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It Begins At Home

One of the three threats to Irish orienteering mentioned by outgoing IOA Chairman Bernard Creedon at the recent AGM was falling numbers. Some of the problem may be due to the poor course planning and too frequently encountered misplaced controls: are you willing to spend a weekend away from home to run at en event of unknown quality? Some people try orienteering for a few years and move on to other activities. The problem is, these are not being replaced.

It isn't good enough to say "That's the IOA's problem: let them deal with it". The point is, it's not the IOA Executive's problem: it's ours. We, the ordinary orienteers, ***are*** the IOA. We all have a role to play. The IOA officers, no matter how hard they work, can't operate without our support. It's on our behalf that they are spending their time and money or promoting and administering orienteering. Sure, they do it voluntarily, and perhaps you didn't ask them to take on the jobs they are doing, but just think what would happen if they stopped doing it: no co-ordinated fixtures, no TIO, no government grants, no participation in World Championships ... It requires dedication and sacrifice: I'd rather be out in the fresh air than in here typing this. The same is true for all the voluntary officers at club, region and national levels. You can help them.

When it comes to promoting orienteering, don't just leave it to the IOA Secretary and PRO. Bombard your local newspaper, scout troop, schools, sports centres and libraries with information: orienteering is an invisible sport. We are all ambassadors for orienteering: we have all benefited from it and we should be prepared to put something back It starts with you.

Something else which began at home is the **Shamrock O-Ringen.** This year marks its fourth staging on the last weekend in June in west Cork. In the past the number of competitors from abroad has been very encouraging. What is surprising is that the number of Irish entrants is so low. This year we may well be outnumbered by visitors. Why? With top class orienteering on our own doorsteps we should all be there. Orienteers come from Britain, France, Scandinavia, Italy and Switzerland to run in west Cork, yet we don't see many of the familiar faces there. Perhaps it's the fact that it is in Ireland ("Sure, it can't be any good ...) that's the problem. Forget all that. It's excellent orienteering. It's accessible. You're sure to enjoy it. And they speak the language (almost!). You're still in time to enter. See you there.

POSTAL DISPUTE

The dispute which has been going on at the central sorting office in Dublin for the past couple of weeks means that a lot of raw material for this issue of TIO has not appeared. It will also mean that delivery of TIO to you may be delayed.

NEWS OF EVENTS

Following the voiding of several courses at the 1991 Munster Championships at Muckross, Killarney last December the Munster Orienteering Council arranged to re-run the affected classes at the Munster League event at Glenbeigh, Co. Kerry on May 3rd. All those who were affected were offered free runs with pre-marked maps but only about 30 of the 58 eligible chose to avail of the facility. For the record the prizewinners in the affected classes were: W17 Faye Pinker (CorkO); W45 Sue Pim (WATO); M15 Conor Creedon (CorkO), David O'Connor (CorkO), Keith Lynch (KO); M50 Alan Shaw (ThO); M45 Bernard Creedon (CorkO), Ted Feehan (BVOC), Donal Burke (LeeO); M35 Kevin O'Dwyer (SO), Ted Lucey (CorkO); M21B John Muckian (CorkO), Philip Brennan (SET), Donal O'Donovan (CorkO); M21A Marcus Pinker (CorkO), John Casey (UCCO), Sean Cotter (CorkO).

The 1992 Leinster Schools Championships planned for May 3rd was abandoned after the competition was absorbed into the Irish Schools' Championships run a month earlier at Ballydrehid, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. Next year's Irish Schools' Championships will be in Leinster.

The Scottish Championships on May 23/24 have run into problems with the relay area, Inshriach, near Aviemore. The owners of the estate have made what the organisers consider exorbitant demands for payment for land use and the competition has been switched to Anagach as a result. The individual event is at Darnaway near Forres, where the 1976 World Championships individual event was run. Entries closed on April 25th but you might try your powers of persuasion on Colin Buxton, 5A Quarry Road, Lossiemouth, Moray, IV31 6ND, Scotland. There's some entry on the day but the Champs are strictly pre-entry (STG£6.00/2.50, relays STG£15/7.50).

Waterford Orienteers cancelled the Munster Sprint Championships on the sand dunes at Tramore on May 9th, the day before the Munster Individual Championships (1992).

NAILS IN TREES

It's several years since we had a reminder about nails in trees. Just in case you don't know, you should never attach signs, control markers or other paraphernalia to trees by means of nails. When it comes to felling time a chainsaw or a sawmill blade in contact with a nail could cause serious injury to forestry or sawmill workers. For this reason you must never put nails in trees: if you want to attach something, use string. Several controls were observed in recent months in the Phoenix Park attached to trees and walls with substantial nails: the body who organised the "map walk" concerned were notified but still failed to remove all the markers. This can cause problems later for other orienteers to get permission to use areas. Remember, safety first.

MAP BITS

Nobody got all the answers right in the Map Bits competition in TIO 57 but Justin May (3ROC) had 7 right out of 10. The correct answers were: page 5- Woodlawn, Co. Galway (is there another map with a railway station on it?); page 9- Pine Forest, Co. Dublin (the distinctive banana-shaped car park); page 15- the graveyard at Portmarnock, Co. Dublin and Garrynacladdy from the map of Cashel on Achill Island, Co. Mayo; page 22- The Raven, Curracloe, Co. Wexford; page 30- the "98" spot height from Saleen and Rostellan, Co. Cork; the strange circular road from Aghrane Wood, Ballygar, Co. Galway; the zig-zags up by Poulanass Waterfall at Glendalough, Co. Wicklow; the papal Cross from the Phoenix Park in Dublin and the pitted area from Hairy Man's Brook (Stranahely) in the Glen of Imaal, Co. Wicklow.

A £10 book token is on its way to Justin. Thanks to all who entered the competition: better luck next time!

TABLES TURNED

The flow of orienteers going training on complex terrain has traditionally been out of Ireland but Brendan Bolland of Merseyside Orienteering Club is hoping to reverse the trend. Brendan, a BOF coach and a member of a well-known O-family, is running a personal performance course for club orienteers in Kerry in the week before the Shamrock O-Ringen at the end of June. Brendan is offering 20 places at STG£195 per person, including 8 nights full board and entry to the O-Ringen, but not travel to Glenbeigh where the course will be based. Brendan, incidentally, won the Polaris Mountain Bike Challenge (a two-day mountain bike marathon) in 1991 with his brother. His sister Clare was on the British World Championships team last year, and the family are a familiar sight at major events in Ireland.

Odds 'n' Ends 'n' Odds ...

Ray Finlay of Fermanagh Orienteers, Manager of Gortatole Outdoor Education Centre near Florencecourt, was reportedly one of a Duke of Edinburgh Award party from Northern Ireland who cleaned up the base camp area at Gangotri in the Garwhal Himalaya. Where next? Perhaps other O-clubs would take a leaf from 3ROC's book: last September they spent a day cleaning up rubbish from Three Rock Wood, but there's scope for more clean-ups: many forests are in a disgraceful state, though the orienteers are noted for their lack of litter.

On Saturday April 11th the Times crossword had the following clue: "Sport in which East repeatedly dominates arena (12)". The solution? "Orienteering", of course! (If you don't get it, talk to someone who does cryptic crosswords...)

"Gauntlet" is a new assault and obstacle course located beside the Glenview Hotel at the Glen of the Downs in Co. Wicklow. There are three levels: green (600m/12 obstacles), orange 900m/18 obstacles) and red (1500m/30 obstacles). Course records have been set by members of the Irish Army pentathlon team. Entry costs £3 for juniors and £5 for adults and sessions last 2-3 hours, including warm-up tuition and showers afterwards. The course is open at weekends with sessions at 11.00, 1.00 and 3.00 pm. Just the thing for a relaxing O-club outing, or a warm-down after that competition! Details from 01-2819009.

If you want to see how you did at the 3rd Leinster League event at Trooperstown on November 3rd last, contact the organisers, GEN. The results were included in the Leinster League calculations but were never published. If the clamour from angry competitors is sufficient they may appear in TIO: better late than never!

WOC 93

The 1993 World Championships will be in upstate New York from October 9 to 14th. The event centre (center?) will be at West Point military academy, a in an area with several very high quality O-maps and terrain. The terrain chosen for the Championships is described as "technically interesting" with the remains of glacial activity much in evidence: rocks and alluvial deposits being common. The ground is rocky with many hills and much undergrowth, particularly the virtually impenetrable mountain laurel, something like rhododendron.

Some Irish squad members are understood to be travelling to the USA this summer to run in the World Cup events and get some experience of the maps and terrain in the north east USA prior to the WOC next year.

WORLD CUP 1992

In the years between World Championships the IOF organises a World Cup competition with a series of events in different countries grouped together in space and time. The 1992

series is:

May 9 Sweden: Hagaby, Orebro.

May 13 Finland: Helsinki

May16 CIS: Leningrad

August 16 Hungary: Pecs

August 20 Austria: Bärnkopf

August 23 Italy: Feltre

October 3 Canada: Toronto

October 10 USA: Boston

It should be noted that all these competitions are closed events: you can't just turn up on the day. To run in a World Cup race you must be a member of a club affiliated to IOA/NIOA and have a nomination from IOA to run representing Ireland in the race.

THE IRISH ORIENTEER TROPHY

Congratulations to Cork orienteers who won the 1991 Irish Orienteer Trophy competition run in conjunction with the Irish Championships in Co. Galway. The final score (based on preliminary results) was CorkO 133, 3ROC 119, LVO 109.5. Points were awarded by course, irrespective of age class, with 9 for first, 8 for second and so on, and three from each club to count. Each club's best 6 course scores were then added up to give the final result. Cork scored maximum points (24) on two courses and LVO on two. 3ROC were a bit more consistent and edged LVO out in the end. For the record the scores were (in order Cork, 3ROC, LVO) - A: **18**, **20**, 4; B: 0, 15, **24**; C: **22**, **17**, 3; D: 17, 13, 0; E: 13, 7, zzB; F: **22**, 8, **15**; G: 3, **18**, **21**; H: **24**, 11.5, **9.5**; I: 0, **22**, 8; J: **23**, 0, **16**; K: **24**, 0, 0; L: 16, **22**, 4; M: 9, **20**, 6.

The Leinster round featuring 3ROC, Fingal and GEN was run at Carrick Mountain in Wicklow on May 17th.

Following the pointers in TIO 57 about results processing for TIO matches, LVO's Alan Gartside writes: "I am indeed honoured to have been associated with your recommended method of identifying TIO scorers amongst the stubs on the results line. Your description would indicate that you are familiar with the mark 1 method; we have now moved on to mark 2 whereby the use of wool has been dropped in favour of different-coloured clothes pegs for each club with three of the 18 being slightly different, eg red and pink or blue and purple, in order to separately identify the Team A and B results on the Brown course. The use of pegs provides stability to the results line, especially in breezy conditions, and allows for easy relocation of pegs should a new time be posted which comes into the reckoning.

That LVO are at the forefront of such technological innovation is probably due to our additional exposure to the situation for we have an internal competition whereby we kick off the Spring season with a TIO-like competition between our three Groups. These, roughly geographic, Groups exist to distribute the load of event organisation (LVO ran 19 competitive events, plus 19 training and social events, plus indoor training, last year) and generate quite a lot of healthy competition in the staging of their designated events. This spills over to the Inter-Group Trophy in which the winning of the prize far outpaces its value - traditionally a tin of Roses chocolates!"

1992 Draw

The draw for the 1992 competition was held as promised at the Leinster Championships. The results were as follows:

Leinster - 3ROC v FIN v GEN;

Ulster - FermO v LVO;

Munster - WatO v LeeO; CorkO v BVOC.

The Leinster round was held at Carrick Mountain on May 17th where 3ROC beat GEN by approximately 55 to 35, Fingal having withdrawn from the match at the last moment, having suggested that it be run off at that event. (Final results are not yet available). Unfortunately none of the other Leinster clubs entered the competition in time.

1992 IRISH CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

Yet another nail-biting finish to an Irish Championships: was Bill Edwards time by his own watch right, or had John Feehan slipped in ahead in the Elite class? After a lengthy wait it appeared that Bill had held on to win by 1 second from the prodigious UCCO and BVOC M19 Feehan, adding another Irish Championships to his string of successes, while in the women's Elite Una Creagh took her second Irish title.

Close finishes were rare enough, however, with running conditions difficult on courses which weren't navigationally over-taxing. The main challenge of the day was the westerly gale blowing across the open mountainside of Mámclochalún, near Cornamona in Co. Galway. An area which (we were assured by a local resident) was usually very dry underfoot had turned into a slippery morass in many places and, with scarcely a tree to be seen, offered no respite from the high winds.

Several features of the Championships were very praiseworthy: the provision of good parking and warm food at the Individual event, T-shirts for collectors of O-memorabilia, two new maps in previously no-O areas, the revision of the relay classes to ensure that women could run in all classes. Certain other aspects of the event did, however, leave some room for improvement.

A ridge dropping from north west to south east with open mountain on the upper slopes and rough pasture bounded by old walls lower down, the competition terrain had potential for reasonable orienteering and that is what we got, by and large. The map was surveyed last autumn largely by a party of Latvian orienteers, drawn on a computer, using the increasingly popular O-CAD program, by Western Eagles' John Walshe, and emerged clean and tidy as one would expect. A run around the area raised some questions about its accuracy and consistency, however, and both the weekend's maps bore the signs of rushed survey and inadequate checking, the bugbears of orienteering maps worldwide when produced with limited manpower and limited time. One peculiarity of the map was the absence of index contours, an oversight which for me made the visualisation of land shapes difficult. The contours had a strange angular look, while walls had a disconcerting habit of transforming into earthbanks and back again without warning. The use of the IOF symbol for built up areas to indicate thick vegetation is a novel idea, while the absence of a legend made it difficult for less confident competitors to verify what their map was telling them. On the positive side a 1:7500 scale map was produced for the most junior classes, which is one advantage of the computer.

It was clear that the organisers had good contacts in the local community, having negotiated parking and shelter in a nearby knitwear factory, and magnificent soup, sandwiches and home produce were on sale: it's a pity we didn't know this beforehand or we could have given the effort more support. This building provided power for the computerised results service which completely failed to deliver the goods, whether due to manpower shortages or other reasons wasn't clear. What was clear, however, was that the Connacht orienteers, while they obviously put many hours of work into the event, haven't completely grasped the implications of running the Irish Championships. It's not just another event, it's the pinnacle of the orienteering year. Clearly manpower shortages are acute in the region, especially of experienced people.

The event centre, the Warwick Hotel in Salthill, reminiscent of hotels in Czechoslovakia, was the venue for the IOA Annual General Meeting that afternoon (there's a separate report) and for the prizegiving on Saturday night, with a disco attached.

Next day the Relays were run at Kilcornan, near Clarinbridge on a mixed area of forest and farmland: another O-CAD venture by John Walshe. Once again the map was well drawn and printed even if the survey again bore the hallmarks of haste and inconsistency. The one piece of information lacking from the event programme was the fact that the entire forest was a boulder field! Heavy showers and strong winds had waiting runners sprinting for cover in the exposed changeover area, while the absence of any commentary or results capable of keeping track of the progress of the race rapidly killed off any interest spectators may have had. Once again the prizegiving (which took most competitors unawares, half an hour early and in a different place to what we thought) proved to be a minefield for the unwary, with confusion as to the winners of at least the womens open (eventually 3ROC). NWOC again took the Men's Open class.

In summary, then, the team running the events got the important things right: the controls were in the right place, the control codes were right, the courses were acceptable: considering the few active orienteers available in Connacht the ability to produce two new maps for an Irish Championships is a considerable achievement. While there were undoubtedly shortcomings, these were more of an administrative and organisational nature, in keeping with the long tradition of Connacht championship events, and we all owe the orienteers in the west a debt of gratitude. It is difficult to be objective about the event, following as it did only a week after the JK and thus inviting comparison. Another record was broken this weekend: it must be the first time in living memory that a Championships was staged in Connacht without the complete involvement of Frank Ryan, the mainstay of orienteering in the province for many years.

John McCullough.

IRISH CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

A course 11.5 km/395 m climb

M21E

1	Bill Edwards	CorkO	77.18
2	John Feehan	BVOC	77.19
3	James Logue	NWOC	78.32

B course 10.7 km/375 m

M21AL

1	Brian McBurney	LVO	84.40
2	Andrew Stott	LVO	91.55
3	Alan Young	KSO	92.54

C course 8.2 km/265m

M19

1	Marcus Pinker	CorkO	62.39
2	David Ryan	BVOC	68.55
3	Brian Creedon	CorkO	73.29

W21E

1	Una Creagh	3ROC	75.10
	Jennifer Leonard	UNOC	76.11
2	Julie Cleary	3ROC	80.32
3	Eileen Loughman	CNOC	82.11

M35

1	Pat Healy	CNOC	74.42
2	Brian Bell	GEN	75.12
3	John McCullough	3ROC	77.24

D course 7.2 km/250m

M21AS

1	Marcus Geoghegan	AJAX	63.30
2	Leo Donovan	AJAX	65.27
3	J. Ryan	CNOC	67.03

E course 7.1 km/235m

M17

1	David Hollinger	LVO	51.54
2	Aiden Kelleher	CorkO	62.28
3	Seán Corcoran	CorkO	71.25

W21AL

1	Lisa Honkasaari	WATO	80.37
2	Miriam Ní Choitir	CorkO	86.15
3	Mary Curran	CorkO	94.03

M40

1	Seán McSweeney	BVOC	52.02
2	Billy O'Neill	CNOC	57.47
3	Wilbert Hollinger	LVO	59.25

F course 5.9 km/205m

M45

1	Seán Cotter	CorkO	51.21
2	Ernie Wilson	LVO	57.09
3	Bernard Creedon	CorkO	57.10

M50

1	Maxwell Reed	FermO	53.06
2	Ted Feehan	BVOC	59.09
3	Paget McCormack	GEN	61.35

G course 5.5 km/185m

W21AS

1	Ruth Blair	NWOC	65.56
2	Nora Lee	3ROC	69.55
3	Vibse Sorensen	KSO	73.17

W35

1	Mary Healy	GEN	54.58
2	Gillian Stott	LVO	56.56
3	Jane Watt	GEN	59.45

W40

1	Teresa Finlay	FermO	59.10
2	Maura Thornhill	GEN	62.48
3	Monica Nowlan	3ROC	65.50

H course 4.8 km/205m

M15

1	Patrick Feehan	BVOC	37.58
2	Declan McDevitt	NWOC	41.23
	Shane O'Neill	DLSO	43.19
3	David O'Connor	CorkO	43.36

W17

1	Miriam Feehan	BVOC	51.06
2	Bríd Higgins	LeeO	54.22
3	Sheila Convery	3ROC	56.56

W45

1	Carmel Feehan	BVOC	59.41
2	Sue Pim	WATO	63.10
3	Trina Cleary	3ROC	65.12

M55

1	Colin Dunlop	SET	51.47
2	Noel Bogle	NWOC	62.25
3	Freddie McCann	LVO	63.23
	Liam Convery	3ROC	63.23

I course 4.3 km/170m

W50

1	Hazel Convery	3ROC	53.56
2	Clare Nuttall	LeeO	57.09
3	Maure Higgins	SET	79.06

W55

1	Diana Large	GEN	58.11
2	Faith White	SET	72.07

M60

1	Fred Calnan	CorkO	51.58
2	Sven Kulldorff	SET	57.15
3	Norman Ervine	LVO	59.57

J course 4.1 km/135m

M13

1	Alan de Lacy	ECO	39.54
2	Conor Barry	CorkO	45.20
3	Timothy Pentland	LVO	46.04

W15

1	Joanne Mein	NWOC	45.27
2	Mary O'Connor	CorkO	45.40
3	Marianne Hutchinson	CorkO	47.15

K course 3.2 km/160m

W13

1	Deirdre Creedon	CorkO	36.41
2	Nora Feehan	BVOC	42.55
3	Anne Feehan	BVOC	45.42

W21C

1	Mary McCarthy	Corko	92.27

M21C

1	Eugene Sheridan	WEO	32.55
2	David O'Donovan	CorkO	33.59
3	Clint Taylor	LKOC	45.25

L course 2.3 km/120m

W11

1	Pamela Flanagan	3ROC	35.18
2	Ruth Mein	NWOC	40.15
3	Elina O'Neill	3ROC	46.02

M11

1	Alan Bogle	NWOC	27.00
2	Luke C-Crawford	3ROC	27.18
3	Darren Burke	CorkO	29.23

M course 1.8 km/125m

W10

1	Aisling Walsh	3ROC	52.32

M10

1	Rory Finlay	FermO	28.11
2	Jonathan Lucey	CorkO	47.27
3	Niall Walsh	3ROC	48.00

RELAYS:

No relay results are available yet but it is thought that NWOC won the Open class and 3ROC took 1st and 2nd places in the Women's Open.

Injuries Compensation

David Rowe reviews the situation regarding landowner's liability in Ireland: a factor in gaining land access for orienteering and other outdoor activities.

Under Irish case law there is a *risk* that a landowner may be held liable for personal injuries suffered by any person using his land, irrespective of whether the owner was aware that the land was being used, whether he gave permission for its use, or whether he was really negligent. This creates a ridiculous situation and it is hardly surprising that landowners - farmers, Coillte or whoever - have become exceedingly cautious. Many lands are being cut off from use by sportsmen or nature lovers. For example, I understand that the completion of the long distance footpath, the Dublin Way, has been indefinitely delayed because of this factor, and the Long Distance Walks Committee of Cospoir is having similar difficulties all over the country. Where use is permitted, insurance premiums are high.

It would be easy to amend the law. Fine Gael has a Bill in draft for the purpose but I suppose it has low legislative priority. It can become high if there is enough lobbying. Primarily what is required is a clear definition that if a person uses another person's land, he does so at his own risk, unless (a) permission for the land use has been given, or (b) though no permission has been given, the landowner should be expected to know that there is likely usage (e.g. rights of way) and (c) the owner has been grossly negligent. For example, if permission has been given for a camping site for scouts near an old mine shaft, and the mine shaft has not been properly protected, then the owner should be liable; but if no permission has been given, and if the owner has no particular reason for expecting public usage, then he should not be liable. But if permission is given for climbers to use a dangerous cliff and a climber, knowing full well the risk, falls and breaks his leg, then no liability should fall on the owner.

The law in England is much clearer and could be used as a precedent. It must be pretty clear, too, on much of the Continent, where there are ski-slopes, and high level paths, and climbers' enormous cliff faces. Here, everybody's interest - the farmer, the landowner, the sportsman or woman, the nature lover, the rambler - would be well served if the law was changed.

(At a meeting in April, after David's article was written, the Minister gave an undertaking that new legislation would be introduced by the end of 1993. Nonetheless, a resolution passed at the IOA AGM obliges IOA to contact the relevant Minister(s) to reform the law in this area without delay)

IHRA NO MORE

TIO brings the sad news that the Irish Hill Running Association is no more. All is not lost, however: in its place we have the Irish Mountain Racing Association, with stylish new blue T-shirts and a full fixture list. Although the IMRA is just a handful of people (notably Douglas Barry, Peadar Dempsey and Mark Caslin) they have been attracting good crowds to their recent races.

Some changes have occurred in the list of fixtures in the last TIO, so here are the forthcoming races:

May 27 Corrin Hill (Fermoy) & Sugarloaf.
May 31 Djouce/Maulin
June 3 Seahan
June 10 Fairy Chase (Lamb Doyle's)
June 13 Knockdhu
June 14 Carrauntoohil
June 17 Hell Fire relay
June 20 Lug Relay
June 24 Sugarloaf (down only)
June 28 Galtees

Douglas Barry (01-2868180) after 7 pm.

Map Drawing with the Aid of a Computer

The computer as a tool in the production of maps has come of age in Ireland. The map for the Irish Championships last month was produced on computer by John Walshe, the new Dunboy map for the Shamrock O-Ringen has similarly been computer-drawn by Sean Cotter, while other maps have been drawn on computer by Pat Healy in the Curragh.

The program used by all these people is O-CAD (Orienteering computer-aided design) written by Swiss orienteer Hans Steinegger specifically for orienteering maps. Version 3 of the program is now available and is well on its way to being an ideal tool. Earlier versions raised questions regarding size of map and complexity, but these have all been overcome as well as extending the range of functions available. The maximum size of the survey is 60cm x 42cm (A2) but larger areas can be accommodated by "tiling". The hardware necessary to use the program is a digitising tablet and an IBM PC compatible computer. Virtually any make of printer can be accommodated for test prints. The final colour separations are written in "Postscript" format which can be converted at a bureau onto film positive from which the printer makes his plates as usual.

The map is "drawn" as usual using a crosshair or light pen to trace out roads, contours, etc., while point features are "picked up" from a menu and placed where necessary. Learning time is short and steps are mostly self-evident.

The advantages of this method are so many that it should become the standard method of producing maps in the future. These include: no ink, so no worry about grease or smudging; corrections are simple and hence any reprint additions are simple to do; maps can be enlarged or reduced as necessary for a particular competition; scale change is simple to make; there's no sticking on of letraset; the survey can be transferred directly to computer as the survey proceeds. The disk can be given to different people to do different parts of the drawing. Test prints (even in full colour) can be made and any additions or corrections done. Harveys can even supply photogrammetry on disk in a suitable form for editing by O-CAD ... !

The disadvantages are mainly due to attitude!

The alternative system, and the one used by the professionals (Harveys) is the Adobe Illustrator program, a scanned input and an Apple Mac computer. This system costs several times more than the O-CAD one and with the recent improvements in O-CAD the reasons for choosing the other are disappearing. The main complaint relating to O-CAD is the speed of the edit function which should not affect amateurs like ourselves.

What does it cost?

The O-CAD program cost is IR£150 which makes you a registered user and entitles you to updates: it's a bargain in computer software. The cost of the computer and digitiser is up to you. A computer with at least a 386SX processor is recommended, costing around IR£1800, but these can be obtained for much less, depending on offers etc. The digitising tablet can be as cheap as £120 from the UK or more typically £500 in Ireland. An A4 size tablet will do for any size map (you re-adjust your map for each section)but the A3-size tablet CorkO have on loan is luxury. The cost for conversion of the data onto film is about IR£10 per A4 page per colour.

For more information or examples of the output see myself or any of the people mentioned above.

Brian Corbett,
IOA Mapping Officer.

SENIOR SELECTION

Elite Squad

As a first step in the preparation for WOC 93 in USA the Irish Squad will be formed of two elements:

"B" Squad those competitors with potential for improvement or with aspirations to "A" status. B squad members will be involved in squad training activities.

"A" Squad those competitors who consistently perform well, on elite courses, within limits to be set by the Selection Committee. These limits will be quoted as a percentage of the winning times and may well be different between Irish and GB events (to reflect the differing performance standards) and between men and women (to reflect the differing closeness of competition for places between the two sexes). Members of the A Squad will form the pool from which Irish team places will be selected.

The limits and the selection events will be announced in the near future.

It should be noted that elite class winning times are expected to be 90 minutes for men and 70 minutes for women; the selectors may ignore events which, while originally considered for selection purposes, produce winning times less than this. After all, World Champs times will be longer!

Those aspiring to Squad status should note that a training camp is being arranged in late July/ early August in Czechoslovakia, to take in the Hungarian and Swiss World Cup races. Please contact Manager Paddy O'Brien (01-933059) for details and to confirm availability.

Home Internationals

The 1992 Home Internationals (Senior 17/18 October in Scotland, Veteran 14/15 November at Rostrevor, Co. Down) will be subject to selection on known form, with particular emphasis on IOC 92, the 1992 Provincial Championships and the Shamrock O-Ringen.

Letters will be issuing shortly to (broadly) potential panel members asking for confirmation of availability. If you consider yourself as a potential team member and have not received a letter by the end of May (assuming the Dublin postal dispute is settled) please contact Alan Gartside with details of your class and those events which you feel merit consideration.

Elite Squad members should note that, although the team places are restricted to 5 M21 and 4 W21, the Senior Home International event will be considered as an all-squad selection event.

The make up of the Home International teams is:

SHI	4 M19	3 W19
	5 M21	4 W21
	5 M35	4 W35
VHI	2 M40	2 W40
	2 M45	2 W45 on M/W 40 course
	2 M50	2 W50
	2 M55	2 W55 on M/W 50 course
	2 M60+	2 W60+

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(This information comes from the FIOA Selectors).

EASTER IN THE LAKES

As promised, this year's Jan Kjellstrom Trophy weekend lived up to expectations. Four days orienteering in complex terrain in the English Lake District with four and a half thousand other orienteers: what more could you ask for Easter? The same area, Bigland Estate near Newby Bridge at the southern end of Windermere, was used for the three races while a small forest at Cartmel was the venue for the training event on Good Friday: unfortunately, bad weather and low tides at Holyhead meant that some parties missed this final opportunity to get injured and get our gear all muddy.

A considerable number of Irish competitors travelled for the competition, lured by the prospect of testing courses and Britain's premier orienteering event. The terrain was runnable deciduous forest and complex open moorland with scattered birch woodland. As usual, veteran and junior classes had a 1:10 000 scale map while the rest had a 1:15 000 scale: the maps (by Stirling Surveys) were the picture of clarity. Course lengths varied from 2.2 km with 40 metres climb for W10's to 15.0 km with 640 metres climb for M21 Elites on Day 1 (on Day 2 the M21E's had a whopping 730 m climb!).

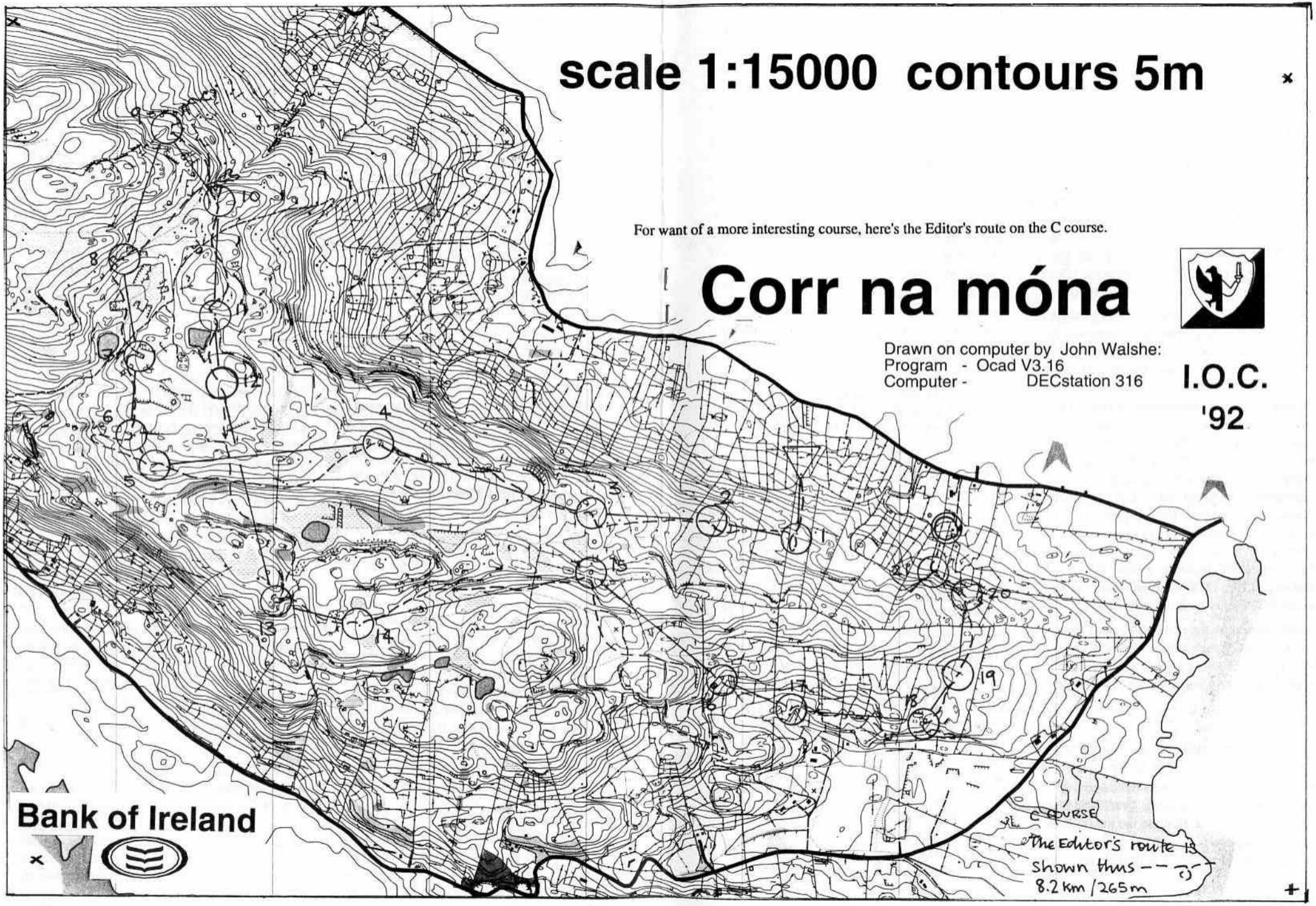
Three starts operated for the 57 classes, and the organisers were also able to offer three entry on the day colour courses on Saturday and Sunday. One unusual feature was the use of the same car parks and finish field each day, and the same last control and run in for the two individual days. The organisation throughout was friendly, flexible and efficient, and the orienteering was excellent: the best JK I can remember of the many I have attended (even better than Wales in 84). About 90% of the area had never been used before, the NW part (Haverthwaite) used only on Day 2 for the longer courses had been the training area for JK83. The organisers were fortunate in acquiring the use of a medium sized indoor arena normally used for show jumping and situated just beside car parks and finish: no problems about bringing in mucky feet here. The usual food and equipment stalls operated from this area (hot ham rolls were a favourite) while at Bigland Hall just up from the finish hot food and roaring fires sustained the competitors.

Heavy rain on the Saturday morning meant that early starters had tough conditions (poor visibility as well as no elephant tracks) and with start times running from 9 am to 3 pm each day conditions could vary widely, the consensus being that later starters as usual had the advantage.An early start one day meant a late run the second day, and vice versa. Conditions clearly didn't bother double M21E winner Steven Hale who ran 91.44 on Day 1 (6.1 mins/ km) and 97.40 (6.6 min/km) on Day 2. Best Irish competitor in the Elite was 18th placed Bill Edwards who was to win the Irish Championships the next Saturday - just! In the W21E class Una Creagh (also to be Irish Champion a week later) was 22nd. Top Ten Irish performances were Brian Corbett (CorkO) who won M21S2, Deirdre ni Challanáin (AJAX) 3rd in W21S, Linda Hollenstein (3ROC) 2nd in W21L, Marcus Pinker (CORKO) 4th and David Hollinger (LVO) 10th in M17A and John Feehan (BVOC) 2nd in M19A. (Close were LVO's Richard Williamson and Helen Baxter, 11th in M45S and 12th in W35S, and GEN's Mary Healy 16th in W35L). (I've probably missed a few - sorry!)

At Monday's Relays the medium and short open classes attracted the biggest entry, depleting the numbers in the JK Trophy open class. The JK Trophy class has teams of 4 runners while all the others have teams of 3, and 6.9 km with 330 metres climb looked a bit severe for a relay. Once again the M/W11- runners had their own competition, this time in an area slightly removed from the main changeover area, and proved popular. No relay results are to hand, unfortunately.

Next year's JK is in the south of England with the event centre at Basingstoke in Hampshire. Easter is on April 9-12. It will hardly offer the same technical challenge as this year but it's a good experience to go to a well run large event with plenty of competition in all classes. Details (and entry forms, with any luck) will be in TIO 61 or 62.

J.McCullough.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LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS 1992

A return to Mullaghmeen for the Leinster Championships was the lesser of two evils, the other being no Leinster Championships this year, and the right choice it proved to be. On a fine spring day this largely deciduous forest, unique in Ireland, played host to over four hundred orienteers from all over the country and a smattering from abroad, with Colin Dunlop's courses sorting out the good, the bad and the ugly. The north Leinster location meant that there was good representation from the Ulster clubs, all three taking a share of the spoils.

The lack of leaf cover made visibility excellent and simplified the navigation to some extent, while the bluebells underfoot had a narrow escape: a week or two later and they'd have had it! The technical challenge of the area remains, although it has been used once or twice a year for the last eight years, and the rounded hills continued to confuse the unwary. Although the map was revised for the competition the changes seem to have been mainly in the vegetation department rather than fundamental changes in contours or features: am I alone in thinking that there was always something a bit funny about the contours? Justin May again won the Leinster title, finishing a close 3rd to Munster's Colm O'Halloran and John Feehan, while Julie Cleary took the ladies title.

Superimposed on the competition was the 3ROC Club Championships at which Justin May took the Foster Motors Club Champion trophy and Luke Campbell-Crawford the Junior award.

The next day saw the inaugural Leinster Sprint-O run by GEN at Brockagh. Many would maintain that the only was to run a sprint-O event there would be, like the Grand Old Duke of York, to march us all up to the top of the hill and let us run down. As it happened, planner Nick Butterfield managed to provide interesting courses with reasonable minutes per km, although surely the term "Sprint" event should be replaced by "short distance" for races such as this (sprint-O events are usually mass start races with head-to-head competition). Julie Cleary made it a double, winning the Women's Open race by more than 1 minute, while Aonghus O'Cléirigh finished 3 minutes clear in the 5.6 km Men's Open race.

A timing hiccup at the Day 2 start meant that not all results were correct on the day but this has been rectified in the printed results being sent to all entrants. Recent felling in the middle of the forest caused some confusion among competitors, but the event as a whole ran smoothly. The prizes for both races were beautiful block mounted photographs by Diana Large: if you didn't win a prize you can at least get some of her work on Christmas cards.

Leinster Champions 1992

M10	Luke McCormack	GEN
W10	Aisling Walsh	3ROC
M11	Luke C-Crawford	3ROC
W11	Eleanor O'Neill	3ROC
M13	S.Lynch	WHO
W13	H.Allen	WHO
M15	Shane O'Neill	SET
W15	Catherine Butler	CNOC
M17	D.Allen	WHO
W17	Sheila Convery	3ROC
M19	Edward Niland	AJAX
W19	Karen Convery	3ROC
M21L	Justin May	3ROC
W21L	Julie Cleary	3ROC
M21S	Marcus Geoghegan	AJAX
W21S	Fiona O'Hanlon	3ROC
M35	John McCullough	3ROC
W35	Mary Healy	GEN
M40	Denis Reidy	ECO
W40	Monica Nowlan	3ROC
M45	Gerry Byrne	CNOC
W45	Brigid Flanagan	3ROC
M50	Paget McCormack	GEN
W50	Hazel Convery	3ROC
M55	Liam Convery	3ROC
W55	Diana Large	GEN
M60	Sven Kulldorff	SET

LEINSTER SPRINT-O CHAMPIONS 1992

Men's Open:		
Aonghus O'Cléirigh		CNOC
Women's Open:		
Julie Cleary		3ROC
M11-	P.O'Hara	AJAX
W11-	K.McCormack	GEN
M13-	Alan de Lacy	ECO
W13-	E.Butler	CNOC
M17-	Shane O'Neill	SET
W17-	Sheila Convery	3ROC
M40+	Maurice O'Hara	AJAX
W40+	Jane Watt	GEN
M50+	Paget McCormack	GEN
W50+	Diana Large	GEN

LEINSTER ORIENTEERING COUNCIL NEWS

Fixtures Meeting: Please make sure your club is represented at the Leinster Fixtures Meeting on Wednesday May 27th at 9 pm at the Yellow House pub, Rathfarnham. This meeting will decide fixtures up to the end of 1993 for the IOA fixtures list to be printed over the summer. No excuses accepted.

Out Of Bounds: At the request of Three Rock OC, organisers of the 1993 Irish Championships, Carlingford Mountain and Slieve Foye in Co. Louth have been made out of bounds to orienteers until the Irish Championships on May 15/16 next year. In order to ensure the fairness of the competition please respect the request of the organisers and do not venture into the area.

First Aid: Following the successful Leinster Orienteers' basic first aid course last autumn/ winter, a second course is at present being considered for those who couldn't make it or who didn't know about it last year. The course is thoroughly recommended by those who completed it, and it has wide applicability, not just to orienteering. Contact John McCullough (01-378819) if you're interested. It involves one evening each week, probable venue Stillorgan, duration ten weeks, cost about £15.

Help wanted: Leinster orienteers are asked to help out at the annual Mini-Sports festival at St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra on 5th/ 6th/7th June. Groups of children are given 30 minute orienteering sessions over the weekend. Ten volunteers are needed, to do a half day or Friday evening, two at a time. Please contact John McCullough (378819) to offer help. It's one way of spreading the word about orienteering.

Amnesty time: Do you know who has the Leinster sighting compass? If so, contact Jane Watt (936241).

Leinster League 92/93: The format of the League will remain largely unchanged for the coming season but the scoring system is likely to be simplified, with 1000 points going to the winners (man and woman) rather than to the average of the first three. Other finishers' points will be calculated from this, as before. If possible the number of League events will be increased to reduce the gap between the pre- and the post- Christmas parts of the series. Additionally, clubs are requested to make determined efforts to ensure that controls are correct so that courses don't have to be voided this time.

The LOC have been working at getting orienteering into the **Community Games** with the result that it has been included as a demonstration event for leaders to try out. Brian Hollinshead and Ian MacNeill have produced an O-map of Mosney in Co. Meath and about 60 adults tried O on the weekend of May 16/17th. This could be the start of something very big, and a major source of new talent as juniors are exposed to the sport. The scheme may be repeated next year with orienteering being included for the children in 1994.

Social scene: Hope you enjoyed the Leinster League prizegiving, Céilí, social and AGM at Glenalbyn .

The LOC Secretary is Jane Watt (01-936241), 17 Templeroan Way, Dublin 16.

IOA AGM 1992

In an effort, presumably, to attract greater numbers to the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Orienteering Association, the decision was taken to hold the meeting at the Irish Championships in Galway. It failed miserably to do this: attendance reached a maximum of about 25 including about 8 members of the Executive Committee. Publicity has often been one of the IOA's main problems, not just to the outside world, but to orienteers too. A note in the programme or a notice at the event might have enticed a few more bodies along; Connacht (surely the province most in need of help) was unable to have a representative present because of the needs of the event.

The meeting (at the Warwick Hotel in Salthill) took the form of all such meetings, with the long lost minutes of the twice-attempted 1991 AGM and the Officers' Reports.

Chairman Bernard Creedon highlighted some of the positive features of the past year: the great performances of some of our juniors, the AIB financing of juniors and the advances made in establishing a coaching structure; but also several negative aspects: the fact that numbers are stagnating or even falling at events, the poor standards of some events (even major ones) and the financial threats of Coillte permits and increased insurance costs). He was optimistic, however, that we could overcome these problems, but they will require work on our part.

Pat Redmond, Executive Secretary, highlighted the area of communication as a problem: outdated address lists and slow or nil response from clubs don't help, and he wonders if the information being sent out by IOA ever reaches its intended destination. He suggests sending mailshots to members with IOA information (modesty prevented me from pointing out that a ready mechanism exists to get information to orineteers: it's called *The Irish Orienteer* and it includes the official bulletin of the IOA. Unfortunately the IOA doesn't seem keen on using this means, judging by the number of issues without an IOA Bulletin, or with only the barest minimum.) The membership last year was just over 2000, much the same as last year (but not all the clubs have returned their forms ...)

Technical Officer Trina Cleary promised the new IOA Rules soon, noting that they will operate next season and will have to be adhered to. She also drew our attention to the poor standards of course planning at many events but lamented the fact that only 5 attended a course run for course planners during the year. The IOA Training Board has, she feels, reached the end of its useful life in its present form and suggested regionalising it to cope with the stream of requests for leadership training and accreditation for outdoor centres.

Some controversy arose when Fixtures Secretary Sean Cotter came to give his report, when he alleged that 90% of Lee Orienteers events had been changed. Mícheál OhUigín took him to task, and lifted the curtain briefly on the unsavoury face of orienteering in Munster where relations between clubs are far from cordial. A long history of disagreement was referred to, as anyone with any contacts in Munster will readily acknowledge. Any comment is likely to be interpreted as a personal attack on the people concerned, but it's a shame that orienteering is suffering as a result of the situation there. Sean hopes to have a full fixture list for 1993 ready soon .

Treasurer Pat Flanagan reassured us slightly: IOA had an excess of income over expenditure of £698 last year, with a balance of £6273. Four clubs were lost in 1991 (Custume, South Meath, An Tochar and either Curragh or Naas who amalgamated). Club affiliations were down £200 to £1500 while insurance would go up from £2100 to £3500 this year, hence the hefty increases in fees to clubs. He acknowledged that this may cause some smaller clubs to close (these are typically ones who don't run events, and their *raison d'etre* was queried). Another insurance increase of £1000 could be anticipated next year, despite IOA in over 20 years having no claims whatsoever. If any "strategically placed" club is in difficulty, IOA may be able to help get it on its feet again: such a club might be

the only one in an area, for example, so that there will be a functioning club in each major population centre. On the topic of insurance, Pat requested that IOA be informed of all activities including training events or sessions so that they can be covered by insurance and reminded us that only third party cover is operative: personal injury isn't covered.

Mapping officer Brian Corbett reported briefly on the more widespread use of the map drawing computer program O-CAD and reminded us about the IOA scheme to produce maps of school grounds and such like: if clubs do the survey Brian will draw it up using O-CAD and will arrange to print several small maps on a single sheet to reduce cost. The clubs or schools will still have to bear the cost of printing, however.

Paddy O'Brien, Coaching Officer, reported on the coaching course run by Peter and Marlene Palmer and Dave Gittus in Dublin in January and stated that he expects there to be a coaching structure in place by the end of the year, to be integrated into the IOATB.

Faith White, International Officer for more years than I care to remember, said that very little has happened on the international scene in the past year. The International O-Federation, to which we are affiliated, is experiencing financial difficulties which are to some extent reducing the level of activity. She regards the number of Irish orienteers running abroad as being much too low and offered her assistance in terms of contacts to any thinking of going to compete around Europe or further afield. She also brought the news that the Shamrock O-Ringen is getting a very good reputation abroad as a competition worth coming to, and asked all Irish competitors travelling to bring details of the event with them.

Bernard Creedon then donned his Junior Affairs hat and reported on the successful year the juniors have had, particularly in the Ward Junior Home International and the plans to have Irish representation at the World Junior Champs in Finland in July. He reminded the meeting that ther provincial officers are Ernest Lawrence (Leinster) and John Feehan (Munster).

The 3ROC motion on public liability insurance (see David Rowe's article elsewhere in this issue) was discussed and passed, obliging IOA to join with the many others urging the Minister for Justice to reform the law on landowners' liability.

As there were fewer candidates for committee positions than there were posts, there were no elections. The following were returned to the executive committee for 1992: Chairman Pat O'Connor (WATO), Treasurer Pat Flanagan (3ROC), Secretary (temporary) Pat Redmond (SET), Fixtures Secretary Sean Cotter (CorkO), Mapping Officer Brian Corbett (CorkO), Coaching Officer Paddy O'Brien (AJAX), Technical Officer Bernard Creedon (CorkO), Junior Affairs Bernard Creedon (CorkO), Development Officer trina Cleary (3ROC), PRO John O'Neill (BVOC), International Officer Faith White (SET). Two positions remain vacant: Administrative Secretary and Environment Officer. The previous Development Officer, John Creagh, has become a member of the Board of AFAS, the Association for Adventure Sports, a position previously held by Pat Flanagan, and before that by John McCullough.

The FIOA representatives chosen were (again) Frank Cunnane and John McCullough, and the IOA Chairman is an *ex officio* member.

Under "Any Other Business" Alan Shaw (the Honorable Member for Thomond) asked whether we could influence the Coillte policy of clear felling forests, emphasising the amenity value of forests to the population at large, not just to orienteers. Nora Lee (3ROC) suggested that financial incentives be stepped up to encourage people to join clubs by pushing the differential entry fee scheme. John McCullough (3ROC) reminded the meeting of the resolution passed at the 1989 AGM entitling members of all clubs affiliated to IOA to reduced rates at events, and that reduced rates for members of the organising club alone wasn't enough.

After this tedious exchange the meeting expired.

AJAX NEWS

With no apologies to anyone who wasn't there (including myself who was taking her time out getting to know the Mámclochalún map) an AJAX AGM was convened in Danagher's Pub, Cong, Co. Mayo on the afternoon of Saturday April 25th. I can't think why such a notion entered the heads of the few members gathered there - perhaps it was revenge for those members who didn't show up to represent their club at the Irish Champs.

Yes, AJAX members were rather thin at this year's Champs - food for thought for the coming year, perhaps. But I digress. This unconstitutional gathering took place in blatent competition with the IOA AGM, or perhaps that's where all the rebel members disappeared to at 6.30 pm.

And what took place at the AJAX meeting? Well, as far as I could ascertain, it was a bit of a case of volunteering and job swopping. I got back from my run as fast as the wind would let me and headed into Cong to check out the proceedings. I was intent on stopping this unofficial AGM, with plans of quoting the constitution about the entire membership having to be informed before such a meeting could take place. But then I realised that if we had a constitution I was no more capable of quoting it.

Besides, it was too late. Peter Kernan had already beaten off the intense competition and volunteered himself as chairman - sure, I suppose he deserves the honour. Marcus Geoghegan, obviously getting a bit above himself as the lone winner for AJAX that day (M21 Short), had resigned from the duty of distributing The Irish Orienteer. Instead he was volunteering to be equipment officer - a strange move, but ours is not to reason the workings of the Geoghegan mind!

No other changes were reported except that they thought they had me volunteered into the position of secretary, but as I have been living out of cardboard boxes since my return from London, a state of being which is only marginally better than living in a cardboard box, I declined the honour. Instead I invented a new position for myself - "writer of the news for TIO". Hence all this drivel you find yourself reading.

Any other news? Well, there's the snag of me being the writer of the news - I've been a bit out of touch with anything that has been happening - if indeed anything has been happening. But I pledge to investigate further in the coming months and bring you a regular round-up of what's going on in AJAX to ensure all members know what they're missing. I'll try to gate-crash any illegal gatherings and report the proceedings and I hope to report on many successes in the coming year. Which reminds me - we had a victory at the IOC relays. Paddy, Peter and Maurice came in second in the M40+ class. Well done, but you'd better win next year!

And finally, has anyone seen our club tent? Members of AJAX or anyone who may have borrowed it? It's the usual O-ing style club tent, blue in colour and sadly missed by the club. Could everyone out there check your memorins and your equipment sheds? Thaanks!

Any news for AJAX can be sent to me at my old address, 11 Sweetmount Park, Dundrum, Dublin 14. Or phone me at 530352 where you will either reach me or be told I've moved so I can unpack my cardboard boxes.

Tara Horan.

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Forthcoming Attractions:
Trooperstown 24th May: This is Day 2 of the Leinster O-Ringen, which is held on two consecutive Sundays this year. The second day has a chasing start to add to the excitement and organisational difficulties. There will also be entry on the day for those who have not run on Day 1 (17th May Carrick).

Midsummer Madness: Scheduled for 24th July in Newbridge House. This will be the usual novelty event and barbecue. There will be some food available, but bring your own food (and/or barbecue) to avoid the rush.

Mapping:
Mapping is about to resume on Carrickgolligan, under the heroic leadership of Brendan Doherty. Mapping is an allegedly arcane skill learned in mysterious bush schools by an inner circle who recognise each other through ancient cabalistic intonations such as 'photogrammetry, aerial photography, diapositives, double negatives...', and who believe that they understand the meaning of 're-entrant'. In reality, it is a skill quickly learned by anyone who can read a map. It is great for technical training and an excellent understanding of contours (the brown spaghetti) is gained through this, the opposite of map reading. It is a quiet relaxing way of spending some afternoons away from it all with just a pencil, compass and base map for company. Carrickgolligan is an excellent area for beginners. Go on, give it a go! Brendan is currently awaiting your phone call at 2806611.

Past Events:
The Leinster Sprint-O Champs saw many happy folk racing around Nick Butterfield's excellent courses, under the ever watchful eye of the controller, Arthur Green (SET). We would like to thank Arthur for the excellent job he did under somewhat arduous circumstances. Our apologies to those who were affected by the start clock which tried to revert to winter time!

The Irish Orienteer Trophy competition was run at Carrick where unfortunately 3ROC got the better of us. Well done to all the GEN members who braced the heat and the long courses.

Congratulations to all had a successful run at the Irish Championships: GEN winners were Diana Large, Maura Thornhill, Mary Healy and other notable results were Jane Watt, Paget McCormack and Brian Bell. Not forgeting our W40+ relay champions.

If you would like any advice or coaching on any aspect of orienteering, then contact Mary Healy (2885798) who is coordinating this.

Happy Orienteering!

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SETANTA NOTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The AGM was held on April 13th. at the Yellow House, Rathfarnham. The Committee for the following year is as follows:

Chairperson: Frances O'Neill,
Secretary: Jocelyn Cathalin,
Treasurer: Gerard Phelan
Committee: Colin Dunlop, Brian Power, Eamon Woulfe.

The Meeting heard a report of the Club activities over the previous year. Of note, a total of eight events were organised, including two championship events, two colour events and four grade 3 events. This is in keeping with the club's record and hopefully it can be maintained. The real challenge for the future is to produce new maps and this will be a priority.

LOC 1992: The Leinster Championships, 1992 were held at Mullaghmeen and a summary of the results are elsewhere in this TIO. The full results of the championships are published in a results booklet which is sent to entrants. The event was a great success and thanks are due to the very large number of people involved. The principal officials involved were: organiser, Brian Power, course planner, Colin Dunlop and controller Trina Cleary (3ROC). We hope to see many of those who attended back at Mullaghmeen for an Autumn colour event.

LEINSTER SCORE CHAMPIONSHIPS: This event, to be organised by Setanta Orienteers, will be held at Croghan Kinsella, Co. Wicklow, on June 2lst. Entry will be on-the-day only and it is hoped to have pre-marked maps. Although this is in the normal "off-season", we would hope to have a good entry. The area is very pleasant and with good weather (we hope) should be well worth the trip. There will be four championship classes: Men's open, Women's open, Men 17 or under and Women 17 or under (all 60 minutes, to attain as many points as possible). There will also be long and short novive courses using master maps. The venue will be signposted from Woodenbridge, Co.Wicklow (between Avoca and Arklow).

IRISH CHAMPS.: Congratulations to those who did well at the recent Irish Championships in the West. These included Colin Dunlop (M55), Shane O'Neill (M15), Sven Kulldorff (M60) and Faith White (W55).

Annual Subscriptions: these are now overdue for 1992. A reminder is enclosed for those who have not yet renewed their membership.

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Setanta Orienteers,
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Dublin 14.

THREE ROCK ORIENTEERING CLUB

Enquiries to: Vera Kurtagh, 19 The Cloisters, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W (908237).

EVENTS

Past - The Carrick Event will have happened by the time you read this. Grateful thanks are due to Nigel Campbell-Crawford (Organiser), Philip Butler (Planner), Harold White (Controller) and to all Club Members who helped before and on the day.

Future - Dates for your Diary: Sunday 14th June - Sprint 'O' Phoenix Park
Organiser - Vera Kurtagh (908237)

Sunday 12th July - Event on 3ROC. Organiser Philip Butler (2853823).

TRAINING

The 'First Fridays' have ceased for the summer. However, our intrepid training officer, Philip Butler is having a Coaching Day on Sunday, 7th June on 3ROC, starting at 11 o'clock. Philip has planned a variety of interesting courses for all levels of expertise, both senior and junior level.

JUNIORS

Brigid Flanagan and Monica Nowlan are having a coaching session for the junior juniors (M/W 13-) on Saturday, 23rd May on Kilmashogue from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Contact Brigid (980928) for further details.

LOK/3ROC CHALLENGE

The "annual" LOK/3ROC Challenge Match took place over the weekend of the Leinster O and Sprint O Champs. 9 Lokkies and Ralph (M1) travelled over to take part. 3ROC won the challenge on this occasion. The return match is scheduled for November next taking in the National Event in the New Forest where LOK intend to exact full revenge. Thanks to Ronan, Julie, Anthony, Matthew, Catherine, Steve, Paul, Sarah, Paul and Ralph - we hope you enjoyed you visit, we certainly did. Special thanks to those who acted as hosts for the weekend.

AMNESTY FOR ALL!!!

Yes! An Amnesty has been declared on Club Equipment. Please search your attic, garden shed, garage and any other likely places where 3ROC equipment might be lurking. We would like all equipment returned to Philip Butler, 130 Glenageary Ave, as soon as possible so that an inventory can be carried out. Running IOC '93 will require all our equipment and we cannot afford to duplicate any. One item of equipment we urgently need is the Stencil Set - have you got it?

3ROC CHAMPIONS

	IOC '92	Leinster O	Leinster Sprint	Munster
W 10	Aisling Walsh	Aisling Walsh		
W 11	Pamela Flanagan	Eleanor O'Neill		
M 11		Luke C-Crawford		Luke C-Crawford
W 17		Sheila Convery	Sheila Convery	
w 19		Karen Convery		Emma Glanville
W 21	Una Creagh	Julie Cleary	Julie Cleary	Maeve MacPherson
M 21		Justin May		
M35		John McCullough		
W 40		Monica Nowlan		
W 45		Brigid Flanagan		
W 50	Hazel Convery	Hazel Convery		
M 55		Liam Convery		

Congratulations also to Brendan O'Brien and Nora Lee, 1st place in M/W 21S in the Munster Champs; also to our junior members Luke Campbell-Crawford (2nd IOC '92), Niall Walsh (3rd IOC '92), Elina O'Neill (3rd IOC '92), Kevin Flanagan (3rd LOC 892) Aisling Walsh and Kevin Flanagan both 3rd in the Sprint Champs.

FINALLY - GOOD LUCK to all our members sitting for examinations over the next few weeks.

ROCKMARSHHALL LEINSTER LEAGUE 7 APRIL 12th

BROWN 6.4kms 385m

	NAME	CLASS	CLUB	TIME
1	A. O Cleirigh	M21	CNOC	58:48
2	B. Reed	M21	FERMO	63:41
3	P.Kernan	M21	AJAX	64:32
4	J. Mc Cullough	M35	3ROC	67:03
5	G. Doherty	M15	GEN	71:19
6	M. O'Hara	M40	AJAX	74:25
7	A O Mullane	M21	GEN	74:33
8	F. Marsh	M21	LVO	75:27
9	B. O Brien		3ROC	76:35
10	B. Simpson	M40	LVO	76:48
11	B.Dalby	M21	3ROC	77:05
12	B Mc Burney	M21	LVO	78:26
13	M. Geoghegan	M21	AJAX	79:04
14	F. Hamond	M40	LVO	79:45
15	R.Burgess	W21	3ROC	80:14
16	C.Rothery	M21	3ROC	82:07
17	B.Bell	M35	GEN	83:22
18	S.Mc Gibbon	M35	LVO	83:32
19	P.Gargan	M35	AJAX	86:02
20	C.Mc Cann	M21	LVO	89:54
21	M. Mac Pherson	W21	3ROC	92:34
22	S.Carson	W21	LVO	94:26
23	M.Healy	W35	GEN	95:54
24	A. Gartside	M45	LVO	97:23
25	M. Mc Veigh	M40	OS	98:54
26	M. Sheehan	M21	3ROC	99:28
27	V. Jones	M35	COD	99:53
28	R. Williamson	M40	LVO	100:45
29	D.Weston	M21		101:48
30	G.Elliott	M21	DUO	110:23
31	T. Condon	M35	COD	112:25
32	W. Duinn	M35	TRIMO	117:26
33	C. Redmond	-	-	122:41
34	F. Conaghan	M35	-	167:23

BLUE 5.4kms 265m.

	NAME	CLASS	CLUB	TIME
1	J.Reed	M15	FERMO	56:10
2	J.O'Neill	M15	DLSO	58:50
3	E.Wilson	M45	LVO	60:18
4	I.Mc Neill	M40	3ROC	62:26
5	N. Crawford	M45	3ROC	65:31
6	H. Inglis	M45	GEN	68:15
7	M.Nowlan	W40	3ROC	68:34
8	E.O Sullivan	-	-	68:47
9	M.O'Neill	M19	UCDO	69:28
10	M. Prizana	M21	LVO	70:12
11	E.Glenville	W19	3ROC	71:09

BLUE (contd)

	NAME	CLASS	CLUB	TIME
12	T. Mc Cormack	M40	GEN	71:21
13	F.Keely	M19	AJAX	71:27
14	J.Fitzsimons	M40	3ROC	72:31
15	S.Walsh	M15	DLSO	73:04
16	J.Watt	W35	GEN	73:44
17	U.Mc Pherson	W35	3ROC	73:59
18	M.Reed	M55	FERMO	75:23
19	F.Mc Cann	M55	LVO	76:54
20	N.Butterfield	M21	GEN	78:54
21	K.Convery	W19	3ROC	79:08
23	A.Green	M21	SET	83:28
24	A de Ris	W17	AJAX	86:37
25	H.Irvine	W21	LVO	88:55
26	S. Prizina	W21	LVO	89:35
27	V.Ryan	M21	-	89:57
28	J.Lawlor	M35	GEN	91:40
29	S.Greenan	M21	-	91:45
30	P.Butler	M40	3ROC	93:48
31	C.Harney	M21	-	93:54
32	D.Watt	M45	GEN	99:46
33	M.Ni Choitir	W21	COD	100:23
34	C.Sinclair	M21	-	110:13
35	D.Heale	M21	3ROC	118:41
36	C.Murray	-	-	DNF
37	EGANS X3	-	-	DNF

RED COURSE 4.4kms 220 m.

	NAME	CLASS	CLUB	TIME
1	D. Brooks	M50	3ROC	58:58
2	B.Doherty	M45	GEN	67:52
3	E.Grant	M21	T.LIR	68:56
4	U.Coughlan	W21	3ROC	70:29
5	M.Kellett	M50	GEN	77:04
6	D.O'Murchu	M40	TRIMO	91:54
7	H.Coughlan	W21	GEN	93:56
8	R.Green	M21	GEN	94:40
9	L.CLerkin	W21	FIN	98:13
10	J.Breen	M21	FIN	117:00
11	K.Kellett	M13	GEN	DNF
12	M. Williamson	M15	LVO	DNF
13	E.Breen	M21	FIN	DNF
14	E.Lints	M21	-	DNF
15	A.Joyce	M15	T.LIR	DNF

GREEN 3.5kms 190m.

	NAME	CLASS	CLUB	TIME
1	S.Dempsey	M17	DLSO	47:45
2	C.Dunlop	M55	SET	49:33
3	M.Lunt	M55	GEN	52:02
4	J.Butler	M15	3ROC	53:11
5	T.Darnton	M21	LVO	54:45
6	J.Mackey	M15	WHO	54:59
7	D.Hickey	M17	DLSO	56:25
8	B.Cryan	M21	3ROC	57:17
9	E.Lawrence	W15	SET	57:59
10	N.Ervine	M60	LVO	58:13
11	M.Walsh	W40	3ROC	58:35
12	W.Mc Cormack	W40	GEN	59:33
13	C.Ryan	M15	DLSO	60:31
14	T.Cleary	W45	3ROC	61:26
15	S.Kulldonff	M65	SET	65:31
16	M.Higgins	W50	SET	66:18
17	L.Convery	M55	3ROC	69:47
18	S.Rothery	M60	3ROC	70:32
19	J.O'Neill	W45	FIN	72:04
20	B.Hollinshead	M50	3ROC	73:06
21	B.Flanagan	W45	3ROC	73:58
22	E.Mc Burney	W21	LVO	75:47
23	F.O'Hanlon	W21	3ROC	75:56
24	P.O'Neill	M45	3ROC	78:40
25	F.O'Neill	W40	SET	83:52
26	N.Lawlor	W35	GEN	85:32
27	A.Sheridan	W21	GEN	86:45
28	C.Carroll	M60	3ROC	91:59
29	D.Farnham	W35	LVO	99:17
	B.Power	M40	SET	DNF
	V.Murtagh	W50	3ROC	DNF
	R.Brown	W21	-	DNF

ORANGE 3kms 120m.

	NAME	CLASS	CLUB	TIME
1	P.Behan	M13	DLSO	40:50
2	L.Crawford	M11	3ROC	44:11
3	L.Lawrence	W21	SET	44:31
4	J.Smith	M15	WHO	45:48
5	P.O'Cleirigh	W21	CNOC	57:39
6	L.O'Hara	M13	AJAX	58:48
7	A.Lawrence	W45	SET	61:12
8	S.Higgins	M15	DLSO	82:17
9	D.Marron	M13	DLSO	86:14
10	K.Byrne	-	RAVEN	114:08
11	M.Byrne	-	RAVEN	114:08
12	A.Byrne	-	RAVEN	114:09
13	M.O'Neill	W13	SET	DNF
14	D.Cotter	M21	CORCO	DNF

YELLOW 2.3KMS 70M.

	NAME	CLASS	CLUB	TIME
1	S.Lynch	M13	WHO	23:11
2	D.Masterson	M13	WHO	26:37
3	J.Ryan	M13	DLSO	32:36
4	N.Lindsey	W15	WHO	40:55
5	H.Allen	W13	WHO	41:09
6	M.Blendin	M15	-	41:49
7	E.O'Neill	W11	3ROC	63:51
8	P.Flanagan	W11	3ROC	64:05
9	M.Byrne	M13	DLSO	66:50
10	C.O'Leary	M13	DLSO	67:34
11	E.A.O'Neill	W11	3ROC	72:08
	J.O'Sullivan	M13	DLSO	DNF
	N.Nolan	W11	3ROC	DNF
	A.Walsh	W11	3ROC	DNF
	C.Walsh	M11	3ROC	DNF
	J.J.Wilson	M13	DLSO	DNF

WHITE 2.5KMS 75M.

	NAME	CLASS	CLUB	TIME
1	Roddy+Smith	-	DVEC	18:01
2	Shiels+Tuite	-	DVEC	19:48
3	Sherry+Corrigan	-	DVEC	21:50
4	Siobhan+Denise	-	DVEC	25:59
5	RAfferty+Laird	-	DVEC	26:27
6	S.O'Neill	W11	3ROC	27:31
7	John+Peter	-	DBC	34:40
8	M.O'Hara	-	AJAX	43:43
9	K.O'Hara	-	AJAX	46:31
10	S+A Quigley	-	FIN	46:58
11	B+M Quigley	-	FIN	56:58
	E+S Quigley	-	FIN	56:58
12	K.Flanagan	M11	3ROC	60:40

ORIENTEERING FIXTURES 1992

May

23	**GOSFORD**	Markethill, Co. Armagh. LVO Come-and-Try-It event. GR H 97 40.
24	**TROOPERSTOWN**	Laragh, Co. Wicklow. GEN G2 colour. Leinster O-Ringen Day 2. GR T 16 97.
26	**DONADEA**	Clane, Co. Kildare. CNOC Grade 3 event. Evening. GR N 84 33.
27	**CRAG**	Killaloe, Co. Clare. ThO Inter-firm score event 2. GR R 69 76. 6.30 pm.

June

2	**STRADBALLY**	Co. Laois. CNOC Grade 3 event, Evening. GR S 59 95.
3	**KNOCKAPHUNTA**	Broadford, Co. Clare. ThO Inter-firm score event. GR R 58 69. 6.30 pm.
6	**TOLLYMORE**	Newcastle, Co. Down. LVO Come-and-Try-It event. GR J 35 32.
7	**DUNSANDLE WOOD**	Loughrea, Co. Galway. WEO Gr 1 event. GR M 57 20. Start 12.00-2.00 pm.
9	**MONASTEREVAN**	Co. Kildare. 6.30 pm. CNOC G 3 event. GR N 64 09.
10	**CURRAGH CHASE**	Askeaton, Co. Limerick. ThO Inter-firm score event. GR R 41 48. 6.30 pm.
13	**PORTSTEWART**	Co. Derry. NI Series 4. NWOC. Excellent sand dunes area. GR C 80 36
14	**PHOENIX PARK**	Dublin. 3ROC sprint-O event. Mass start 12.00. Entries 11.00-11.45.
14	**TRACTON**	Carrigaline, Co. Cork. LeeO event. GR W 73 56.
16	**DONADEA**	Clane, Co. Kildare. CNOC Grade 3 event. Evening. GR N 84 33.
20	**CAIRN WOOD**	Dundonald, Co. Down. LVO Club Event. GR J 45 76.
21	**LEINSTER SCORE CHAMPIONSHIPS**	**Croghan Kinsella**, Woodenbridge, Co. Wicklow. SET. GR T 15 73.
23	**HOLLYWOOD**	Co. Wicklow. CNOC Grade 3 Midsummer event. Evening. GR N 94 06.
26-28	**SHAMROCK O-RINGEN**	**Gaill Beag** (Glengarriff), **Bere Island** and **Dunboy**, Castletownbere, Co. Cork. Entries to: B & M Creedon, Tavio, Mount Prospect, Douglas, Co. Cork.
30	**CURRAGH**	Co. Kildare. CNOC Grade 3 evening event. GR N 78 12.

July

7	**DONADEA**	Clane, Co. Kildare. CNOC G 3 event. Evening. GR N 84 33.
12	**THREE ROCK WOOD**	Dundrum, Co. Dublin. 3ROC colour/Norwegian event. GR O 17 23.
14	**HOLLYWOOD**	Co. Wicklow. CNOC Grade 3 event. Evening. GR N 94 06.
24	**NEWBRIDGE HOUSE**	Donabate, Co. Dublin. GEN Midsummer Madness score event and barbecue. Start 6.30-8.00 pm.
26-31	***WORLD STUDENT CHAMPIONSHIPS***	Aberdeen, Scotland.

August

2-8	***Welsh 6-Day- Croeso 92***	Lampeter. (Upper Rd., Leighton, Welshpool, Powys SY21 8HR. Entry to 15/6)
28	**BURREN WALK**	Fanore, Co. Clare. ThO. 10.00-12.00. 9km, 15km, 23km.
29	**FANORE**	**Rabbit Warren**, Fanore, Co. Clare. ThO Gr.3 event. Start 11.00-1.00 pm.

September

12	**NI SERIES 5**	NWOC event. Venue to be announced.
13	**CLARA & TROOPERSTOWN**	Laragh, Co. Wicklow. Long-O & normal courses. 3ROC.
20	**MACROOM CASTLE**	Co. Cork. Cork O Grade 3. Cork League 1. GR W 33 73.
26	**NI CHAMPIONSHIPS**	**Doohatty Glebe**, Florencecourt, Co. Fermanagh. FermO.
27	**INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**	**Slieve Croob**, Ballinahinch, Co. Down. LVO. GR J 32 47. Entry forms for both events in July issue of TIO.

October

4	**National Orienteering Day.**	Local come-and-try-it events
4	**GARRETTSTOWN**	Kinsale, Co. Cork. CorkO Grade 2. CL 2. GR W 58 44.
11	**MUNSTER RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS**	**Rehill Wood**, Burncourt, Co. Tipperary. Cork O. GR R 96 19.
17-18	**SENIOR HOME INTERNATIONAL**	Scotland.
18	**CURRAGH WOOD**	Midleton, Co. Cork. CorkO Grade 2. CL 3. GR W 86 76.
24	**NI SERIES 6**	NWOC event. Venue to be announced.
31	**CASTLEWELLAN**	Co. Down. LVO Club Event. GR J 32 37.

November

1	**DROMILLIHY WOOD**	Clonakilty, Co. Cork. Cork O Grade 2. CL4.GR W25 38.
7-8	**JUNIOR HOME INTERNATIONAL**	NE England.
8	**ISLAND WOOD**	Newmarket, Co. Cork. BVOC Grade2. CL 5. GR R 31 05.
14	**SLIEVE MARTIN**	Rostrevor, Co. Down. BOF **National Event 9 & Veteran Home International.** LVO. Entry form enclosed. Entry by 16/10/92 to Ms. H. Stewart, 34 Sandhurst Drive, Belfast BT9 5AY.
15	**NI RELAY CHAMPS**	**Slieve Martin**, Co. Down. Incorporates VHI Relays. LVO.

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