



## SOA Newsletter 3 – December 2007

Welcome to issue 3 of the SOA monthly newsletter, which aims to build up a regular link from the Executive to clubs and members. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter, for example, how it can be improved, other items you'd like to see included, or alternative methods of distribution, please direct them to myself on [communications@scottish-orienteering.org](mailto:communications@scottish-orienteering.org). In the meantime, the SOA Executive would like to wish all members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Kate Robertson, Director - Marketing and Communications*

### Map copyright transfer

Ecko have applied to take over (from SOA) the copyright for Airds Park, near Oban. If anyone has any objections to the SOA transferring this copyright, subject to the usual conditions, they should contact their club secretary, who should then reply to Mel Perry - [secretary@scottish-orienteering.org](mailto:secretary@scottish-orienteering.org)

### Condes Version 8

The updated User Guide is very nearly ready, and will be available via the SOA website soon. A version 8 course/workshop is planned for Saturday 2 February 2008. The venue will be determined by where there is most interest, but it will probably be in the Central Belt.

### Courses – dates for your diary

Courses planned for early 2008 include:

- Improvers' Weekend – Glenmore Lodge, 19-20 January
- Condes course Saturday 16 February
- Grade 3 Controllers' course Sunday 17 February
  - *Inevitably the dates of the above two courses won't suit some people. Both courses will be repeated in coming months. It would be helpful if would-be participants communicated their desire to attend on a later date.*
- Introduction to Orienteering and how to teach it (includes Level 1 Coach course) – Glenmore Lodge, 9-10 February
- L1/2 Coach course – Glenmore Lodge, 8-9 March
- Introduction to Orienteering – Glenmore Lodge, 15-16 March
- Improvers' Weekend (Ladies only) – Glenmore Lodge, 29-30 March

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 01479 861374 e-mail [hilary@scottish-orienteering.org](mailto:hilary@scottish-orienteering.org)*

### Map of the month

Strathmashie (November & December)  
Gorsteane (December & January)

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

### Development Funding

A flurry of late applications means we've now allocated or spent all the development money. More information about the projects supported is on the website, and individual write-ups will appear in Score.

**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)