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ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES

The enforced lay off this year brought about by the foot and mouth disease outbreaks and the summer recess makes it hard to restart this autumn. Orienteers, not always the most gregarious of people, may have gone their separate ways and will have, at best, lost fitness and, at worst, discovered other things to do with their time. We will face an even more uphill struggle to get orienteering back into the public eye.

The recent Leinster Championships at Mullaghmeen were a stern reminder to those of us for whom orienteering has been off the agenda since February: the only real training for orienteering is orienteering itself. Road running, hill running, cycling, swimming are all fine in their own way, but are no substitutes for the real thing.

After a few weeks of regular competition, though, the Sunday morning routine will reassert itself: flask, banana and peanut butter sandwiches, compass and the rest. The familiar butterflies in the stomach at the start line, the longest minute in the world before you start; the shortest minute in the world before the next person starts; the familiar aroma of forest, of bog, of mountain.

Strangely, one of the most remarkable things for me about the Leinster Championships was how difficult it was to remember peoples names - people who I'd normally meet every week or two now were familiar faces but their names only came back grudgingly, rather like my orienteering skills!

The fixtures list is still being fleshed out but a full season beckons. British Squad member Oli Johnson, in the August *CompassSport*, writes that orienteering is the sporting world's best kept secret. We are failing to attract new members, particularly juniors. We're going to have to tackle this problem in Ireland unless we want to let the secret out. Let's get out there and be orienteers.

Finally, on a sadder note, I am sure we would all wish to sympathise with the families of Noel Morrish, Diana Large and Tom McCormack who died over the summer.

THE O-ZONE:
Orienteering news from Ireland and the World

A thinner TIO than usual, with few reports and even fewer results. We hope to be back to full strength by Christmas. Orienteers from Ireland were in action in Scotland, Lithuania, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Estonia and who knows where else this year. Let's hear about it, particularly when there's little or nothing happening at home.

EVENT TO REMEMBER EDDIE

The AJAX Leinster League Event at Raven's Rock on October 14th will also be a commemorative event for Eddie Niland, our much loved club member. The event will commemorate Eddie's wonderful spirit just short of a year after his most untimely death last October. The event will have one or two features that will remind everyone who knew Eddie of what a great sense of humour he had. There will also be a collection for Eddie's family and the Friends of St Luke's at the event. Eddie's wife, Loretta and all his gang from Birr will be there on the day. We'll retire to Palmers Pub (formerly the Golden Ball) in Kilternan after the event for a good reminiscence session and hopefully a few songs in Eddie's memory (can anyone else since 'Monto' from start to finish?)

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Due to the cancellation of the Irish Championships arising from the Foot & Mouth outbreak, the IOA took the decision to award Irish titles on the basis of the Leinster Championships results. Accordingly, congratulations to John Feehan and Aislinn Austin, winners of the two Elite classes at Mullaghmeen, on their first Irish Championships titles.

Mullaghmeen proved a fitting place to restart serious orienteering: Pat Flanagan's new 1:10,000 scale map was easy to read and Dave Weston got the courses right. The day was perfect: dry and mild, autumn tinting the leaves with gold etc. etc. It's always a pleasure to run in this unique deciduous forest and LOC 2001 was no exception.

SportIdent timing gave instant split times and Setanta's organisation ran things smoothly. Perhaps in places the contours could do with another bit of tweaking and maybe some tags to show which is up and which is down, but well done everyone. It was a great start to the season.

COLM ROTHERY HONOURED

Colm Rothery, who has featured prominently on the Irish team for the past several years, concentrated on athletics this year and missed out on the World O-Championships in Finland. Colm hasn't been idle, though: he has taken gold at the 800 m and 1500 m at the World Veterans Athletics Championships in Australia this summer and retains the over 40 1500 metres World Record he broke last year. This is all the more remarkable given that Colm only took up orienteering at the age of 30, having lived a life with, shall we say, very little exercise for a number of years before that.

In recognition of "all his exploits" (as the citation said) Colm was presented with a special award at the Leinster Championships at Mullaghmeen in September. Congratulations, Colm.

GIVE US BACK OUR 11 DAYS

Where has the time gone since the start of the foot and mouth cancellations? The whole middle of the year and the peak of the orienteering season has just dropped out of the calendar. Not unlike the year 1752 when 11 days dropped from the calendar in Britain to bring the solar and terrestrial calendars into line with one another. Many people were unhappy with this development and wanted their eleven days back, believing that their lives would be shortened and so on. "Give us back our 11 days" became a catchphrase at the time.

Hopefully we'll get our eleven days back, spread over the coming year.

SPORTIDENT TRAINING FOR NIOA

Representatives from all three NIOA clubs (LVO, FermO and NWOC) attended a workshop on Sportident electronic timing in May. The course was given by Mike Napier who has been contracted to produce the results of the British Championships in the North next May. By all accounts the course ran like clockwork.

A lottery grant to NIOA has allowed each club to get enough Sportident equipment to run local events, plus a laptop computer, battery powered printer, a download box, 55 control boxes with aluminium T-stakes and 50 e-cards. The equipment will be pooled to run major events.

PETER AND JANE GO ORIENTEERING

Here is Peter.
Here is Jane.
Peter and Jane are in the woods.
They are o-ri-ent-eer-ing.
Peter has a map.
Jane has a map.
Run, Peter! Run, Jane!
Run! Run!
Where is Peter? Where is Jane?
Peter! Jane!
Peter?????! Jane ?????!?
(from Beyond my Compass by Gerald Vinestock (1982))

JHI 2001

The Irish team for the forthcoming Junior Home International at Pembrey in South Wales is

W14	
Erinna Foley-Fisher	MN
Helena Jones	FIN
Martha Callanan	BOC

W16	
Sarah Browne	LOC
Deirdre Carbery	CNOC
Jane Hingerty	GEN
Deirdre Bell	GEN

W18	
Sharon Lucey	BOC
Niamh O'Boyle	CNOC
Niamh Lalor	GEN
June O'Neill	CNOC

M14	
Kevin O'Brien	BOC
John Young	DLSO
Seamus O'Boyle	CNOC
Brendan Carbery	CNOC

M16	
Christian Foley Fisher	MN
Conor Mailey	NWOC
Paul Geary	BVOC
Eoin O'Brien	BOC

M18	
Ben Fulton	NWOC
David Healy	GEN
Diarmuid Collins	BOC
Ted McCormack	GEN

M16 reserve: Conor O'Brien BOC

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Pembrey is a tremendous area: forested, runnable sand dunes; testing but very satisfying to run in. The Individual event is on Saturday 6th and the relay on Sunday 7th October. The events are closed, i.e. just for the Juniors rather than superimposed on another competition.
Thanks to IOA Juniors Officer Ted Lucey for this information.

WATO NEWS

WATO expect to meet at the end of September to finalise fixtures for the new season. The club wishes to wish Pat Purcell well in his recuperation after a serious stroke 4 weeks ago. Our thoughts are also with his wife Veronica.
This is the reason why there is little happening down our way at
present.
Andrew Cox.

IOA AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the IOA will take place on Saturday 17th November, 2001. It will be held in conjunction with an open seminar on Children in Orienteering. The AGM will be held in the Ashling Hotel, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8. The AGM will start at 2.00 pm with the Seminar following at 3.15pm.
Delegates travelling from outside Dublin will receive funding assistance.

Notices of Motions, Amendments to the Constitution and Nominations for Executive positions should reach the undersigned by 16th October 2001 at the latest. At the last IOA Executive meeting it was agreed the the post of Honorary Secretary and Administrative Secretary should be the same person and should be annually re-elected at the AGM. This person will be paid an annual sum of £3,000 for expenses. I have decided not to go forward for re-election.

As is customary a number of Annual Awards will be presented at the AGM and nominations for these are now requested. All nominations to reach me by 16th October 2001. Note previous winners cannot be nominated again.

Silva Trophy:
This award should be presented to a person who has contributed in a most deserving manner to the development of orienteering in the country.

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

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

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

Map of the Year Award
Grade 1,2,3 maps to be nominated. 3 copies of each map to accompany the nominations.

Elections:
Chairperson- standing for re-election until next April
Hon. Secretary- vacant
Hon. Treasurer-vacant
Mapping Registrar- vacant
Public Relations Officer - vacant
Fixtures and Environment- standing for re-election until April
Controller of Technical Standards - standing for re-election until April
Director of High Performance - vacant
Coaching and Training - vacant
Juniors Officer - standing for re-election until next April?
Development Officer- Standing for re-election until next April

Rosarie Kiernan, Honorary Secretary
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NOT SO NEWS

The Chairman and Secretary of CorkO have changed:
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New Secretary Rick Austin, Gurteenroe, Macroom, Co. Cork
026-42095 rmaustin@eircom.net

This happened a while ago but (I think) since the last TIO.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE WOC, DADDY?

The events that World Championships Team members were selected for were:

Marcus Pinker: Sprint, Short, Relay.
John Feehan: Classic, Short, Relay.
Bill Edwards: Classic, Short, Relay.
James Logue: Classic, Relay.
Colm O'Halloran: Classic, Short.
Faye Pinker: Sprint, Classic, Short.
Eileen Loughman: Classic, Short.
Toni O'Donovan: Classic, Short.

FAYE CUTS IT FINE

A fluke of fate meant that Faye Pinker was born in the UK and to compete in WOC it is necessary to hold an Irish passport. To bypass the two and a half year waiting list to process an application for citizenship a number of orienteers were extremely helpful. On Thursday at 6 p.m. she became an Irish Citizen, on Friday she managed to get her passport and on Monday she flew to Finland

(Faye's mother, Maria, addds that now it's up to the rest of us to make sure she doesn't get fat and lazy!)

MTB-O World Cup races in Austria / Hungary, September 2001

Iain Rochford and Gerry Brady

Iain Rochford represented Ireland in these two World Cup series events. He thus became the first Irish international mountain-bike orienteer. Not only that - he also won 14 World Cup points and sees the possibility of Irish competitors earning a lot more as we have suitable terrain in Ireland to develop this format. A mountain-bike orienteering e-group has been set-up and you should join this if you wish to become involved (see *www.orienteering.ie*). Later this year, a larger Irish contingent may travel to France for the next World Cup round. Here are some brief impressions of the event from Iain.

16 countries were represented with 70+ men in the Austrian races and 60+ in Hungary. There were full teams from Finland, Austria, Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Russia, Belgium and others including Ireland, 2 from Britain and 2 from Israel. World Cup points were awarded to the top 35 positions

First series in Mieming, Austria
Two races, one short - winning time 53 minutes, and one classic with a winning time of 99 minutes. The terrain was a plateau at 1000m above sea level (not exactly flat and we also dropped off the edge of the plateau in both races and had to climb over a 1,000 feet back up again) which at that altitude is quite physically taxing. The orienteering was restricted to route choice as all the controls were close to paths, but it was quite difficult to see some of the best route choices which could often be a long way from the straight line.

Race 1: 15 September Short distance - 37th of 70 competitors
Had one beginner's mistake two controls from the finish that cost me 8 minutes otherwise not feeling top physically as I had a cold and the

altitude may also have had an affect.

Race 2: 16 September Classic distance - 53 rd of 70 competitors
Should not really have started as my cold was worse and I now had a sore throat, but when you're competing for your country.... Legs dead on all hills.

Second series in Vezprem, Hungary
These two races were on very technical areas and in contrast to Austria you were allowed to cycle anywhere in the terrain, not just on paths.

Race 3: Classic race -34th of 64 competitors - 2 World Cup points
Was in 19th place with two controls to go (we used Sportident so you could see how the race developed) but lost three minutes and 15 places.

Race 4: Free order race - 24th of 61 competitors - 12 World Cup points
This was a mix of compulsory legs interspersed with groups of controls you could take in any order. This sounds confusing and it was difficult in practice as the lines and courses criss-crossed a lot. I left the first group of free order controls and was half way to the next compulsory control when I discovered that I had forgotten to visit two of them and had to go back, which cost me 3-4 minutes. So again there was potential for a better result.

So Ireland now has its first ever MTBO World Cup points. The standard at the very top is very, very good both in terms of MTB and orienteering ability with the Finns, Czechs, Swiss and Russians and others all taking it very seriously. According to those who competed last year the competition this year is much tougher and I expect it to get more so with the first ever World MTBO Championships in France in July next year.

There are a good number of the world's best ski-orienteers who take part (the technical and physical aspects of the sport are quite similar) as well as some very, very good orienteers. Alain Berger of Switzerland was 2nd and 3rd in Austria. He has won several relay gold medals and individual medals in normal orienteering. Petri Forsman of Finland won the classic race in Austria and he has finished in the top 10 in World foot-O Champs and is the current World Adventure Racing Champion. A top 20 placing is a realistic target for Ireland.

The next and final round is near Nice (near Mont Ventoux for those familiar with the Tour de France) on the first weekend in November. I could do with some compatriots to fend off all the attention of being the only Irish competitor, and that's just from the Italian and Spanish women's teams?..

Orienteering in Belgium: see Declan McGrellis's article

Thanks to all the contributors to this issue: John Feehan, Aonghus O'Cleirigh, Bill Simpson, Nina Phillips, Alan Gartside, Trina Cleary, Maebh McCann, Colin Henderson, Nora Lalor, Val Jones, Declan McGrellis, Gerry Brady & Iain Rochford and Joss Jynam.

A Year to Remember

Though it's only September, it has been a year to remember but unfortunately for all the wrong reasons. Apart from the recent appalling terrorist attacks in the USA, which put our minor problems in perspective, we have had foot and mouth disease, the cancellations of major events and the deaths of three prominent Irish orienteers within weeks of each other. Because of the FMD outbreaks and the subsequent curtailment of the orienteering calendar, it is possible that many of you are only learning now of the deaths of Noel Morrish, Tom McCormack and Diana Large.

All three were orienteers from the very early days of the sport here, Noel with his family with Munster Orienteers, now called Lee Orienteers, and Tom and Diana first with Irish Orienteers, then with Great Eastern Navigators.

The first time I met Noel was at the 1976 Irish Championships in Co. Wicklow, where he was one of the few to make the journey north. His late wife, Máirín, and family have featured prominently in the annals of Irish orienteering, taking many titles and filling places on Irish teams at Junior, Veteran and World Championships level. Noel died suddenly in Cork on May 29th. His friend and clubmate Micheal O'hUigin, himself the paterfamilias of another notable Cork orienteering family, has written a short appreciation.

"It was with great sadness that we heard of the unexpected death of Noel Morrish on the 29th May last. Just a week before he had helped, with his usual efficiency and calmness, to run an inter-firm event in Tracton Wood. Little did we think on that lovely summer evening that it would be his last involvement with Lee O or orienteering.

From the early seventies with his late wife, Máirín, he had been competing in orienteering events. Not only was he a keen and successful competitor but he willingly took part in mapping, helping at events and running a club. Everything was done with the same meticulous care. Whenever problems arose they were approached in the familiar calm, cool manner. He really loved orienteering and his enthusiasm showed in the way he travelled long distances to events at home and abroad and encouraged his family and many others to take part.

He had, of course, many other interests and the chief among them was cycling which he continued to do right up to the end. In later years he devoted much time to geology and he often spoke fondly of times spent camping, fishing, walking and of the interesting people he met while pursuing his many hobbies. He had a great appreciation of nature and the countryside and a walk with him in a wood or on a hillside was an education. One Saturday evening a few years ago having spent the whole day setting out controls in Combaun I think that Noel felt that his greatest achievement of the day was finding an enormous mushroom and he looked forward with almost childlike anticipation to having it for his tea.

But always first and foremost in Noel's life was his late wife, Máirín, and their family of whom he was very proud. To them we extend our deepest sympathy." - *M. T. O h-Uigin, Lee O.*

Tom McCormack was killed tragically in a road accident in Co. Cavan on May 31st. He will always be associated in my mind with Trooperstown, a map he and his wife, Wyn, produced back in the early '70's and which has been in regular use to this day. Another of Tom's discoveries was the old estate of Donadea in Co. Kildare, a beautifully runnable forest unique in Ireland. He produced another excellent map for the 1978 Two-Day which launched the area.
An engineer, Tom's natural talent for mapping and organisation were regularly in demand by his club and he could always be found quietly working away in the background. His sons have all become regular orienteers too, with Ted just recently selected for the Junior Home Internatio

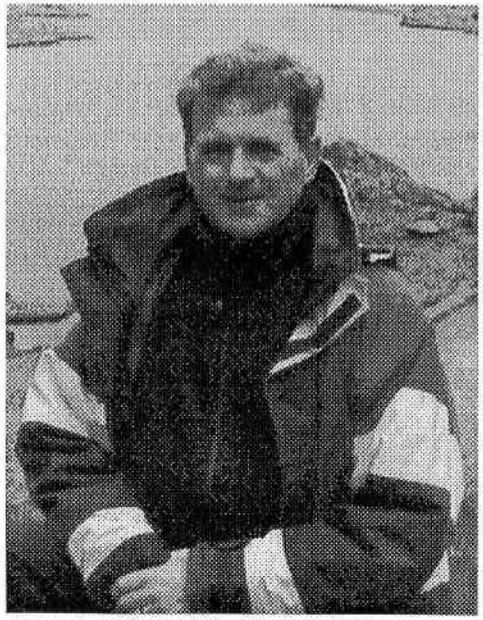
GEN Secretary Nora Lalor adds

"It was with a sense of shock, disbelief and great sadness we learned of the death of our club member and friend Tom in a fatal road traffic accident on May 31st 2001.

Tom was a member of GEN from the beginning, helping to produce several of our maps and made the original GEN start clock with its own unique set of bleeps. He was a regular competitive orienteer and an ever-present helper at club events. Many of you will remember his stints at the finish: whatever the weather and lateness of the afternoon, Tom would be there smiling in his usual good humour. Apart from orienteering Tom was also a canoeist, an accomplished sailor who recently purchased his own boat and an enthusiastic hill walker.

As a successful engineer Tom was a renowned builder of bridges and spent the last few years with the National Roads Authority involved in their many projects of road improvement through the country.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his family Wyn, Robin, Simon, Ted and all his friends. Together with them we hope to enjoy and promote orienteering for the future".



Tom McCormack

Tom's clubmate Diana Large was known to all the regular orienteers around the country: a gentle, soft-spoken lady with a twinkle in her eye and a quiet sense of humour. She was one of the earliest Leinster orienteers and worked on local maps like Kattie Gallagher (Carrickgollogan to you and me). In earlier years she was notable for turning up just before the start closed on a Sunday - her late husband was a church minister in Bray and she had to attend morning service and hear his sermons before going orienteering!

Apart from orienteering, she was a keen hill walker and photographer. Her photographs can be found on several sets of prizes for Leinster Championships and Home Internationals, not to mention the Christmas cards and bookmarks she used to sell during Advent.

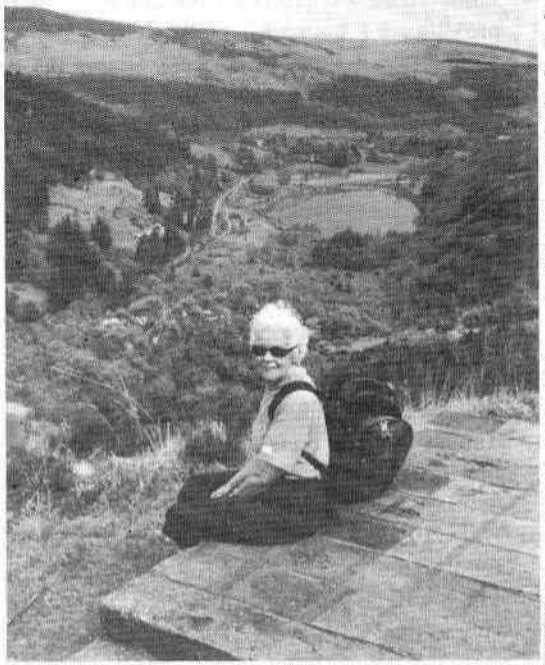
I remember in my early days orienteering standing at the start of a two-day event at Glendalough (1975?) on a 45° slope and glancing nonchalantly at the map. A spritely lady beside me said "Gosh! it looks awfully green!", a fact which was lost on me at the time. "Big deal", I thought, but I soon learned what Diana's observation meant and later learnt who it was had said it.

Her clubmate, Douglas Barry, wrote a short appreciation for the Irish Mountain Running Association, some of which is reproduced here. It's only as I write these paragraphs that I realise how much poorer we are as a result of their passing.

Diana Large (1937-2001)

Diana Large who died on Friday 22nd June was a familiar face at orienteering and IMRA races. Her sudden death has come as a terrible shock to all of us. Diana had only recently competed as a walker in May's Bray Head race. Indeed, she had helped out at the finish of the Scalp race the week before. She entered into the spirit of the hill running and always joined us in the pub for the prize giving, cup of tea and the chat.

Diana was a well-known orienteer, a founder member of GEN and she had an input into several of our maps. She was a regular competitive orienteer travelling to all events, Irish Champion in her age group many times, and



Diana Large.

This photograph was taken at Glendalough by her daughter and was still in Diana's camera when she died.

an avid hill walker who frequently led walks in the Wicklow hills. Diana only took up hill running/walking to keep fit during the summer for her walking trips abroad (she did the circuit of Mont Blanc last year) and her orienteering, especially the Veteran Home Internationals traditionally held in September. She was a constant team member and really enjoyed the competition and team travels. She was concerned that this year's event was clashing with a trip to Slovenia with her walking club, not having missed a VHI since first making the team.

An accomplished photographer and artist, Diana lived at the foot of her beloved Wicklow mountains, and was as familiar with them as she was with her own garden. Her photography of the hidden corners of Wicklow produced some magical images. Her many scenes of nature adorned cards and were used by GEN as orienteering prizes on more than one occasion.

Diana had admitted feeling unwell at the Scalp and mentioned that she was having an angiogram. Unfortunately, this revealed her heart was badly damaged and Diana passed away following emergency surgery. Our sympathies go out to her three children Susan, Jennifer, and Andrew, and to her many friends.

Douglas Barry / Nora Lalor GEN

This is an excerpt - the last verse - from one of Diana's poems called "Out of Time" which tells about a mountain walk in the west of Ireland as a voyage through Man's and Nature's history.

Around us light begins to fade
One last descent - to where below
The smoke from cottage hearths drifts on the breeze
And oil lamps shine a welcome glow,
The world awaits, our journey's done -
Yet .... must we go - from Timelessness to Time?

Diana Large - Rest in Peace"

SET Rogaine winners Eoin Keith & Hugh McLindon
(Photo: Joss Lynam)

TRAIL ORIENTEERING

In TIO98, Gerry Brady introduced his article on Mountain Bike Orienteering with a passing reference to the other "alternative" forms of the sport namely Trail-O and Ski-O.

I have had an interest in Trail-O for a number of years now, not because of its equality ethos, although that does give us the opportunity to promote our sport into parts of the community who could not, or would not want to participate in Foot-O. My interest comes from seeing it as a developmental activity for the regular club member.

Trail-O consists of competitors following a fixed route (the trail) along which are a number of checkpoints. At each of these they have to decide which of the visible control flags best matches the control site represented by the map and the control description. This restriction to the trail provides the major difference from Foot-O: since the flags can be anything from a few metres up to the limit of visibility from the trail the competitors never to get to visit the control site. This means that much more note has to be taken of the area surrounding the site than would be the case if you were running in to it. For me this element of Trail-O forces a much more detailed inspection of the terrain than Foot-O in much the same way as planning, controlling and mapping do. The difference there is that the threshold of experience and skill is dauntingly high to the club orienteer. Trail-O gives an easier route into developing those map-to-ground skills, which are so necessary for improving foot-O performance.

Don't be fooled into thinking Trail-O is for O-wimps - I've only had one instance of a 100% score. There is a timed element to provide a tiebreak facility between competitors with equal scores. In this the clock starts when the map and description for the site are handed over and stops when the competitor gives their answer. I've seen brain cells turn to blubber in those few seconds!

In the UK, selection for international teams is restricted to those with a disability which prevents them from competing in Foot-O on an equal standing with their peers but the British Championship is an open competition and its coming to Ireland next year (postponed from this year because of Foot & Mouth restrictions). My interest in Trail-O has been rewarded (!) by appointment as Planner for BTOC2002 which will be running alongside BOC next May in the North-West. The arrangements are such that you would be able to participate in BTOC after your BOC run. Perhaps IOA would consider designating the event as the Irish Trail-O Championship - I would be delighted and honoured!

Further details about Trail-O can be found on the Internet at www.trailo.org. Anne Braggins, who will be my Controller next year, maintains this site. She has criticised my early planning efforts as being too soft, so be warned!

Alan Gartside, LVO.

WOC 2001 - Tampere, Finland.

Aonghus OCleirigh reports

For Irish elite orienteers the World Orienteering Championships in Tampere marked the completion of another two-year cycle of preparation, training and the build-up of expectations. WOC in Finland will be remembered for many things, amongst them John Feehan's Irish record-breaking performances and the consistently good form displayed by all the men in the Short Distance qualifiers. Also remembered will be the support of many Irish orienteers who remained in Scandinavia after the trials to be part of the WOC experience.

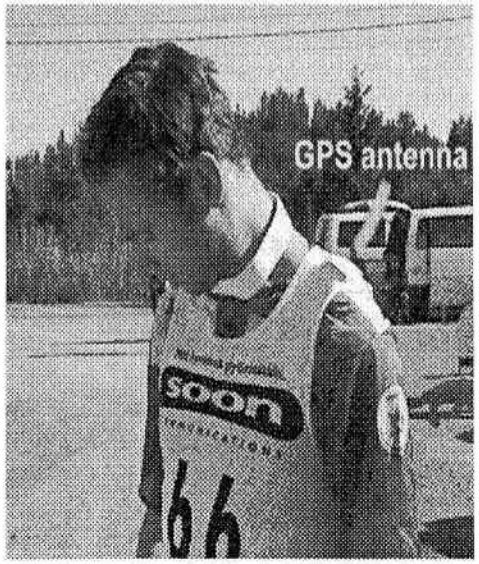
Love of the struggle is probably more rewarding than the desire for victory. The 2-year build-up included squad training seminars, a training camp in Finland in 2000, extended periods of training in Tampere by many squad members, and a trial to select the WOC team held in Finland three weeks before WOC. The support given by squad members to one another was very evident.

The actual team that competed at WOC was smaller in number than in recent years, and consisted of five men and three women - Eileen Loughman, Toni O'Donovan, Faye Pinker, Marcus Pinker, Colm O'Halloran, John Feehan, James Logue, and Bill Edwards. Gerry Brady was manager and I was team coach. This was Eileen's 14th WOC and Faye's first.

The format of the event itself has changed (and is still changing). A Sprint distance Final with sub eleven minutes winning times has been added to the existing Classic, Short and Relay disciplines - Ireland was allowed one male and one female in this contest and Marcus and Faye Pinker won selection to represent us in the inaugural event. Vroni Konig-Salmi (SUI) and Jimmy Birklin (SWE) were eventually victorious.

John Feehan certainly excelled in Finland. He qualified for both Classic and Short distance finals, the first Irish person to do this, and finished 46th and 36th positions respectively. He is the first Irish male to qualify for a Classic final since qualification races were introduced - Orla Cooke (1989) and Una May (1995, 1997) have qualified in the past. Marcus Pinker (1997, 1999) and Toni O'Donovan (1999) have previously qualified in the Short distance event. John's 36th position in the Short final is the best ever by an Irish person. (And I believe John can go even better...) The Men's' relay team finished in 20th position.

WOC results are easily available so they need not be repeated to any great extent here. Norwegian



Competitors wore a GPS transmitter in their bib which cound track them in the forest for the benefit of TV and spectators.

Jorgen Rostrup and Swiss Simone Luder won the Classic Distance events. Finland's Pasi Ikonen - gold medallist in the Short - raced without a compass! (Apparently he hasn't orienteered with a compass for the past three years.) Hanne Staff of Norway won the women's Short event. Finland took both relay gold medals.

The razzamatazz and media impact of WOC is becoming more refined and better focused. It ranged from highly efficient press services, terrific commentary and great music (particularly when a Finn was leading in the run-in). A giant screen in the assembly area showed the action in the forest as well as map extracts with routes. There was also live TV coverage (some of the guys with late starts saw control sites and parts of the map on TV in their apartment prior to travelling to the event!) From 2004 WOC is set to become an annual event. Courses planned with loops may be used to facilitate greater numbers in finals. Possibly more head-to-head formats will be tried. There may not even be any qualification events at WOC itself from 2004 onwards. (Qualification will largely be from World Cup races). And if foot orienteering is to make it to the Olympics there is talk of changing the nature of some events by handing the map with course to competitors well before the start.

Finally, on behalf of Wally Young, Gerry Brady and myself, and on behalf of all squad members, thanks to everyone who supported the cause with fund-raising and moral support.

John Feehan adds ...

Back in Finland after 22 years this year's World Champs reflected the developments which have taken place since then and showcased some which are likely to play a part in the future of our sport. Once again the leaderboards were Scandinavian dominated with Norway and Finland bringing home ?? medals between them. Pasi Ikonen (FIN), Jorgen Rostrup (NOR), Simone Luder (SUI) and Hanne Staff (NOR) were probably the outstanding athletes of these games but others shared the limelight too. For Ireland, Finland marked a new participation record for Eileen Loughman and saw John Feehan finishing 36th and 46th in the Short and Classic finals respectively. The men's relay team gained a respectable 20th position.

Race 1 - Sprint Final

The organisers allowed all competitors 3 hours access to the competition area on the eve of the races as it had been used before and was well known to many runners (it was only embargoed the previous autumn). Whether or not it levelled the playing field or simply consolidated the advantage already held by some is debatable. The courses were fast and criticised by many as being too easy technically. Some controls were on path features and buildings! Spectators were allowed access to the entire area although marshals were present to prevent interference. In the finish and start arena the action was fast and furious, competitors being visible both at spectator controls and on the big screen.

Sweden had its highlight of the week early on when Jimmy Birklin sprinted to victory in the men's race and Switzerland got a gold through favourite Vroni Konig-Salmi in the women's. Both countries also took bronze through Jorgen Olsson and Simone Luder. 21 year old Pasi Ikonen took silver behind Birklin while Johanna Asklof got Finland a second silver on the day. Irish runners Marcus and Faye Pinker did not enjoy the technically simple burn-up and ended up 41st and 45th. In hindsight they would probably have opted to concentrate on another discipline had they known the race format in advance and clearly we have runners more suited to this new discipline. It's likely to be the format chosen for Olympic games if orienteering gets that far but for the purist its validity is questionable.

Race 2 - Classic Qualification

First there was qualification and for most of the Irish that's where it ended as the strength and depth of the fields combined with poor start times proved too much. On courses with few controls per kilometre (11 in 8K for the men) the emphasis was on route choice and then fine navigation in the circle. John Feehan qualified with 1 min 40 to spare in 24th place, thirty going through from each of the two heats. Toni O Donovan never got into a rhythm and found it frustrating. Eileen Loughman took the aggressive straight routes but these proved to be technically demanding and consequently slowerJames Logue felt the race wasn't going well as he tried to find the right gear. It's not easy to qualify and it's getting harder every time. The start list for the finals however included nearly all the favourites and the strongest runners from each country.

Final

Once again the spectators were prioritised: provided with camera feeds from the forests (once again relayed on the big screen), radio reports and adjacent start and finish. Certainly it was strange to see the assembled thousands with their backs to the run-in as they watched the winners approach the finish on the state TV company's big screen. And the winners today were a superlight and fast striding Swiss girl, Simone Luder and a robotic cold Norwegian Jorgen Rostrup. Rostrup won the short title in Scotland but a double victory at the Nordic Champs in June rightly indicated his ability at the longer distance. He won few fans with his nonchalant reaction to Jani Lakanen's charge for the gold that was to take him to silver. Rostrup opted out of the Relays claiming they don't motivate him and individual glory is what he likes about the sport!

The other medal winners were Marika Mikkola (FIN) and Reeta Kolkkala (FIN) in the women's and Carl Henrik Bjorseth (NOR)taking a second individual bronze in successive World Champs. The leader board was overwhelmingly Nordic which shows that at classic distance the rest of the world still lags behind. The initial legs went through unembargoed terrain in which it was rumoured some teams had trained but over the gruelling courses only those most worthy were successful. John Feehan ran a steady race feeling slight effects of the qualification in his legs. "I was safe, I lacked the stamina to take on routes aggressively but I've achieved a lifetime goal today" was his reaction to a solid 46th position.

Race 3 - Relay

One of the features of the heavy coverage of the World Champs on TV was that the starts for men's and women's races were staggered, thus on relay day the men's teams were able to watch the first legs of the women's race in the comfort of their accommodation and even see sections of map. The area was quite fast with lots of rock detail and there were two spectator controls plus good live action from the forest.

A stunning display of running speed from the Finns gave them gold in both races. The joy of the home teams was evident as they danced across the line. Finland probably has the healthiest O-scene in Scandanavia at present and they seem to have no difficulty in holding onto their talented youth athletes, a problem which Norway in particular is facing.

In the women's race a photo finish had to decide silver as Norway and Sweden sprinted it out with Sweden getting the higher podium position. Ireland's management chose not to enter a women's team this year due to lack of depth and interest.The decision was debated internally among the team and this writer believes it is unlikely to be the situatin at future WOC's.

The men's team performed more or less as expected. Marcus Pinker felt the first signs of illness today that was to dash his Short race hopes and consequently was disappointed with his running form. Looking at the results compared to previous years we seem to have been overtaken by some nations such as Slovakia and Belorussia but have maintained our position ahead or fighting it out with New Zealand, Canada and Spain. But our lack of young talent coming through is a worry and likely to see us drift down the results board in years to come.

Race 4 - Short

Once again the qualification proved tough but just how hard it was to get a place I'm not sure anyone could have forseen. Frankly it was incredibly close in what was a very technical forest. In Men's Heat 2 for example the last qualifier was 2 min 48 sec down on first place. Many nations are concentrating on Short now as it provides a better opportunityfor success.

John Feehan qualified but the other Irish with

similar times found themselves outside the top 15. Bill Edwards in particular was unlucky with an unsettling 1 minute error at no.1 when he was 10 m from the control. Bill put in a lot of preparation for this his last WOC but unfortunately had to go away unsatisfied. Toni O'Donovan made an error and then missed a control and was very disappointed with her race. Faye and Eileen ran well to place 20th in their heats but disappointment was their fate too.
Next day we saw a fired up Hanne Staff claim Short gold to add to her collection ahead of two Swedes. And Young Finn Pasi Ikonen ran without a compass and demolished the opposition by 21 seconds. Norway took the silver and bronze. John Feehan made a shaky start but found a strong rhythm to charge to a very respectable 36th position. Fifteen seconds quicker would have had him ahead of the entire British team but he regarded it as a great finale to an unforgettable week.

So the flags were lowered on another WOC and the attention of the athletes will now shift to Switzerland where we will see a return to continental style terrain in 2003. Bill Edwards will not be there as he is moving to New Zealand and so we can say farewell and good luck to a great Irish elite runner who ran in 6 World Champs and won 4 Irish titles.We'll miss you Bill.

Event Reports

Two Views on the Scottish Six Day

Meabh McCann W10A (LVO)

This year the Scottish 6 day was held near Fort William in Scotland. It was harder than orienteering in Ireland, the courses were very long and the terrain was different and very hard to run on.
It was very exciting for me and it was the first time I had used a 'dipper' in an event. (electronic punching - ed) Because of the dipper I was able to compare my split times with other peoples - mummy thought that this was really "sad". The best bit was being able to compare "run in" times with everyone in the club - watch out Declan here I come!
It was very good to hear other orienteers experiences - some of the other girls had been to lots of big competitions. But I will definitely be going to more. Dad and I are trying to talk mum into going to France in 2003, please help.

Val Jones M45 (FIN)

Val, Helena, and Erika Jones had an enjoyable trip to the Scottish 6-Day Event. The event centre was in Fort William, at the foot of Ben Nevis. The orienteering areas were more like Irish open terrain, such as the Loo Bridge area in Kerry, than the more typical Scottish wooded areas, and very wet and boggy. Day 1 was at Achdalieu, just a few miles west of Fort William. It was about 3/4 open hillside with a nice deciduous wood in the centre. The map was quite small but the electronic punching enabled the courses to loop back and change direction with no loss to the technical standard.
Day 2 was in Strathmashie, about 40 miles east of Fort William. The area had been used for the 6-Day before, in 1995. It was mostly a large working forest, mainly flat with a large network of paths and rides, and a small open section into the finish.
Day 3 was in Archattan, south of Fort William near Oban. This area was reminiscent of the Black Lakes in Kerry: steep runnable slopes with a flat marshy section at the top.
Day 4 was back in Strathmashie. It was used for two days because one of the original areas wasn't allowed due to foot & mouth.
Day 5 was in Arisaig, an area of stunning scenery on the west coast with views out to the isles of Rhum and Eigg, and north to Skye. The terrain was the most intricate of the week, very like Croghan mountain, lots of small hills, knolls, crags and boulders.
The final day was in Fersit, about 10 miles north east of Fort William, a mixed area with some open moorland, a river valley with glacial deposits almost like sand dunes, and some forest, although the forest was mostly green. The area included in the map was probably influenced by the availability of fields for assembly and parking, resulting in a lot of restrictions on the planning. The weather wasn't great, showery most days, but it could have been a lot worse. The girls found the W12A courses a big step up from the typical Orange level courses they do at home - very few paths to follow. Nevertheless they managed to complete each day.
The M45A courses were very long and tough - nearly 8 km each day. The organisation was very efficient - electronic punching and split times for everyone at the finish. Apart from the orienteering there was a very interesting lecture one night on the John Muir trust, and the girls enjoyed the teenage disco and swimming at the Lochaber leisure centre. The only downside was the campsite. Let's just say wellies were essential. The numbers were probably down due to foot & mouth. There were very few Irish there, apart from LVO and NWOC contingents .

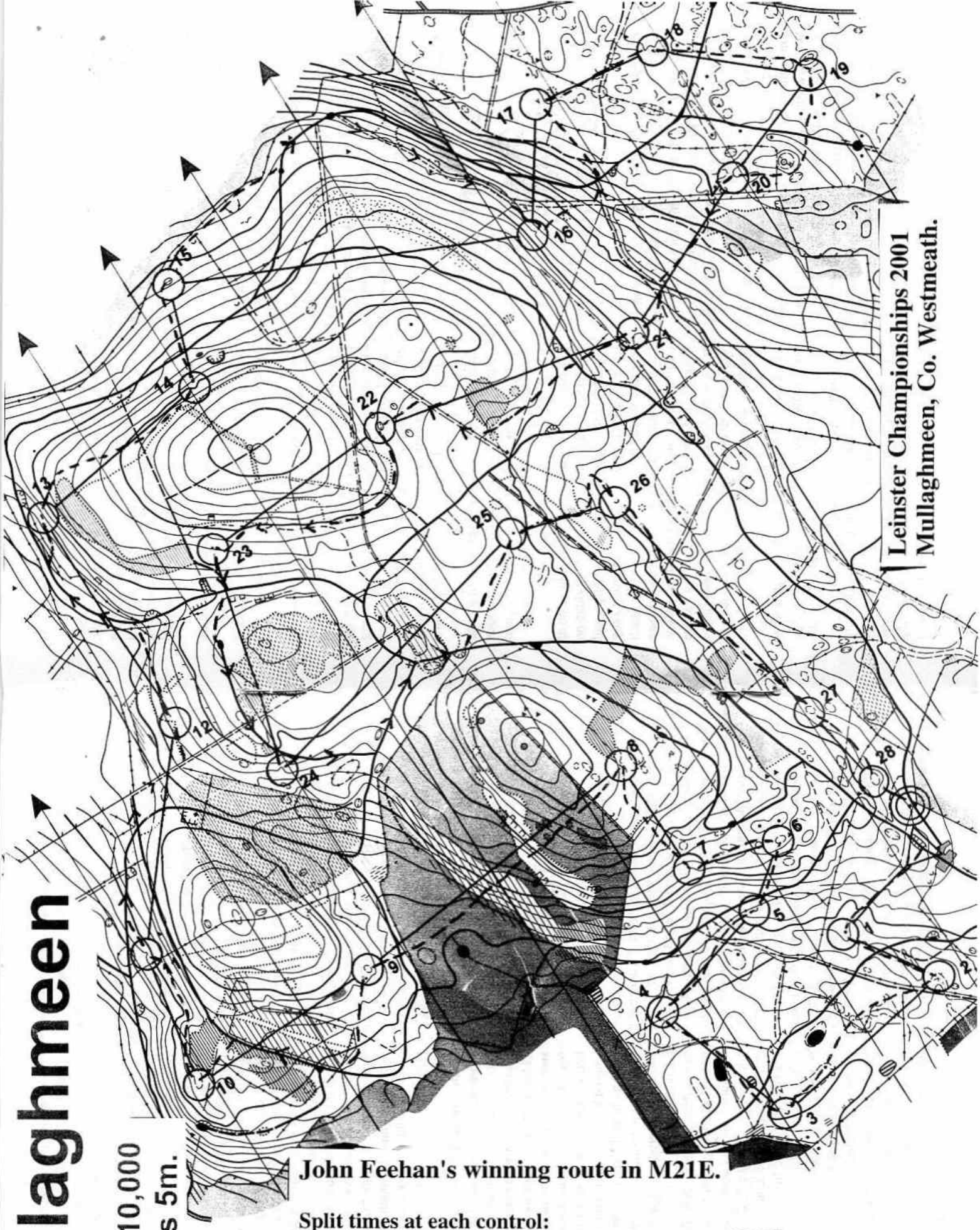
Event Reports

ABDUCTED BY ALIENS

Trina Cleary reports from Lithuania

This year the World Masters Orienteering Championships were held in Lithuania. The intrepid four of Ronan and Julie Cleary, Frank Martindale and self set off on the long journey from London to Vilnius by plane, to Klaipeda by car, to the Curonian Spit by Ferry, to Nida by car. We settled into our apartment, the one used by the Lithuanian President on his summer holliers - how is that for posh! The main difference between this apartment and the rest was that it was very large and had a "Cabinet Room", obviously needed if there was a sudden crisis while the President was in residence. We were 4k from the Russian border - we did wonder about the place being bugged and watched - I wonder what they made of the orienteering gear hanging over the various balconies!!
Day 1 was in a fabulous clean forest on the edge of the Baltic, 50k from Nida. All competitors were bussed there and back. The forest was so fast that any mistake was really punished. I had a 6 minute error, which meant I would not make the A Final. In heat of 28 C it is hard to concentrate and a route from the wrong drinks station was my only error, that and not being able to run flat out. The majority of competitors were Scandinavian - need I say more! Julie and Frank had good runs; Ronan and I were down the rankings. Day 2 was slightly more physical, on another part of the same map. I enjoyed ambling around with an error-free run and again finished well down the rankings. A dip in the Baltic after our run in brilliant sunshine and 29 C seemed a good idea. I ran into the water and my legs froze instantly. I forced myself to submerge and then ran out and thawed my frozen body! My, but Lithuanians must be tough - they didn't seem to mind the cold. Frank and Julie were in the A Finals and Ronan and I in the B Finals.

Finals Day and I had an early start. The sun beat down and the temperature was 31 C - it was so hot. Start to No 4 went well, much more physical than the other two days. In fact from 1 - 2 I had a leg, which took me over Witches Hill, an area with fantastic wooden carvings. Going from 4 - 5 I was accosted by a man demanding to know where he was, in a foreign language. I ignored him! Proceeded on and was then caught by him - he pulled me back by my O top. I shook him off, muttering in a foreign language, and continued on my way. I arrived at the top of my hill but no control. Wandered around for a while, saw a drinks station, had a drink, worked out where I was and got my control. Wasted maybe 5 minutes. Rest of course fine, no mistakes, and got my splits. 4 to 5, 22 minutes to do 300 metres - couldn't be, could it? Well I have now worked out that the little man was an alien and I was abducted and taken to the mother ship and then returned to earth with my memory cleaned - it is the only logical conclusion I can come to!!! All of us suffered badly from the heat, in fact Frank had a bad day due to dehydration, but Julie had a good run. Julie finished 31st in her class of over 70 competitors. Suffice to say the rest of us finished well down the field.



John Feehan's winning route in M21E.

Split times at each control:

1:19	0:59	1:58	1:57	1:44	1:18	0:52	2:28
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2:15	1:20	1:59	1:42	4:06	4:36	3:07	2:43
4:09	1:50	3:05	1:19				

Total: 1:09:37

Lithuania was a wonderful place to visit. The Curonian Spit is rather like the forests around Bordeaux in France, runnable with some intricate contour detail and laid out in blocks. The Spit is 98k long and 4k wide at its widest point; the northern half is Lithuanian and the southern half Russian. The number of traffic police around was amazing, all with their speed guns at the ready and they had plenty of customers throughout our time there. The weather was sunny and very hot, the food wonderful and everything was so cheap. We returned to Vilnius and spent a day exploring this lovely city, learning about its sad history and being full of admiration for their quest to become more aligned to the West and to see all they have achieved since 1991, when they broke away from the Soviet Block. A little bag of amber bits was our memento of a very enjoyable and worthwhile event.

Event Reports

SETANTA ROGAINE Glendalough, Co Wicklow

The fourth annual Setanta Orienteers Rogaine was held on the weekend of June 30 / July 1 in the historical valley of Glendalough. The event base was adjacent to the ancient churches and picture-postcard round tower, all associated with St Kevin,
who made the area a famed centre of learning and study in early Christian times.
The competition area took in much of County Wicklow, encompassing the Wicklow Mountains National Park which has Glendalough as its base. The National Park rangers kindly arranged for us to use their Education Centre, which provided nature studies and environmental artwork to entertain during the rest time!
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This year's rogaine took place at rather short notice, following the
lifting of most Foot and Mouth Disease restrictions in Ireland in mid May. Unfortunately, Irish Department of Agriculture guidelines on foot and mouth prevented entries being accepted from the UK and other FMD affected countries, and the use of disinfectant mats was still required at the start.
25 teams from around Ireland gathered for the event and some
exciting competition was anticipated in several of the six categories.

The format of the event was slightly changed this year, reflecting a new organising team. In addition to 35 controls (worth a total of 12,000 points) on the main 1:25,000 competition map, 10 controls were based on a local orienteering map. To add to the tactical challenge the location of these controls was only revealed after midnight, requiring teams to return to base if they wanted to avail of a relatively easy 1,500 points on offer.
This also added to the atmosphere at the base camp as more teams returned than in previous years and took in some well earned rest and nourishment while they had the opportunity.
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The traditional rogaine championship duration of 24 hours was kept, with the start at 12 midday on Saturday. Information on the format change, and the grid references for the main map, were only revealed shortly before the start, ensuring much frantic planning, scribbling and whispered debate until the first teams headed off out of the valley. Possible first controls (a rogaine having a score event format) were located on both sides of the valley and out either end, so teams were quickly separated and soon the base was quiet.
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The event base reopened at 7 pm and the first team reappeared, hungry, shortly after 8 pm, lured in we suspect by the aromas of the organisers' barbecue dinner! The majority of teams stayed out, the night being reasonably bright, until midnight or later, returning only once complete darkness had fallen. Some slept for a bit, others made a break for the orienteering map, hoping their night-O experience might be of use for some easy points.
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By dawn most were gone again, to see what extra points could be gleaned before the midday deadline to return. Tiredness meant only the fittest teams covered any real distance at this stage. Most teams stayed close by and opted not to risk the harsh penalties for returning late.
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In the end, there was a clear winner - the hotly tipped team of Eoin Keith, capped in Ultra distance running for Ireland, and one of last year's winning team and a local, Hugh McLindon. They collected 10,000 of the possible 13,000 points on offer.
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Second place overall, and the mixed title, went the the other member of last year's winning team, Roisin McDonnell, and Paul Mahon who recently represented Ireland at the Park World Tour orienteering in Prague.
First female team was Deirdre O'Neill and Julia Willison.

In the veteran category (combined age over 80 years) Doug Corrie and Ciaran Donaghy took the overall honours, first female veterans were Ger Power and Barbara Foley-Fisher. In the mixed veterans, previous overall mixed and many times winners of the mixed veterans category Graham Porter and Jane Watt (both international ultrarunners), were narrowly beaten by the orienteering husband and wife team of Don Short and Ruth Lynam. A marginally late finish cost Porter and Watt the win, only 200 points separating the teams.
It was a fittingly exciting finish to a very competitive weekend of endurance and navigation by all the competitors, and we were blessed by St Kevin with a decent weekend's weather too.

Next year's rogaine will be around the same time, end of June. We look forward to seeing you! Check out the Setanta Orienteers website at www.setantaorienteers.org for details.

Nina Phillips.

Event Reports

The NOT the JK trip

Bill Simpson headed to Sweden at Easter:

06:25, Good Friday morning is the start of an invigorating Easter weekend for four intrepid orienteers from LVO: Murray Cowan, Neil Bingham, Declan McGrellis and myself, Bill Simpson. Stansted airport is as busy and impersonal as ever. The longest queue is for check-in for the Skavsta (or Stockholm, as it is called by Ryan Air) flight. Murray is first off the plane rushing to sign up for the hire car.

There is a 430 km drive south to Karlskrona. The direction is fortunate as there is hope that the scattering of snow will not prevail in more southerly climes. Declan declares a burning desire to run through virgin Scandinavian snowdrifts and the weather forecast seems to offer a strong possibility of his wish being granted. The rest of the party reserve judgement. Pausing only briefly for a quick pizza and a beer, we speed on to find our cosy wooden shoe-box, sorry - cottage, on the shores of the Baltic. Preparations for the next day's short race quickly turn the minute floor space into a jumble of orienteering kit, carbohydrates and local maps.

Bright sunshine is encouraging as we rise for an 8:30 departure, but the trip to the shower block confirms that the air temperature is just above freezing. Luckily it is calm and thermals plus short-sleeved 0 tops are selected as optimal clothing for running. We are almost through Karlskrona before the navigator (that's me) wakes up sufficiently to re-locate on a convenient water tower, but the drive is short and soon we meet the familiar site of Volvos turning in to a rapidly filling car park field. We say "Hi" to Malcolm and Liz Campbell - Malcolm is on the same course as me as if the local competition was

not enough! Murray's start time puts him out in the forest first of the LVO party and Neil is the last to leave 90 minutes later.

The forest is as expected, with only the larger rock features mapped, but more paths and tracks than we could have hoped for. It seems to take much longer than usual to settle in to the navigation and map reading on the run is a forgotten skill. Amazingly, on downloading the split times from the Web, it seems that I have recorded the fastest H50 time for the run-in. Pity about the rest of the legs - if only they had taped it all the way! 15 controls, 3.5 km, 160 metres climb and 37 minutes later it is time to head for the open air showers. Fortunately the water temperature is higher than the ambient air temperature which has climbed to a balmy 6 degrees.

Shopping on the way home is the usual foreign adventure. Eventually most of the ingredients for beef stroganoff are assembled and we return to our hut to drape 0 gear over picnic tables. We have not found the laundry yet.
According to the Rough Guide to Sweden, the night-life in Karlskrona starts at midnight, but we have another early start in the morning and give up on the city centre in order to catch up on some well earned rest.

Another cold but sunny day in Sweden and we navigate to the forest more confidently. Today's race is a classic distance event - no.1 in the 2001 Elitserien, or day 2 of the Blekingepasken. The elite competitors start in the assembly field, but mere mortals have a 2 km walk to the start. It seems unfair, but then we do not have a 16.5 km course with an arbitrary dead run up the finish lanes midway, purely for the benefit of the spectators. The terrain in the early part of the course is very rough. There are rocks everywhere and I discover how difficult it is to follow a bearing through a boulder field when every boulder is above head height and blocking the view. Not only is my navigation rusty, but also my ability to leap from rock to rock while simultaneously ducking under branches. It is slow going and prompts a route choice that uses a longer track run. Clearly the farmer's guard dog has not been advised that this was a viable route for orienteers. Not knowing the Swedish for "Good dog", minutes per Km are reduced temporarily until the barking has receded in the distance. The tough terrain combined with complex navigation leads to lower half results for all of us. Back at the cabin, the rest of the party opt for soup and sleep while I wander off with a camera and clock up the extra 5 km that Declan and Murray have covered already. We have another 8:30 start in the morning, so a couple of games of Jenga later and it's bedtime already.

We return to the same assembly area used for yesterday's classic race. There's a slight change in the weather with cloud cover, but it does not look like rain is imminent. Without the sunshine, it feels colder although the car thermometer was reading 2.5 degrees in comparison to yesterday's -0.5 degrees. Only 3 Km to run today and thankfully the route to the start turns out to be only about 1500 metres.

We start into a faster part of the forest and at last I put together a reasonable run. Finally there is the sprint along the tapes and I am urged on by Murray to attack the last hill to the finish line. This has been my best run of the weekend, breaking what Murray calls the "shame" 10 minutes per k barrier - that is 10 minutes per k uncorrected as the Scandinavians never bother to take account of climb! Better still, I have beaten Malcolm Campbell for the first time in the weekend, but only by a couple of minutes. Later I find that I have attained my
other target for the trip by holding on to 14 th place out of 30 starters - a top 50% finish. It is best to set sensible targets for an orienteering trip to Scandinavia. Having started fairly late, Declan has the privilege of taking an outdoor shower during a light snow fall. If only we could offer these facilities locally and all for an entry fee of about £4.00. Everyone seems to have had a better run today and we set off for Karlskrona in good spirits.
En route home, we stop off to indulge in the boys' second favourite sport - this time in the form of a McDonald's meal. The afternoon turns into a busy social whirl as a round of Crazy Golf is swiftly followed by visit to the Skandia, which in

Karlskrona is a cinema rather than a restaurant. Finally, we have a meal in the King's Crown (English pub) where I order a Swedish speciality of fried meat and potato cubes, beetroot and a fried egg. Everyone else opted for steak and chips - how mundane!

On our last full day in Sweden, there is no competition, so what do we do? Call at the local orienteering club house to buy some training maps, of course. The terrain that we select has permanent markers but the only club member that we can locate speaks little English and is unable to find the master map, so we accept a map overprinted with a 9.7 km course from a previous event and pick a selection to visit. This terrain is vastly different from the competition areas. It is relatively flat and mostly bare rock in the northern part. Hollows in the rock have filled to form small marshes and there seems to have been a shortage of yellow ink as large tracts of bare rock, having no tree cover are mapped as forest. Conversely, some of the larger marshes have small trees growing, but are mapped as open. Soon after starting, I hear a thud of hooves and glimpse a large brown shape moving quickly through the trees about 30 metres to my left. It is my first sighting of an elk. We spent a relaxing hour picking controls in more subtle terrain than the competition areas.

Ronald McDonald is bypassed in favour of campsite showers followed by coffee and buns in the city centre and a wander around for sightseeing or shopping. Our meal is followed by one more movie with Swedish subtitles and then the trip is all over bar the packing and driving.... EXCEPT.... What's this? Murray has scrounged two maps of terrain near Ronneby. Declan dithers, but I generously relinquish the opportunity for a 6 a.m. departure and another training session. Murray and Neil are the lucky runners and it is poetic justice to rise at 8 a.m. to find it has been raining all morning. That should please the party of French fishermen in the next cabin as the last few days have been too cold for the fish to bite and too sunny for stealthy angling.

Well, it certainly was not the JK in the Forest of Dean, but it was a good trip, with excellent terrain, good company and plenty happening. It was nice to take a back seat for a change and let someone else look after the organisation. Thanks Murray.
(from *Crossing Point*, the NIOA newsletter)

Event Reports

Belgium - the hilly part

by Declan McGrellis

It was a sunny start to the weekend - and what was best of all was I didn't have to go to work today! I had taken the Friday and Monday off to make a long weekend and do some orienteering for a change. Event cancellations due to Foot & Mouth were starting to cause withdrawal symptoms - and I was getting desperate for some competition, even to the extent of travelling to Belgium!
Everything had been booked on the internet. Entry fees, EMIT card, accommodation, meals, flights and car hire. It was a little nerve racking however to arrive in Charleroi airport on a Bank Holiday Friday night hoping that your reservation had not gone missing in the system. Bill was eager for a free car upgrade - I was simply praying that they knew who we were and had a car waiting. It turned out that we both got our wish, and we were on our way to the Berg Reuland region of Belgium for three classic days of orienteering. The rest of the UK contingent had arrived at the accommodation earlier. So we had to be quiet entering the dorms at midnight. At least they had the foresight to make our bunks for us. Accommodation was indoors in dormitory style rooms, ranging from 3 single beds up to 10 double bunks. All food was included, with hot showers etc. for less than £13/night - excellent value. Bill was even able to demonstrate his misspent youth by his superior skills at table football.
Enough of the travel - what about the orienteering? For starters, this was the first time I had used the EMIT system. I'm not sure which I prefer -the SportIdent does give a reassuring beep when registering a

punch; but the EMIT was probably quicker to punch. Courses were 9.3 + km with 200 + m climb each day - and this wasn't even the elite courses! What had I let myself in for? Days 1 and 2 turned out to be relatively simple terrain. The consistency of the vegetation mapping was not always to my liking however. It is the first time that I have intentionally avoided running through 'yellow rough open'. This often turned out to be young, metre-high fir trees -which were NOT easy to run through. In contrast most of the forest was very runnable.

Lack of orienteering practice also led to many simple mistakes: *Was that 4 or 5 pat/is that I crossed ...oh dear... I'm lost again.*

You also got the impression that the planners were trying to use all available hills. There always seemed to be a fast downward descent followed by a much slower ascent

The course on day 3 was a chasing start. which added to the excitement - or at least would have, if the EMIT system had not inexplicably added 20 minutes onto my day 1 time! I guess I prefer SportIdent after all! Day 3 also proved to be in a more technical area. with numerous camcorders being used in the forest to record competitors (and their mistakes). My classic error occurred at control 6: *Run on a bearing to the road ... turn left and run 600 m ... notice an 'unmapped' track on my right ... ignore fact that road is going downhill severely which I didn't expect ... cut into the right along the ride ... where did that stream come from ... about to punch my,control at the root stock... it's got the wrong code on it ... yet more unmapped features ... another camcorder recording me standing still, looking confused...* I finally realise after 5 minutes that I had run along the wrong road - and had to climb up the hill again - gone were my hopes of a good run today! The only consoling fact was the sprint finish to the line. I got aggrieved that someone tried to pass me on the 600 m run-in and increased my pace slightly. He increased his also, and it ended up that we were sprinting all out for the line - my legs didn't have time to realise that they should not be moving that fast.

The trip also included the standard sight seeing trips to St. Vith and Luxembourg, castles and forests, missed turn-offs (long story) and country pubs, fast driving on autobahns and abandoning cars at airports, looking for isolated trees in a forest and getting accustomed to driving on the left side of the road again.

In conclusion, I can only try again to encourage anyone who has not yet participated in a multi-day event to try it out. Both from a social and an orienteering point of view - you should enjoy yourself.

(from Crossing Point, the NIOA newsletter).

World Championships Medallists

Wicklow Way Relay

IMRA (Irish Mountain Running Association) next year (8th June,Sat) hopes to organize a Wicklow Way Relay. It is hoped to make this event as accessible as possible for everyone. With this in mind there are 8 stages and 7 different ways of forming a team (see below). We wish the whole event to take place in daylight over 16 hours and therefore are starting in Kilmashogue and finishing outside Shillelagh. Elite teams who wish to do the whole WW can arrange to have a group warm up from Marlay and a group warm down into Clonegal.

No final decision to hold this event has been taken or the format, but we need to know if there is sufficient interest and if anyone has suggestions on format. (please remember that it must cater for all levels) before next year's calendar is finalised (mid-November)

Wicklow Way Relay for teams of 2to 8 as follows

·Teams of 2: Open
·Teams of 3: to include a lady or vet.
·Teams of 4: to include a lady and vet. (may be the same person)
Teams of 5: to include a lady and vet. (may not be the same person)
·Teams of 6: to include 2 ladies or 2 vets. (may be the same persons)
·Teams of 7: to include 2 ladies and 2 vets. (may not be the same persons)
· Teams of 8: to include 2 ladies, 2 vets (may not be the same persons)

Rules

Each team have their own support crew.
Change over allowed at official stage ends only.
Teams to be pre-entered and accepted
All runners to sign IMRA form
Juniors over 15 and under 18 must run stages 3
Each runner to previously familiarize themselves with their leg of the run

Stages:

1	6.00 Kilmashogue Curtlestown	14 km
2	Curtlestown - Lough Tay 12.00	14 km
3	Lough Tay -Oldbridge	8 km
4	Oldbridge -Glendalough	10 km
5	Glendalough -Drumgoff 16.00hrs	15 km
6.	Drumgoff -Ballyteige Bridge	13 km
7.	Ballyteige- Derry River, Tinahely	17 km
8.	Tinahely -Shillelagh/Tullow Rd. 20.00	10 km

Joe Lalor.

Munster Orienteering Championships 2001 Incorporating the Interprovincial Championships Sunday 11th November 2001

Venue: Clonmore North, Cahir, Co Tipperary. The terrain is mixed forest and open moorland.
Grid Reference S 028 249

Classes: All classes (L) are offered including M/W 21S. Courses/Classes will be amalgamated if insufficient entries are received by the closing date.

Entry Fees: Adults £6,00; Juniors £3,00; Family £15,00
Closing Date: Friday 26th October. 50% surcharge after this date

Entries to: MOC 2001, c/o Alan Barry, 2 Cherrywood Ridge, Midleton, Co Cork. Cheques payable to Cork Orienteering Club

Start Times: 11.00-13.00

Final Details and Start List: Start List will be posted on the Cork O web site (http://homepage.eircom.net/~orienteering/) and on the IOA group site (www.orienteering.ie) in the week preceding the event.

NIOA Development Day

Members of the three main clubs met on 9th June in Cookstown to consider the future of orienteering in Northern Ireland. It is recognised that the sport is at an important phase in its development with the implementation of the lottery mapping grant, the holding the British Championships in 2002 and successful projects such as the Armagh Schools' Millennium Project, a proposed scheme to form a partnership with Education Boards plus the launch of Ecotrails in Belfast.

A lot of time, energy and enthusiasm has been given by a small number of people who have been leading the sport for over 20 years. It is crucial that we should have a critical look into the future and focus on what is achievable for a relatively small Association.

Three main issues were discussed - mapping, competitions, and promotion/publicity along with the role of computers in orienteering. It would not be possible to reflect all that was discussed on the day but the following are some of the main points which will need further consideration.

There is a need to communicate more effectively with members and the general public. A new web site will be established in the autumn and the site will be promoted through various printed material, e.g. book marker. You will be asked to agree to your e-mail address being used for the electronic circulation of information.

More effective liaison with District Councils and Education Boards will be pursued.

There is a clear need to increase membership toward a target of 500 in five years. We need the support of all current members to achieve this.

In terms of competitions there is a need to keep participation simple and friendly. The emphasis should be on grass-root events including possibly more score events.

The lottery project has been a major challenge to the Association and the completion of the maps, permanent course and supporting material must be given priority. The financial investment with careful management should sustain mapping development for the next 10 years.

These issues and more will be addressed by the NIOA committee with the support of the main clubs over the coming months.

The day also included an opportunity to try OCAD, review supporting software and the current web site.

Colin Henderson

NI PLANNING COURSE

About a dozen or so orienteers turned up for this course at Tollymore Mountain Centre taken by Jon Sutcliffe of Sutmaps in Scotland.

The course was relaxed affair with a mixture of theory and practical sessions. While the participants ranged from experienced planners to novices, it is safe to say that even with that mix, everyone leaving the course had learnt something new.

The course looked at many aspects of planning, from the role of the planner and what the planner is trying to achieve to the likely customers on each course and technical difficulty.

The main learning points from the weekend were:
- Planners tend to make junior courses too hard.
- A risk assessment should be completed for each course.
- Controllers should not impose their style of courses onto planners' courses.

(Heather Ervine, LVO).

Snippets ...

LVO planned to run their event on the Copeland Islands, off Donaghadee, on September 1st. The back up (mainland) area was Cairn Wood, Dundonald, where the permanent course would provide the challenge... LVO have a new O-top design ... the Senior Home International is combined with the NI Championships at Florencecourt and Tollymore on September 29/30th.

RESULTS OF NIOA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2001

Saturday 29/09/2001, Florencecourt, Co. Fermanagh.

W10A (2) 1.200 km 15 m 5 C
1 Meabh McCann LVO 13:12
2 Darina Fyffe FERMO 16:42

W14A (3) 2.200 km 25 m 7 C
1 Erinna Foley-Fisher MNAV 38:20
2 Rachel Hung NWOC 75:26
3 Samantha Moseley NWOC 87:53

W16A (1) 3.200 km 35 m 7 C
1 Megan Crowch NWOC 57:59

W18A (2) 5.200 km 170 m 11 C
1 Sharon Lucey FERMO 90:25
2 Kelly Gibson FERMO 106:28

W21E (22) 8.000 km 275 m 17 C
1 E4 (Sarah Rollins) ENG 74:31
2 S6 (Kirsty Bryan-Jones) SCO 74:32
3 E3 (Helen Hargreaves) ENG 74:43
13 I4 (Violet Cordner) IRE 91:31
16 I1 (Ruth Lynam) IRE 104:58
18 I3 (Heather Ervine) IRE 112:50
20 I5 (Eunice Cinnamon) IRE 115:03
21 I2 (Nina Phillips) IRE 121:22
22 I6 (Fionne Autin) IRE 121:50

W21L (4) 6.300 km 190 m 15 C
1 Miriam Feehan BVOC 73:58
2 Jo Mein NWOC 112:27
3 Deirdre O'Neill FINGLE 168:30

W21S (6) 4.800 km 150 m 10 C
1 Susan Healy GEN 76:52
2 Fiona O'Brien AJAX 81:13
3 Elizabeth Deane CORKO 92:58

W40L (3) 5.200 km 170 m 11 C
1 Marella Fyffe FERMO 90:54
2 Nadine Grant FERMO 95:53
3 Mary Campbell FERMO 118:25

W45L (3) 5.200 km 170 m 11 C
1 Ann Savage LVO 72:25
2 Heather Majury LVO 77:35

W50L (6) 4.800 km 150 m 10 C
1 Wyn McCormack GEN 71:15
2 Aine ni Shuilleabhain 3 ROC 77:32
3 Jean O'Neill FINGLE 96:36

W60L (3) 3.600 km 55 m 9 C
1 Faith White SETANTA 66:50
2 Rosemary Crowley LVO 90:26
3 Vera Murtagh 3 ROC 140:37

M10A (3) 1.200 km 15 m 5 C
1 Cillin Corbett CORKO 12:34
2 Paul Campbell FERMO 13:07
3 Conor Short CNOC 18:34

M12A (5) 1.900 km 25 m 6 C
1 Ruairi Short CNOC 18:01
2 Conor Savage LVO 21:11
3 Andrew Campbell FERMO 22:00

M14A (5) 2.700 km 95 m 7 C
1 Fergus Crowch NWOC 81:56

M16A (6) 4.700 km 135 m 11 C
1 Christain Foley-Fisher MNAV 45:01
2 Conor Mailey NWOC 63:00
3 Ted McCormack GEN 77:41

M18A (2) 7.500 km 240 m 18 C
1 Ben Fulton NWOC 115:58

M20L (3) 7.500 km 240 m 18 C
1 Kevin O'Reilly BOC 93:05
2 David Healy GEN 106:43
3 Paul McGahon NWOC 145:51

M21E (24) 11.200 km 300 m 26 C
1 E5 (Oli Johnson) ENG 78:36
2 S4 (Dave Godfrey) SCO 86:11
3 S6 (Tim Lenton) SCO 87:11
8 I5 (Marcus Pinker) IRE 91:04
9 I6 (John Feehan) IRE 91:32
12 I4 (James Logue) IRE 95:09
14 I1 (Allan Bogle) IRE 97:05
15 I2 (Colm Rothery) IRE 99:50
16 I3 (Colm O'Halloran) IRE 100:47

M21L (17) 9.400 km 300 m 19 C
1 Steven Linton NWOC 80:44
2 Brian Corbett CORKO 84:32
3 Andrew Quin DVO 85:19

M21S (4) 6.600 km 180 m 16 C
1 Andrew Mein NWOC 83:52
2 Ian Lockington NWOC 86:35
3 Declan McDevitt NWOC 88:05

M35L (6) 9.400 km 300 m 19 C
1 Marcus Geoghan AJAX 95:37
2 Dave Weston SET 119:41
3 Greg McCann LVO 123:20

M40L (3) 7.500 km 240 m 18 C
1 Angus O'Cleirigh AJAX 63:22
2 Donald Petrie CLYDE 78:56
3 Brian McBurney LVO 85:20

M45L (9) 7.500 km 240 m 18 C
1 Billy Fyffe FERMO 87:54
2 Pat Healy CNOC 93:23
3 Clive Majury LVO 100:38

M50L (9) 6.600 km 180 m 16 C
1 Wilbert Hollinger LVO 63:10
2 Bill Simpson LVO 67:22
3 Bob Pinker CORKO 78:53

M50S (2) 4.800 km 150 m 10 C
1 Harry Bell LVO 65:26
2 Peter Jackson NGOC 87:47

M55L (5) 6.600 km 180 m 16 C
1 Alan Gartside LVO 87:39
2 Nigel Campbell-Crawford 3 ROC 90:53

M60L (2) 4.800 km 150 m 10 C
1 Frank Martindale 3 ROC 58:47
2 Freddie McCann LVO 81:07

M60S (1) 3.600 km 55 m 9 C
1 David Hogg NWOC 95:58

M65 (3) 4.000 km 130 m 10 C
1 Andrew Bonar-Law GEN 73:26
2 Bill Regan FERMO 110:15

M20E (12) 9.400 km 300 m 19 C
1 S3 (Ewan McCarthy) SCO 71:55
2 E2 (Clive Parry) ENG 72:59
3 S2 (Murray Strain) SCO 76:56
6 I1 (Darren Burke) IRE 100:25
7 I3 (Allan Barry) IRE 101:16
8 I2 (Niall Burke) IRE 101:31

W20E (12) 6.300 km 190 m 15 C
1 S3 (Lisa Brown) SCO 59:41
2 E3 (Becky Carlyle) ENG 60:21
3 I3 (Aislinn Austin) IRE 63:51
9 I1 (Niamh O'Boyle) IRE 80:00
10 I2 (Denise Healy) IRE 80:41

World Championships results Tampere, Finland, July 29 - August 4 2001

Sprint event

MEN : 2,66 km

1	Jimmy Birklin	SWE	10.55,9
2	Pasi Ikonen	FIN	11.06,1
3	Jörgen Olsson	SWE	11.09,7
5	Jamie Stevenson	GBR	11.18,0
12	Carsten Jörgensen	DEN	11.33,1
41	Marcus Pinker	IRL	13.38,2

WOMEN : 2,24 km

1.	Vroni König-Salmi	SUI	10.54,9
2.	Johanna Asklöf	FIN	11.00,5
3.	Simone Luder	SUI	11.01,9
13.	Sarah Rollins	GBR	11.52,4
45.	Faye Pinker	IRL	17.50,6

Classic Qualification race

MEN-1 : 8,8 km 69 starters

1.	Tobias Andersson	SWE	53.18
2.	Mikhail Mamleev	RUS	54.39
3.	Janne Salmi	FIN	55.35
16.	Jamie Stevenson	GBR	58.57
42.	Colm O'Halloran	IRL	1.12.40
44.	James Logue	IRL	1.13.37

MEN-2 : 8,8 km (Started: 68)

1.	Mats Troeng	SWE	53.22
1.	Jani Lakanen	FIN	53.22
3.	Carl Henrik Björseth	NOR	54.04
18.	Stephen Palmer	GBR	58.30
24.	John Feehan	IRL	1.00.34
39.	Bill Edwards	IRL	1.06.46

WOMEN-1 : 5,8 km (Started: 54)

1.	Yvette Baker	GBR	42.58
2.	Vroni König-Salmi	SUI	43.00
3.	Birgitte Husebye	NOR	43.07
6.	Heather Monro	GBR	44.46

WOC 2001 Classic Distance Final 31.7.2001

MEN : 14,4 km 59 started

1.	Jörgen Rostrup	NOR	1.29.43
2.	Jani Lakanen	FIN	1.30.17
3.	Carl Henrik BjörsethNOR		1.31.58
4.	Björnar Valstad	NOR	1.32.52
5.	Fredrik Löwegren	SWE	1.33.18
6.	Janne Salmi	FIN	1.33.50
7.	Valentin Novikov	RUS	1.33.59
8.	Thomas Buehrer	SUI	1.34.13
9.	Mats Haldin	FIN	1.34.48
10.	Jarkko Huovila	FIN	1.35.23
18.	Stephen Palmer	GBR	1.39.29
46.	John Feehan	IRL	1.54.40
58.	Jacek Nowak	POL	2.18.44

WOMEN : 9,7 km (60 started)

1.	Simone Luder	SUI	1.14.57
2.	Marika Mikkola	FIN	1.15.00
3.	Reeta Kolkkala	FIN	1.15.43
4.	Anette Granstedt	SWE	1.16.17
5.	Johanna Asklöf	FIN	1.16.23
6.	Hanne Staff	NOR	1.17.07
7.	Liisa Anttila	FIN	1.17.28
8.	Katarina Allberg	SWE	1.18.18
9.	Cecilia Nilsson	SWE	1.18.30
10.	Vroni König-Salmi	SUI	1.20.14
11.	Yvette Baker	GBR	1.20.57

WOC 2001 Relay 2.8.2001 Tampere Finland

WOMEN

1	Finland 1	2.37.01
2	Sweden 1	2.41.00
3	Norway 1	2.41.00

(No Irish womens team took part).

WOC 2001 Relay 2.8.2001
Women
NOR Norway
Husebye Birgitte , Antonsen Linda , Ingvaldsen Elisabeth, Staff Hanne

FIN Finland
Kolkkala Reeta, Anttila Liisa, Mikkola Marika , Asklöf Johanna

SWE Sweden
Allberg Katarina , Johansson Jenny , Nilsson Cecilia , Svärd Gunilla

GBR Great Britain
Buckley Kim , James Jenny , Baker Yvette , Monro Heather

MEN

1	Finland 1	2.48.53
2	Norway 1	2.50.59
3	Czeck Rep.1	2.52.25
8	Great Britain 1	3.01.27
20	Ireland 1	3.28.05

FIN Finland
Lakanen Jani , Huovila Jarkko , Peltola Juha , Salmi Janne

NOR Björnsgaard Bernt , Björseth Carl Henrik , Sandvik Tore, Valstad Björnar

CZE Horacek Michal ,Jedlicka Michal , Novotny Radek , Ropek Rudolf

IRL Feehan John, Pinker Marcus , Logue James , Edwards Bill

GBR Duncan Jon , Hale Steven , Palmer Stephen, Stevenson Jamie

Short Distance Qualification

MEN-1 : 4,0 km (Started: 35)

1.	Pasi Ikonen	FIN	21.57
2.	Grant Bluett	AUS	24.00
3.	Fredrik Löwegren	SWE	24.01
4.	Steven Hale	GBR	24.12
17.	Marcus Pinker	IRL	27.57

MEN-2 : 4,0 km (Started: 35)

1.	Carsten Jörgensen	DEN	23.42
2.	Tore Sandvik	NOR	23.56
3.	Girts Linins	LAT2	3.57
12.	Stephen Palmer	GBR	26.02
22.	Colm O'Halloran	IRL	28.26

MEN-3 : 4,0 km (Started: 35)

1.	Valentin Novikov	RUS	23.10
2.	Mats Troeng	SWE	23.51
3.	Juha Peltola	FIN	23.58
10.	Jamie Stevenson	GBR	26.28
12.	John Feehan	IRL	27.57

MEN-4 : 4,0 km (Started: 35)

1.	Jörgen Rostrup	NOR	22.28
2.	Marius Mazulis	LTU	22.56
3.	Janne Salmi	FIN	23.20
13.	David Peel	GBR	26.00
20.	Bill Edwards	IRL	28.40

WOMEN-1 : 3,5 km (Started: 26)

1	Gunilla Svärd	SWE	24.19
2.	Hanne Staff	NOR	25.07
3	Anna Garin	ESP	25.32

WOMEN-2 : 3,5 km (Started: 27)

1.	Anette Granstedt	SWE	22.36
2.	Reeta Kolkkala	FIN	24.12
3.	Kaethi Widler	SUI	26.00
8.	Jenny Whitehead	GBR	29.21
20.	Eileen Loughman	IRL	40.07
26.	Alla Arhipova	KAZ	1.03.14

WOMEN-3 : 3,5 km (Started: 27)

1.	Vroni König-Salmi	SUI	24.11
2.	Lucie Böhm	AUT	25.18
3.	Jenny Johansson	SWE	25.57
15.	Heather Monro	GBR	30.20
16.	Anne K Olesen	DEN	31.44
20.	Faye Pinker	IRL	39.06
27.	Hiu Yin Lo	HKG	1.17.34

WOMEN-4 : 3,5 km (Started: 27, DNF: 0, DQ: 2)

1.	Simone Luder SUI24.28		
2.	Diana Vosyliute	LTU	26.06
3.	Katalin Olah	HUN	26.10
11.	Jenny James	GBR	28.12
	Toni O'Donovan	IRL	DISQ

WOC 2001 Short Distance Final 4.8.2001

MEN : 4,1 km (Started: 60)

1.	Pasi Ikonen	FIN	23.41
2.	Tore Sandvik	NOR	24.02
3	Jörgen Rostrup	NOR	24.15
7.	Carsten Jörgensen	DEN	25.07
24.	Björnar Valstad	NOR	27.18
34.	Jamie Stevenson	GBR	28.57
35.	Stephen Palmer	GBR	28.58
36.	John Feehan	IRL	29.11
54.	Allan Mogensen	DEN	33.32
56.	Steven Hale	GBR	35.00
60.	Petar Delic	CRO	37.30

WOMEN : 3,6 km (Started: 60, DNF: 0, DQ: 0)

1.	Hanne Staff	NOR	25.41
2.	Jenny Johansson	SWE	25.54
3.	Gunilla Svärd	SWE	25.58
6.	Johanna Asklöf	FIN	26.41
17.	Heather Monro	GBR	28.27
37.	Encarna Maturana	ESP	31.56

Future Fixtures

The IOA Fixtures List is still a bit sketchy for next year. Here are the events known in September:

April 2002

21 Brockagh , Laragh, Co. Wicklow , Leinster Championships , GEN ,

May 2002

4 Benone East , Co. Derry , Training event , NIOA
5 Benone Strand , Co. Derry , British Individual Champs , NIOA ,
6 Baronscourt , Co. Tyrone , British Relay Champs NIOA
11 Scarr, Laragh, Co. Wicklow. Irish Championships , CNOC
12 Irish Relay Championships, Dublin.

Watch out for a 6-day in the English Lake District in early August; there are also rumours that the Shamrock O-Ringen will be back in summer 2002.

In the next issue we hope to have news of major events in 2002 to allow you to plan your:

- ❑ training
- ❑ holidays.

(tick whichever most accurately reflects your situation).

Leinster Orienteering Championships 2001
Mullaghmeen, Co. Westmeath.
16 September 2001.
Setanta Orienteers.

M10
1 Conor Short CNOC 20:39
Andrew Campbell FERMO mp
Paul Campbell FERMO mp
Cillin Corbett CORKO mp
Kevin O'Boyle CNOC mp

M12A
1 Ruairi Short CNOC 25:00
2 Conor O'Donoghue BOC 29:16
3 William Young NWOC 32:37
4 Fearghal Burke FIN 46:20
5 Conor Savage LVO 51:17
6 Cian O'Boyle CNOC 57:47

M14A
1 Kevin O'Brien MCBS 1:00:36
2 John Young DLSO 1:11:15
3 Seamus O'Boyle CNOC 1:13:40
4 Brendan Carbery CNOC 1:36:47

M14B
1 Fergus Crowch NWOC 28:19
2 Johnathon McBride NWOC 44:36
3 Mark Shiels NWOC 57:23

M16A
1 Christian Foley Fisher MN 48:09
2 C. Mailey NWOC 56:53
3 Paul Geary BVOC 1:03:35
4 Eoin O'Brien BOC 1:10:19
5 Ted. McCormack GEN 1:18:10
5 Alan O'Connor MCBS 1:18:10
7 Kieran Beausang MCBS 1:30:54
8 Aran Savage LVO 1:31:11
9 Donal O'Donoghue BOC 1:31:16
10 Eamon Barry MCBS 1:31:20
11 Cathal Burke FIN 1:33:33
12 Stephen O'Callaghan MCBS 1:33:51
Gareth Greene DLSO mp
Diarmaid Collins BOC mp

M18A
1 B. Fulton NWOC 1:17:11
2 Timothy Feehan BVOC 1:22:47
3 M. McCluskey NWOC 1:29:28
4 R. Wheeldoh NWOC 2:09:32

M18B
1 Mark Majury LVO 58:12
2 Gregg Coffey GEN 1:13:30

M20L
1 Stewart Caithness FERMO 1:13:58
2 Jonathan Lucy BOC 1:23:12
3 David Healy GEN 1:25:58
4 Kevin O'Reilly BOC 1:33:51
5 Zoltan Foley-Fisher MN 1:36:24
6 P. McGahon NWOC 2:48:25

M20S
E. Sherry SOC mp

M21E
1 John Feehan AJAX 1:09:37
2 Bill Edwards CORKO 1:13:37
3 James Logue NWOC 1:16:07
4 Marcus Pinker CORKO 1:17:14
5 Brendan O'Brien AJAX 1:20:19
6 Steven Linton NWOC 1:24:16
7 Brian Corbett CORKO 1:24:24
8 Colm Rothery AJAX 1:27:02
9 Patrick Casey GEN 1:30:44
10 Murray Cowan LVO 1:30:55
11 Brendan Delaney CNOC 1:31:13
12 John Casey AJAX 1:31:26
13 Andrew Quin DUO 1:31:29
14 Niall Dobbs DUO 1:33:42
15 Conor Barry CORKO 1:34:39
16 Lauri Beilmann OK ORION 1:36:11
17 Alan Barry CORKO 1:42:48
18 Daren Burke UCCO 1:43:10
19 Peter Mork 3ROC 1:49:58
20 T. Slattery CNOC 1:55:38
21 Brian Jones GEN 2:03:34
22 G. Evans CNOC 2:09:07
23 Ed Niland AJAX 2:13:04
D. Burke CNOC mp

M21L
1 Martin Flynn AJAX 1:14:32
2 Declan McGrellis LVO 1:18:43
3 Thomas Callery AJAX 1:23:11
4 Brendan O'Connor AJAX 1:30:20
5 Eoin Keith SET 1:39:09
6 Tony Joyce AJAX 1:40:59
7 Cormac McDonnchadha AJAX 1:54:03
8 Rory Wallace AJAX 1:55:00
9 Gavin Doherty GEN 1:56:49
10 Eoin Dunne 3ROC 1:58:53
11 Patrick Mulrennan SOC 2:03:39
Fergal Buckley DUO mp
Oliver Clear DFO mp

M21N
1 Declan McDevitt DMA 40:10
2 Gavin Cairns LVO 1:01:17

M21S
1 Derek Conerney WEGO 1:08:40
2 Andrew O'Mullane GEN 1:13:56
3 Fergal Reid DUO 1:22:47
4 Tony Doolin SET 1:31:58
5 Fergus McCann SET 1:54:26
6 K. MMoreland SOC 2:14:06
7 Gary Tully AJAX 2:31:15
M. Deavin SOC mp

M35L
1 Marcus Geoghegan AJAX 1:19:16

2 Dermot O'Sullivan BOC 1:29:50
3 Patrick O'Donovan BVOC 1:39:18
4 Michael O'Keeffe FIN 1:39:30
5 Kiaran O'Brien CONO 1:39:51
6 Gregg McCann LVO 1:43:13
7 Paul Mahon SET 1:45:49
8 Anthony Lawlor CNOC 2:14:19
9 L. Lynch SOC 2:39:16
Jim Hoare AJAX mp

M35S
1 Nick Butterfield GEN 1:18:43
2 Arthur Green GEN 1:35:02

M40L
1 Aonghus O'Cleirigh AJAX 1:00:51
2 Justin May 3ROC 1:03:01
3 Peter Kernan AJAX 1:17:35
4 Ronald Patterson FERMO 1:21:06
5 John Muldooney CONO 1:26:11
6 John O'Donovan BVOC 1:29:33
7 Chris McCann LVO 1:29:58
8 Fred Hammond LVO 1:38:47
9 J. O'Keefe CNOC 1:43:37
10 Val Jones FIN 1:44:54
11 John Rowe FIN 2:03:42
12 Donal Wickham AJAX 2:05:28
13 Andrew Butterfield GEN 2:26:13
John Geary BVOC mp
P. Farrelly CNOC mp
J. Bannon SOC mp

M40S
1 Ronan Cleary 3ROC 1:01:30
2 Peter O'Donoghue BOC 1:49:21

M45L
1 Liam O'Brien CORKO 1:08:31
2 Senan O'Boyle CNOC 1:09:23
3 Wally Young CNOC 1:12:40
4 John McCullough 3ROC 1:15:05
5 Pat Healy CNOC 1:18:08
6 Ted Lucey BOC 1:18:40
7 Clive Majury LVO 1:24:32
8 Andrew Cox WATO 1:24:45
9 Joe Buckley DFO 1:26:08
10 Tony Smith SET 1:30:33
11 Joe Lalor GEN 1:40:48
12 Don Short CNOC 1:41:18
13 Declan Carbery CNOC 1:43:31
14 Billy Fyffe FERMO 1:46:01
15 John Francis DFO 1:47:14

M45S
1 Anthony McGonigle NWOC 56:24
2 John O'Reilly BOC 1:06:09
3 Tom Burke FIN 1:35:55

M50L
1 Bill Simpson LVO 47:20
2 Wilber tHollinger LVO 50:02
3 Bob Pinker CORKO 52:12
4 Billy O'Neill CNOC 55:48
5 Brendan McGrath 3ROC 1:01:57
6 Jim Fallis FERMO 1:11:48
7 David Quinn GEN 1:15:19
8 Nigel Foley-Fisher MN 1:23:39
9 Donal O'Murchu CNOC 1:26:06
10 Diarmuid O'Colmain GEN 1:27:30
S. McSweeney CORKO mp

M55L
1 Ted Feehan BVOC 57:08
2 Bernard Creedon CORKO 58:01
3 Alan Gartside LVO 1:02:25
4 Nigel C Crawfoed 3ROC 1:12:55
5 Brendan Doherty GEN 1:21:40
6 Jim O'Donovan CORKO 1:23:55
7 Donal Burke LEEO 1:31:55
8 Tommy Murphy MN 1:47:10

M60L
1 Paget McCormack GEN 47:46
2 Frank Martindale 3ROC 53:55
3 Freddie McCann LVO 1:02:43
4 Michael Kellett GEN 1:16:51
5 Brian Hollinshead 3ROC 1:17:44
6 N. Bogle NWOC 1:22:27

M60S
1 David Hogg NWOC 1:21:22

M65L
1 Andrew Bonar Law GEN 1:00:41
2 Jim Barrett CNOC 1:11:17
3 Bill Regan FERMO 1:21:20
4 Peter Devlin LVO 1:38:04

M65S
Eddie Hogan AJAX mp

M70L
1 Sean Rothery 3ROC 1:13:08

W10
1 Derina Fyffe FERMO 29:10
2 Meabh McCann LVO 54:35

W12A
1 Helena Jones FIN 33:09
2 Erika Jones FIN 45:28
3 Meghan O'Driscoll FIN 59:18

W14A
1 Erinna Foley Fisher MN 1:09:04

W14B
1 Shirley Hung NWOC 47:32
2 Samantha Moseley NWOC 56:35

W16A
1 Deirdre Carbery CNOC 1:17:19
2 Jane Hingerty GEN 1:59:05
3 Deirdre Bell GEN 2:05:07

W18A
1 Sharon Lucy BOC 1:14:42
2 Niamh Lalor GEN 2:18:50

June O'Neill	CNOC	mp

W20L

1 Denise Healy	CNOC	1:45:09
2 Caroline Dennehy	BOC	2:08:52

W21E

1 Aislinn Austin	CORKO	1:16:37
2 Nuala Higgins	AJAX	1:17:09
3 Toni O'Donovan	CORKO	1:18:14
4 Una May	3ROC	1:19:00
5 Petranna Pachevn	BOC	1:25:16
6 Faye Pinker	CORKO	1:30:12
7 Nina Phillips	SET	1:40:17
8 Ruth Lynam	CNOC	1:40:44
9 Miriam Feehan	BVOC	1:46:51
10 Eileen Loughnan	CNOC	1:49:30
11 Fionne Austin	CORKO	1:52:30
12 D. Buckley	DFO	2:10:27
13 Deirdre O'Neill	FIN	2:41:41
14 O. Jennings	DFO	2:44:15
15 D. Hurley	DFO	2:49:12

W21L

1 Fiona O'Brien	AJAX	1:46:10
Nadya Hutchinson	3ROC	mp

W21N

1 Geraldine O' Riordan	SET	31:38
2 Santina Farinella	GEN	52:52

W21S

1 Gunilla Larsson	OK Hallen	1:05:11
2 Elisabeth Deane	CORKO	1:05:49
3 Mary Curran	CORKO	1:17:40
4 A. Elliott	SOC	2:06:33

W35L

1 Heather Ervine	LVO	1:25:46
2 Mary O'Connell	3ROC	1:40:37
3 Miriam Reid	GEN	3:40:29

W35S

1 Cathleen Morrison	AJAX	1:57:30
2 Mairead Joyce	GEN	3:05:12
Mary Gavin	GEN	mp

W40L

1 Nadine Grant	FERMO	1:17:23
2 Marella Fyffe	FERMO	1:30:17
Mary Campbell	FERMO	mp

W45L

1 Ann Savage	LVO	59:45
2 Mary Healy	GEN	1:03:52
3 Heather Majury	LVO	1:05:57
4 Barbary Foley Fisher	MN	1:36:03

W45S

1 Daphne Hammond	LVO	1:18:21
Helene MacInerney	CNOC	mp

W50L

1 Ulla Lindell	OK Hallen	53:59
2 W. McCormack	GEN	54:11
3 Maria Pinker	CORKO	1:13:48
4 Maire Walsh	3ROC	1:22:03
5 Aine Ui Shuilleabhain	3ROC	1:29:41

W50S

1 Margaret Creedon	CORKO	1:41:02

W55L

1 Trina Cleary	3ROC	56:26
2 Claire Walsh	3ROC	1:08:50
3 Andrea McCormack	GEN	1:25:17

W60L

1 Clare Nutall	LEEO	55:07
2 Maura Higgins	SET	1:08:35
3 Faith White	SET	1:11:41
4 Vera Murtagh	3ROC	1:41:24

Leinster Championships - Controller's Report

By the end of February, everything was well advanced and going well. Dave WESTON had planned out very interesting and challenging routes, the map looked good, all the control sites had been checked out, tagged and agreed. Brian Power then called me one day and raised the potential of there being a problem due to the F&M outbreak in the UK. I of course scoffed at this and said "no way". A few days later I had to eat my words as the Department of Agriculture cancelled all events. By then all the back office work was done as well and the Setanta team were ready to post out the entries. Maps had been printed and checked. It was quite a let down for everyone, in particular the team who had put in long hours and were geared up to running the event the next Sunday. It all had to go on hold.

Everything was frozen and stored. F&M came and went, the Summer months came and went, I don't know if the Summer came at all but the Autumn has been nice so far. Suddenly, the LOC was all go again and it took a lot to work up the enthusiasm a second time around. It felt like this was another complete event to run. However the Setanta team put in the effort and ensured the event was a success. I would like to thank them for making my job virtually redundant (Gawd how it galls to have to say anything nice about Setanta). Some work had been done on the forest since March. However all the control sites were intact. Very late in the day, we discovered that some fight had been reclaimed and a vegetation change boundary was impacted. However there was little time and the site was still OK so we went ahead with the routes originally planned by Dave. Setanta I believe went out of their way to accommodate late entries and entry on the day and I think they should get recognition for this. It is additional work but it all helps to generate more satisfied customers.

The SportIdent controls were put out on the Saturday, having been programmed to start up at 10:00 am the next morning. Before start up they can not be checked with an SI card. We also noticed that when a unit got a knock (such as a short fall onto hard ground) it stopped working and had to be replaced. Setanta had a full team of people out getting the start and finish areas ready and putting out controls. All controls had a manual punch as a backup in case the SportIdent failed. By 7:00 pm everything was ready and the weather was looking good.

Sunday started well. All the controls were checked and only one failed. This was replaced and reprogrammed on the computer. Competitors started and finished and now the SportIdent started to produce benefits. There was an immediate print out of split times and results were available on a real time basis. A couple of experienced runners were initially disqualified for a mispunch where they thought they had punched OK. The punch was checked and initially found to be working. However further finishers were also being disqualified on the same control. The control was retrieved and found to have an intermittent fault. All runners who had an MP on this control were reinstated. Overall, I believe Setanta did an excellent job from start to finish. The comments on the day were good and Brian Power finished it all off very well with the presentation of prizes.

This was my first time controlling an event with the SportIdent. There is a considerable overhead in using the equipment. Some units were not fully reliable and Setanta had to put in a lot of effort to have backups for virtually every possible point of failure. The payback was the split times and the results. I think the system needs to be carefully evaluated for future events and the benefits weighed against the effort and costs involved.

Brian Bell, GEN

PS (Organiser) I would strongly recommend SportIdent. I plan to write a short note for the next TIO on my experience with the system - B. Power.

No VETS?

No Irish team took part in the Veteran Home International this year because of the uncertailty over foot and mouth disease. It was felt that refunds for travel could not be guaranteed in the event of a cancellation. Team Manager Alan Gartside suggested that if individuals wanted to travel to take part, that a "leprechauns" team could run, rather than an official Irish team. As it was, I don't think any of the wee folk took up the challenge.

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September 2001

29 Florencecourt , Co. Fermanagh , NI Championships / Senior Home International , FERMO
30 Tollymore , Co. Down , NI Relay Champs / Senior Home International
30 Waterloo Wood , Cork , Cork County League , BOC

October 2001

6-7 JUNIOR HOME INTERNATIONAL Pembrey, Llanelli, S. Wales.
7 Trooperstown , Laragh, Co. Wicklow , Leinster League GEN
7 Knockaun Wood , Cork County League , BOC
13 Tollymore, Newcastle, Co. Down. LVO.
14 Raven's Rock , Glencullen, Co. Dublin. Leinster League , AJAX
14 Glengarriff Forest Park , Co. Cork , Cork O
20 Lagan Valley Regional Park East, belfast. Sprint O 4 , LVO
21 Pine Forest , Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin , Local Event , DUO
21 Lisnabrin , Co. Cork , BOC ,
21 Ross Castle, Killarney, Co. Kerry , KerryO
27 Burren , Co. Fermanagh , NI Series / Colour Coded , FERMO
28 Glenanaar , Co. Cork , BVOC

November 2001

4 Three Rock Wood , Dundrum, Co. Dublin , Leinster League 3ROC
4 Farran FP & Looney's Wood , Co. Cork , Cork County League , BOC
10 Cairn Wood, Dundonald, Co. Down. LVO Sprint-O.
11 MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS Clonmore North , Cahir, Co. Tipperary, Cork O. Pre-entry.
17 Gosford, Markethill, Co. Armagh. NI Series / Colour Coded , LVO
18 Djouce , Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow , Leinster League / Colour Coded , SET
18 Monaloo Wood , Co. Cork , Cork County League , BOC
18 Upper Torc , Killarney, Co. Kerry , KerryO
24 Drum Manor, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone. **NIOA Night Champs** , NWOC
24 Knockbarron , nr. Kinnitty, Co. Offaly , Local Event , WEGO
25 CONNACHT CHAMPIONSHIPS Bawnreagh , nr Mountrath, Co. Laois. WEGO Pre-entry.
25 Inniscarra Woods West , Co. Cork , Cork County League , BOC
27 To be arranged , Dublin by Night / Night-O

December 2001

2 Curragh East , Co. Kildare , Leinster League , CNOC
2 Coolydoody Wood , Tallow, Co. Waterford. Cork County League BOC
4 Carrickgollogan , Kilternan, Co. Dublin , Dublin by Night / Night-O , GEN
8 Tollymore, Co. Down. , Sprint O Final , LVO
9 Marlay Park , Ballinteer, Co. Dublin , Local Event , AJAX
9 Muckross House , Killarney, Co. Kerry , Kerry O
11 Killakee , Hellfire Woods, Co. Dublin , Dublin by Night /Night-O , SET
16 Local Event, Leinster. , FIN
16 Bishopstown , Cork , BOC
26 Three Rock Wood , Dundrum, Co. Dublin , Christmas Score , 3ROC
27 Farran Forest Park, Ovens, Co. Cork, Christmas Event, CorkO
30 Garrycloyne , Co. Cork , Score / Norwegian , BOC

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