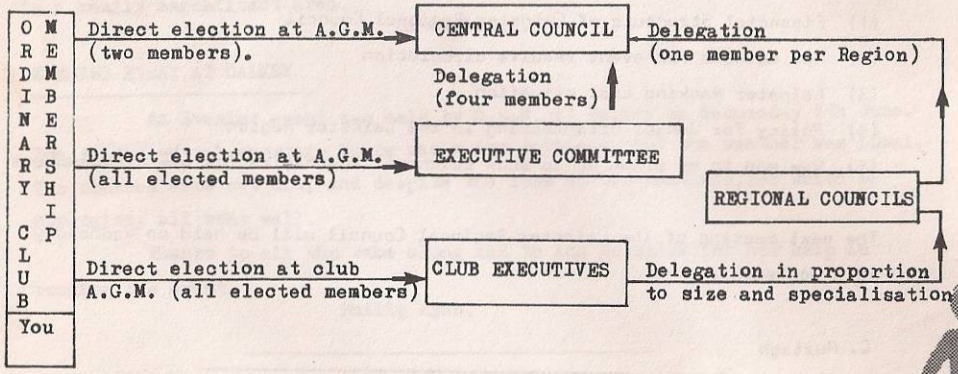
THE NEW STRUCTURE



WHO DOES WHAT

CENTRAL COUNCIL:	Governing body with responsibility for Orienteering at National and International levels.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:	Responsible for the administration of Central Council affairs.
REGIONAL COUNCILS:	Governing body with responsibility for administering Orienteering at Regional level (responsible to the Central Council).

WHO ELECTS WHO



Why the change? Well you might ask, that is if you have never sat through an 'old' Council meeting or had a chance to sit in on part of an Executive Council Meeting. The object of the new structure is to have a small and effective Central Council administered by an Executive Committee which is not burdened with petty local affairs. At the same-time the formation of Regional Councils will, we hope, increase efficiency at local levels. It is worth remembering that really all our events are local events.

I think the most constructive comment on our proposal has come from Mactir, who have made the point that the formation of the Regional Councils will simply mean that the same willing and unwilling few will be expected to run, not only the clubs and the Executive Council but also the new Regional Councils as well. I hope the clubs will take the point and will perhaps send one experienced and, where applicable, one less-experienced member to the Regional Councils.

I feel myself that the efficiency of the Regional Councils will depend on their not taking on too much. I would suggest that the Executive(s) be kept as small as possible, says Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, and that the work be done by special committees led by the proposer and seconder of what ever motion it has been decided to implement. I would also suggest that proposals be put in writing (by the proposer) and discussed at one meeting, and that, unless urgent, these be voted on at the next meeting. In this way meetings could be divided into two sections: the first for business, and the second for the presentation and discussion of proposals.

A. M. F.

New Book

'Modern Orienteering Training' - by Wilfred Holloway

A very comprehensive book on Orienteering training!

Copies of this book will be ordered wholesale through I.O.A. Secretary, if required. Retail Price £3-90 Wholesale Price £2-60 (Pounds Sterling)

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FIXTURES: Sept.-Dec. 1979

			Club	Grade
Sept.	1-4	WM'79 Finland		
	16	Cruagh, Co. Dublin	MAC	2
	23	-	LSOA	-
	23	-	MO	3
	30	Kilcooley Abbey, Co. Tipperary	CO	1
	30	BOF Regional Champs		
Oct	7	National Walking Day	AFAS/COSPOIR	
Oct.	6-7	Scottish Junior Champs		
	7	Donadea, Co. Kildare	GEN	1
	13	-	AOK	3
	13-14	Junior International, Scotland		
	14	Glendav	MO	1
	20-21	Senior Champs. Co. Derry	NWOC	1
	27-28	Junior Champs. Co. Cork		-
	27-28	Karrimor Mountain Marathon, Wales		
	28	(To be confirmed)	UCDO	2
Nov.	3	Donard, Co. Down		
	3	Curragh, Night-O	3ROC	
	4	Curragh	3ROC	3
	10	Cairnwood, Co. Antrim		
	11	-	LSOA	-
	11	Fermoy	MO	1
	17	Moydamlaght: FVO Challenge	NWOC	1
	18	Springwell Relays, Co. Derry	NWOC	
	18	Devil's Glen, Co. Wicklow	DUO	1
	24)	Leinster O-Ringen	CO	1
	25)	Co. Wicklow	SET	1
Dec.	2	Clarabeg	DLSO	2
	2	Drumleagh	TO	2
	8)	QUBOC O-Ringen		
	9)			
	9	-	LSOA	-
	16	Knockacullata	SO	3
	30	Christmas Score Event, Leinster	MAC	3

IOA NOTES :

The IOA is currently looking for a design for an Irish Orienteering Team badge and would welcome designs from orienteers.

They should be submitted to John McCullough.

An Intermediate and Junior Training weekend will be held in Wicklow in early October.

Contact Faith White at 322445 for details.

LOC NEWSLETTER

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