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The East Devon Bunch at the British Schools Championship

Photo Courtesy Tessa Stone



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Again I am delighted to congratulate our juniors: this time it's the boys of Torquay who have excelled themselves. Following the Grammar School's solid all-round performance at the British Schools Championships at Delamere, Cheshire in November, their M14 team has been chosen to represent our country at the World School team championships in Portugal in mid-April: you can't get much higher than that! No pressure, boys – just enjoy the experience.

The Yvette Baker Trophy final, held in the South West for once, showed the strength of BOK who ran away with the trophy, having narrowly beaten Devon in the preliminary round on their home ground in the Forest of Dean.

All credit to Steve Perrelle and Tessa Stone for the “cells of success” which they have created in Torquay and East Devon. A common feature is the regular training sessions and the wide age range, ensuring the strength in depth that we can now muster.

So now, senior members, it's your turn in mid-February to show that Devon can field a solid team for the CompassSport Cup preliminary round. Again numbers matter, as even a moderate run can push other club's scores down in some cases. Please support your club, let Tess know, and fill a spare seat if possible for the journey to Swanage.

Looking further ahead, the JK Easter weekend is centred on Reading, rather closer to home than usual, and shortly afterwards the Southern Championships at Penhale in Cornwall. So there are two more opportunities for top level competition in the South of England.

May you run in sunlit forests in 2013: this year is going to be drier than last year, I confidently predict....

John Dyson

COMPASS SPORT CUP (First Round)

17th February 2013

This competition come around every year and is for everyone in the club. This year the final, which will be in October will be in the SW so it may be a good year to make bit more of an effort and Make this a date for your Calendar!

Thank you to those that have already forwarded your details for the event. Below are the course details so if you have not already given me your details this is what I need:

Surname Name:

Forename:

BOF number:

BOF Age Group (2013):

Course:

Prefered start time (Between 10.30am-12.30pm):

Si Card number or Hire:

Running UP?

These Are the Courses:

CompassSport Course	Eligible Age Classes	Class Size
1 Brown	Men Open	Large
2 Blue	Women Open	Small
3 Blue	Men M45 + M20 -	Large
4 Green	Women W45 + W20 -	Small
5 Green	Men M60 +	Small
6 Short Green	Veterans M75 + W60+	Small
7A Light Green	Men 18-	Very Small
7B Light Green	Women 18-	Very Small
8A Orange	Men Men 14-	Very Small
8B Orange	Women Women 14-	Very Small

If you are in a very small or small age group category sometimes there is a value in moving up and age category to be in a large or small class size as the scoring is slightly different for each. If you do wish to run up please let me know!

Please email your details to me at : plum.pebble@gmail.com

Many Thanks, your Club Captain

Tess

SOME FIXTURES NEWS 2013 AND BEYOND

Welcome to 2013 and commiserations if, like me, you have moved up an age class.

So what have you to look forward to in 2013.

The highpoint will be the Caddihoe Chase in September on Virtuous Lady. What makes this exciting is that we will run on a new map being prepared by Erik Peckett using LIDAR technology. This, we hope, will give greater accuracy in the positioning of both line and point features on the map and give the competitor less excuses for mistakes! We hope that many people from other clubs will make the journey to south west Devon to find out all about it. A nearby village hall has been booked for people to sleep in overnight and this will be available to DEVON helpers wishing to stay in the area overnight at no charge. Good beers and food will be 5 minutes walk away.

Wheal Florence still remains untouched and if that is still the case in September I hope we will hold the Devon championships there. The regional news tells me the mine has their funding in place so we may be just too late. We will make a final decision by June.

As we look forward to Spring events I wanted to seek some feedback on night events. In recent years the club has only held these in west Devon. This is mainly because we have a group of night orienteers who are happy to put on these events. With support from KERNO we get about 20 competitors. If there is a demand for night events from other parts of the region we can put something in the calendar for next winter. Let me know if you would like more such events and if so whether you would be prepared to plan/ organise one.

Looking ahead to 2014 we will again host the South West round of the Compass Cup match at Haytor. We hope to repeat the good event centre atmosphere of 2012 and keep our fingers crossed for the weather which for comfort would be sunshine but low cloud and mist to give local knowledge advantage.

Thank you to everyone who has taken on the event official roles. In some cases the events only go ahead because people are prepared to take on more than one role in a year. So please let me know if you are interested in doing this be it planning or organising.

Nicholas Maxwell Fixtures Secretary.

“ONE BIG CLUB”!

There is now a developing network of small activities going on in different areas of the county, meeting the needs of people at a local level in terms of coaching and events. Supporting and building on these activities will be a sustainable way of keeping the club going in the future, so I encourage you to find out what is going on and be part of it!

There is a hive of activity in East Devon, but also in Torquay and Tavistock, with links being made with schools and other organisations, such as ‘Active Devon’. In the spring there will be:

- A ‘Sports Leaders’ Course at Bickton College on Feb 8th;
- A Level 1 Coaching Course at Killerton towards the end of Feb or March (date to be finalised very soon)
- ‘Active Village’ project - mapping woodlands or areas that are part of the club’s ‘Mapping Plan’ - for the use of villagers in the form of a permanent course, coupled with a series of coaching sessions to introduce them to the sport (funded by the project)
- A Mapping course - to help with the demand for the new maps needed for Active Villages;
- Inter-school links, competitions and , for the first time, orienteering will be part of the Devon Schools Summer Games.
- Summer series of Saturday afternoon informal events/night events

If you are interested in any of the above please contact Tess Stone on 01297 20553 or 07974 802598

We as a Club are looking at other ways of introducing more people to our Fantastic Sport! Making Links with other projects/ organisations, such as Active Devon are helping us to achieve this. Your thoughts are also valuable to us as is your voluntary time! Many in the Club have given much of this over the years, some of you may not be aware how you can help out. There are many roles you can play.....being part of a committee, helping out at coaching evenings, getting people to events, helping out at an event, writing press releases about forthcoming events or those that have taken place, making links with other organisations, advertising & spreading the word, taking photos for the website or press, making cakes! ...the list could go on but it is the volunteers that make the sport happen, which is why Active Devon calls them ‘Sport Makers’ (Like the Games Makers in the Olympic Games). If you register as a Sport Maker for the Club then you can get other benefits such as financial help for coaching courses. Volunteering can also

be great fun, rewarding, make you feel part of the Club Community and means that everyone gets more out of the experience at whatever level.

The Club would really **Value** your input so let us know if you can help!

Tess Stone Club Captain

NEW CLUB KIT



At the last AGM there was support for a club top based on the Trimtex design. This month's magazine shows a design from Trimtex following the colours of the current club kit. The price quoted by Trimtex is about 45 euros (£37).

Please let me have any comments. If this is the sort of top you would like please let me know as I can then firm up with Trimtex on numbers and therefore pricing. If the design is popular I will obtain a sample that can be displayed at an event - hopefully 10th February at Hound Tor - together with some garments for you to work out sizings. Sizing information can also be found at <http://www.trimtex.se/en-20>.

The committee will discuss the kit design at their meeting on 17th January so if you are reading this before then please let them know your thoughts. If there is general support for the design I would like to get an order in by mid February so people have kit for the JK.

Further details will be sent round by e mail eg order details, availability of samples at Hound Tor, so if you are interested in club kit and not connected to e mail please let me know.

Vivienne Maxwell

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REPORTS

JUNIOR ORIENTEERING EVENTS - NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2012

At the Five Tors event on Sunday December 2nd, the weather was certainly best for those with early start times- it started to rain around 12.00 but I had finished the yellow course with Suki by then. The courses weren't too technical compared to previous events I have been to recently, and were reasonably short, but the fact that there was a lot of climb and gorse on the ground added to the difficulty in sections. I particularly enjoyed the setting - lots of streams and some especially inquisitive Dartmoor ponies.



*East Devon Girls at the British Schools Championships
Photo courtesy Tessa Stone*

Two weekends before was the British Schools Orienteering Championships at Delamere Forest in Cheshire. The drive up took us almost 5 hours, but we managed to entertain ourselves. Teams from King's, Colyton, Woodroffe and Clyst Hydon Schools took part so our area of East Devon was well represented. The weather was very cold, but dry thankfully considering the rain we had that week. My course was a yellow, but seemed very technical, with lots of contours and heavily wooded areas but I rose to the challenge and did better than I had hoped. After, I went on an orange with a few others. We didn't finish in an amazing position but it was great to see what it would have been like. We had some brilliant positions - 6th and 11th.



*Ginger O Man at British Schools
Photo courtesy Tessa Stone*

YVETTE BAKER HEAT

After the Fantastic performances of our Juniors at the British Schools Championships for Torquay GS, Sidmouth College, The Kings School, Colyton and The Woodroffe Schools (In all 35 juniors!) then came the Yvette Baker Trophy First Round at The Forest of Dean.....

You remember the high winds and floods of Saturday 24th Nov? Well too many days like that for it to stand out! The qualifier event for the Yvette Baker was the following day in The Forest of Dean! The Torquay lads, in particularly their guiding light Steve, were not available for this one as it was just a week after the British Schools, so it was just down to the East Devon Crew! We had 22 juniors signed up to come, but during the previous evening a few emails came through from those getting trapped by the floods! So finally, 17 juniors travelled up in the end in a minibus and Land Rover, with Alan Knight, Andy Eaton Hart and me. Evidence of the floods could be seen by abandoned vehicles and debris on the roads much of the way up!

Cannop Ponds were full but the forest was not too bad underfoot. Our juniors got themselves ready for their run and gradually left one by one with 4 minutes between each. Once all were safely out Alan and I managed to get out on a course too. On our return all seemed calm and jovial & all making use of the SWJS cake stall. Report of how we were doing fluctuated and there was a tense atmosphere in the tent whilst the scores were being tallied. We had won 5 of the 9 scores to count so it must be a close call, in the end we were 4 points behind BOK, a very close call indeed and everyone had done really well! We eventually got the minibus started even with the radio entertaining during the afternoon.

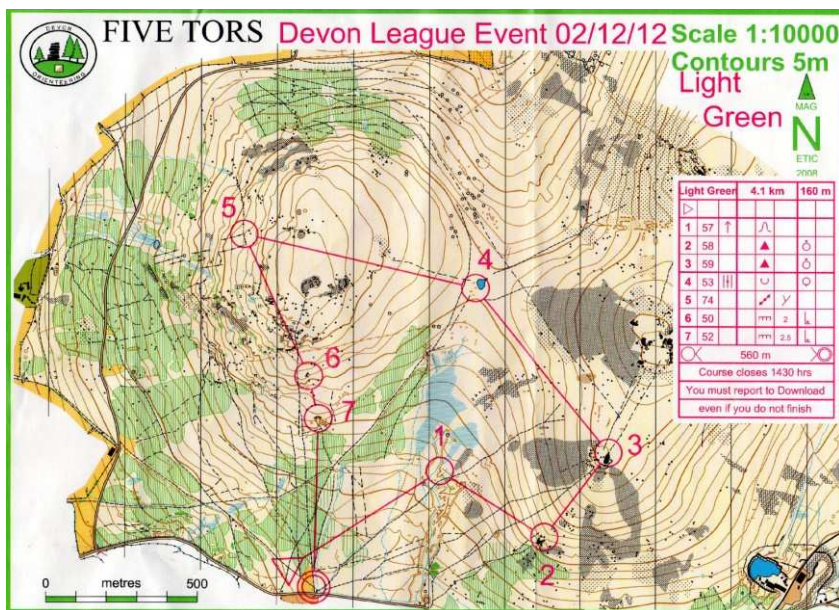
The Final, 2 weeks later, was in The New Forest so we were really sorry not to be in it. We did try and get there by the back door but without success! Anyway congratulations need to go to BOK juniors for winning the Final. The Runners Up, 'Octavian Droobers' were 10 points behind...

This year the Yvette Baker Competition moves to the spring for the First Round Heats with the Final in July. So please be prepared for your call up.

Many Thanks and Well done to all the Juniors and the parents who help!
Tess Stone

DOGGY TAILS CONTINUED

I am very sad to say that I have only taken part in one event since I last wrote. We drove down to Dartmoor and I was able to lead my mistress around the light green course. I was very excited when they put on my harness and we set out for the start.



We reached the start and after checking that the dibber was cleared we picked up our map and headed across the open ground to a very muddy track. I was very fearful for the state of my appearance as we went along through the mud, but I seem to remember being told by my mum that mud is good for the completion! We arrived at a large gully with a stream in it; I made sure that we did not get our paws wet as we crossed and moved up stream to the re-entrant with the control. To reach number 2 we avoided the worst of the boulders on the ground and headed up the tor to the control. Then it was more uphill to number 3 and around the large rocky tor to reach the flag. I saw number 4 from a long way off, but there were some large shaggy cattle in the way, so I made sure that Susan was between me and the cattle. I had to stretch the lead at the control to avoid the water as the depression was full of water. I do so hate getting wet! Then up, up, up to get to the next control, past some rocks and down onto the ruined wall. I thought I saw my boss, Roger there, but Susan held me back until the person had vanished. When we punched the control I knew I had been right and I wanted to follow his scent, but Susan insisted that we climbed back up lots of contours to go over the top of a tor to the next control. The compensation was I got to talk to a group of walkers who were passing and they were very impressed with me.

From the top of the tor it was all downhill to the finish, after controls 6 and 7 I had a good gallop down to the finish. I even managed to get Susan to run! I really enjoyed this event, plenty of friends and lots of new friends.

Birch Hateley

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17th February **Compass Sport Cup Qualifier** WESSEX at Agglestone.

10th March **SW Middle Distance Champs.** SARUM at Fonthill.

29th March – 1st April **JK** in the Chilterns

14th April **Southern Champs.** KERNO at Penhale

4th & 5th May **British Championships** Holmbury, Surrey

25th – 27th May **Springtime in Shropshire**, around Ludlow

28th July – 3rd August **Scottish 6 Days** Moray

DEVON EVENTS

January

27th League Mutters Moor SY109873

February

10th League Hound Tor SX738793

March.

17th League River Dart Country Park SX735698

April

21st League Fire Beacon Hill SY116924

May

12th Haldon Forest, Exeter SX864847

KERNO EVENTS

January

- 20th Forest League No. 4 Lanhydrock SX087641
26th Extra Night No. 2 Trelissick Signed from SW836397

February

- 2nd D&C Night Event No. 6 Duchy College SX356747
9th Extra Night No. 3 Tehidy SW635434
24th **Galoppen & Forest League 5** Cookworthy SS415013

March

- 3rd Forest League No.6 Dunmere SX041689
16th Forest League no.7 Polly Joke SW783603

April

- 13th **Southern Champs Weekend.** Training Hayle Towans
13th **Southern Champs Weekend.** St Ives Urban Event
14th **Southern Champs Weekend. Southern Champs Penhale**

QO EVENTS

January

- 20th QOFL4 Wind Down ST221342
26th QOAD1 Culm Davy ST123165

February

- 16th QOAD4 Lydeard Hill ST180339

March

- 3rd QOFL5 Blackborough North ST102084
9th QOAD5 Crowcombe Heathfield ST137343

April

- 7th **Galoppen** Rectory Wood/Ashley Combe/Great Bear/Bin Combe
ST181379