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Letters to the Editor

TEAMS FOR THE WORLD ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 1985

Dear Sir,

I am sure I speak for all the Senior Selectors when I say disappointed I am at the lack of publicity and recognition given to members of the WOC teams for the Championships held in Australia this month.

For the record they were as follows:

MEN: R.Bryson, B.Corbett, P.Healy, P.James, P.Kernan, E.Rothery;
WOMEN: D.ni Challanain, O.Cooke, E.Loughman, P.Murphy, M.Thornhill.

To be chosen to represent one's country in the sport of orienteering is an honour, but especially when one is taking part in the most prestigeous championship among the elite of many nations. It was therefore most unfortunate that this year the event took place so far away, necessitating an enormous expense for all the travelling members of the team. It is hardly surprising that due to lack of Government funding and of sponsors that only one of those selected was prepared to attend.

Nevertheless the fact remains that these men and women were the World Championship team for Ireland in 1985 and so deserve as much credit as any other Irish team in past years. They should at least have the public recognition they deserve. This may well be the only opportunity some of them will have to be a part of a WOC team.

For some time past the selectors have been very concerned about policy, or rather the lack of it. Their job is purely to select - after much considered and soul-searching debate - the team which they deem to be the best one. To do this they use all the information available to them. The lack of such information of necessity leads to delays in naming teams - we simply cannot furnish names in a conscientious manner without it. In this respect event organisers can help us considerably. They should send a copy of the results to each of the selectors within a week of the event taking place. We are often faced with having to make decisions under extreme pressure having prised the information out of reluctant people the night before.

But even more important- and I have asked and made suggestions in previous years- could the IOA or FIOA (there seems to be some doubt as to which of these bodies is responsible) please formulate some method whereby the selected team members may be informed quickly of their selection. This year I know things were complicated even more by not having a Team Manager, but it is most disheartening for us, the selectors, who, having met together on several occasions and (some of us having travelled long distances) choosing the team which we consider to be the best, then find that (a) the members do not hear of that decision until that event is almost upon them and (b) little or no recognition is given to their achievements.

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Due to these two facts often the teams that actually travel bear very little resemblance to the teams originally selected (e.g. the Continental Cup team last year). Such a state of affairs is,at the least, frustrating to us, and at the most, an utter waste of our time.

Earlier in the year we received a letter from the FIOA requesting us to choose six men and six women to represent Ireland at the World Orienteering Championships. Both teams caused us a lot of headaches and problems: the men because there was too much talent, the women because there was not enough. Consequently only five of the six places were filled on the Womens team. I would suggest that for the WOC to be held in France in two year's time Squad members should try to attend the French 6 Day next summer as it has been reported that the terrain and maps will be similar to those in WOC '87. In particular we need some good results from our women and the places are there to be filled if the standard merits it.

Meanwhile I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to all the members of the WOC '85 teams and to thank them for their high standard of achievement and effort. I am only sorry that they could not all reap the benefits.

Yours sincerely,
Diana Large.

(Great Eastern Navigators;
Irish Senior Selector)

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31 August 1985.

Dear Irish Orienteers,

I would like to take this opportunity to express many thanks to all my Orienteering Friends in Ireland for the wonderful surprise "send-off" party and presentation in Griffith Barracks. I was delighted to see so many familiar faces there and to receive messages from those who couldn't make it. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves just as much as I did!

I am now settling in to my new job and also looking forward to the forthcoming orienteering season over here. I hope to see many of you at G.B. events and on my visits back to Ireland.

Wishing you all the best in your orienteering, and for continued development of the Sport in Ireland.

Many Thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Murtagh.

(Catherine Murtagh was Secretary of IOA for several years, and Secretary of Setanta Orienteers. She moved to England early in the summer. -Ed.)

Dear Sir,

I am delighted to hear from Richard Flynn that Leinster has such high-class Grade lll events - for the luxury of tables and chairs and master maps under cover I am almost tempted to travel to some. But I wonder which year it was that had only 4 or 5 Grade 1 events; I seem to remember there were 5 in May this year!'

I was not, of course, advocating Master Maps for all Grade 1 events but suggesting that an event could still warrant Grade 1 status if it used the master map system provided the facilities for marking one's course were good.

It really is a matter of priorities. What I want from a Grade 1 event is interesting terrain, an accurate map and well-planned courses (I assume there will be no mistakes in setting out). All the rest, including pre-marked maps, are extras, nice to have but of lower priority.

It is obvious from Richard's letter that he comes from a large club with plenty of organising personnel. Many events outside of Leinster - and I suspect in that region also- are organised by small teams. He may be interested to know that each day of the Mid-West 2 Day was run by a team of less than ten. In my experience orienteering people do not park anywhere and most orienteers are reasonable about time changes, etc. In an emergency there will still be people available for rescue work from a team of 10 - if necessary some lower-priority work, e.g. results, may have to be delayed.

However all that being said I was advocating a minimum of 10 - more would indeed be preferable - and the lesser the number the better the organisation must be to succeed.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Shaw

40 College Park,
Corbally,
Limerick.

9 September 1985

Dear Squire,

With the start of the season just around the corner I would like to use The Irish Orienteer to highlight a problem which occurs in the M21A class. If you look at some of the winning times for this class you will frequently find them to be less than the 90 minutes popularly promoted as ideal. In some cases they will be less than 70 minutes. This, I reckon, creates problems when people go to International and National championship competitions where they have to contend with a 20 to 30 minute increase in their running times.

I would suggest that we need to increase the length of the M21A courses to produce a norm of 90 minutes for the winning times. In the case of smaller areas it may necessitate some repetition and/or the use of second master maps, however I think many people would be prepared to accept this in return for more realistic winning times.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Mr Editor,

There has been a fair bit of flak flying around over the past months (years?) about the lack of publicity in Orienteering. As a relative newcomer to the sport, and as the incumbent of a few months of the office of PRO, I would like to put forward a few thoughts. Hopefully these will bring forward comments and contributions from others who have an interest in the development of orienteering.

Whether we like it or not, O is a minority sport. It is not a spectator sport. It is very much an activity for organisers and participants. It is difficult to describe the joys of completing a course without also giving the impression to an uninitiated listener or reader of it being an exercise in masochism. Hence, it will not attract wide media coverage.

As a minority sport, O does not really do badly in newspaper coverage anyway. Why not read over the newspapers and see how much exposure is given to netball, croquet, fishing, archery, table tennis, bowling, darts, draughts, gymnastics etc etc, or even to hill-running? Not that I would suggest taking our standards from the PR in those sports, but I do like getting things in perspective.

What do we want from PR in Orienteering? As I see it, we want to increase public awareness of the existence of the sport and encourage increased participation. How do you see it? Please tell me!

How do we, sorry, I, go about it? Well, weekly sports reports are essential, as long as the newspapers have room to print them. (On this subject, incidentally, it is noteworthy that the IOA PRO has acquired the responsibility of looking after the sports results of the Leinster clubs. I hear a Leinster organisation may be about to emerge and hopefully it will come complete with its own PRO!). It is useful for doing the sports reports to have the results and it would certainly help if event organisers would arrange to make them available to me as soon as practicable, if possible on the evening of the event. I cannot attend every event, and I would appreciate the results information without necessarily having to chase it up. Please note, my address and phone no. are given above!

On the subject of events, let me tell you a secret. I rely on the good offices of TIO for event programmes and dates for insertion into the sports diaries of newspapers. Will organisers please remember to advise me of changes so as to avoid publication of events which are not going to happen?

More feature articles are needed for submission to newspapers and magazines. I'm sure there are many authors out there with much to contribute. Please send submissions to me and I'll see what I can do. This applies also to competitors who go abroad to events, and people who attend conferences, courses and so on.

Assuming you enjoy orienteering and appreciate the benefits it brings to the minds and bodies of participants, tell all your friends about it and get them to come along and try it! Can I request each reader to introduce at least one person to club membership this year?

Finally, (for the moment) I would like to ask club secretaries to write to me with a club history as I am interested in tracing the development of orienteering in Ireland.

Have a good season! Enjoy yourselves and spread the Word!

Paddy Keane

P J KEANE

ODDS and ENDS and ODDS....Well, it looks as though Eileen Loughman of GEN was the only Irish team member to travel to Australia for the World Championships at the beginning of September: she went over at the end of July and will stay until the end of September- a long way to go for a run...FIOA is to meet again in late September, to keep IOA and NIOA on the straight and narrow....CompassSport seems to be back on the rails again after a shaky patch: will TIO follow?...secret Munster correspondent The Motley Fool must have met a little Bulgarian lady with an umbrella: at any rate he hasn't been heard form for some time. Perhaps the attack of terminal seriousness he feared for so long has at last struck in Munstar....IOA Chairman Ted Russell was sidelined just before the Scottish Six Day event by a severe ankle injury sustained while hill running (pace Douglas Barry!). The plaster of Paris leg means that IOA affairs will start to catch up again. First casualty of the new regime is expected to be a reformed technical committee to oversee such things as controlling standards....IOA Secretary (that should say "peripatetic IOA Secretary") Anne O'Neill of Setanta has moved house yet again. I won't put the address in until later on in the magazine incase it happens again!....Pat Healy of Curragh Orienteerers went to Killarney for the day in June and ended up winning a trip to New York as manager of the Army running team who won the Manufacturers' Hanover race there. Harry Quirke has been seen kicking himself for not making the trip....Don't forget National O-Day on October 6th: round up the usual suspects and bring them along to an event....like Moby Dick the Leinster Regional Association is threatening to resurface after a long time: will Richard "Captain Ahab" Flynn manage to harpoon the monster for long enough to make it secure this time?....The GEN criticism of TIO's alleged lack of punctuality in the last issue was in jest, I am assured....the Irish Junior Squad will have had their fill of sand dunes by the end of the year: they have had training days at Curracloe in Wexford and at Fanore in Clare in preparation for the Junior Home International at Pembrey in South Wales in the autumn....the not-much-publicised AFAS Munater Triathlon (hill running, canoeing and orienteering) took place at the end of May in far from perfect conditions: a report from LVO's Brian McKenna is expected before we go to press....entry forms for next year's Jan Kjellstrom Trophy weekend at Easter are out already, so don't say you haven't been warned! The events take place in East Anglia, with the event centre at City College, Norwich. Details: Good Friday - Training at Thetford Warren, Saturday - Individual at Brandon Park, Sunday - Individual at Beeston Regis and Felbrigg, Monday - Relay at Brandon Park. Entries close on January 20th 1986, and forms will no doubt be in CompassSport magazine, which is still available from Trina Cleary, 16 Dodder Park Road, Dublin 14 at a reasonable cost....a coaching course at the NI Mountain Centre at Tollymore, Co. Down will take place on September 21/22, for those of you not intent (sorry!) on doing the Mournes Mountain Marathon. Overnight accommodation and lectures will be at the Centre. Cost STG£6.00. At least one year's experience of orienteering is expected of all entrants. Contact Colin Henderson, 31 Pond Park Ave., Lisburn, Co. Antrim. Phone 08 492 71638....Has anybody seen an FIOA Ranking List lately? Any chance of a copy?....The Interprovincial Match is still going ahead at the Munster Championships on October 19/20. It's going to be a busy season till Christmas, with the Killary two day, the Mournes mountain marathon, the "Cross Border" (why not simply "Ulster"?) two-day, National O Day, Munster Champs, Dublin Marathon, Irish Two Day, Junion International, Leinster Relays and Leinster Championships all before Christmas... not to mention the CISM Military Championships in France....A new Leinster League is starting this Autumn with the Setanta event at Masseys' Estate on September 22, followed by the Three Rock event at Tiglin on November 24th. Any takers for other events?.... next year's French six day around Dijon is expected to arouse much interest as the 1987 World Championships are being held in France. Entry forms will be available in November, and the event takes place from the 5th to the 12th of July....Cork Orienteers are running twelve (12) events for National O Day: is this a record (as the man said when he found a black plastic disc when digging his back garden)....ex IOA Secretary Julie Martindale has gone to the USA to undertake mapping work for various US orienteering clubs along the east coast, while -also in America- ex IOA and 3ROC treasurer Ronan Cleary has taken on the treasurership of his adopted club, Hudson Valley Orienteers....In the "why didn't I think of that" section this month we have the motto of the HVO newsletter: All the news that fits, we print....

THOMOND ORIENTEERS

ThO

This summer ThO decided to try a new idea in promoting Orienteering in the Limerick area. Observing the enthusiasm with which workmates took part in the various inter-firm leagues organised - soccer, tennis, table-tennis etc., we decided to try an inter-firm Orienteering league. It was felt that the best time to hold events was mid-week evenings, and so the 4 events were held on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 pm at Gallows Hill, Violet Hill, Foynes, and Gallows Hill again for the final event. About 20 large firms were circularised, and ThO members persuaded and cajoled their workmates into forming teams. The emphasis was on Orienteering for fun, with easy courses: one long (divided men/women), one short (mixed). Points were allocated to each participant as a percentage of the winning time, and the top two scores for each firm in each of the 3 sections were cumulated each week to give the winning three teams in the end.

The number of participants in the league was way above our expectations, averaging 70 to 90 per event. This was despite the fact that one map (Violet Hill) is black-and-white, and another (Foynes) is some distance from Limerick. At least 90% of those taking part were beginners, and all thoroughly enjoyed the events. Our biggest problem was manpower, with only a handful or ThO members available to put out controls and organise the event.

The league was held on four consecutive Wednesday evenings from 19 June to 4 July. Undoubtedly the midweek evening was attractive to many, as a large number of people go home/away at weekends or are involved in other activities. Since the league finished we organised another (score) event on a Wednesday evening, and this had the same high attendance as the league. The inter-firm rivalry adds a further dimension to the competitive aspect of Orienteering, and helps to maintain interest throughout the league.

Next year we hope to start the Inter-Firm League earlier in the summer in order to get the most out of the long evenings, and run it over a longer period (2-week intervals). There is a very large potential of firms to be tapped if we circularise early and to a larger number of companies. The enthusiasm shown in this year's league gives us confidence of increasing membership in the coming months.

ThObserver

TAYSIDE '85 - An Account by an Innocent Bystander.

As a prelude to the week's festivities a sporting attempt on the Irish land speed record was made between Dublin's city centre and Larne during the Friday rush hour. The recorded time of 2 hours 35 minutes was unfortunately just outside the mark. The first incident occurred almost on arrival when Eddie (Niland) had a spot of bother of a mechanical nature. Expediency demands clear thinking and brave actions, so a replacement fleet of rollers was hired on the spot. Meanwhile on the campsite a territorial dispute erupted between the Creaghs from the tribe of the Three Pebbles, and their belligerent neighbours, the Hellfire Hash Harriers. After the routine burning, pillaging and rape (as was the custom of these people) a truce was declared and the matter referred to the European Court of Human Rights.

Indeed there was quite a crowd of Pats (abbrev. for Patriot) over for the week, about a hundred in total, so I can't mention them all, but among their number were Justin (May), John McC (ullough), Eleanor (Flegg), Lindy Naughton, Charlotte (Bonar Law), the Ajax Cubs (ex Pebbles), Faith (White), Deirdre (ni Challanain), Michelle (Coleman), Orla (Cooke), Brian C (orbett), Heathers (Stewart and Johnston), Richard(s), Pat F (arrelly), Padraig H(iggins) and Tim Laney....Laney....now that's a grand Irish name if ever I heard one! Isn't it great to see them keep the old flag flying, all the same?

The orienteering was good. Day 1 was technically difficult and, if you weren't the Murph, recently returned from a Scandinavian tour, you generally had problems (...and even the Murph found himself in hot water). The approach was to hurdle cool on the issue and map-read everything for the first few hundred metres to "get into" the map, whether you needed all this information to navigate by or not, followed by a rapid scanning of the entire leg to build up a coarse mental image of the terrain. As visibility was high (open ground), you could often correlate the image with the ground from afar. All that remained then was to daydream while the legs transported body and soul to the next vantage point. On approaching a control, though, it paid to keep continuous map-contact.

If you were as fit as I was then hills were for walking up. On days 1 and 2 I became a touch weary towards the close and had to adopt survival tactics. One point was borne out: with oncoming fatigue one's map-reading ability diminishes. To avoid error, navigation should be simplified. Near the end of Day 2, two of us - a Swede who wasn't quite as tired as I was, and myself - were going for a control. He was 50 metres ahead and he sloped off to the right to contour into the control whereas I followed a ride straight over the top, incurring extra height (and when you're tired you really feel every extra metre's climb!). I was forced to walk a lot, but the navigation was simple and all I had to concentrate on was staying upright. I reached the control just before him; the moral being that safety is often the best alternative, whether running strongly or not. And often, if you're so tired that you can't map-read effectively, then safety is the only option.

Day 3 I missed, but one of the better Irish runs came from Denis Murphy who chose a road or handrail option whenever possible (...and even when it didn't seem possible). His strategy was to make safety the primary criterion when making a route shoice, even to the extent of losing up to two minutes on the optimum route. He lost very little time around the controls as a consequence. This strategy lends itself to strong runners, where where extra climbing will noe affect running form at the end of a race and where roads are ideally suited to a fast running action. This strategy can also be adopted if you're off form or have lost confidence as the rhythm of moving through controls is easily regained and, as I mentioned before, this strategy proves useful when exhaustion sets in.

Day 4 provided a few more twists. It wasn't that the orienteering between the controls was so difficult, rather that the markers themselves were all but invisible. In most cases a very accurate approach was necessary to find them. Compass and pacing had to be up to par because you could pass 5 metres to one side of a control and miss it. And it was obvious from the results that even the winners had lost chunks of time. One chap in H21A1 ,who is currently mapping the area for next year's Norwegian Championships and had already made over fifty maps, reckoned the orienteering to be some of the toughest he'd done in a while.

Day 5 was "The Day of the Pat"... with the terrain used being very Irish in character. Murpy pinned back his ears and turned in a good performance, taking not a few scalps...the less said the better! Day 6 was a chasing start for the Elite classes. Pat Joe H(ealy) was starting in the late twenties, Wally (Young) in the late thirties, but there were to be a few upheavals before the day was done. Soon after the gun Pat became bunched in a pack of about a dozen, which then proceeded to flail about the course. The Wal started a few minutes after and by some clever navigation got the pack in his sights about half way round. They were on a long leg and had climbed a little to get onto a handrail to bring them round the top of the tree line at the end of which they would drop the forty metres or so into the control. Two hundred metres behind, the Wal was clued into all that was happening, so he sloped off across the canyon through some of the trickiest terrain you're ever likely to see, to head the posse off at the crag.... and the rest is history. He finished twenty second, the highest climber in the charts. Other success stories include Orla Cooke, who finished twelfth in the womens' Elite and Maura Thornhill who finished second in W35. I started the day lying seventh in H21A2 but dropped to twelfth after making mistakes and finishing eight minutes down.

...but enough of this idle banter! The real "Tayside '85" was all happening in the cattle sheds to the rear of Faskally House. The pens provided excellent crowd-control barriers and paralytic juveniles could be corralled into pens of their own where they could get sick over themselves. This left space for the more serious minded among us to engage in some of the more important aspects of orienteering...rabble-rousing, heckling, gouging and the like. Every evening was the same, and one tended to run into the same faces at the saloon, the same old stalwarts to a man...Hag Harris, Wish Gdula and Andrew Bonar Law...nothing like the bit of continuity and permanence to reassure a fellow in a foreign place, says I. All that was missing was the Russler. On the final night the campsite was serenaded on the hour, every hour, by the Cubs, and Declan O'Callaghan was elected man of the week.

Aonghus O Cleirigh, Curragh Orienteerers.

Notes for those who weren't there: Tayside '85, thefifth Scottish 6 Day event, was held in the first week of August, based at Pitlochry in Pertshire. A large contingent of Irish orienteers travelled over and produced a number of very good performances in a variety of classes. Despite the bad weather the week was a great success, with good orienteering and only one day with 8 foot high bracken.
The next Scottish 6 Day, "Highland '87", takes place in the first week of August 1987 based at Beuly, not far NW of Inverness.

IRISH CISM TEAM SELECTED

Following a recent selection race it now appears that Ireland will have probably the strongest team ever for a CISM (Conseil International du Sport Militaire) Championship.The results of the trial were: 1. A.OCleirigh, 2. P.Higgins, 3. W.Young, 4. D.Murphy, 5. P.Healy, 6. D.Reidy, 7. P.Nash. It is understood that all the team will travel to south west France for the events in the week of September 21 - 28. The areas to be used are forested sand dunes similar to those used in last tear's French 5 Day event.

The next CISM orienteering championships will be staged in Ireland in 1987.

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setanta orienteers

Tayside '85

Seven members of the club travelled to this orienteering extravaganza in the Highlands. We may not have covered ourselves in glory but neither did we disgrace ourselves. A lot was learned and I am sure the experience will be put to good use during the coming season. As this journal sometimes finds itself in Scottish hands a word of praise for them would be in order. The organisation from Day 1 to Day 6 was superb. The planning, controlling and mapping were of the highest standard.

A brief word on our performance. Eleanor is coming back to something like her old form taking 19th place out of a field of 42 in the 17A. Bobby recovered well after a disaster in the Queen's Forest to finish well up in the 40A's. This course was an elite course in everything but length. Richard, because of ankle injury, was confined to the 21B course and really was not tested. Faith had a very gallant run in the 50A's finishing 18th our of 42. What a pity Brian does not get himself fit and give up these B courses. He finished 15th out of 64. We shall be kind to Catherine and just say she had more important things on her mind. Yours truly could have done better but for mistaking a taped river crossing for the finish and spent the day running up and down it. Roll on '87.

Transport - A number of Two-Day events are coming up shortly, anyone wishing to share travel expenses should contact our Transport Officer, Richard Flynn at 942388.

New Members - Welcome to Terry, Ruth, Alan and Emmet. These new members have been turning out for training every Wednesday and are showing great promise. In fact, Alan on his first outing won his course at Glencree, so look to your laurels Teddy Russell.

Old Members - Jane, Sheila, Bruce, Tommy, Robert, Ted and indeed the rest of you who we have not seen for some time a bright new season is upon us. The club needs you so get involved.

Mapping - Massey's/Kilakee is being drawn at the moment and we hope to send it to print with UCD's map of Belfield. Surveying is going ahead on Castletimon and once again we ask you for help. Two new areas are being considered at the moment. They are quite small but they might do for training.

AGM - I am mentioning this now, as you will recall it was decided at the last meeting to hold our AGM's at the beginning of the season. We shall let you have further details in a special newsletter after our next committee meeting. However, try and make every effort to attend it for no other reason than to save my skin as Bobby has said he will have my guts for garters if there is a poor attendance.

Club Newsletter

Did not appear with last issue as Anne left it with her jam sandwich on the No.10 bus!

Training starts again next month (October). Details later.

Richard Flynn.

WOODS IN DANGER

On days without events woods are places of peace and quiet beauty. Orienteers enjoy woods and they are also of vital importance to our sport as places where visibility is reduced, thereby minimising the unfair advantage to be gained from seeing other competitors. Ireland is the least wooded country in Europe; only 5% of this green land is covered by trees. Of this, only a tiny proportion is of natural oak woodland like Cronybyrne and Muckross. Oak woodland is vastly more inspiring than dull dark coniferous. As a hardwood, oak is a valuable asset and increasingly so as the equatorial rain forests are cut down. However the Forestry planting policy is geared for quick return fast growth coniferous softwoods. Most oak woodland is in private hands and only a few are managed properly: overmature oaks being felled and replanting carried out where necessary.

At Shillelagh, Co. Wicklow the oak woodland of Coolattin estate is being exploited for short term private gain. Half of the 600 acres of oak have been clearfelled in the last ten years, mostly under licence from the Dept. of Forestry, and exported. These trees are mostly 120 to 140 years old and there are 32 Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) issued by Wicklow Co. Council in force to protect single trees or groups of special amenity value. The latest in a string of private owners, Bridgefarm ltd., have now applied to Wicklow C.C. for permission to fell 105 trees "protected" by a TPO and in the event of a refusal they will put in a claim for 78,000 pounds compensation. As the law stands they are entitled to this and the TPOs are worthless. In any case the fine for felling a tree (worth about 700 pounds) covered by a TPO is a princely 5 pounds.

On 22 August 200 people attended a public meeting in Shillelagh organised by an action committee. Liam Kavanagh (Minister for the Environment and Wicklow TD) outlined the legal position, said that he had referred the matter to the Attorney General in April and that he was still awaiting a reply. Encouragingly, all of the politicians present (Gemma Hussey, Paudge Brennan and Liz McManus) including the Minister, seemed to recognise the amenity value of woodland and were supportive of moves to preserve it. Unfortunately the Forestry representatives were not of like mind. Mr. Terry O'Brien, the management inspector appointed to make sure felling and replanting was being carried out in accordance with felling licences, was of the opinion that it would be best to completely clear fell the area. He said that this would be in line with good "silvacultural" policies and that the amenity value of the woodland was not his function. With such blind ignorance actually in charge of orienteering's most vital assets it is in every orienteers interests that we get involved in the promotion

of woodland as a valuable amenity in general and in the protection of Coolattin in particular; not just for the purpose of orienteering but for all who appreciate the beauty of woodland. To do this we need to research "silvacultural" practices, amenity vs. commercial (clear felling and brashings on the ground) approaches to forestry management, how this is done in other countries and about the impact of orienteering on the environment.

Anybody interested can write to me at 157 Moyville, 16, and perhaps next year the IOA should appoint an Environment Officer to gather information on all aspects of orienteering in natural surroundings and to make our case to government and private bodies.

Eoin Rothery

U.C.D. ORIENTEERS NEWS

UCDO announce their new committee for 1985/86:

They are:

Captain	Ross Stanley	15 Stillorgan Park, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. 889234.
Secretary	Jean Kelly	Capard, Bray Road, Cabinteely, Dublin 18. 854264
Treasurer	Helen Coughlan	130 Barton Road East, Ballinteer, Dublin 14. 985076
Event Organiser	Mark Crowe	No term address yet.
Social Secretary	Anna Marie Dowling	San Remo, The Coppins, Foxrock, Dublin 18. 896203.
Ordinary Member	Nicholas Butterfield	30 Abbey View, Monkstown, Co. Dublin. 804844

Enquiries may be addressed to any of the above or to the Club address, which remains:
UCD Orienteers, Box J, c/o Porters Desk, Arts Block, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4.

The LSOA events for the coming months are as follows:

Sept.	29	Carrickgollogan, Co. Dublin.
Oct.	13	Three Rock Wood, Co. Dublin.
	27	Phoenix Pzrk, Dublin.
Nov.	17	Kilakee, Co. Dublin (Hellfire Wood).
Dec.	1	Killiney Hill, Co. Dublin.
Feb.	23	Donadea, Co. Kildare.
Mar.	9	Pine Forest, Co. Dublin.
	23	Tiglin, Co. Wicklow.
Apr.	20	Hollywood, Co. Wicklow : Championships.

Schools' league: best three performances from the first five events.

ORIENTEERING FIXTURES 1985

September

24	MAYFIELD	Cork City. Street-O, start at swimming pool, 17.30.
28-29	CROSS-BORDER TWO-DAY: Florencecourt, Co. Fermanagh and Rossmore Co. Monaghan. Entries closed.	
29 *	BALLYVORISHEEN	Carrignavar, Co. Cork. Guinness Cork League event. Cork Orienteers.

October

5	TARBERT	Co. Kerry. KO Grade 2 event, new map. Entry on day; area is 80% open land. 1:10000 scale.
5	TOLLYMORE	Co. Down. LVO NI Ladder event. GR J 35 32. Nice but overused forest near Newcastle. Ann Savage, 08 0247 883904.
6	NATIONAL ORIENTEERING DAY: Come-and-try-it events in counties Cavan(1), Cork (15), Dublin (6), Galway (2), Kerry (3), Kildare (2), Limerick (1), Longford (1), Louth (1), Monaghan (1) and Offaly (1). Watch local press for details, or go along and help out yourself. Start times all 11.00 am to 4.00 pm.	
12	CORK	Cork Schools training event at a secret location. Contact Judy Murray, Midleton Vocational School, but make sure you know the password!
13	WOODLAWN	Co. Galway. Flat, fast forest used for Connacht Championships '85, convenient to railway station. UCGO Grade 2, league and schools' event. GR M 68 31. Beware small features mapped!
13 *	GALLOWS HILL	Cratloe, Co. Clare: Just outside Limerick. ThO Grade 1 event. Area used for midwest 2 day in Feb. Includes some of the old Cratloe map. 1:15000. GR R50 61. Not as grim as the name suggests.
13 *	ARDNAGEEHY	Co. Cork. Guinness Cork League event. Cork O organising. Between Glenville and Watergrasshill.
19-20	MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS: Musheramore, Millstreet, Co. Cork. Entry closes September 30th, but how do you get an entry form?Cork Orienteers.	
26	GORTNAMOYAGH	Co. Derry. NWOC NI Ladder event on area used for an Irish Championships ('82?). Includes LVO Championships. GR C 76 13. Phone 08 05047 765823
27	KILMASHOGUE	Co. Dublin. 3ROC event in small, physical forest near Marlay Park. Parking is limited. Revised map. GR O 15 24. Contact 982315.
27	MOUNTBELLEW	Co. Galway. GR M 66 46. WEO Grade 2 event.
27 *	GLENBOWER	Killeagh, Co. Cork. Cork O colour event. GR W 99 77

November

2	CASTLEWELLAN	Co. Down. LVO NI Ladder event, scenic but tough area used for last year's interprovincial match. GR J 32 37. Contact Alan Gartside 084 655065.
3	BALLINDERRY	near Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow. BSO Grade 2 event. Pleasant, inoffensive area without much detail. 1:10 000 scale map. Mostly runnable. GR T 15 91.
3	MALLABRACKA	near Dunmanway, Co. Cork. Lee O Munster League.
2-3	NATIONAL SCOUTS CHAMPIONSHIPS at Kinnahally and Glenshelone woods in Co. Waterford. No further information.Dib dib dib.	
9-10	IRISH TWO DAY	Glendalough and Ballinastoe, Co. Wicklow. UCDO and GEN organising. Entry forms in this issue. Entry closes September 30th.
10	ARDNAGEEHY	Watergrasshill, Co. Cork. Schools event.
16	DOWNHILL	NI Night Championships. GR C 75 36. No further information available...must be afraid we'll go and win it!
17	WARRENSCOURT	Kilmurray, Co. Cork. Cork O Grade 2 event. Cork 800 League.
17	KINNITTY	Co. Offaly. Custume Orienteers Grade 2 event, Connacht League. GR N 21 05
24 *	TIGLIN	Ashford, Co. Wicklow. 3ROC Grade 2 event. GR
24	COOTEHILL	Co. Cavan. ECO event. GR H 61 16
24	GARRETTSTOWN	Kinsale, Co. Cork. Guinness Cork League event. GR W 58 44. Cork O.
24	KILLARY	Co. Galway, scene of IOC 84. UCG Training and coaching event. GR M 80 62.
23-24	WALES	Junior Home International, Pembrey. Relay on Saturday, Individual on Sunday. Good forest: sand dunes and trees, like Curracloe.
23-24	KINSALE	Orienteering instruction course for youth leaders, teachers, etc. Contact Sean Cotter 021-46194.
30	DONARD	Co. Down. LVO Club event. Steep forest overlooking Newcastle. GR J 37 30 Contact 08 4 664792.
30	FARRAN WOOD	Co. Cork. Schools' event.

December

1	WATERGRASSHILL	Co. Cork. LeeO Grade 2 event, new map. GR W 99 83
1	LEINSTER RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS at Donadea, Co. Kildare. DUO organised. Entry forms with this issue. Superb fast forest for a relay. GR N 84 33	
8	BALLYVORISHEEN	Carrignavar, Co. Cork. Cork O Grade 2 event in the Cork 800 League.
8	LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS near Roundwood, Co. Wicklow. AJAX, new map. Entry forms in this issue. Postponed from March.	
15	ROSTELLAN	near Midleton, Co. Cork. CRTCO Grade 2, league event (Cork 800). GR W 87 66
26 *	THREE ROCK WOOD	Co. Dublin. Annual 3ROC Christmas Score event. Blow away the cobwebs. GR O 17 23
29 *	SHIPPOOL	Innishannon, Co. Cork. Cork O Christmas Score event.

A BASE FOR RE-ESTABLISHING THE LEINSTER ASSOCIATION

It is now two years since the first IOA Development Conference. What has happened to the brave new world? In that two years we have seen the Leinster Association lapse. Last season saw us without a Championship. We saw a pathetic attendance at the second Development Conference - a step backwards as the Editor of this journal described it. There is no effective system of map registration now. We have no way of monitoring standards in controlling, organising, planning, etc. There is no machinery to initiate anything. We have no fixtures structure. Need I go on? One glance at the fixtures list in the last issue should be enough to convince anyone that orienteering in Leinster is in a precarious state.

I have been told that the Leinster Association failed mainly because it had no roll to play. I believe there are three areas where an association could play an important roll.

1. Fixtures Structure - The immediate setting up of an Inter-Club League. this could be a two tier league i.e. junior/senior with a points system which takes into consideration the limited age range in some clubs. This I believe would make for a more interesting season and with our Championship events, Two Day and Compass Sport competition would give us a good basic structure to build upon.

2. Technical Report - The implementation of this report on a regional basis. Briefly this would mean the appointment of a Technical Officer to oversee standards in controlling, organising, etc.

   A panel of Grade I controllers who are available for the coming season should be set up. This should help to spread the workload. Also, Grade II controllers who wish to be upgraded to Grade I could be apponited as assistants at Grade I events. The function of the Technical Officer would be to oversee, monitor and co-ordinate.

3. Mapping - The IOA are sending copies of the mapping report to all clubs so there is no need for me to say anything about it here other than that co-ordination and co-operation are vital if we are to maintain orienteering as an interesting and challenging sport.

These are just three areas where I feel an association can be effective. There are others of course such as coaching, junior affairs, publicity, etc. but we must start somewhere and the three areas mentioned are the most urgent.

I have been asked by the Chairman of the IOA to call a meeting with the purpose of re-establishing the Leinster Association. I shall be contacting clubs and individuals during the coming weeks and if I find that there is support for a reformed association I shall set up a meeting in early October.

Richard Flynn
Tel: 942388.

RUMBLINGS FROM DOWN UNDER

As Diana Large points out elsewhere in this issue, the amount of publicity and recognition given to the Irish World Championship team this year has been minimal so far, but I have a feeling that it will be amply compensated for by the hullabaloo likely to erupt after the event. Reports from Australia indicate that Roxanne White, although not a member of the WOC team, ran in the Individual event, while four of the five ladies selected to run stayed at home. This is particularly interesting as it seems to fly in the face of the stated policy of both IOA and FIOA in relation to Australia, that is, that only those who meet certain standards will be selected, and the squad will not be searched through merely to find people who are in the fortunate position of being able to go to Australia.

So far only some results have come through, so here they are:

Individual event:

Men:
1 K. Sallinen (FIN) 88.08
2 T. Sagvolden (NOR)
3 E. Iveson (NOR)

Best GBR team member was Colin McIntyre in 12th place in 97.02.
This was Sagvolden's third time placing second in WOC.

Women:
1 A. Kringstad(SWE) 54.14
2 B. Volden (NOR)
3 C. Blomqvist (SWE)

Best British run was Yvette Hague in 13th place with 64.33.

Eileen Loughman, Irelands sole team member, finished in 38th place with 83 mins. Roxanne White finished in 52nd place.

In the Relay event Norway took the Gold, followed by Sweden and Switzerland, while in the Womens relay the positions were reversed : Sweden, followed by Norway, and Switzerland again taking the Bronze.

Our own Eileen finished within 90 seconds of British team member Roz Clayton.

Watch this space for further news!

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CAPTION COMPETITION : RESULTS

You remember the photograph in the last issue, and the rash promise I made in a moment of weakness to give away a prize for the best caption? Well, the entries have been very few, so I will award the prize to the most prolific entrant, Michael Hewson of Great Eastern Navigators. A selection of captions follows:

"There's a hole in the bottom of the tree", "Another *?+ feature not marked on the map", "Stuck astride a rootstock with those Hell Fire runs again" (with appropriate apologies to Dylan's (who?) Memphis Blues, "Last to leave turns out the lights", and "Poor technique application - should be in pit".

My favourite, however, was "This is my day for Fartlek!", for which he will shortly receive a "Mazzle", map jigsaw puzzle. That should keep him from entering any more competitions for a few weeks!

Thanks to all who replied either in writing or verbally, and if the photograph caused anybody any embarrassment or outrage I apologise: that was not the intention. For the record, the photo comes from the programme for the Swedish 5 Day event as an advertisement for portable toilets, so you can take it that you don't know the subject.

IOA JUNIOR AFFAIRS - NUALA CREAGH

While some of you were relaxing in the Summer rain a number of our juniors were sampling orienteering in Scotland at the Scottish 6 Day event. In all there were twelve junior competitors from Leinster ranging from M17 to W10 and all seemed to survive very well. The going was tough and the competition very keen so well done to all for very creditable performances. We will expect great things in the coming season after all this experience.

Eleanor Flegg made it to Norway and Scotland as well, and Niall Bohan was in Germany where he hoped to take part in some local events.

At home, the sun actually shone last Monday (Aug 26th) and some passers-by looked on intrigued as our juniors hopped and stretched with Lindie Naughton at the Rabbit Warren at Fanore. This was the lead up to some challenging compass exercises among the sand dunes masterminded, by Aubrey Flegg. To Aubrey and Lindie and also to Alan Shaw many thanks from all. It was gratifying to have such a good turnout of squad members.

Munster juniors are invited to take part in a Lee O training event at Castlefreke on Sunday, 8th September. Hopefully other clubs in other areas will take up this lead so that our juniors will get the benefit of more frequent training sessions with the guidance of our experienced orienteers.

I will be glad to hear from any club prepared to help.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Information on the following events is now available:

6 Jours de France	5 - 12 July 1986	Raon & Dijon
XX Kainuun Rastivikko	6 - 12 July 1986	Sotkamon, Finland
Finnish 5 Day	30/6-4/7 1986	N of Kotka
Finnish 5 Day	13 - 17 July 1987	N of Turku
Smalandskavlen '85	26 - 27 Oct 1985	Vimmerby

THE SWEDISH O-RINGEN CLINCS - FAITH WHITE

The O-Ringen is a most prestigious association of elite Swedish orienteers, all of whom have run for the Swedish Team at World Championships. Their aim is to help the sport in Sweden and internationally.

The O-Ringen clinics are run in conjunction with the Swedish 5 Day and are attended by specially invited guests, usually two from each IOF nation. Ireland nominated Roxanne White and Brian Corbett to attend the clinics this year at Falun. We may hear more of Falun as it is one of the possible venues for the 1992 Winter Olympic Games. Ireland was most fortunate that two other orienteers were also invited to the Clinics; Orla Cooke who competed in the Elite Silva Cup Competition and Faith White who represented the IOF Development & Promotions Committee.

The two clincs take place simultaneously in the days before the 5 Day event, one is concerned with coaching elite runners and the other is geared towards orienteering development. It was all stimulating and exhilarating but very worthwhile. The 'mapping' day started with theory and then we went outside and tried mapping the area and buildings around our residence, using a simple base map and for the beginners, much courteous advice. Then we went out to a forest and discussed what features the mapper had considered significant enough to map. A cartography session was held in the evening.

Irish Orienteering Association

Brian Corbett has written some notes on the content of the course which follow this introduction.

O-RINGEN REPORT (MAPPING)

A brief introduction to mapping was given by two map makers one of whom is a professional.

The first item required is a base map of the area you intend mapping. There are two alternatives, they being (I) The Ordnance Survey 6" map and (2) a special photogrammetric plot.

1. This will give you some roads, old boundaries, and 100 foot contours. The map is fairly primitive but costs little. It is best used in conjunction with the second option.

2. This will give you all the roads (provided the photographs are recent enough), all vegetation changes and 5m contours (accuracy variable). The map is made from special aerial photographs and detail is limited by what can be seen. This map will be costly. (In Sweden special flights will be made to obtain higher quality photos from which it is possible to obtain contour features as small as 2m in the forest. Even most boulders will be seen. I have a p.g. plot and final map for comparison if interested.)

Next the Survey.

Required is a pencil (with hard lead), an eraser, and ordinary compass, drafting film and a board to write on. The techniques used are those of orienteering - taking bearings and pacing. The skills involved is simply knowing what to put. All mapping in Sweden is carried out a scale of 1:10,000 or 100m - 1cm no matter what the final scale will be.

Essentially you check out the base map, taking out irrelevant detail and adding the orienteering features. To map a point feature - find a place you know where you are, take a bearing and pace (practice required). To check, repeat from another known point. OR from the point take bearings on three known points, draw lines and hopefully they all intersect at the same point. It is important that each evening a clean copy of that days survey is made. This should be as close to the final version as possible. Different colour leads or ink are used for the different colours on the final map.

When the survey is complete and checked the final map is drawn. Each colour is drawn in high quality ink on separate sheets of film. ALL drawing is done according to the IOF specifications outlined in a booklet available from the IOA. Never attempt a map without this. Photography and printing can be done by any professional provided enough details are given - especially the obvious.

Further details on any aspect may be obtained from me or any of the many experts around.

GEN NEWS .... GEN NEWS .... GEN NEWS .... GEN NEWS

MODERATION

From henceforth we undertake to make an unqualified and wholehearted response to the appeals for moderation and balance made in the last issue of the 1.0. No further criticisms either direct or indirect will grace our pages. In this issue we will even refrain from commenting on the Editor's copy-dates or the Secretary's orienteering skills.

THE SUMMER

Comment precluded in view of the above undertaking.

GEN WOMEN ETC.

The feminist banner now flutters proudly beside the Club pennant. Eileen Loughman is,we understand, the sole Irish representative to travel to the World Championships in Australia. Maura Thornhill also brought distinction to the Club and to Irish orienteering by her placing (second) in the D35A class at the Scottish 5-day. Congratulations also to Aengus O Cleirigh who marked his return to top level competitive orienteering by a prize-winning place (12th) in the M21A class. Well done to all Gen members, the Bonar-Laws, McCormacks (Tom and Wyn), Newmans and Diana Large who survived the mud and sodden peat of the Scottish 5-day.

IRISH 2-DAY

Bernard Moran (Organiser) and David Quinn have recently been sighted. Presumably organisational preparations are under control.

NATIONAL 0-DAY (6th OCTOBER)

All are invited to join us at Donadea.

AJAX ORIENTEERING AND HILL RUNNING

SCOTTISH 6-DAY, PITLOCHRY, TAYSIDE 4th-10th AUGUST

The AJAX clan arrived in twos, threes and car-loads. Tents were pitched - a stylish display of dome and family tents. Declan's site was soon submerged as five tents made themselves welcome there. Not surprising considering the rising cost of o-campsites. Roofracks were converted to fancy tables; for the less sophisticated haybales served the purpose. And all this undertaken to the music of our Swedish neighbours. This was to be the noisey end of the camp and we were determined to make it such. Another Scottish 6-Day had begun.

It was to be a week of fun and games. For the ever energetic there was the five-a-side football match. We containing certain ever energetic members formed a team which included the compulsory female participant - possibly the downfall of the team because we lost 2-4. The young Niland generation with their hurleys would have overcome any opposition given the opportunity. As it was their sliotars followed many a precarious path over the course of the week. For the savage and hungry it was the Haggis eating competion. Not having such people in our civilized club we resorted to the spectator line while participants, hands tied behind their backs, buried their faces into plates of potato,turnip and haggis. Well at least the three lumps resembled those three ingredients. This new type of facemask is not recommended for aspiring beauty queens.

Although not necessarily sufferers of hunger we frequently experienced bouts of dehydration. The cure was either available in the Barn or in Pitlochry town itself where the watery pints were cheaper. But the Barn, swept clean of cow-dung for the occasion,was best for crack. No better place to witness the infamous Hag Harris, Wish and our own Eddie sing Alouett to view Aonghus O'Cleirigh and Hag flaunting their bodies and underpants in preperation for the press-up competition and to speculate as the bottle-walkers were put to the test. Private whiskey drinking sessions compensated for the expensive beer and punctual closing-time - courtesy of the proprieto

But we mustn't forget the orienteering. Remember we were there to orienteer. The voices emerging from the all male tent (at least it was at the beginning of the week) at an ungodly hour most mornings was a painful reminder of what lay ahead. But a long detour and a rock climb to the start quickly brought one to ones senses. Anyway once holding a map the remaining cobwebs would blow away - until, that is, you discovered yourself searching for red and white in head high bracken and knee-deep heather. However some good runs were recorded on some of the days though no prizes found their way back to the AJAX HOLIDAY CAMP.

If no official prizes came to the tents at least some Scandinavians did, for better or for worse. Girl-swopping also became a matter of course for some. Declan had to contend with chasing organisers and drunken queers but could cope with both groups, Luckily Paddy wasn't on the scene.

Sunday 11th - early afternoon: all that remained were the yellow loos and black rubbish bags. A few dejected looking Swedes awaited the arrival of Daisy the van, hopefully with a new engine. The last beercan remained untouched as the last of the AJAX clan packed up - two cars in a field of yellow patches. Not a sign of burning sun but of hundreds of tents now packed and travelling in cars and rucksacks. And so we said farewell and temporarily parted. The AJAX name departed - to London to work, to Inverness to prolong the holiday, to Skye to test a newly acquired climbing rope, on the bike to suffer the torment of the Scottish hills, to London to visit relatives or else home to Ireland. Another Scottish 6-Day was over. Only the rain remained. Remember the rain. How could we forget....

THREE ROCK ORIENTEERING CLUB

Enquiries to: Michael McAuliffe, Hon. Secretary,
154 Braemor Rd., Dublin 14. (Tel: 982315)

'Summer' has now gone and a new orienteering season is upon us again. The Scottish 6-Day attracted a small group of 3-Rockers. Despite monsoons, mud and midges a good time was had by all with some notable performances on various days. However, the Hairy Haggis Award goes to Una Creagh who had a final overall 10th place in her class.

Julie Martindale departed for New York in August and is now busily mapping for Hudson Valley Orienteers. We wish her every success and good weather.

Twenty-five of us gathered for the Burren weekend, in Fanore. The Rabbit Warren again provided very enjoyable orienteering in dry weather. The Burren Walk attracted its usual large entry. One, who shall remain nameless, decided an extra mountain was the order of the day, while some others spent their time looking down potholes (not the ones on the road). Thanks are due to Alan Shaw and Fiona McGoldrick foronce again providing the opportunity to have a fun weekend.

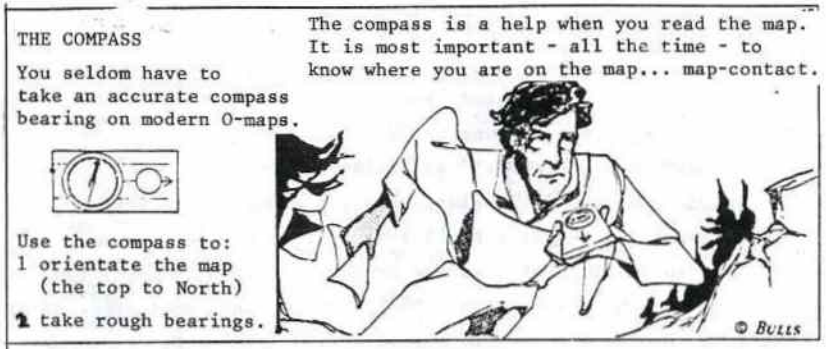
A very successful training weekend for juniors (and the not so young) was held in Curracloe on the first weekend in September. John McCullough , aided and abetted by Nuala Creagh and others, set up some very testing exercises to suit all levels of experience. The Raven map provides such excellent contour training that heated discussions took place regarding the siting of some controls. All in all a great start to the season for all who attended.

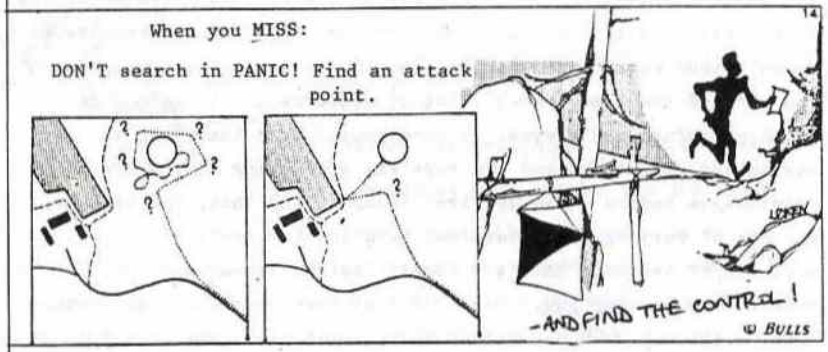
The Wednesday evening training session moves back to our winter quarters in Oatlands College on 2nd October. A knowledge of hockey is a definite advantage. The monthly junior training night will recommence on Friday, 25th October at 7.30 p.m. Our social evening will also recommence on Wednesday 2nd October, the venue still a closely guarded secret, only to be revealed after training that evening!

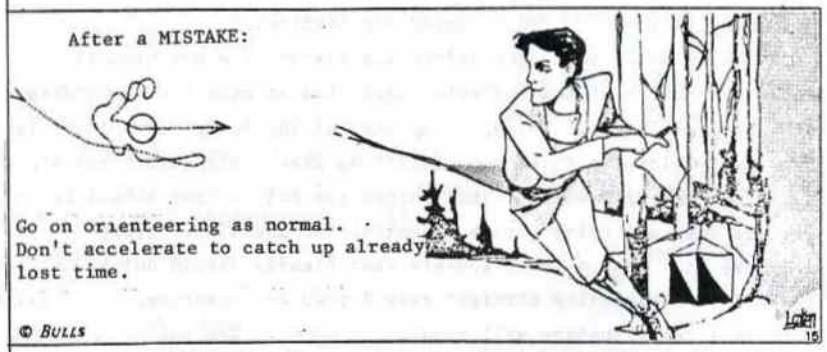
Forthcoming Attractions:

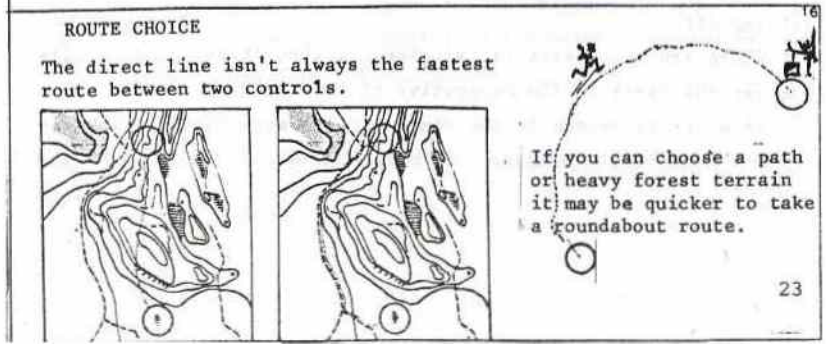
6th October:	National 'O' Day, venues 3 Rock Wood and Phoenix Park
27th October:	Event in Kilmahsogue
24th November:	Event in Tiglin
September 1986	-- Leinster Championships --

3 Rock Teams for Leinster Relays - please give name and appropriate fee to John McCullough, 34 Dun Emer Drive, Dublin 16, (Tel: 981556). Track Suits can be obtained from Brigid Flanagan (Tel: 980928). A limited selection of O Suits, together with Club Badges are available from Trina Cleary (Tel: 904177).









MAKE NO MISTAKE

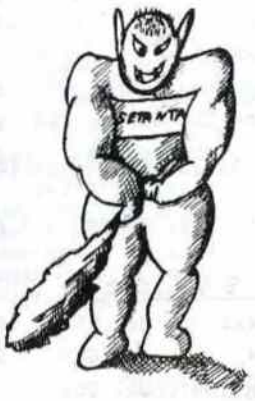
It took a crack on the head from a block of Wicklow granite when I fell from the Garden of Eden to TELL me.

Brief explanation needed: the Garden of Eden is a climb in Glendalough. My second (I salute you) was securely belayed. A brief traverse out past a small tree (Garden of Eden hello) brought me to the foot of a narrow crack. I think I knew at that stage that something was wrong. The first few feet went well, water oozed from the crack, I jammed a hand in the opening and moved up. The crack was getting too narrow for my boots. Had it said rubbers only? All at once I was wishing very much that I was somewhere else. My only hope was to lay over to one side to try to get purchase on one side of the crack. It's a lot of nonsense about one's life flashing before one's eyes. I accelerated past that tree at 32ft per second per second and the rope was stretching like a piece of chewing-gum before I had my first thought, and that, God help me, was one of fury "get up there and have another try". I think I would have too, if the rope hadn't suddenly decided it was made of elastic rather than chewing gum. So - I hit my head on the way up, rather than on the way down, no helmet and a small overhang; that TOLD ME. What it told me was the oldest lesson in the book: "If you are leading you don't fall off." End of brief explanation. *

Natural selection looks after climbers who are not brought up short by their mistakes but orienteers live to make their mistakes again ... and again. Often, in my case at any rate, the pattern is remarkably close to that of my fall from Eden. Nine times out of ten I have an early warning that things are not as they should be. The map does not quite fit my expectations, uneasiness creeps in; I ignore it. Then a track appears that clearly should not be there; instead of re-locating straight away I push on, guessing, or in blind hope that the situation will resolve itself . The sudden awful realisation that I have 'blown it' is the nearest thing I know to falling off.

There are two levels in orienteering when 'blowing it' really counts: the first is the prerogative of the top class orienteer, out to win: the second is the domain of the more humble orienteer

(* Never ever climb anything without a helmet, this was 1962. A.F.)



in search of the 'perfect run', no matter what his place in the rankings. With all our training and preparation we deserve to do well: we run for miles, we improve ourselves in the circle, we can punch a card with the speed of light but yet we accept a level of error which, if we were climbers, would have reduced us to pieces the size of an O shoe. Where is the satisfaction in sneaking off to lowly corners there to calculate that we could have beaten Jack or Jill if we deduct five minutes for the error at the second control? Better by far to be beaten by a minute knowing that we had a good run and that we're damned if we won't beat him or her the next time.

I learned the lesson as a climber (of modest ability), I still have to learn it as an orienteer. The objective at major events is NOT to go faster but to go fast with out making ANY MISTAKES! Perhaps if a platoon of not too friendly trolls armed with clubs of Wicklow Granite were to lurk in the forests ready to beat the living daylights out of me if I made a serious mistake THAT WOULD TELL ME.

"You make mistake hun?" "Ouch" "MAKE NO MISTAKE!" Clunk.
EXIT SETVET PURSUED BY A TROLL.

Aubrey Flegg

SITUATIONS VACANT

Setanta Orienteers seek personable Troll with granite cranium caresser for the corrective treatment of Setvets and others. Non Setanta members may be stockpiled and eaten after the event.

RESULTS OF DUO / COILL 'S CNOC GRADE 3 EVENT GLENCREE 7th JULY 1985

A Course : 8·4 km, 450 m

1.	W.Young	M21	CO	119.46
2.	J.McCullough	M21	3ROC	134.05
3.	A.O'Cleirigh	M21	CO	136.57
4.	M.Meehan		ECO	141.27
5.	E.Loughman	W21	GEN	142.04
6.	T.Russell		ECO	143.50
7.	B.Buckley	M40	SET	149.22
8.	M.O'Hara	M35	Ajax	153.57

Non-finishers :

P.Gargan, missed No.15 134.55
B.Bell, missed No.13-19
J.May, missed No.9-21
F.O'Leary, missed No.14-18

B Course : 5·6 km, 280 m

1.	B.McElduff	M19	3ROC	76.35
2.	C.Dunlop	M50	SET	80.21
3.	T.McCormack		GEN	85.13
4.	S.Rothery	M55	3ROC	93.40
5.	R.Flynn	M40	SET	97.20
6.	P.Walsh	M50	SET	122.54

Non-finishers :

C.Carroll, missed No.5 91.59
J.Bent, missed Nos.8 & 9
T.McGrath, missed No.7-12

C Course : 4·5 km, 175 m

1.	D.Barry	M35	GEN	52.45
2.	T.Eakin	W15	3ROC	54.56
3.	U.Creagh	W15	3ROC	59.15
4.	W.McCormack	W35	GEN	70.51
5.	M.Hewson		GEN	75.46
6.	H.Creagh	W15	3ROC	76.40
7.	C.Carroll	M50	3ROC	80.50
8.	N.Creagh	W45	3ROC	85.20
9.	M.Moran	W45	GEN	101.10
10.	D.Nugent	M19		102.30
11.	J.Creagh	M50	3ROC	105.44
12.	T.Russell	W35	ECO	114.15

Non-finishers :

B.Richardson, missed 3 88.31
C.McConnell, missed 5-8 91.58
B.Clery, missed 5-8 95.25
C.Clear, missed 1 & 5-8
Kennedy/Deng, missed 1 & 4-8

D Course, 3·4 km, 200 m

1.	T.Russell	M11	ECO	45.08
2.	M.Blake		GEN	65.23
3.	G.Barry	W21	GEN	72.08
4.	A.O'Neill	W21	SET	73.28
5.	T.Hynes		SET	82.00
6.	B.Ellis		GEN	84.29
7.	Corbett	M55	C&C	85.46

Non-finishers :

T.Creedon, missed 5-8 75.04
J & M Quill, missed 4-6 108.03

E Course, 2.6 km, 120 m

1.	A.Flynn	M10	SET	52.37
2.	R.Clear			59.45
3.	A.Cruise			72.14
4.	Downey			73.49
5.	J.Russell		ECO	78.43
6.	T.Clear			83.00
7.	E.Clear			84.10
8.	O'Hara			117.26

Non-finishers :

M & S Gargan, missed 3-7 65.33
L.Quill, missed 4-7 114.18

Lost Property : One map case containing map, compass and whistle.
Can be claimed from D.U.Orienteers, Regent House, T.C.D., Dublin 2.

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	"	CAN 9	Basic Canoeing
	28-30	ML5	Mountain Leadership Assessment
OCTOBER	4-7	OE1	Outdoor Education Diploma 1985-'86
	5-6	OR3	Orienteering (Basic Proficiency Award)
	12-13	CAN10	Sea Canoeing and Canoe Surfing
	"	ML3a	Mountain Leadership
	19-20	ML2	Mountain Leadership
	25-28	OE2	Outdoor Education Diploma
NOVEMBER	2-3	CAN11	Sea Canoeing and Canoe Surfing
	9-10	ML4	Mountain Leadership: Brandon, Co. Kerry
	"	OR4	Orienteering (Basic Proficiency Award)
	15-18	OE3	Outdoor Education Diploma: River Barrow
	23-24	ML3	Mountain Leadership
DECEMBER	30 Nov-1 Dec	WW1	White Water Kayaking
	6-9	OE4	Outdoor Education Diploma: Co. Kerry
	14-15	WW2	White Water Kayaking
	"	SP1	Caving: Co. Clare
	28-Jan4	WM1	Winter Mountaineering: Scotland

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