



SOA Newsletter no.2 for 2009 – February

Courses – dates for your diary

- UKCC Level 1 Coach course 21-23 March – closing date 6 February
- Introduction to Assessment Practice in Sport – 14 March in Perth. See website for description and relevance.
- Coaching weekend 28-29 March in Speyside – for adults TD3 upwards
- First Aid course Saturday 28 March in Perth. 4 hours, ideal for UKCC Level 1 coach candidates. Book by e-mail.

Full course schedule:

<http://www.scottish-orienteering.org/index/natcen/page/national-centre-course-schedule/>

Regular Orienteering Map Programme

- Achlean (same controls as for Autumn Bonanza (but different numbers)) until end February
- Moor of Alvie until end of March – available in TD3 and TD5 versions (ie. full colour maps or contour only)

New Controller

Ian Hamilton (GRAMP) has been appointed Grade 3 Controller.

From the Communications Director:

1. SCORE: OUTGOING EDITOR - The SOA board of directors would like to formally thank Anne Hickling, the outgoing SCORE editor for her fantastic work with the magazine over the past few years. During her time as editor Anne moved SCORE from a monochrome newsletter to a highly polished colour magazine and won the Compass Sport award for regional magazine of the year in 2007. Her hard work is greatly appreciated.
2. SCORE: NEW EDITOR – Doug Tullie of EUOC has been appointed as the new editor of SCORE magazine. He is already looking for items asap for his first issue - the March/April issue (copy date: mid Feb) so please make it easy for him and get in touch. Email: score@scottish-orienteering.org
3. COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY - The SOA has recently developed a communications strategy to draw together current methods, and to identify new opportunities, for keeping SOA audiences, and external audiences, informed and updated. The strategy will soon be available to download from the website (www.scottish-orienteering.org). Comments and suggestions are welcome.

Controllers' Updates

Notes from the Controllers' Update sessions held on 17th and 31st January are available at <http://www.scottish-orienteering.org/index/soa/page/controllers-update-sessions/>

Event Levels

SOA has decided that the Scottish Score, Sprint and Night Championships, and the 11 Person Relay, need NOT be Level 2 events. This affects embargoes and grade of controller required.

Scottish Sprint Championships

If your club would like to host this event, please e-mail fixtures@scottish-orienteering.org

Funding – Awards for All

Awards for All has changed: details are at

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/scotland/news-ebulletin.html#ebulletin1>

Volunteers still sought:

SOA is (still) looking for willing bodies for the following roles:

- Trophies Coordinator
- Competitions Convenor.

Volunteers please contact Paul Duley operations@scottish-orienteering.org

Equipment offered...

Two sets of (very) sticky control numbers 100 – 160 available. 6cm square.

... and wanted:

Redundant pin-punches required for schools starting up in the sport.

Contact Hilary.

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