

Events Sub Committee - Report for May Committee 2016

British Night Championships 2016.

I reported to the last committee meeting that I was hopeful that the entries would be up to the level of the 2015 event. It transpired that a very late rush of entries gave us a figure that was 50% greater than 2015. This was the first year that the "starting after Nautical Twilight" rule came into effect, so we were not able to start until 18.54 and with the controller's requirement that we should allow competitors 2 hrs in the forest, there was a restriction on the number of start slots we had available. By 22.00 on the final day of entries we had run out of start slots on some courses and we closed the entries. Unfortunately Fabian4 does not allow one the choice of which courses to close! It's all or nothing.

On the evening, the event ran without any significant hitches and Steve's courses were well received. The winner of the M21 was very complementary.

An article on the event has appeared in Compass Sport and more will appear in Focus.

Summer League.

This is now under way. Fingers crossed for some fine weather.

Peter Palmer Junior team Relays September 2016.

Six clubs have so far indicated that they will be entering teams. Bulletin 1 (Initial Details) is being sent out to those clubs and is also available as a link from the club web site.

Mick Lucking, NOC, has been appointed controller for the event.

British School Score Championships October 2016.

Initial Details and the entry form are now available on the British Schools Orienteering Association and the LEI web sites.

Roger Edwards has organised several practice events for Leicestershire schools.

EMOA Championships 2016.

I am pleased to report that at long last Laurie has been able to secure permission to use Wakerley for a major event. Parking will be at Deere Park Airfield and competitors will be bussed about 5Km to the village of Laxton, followed by a short walk into the south end of the woods. The start and finish will be at the south end

Whilst we refer to the area as Wakerley, it is in reality a patchwork of 8 different woods. As we have not been able to use Wakerley for a major event for several years and additionally we have not had a start at the South end for at least 15 years, for many orienteers much of the area will be completely new to them.

Future Events.

17th & 18th March. UKOL Weekend.

On the Sunday we host the Midlands Championships at Belvoir. Ursula Williamson is the Organiser and Steve Edgar the Planner. Provisional permission has been received from the Belvoir Estate.

As the Midland Championships are automatically in UKOL and it is usual to have a "UKOL weekend" we have been asked to run an event on the Saturday. The current proposal is to run a sprint event on the Saturday morning and possibly, if the Board of British Orienteering has approved the rules, the British Mixed Relay Sprint Championships in the afternoon. The suggestion is that we use a new area, The Newarke and Leicester Castle, for the event. Roger Edwards and I are going to visit the area on the morning of the committee and will make a decision on the viability of the area. The area is large enough for it to be used for EMOA Urban events.

British Sprints Championships 2019

No date had been finalised for this event as we are still awaiting a decision from DVO on what area they will be using for the British Middle Distance Championships to be held the same weekend.

If we use the new area in Leicester for the UKOL weekend then the preferred area for the British sprints is Loughborough University.

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