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## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

by

**John Dyson**



Life is often a mixture of bad news and good news, and on the access front we have had evidence of both in recent weeks. I make no apology for returning to this subject, as it is fundamental to our sport.

First, the bad news. Smallhanger Waste, and with it Wheal Florence, is soon to be covered with spoil from a nearby quarry at Hemerdon. This old mine is the only source in Great Britain for wolfram, from which tungsten is produced. As the price of tungsten on the world market has risen by five times in recent years, it's not surprising that a company has now received planning permission to reopen the mine, and in the process create a hole 850m long by 540m wide by 200m deep at Hemerdon. The spoil is to be deposited on an area which includes much of our Smallhanger Waste map, with Wheal Florence almost exactly in the middle. Obviously we are making further enquiries, but it seems to be a matter of when this

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Now for better news. At the Taylors' novelty event just after Christmas at Killerton, participants were asked to state whether they were members of the National Trust. It seems that the Trust is financially supporting properties holding orienteering events, presumably in the hope that they gain more members, and can be shown to organisations such as Sport England that they have a part to play. This has been confirmed by a missive from Celia Watkinson, our regional BOF coordinator, requesting details of any National Trust property where we could promote the sport through either a come-and-try-it event (CATI) or creating a permanent course. Knightshayes near Tiverton is a possible, but local management has not been helpful – we think this initiative may help us to return to an area with good access from the M5 as well as North Devon and Exeter. And this week I have been approached by a new local NT warden with a proposal to create a permanent O course on some of their land near Sidmouth.

I would also like to add my congratulations to our team of juniors – principally but not entirely from Torquay Boys Grammar School – who came 8<sup>th</sup> in the Yvette Baker Trophy final in January. Devon OC are now on the national radar screen for juniors, thanks largely to Steve Perrelle's work. More details can be found on the previous pages.

Best wishes to you all, and thank you for your help in supporting the club's events.

## **Torquay Grammar School goes Orienteering**

### **Yvette Baker Finals 2011 (or was it 2011?)**

**by  
Steve de la Perrelle**

*Having perused British Schools Results over recent years, a new name has been hitting the headlines. You might have thought that the sleepy Torquay seaside town on the English Riviera was only full of OAPs and a struggling football team. In fact it is the location of an ongoing success story. Steve de la Perrelle explains all...*

If anyone says to you that starting an Orienteering Club at a secondary school is going to be simple, then you have every right to wonder which world they have been living on.

Two years ago I went through this experience at Torquay Boys Grammar school. We actually had a head start as youngsters from the school Scout Troop which I run had been introduced to the sport about three years earlier going to DEVON OC local events. It proved to be popular; the Devon members were friendly and welcoming and I was hooked. Before we knew it, Orienteering was a fair chunk of the programme. About 12 youngsters joined Devon and a full minibus started its journey around the country. The British schools national championships were a logical next step and in 2008 we were runners up in both the Junior and Senior Score competitions. However, it was apparent that to compete at the highest level we might need to widen the pool of available talent.

One minor problem! I had little experience then of Orienteering. Yes, I had watched, listened and learned a fair amount but there was a big gap between that and actually feeling that I knew what I was doing. How do you actually get a school club going?

A visit to the school followed and the head of PE was very supportive to the idea. He even knew where there was a pot of money available to get the school mapped and basic equipment purchased and it all seemed too easy. The PE staff did a straw poll and interest from the pupils seemed to be there. The paperwork side which so many people worry about actually proved to be quite straight forward. I booked on a Level 1 UKCC course. We needed to find a teacher at the school to help with the organisation but that would come. It was all systems go.

Out went the leaflets and flyers; the clubs first summer term lunchtime session was announced at assembly and the response on the day was..... rather underwhelming to say the least with a grand total of two new members actually coming forward. Back to the drawing board as they say. In the following weeks existing club members tried to get friends to come along with little success. What became apparent is that Orienteering's street credibility with the 13 plus age group is not good.

Plan B had to apply. We just had to work out what it was. In total we had over 20 runners but mostly based on the Scout Troop. The bus enjoyed the run to Perth for the Scottish 6 day event in that Summer which was a great experience as well as a wake up call for most. The comment that "you can learn more in a week in Scotland than you can in a year in Devon" may not be true but I understand it.



*The gang*

The result: 20 enthusiastic young boys charging around the school at lunch times for three weeks. We had found our new intake. We had six more weeks after school with sufficient light for them to practice around the local parks and simple woods, and bearing in mind it was after school, it was not surprising we were down to a hard core of 12.

The British schools Championships came and went and were a great boost to the club as we won both the Junior and Senior score events and picked up our first real trophy at the Schools championships. We were making progress at last.

And so it went on. Last September we had an equally successful intake of new young blood and it appears another 12 are hooked. We improved our results at the schools Championships. We are up to 38 in the school club and for the next five years the numbers should increase. With six now in the South West squad, 24 running for Devon at the Yvette Baker finals and sixteen heading over to Belfast for the JK's interesting times are ahead. And they keep mentioning the O'Ringan !



***Oli in the mud***

***The Editor is indebted to Nick Barrable for his kind permission to reproduce this article which was first published in CompassSport in February 2011***

***And for the photographs.***

## *Some thoughts...*

Firstly it is obvious that there are more ways than one to make this work but you might want to consider the following

- Start with the youngest age range and think long term. They are more willing to have a go and when they start competing can soon catch up with any other more experienced youngsters.
- We have two separate club nights. One for the youngest ones and another for the more experienced. You could run both on the same night if you have plenty of coaches or a lack of time but probably there would then be a compromise area wise. It depends what you have near you.
- Think early on about transport. We have reasonable sized grounds BUT even so after about three sessions they will know their way round too well. Most schools do have minibuses and we use those to get out to suitable training areas. This also helps with local events and the longer trips. They also want to go to places they are not familiar with.
- Try and get that all important teacher on board from day one. It took 18 months before we located a science teacher at the school who let on to one of the youngsters that he had run in the Peter Palmer relays. Bad mistake on his part! You need that contact within the school. It makes life so much easier. In the same way parents can get involved with driving. Some have even started running!

For the first two years we stopped the weekly training sessions in November and did not start again until March in line with the light (or lack of it). To fill that gap we have just started weekly physical training sessions for those who are interested based on the school Gym.

- We encourage them to become National BOF members. At £8 it is a bargain and Devon seems happy to have so many juniors wanting to run for them. It's a two way thing though. The head coach of Devon OC, Wilf Taylor has been incredibly supportive running training sessions as have other Devon members. Without that help we would be struggling. It is more than a one man / woman job.
- And finally, remember that the social side is very important to everyone and if you can foster a strong team spirit it will help enormously. That word FUN must remain firmly at the front of whatever you do.



***Junior Team Big***

## Yvette Baker Finals 2010 ( or was it 2011 ?)

by Steve Perrelle

Twenty five Devon Juniors and three coaches headed off to Hawkbatch near Bewdley in the Midlands early in February for the rearranged final of this Junior competition. It had been many years since Devon had got through and we didn't really know what we were letting ourselves in for but it soon became very clear.

Looking around it was a bit of a who's who of Junior Orienteering with all the usual suspects in attendance. However, who would let a minor thing like that worry us and despite the gale blowing across the assembly field we erected our tent and sorted ourselves out.

The Yvette baker is a strange competition in that unless you have a championship time you can run down an age group so many of our teenage runners dropped one level to a course shorter than that which they are used to. All the clubs were doing this but it was strange to see as an example M/W16's running on Orange !

Over the start period a succession of runners made their way up to the start and out onto what was nice runnable terrain very suited to a National final. The run in though was a bit hard as it was across an open soft field seemingly full of clay grabbing hold of your feet.

Well, how did we get on ? The bare facts are that we were placed in equal 7<sup>th</sup> out of the 14<sup>th</sup> clubs taking part amassing a total of 831 points from our nine scoring runners. The team that was 5<sup>th</sup> was only 5 points ahead of us so it was very tight although the winners, Octavian Droobers were a long way ahead at 885. We clearly have some way to go.

I am reluctant to name too many individual results as it is very much a **team event** but Harry Morses 1<sup>st</sup> place on the Orange, James Deans 4<sup>th</sup> on yellow and Will Fordyces 4<sup>th</sup> on Lt green were very pleasant surprises to say the least. We actually scored very highly on the three shorter courses so hopefully in future years we could do even better.

Talking about that next years finals ( if we get through the regional round again against Sarum and BOK) is at Caistor in Lincolnshire. Now that would be a fun trip !

### **Comment by the EDITOR**

Il make no apologies for publishing both of Steve Perrelle's articles.

Steve had emailed me the article above, and I had drafted it into this newsletter before I read February's issue of CompassSport.

As our Juniors are the future of Orienteering and of our club we should know what they are doing, an support them accordingly.

# Multi-Skill: Club Induction

University of Exeter

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011

## Workshop Summary:

The day includes 'The Introduction to the FUNdamentals of Movement' workshop in the morning, with implementation of this within the 'Multi-Skill Clubs in Practice' workshop in the afternoon.

The morning starts of with an insight into fundamentals covering the context and purpose, followed by a practical learning experience dealing with the principles of agility, balance and coordination. Delegates will have the opportunity to explore activities within each element of movement through a range of tutor prompted and delegate centred strategies, as well as opportunities to improve their own coaching practice.

The multi-skills session in the afternoon will consolidate the knowledge gained from the morning's workshop and extend it further, through the implementation of the ABC's in multi-skills sessions working with a range of ages from key stage 1 to 3. Delegates will gain some knowledge and understanding of how to run generic ABC circuits and how to apply these in sport specific practices.

## Target Audience:

This workshop is designed for UKCC1, 2 and 3 coaches, or equivalent level qualifications, working with young people either within a school or a club environment.

## Workshop Details:

**Duration:** 9.30 am – 4.00 pm

**Delivery Method:** Practical

**Cost:** £60.00

The Club Secretary has application forms.

If a member wishes to apply, and is approved by the committee, the Editor assumes his fee would be paid by the club.



# Coaching the Whole Child: Positive Development through Sport

University of Exeter

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011

## Workshop Summary:

Understand how your coaching fits into a much wider agenda than just sport. This workshop provides you with new tools to incorporate positive youth development into your sessions as a specific coaching outcome, and not just as a consequence. It will also give you the opportunity to share good practice with others, and pick up new ideas for your own coaching practice.

The workshop will help you:

- Understand the traditional model of coaching and learning based on development of participants' technical, tactical, physical, mental and social competencies
- Describe the 5Cs model of positive youth development in sport
- Understand the interaction between the development of participant competences and the 5Cs, to produce positive personal and social development as a specific coaching outcome
- Apply the 5Cs model to your current practice across the Active Start, FUNdamentals and Learning to Play and Practice phases of participant development.

The 5Cs are Competence Confidence, Connection, Character and Caring and Creativity.

## Target Audience:

This workshop is designed for UKCC1, 2 and 3 coaches, or equivalent level qualifications, working with young performers, particularly those up to 12 years of age.

## Workshop Details:

**Duration:** 6.30 – 9.30 pm

**Delivery Method:** Theory and Practical

**Cost:** £40.00

**NB** These articles on Multi-Skill and Coaching the Whole Child were emailed to the Editor by the Club Secretary. Any club member interested in taking part should contact him.

# Orienteering Coaching 2011

## Schedule:

**Tue 22 March:** Aiming off, Improvers.

**Mon 28 March:** Handrails, Novices.

Understanding concept of using strong line features to choose safe routes confidently.

**Tue 5 April:** Straight line, Improvers.

Go at control reading map accurately.directly

**Tue 3 May:** Corridor, Improvers

Limited Map, forcing fine map reading around straight line

**Mon 9 May:** Star and Loops, Novice.

Simple Legs , Distance and direction skills.

**Tue 17 May:** Norwegian Map Memory, Improvers

No map. Plan legs and remember – Focus on simple logical route planning.

## All welcome.

**Meet in carpark session 5pm to 7pm**

**Tue 7 June:** line event Improvers

Follow line on map to find controls.

Focus on close navigation

**Sat 12 June:** Event, 10am 3pm

Planning and Organization by Devon Junior Squad.

**Tue 21 June:** Planting and Retrieval. Improvers.

Plant control then return and draw sketch map

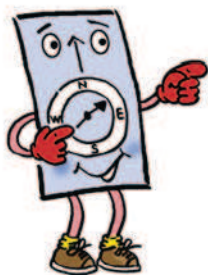
for other runner to collect.

**Mon 26 June** Basic Techniques Novice

Distance – Direction.

**Tue 5 July** Gaffled race Improver

Prepare for Devon Relays



Orienteering is a challenging outdoor adventure sport enjoyed by people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.



# Orienteering

A series of 10 training sessions, open to all ages.

Wednesdays 6.30 – 8.00pm      4<sup>th</sup> May - 13<sup>th</sup> July omitting 1<sup>st</sup> June

Participation fees per session      Adults   £3   Juniors   £1

Operating Base                      The café in the middle of Devonport Park.

The sessions will be progressive so that, ideally, participants will attend the complete series. There will probably be two groups – beginners and Improvers.

The idea is to build up a set of skills in map reading and decision-making for taking part in orienteering events. And to have fun. A team of coaches from Devon Orienteering Club will lead the sessions.

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[www.britishorienteering.org.uk](http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk)



# **Orienteering in Plymouth**

## **Devonport Park - Summer Term 2011**

[www.devonorienteering.co.uk](http://www.devonorienteering.co.uk)

### **Series of Activities based on the British Orienteering Coaching Cards**

#### **Improvers Programme**

Each session will have a 20 minute physical warm-up, followed by navigational exercises

DEVON and KERNO Orienteering club events are in brackets.

Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Card 7	General Introduction and Map walk
(Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> May		DEVON club event in East Devon, Fire Beacon)
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Card 3	Cones
		Setting the map. Thumbing
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Card 6	Map Symbols
		Relay competition
(Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> May		KERNO Club event, Inny Foot)
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Card 8/10	Star Exercises
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> June		Half Term
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Card 17	Pacing
	Card 11	Line Exercise
(Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> June		DEVON club event, Haldon Forest)
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Card 15	Cardinal Cones – using a compass
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Card 16	Aiming Off
(Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> June		KERNO club event, Hustyns Wood)
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Card 18	Attack Points
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Card 20	Route Choice
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Card 13	Head to Head Sprint and Barbecue
(Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> July		DEVON OC relay event, Cox Tor)

# RUNNING ON THE NEEDLE

by

**Ann Hughes**

My compass and I used to *Walk like an Egyptian*. I have evolved after not quite 2000 years to *Running on the Needle*. If you haven't tried this technique, here's a few tips to get the hang of it more quickly than I did.

What is it? It's moving with your compass and map so that:

1. The direction arrow on the base plate of the compass is lined up with the direction on the map you want to take **AND**
2. The direction arrow is at right angles to your stomach (or chest) **AND**
3. The North end of the magnet is pointing in the same direction as the North end of the N-S lines of your map.

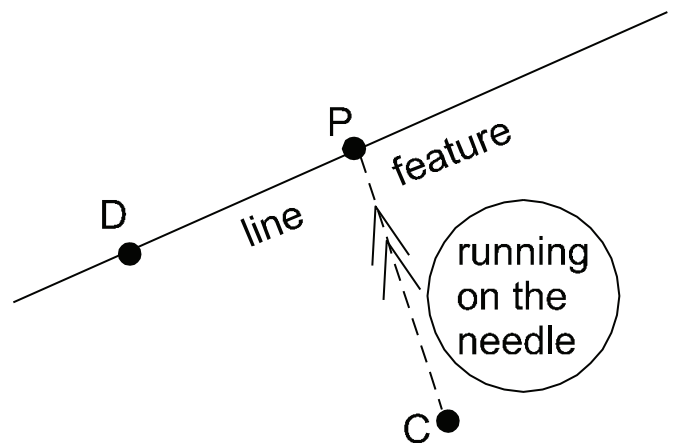
It's a quicker way to use the compass, but not as precise as when the compass housing is also involved.

When do we *Run on the Needle* ?

It's ideal when using the **aiming off** technique.

You are at C and wish to get to position D.  
There is a line feature you can use to lead you to D.

You choose a line CP,  
*Running on the Needle*, leaving a reasonable margin DP for error, to allow you to go quickly.



On reaching P you confidently turn left to follow the line feature to D.

It's sounding like a geometry sum!

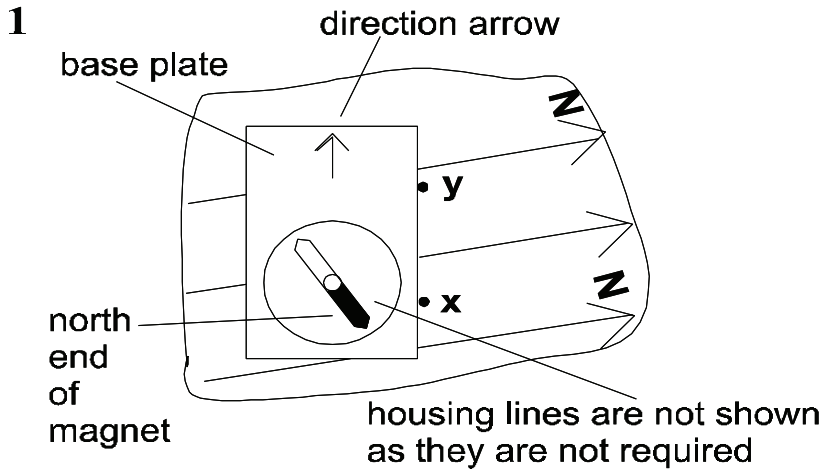
More quick uses of the Compass in the next issue.

**How to Run on the Needle** - See **1, 2, 3** and **4** opposite.

In the diagrams opposite you are at **X** on your map.  
You want to follow a line to **Y**.

## How to Run on the Needle

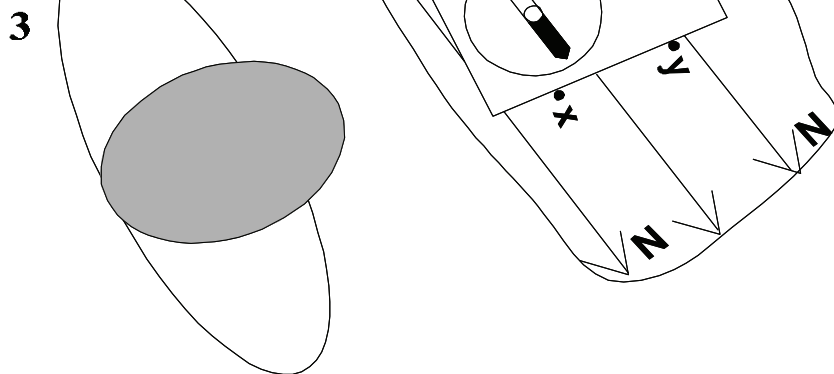
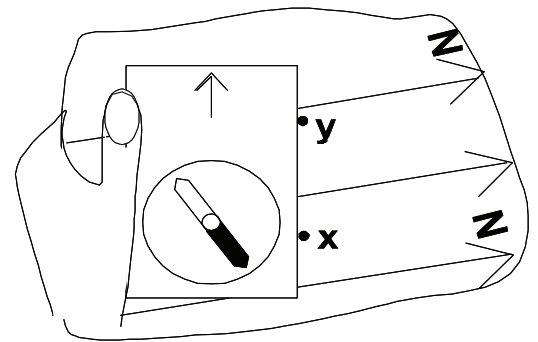
In the diagrams opposite you are at **X** on your map. You want to follow a line to **Y**.



Put the edge of your compass along the x-y line.

The direction of the edge of the compass is the same as the direction of the arrow on the base plate.

- 2** Check that your stomach (or chest) is at right angles to the direction arrow on the base plate



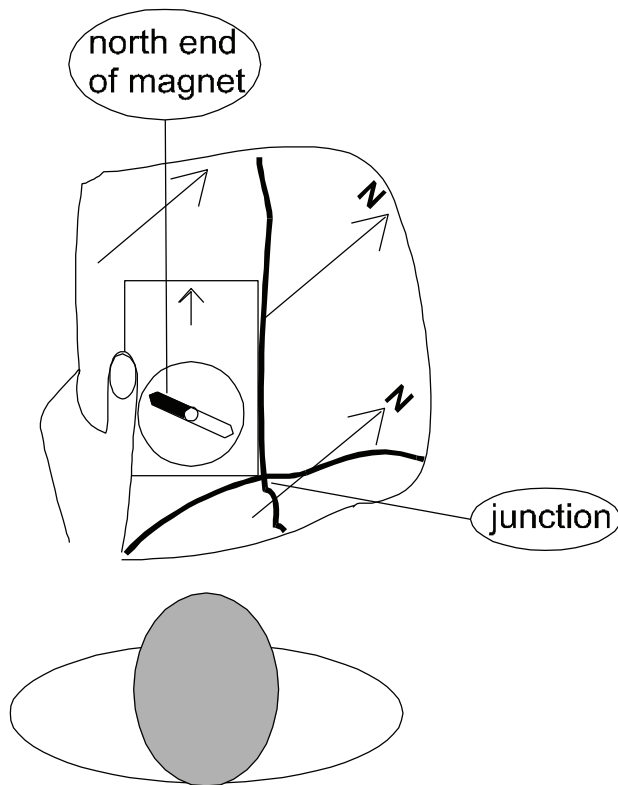
As one unit, move you + compass + map round from position 2 until the N end of the N-S lines on the map are matching the N end of the magnet

- 4** Run, keeping steady the positions of thumb, compass, map and body as in 3. You will be making small adjustments in direction to re-align the N-S lines on the map with the N end of your magnet.

# MORE QUICK COMPASS USES

by  
*Ann Hughes*

## 1 Selecting the Correct Line Feature (e.g. at a junction with a number of line features)



1 Put the edge of your compass along the line feature you want.

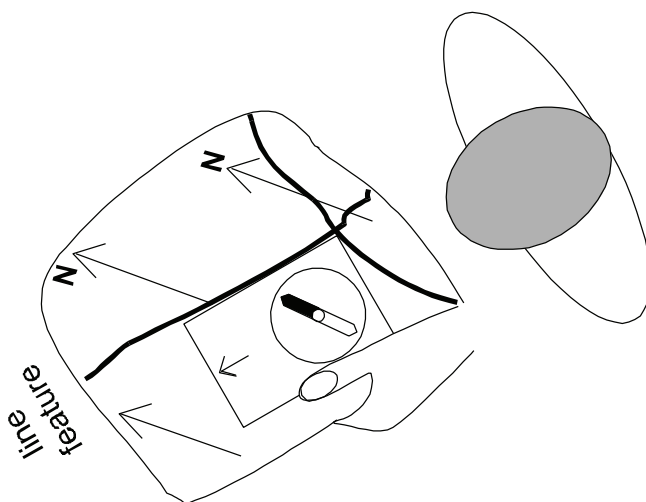
The direction of the edge of the compass is the same as the direction arrow on the base plate.

2 Check that your stomach is at right angles to the direction arrow on your base plate.

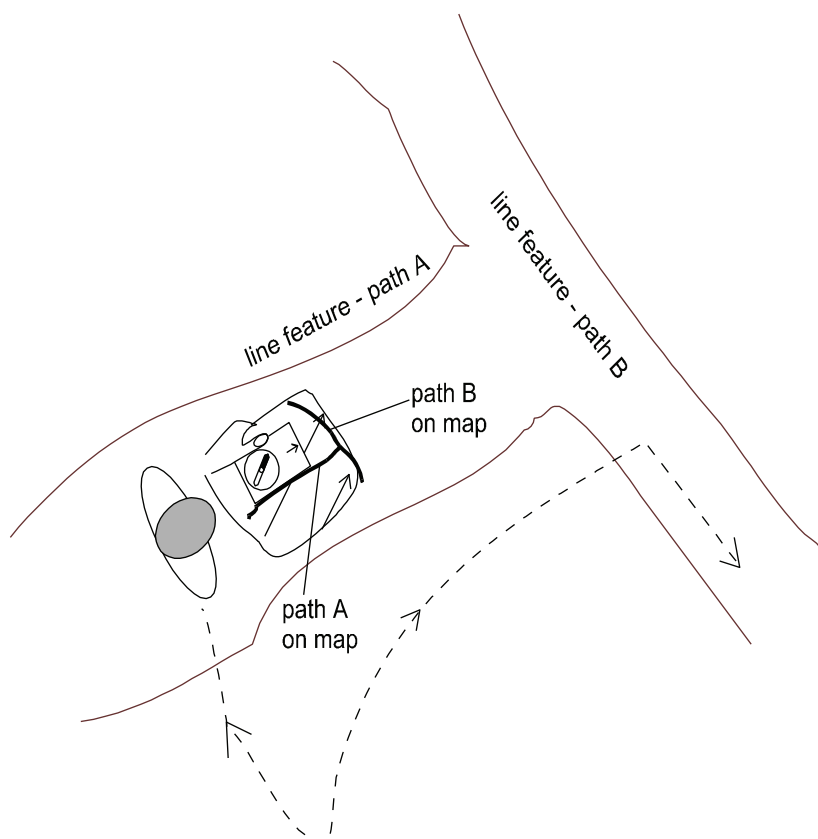
3 As one unit, move

**[you + thumb + compass + map]**

round until N end of the N-S lines on the map are matching the direction of the N-end of the magnet. Your correct line feature should now be in front of you. Watch out for any small modifications in direction of your line feature where it joins at the junction.

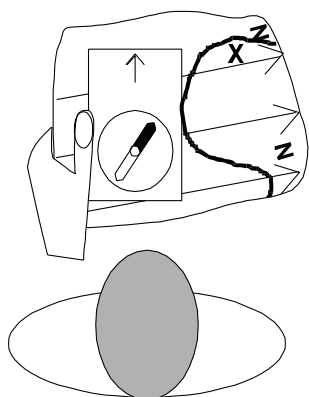


## 2 Checking You are on the Correct Line Feature on the Ground



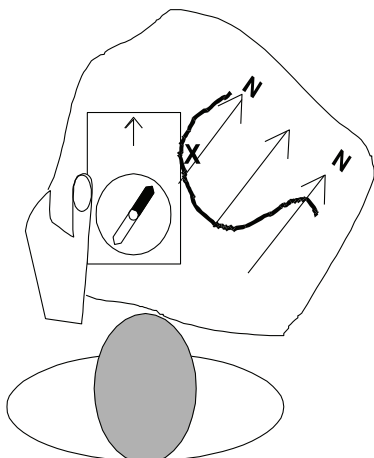
You have turned onto a line feature, a path coming from position X, and are moving along the line feature. You hope you are on path A. Put the edge of your compass along path A on your map. Check that your stomach is at right angles to the direction arrow on your base plate. The north end of your magnet should be pointing in the same direction as the N-S lines on your map. This is a way to check that you have not turned right onto line feature path B by mistake.

## 3 Working Out where You are on your Map along a Curving Line Feature



You know you are somewhere along the curving line feature shown on the map. Put the edge of your compass on the curving line on your map. Check that your body is in the correct position as usual.

You now need to move the map under the compass until the N end of the N-S lines on the map are in the same direction as the N end of the magnet. You are at position X. The less sharply curved is the line around X the less precisely you know your position.



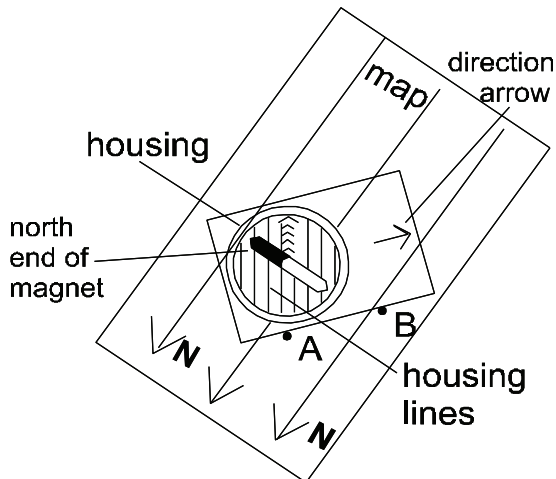
As you follow round the curving feature you can keep in contact with your map. To do this you move the edge of your compass along the curve on your map so that the N end of your magnet is always pointing in the same direction as the N end of the N-S lines on your map. Your compass edge will in this way continue to indicate where you are on the curving line.

# TAKING AN ACCURATE BEARING USING YOUR COMPASS

by  
*Ann Hughes*

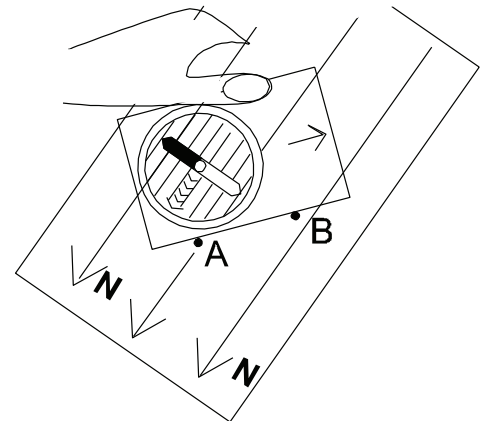
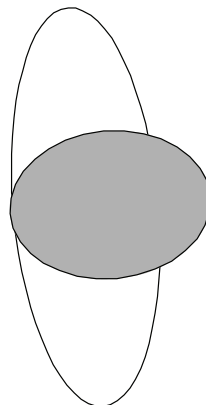
Learning how to use your compass accurately can be confusing - all those different lines to sort out - so, if you are at this stage, the following might be of some use.

In the diagrams below you are at A on your map. You want to follow a line to B as accurately as you can.



**1** Put the edge of your compass along the AB line. The direction of this edge of the compass is the same as the direction arrow on the base plate.

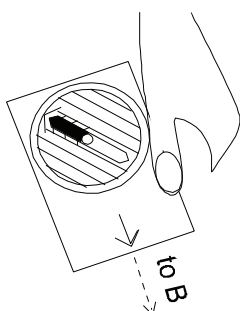
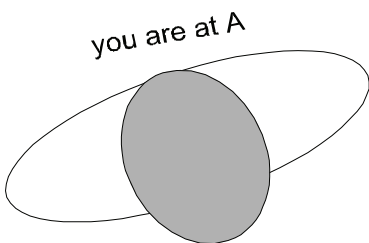
**2** Rotate the Housing until the N end of the Housing lines matches the N end of the N-S lines on map. Check that your stomach (chest) is at right angles to the direction arrow on your base plate



**3** As one unit, move **you + thumb + compass** (+ map if you prefer to leave the compass on your map) round from position 2 until the N end of the Housing lines matches the N end of the magnet.

**4** Find a suitable object in line with your direction arrow; run to it and then find another object (not a moving one!) in line with your direction arrow, checking first that the N end of the lines agrees with the N end of the compass needle.

If you can't find a suitable object, then follow your direction arrow, making sure the Housing N-S lines stay in agreement with your compass N-S needle.



**EDITORIAL**  
**by**  
**Mike Hosford**



**First an Apology**

In the previous issue of this newsletter I stated that the next issue would be mid-February 2011. Well, I'm six weeks late!

In mid-November a medical complication set in which the medics at Torbay Hospital could not determine what it was. CTI and ultrasonic scans merely showed the deficiencies that might be expected of a geriatric.

In mid-January I had another setback, with no further enlightenment for the medics. I can assure you I usually remember the medication prescribed by the medics, but never forget medication from vineyards in France or Italy. Anyway, those are my excuses for this very late publication

I make no apology for devoting 5 pages to the exploits of our lads in Torbay Grammar School. They are our future; the enthusiasm they show during our events is very healthy.

In early 1996 Ann Hughes sent me the first of three articles explaining good compass practice for orienteers, which I published in the February, April and July issues of this newsletter. I have also published them in more recent issues and, in view of Alan Simpson's programme of training events this summer, I have taken the opportunity to publish them all in this issue. I hope you are as impressed as I was when I first read them, and benefit from their wisdom.

With my unknown medical condition I am aware that my balance is very poor: when bending down to pick items off the floor I have tumbled over, sometimes with bloody results (not good for carpets). And with that I know I should not drive. As a result I have been unable to get to events to help with registration and to enjoy the company of orienteers. I am also not receiving articles for publication in our newsletter on members' experiences during events. This issue has benefitted solely from Steve Perrelle's contribution. Otherwise it would have been very dull.

In a few months time I shall acquire the dubious distinction of being the club's first M85. During the Caddihoe Chase 2009 Nick Barrable informed me that I was the longest serving newsletter editor in the country (20 years now), which does not surprise me. From 1961 I organised 27 Joint Services Colleges expeditions to icecaps and mountains in Norway (Sandhurst organised one). Brian Parker led NORPED 1976 and made a superb map of Lodalsbreen glacier from my earlier surveys.

I have also been a member of Britannia Choral Society for 54 years.

What I am trying to say is that I cannot guarantee to be the club's first M90 and, on checking back on old issues of this newsletter, I am aware that recent issues have not had the life and brightness of earlier issues. The club might benefit from a change.

## **Committee Meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011 at Chudleigh Town Hall**

**Present** : John Dyson (chairman). Nick Maxwell , Alan Simpson, Anthony Dew, Graham Dugdale, Jill Green, Roger Green , Tom Lillicrap and Steve Perelle.

**Apologies** : Nick Hockey, Mike Hosford and Wilf Taylor.

The minutes of the previous meeting (9/12/10) were approved.

The chairman congratulated Steve Perelle and his team of juniors on achieving 8<sup>th</sup> place out of 14 – just five points behind 5<sup>th</sup> – in the club's first appearance at the Yvette Baker Trophy final.

### **Membership**

31 Lapsed members/families are being contacted. There will also be a push to get regular competitors at our events to join.

It was agreed that the club should maintain our patron and president as national members of BOF.

### **Coaching**

There is a restructuring at BOF with a Regional Development Officer to cover Shropshire down to Cornwall, explained Ed Nicholas, BOF Development manager, at the SWOA meeting. A new BOF project, community "O", is on the horizon at 100 locations around the country, based on regular meetings at a fixed venue. One location in Devon is tentatively proposed for Exeter, timing not known. BOF are to put in £8,000 per location over 3 years. Coaching at £25/ hour.

Alan Simpson to organise 8 coaching events at Devonport Park, Plymouth over the summer. Steve Perelle and Wilf Taylor want to set regular sessions at Haldon again.

Jill Green is trying to get DoE to support Orienteering.

### **Mapping**

Roger Green produced an updated summary of all mapped Devon areas, for checking by the Committee.

Bullers Hill : Wilf Taylor to update the map, with technical assistance from Roger Green, including a GPS map of cycle tracks.

Burrator : John Pearce to update areas for Caddihoe Chase, having completed an update of Fire Beacon Hill.

### **Fixtures**

The published Fixture List - Organisers, planners and controllers agreed to end of 2011, although night events not confirmed.

The April 2010 event has been relocated to Smallhanger.

Following a meeting at Burrator of Alan Simpson, Nick Maxwell & John Pearce with DNP and South West Lakes regarding this year's Caddihoe, it is possible that DNP may allow an area in the Park to be used for the 2012 Tamar Triple/Quadruple.

Anthony Dew agreed to organise Christmas event - moved to Mon 2 January.  
Jill to investigate Saltram as a venue

SWOA junior squad to use Wheal Florence for training on Sun 26 February.  
Alan Simpson to secure OCAD files.

## **SWOA**

John Dyson & Alan Simpson attended a SWOA meeting the previous night.  
New SWOA website running - more responsive than before.  
BOF fixtures meeting on Sat 26 March.

Changes are being introduced so that controllers must attend a safety training workshop.  
There will be one at Ilchester on 19<sup>th</sup> March.  
A register of organisers is likely to be introduced in the future.

Limited response to "Orienteering 2050" workshop.  
BOF are considering the balance of funding raised by levy or membership.

Coaching Conference: Alan Simpson thought it well worthwhile.  
CPD (Continuing Personal Development) for coaches, who will be required to log their activities. Points will be awarded on a tariff: to remain qualified, level 1 coaches need 75 points, level 2 90 points and level 3 120 points. Alan Simpson will circulate further details to coaches.

## **Equipment**

Club Printer: Roger Green reported that the printer he uses as a back up to produce late maps needs replacing. Phil Way has given him a favourable report on an A3 Brother printer at £180. Agreed.

## **Next Meetings**

Proposed for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Chudleigh Town Hall.

## **Committee Meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Chudleigh Town Hall**

**Present :** John Dyson (chairman), Alan Simpson, Graham Dugdale, Roger Green , Tom Lillicrap, Steve Perelle, Wilf Taylor, Nick Hockey, Lew Bean

**Apologies :** Nick Maxwell, Anthony Dew, Jill Green.

The minutes of the previous meeting (10/2/11) were approved.

### **Permanent Courses**

Lew Bean attended the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the meeting to give an update on permanent courses (POCs) :

- separate website [www.orienteingindevon.org.uk](http://www.orienteingindevon.org.uk) \* linked from the club website
- with the help of a grant from the Big Lottery fund obtained by Bryan Smith in 2007, 4 venues have been set up or re-established :– Killerton, Exeter Riverside, Cookworthy, Haldon. Each has a similar format of 4 courses from White to Lt Green /Red. Maps available on-site at Haldon & Killerton, no longer at Cookworthy. Riverside in theory via Haven Banks Outdoor Pursuits. Or maps can be downloaded. 15,000 total hits on new website, but no figures for how many maps downloaded, nor how many map sales.  
No info on people using POCs who go to a Devon club event  
Maintenance of website \* and courses by Lew Bean on a 3-year contract ending 2011. Maintenance reverts to landowner. Beneficial if Devon OC checks courses and advises
- a POC has been added at Parke, and there was already one at Central Park, Plymouth.
- Lew has also :
  - set up Seal Hayne – likely to be opened to public
  - mapped Saltram, waiting to set up course
  - is mapping Plym Bridge for a POC
  - is mapping Castle Drogo for a POC

John had been asked by NT Ranger in Sidmouth re. a POC for Salcombe Hill. Also interest from Exeter University.

### **Mapping**

Mapping Committee meeting to be set up with RG chair, AS, JD & Erik Peckett

Bullers Hill : WT has surveyed for map update, and now needs technical help from RG.

Burrator : John Pearce to update areas of map for Caddihoe Chase

Brian Parker has done update of arboretum area at Burrator.

Map Updates required : RG felt Mutters Moor required – possibly by John Pearce after Burrator

## **Fixtures**

The April 2011 event has been relocated to Smallhanger.

Smallhanger Waste & Wheal Florence would be decimated by open cast mining to S. of map with spoil dumped on majority of mapped area E. of road – starting in 2 to 3 years time.

Caddihoe Chase 17/18<sup>th</sup> Sept – draft details prepared. AS negotiating with farmer re. use of fields for parking. TL has courses drafted. BOF Rules require pre-allocated start times – AS has a plan to seed top ranked competitors.

Jill investigating Saltram as a venue for Xmas event. Anthony Dew is organiser.

2012 Tamar Triple – further meeting set with DNP for Apr 6<sup>th</sup> to see if an area of the park can be used for 1 day.

Braunton – JD to contact Hector Christie to establish ownership etc.

Compass Sport Cup Haytor Feb 2012. Organiser & Planner required. Parking to be resolved.

## **Coaching**

WT & SP have a programme of coaching started at Haldon for March to July.

SP has further sessions organised for TBGS

AS to organise 8 coaching events at Devonport Park, Plymouth during June & July – Wednesday evenings

Tess Stone is organising Junior coaching in East Devon. The Club has assisted with purchase of equipment.

## **Membership**

Of 31 Lapsed members/families, 5 units have rejoined since last meeting. There will also be a push to get regular competitors at our events to join.

It was agreed that the club should maintain our patron and president as national members of BOF.

## **Team Events**

JK in N.Ireland – SP is organising 2 mini-buses of Juniors with 5 junior relay teams and 2 other teams entered.

British Champs Relays – very few people so far expressed an interest to Tom L.

## **Other Items raised**

JG & RG had attended Safety of Events course – looks like all Organisers will need to attend a similar course. RG could use Powerpoint presentation, when received, to roll out within club.

Maybe link with Auto-Download training for SI team

JD & AS to attend April DNP User Group meeting

Statement of finances received from Nick M.

## **Next Meetings**

Proposed for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May & Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Chudleigh Town Hall.

## OLIVIER BOUCHER & FAMILY

You may or may not have heard that the Boucher family will be moving back onto the continent this summer. It is a bit too early for a farewell, but not too early to find a replacement as the club routegadget gatekeeper. This is neither a very difficult nor a very onerous task. You simply need to nag the planner (or Roger) to get the OCAD files, the IT team (or Alan) to get the SportIdent file and spend 15 minutes or so after each Devon event to set up the routegadget for the event. I would be happy to go through the procedure with anyone who volunteers to take up this small task.

Send me an email to [olivier.boucher.1@gmail.com](mailto:olivier.boucher.1@gmail.com) if you're interested.

What a pleasure it has been to have Olivier, Marie, Le'a and Eulalie as club members for the last six years or so. The weather will never seem quite as good when they return to France. We all wish them well.



Olivier & Le'a



Le'a & Eulalie

Both photographs taken in 2007

Le'a and Eulalie will have grown quite a bit since then

## **GERALD WOODLEY**

The editor has only just learned that Gerald was involved in an horrific cycling accident on Dartmoor last October, and is still in hospital. Rosemarie, recently returned to me a copy of the report of NORPED 1983, one of 27 Joint Services Colleges Expeditions I organised onto icecaps and mountains in Norway, and which I must have lent to one of her children in their adventure days. In her accompanying letter she told me of the accident and is glad to say that he is making progress now, and hopes to come home in May or June.

John Dyson tells me that the Sidmouth Herald reported that he suffered a nasty accident involving a car, while cycling fast downhill somewhere in or near Dartmoor.

Roger Green tells me that some time ago he forwarded an e-mail about Gerald's accident to the 'elder members' of the club who would have known Gerald. He thought he included me along with Erik Peckett, Brian Parker, Dave Livsey and Peter Flick and a few others, but I would certainly not have missed that dreadful news had I received it. But that was close to the time when I had my suspected mini-strokes, as I was not as withit as I would have wished.

Roger has had intermittent bits of news via Otter Valley Hash. And he gathers Gerald is working up to the 2012 Paralympics - developing his arm strength. His son Bruce lives up north and is quite a good orienteer and rock climber. His daughter Anne Marie is in the USA and married to an American and they do outdoor pursuits - ski-ing, mountain biking etc. commercially I believe in Colorado.

He understands Gerald has been in a special hospital in Salisbury ever since the accident. There are some in Otter Valley Hash who are much closer to the Woodley family and we get little bits of information through the Hash.

I will write to Rosemarie to express my condolences and those of all the Club.

Rosemarie also told me that two of their young grandchildren, living in West Yorkshire, Joe Woodley, aged 15, and his sister Beth, aged 16, are both very keen orienteers, and doing well.

Joe hopes to represent Britain in this year's World Schools 'O' Championships.

What a boost for Gerald and Rosemarie if that comes off. Those with internet access keep your eyes open.

## **EMMIT ANDREWS**

Emmit, who is serving in the Army and is a member of the British Army Orienteering Club, was a member of our club for several recent years while living in Braunton.

**He has been selected for the World O Ski Championships in Sweden.**

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

date	rgstn times	event	venue	grid ref	information
Sat 9 April	1000	training	Smallhanger Waste	SX 561 590	
Saturday 9 April	1130 1400	League 6	Newnham Park	SX 550 598	Mark Bagley 07588 458065
Sunday 10 April	1030 1300	KERNO Forest League 5	NT Trelissick Estate	Signed from SW 828 397	KERNO event
Sunday 8 May	1000 1230	League 7	Fire Beacon	SY 110 915	Carol Pearce 01395 443813
Sunday 22 May	1030 1300	KERNO Forest League 6	Inny Foot	SX 380 770	KERNO event & GALLOPEN
Saturday 11 June		Workshop	South Brent Event safety & auto-download		Alan Simpson 01752 311367
Sunday 12 June	1000 1230	League 8	Haldon Forest	SX 884 848	Steve Perrelle 01803 401805
Sunday 26 June	1030 1300	KERNO Forest League 7	Hustyns Forest	SW 982 691	KERNO event
Sunday 17 July	1100	Mass Start Relays	Five Tors	SX 531 751	Matthew Atkins 01392 277516
Sunday 24 July	1030 1300	KERNO Forest League 8	Dunmere Forest	SX 042 689	KERNO event
Sunday 21 Aug	1030 1300	KERNO informal	Pencalenick	SW 849 454	KERNO event
Sunday 4 Sept	1100	Mass Start Club Champs & AGM	Fire Beacon	SY 110 915	Jill Green 01392 278512
Sat / Sun 17/18 Sept	TBA	Caddihoe Chase	Burrator	SX 555 691	Alan Simpson 01752 311367

**NOTE! All events will use Sport Ident (SI) electronic punching (unless advertised).**

**Bring your own 'dibber' or buy / hire one at the event.**

**Please check the club's website for any late changes before travelling.**

*Orienteering takes place over terrain that is sometimes rough and may be overgrown with vegetation. Weather conditions may be adverse. Competitors take part at their own risk.*

**All Devon League events have courses suitable for novices: most have string courses.**