



## Events

It has been good to have some new people planning courses for local events – Martyn/Andy and Tim. Julian has been unfortunate to have his two events both cancelled but is doing the planning for Saltoun.

Eight events were held in the eight months of November to June, but this term has been a blank, with the Prestongrange family day cancelled by the museum and no-one taking on 1<sup>st</sup> November. If all of these had taken place we would have hit our target of ten events. Also, with Purple Thistle, WOLF and Race the Castles, it has been difficult to find Saturdays when it would be possible to put on local events.

Nevertheless, eight events is two more than last year.

<b>2013</b>				
2 Nov	Binning Wood		Sheila	Robin
17 Nov	Duns Wood	SoSOL	Pete	Sheila
28 Dec	Vogrie	Festive Frolic	Sheila	Robin
<b>2014</b>				
1 Feb	Levenhall Links		Martyn & Andy	
5 April	North Berwick Lodge		Tim and family	
26 April	Vogrie		Sheila	
10 May			Julian	Cancelled due to clash with Junior trainings
7 June	Binning Wood		Sheila	Robin
28 June	Yellowcraig	BBQ	Pete	
23 Aug	Prestongrange	Open Day	Julian	Cancelled by Museum
1 Nov	???????????????		?????????????	

Thank you to everyone (Martyn, Andy, Tim and Family, Julian, Pete and various helpers – Godfrey, Trina, Jack, Neil, Ian ..... and everyone else) involved in putting these on, they are the most important aspect for the continuity of the club. Thank you also to Robin for all his work on preparing the maps and courses for printing at all of these.

\* Plus Scout evening, registered as an Activity.

There have been problem with fixing dates for next six months due to clash with ESOC and also Junior Coaching sessions. This is to be discussed at then next ESOA committee meeting.

## Competitions and Results

The Inter-Club Relay became an Eight-Person event this year, and a team combined with KFO & STAG, The KELTS, took part. The team included Tim, Julian, Pete, Trina and Neil, with Robin as reserve.

**British Champs and JK:** JK was in Wales, Sheila produced some good results: sprint 1<sup>st</sup>; individual 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kirsten, 11<sup>th</sup>; Trina, 21<sup>st</sup>.

British long and relays, Northumberland: Kirsten 5<sup>th</sup> W21E; Sheila, 8<sup>th</sup>; Trina, 13<sup>th</sup>.

British Sprints, Keele University: Sheila 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Scottish Champs and Relays** – Perthshire. This was hosted by East area so we were involved in helping, mainly at the Individual, but all also were able to compete:

Aaron McLeod; Sheila Strain, 4<sup>th</sup>; Trina Rogerson, Neil McMillan, Robin Strain, Kirsten Strain, 4<sup>th</sup>; Jack Poole, 8<sup>th</sup> in M18E; Pete Younger

Relays: ELongators (Pete, Sheila, Kirsten) beat ELOquents (Robin, Trina, Jack) 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in the 17+ point category.

**SOL** : 10 members took part in at least one and six had the four to maximise points

1<sup>st</sup> W65L Sheila Strain; 2<sup>nd</sup> M16B Jonny Harding; 5<sup>th</sup> W21E Kirsten Strain; 7<sup>th</sup> W60L Trina Rogerson; 8<sup>th</sup> M60L Robin Strain; 8<sup>th</sup> M55L Pete Younger; 8<sup>th</sup> M60S Terry O'Brien; 8<sup>th</sup> M18 Jack Poole; 20<sup>th</sup> M40L Ian Rowland; 39<sup>th</sup> M50L Tim Harding

**SOUL:** Sheila, 1<sup>st</sup> Ultravet Female

While some people have tried urban orienteering and decided against it, others should be encouraged to try it and decide after experiencing the different challenges which urban orienteering present.

**SoSOL:** Certificate to Sam Jones – 3 runs on White course; Robin Strain – 4<sup>th</sup> man on Green course; Martyn Pegg – 5<sup>th</sup> Man on Green Course; Sheila Strain – 6<sup>th</sup> Senior Woman on Blue Course; Kirsten Strain – 1<sup>st</sup> Woman on Brown Course; Jack Poole – 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior on Brown Course

Kirsten represented Scotland in the SHIs and was 8<sup>th</sup> Brit, 30<sup>th</sup> overall, at Balmoral.  
Sheila represented Scotland at the VHIs in Forest of Dean.

### Ranking positions

See the current ELOquence. We currently have more than 10 ranked members (with at least two results) so appeared in the CompassSport list (unlike last year).

### Mapping

Map of North Berwick Lodge Grounds was finished and used in April.

Saltoun is being remapped. The Saltoun side was done earlier, and the Humbie side was finished by Stirling Surveys this week.

Foxlake. Has been visited. A Lidar plot including the area has been received from SOA but can not be opened on OCAD9.

The urban extension of the Lochend Wood map has almost been done. The base map covers the whole of Dunbar so more could be checked out and used.

Pathhead urban, Oleg mapped this for a training event and will give us the map for our use.

### Committee

Despite the intention to hold committee meetings, this failed and committee work has been conducted by e-mail, and some discussions at events.

Robin and Sheila took part in the SOA Club Development conference in May and this focussed on the tasks involved in running clubs and putting on activities. One key outcome was to establish clear remits for the various tasks and share them out so that committee members and other club members can each do their part.

### Social

Meal after Festive Frolic at the Longniddry Inn.

Barbecue in June at Yellowcraig.

### Juniors

This year has been good for junior development, with junior members benefiting from the East of Scotland Junior trainings which have been coordinated and led by Ian Pyrah of ESOC, and we are very grateful to him for his time and efforts. Numbers attended: November, Ravelston night O – 1; January, Royal High – 2; February, KB – 2; March, Yellowcraig - 8; April, Castlelaw – 5; May, Vogrie – 11.

Junior badges awarded: Jonny Harding; Angus and Innes Wright; Freya Edmonson and Sam Jones all for 10 events  
Benji and Anna already have the 10 badge and are working toward 25.

Juniors took part in the Jamie Stevenson Trophy competition for the first time for a few years. Anna Harding did very well, 2<sup>nd</sup> on Yellow Girls, with Benji Edmonson and Jonny Harding also taking part.

East of Scotland team for the Junior Inter-area – Jack Poole and Jonny Harding took part.

A competition for Haddington Scouts was put on at Butterdean (registered as an activity). \*

### Publicity

Robin had continued to improve the content of the web-site. Sandy then did a complete upgrade and moved it to a Wordpress format. This will make it much easier for everyone to add reports and comments. Hopefully from now on reports and members' results will be uploaded week by week, rather than in ELOquence, and the site will have a more relevant and current appearance. Up to date photos needed!

ELOquence has come out monthly in the MailChimp format.

There were items in the local papers for the first part of the year, but not recently.

Very few posters or leaflets have been put up in places like sports centres to advertise events.

## Election of Office Bearers, committee and/or working group.

		<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
Chairperson	Sheila	Trina	Tim
Secretary	Robin	Trina	Julian
Treasurer	Trina	Pete	Sheila
Reviewer	John Sparksman	Trina	Sheila
Rep to ESOA	Pete	Sheila	Robin
Committee	Tim H.	Sheila	Pete
	Julian	Sheila	Robin
	Martyn Pegg	Sheila	Robin

Jack Poole to be invited to be co-opted.

Several people have offered to help with events – Ian Rowland; Terry O'Brien; Sue Langlands; Jack Poole

### Review Plans and Priorities for 2015

#### 1. Fixing of dates for club/local events.

Agreed that we should use the same equivalent date for our SoSQL in 2015, ie 29<sup>th</sup> November. By rotation it should be at Lothian Edge, unless a better area is agreed.

Possible dates for Club events in 2015 were looked at. Pete will take these to the ESOA meeting at the end of the month for discussion there. They can then be registered with BOF.

Clash with Junior Trainings – might be possible to arrange for Junior training to precede Club event at same venue.

Suggested that a Park/Urban Event Series, perhaps four events, in the summer might be worth trying, following on from the success of the one in North Berwick Lodge Grounds. Could do a mix of park and urban, to give something for the adults as well, particularly when the woodland areas are overgrown with nettles! eg Neilson Park (Haddington); Polson Park (Tranent). Extra mapping would be required to extend these maps.

#### 2. Volunteers for tasks:

Pete offered to be Fixture Secretary. This will tie in with the ESOA meetings.

He also volunteered to take over the writing of reports for the local papers, and to do some maintenance on the equipment.

Tim has already done much to learn about using Autodownload. He offered to help with co-ordinating Junior activities, and/or membership. There was discussion as to whether Jack could take on some of the encouragement of Juniors.

Robin will continue to prepare maps and courses for sending for printing.

Julian will investigate areas for mapping.

#### 3. It was agreed to buy **OCAD 11**, in addition to the OCAD 9 licence so that Lidar data can be opened, and that OCAD can be used on two computers.

### AOCB:

#### I. SoSQL certificates were awarded to:

Kirsten Strain 1<sup>st</sup> woman on Brown Course  
Jack Poole 3<sup>rd</sup> junior on Brown Course  
Sheila Strain 6<sup>th</sup> Senior Woman on Blue Course  
Robin Strain 4<sup>th</sup> man on Green course  
Martyn Pegg 5<sup>th</sup> man on Green course  
Sam Jones completing 3 White courses

2. **Facebook, Website and Newsletter:**

Julian offered to set up a Facebook page for the Club.

More use to be made of website now that the new format makes it possible for everyone to add items. More links to be added.

ELOquence format generally liked.

3. **Club nights.**

It was agreed to hold a monthly club night. It was suggested that it could start with either a run or a coaching exercise, then some food (eg Interlopers have 'soup, and EUOC have 'pasta') and then an opportunity for discussion such as committee matters; helping newer planners and organisers; updating maps etc . Mondays and Wednesdays possible, could vary.

Also suggested that a coaching day would be a welcome idea. Perhaps invite someone like Lynne Walker to put one on.