LOC NEWSLETTER

A NEWS-SHEET OF THE ORIENTEERING CLUBS OF LEINSTER

No 4 DECEMBER 1977

ORIENTEERING - THE SPORT

THE ENJOYMENT OF THE SPORT OF ORIENTEERING DERIVES FROM A COMBINATION OF THE OUTDOORS, THE PHYSICAL, NAVIGATION AND COMPETITION. IT IS GREATLY DIMINISHED BY POOR STANDARDS IN MAPS AND EVENTS. COMPETITION HAS GREATLY IMPROVED THE STANDARD OF BOTH. IT SHOULD THEREFORE BE ENCOURAGED. ORIENTEERING, AS A SPORT, IS AT ITS HEALTHIEST WHEN GROWING. IT IS, THEREFORE, IMPORTANT TO ENCOURAGE NEWCOMERS AND TO ASSIST THEM PAST THE WAYFARER STAGE TO A POINT WHERE THEY CAN PUT SOMETHING BACK INTO THE SPORT. WE HAVE BEEN NEGLIGENT IN THIS RESPECT.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATE: DECEMBER 11
GRADE: SCHOOLS EVENT - LIMITED TO JUNIORS.
VENUE: KILMURRAY, CO. WICKLOW, - USUAL TIMES
ORGANISERS: LSOA

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER SANDYMOUNT
NIGHT STREET EVENT.
ORGANISERS: MACTIRE
VENUE: CAR PARK NORTH OF MARTELLO TOWER AT SANDYMOUNT
START TIMES: 19.30 TO 20.15.

SPECIAL PRIZES!

AFAS ORIENTEERING COURSES

WEEKEND DECEMBER 10-11 ADVANCED ORIENTEERING
" DECEMBER 17-18 BEGINNERS ORIENTEERING

DETAILS FROM TIGLIN OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE,
ASHFORD, CO. WICKLOW. PHONE 0404 - 4169

*** ADDITIONAL EVENT *** NEW MAP ***

DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17.
GRADE: 3
VENUE: MARLAY GRANGE PARK, RATHFARNHAM, DUBLIN.
MAP: NEW BLACK AND WHITE, 1:5000
START: 11.00 - 13.00
ORGANISERS: 3ROC

DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18.
GRADE: 3, SCORE EVENT, USUAL CLASSES
VENUE: MAULIN WOOD, CO. WICKLOW.
SIGNPOSTED FROM ROAD JUNCTION TO POWERSCOURT WATERFALL ABOUT 3 MILES SOUTH OF ENNISKERRY.
START: 11.00 - 13.00. COURSE CLOSES 15.30
MAP: BLACK & WHITE, 1.10,000
ORGANISERS: 3ROC

DATE: JANUARY 15, 1978
GRADE: 2, CROSS COUNTRY, USUAL CLASSES.
VENUE: HOLLYWOOD GLEN, CO. WICKLOW.
SIGNPOSTED FROM MAIN BLESSINGTON- BALTINGLAS ROAD ABOUT 8 MILES SOUTH OF BLESSINGTON.
START: 11.30 - 13.00
MAP: 5 COLOUR, 1.10,000
ORGANISERS: UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN ORIENTEERS (UCDOC)

DATE: JANUARY 22
GRADE: 2
VENUE: TROOPERSTOWN, CO. WICKLOW.
ABOUT 3 MILES SOUTH OF ANNAMOE ON ROAD TO GLENDALOUGH
START: 11.30 - 13.00. COURSE CLOSES 15.30
MAP: 5 COLOUR
ORGANISERS: GREAT EASTERN NAVIGATORS (GEN)

DATE: JANUARY 29
GRADE: 2, CROSS COUNTRY
VENUE: CRATLOE, CO. LIMERICK
DETAILS FROM ALAN SHAW, 7 GANEMOUNT, CORBALLY, LIMERICK.
ORGANISERS: THOMOND ORIENTEERS, LIMERICK

DATE: JANUARY 29
SCHOOLS EVENT, GLENDALOUGH, CO. WICKLOW. JUNIORS ONLY.
ORGANISERS: LSOA

JAN KJELLSTRÖM '78 MARCH 24-27

VENUE: SHEFFIELD AND THE PEAK DISTRICT
ENTRIES: CLOSE 31ST JANUARY '78

ENTRIES AND ENQUIRIES TO S.M. COURCHEE, 17 RINGWOOD CRESCENT, LEEDS, LS14 1AN.

P.S. A BUS MAY TRAVEL FROM LEINSTER. INFORMATION FROM J. McCULLOUGH OR P. HEALY.

WOODSTOCK '78

3000 ORIENTEERING IN IRELAND!

NO, IT IS NOT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (YET), BUT THE INTERNATIONAL SCOUT CAMP ORGANISED BY THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND TO BE HELD IN AUGUST '78 AT WOODSTOCK, INISTIOGE, CO. KILKENNY.

AN IOF MAP IS UNDER PREPARATION FOR THE ORIENTEERING.

IDEAS WANTED, ON HOW TO ORGANISE THIS UNCONTROLLABLE NUMBER. NO INVOLVEMENT ASKED (BUT WELCOME), JUST IDEAS ON COURSES, START, FINISH, TIMING, CONTROL CARDS, INSTRUCTIONS, PRE-MARKED MAPS, COMPETITOR'S NUMBERS, VANDALISM, CONTROLS, FOREST EROSION, WEATHER FORECASTING, ETC., ETC.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORIENTEERING ABROAD YOUR COMMENTS - CONSTRUCTIVE OR DESTRUCTIVE - WOULD BE APPRECIATED PARTICULARLY.

PLEASE CONTACT: IAN TRAVERS, ROSCORRIG, KILLINEY ROAD, KILLINEY, CO. DUBLIN. PHONE 85 27 14

IRISH JUNIOR ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS - 19-20 NOVEMBER 1977

R. CLEARY, 3ROC

SATURDAY MORNING SAW NEARLY 200 COMPETITORS, AGED BETWEEN 10 AND 18 ASSEMBLED AT DONARD FOREST, NEWCASTLE, CO. DOWN. ON THIS COLD, WINTRY MORNING, MANY AN ANXIOUS EYE WAS CAST ON THE FOREST STRETCHING OUT OF SIGHT ON EITHER SIDE. BEING SITUATED ON THE SIDE OF SLIABH DONARD, IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE TERRAIN WOULD BE STEEP. SO IT WAS.

LEINSTER WAS REPRESENTED BY COMPETITORS FROM 7 LEINSTER CLUBS - DLSC, HSOC, MAC, SET, SHOC? SPOC AND 3ROC. AMONG THE TOPICS OF DISCUSSION AS WE PREPARED FOR THE COURSE AHEAD OF US WERE: THE FORBIDDING STEEPNESS OF THE TERRAIN; THE UNKNOWN QUALITIES OR FLAWS OF THE MAP AND THE FACT THAT IT WAS PRINTED ON TYVECK 10; AND THE PRESENCE OF A STRONG CONTINGENT OF SCOTTISH AND ENGLISH COMPETITORS.

THE START, A 15 MINUTE UPHILL WALK FROM THE CARPARK, WAS HIGHLY ORGANISED AND WORKED LIKE CLOCKWORK. IN GENERAL THE COURSES WERE OF A VERY HIGH STANDARD AND THE A COURSE REQUIRED A GREAT DEAL OF PURE ORIENTEERING TECHNIQUE. ALTHOUGH THE LEINSTER COMPETITORS PUT UP A VERY BRAVE FIGHT, THEIR ONLY REWARD AT THE END OF THE DAY WERE TWO PRIZES: RUTH WILLIAMS (SET) GOT ONE WHEN SHE CAME 2ND IN THE W13 AND RONAN CLEARY (3ROC) GOT THE OTHER WHEN HE CAME IN 3RD IN M17. HOWEVER, SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE DESERVE A SPECIAL MENTION FOR THEIR PERFORMANCES ON THE DAY. THEY ARE: ROXANNE WHITE (MAC) WHO WOULD HAVE WON W13 HAD SHE NOT PUNCHED ONE WRONG CONTROL; JUDITH WILLIAMS WHO HAD A GREAT RUN IN W13 AND CAME IN IN 4TH PLACE JUST MISSING OUT ON THE PRIZES; MAIRE NI CHIOSAIN (CI) WHO WOULD HAVE COME 2ND IN W15 HAD SHE ALSO NOT PUNCHED A WRONG CONTROL; FRANK HORAN (DLSO) IN M17 AND CATHERINE BRENNAN (SPOC) IN W13 WHO CAME 7TH AND 9TH RESPECTIVELY IN THEIR CLASSES AGAINST VERY TOUGH COMPETITION.

AT 6.30 SATURDAY EVENING, ALL THE ORIENTEERS ASSEMBLED IN SHIMNA HALL, NEWCASTLE, FOR THE FIRM "THE PINK PANTHER" FOLLOWED BY A DISCO - BOTH OF WHICH WERE ENJOYED IMMENSELY BY ALL PRESENT. DURING THE DISCO THE PRIZE-GIVING WAS HELD WITH NORTHERN IRELAND TAKING 20 PRIZES, SCOTLAND TAKING 5, ENGLAND TAKING 3, AND LEINSTER 2.

NEXT MORNING SAW US ALL BACK IN DONARD FOREST FOR THE RELAY EVENT. THE WEATHER WAS SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN THAT OF THE PREVIOUS DAY BUT THE GALE FORCE WINDS WERE STILL PRESENT. ONCE AGAIN, THIS EVENT WAS SUPERBLY ORGANISED AND THERE WAS NO CONFUSION OTHER THAN THAT CAUSED BY THE TEAMS THEMSELVES BY NOT HAVING THE NEXT RUNNER READY ETC.

MOST OF US HAD A BETTER RUN IN THE RELAYS AND AS A RESULT WE TOOK 2 OF THE 5 TITLES. HSOC 1 (JUDITH WILLIAMS, RUTH WILLIAMS AND ROXANNE WHITE) TOOK THE D CLASS TITLE (ANY 3 FEMALE RUNNERS W13 OR UNDER), WHILE DUBLIN ORIENTEERS (FRANK HORAN (DLSO), WILLIAM MCAULIFFE (DLSO) AND RONAN CLEARY (3ROC) TOOK THE E CLASS TITLE (ANY 3 RUNNERS OF ANY AGE). AFTER THE PRIZE-GIVING, WE ALL SET OFF ON THE RETURN JOURNEY TO DUBLIN WITH MIXED FEELINGS AND OPINIONS OF OUR PERFORMANCES, BUT ALL OF US AGREED THAT WE HAD ALL GAINED A LOT OF EXPERIENCE OF TOP-LEVEL ORIENTEERING FROM THE WEEK-END.

TO FINISH OFF, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE ORGANISERS AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO PROVIDED TRANSPORT FOR USE. ALL I CAN SAY AFTER THAT IS: IJOC '78 - HERE WE COME!

INDIVIDUAL EVENT

RESULTS

CLASS	PLACE	NAME	CLUB	TIME TAKEN (MINUTES)
M17	1	K. WARREN	AOK	75-17
	2	M. WILLIAMSON	AOK	91-32
	3	R. CLEARY	3ROC	98-08
W17	1	F. ASHMOLE	INT	79-03
	2	F. LOOTS	INT	80-14
	3	A. SMILLIE	AOK	88-01
M15	1	I MAYNARD	HOC	56-14
	2	P. JAMES	NWOC	72-50
	3	J. MCCLELLAND	NWOC	79-05
W15	1	F. CRADDOCK	INT	50-49
	2	R. HEAVER	DECC	66-00
	3	S. MILLAR	NWOC	75-23
M13	1	R. PAY	HOC	44-49
	2	A. MARSHALL	DECC	46-27
	3	M. MAYNARD	HOC	50-39
W13	1	M. JAMES	NWOC	45-38
	2	R. WILLIAMS	SET	51-52
	3	C. HUTCHINSON	NWOC	53-32

M12, W12, M10, W10 AND THE RELAY EVENT RESULTS NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING.

International Team Selection

New rules and procedures have now been adopted for the selection of orienteering teams to represent Ireland abroad. These are now in operation and are briefly explained.

Following the decision of the recent IOA AGM there is a 'Team Organiser' on the IOA council. His function is to coordinate all activities related to team selection. The teams will be chosen by a selection sub-committee representative of the active regions from which contenders for places will be excluded. This committee at present is comprised of three members of IOA council and a representative from Munster who is yet to be nominated, and will act jointly with NIOA to name the final teams.

Selection criteria will be current form and fitness, individual potential, recent international performances, experience, standing in the respective ranking lists, availability to travel, etc. Performances on Grade 1 events will provide valuable information, especially if achieved on new maps. It is hoped that all contenders can compete and complete as many Grade 1 events as possible in their own or higher classes. Event results are now being filed together with comments on any other factors which might influence the published results. The value of international competition cannot be overstressed and attention is drawn to JK78 to be held towards the end of March.

It is expected that a panel will be named in Jan/Feb from which the IOA members of the eventual teams for the World Championship will most likely be selected. Final team selection is likely to take place after the Scottish Championships in early May.

P. Flanagan. (IOA)

Information on the Swiss 5-day event should be available in December. The event will be on July 26-30 next, near Lucerne.

Write to SCHWEIZER 5-TAGE-OL, Postfach 688, CH-6002, Lucerne, Switzerland.

CHRISTMAS O CROSS-WORD

see page 8

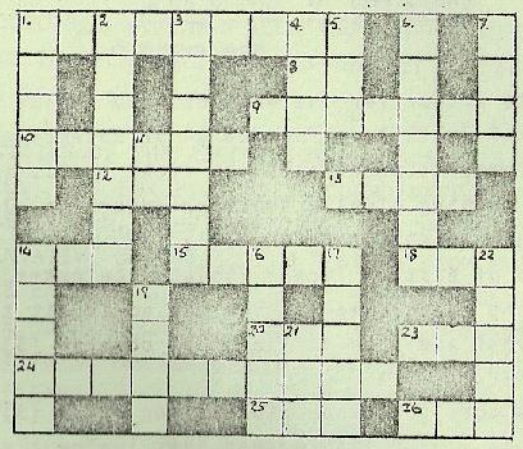
ACROSS

1. Opposite to a spur for one who returned inside (9)
9. Has mythical Irish hero founded an orienteering club (7)
10. Full body protection demands the right ..... (6)
8. South and nothing gives a short orienteering club (2)
12. The national orienteering umbrella (3)
13. Giant bird of eastern legend finishes Leinster Club (4)
14. Orienteering feature into which you could fit the orchestra? (3)
15. Such an event would be difficult to observe (5)
18. A short 9 across (3)
20. Annual visitors to Irish orienteering scene (3)
23. It sounds as if you should jeer this lupine club (3)
24. O-marker leads what each good course should be! (10)
26. Best Dublin school for orienteering (3)

DOWN

1. Pass on the word about this event (5)
2. Very much the cream of orienteers (7)
3. Rent air gives the lie of the land (7)
4. 0, 180, 90, 270 (4)
5. Small sum (3)
6. Our younger competitors (7)
7. Don't fall over this feature! (4)
11. Extinct orienteering group (2)
14. Use this, not your fist, to prove your presence (5)
16. Deep water-course - but dry? - maybe! (5)
17. To know a Scotsman will give a small piece! (5)
19. Stick to this when the going is rough (4)
21. Cockney depression or pit? (3)
22. Summer insects known to the timer? (5)

(Solution inside back cover).



MAPPER(s) REQUIRED. EASTER OR SUMMER '78 FOR AREA OF WEST FERMANAGH APPROX. 6 SQ. KM. NO PHOTOS AVAILABLE. ANYONE INTERESTED PLEASE SEND EXAMPLES OF PREVIOUS WORK AND STATE PAYMENT REQUIRED. FUNDS AND LODGINGS AVAILABLE.

JONATHAN WARDE, TULLYKELTER, SPRINGFIELD, ENNISKILLEN, CO. FERMANAGH.

MAPPING TECHNIQUES

TOM McCORMACK

I WOULD LIKE TO DESCRIBE HERE, FOR THOSE RELATIVELY INEXPERIENCED IN MAPPING, A PROCEDURE WHICH I HAVE FOUND USEFUL FOR MAPPING AN AREA THOROUGHLY. EXPERIENCED MAPPERS WILL BE FAMILIAR WITH THIS.

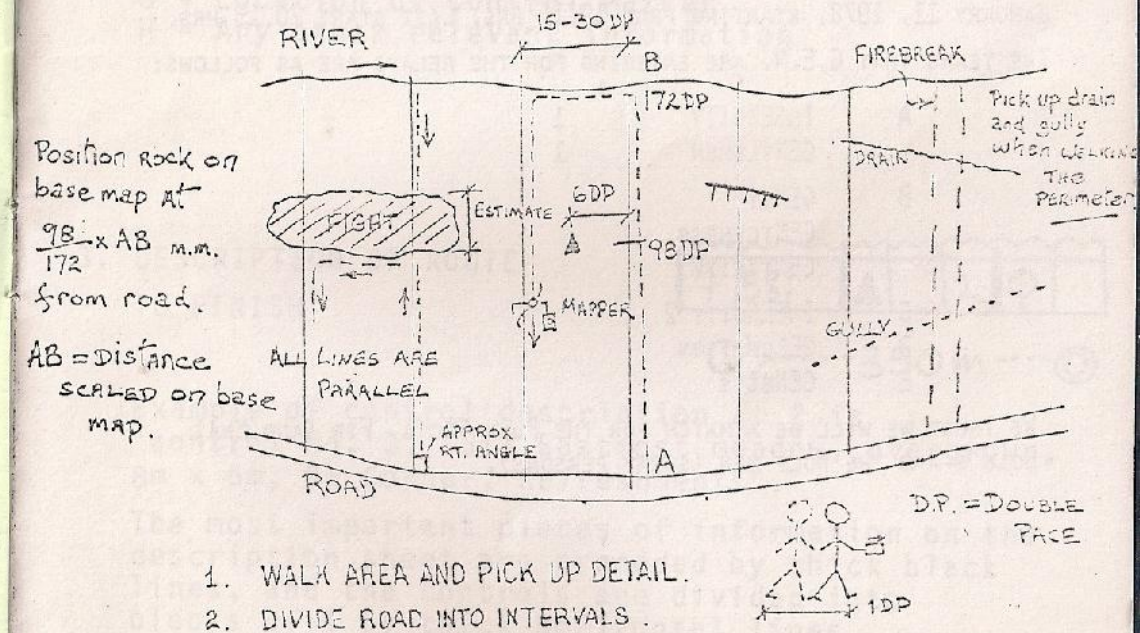
USUALLY AN AREA TO BE MAPPED CAN BE CONVENIENTLY SUBDIVIDED INTO SMALL PARCELS BY ROADS, FIRE BREAKS, BANKS, RIVERS, PATHS, DEFINITE VEG. CHANGES ETC. THE SIZE OF THE PARCEL SHOULD BE ABOUT 250M MAXIMUM PERPENDICULAR TO SOME LINE FEATURE. IT CAN BE OF ANY LENGTH. THE 250M CAN BE EXTENDED DEPENDING ON VISIBILITY AND ACCURACY WITH A COMPASS.

THE MAPPER SHOULD WALK THE AREA TO GET AN IDEA OF THE AMOUNT OF DETAIL IN THE AREA. THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AREA SHOULD BE CHECKED AND ANY FEATURE ON OR NEAR THE BOUNDARY MARKED IN.

THE LINE FEATURE SHOULD THEN BE MARKED OUT AT INTERVALS OF 15 TO 30 DOUBLE PACES, DEPENDING ON AMOUNT OF DETAIL AND VISIBILITY. THE INTERVALS ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND AND ON THE MAP. THE AREA IS DIVIDED INTO LINES RUNNING APPROXIMATELY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LINE FEATURE. THE MAPPER THEN WALKS THESE LINES ON A BEARING, NOTING HIS PACING AND NOTING THE DETAIL AROUND. THE PACING SHOULD GO TO ANOTHER LINE FEATURE, IF POSSIBLE, AND DEPENDING ON ACCURACY THE MAPPER CAN RETURN ON THE ADJACENT LINE. THIS METHOD ENSURES THAT THE AREA IS THOROUGHLY COVERED. THE AREA WILL ALSO BE COVERED SURPRISINGLY QUICKLY.

IN SOME CASES E.G. FLAT GROUND, IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE AN ACCURATE PACE SCALE AND MAP AS YOU GO. IN STEEP OR UNDULATING GROUND IT IS SAFER TO PROPORTION THE DISTANCES IN ORDER TO PUT THE INFORMATION ON THE BASE MAP.

THIS METHOD IS SUITABLE FOR "RUN", "SLOW RUN", FOREST, AND 'OPEN GROUND'. IT IS ALSO SUITABLE FOR "WALK" VEGETATION, ALTHOUGH FEATURES IN THIS TYPE OF VEGETATION ARE NOT OFTEN WORTHWHILE MAPPING UNLESS THE FEATURE IS NOTABLE.



1. WALK AREA AND PICK UP DETAIL.
2. DIVIDE ROAD INTO INTERVALS.
3. WALK ON BEARING, PACE COUNTING & PICKING UP FEATURES.
4. RETURN ON ADJACENT LINE.

When the area is covered all line features should be walked to check for continuity.

G.E.N. NEWS

THE AGM WAS HELD ON 27-10-77 AND THE FOLLOWING ARE THE COMMITTEE:

CHAIRMAN: TOM MCCORMACK, 5 BRACKENBUSH PARK, BALLYBRACK.
HON. SEC: ANN MCBRIDE, 19 RAHEEN PARK, BRAY.
HON. TREAS: PAGET MCCORMACK, 11 GREEN ROAD, BLACKROCK
HON. MEETS SEC: DAVID QUINN, 67 WOODBINE ROAD, BLACKROCK
TRAINING OFFICERS: WYN DELANEY, 5 BRACKENBUSH PARK, BALLYBRACK
E. LOUGHMAN
COMMITTEE MEMBERS; MIKE LUNT
DAVID MOORE

THE CLUB HELD ITS FIRST STREET EVENT ON WEDNESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER. THERE WAS A LARGE TURN OUT, THE RESULTS ARE IN THIS NEWSLETTER. VERY FEW PERSONS NOTICED THE DELIBERATE ERRORS ON THE COURSES. IF YOU WERE ONE OF THOSE THAT COULD NOT TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING LOST AND THE DELIBERATE ERROR, THEN WE ARE NOT GOINT TO TELL YOU WHERE IT WAS. WATCH OUT NEXT TIME!

THE NEXT STREET EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE FROM THE SAME VENUE ON JANUARY 11, 1978, STARTING FROM 19.15 HRS, LAST START 20.15 HRS.

THE TEAMS THAT G.E.N. ARE ENTERING FOR THE RELAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

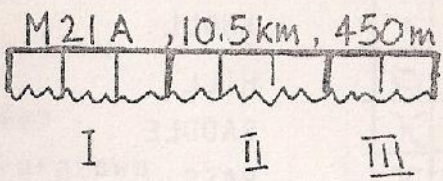
A	INGENUITY	1
	GENTLEMEN	1
B	GENII	
	GENTLENESS	
	GENTILITY	
C	INGENUITY 2	
D	GENERATION	
E	GENESIS	

WE TRUST WE WILL BE A MATCH FOR THE PUNK ROC'S, FIR (AND MNA) BOLG'S AND THE WOLF MEN (SORRY PERSONS).

IOF International Control Description Symbols

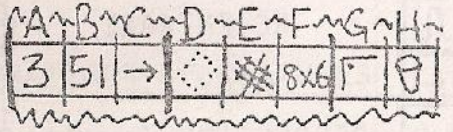
1. HEADING

(1) Class
(2) Course Length by straight lines (km)
(3) Climbing by optimum route (m)

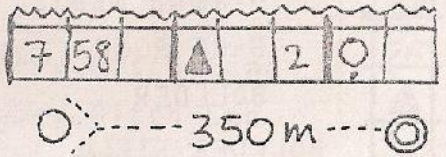


2. DESCRIPTION OF CONTROLS

A - Control Number
B - Control Code
C - to distinguish between similar features
D - Control Feature
E - Details of appearance
F - Dimensions of Feature
G - Location of Control Marker
H - Any other relevant information



3. DESCRIPTION OF ROUTE TO FINISH

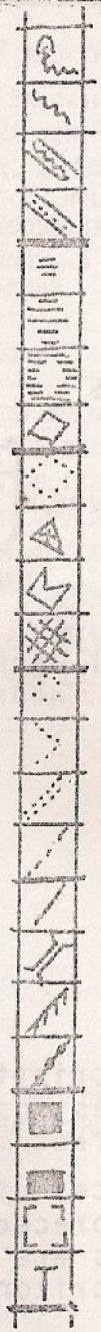


Example of control description at 2 is "control No. 3, (51) Eastmost meadow, overgrown, 8m x 6m, NW Corner, Refreshments".

The most important pieces of information on the description sheet are preceded by thick black lines, and the controls are divided into blocks of 4 by thick horizontal lines.

4. The Control Features (Column D)

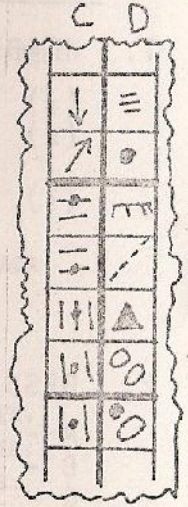
KNOLL
HILL
SADDLE
PASS
TERRACE
SPUR
RIB
RE-ENTRANT
GULLY
DEPRESSION (small)
DEPRESSION (large)
CLIFF (large)
CLIFF (small)
PIT
QUARRY
MINE
BARE ROCK
BOULDER
BOULDER FIELD
SANDY AREA
LAKE
POND
WATERHOLD
WELL
FODDER RACK
GRAVE



SPRING
STREAM
DITCH
DRY DITCH
SMALL MARSH
LARGE MARSH
DRY GROUND
FIELD
MEADOW
COPSE
FOREST CORNER
THICKET
CLEARING
VEG. BOUNDARY
RIDE
PATH
ROAD
BRIDGE

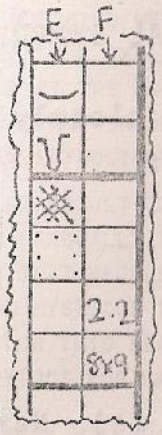
WALL
BUILDING (house)
RUIN
TOWER

5. Which Feature (Col. C)



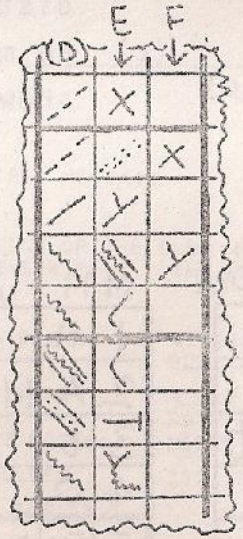
SOUTHERN (marsh)
N.E. (knoll)
Upper (cliff)
Lower (path)
Middle (boulder)
Between (hills)
Between (knoll & hill)

6. Appearance (cols. E,F)



Shallow
Deep
Overgrown
Open
Height (m)
Length & breadth (m)

7. Combinations of Features (E,F)



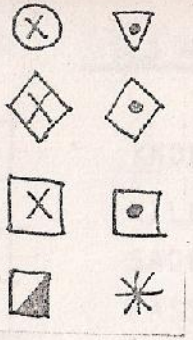
Path Crossing
Path/Ride Crossing
Road Junction
Stream/Ditch Junction
Stream Bend
Dry Ditch Bend
Dry Ditch End
Stream Source

8. Control Marker Location (Col. G)

N. Side
N.W. edge
E. Corner (inside)
S.W. Corner (outside)
S. Tip
W. Part
Upper Part (head)
Lower Part (foot)
"On top of - "
S. Foot
At the foot
(no direction specified)

9. Other Relevant Information (Col. H)

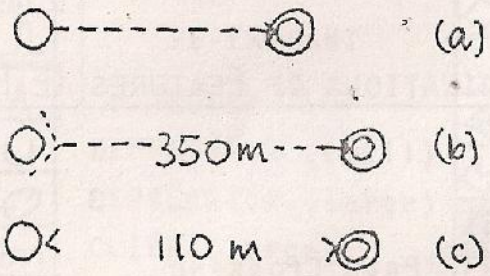
Refreshments
Radio Control
Manned Control



10. SPECIAL SYMBOLS.

To be clearly described before start.

11. MARKED ROUTES



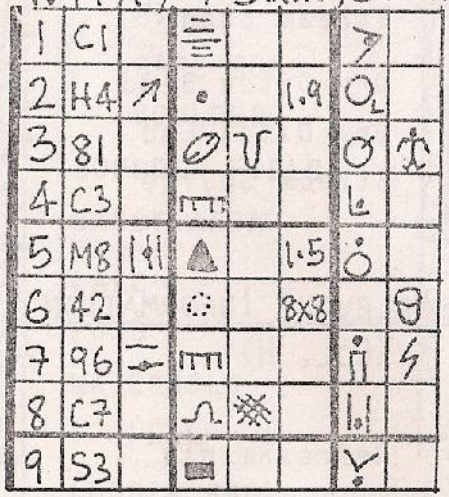
(a) Marked all the way from finalcontrol to finish

(b) "Forked markings", distance shown

(c) No markings, distance shown.

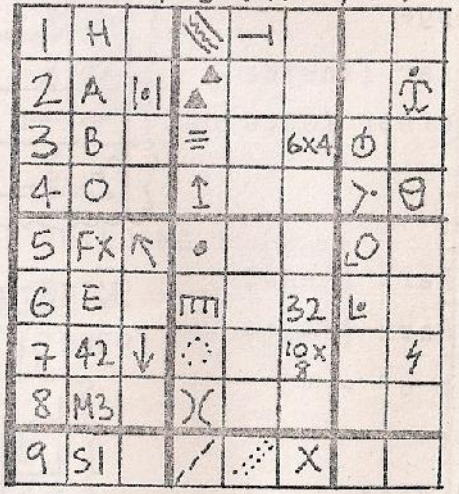
EXAMPLES

W19 A, 7.5km, 300m



370m

M19, 6.8km, 290m



400m

IF THESE INTERNATIONAL SYMBOLS ARE TO BE USED AT AN EVENT, COMPETITORS SHOULD BE NOTIFIED WELL IN ADVANCE AND, IF POSSIBLE, PROVIDED WITH A KEY (AN IOF EXPLANATORY LEAFLET IS AVAILABLE). THESE SYMBOLS WERE USED AT THE FRENCH 3-DAY, THE SWISS 5-DAY, AND THE NORWEGIAN SOLO EVENT IN SUMMER 1977, AND ALL REPORTS I HEARD OF THEM HAVE BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC.

AT FIRST THEY WILL BE DIFFICULT TO BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO, BUT IF THEY ARE INTRODUCED GRADUALLY THEY SHOULD POST NO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS. I ONLY HOPE THAT PEOPLE DON'T CONSIDER THEM TO BE MERELY SOMETHING TO ADD MYSTIQUE TO ORIENTEERING AND TO COMPLICATE MATTERS FOR NOVICES. FOR THIS REASON I IMAGINE THEY WILL NOT REPLACE VERBAL DESCRIPTIONS FOR WAYFARERS AND INTRODUCTORY COURSES.

OBVIOUSLY EVENT ORGANISERS WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE DUPLICATED DESCRIBTION SHEETS ALREADY DRAWN - MEANING MORE WORK FOR THEM, UNFORTUNATELY.

JOHN McCULLOUGH

MACTIRE MESSAGE

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB WAS HELD IN THE LEGAL EAGLE ON 9TH NOVEMBER 1977. THE FOLLOWING WERE ELECTED TO THE COMMITTEE:

CHAIRMAN	BRENDA BYRNE	41 SOUTH AVENUE, MOUNT MERRION BLACKROCK, CO. DUBLIN.
SECRETARIES	MARY O'HARE	4 OLD ORCHARD, BUTTERFIELD AVE, RATHFARNHAM, DUBLIN 14.
	HARRIET ROCHE	MEETS SEC.
TREASURER	JEAN MULLEN	331, COLLINS AVENUE, DUBLIN 9.
MAPPER	MONICA TURLEY	
TRAINING OFFICER	DES DOYLE	36 BELTON PARK, DUBLIN 9.

IT WAS AGREED AT THE MEETING THAT THE CLUB ABBREVIATION WOULD BE "MAC".

NOTE:- WE ARE HOLDING A NIGHT STREET EVENT IN SANDYMOUNT ON WED. 14TH DECEMBER; START 19.30 TO 20.00 FROM THE CAR PARK NORTH OF THE MARTELLO TOWER. PRIZES! ENTRY 50P;

DO COME AND JOIN US.

3ROC NEWS

north east south

MAJOR COMMITTEE RESHUFFLE SHOCK

AT THE 3ROC AGM ON OCTOBER 26 TED MCGRATH (CHAIRMAN), SUSANNE CAWLEY (TREASURER), PAT FLANAGAN (EQUIPMENT OFFICER) AND EOIN ROTHERY (FIXTURES SEC.) WERE RE-ELECTED. BRIGID FLANAGAN MOVES FROM TRAINING OFFICER TO SECRETARY AND JOHN MCCULLOUGH MOVES TO TRAINING OFFICER FROM BEING MEMBER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO. RONAN CLEARY NOW HAS THE UNENVIABLE TASK OF BEING MEMBER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, ASSISTED BY FRANCES O'HALLORAN.

MAIRE WALSH RETIRED AFTER A YEAR AS SECRETARY, FOR WHICH WE THANK HER. (THAT WAS MEANT TO BE AMBIGUOUS).

SLIDE COMPETITION: THIS BROUGHT ENTRIES FROM MOC, GEN AND 3ROC. THE INITIAL RESPONSE WAS DISAPPOINTING BUT OVER 40 SLIDES WERE RECEIVED FOR THE "GENERAL" SECTION AND 25 FOR THE "ORIENTEERING" SECTION. BOTH SECTIONS WERE WON BY JOHN MCCULLOUGH (3ROC), WHO ALSO ORGANISED THE COMPETITION. SPECIAL THANKS TO SEAN ROTHERY (3ROC), WHO JUDGED IT. NO MONEY WAS ACTUALLY SEEN TO CHANGE HANDS BETWEEN WINNER AND JUDGE BUT SPECULATION IS RIFE. THE SHOW WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 50 PEOPLE FROM 3ROC, SET, GEN, MOC, DLSO, DUO AND UCDO. THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME, AND ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO ENTERED SLIDES - IT MADE AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.

3ROC TRAINING: SESSIONS HAVE STARTED AGAIN EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING, 18.15 HRS. ON THE TRACK AT BELFIELD. EVEN ONE SESSION PER WEEK WILL DO WONDERS - YOU TOO CAN HAVE BLISTERS AND SORE CALVES LIKE MINE!

SETANTA

AT OUR EVENT IN GLENDALOUGH EARLIER THIS YEAR, SOME OF YOU MAY REMEMBER THAT WE TRIED OUT A NEW DO-IT-YOURSELF START-TIME SYSTEM. ON THE WHOLE THE SYSTEM WORKED QUITE WELL BUT IT WAS NOT PERHAPS QUITE FAIR TO ASK PEOPLE TO COPE WITH A NEW PROCEDURE IN HALF A GALE WITH GENEROUS HELPINGS OF HORIZONTAL RAIN. AS WE WILL CERTAINLY GIVE THE SYSTEM ANOTHER TRY, IT MIGHT BE A HELP IF WE WERE TO EXPLAIN IN THIS NEWSLETTER HOW THE SYSTEM OPERATES.

A SERIES OF SPECIAL CARDS HAS BEEN MADE OUT FOR EACH COURSE (A TO D). THE CARDS ARE MARKED WITH START TIMES AT TWO MINUTE INTERVALS. THE CARDS ARE 'T' SHAPED SO THAT THEY MAY BE DISPLAYED IN A SLOTTED BOARD IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE TOP OF EACH CARD, WITH ITS TIME, IS CLEARLY VISIBLE. HAVING CHOSEN HIS COURSE, THE COMPETITOR DECIDES WHEN HE WOULD LIKE TO START AND TAKES A CARD AS CLOSE TO THAT TIME AS HE CAN GET. HE THEN PRESENTS THE CARD AT THE START FOUR MINUTES BEFORE THE TIME SHOWN. THE ADVANTAGES ARE THAT THE COMPETITOR DOES NOT HAVE TO HANG ABOUT IN A QUEUE GETTING COLD, AND THE STARTER IS PRESENTED WITH COMPETITORS EVENLY SPACED-OUT OVER THE PROPER TWO MINUTE INTERVALS. THE CARDS, WHICH CAN OF COURSE BE USED AGAIN, ARE ARRANGED SO THAT A AND C COURSES START TOGETHER ON EVEN MINUTES, WITH B AND D COURSES STARTING ON ODD MINUTES.

A COPY OF A CARD IS SHOWN BELOW, WITH ITS EXPLANATORY NOTES. THE TIMES, COUNTED FROM ELEVEN A.M., ARE SHOWN ON THE TOP OF THE CARD IN HOURS AND MINUTES AND, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CARD, IN MINUTES FROM 'ZERO' AT ELEVEN. THIS MEANS THAT TIMES MAY BE RECORDED ON THE CONTROL CARDS IN MINUTES, MAKING THE CALCULATION OF TIMES A LITTLE EASIER. IT ALSO MEANS THAT COMPETITORS WHO LIKE TO COVER THEIR CARDS WITH TRANSPASEAL CAN DO SO BEFORE THE START.

AT GLENDALOUGH THE SYSTEM WORKED REASONABLY WELL, GIVEN THAT WE WERE ALL NEW TO IT. WE DID HOWEVER RUN INTO SERIOUS TROUBLE TOWARDS THE END OF THE DAY DUE TO OVERCROWDING OF THE COURSE. WEATHER AND THE LONG WALK TO THE START BOTH PLAYED A PART, BUT THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE WAS THAT WE HAD TOO MANY COMPETITORS WANTING TO START IN THE LAST HALF HOUR, OR SO, THAT THE COURSE WAS OPEN. IF THE START IS OPEN FOR TWO AND A HALF HOURS, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF START TIMES POSSIBLE IS 75 ON EACH COURSE. IF NO ONE STARTS IN THE FIRST HOUR, THIS COMES DOWN TO 45, AND SO ON. THE RESULT IS THAT THE COURSE

BECOMES OVERCORWDED IN THE LAST HALF HOUR AND THE STARTER IS FACED WITH THE PROBLEM OF TURNING PEOPLE AWAY OR STARTING THEM AT SHORTER TIME INTERVALS. QUITE APART FROM THE RISK OF MUDDLE AND MISTIMING, THE ENJOYMENT OF ORIENTEERING IS LOST AND COMPETITION BECOMES A NONSENSE IF COMPETITORS ARE ON TOP OF EACH OTHER AT THE START. SOME COMPETITORS CANNOT, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, GET OUT EARLY. PERHAPS THOSE WHO CAN, WOULD MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT AND MAKE USE OF THOSE EARLY START TIMES. WE DON'T WANT TO ARRIVE AT A SITUATION WHERE COMPETITORS DRIVE TO AN EVENT ONLY TO FIND THAT THE COURSE IS BOOKED OUT.

A.M. FLEGG

Course **A** **1 · 13** **Time in hours and minutes.**

PLEASE PRESENT THIS CARD, TOGETHER WITH YOUR CONTROL CARD, AT THE START FOUR MINUTES BEFORE THE TIME SHOWN. IF YOU WISH TO FILL IN YOUR CONTROL CARD, YOUR START TIME, IN MINUTES, WILL BE :-

133 **Time in minutes after eleven o'clock.**

DROGHEDA OCT. 23

A COURSE

M21A - 8 Kms 320m

				Ranking Points
1	Walter Young	C.O	64.20	114½
2	G Byrne	C.O.	80.00	93¾
3	D O'Callaghan	Set O	91.50	78
4	C Rice	Set O	93.15	76
5	N Rice	Set O	96.32	71½
6	P Flanagan	3 ROC	97.50	70
7	J McCullough	3 ROC	105.34	59½
8	J Murray	Mac	126.22	31½
9	M.J. Kavannagh	Set O	140.00	13¾
10	B Walsh	3 ROC	140.24	13
11	J Ryan	Set O	143.30	8¾
12	J Barnewell	Mac	159.50	
13	C Slater	Set O	177.00	

NON FINISHERS INCLUDE

N Maguire	-	9c
E Rothary	3 ROC	4c
E Gaffney	Set O	
K Flannery	BBK	
P H Ryan	G.E.N.	13c
D Quinn	G.E.N.	13c

A COURSE

M35 8 Kms 320m

1	C Dunlop	Set O	81.35	20 (92)
2	E Quirke	C.O.	82.00	19 (91)
3	A Flegg	Set O	82.21	19 (90½)
4	P McCormack	G.E.N.	93.30	16 (75½)
5	F McCormack	C.O.	101.20	15 (65)
6	T McGrath	3 ROC	102.25	14 (63½/13 (55½)
	A Law	G.EN.	107.50	1 control removed came back with missing control.
	M Lunt	G.E.N.		

NON FINISHERS

J Bent	Set O	9c
J Newman	G.E.N.	4c
B Farley	DLSO	7c

D COURSE 3Km 130m

Many competitors did not complete the course - these are not listed

W13

1	R White	Mac	47.31
2	R Williams	Set O	51.30
3	J Williams	Set O	93

W50

1	Shiela McAuley	3 ROC	140.30

W 19C

1	Ann McBride	G.E.N.	81.50
2	H Cregan/P Roche	3 ROC	130.05
3	H Byrne & Co	UCDO	190.15

B COURSE 3Km 14c

W19A

1	Monica Farley	Mac	73.40	107
2	M Walsh	3 ROC	84.55	93
3	B Flanagan	3 ROC	100.22	72
4	A Cregan	Set O	102.25	71
5	A Hallowes	Mac	121.40	46
	N/F			
	O Finlayson	UCDO	13c	

M 19

1	B Warner	DLSO	75.50	20
2	E McCauley	DLSO	77.40	19
3	T Caffrey	Set O	78.32	18
4	R Cleary	3 ROC	80.30	17
5	J O'Halloran	UCDO	132.50	10
6	N O'Donchue	V.S.	172.00	5

N/F

D Ryan	UCDO	9c	
P Corbett	V.S.	-	

M21B

	P Nevin	UCDO	87	20
	B Hallowes	Mac	121.55	16
	D Madden	N.I.S.	125.00	15
	L Mulligan	UCDO	126.06	14
	W Fitzpatrick	G.E.N.	130.05	13
	E McArdle	UCDO	133.23	12
	K Flannery	BBK	136.30	11
	M De Buitleir	Mac	147.15	9
	E Jacobs	Mac	173.40	5

N/F

P Kavanagh	Set O	5c	
P Martin		5c	

Others

	P Crace M17		98.50
N/F	I Rigney M13		6c
N/F	N Garland M13		8c
N/F	R Garland M13		6c
N/F	J Rigney M13		

HB

1	D Hurley		97
2	S McDonagh	M 13	105

M21C

1	Heinz & Ricardo		59.50
2	S McBride	G.E.N.	87.50
3	V Crowley	G.E.N.	87.20
4	A McSpeon	UCDO	193.15
5	H Finlayson		194.05

C COURSE 5Kms

As there were a large no of competitors who did not complete the course. Only finishes are listed

W 35

D Large	G.E.N	75.45	
C Nuttall	M.O	76	
J Flegg	Set O	129	

W 19B

V Davis	G.E.N	55.30	20
P O'Brien	BEK	116.05	19
K Bent	Set O	116.50	19
A McCormack	GEN	117	19
S Cawley	3 ROC	138.30	14
H Darley		139.45	13
F O'Halloran	3 ROC	146.20	12
M O'Brien & L Nolan	BEK	147.30	11
Mary O'Hare	Mac	156.20	10

M 19

J F Walsh	UCDO	98
F Barry	UCDO	107.08

M 43

P Walsh	Set O	72.40	
P Purcell	CO	88.30	
M Ahern M35	3 ROC	102.05	
J Caffrey	Set O	152.20	

M 17

B Cryan	UCDO	48.02	
F Moran	DLSO	63	
Dillon/Gorman		144	

M 15

W McAuliffe	DLSO	59	20
B Butler	DLSO	62.30	19
J Meehan	DLSO	72.10	18
E Casey	DLSO	75	17
S Clune	DLSO	93	15
D Hurley	DLSO	95	14
S Doorly	GEN	121.15	9

W 17

J Shiel	Mac	86.30

W15

Maire Ni Cholsain		108.30
C'Cooke	MBO	135.05

BEGINNERS E COURSE

2.8 Kms 11Cm

Thomas Murray	UCD	57.35
Const. O Keane	UCD	58.25
Thos O Leary	UCD	58.25
Brendan Ryan	UCD	70.30
Felicity Sauter	UCD	70.34
Margaret Fitzsimons	UCD	70.38
Stephen T Walsh	Set	74
Mary Coakley and Marie McCathy		77.5
Rowland Smyth		78
Mary, Anita, Marie		80
Brendan McMahon	UCD	81.3
G & S Fitgerald		89
Gillespie family	UCD	89.4
ÉCoffey	UCD	94.5
John Mac Menamin	94.58	
Nicholas Kearns	Set	95.1
S Harsany		95.1
Brian Porter, company		97.5
Carolan Family		99
Conor and Helen Downing		101.45
Declan C'Keefe		113.2
Aine O meara	UCD	119
S Sheehy	UCD	120.3
A Deignam		120.5
Angela & Norma	UCD	120
McCummins & Co		135
Gerard Shiel	Mactire	143.05
Conor	DLSO	148
Tony Kelly	DLSO	151
John Kelly	DLSO	151.3
Dermot Keogh	DLSO	152
Michael Gorden	DLSO	153.05
Peter Mansfield	DLSO	154.03
C Clarke		174
Ken Murphy		

Wrong Punch

B Maloney & Guirke	CO
N Bohan	CO

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY ORIENTEERS CRONE WOOD, 30th October, 1977

A, Course M21A, M19, M35 6.2km, 500m (1,500 ft.)
19 controls.

M21A

			Time	Ranking
1.	Declan O'Callaghan	SET	60.35	110
2.	Niall Rice	SET	70.15	95½
3.	Tom McCormack	GEN	75.30	88
4.	Robert Garrett	MAC	86.35	71
5.	John McCullough	3ROC	89.40	66½
6.	Joe Ryan	GEN	104.45	44½
7.	John Ryan	SET	118.45	24
8.	M.J. Kavanagh	SET	135.45	
9.	David Quinn	GEN	141.30	

P.H. Ryan GEN, 12 Controls
Ed Gaffney SET, 11 Controls
P. Dunne DUO, 9 Controls

M19

1. Garth Herdman DUO 76.00 (87)
2. Ronan Cleary 3ROC 82.30 (77½)
Tommy Caffrey SET 10 controls

M35

1. Aubrey Flegg SET 71.10 (94)
Mike Lunt GEN 11 controls

B Course W19A, W35, M43, M21B 4.8km. 330m (1,000 ft).

M21B

1.	John Murray	73.50.	20
2.	N. Finlay	78.00	19
3.	P. Nevin (?)	83.55	18
4.	B. Concannon	86.30	17
5.	Neil Daly (M19)	114.30	12
6.	Brendan Ryan (M19)	174.10	3

M43

1. P. Walsh 89.50
J.H. Newman card disintegrated

W19A

1. Win Delanry GEN 94.10
2. R. Aslaksen RCSI 96.50

W35

1. Diana Large

C Course W17, W19B, M50, M15 OPEN 2.2km. 230m (700ft).

OPEN

1.	Michael McAuliffe	UCDO	39.20
2.	Nuala Cooke, B. Murray	UCDO	54.15
3.	Alan Balfe	UCDO	59.10
4.	Liam Keegan	DUO	61.30
5.	J. Doorly (M43)	GEN	72.05
6.	G. Smith (?) B of I		88.00
7.	Ken Patterson, Tom Mahon	UCDO	88.30
8.	Markey		92.05
9.	Peter Stephens	3ROC	96.45
10.	Gordon Allen		108.25
11.	Phil Dardis, Valerie Tyrrell	UCDO	109.40
12.	Conor Mulready	UCDO	110.20
13.	T. Skjefle, P. Schmidt	RCSI	119.50
14.	Mary Collins, Jim Coleman	RCSI	120.25

W17

Jane Shiel 46.40

M50

John Caffrey SET 93.30

C Course Ctd.

W19B		Time	Ranking
1.	Rosemary Doorly (W35)	GEN 46.50	20
2.	Frances O'Halloran J. Moloney	3ROC 80.45	13
3.	Virginia Davis	GEN 81.30	12
4.	Yvonne Doyle, Linda Fullam	109.20	6
5.	B. Wall	UCDO113.40	5

M15			
1.	B. Connell	DLSO 36.35	20
2.	B. Butler	DLSO 37.00	19
3.	J. Kneeshaw	DLSO 37.30	19
4.	K. Walsh	SET 48.05	15
5.	P. Swords	57.00	13
	B. Porter	Dalkey Sea	
	M. Cummins	Scouts	
6.	S.R. Doorly	GEN 75.40	8
7.	T. Cummins A. Deignan P. Swords	DSS119.45 DSS 1 control	

D. Course W13, OPEN 1.8km. 100 m (300ft).

OPEN			
1.	M. Crowe, B. McMahon B. Phelan	UCD	41.45
2.	R. Bryson		50.30
3.	McLoughlin		56.00
4.	Katherine, John, J.B.; Gillespie (??)		63.00
5.	Edra Corcoran, MD...? N. O'Byrne	UCD	66.25
6.	Joan Opolebeeck		70.30
7.	Damien?		72.30
8.	Maire McCarthy David Larkin	UCD	94.55

W13		
1.	Roxanne White	MAC 23.05
2.	Ruth Williams	SET 27.35
3.	M. Newman	GEN 56.45

E. Course Wayfarers, non-competitive beginners 2.3km. 130m (500ft).

1.	Jonathen Burgess, John Lumley	GEN	60.00
2.	Maeve O'Higgins, Cecilia Fearon Dave Keehan, Paul Moloney		98.45
3.	Stephen Hannon ?		99.00 (?)
4.	David Moore	GEN	99.30
5.	Clare Forrest, Jonathen Ryan		100.30
6.	Heather Davis (W15)		102.30
7.	Blaire and Juliette Fisher	GEN	103.30
8.	Doreen Lumley	GEN	111.20
9.	Mary Heapes	UCDO	120
10.	Edel Altman, Margaret Ayres	UCDO	122
11.	The Mullens, MAC 4 controls, Hannon 4 controls.		

I would like to thank everybody who came along on the latest and worst hit in a series of weather affected events this season. We had a very high finishing rate, due in part to the short courses, of above 90%. The shortness of the courses was due to the steepness of the area, and to my aversion to bringing people through fight or walk or into the open. The rain caused some problems for the organisation, by far the worst being the state of some of the returned cards. In 2 cases the time was obliterated, but in far too many cases the handwriting was illegible. Any doctor would have been proud of some of the scrawling that we got. On the competitive side it was disappointing to see so many classes empty or nearly empty, especially as some good times were recorded, like in the W13, M19 and M35. I would also like to thank my helpers on the day, without whom this event would not have been possible (Liz Hattie, Robbie Turley and Aidan Clarke).

Eoin Rothery.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Across		Down	
1.	Reentrant	1.	Relay
8.	SO	2.	Elitist
9.	Setanta	3.	Terrain
10.	Attire	4.	Nsew
12.	IOA	5.	Tot
13.	3ROC	6.	Juniors
14.	Pit	7.	Crag
15.	Night	11.	IO
18.	SET	14.	Punch
20.	LOK	16.	Gully
23.	MOC	17.	Token
24.	Controlled	19.	Path
25.	Yen	21.	Ole
26.	DLS	22.	Ticks

THERE WAS A YOUNG MAN FROM SETANTA,
WHO HUNG UP HIS STOCKINGS FOR SANTA,
HE HOPED TO GET BEER
BUT AS CHRISTMAS DREW NEAR
HE KNEW ALL HE COULD HOPE FOR WAS FANT

NIGHT EVENT, DALKEY 18/11/77

	COURSE	A			B		
1	J Murray	Mac	1.03 .00	1	J Walsh	UCDC	39.00
2	J McCullough	3 Roc	1.08.55	2	M Walsh & Friend	3 Roc	42.45
3	E Mcardle	UCDO	1.09.10	3	T McGrath	3 Roc	43.30
4	G Bowie	UCDO	1.10.20	4	J McLoughlin	–	47.00
5	N Daly	UCDO	1.10.45	5	B Flanagan	3 Roc	48.45
6	R Cleary	3 Roc	1.13.20	6	U Cregan	Set	48.47
7	J Lumley	GEN	1.14.00	7	C Murtagh	Set	49.30
8	P Flanagan	3 Roc	1.17.00	8	B McGrath	3 Roc	50.00
9	B Cregan	3 Roc	1.21.30		V Davis	GEN	50.00
10	C O Keane and B Barry	UCDO	1.50.15	9	S Cawley	3 Roc	54.00
					S Hannon	GEN	54.00
11	B McMahon M Crowe	UCDO	2.48.00	10	B Phelan	UCDO	55.00
				11	K McGrath	UCDO	58.00
				12	M Molloy & D Austin	–	1.07.00
				13	P Stephens	3 Roc	1.08.00
				14	O Leary	–	1.13.20
				15	M Murphy & V Shaughnessy	Set	1.40.40

LOC NEWSLETTER

COPY FOR NEXT ISSUE TO BE RECEIVED BEFORE FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, '78.
ALL ARTICLES, RESULTS ETC. TO THE COMPILER,
BRENDAN McGRATH, 48 CLONARD DRIVE, DUBLIN 14.