



## SOA Newsletter 1 – October 2007

The SOA Executive intend issuing a monthly newsletter to draw the attention of Club Committees and Members to some forthcoming items. This will be issued to Club Secretaries and Presidents with a request to circulate to their members. Hopefully you'll find this useful.

*Kate Robertson, Director - Marketing and Communications*

### **Courses coming up in the near future**

Ladies Only coaching weekend – Strathspey, 6-7 October  
Emit workshop – Glenmore Lodge, 6 October (evening)  
Level 1 Coach – Edinburgh 10 October  
Grade 3 Controllers – Oban 27 October  
Condes – Version 8 course/workshop planned for January/February 2008

Full details, including booking instructions at <http://www.scottish-orienteering.org/index/natcen/page/national-centre-course-schedule>

*If you're booking less than 10 days before the course, please phone or e-mail Hilary Quick first: tel. 01467 629022 or 02479 861374 e-mail [hilary@scottish-orienteering.org](mailto:hilary@scottish-orienteering.org)*

### **Map of the month**

Loch Vaa West (September & October)  
Inshriach North (October & November)

Further details, including details of how to arrange training maps for your Club, are at <http://www.scottish-orienteering.org/index/natcen/>

### **Development Funding**

The SOA Executive has set aside funds for Clubs to assist with Development opportunities - approximately £3,000 is still available for 2007 – for further details including an application form see <http://www.scottish-orienteering.org/index/soa/page/development-funding/>

Projects supported this year:

- Moravian Forest Runs (£200)
- INT junior file (£100)
- Pictorial control descriptions card (£800)
- Ellan Wood permanent course (£500)
- SOA website (£250)
- Moravian primary schools event (£150)
- SOA publicity leaflet (£270)

### **A note about funding for training of officials:**

Fees for coaching courses (Levels 1 & 2) are on the website. There is a reduced fee for BOF/SOA members and people in SOA-affiliated organisations.

For controller courses, a per capita charge will be levied purely to cover costs (usually limited to travel and room hire).

For both these types of course, some clubs choose to pay the individual's fee. Clubs might then to apply for SOA development funding to recoup those fees. The process might seem cumbersome, but it ensures that the development money goes to the clubs that most need it.

### **Embargoed areas**

The following areas are currently embargoed until the date indicated:

Culbin (NH985605):British Orienteering Championships – 19/04/2008  
Tullochroisk (NN/712579): Scottish Orienteering Championships 2008 - this area is currently planned to be used - when the event is registered, the area will be embargoed for a period of 6 months prior to the event (24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> May)

**Donald Petrie**

After nearly 15 years service to SOA and the Scottish 6 Days Company, Donald Petrie has tendered his resignation as Professional officer, which will be effective from 16<sup>th</sup> November. Donald has been an extremely loyal and hardworking member of the SOA and his knowledge, extensive network and experience will be missed.