

# HALO NEWS

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## HALO Volunteers recognised by British Orienteering

British Orienteering Volunteer award  
presented to Pete Kullich at the Poacher  
presentation award night.

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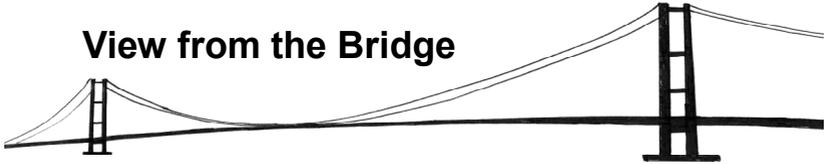
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Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer were elected at the AGM. The designated posts above were agreed at the Committee meeting on 23rd October 2008. Ken Hutson being co-opted onto the Committee as Immediate Past Chairman.

## View from the Bridge



How do you become a successful orienteer? Part of the answer is motivation. As with everything you do in life, you need a goal. Remember little goals turn into big goals, realistic goals turn into achievable goals, and so on.

Take two mythical orienteers - Simon, M10 and Bill, M75 are 60 years apart.



Simon M10

Bill M75

Simon is standing on the threshold of his orienteering career, wants to do that, go there, needs a t-shirt but in order to succeed he has to scale the triangle to reach the peak. Bill on the other hand, has been there, done that, and has got a drawer full of t-shirts.

How do you know when you have reached your peak? Well that depends. From a physical point of view it is between 25-35 years. So how do you keep training to reach your physical peak at that age, and stay as fit as you can on the way down? This is where motivation comes in.

When you first start, the motivation is simply to finish the course, then a harder course, and so on - that is why the colour coding system is so good. Then you look at the results and see the same people above you and around you. Next you try to pick them off by improving your technical skills and your fitness - and you do that by training. For a time you are the hunter - but it will not be long before you become the hunted.

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The next test when you have reached your peak is to make sure that you do not slide straight down the other side, that you stay up there for as long as you can. This is why you need to keep up the training for as long as you can.

There is nothing more satisfying than beating a youngster (Simon) when you are an old wrinkly (Bill) as it does your confidence the world of good. Even when you are on the down side of the triangle, you can still set goals for every new season. Your goal may be to win your class. However, the peak is whatever you decide - Club Champs or World Champs?

Everything is a circle. When you are just starting out as a 10 year old (Simon), the object is to just get around the course, physically you are OK but your technical skills need to be improved. When you are a 75 year old (Bill) the object is still to get around the course, and your technical skills should be nearly perfect after all those years, but physically you might be struggling.

Remember, motivation is the key. So plenty of hard training ready for next year, especially those people going into a new age group - and write down the name(s) of the person(s) that you want to beat.

John Butler

## Committee News

Last Committee meeting was in February: details in the April newsletter.

The committee has been discussing via email and informal meetings held around the Poacher series the following items:

- How to assist Newcomers at the Poacher series given the large numbers that attended the first Events
- The BOF proposals for improved communication with clubs.
- Membership & Insurance cover.
- Mapping status and arrangements for the Beverley Event scheduled for October.
- Financial performance against budget

## Welcome to new club members

**Patrice Altoft, Joanne Godfre, Allyson Clayton, Tony Freeman, Tracey Eyles Jackie Sharp, Vanessa Marley-Harris and Andrea Manders** all from the Grimsby area.

From Waltham, **Tommy Chapman** : (M16)

**The Jolly** family from Glentham, Market Rasen

**Michael & Jack Robinson** from Market Rasen

**Elena McBane , Steve & Adam Ellis** from Barnetby,

From Grasby, the **Robinson family, and Harriet Gillman**

Welcome back, **Alan Brown, Kim Walton and family**

I hope all club members will introduce themselves and make them feel welcome.



## The British Orienteering Services to Orienteering Awards

### **Dorothy Smith and Pete Kullich achieve National recognition for their services to Orienteering**

These awards were initiated by Development Committee to recognise and acknowledge the great work done by volunteers in orienteering.

Congratulation Dorothy Smith and Pete Kullich for each receiving one of only 27 awards presented in 2009.

Dorothy's citation reads: "*for her sustained commitment to the organisation of a series of events to encourage young people into orienteering .*"

Pete's reads: "*for his continued efforts in the development of orienteering in Lincolnshire, particularly the coordination of the Poacher series.*"

Well done Dorothy & Pete

The full list of recipients can be found on the British Orienteering website.



## Lincolnshire Bomber 2009-May-25/26

The Bomber had been a joint LOG / RAFOC competition comprising a Relay; District and Long "O" started in 2006, Team HALO being the first relay winners. Previously held entirely in LOG territory discussion had taken place during the Poacher series about how the various woods could be joined up to create a Long "O" and how the Bomber was an appropriate vehicle to run it. In 2009 therefore HALO was invited to participate, making use of the Earl of Yarborough's Estate, and the Bomber organisation was well under way when I joined the team.

One of the problems with running a Long "O" is the high map cost (at least 2 X A3 and an A4 map with associated mapping costs), the minibus travel to a remote start, and relatively few entrants. This makes it uneconomic as a stand alone Event and only becomes feasible when linked with a District (Colour Coded) Event. This can spread some of the costs over a larger number of competitors. Items such as mapping, planning costs, toilets etc are covered by larger numbers.

Brian Slater and the guys from LOG had identified that Mausoleum Woods as opposed to Pillar would be feasible for the a District Event, and Brian as OCAD map librarian had the various Poacher maps to hand and confirmed they could be linked. The mapping was the key to the project. The Poacher maps had been drawn on OCAD to various standards, with various degrees to detail, and using many non standard symbols. Brian did a wonderful job in bringing them all to one standard. The map being sorted, the rest fell into place.

Brian again obtained permission from the Earl of Yarborough's estate and negotiated the car parking area (which was one of my main concerns) at Mausoleum. RAFOC supplied the minibus, driver and Controller, and the format of the District Event was agreed.

By the time I joined the team in mid-Feb the preparation work was complete. It was agreed that although the Long "O" could be considered a separate Event as in the past, the streamlining of having one Planner/ Controller/ Organiser of Colour Coded and Long "O" courses saved time and duplication of effort. The Long "O" effectively became another course on the Colour Coded Event, and the organisation simplified. The exception to this was that there was a Start, four road crossings and two drinks stations outside the assembly area to consider. Paddy agreed to organise the outside assembly area elements making the organisation as a whole much more manageable. Thank you Paddy.

Pre-entries by Liam Harrington through Fabian also meant that a significant number of Colour Code entrants did not need to register on the day, relieving the pressure on registration. To counteract that however was the need to open

Long "O" Registration an hour earlier than usual at 9.00am. I decided to split that away into the old HALO shelter tent. This gave the registration and computers an opportunity to set up without any disruption from early arrivals.

Thanks LOG for equipment loan, and to all those who helped make the day so successful

John Fulwood

### **Planners/mappers notes:- by Brian Slater**

Bringing together all the maps of the Yarborough estate did present difficulties, not least that of the duplication of symbols which I had to reduce manually as the survey proceeded. All areas of the estate were opened by Pete Kullich ably supported by son Martin (OCAD Cartography). They did this over a period of years time and permissions allowing. There is a permissive walk through the woods from April to August and Dave Offler and I ran it several times in training, so we knew its potential. Steve Bones was the instigator of the idea of the Long O' through The Estate.

There are still some unused areas of woodland to be tapped so watch this space. I am already planning a route in the opposite direction using those. We did not use Swallow Wold Wood nor did we use parts of Hendale which were mapped recently for 'The Poacher Series'.

I limited the course to 30 controls so that all would be recorded by SI; older 'dibbers' apparently have a capacity to hold 36 pieces of information only. This concentrated the mind on longer legs rather than shorter legs with direction changes. The runnable blocks lent themselves to long compass legs or use of parallel running to field boundaries, and the odd right-angle short legs place the competitor for the next longer route choice leg. I chose to start with 2 loops in Pillar so that marshalling would be kept to a minimum. The use of Swallow Wold would have required extra controls to steer around the corridor shaped wood.

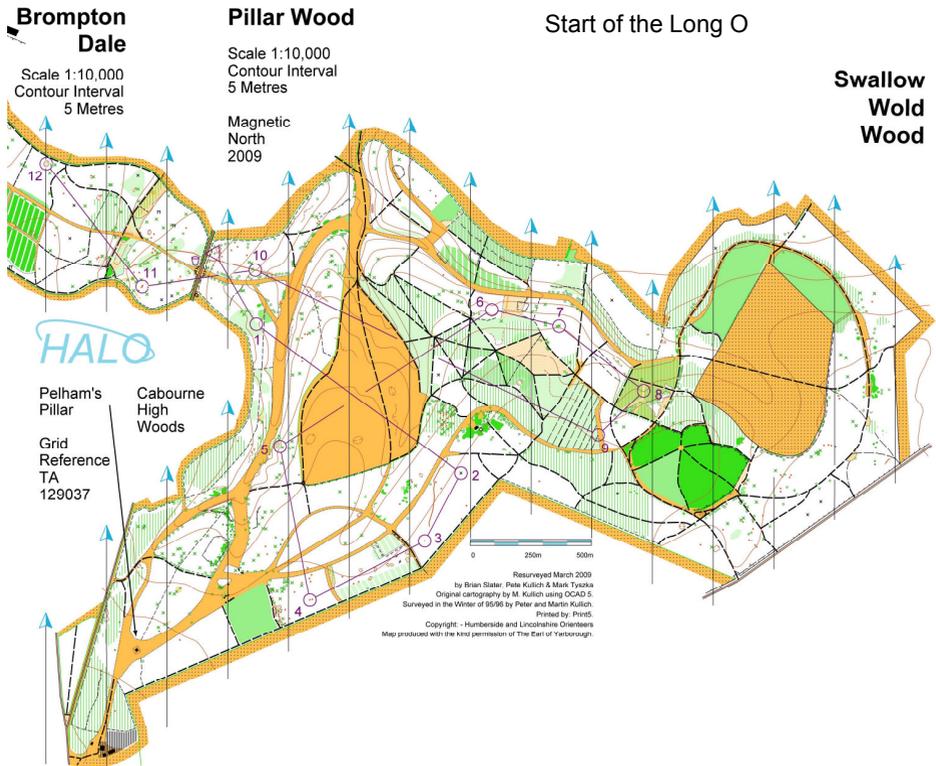
The crossing at the A18 was an unfounded worry and was well managed by the team, keeping all safe negotiating a very fast road with a precarious blind bend. It didn't occur to me 'til later, but, having to circumscribe The Mausoleum on the hill after 17k of running did happen to be a most appropriate setting for those 'dying legs'. We had a great field from around the North of England including some stalwarts in their 60s. I hope I will be joining you next time!

Pete Hornsby stopped me at the BMDC saying how good it had been to run and navigate through woodland without having to use paths. He obviously thoroughly enjoyed the day as did many others. It is so very rewarding to receive such comments from old friends.

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Mike Edwards who controlled was very supportive, rigorous and giving of good advice. On the weekend of the event I was impressed with his team who checked all the sites and that all 'boxes' were working on the morning.



Mike stopped off in Lincolnshire on his way to the JK so that he could check controls and safety issues. We were able to work closely together through e-mail to achieve fair, accurate and interesting courses. Please see the many various route choices made on all of the technical courses, in Route Gadget on the HALO web-site (and linked from the Bomber Weekend Web-site).

I made a flippant prediction re the winning time for the Long O' of 90 minutes, thinking no one would near to that only to be proved wrong. Similarly fast times were recorded on the other courses. Well done to you all and thanks for coming to Lincolnshire.

# HALO Lincolnshire Poacher Trophy 2009

Reports by Pete Kullich

**1) 15th April : Cottagers Dale:** - The 12th annual Lincolnshire Poacher Trophy Series got off to a record start with 77 competitors testing out their current state of fitness and navigation skills. Recent dry weather and a colder winter produced a fast forest with little vegetation to bother runners. Zac Field from Beverley was first home on the short course but was only 11 seconds clear of the fast running Charlotte Ward from South Cave. Four of the next seven places were occupied by juniors from Caistor Grammar School with Keelby's Sam Offler leading the way from Grasby's Jay Robinson. Long course competitors ventured into the nearby wood of Hendale and sampled newly runnable area that provided interesting route choice. LOG member Paul Murgatroyd scored maximum points ahead of Poacher webmaster Martin Kullich and mountain marathon man Andy Higgins with DVO's junior Ben Beresford in a great fourth place in front of some experienced orienteers.

**2) 22nd April : Elsham:** - Poacher 2009 was again blessed with superb weather and a 70+ turnout. Planner Malcom Humphrey made the best possible use of the woodland each side of the M180 motorway, an area of Elsham not used for Poacher since the late 1990's. The terrain varied from heavy going in parts to excellent runability in the far southwest of the area which was visited by Long Course competitors. Zac Field again dominated the short course with a clear win from Sam Offler and Kirmington's Digby Sowerby. Former Poacher trophy winner Dean Field made it a family double with a win on the Long Course. Behind him in sixth place with an excellent run was junior Ben Beresford who like Zac Field figures prominently on the national scene. With only a month's experience of orienteering junior Matty Edwards showed real promise by finishing in the top ten.

**3) 29th April : Willingham** - was not originally in the plans for Poacher 2009 but after permission was declined for Laughton and then Broughton it became third choice. However, it turned out to be far better than expected partly due to this earlier date before the vegetation reared up but mainly due to the expert planning of courses by Neil Harvatt. The short course went into areas not recently visited and the long had plenty of controls on Hamilton Hill - the slope visited twice, and a largely runnable area to the east where competitors were confronted by a butterfly shaped section albeit one winged. A convincing win by Lincoln's Paul Murgatroyd has propelled him into the lead for the Long Course Trophy. A fantastic performance from junior Ben Beresford earned him second place - by far his best ever in the Poacher - watch this space! Almost breaking into the top ten was the only lady on the long course, Pocklington's Helena Crutchley ahead of some seasoned orienteers. The Field brothers clinched 1st and 2nd on the Short with Market Rasen's Jack Robinson

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improving in 3rd. Excellent performances came from two junior girls Jessica Beresford and Jasmine Field both in the top eight.

**4) 6th May : Nettleton Woods:** - A fine evening in Nettleton Woods saw another seventy plus turnout. The assembly area at the western end of the forest provided excellent parking in pleasant surroundings but this venue was not easy for planner Vernon Davis. Permission to use a significant piece of woodland near the Guide Camp was withdrawn. Vernon overcame this brilliantly to produce courses that were not only physically challenging at this time of the year but made competitors carefully consider their route choices. Top positions on the Long and Short were almost identical to last week, although the Long was more closely contested with little more than a minute separating the top three. Paul Murgatroyd's odds have shortened for the Lincolnshire Poacher Trophy after another maximum. On the Short Course the Field family figure in all three groups. Zac has what looks to be an unassailable lead whilst younger brother Jake contends with Sam Offler for the junior cup. Mother Rosie Field again looks the favourite for the Ladies Trophy.

**5) 13th May : Middle Rasen:** - Course planner Paul Murgatroyd had a very difficult task here. Large areas of new trees, cattle enclosures and challenging vegetation severely restricted his choice of control sites. However, he rose to the task and included a butterfly section of controls for Long competitors in a runnable part of the wood to the North. The lack of rain in the last two months had dried up some of the marshes and ponds, one of which proved to be particularly elusive for some. Results on Short and Long courses were altered to compensate for a problem with two controls, a rare occurrence considering the Poacher Series' frugal approach to man power. There was a double win for the Fields on the time adjusted courses.

**6) 20th May : Primrose Warren :** - Making his debut as planner Brigg's Pete Shew did an excellent job. Although the wood has probably been used by HALO more times than any other, Pete's courses visiting new control sites gave everyone a good navigational challenge with some close competition. None more so than on the Long course where Poacher Trophy main contender Paul Murgatroyd was pushed all the way by 2008 Master's Champion Neil Harvatt who is two age groups higher. Only sixteen seconds separated them with both using their new high speed dibbers. Has anyone calculated the advantage over fifteen or so controls? A notable performance came from W45 Helena who vanquished several regular male Poachers. Zac Field continued his excellent form with a clear win on the Short.

**7) 27th May : Otby :** - After a two year absence The Poacher returned to Otby - the only orienteering area in Lincolnshire with significant hills. The weather was dry, which in one way was a pity as planner Brian Slater provided waterproof maps for competitors, a first for Poacher but for the meantime probably a one-off.

Brian made excellent use of the area which is used with the kind permission of three local farmers. The car parking area, including toilets, is much appreciated. All courses had plenty of climb with veteran mid Lincolnshire orienteer Geoff Holmes likening the Short course leg from control nine to ten with the North face of the Eiger. Long course competitors debated the optimum route to number eight - low or high - the jury is still out. After another win, Zac Field is now one Wednesday evening away from a potential eight maximum scores on the Short course. Behind, Jack Robinson had his best run of the season so far finishing in second place, as did Grasby's Gary Robinson who finished well clear of son Jay. Lincoln's Paul Murgatroyd outran the opposition on the Long course ahead of Master Champion Neil Harvatt and Norwegian visitor Helge Stenerud.

**8) 3rd June : Normanby Park :** - lived up to its reputation as the most difficult Poacher area. The myriad of small paths coupled with lively

vegetation disguising knolls and depressions did their best to confuse the most experienced orienteers. Planner Pete Harris produced technical courses that required the utmost concentration. Control sites were visited more than once but each time from a different direction. Plaudits must be awarded to the many competitors who successfully completed their course despite taking a considerable amount of time. Their determination is to be admired. Reigning junior champion Jake Field returned to form with a win on the Short course ahead of fellow junior Jack Robinson. HALO chairman John Butler, despite being held back by a long term knee problem, revelled in the technical difficulty of the area with a great third



Poacher Champion - Paul Murgatroyd

place. The Long Course saw its closest finish in Poacher history with Poacher web master Martin Kullich holding off Normanby Park expert Neil Harvatt by a mere 1 second.

**9) 10th June : Foxdale :** - Debutant Michael Robinson must be congratulated for producing challenging courses. He gave runners plenty of route choice and on the Long course several crossings of the dry valley of Foxdale. The Long course was dominated by Paul Murgatroyd from

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## Poacher - Long Course Final Positions - (top 36)

Pos.			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
1	Paul Murgatroyd	M40	50	47	50	50		50	50	45	50	50	48	398
2	Neil Harvatt	M50		48		48	46	49	49	49	48	48	49	388
3	Dean Field	M45	46	50	48	46	50	48	47	48	0	49	0	386
4	Ben Beresford	M14	47	45	49	49	47	47	44	46	0	45	42	375
5	Paul Beresford	M35	43	0	46	47	49	46	46	47		35	46	370
6	Pete Kullich	M65		44	44	45	0	45	42	44	45	43	41	352
7	Pete Harris	M50	45	43	45	33	44	33	43			39		325
8	Michael Robinson	M40	38.5	26	47	44		44		34		46	45	324.5
9	David Jolly	M21	36	32	0	41	41	41	38	33	47	44		321
10	Andrew Houlden	M35	32	37	42	37	40	35	37	43	43	38	39	319
11	John Fulwood	M60	34	35	39	38		34		37	46		36	299
12	Paddy Neligan	M60	28	36	40	34	38	39	39	32	31	27	37	295
13	Stephen Higgins	M21			28	39	34	36	45	29	39	29	43	294
14	Ben Offer	M21		39	38	42	45	42			44	41.5		291.5
15	Sean Harrington	M50	37	34	34	36	36	28	36	36	38	37	32	290
16	Mike Smith	M65	35	38	43	40		40		42	42	0		280
17	Steve Willis	M55	33	40			42	37	41	0		41.5	40	274.5
18	Brian Slater	M60	24	28	37	35		31		38	40	31	34	274
19	Helena Crutchley	W45		33	41		39	43	40			36	38	270
20	Pete Shew	M60	29	30	35	0	28		34	35	37	33.5	33	266.5
21	Andy Furnell	M45	27	27	33	32	29	0	31	40	36	28	27	256
22	Harriet Gillman	W40		24		31	33	32	0	31	35	33.5	29	248.5
23	Vernon Davis	M65	25	22	31		30	29	35	27	34	32	28	246
24	Mary Carrick	W60	23	23		26	31	30	32	41	32	23	25	240
25	Ken Hutson	M55	30	25		30	27	24		26	0	30	35	227
26	Pat O'Grady	M75	22	20	29	25	26	26	29	28	30	22	26	219
27	Paul Simmons	M55	26	29	36	27	35		33				31	217
28	Martin Kullich	M21	49	49						50			50	198
29	Mal Humphrey	M60	21		30	24	32	25	30	0		26		188
30	Keith Foster	M75	20	0	27	0		23	27	0	28	21	24	170
31	Anthony Horn	M21	41			43					41	40		165
32	Philip Johnston-Davis	M35					48	38			49		0	135
33	Alan Robinson	M60		21	32			27		30				110
34	Matthew Edwards	M16	38.5	41		29								108.5
35	Zac Field	M14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			47	47	94
36	Rod Williams	M60	40	42										82

## Poacher - Short Course Final Positions - (top 36)

Pos.			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
1	Zac Field	M14	50	50	50	50	50	50	50		50			400
2	Sam Offler	M14	48	49	47	48	49	49	47		49	49	46	388
3	Jake Field	M14	47	0	49	49	47	48	0	50	48	48	45	386
4	Jack Robinson	M14	45	37	48	38	48	44	49	49	44	50	47	380
5	Digby Sowerby	M14	42	48		44	46			45	45	46	44	360
6	Rosie Field	W40	41	45	45	40	43	42	44	47	39	44	39	351
7	Jay Robinson	M14	46	0	40	43	39	40	46	42	41	45	40	343
8	Gary Robinson	M40	40	31	39	39	36	45	48		43	42	42	338
9	Jessica Beresford	W12	37	40	44	41	41	43	45	32	40	34		331
10	Tommy Chapman	M16	39	41	42	33	25			36	42	47	48	328
11	Lewis Tuck	M16		32	37	42	42	47	43	33	33	40	43	327
12	Mel Clark	M50	38	43	30		44	46			37	43	41	322
13	Tracy Blackburn	W35	36	44	41	34.5	30	39	37	40	26	37	37	311
14	Yasmin Field	W10	31	38	43	31		34	42	23	36	38	38	300
15	Geoff Holmes	M60	30	33	36	32	32	38	40	41	29	32	33	285
16	Dave Offler	M55	44	47	46	45	34				46			262
17	Geoff Smith	M55	28	34	31	28	29	28	33	34	31	33	36	261
18	John Butler	M65	35	36			37	41		48	28	30		255
19	Karen Higgins	W45		25	32	36	17	32	38	25	30	25	34	252
20	Anne Jolly	W35	25	0	33	27	28	30	35	43	24	27		248
21	Heath Williamson	W40					33	29	32	38	34	39	35	240
22	Kaele Pilcher	W45		39	35	37	31	35				26	31	234
23	William Sowerby	M45	0	46		46	45			46			49	232
24	Tony/Allyson Freeman/ Clayton	M45		0	23	26	24	26	31	37	22	28	30	225
25	Heather Tuck	W45				30	27		34	35	25	41	25	217
26	Elena McBane	W35			25	18	20	33	36	31	21	31	19	216
27	Geraldine Davis	W60	24		29		0	36		30	23	29	29	200
28	Pat/Joanne Altoft/ Godfrey	W45		22	22	23	19	24	28	26	18	22	21	188
29	TracysJacqui Eyles/ Love/Sharp	W21			21	21	16	22	29	28	17	21	20	179
30	Vanessa/Andrea Mar- ley Harris/M	W50	23	23		22	21	23		27	16		22	177
31	Kim Walton	W40	34	42	28	34.5								138.5
32	David Post	M70							41	24	35		32	132
33	Sam Hutson	M21					38			44	32			114
34	Carol Gledhill	W21		27	26	19	14	25						111
35	Holly Robinson	W18	29					37	39					105
36	Julie Shew	W60				24	23	27		29				103

## Poacher - Newcomers Course - (Top 5)

Pos.			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
1	Esther Robinson	W10	0	0	47	50		50	48	50	50	50	49	394
2	Joe Field	M10	41	48	50	47	49	47	50	47	48	48	50	390
3	Marsaili Jolly	W10	39	46	48	48	47	49	49	49	49	49		388
4	Karen Williamson	W40			49	0	48	48						145
5	Heather Tuck	W45	49	50										99

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Sudbrooke, a clear winner from the RAF's Philip Johnstone-Davis. The strong running Dave Jolly from Glenham was delighted with his fourth place, by far and away his best Poacher performance. The Short Course trophy has been retained yet again by Zac Field with a maximum points haul.

**10) 17th June : Brompton Dale :** - to the South and Haliday Hill to the North of car parking provided excellent runnability, the best of the Poacher Series. The Long course provided another maximum fifty points for newly crowned Lincolnshire Poacher Champion Paul Murgatroyd. However, he was pushed all the way by Beverley's Dean Field who was only twenty six seconds adrift. In third was Neil Harvatt who is in a close battle with Dean for the Masters Trophy. Also enjoying the evening was last weeks planner Michael Robinson in an excellent fifth place and Selby's Steve Willis who returned to form with a top ten finish. There was a first ever win on the Short course for Jack Robinson in a closely contested race ahead of five other juniors.

**11) 24th June : Swallow Wold Wood :** - Poacher 2009 came to a successful end at Swallow Wold Wood, yet another runnable area of The Earl Of Yarborough's estate. Dean Field planning his first Poacher event produced admirable courses utilising the best bits of the wood to test competitor's navigational prowess. Course lengths were a bit longer than usual in order to overcome the large area of farmland in the middle of the wood. With eight of the eleven races to count this year, two trophies had still to be resolved on the night. As Dean was planning the courses and unable to add to his points score it was up to close rival Neil Harvatt to finish at least third. This he did finishing second in a tight finish behind winner Martin Kullich to clinch the Masters title. The junior title race was almost as close with Sam Ofler in fifth place clinching the trophy on the night.



Ingrid, who managed the dibber hire throughout the series & Neil at download.

The 2009 series saw a significant increase in participation over and above the record breaking 2008 with many competitors coming from the immediate area, emphasising the importance of local orienteering. The weather was another plus with virtually every Wednesday dry, not the case in the past. Poacher moved up yet another notch with the use of waterproof maps and even lists of split times in the pub afterwards. All these innovations courtesy of Brian Slater, who once again did a sterling job on registration and RouteGadget.

Thanks to everyone who has helped in way with Poacher 2009 - kite retrievers, registration, dibber hire, planners, results, etc. and particularly all the competitors for turning up. See you on April 14th 2010.

Pete Kullich.

## **Poacher Champions 2009.**

Long Course: **Paul Murgatroyd (M40)**;      Short Course: **Zac Field (M14)**;  
Lady Champion: **Rosie Field (W40)**;      Junior: **Sam Offler (M14)**;  
Masters: **Neil Harvatt (M50)**;      Super Vet.: **Pete Kullich (M65)**;  
Ultra Vet.: **Pat O'Grady (M75)**.

Newcomers Course winner: **Esther Robinson (W10)**.

### **Some Poacher notes:**

- A special mention of Geoff Smith was made at the awards night by Pete K. He is the only competitor to maintain a 100% attendance at Poacher Events.
- Keith Foster has created a marvellous clock commemorating the Poacher in this 10th anniversary year. This was presented to Brian Slater for his dedication in getting the SI equipment up and running each week, and the speedy uploading of Route Gadget each Wednesday night (after all the food & drink!) Many thanks Keith for the marvellous donation.
- Pete K presented a bottle of Red & White wine to each Planner/Organiser of Poacher Event as appreciation of their efforts. Brian Slater in turn gave the vote of thanks to Pete.
- One regular missing from the Poacher series this year was Eric Jorgensen who has been undergoing surgery and extensive treatment. He has been following the progress of the opposition on Route gadget, and hopes to be back next year if only walking round. We all wish Eric a speedy recovery.

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- As a slight aside I must mention the hospitality of the Slaters. I am of course talking about the Slater's Arms in Cannich (part of the old Glen Affric hotel). One of the concerns about kite retrieval and completing the results is that Brian Slater and those doing kite retrieval always struggle to get the Pub before 9.00pm when they stop serving meals (perhaps Lincolnshire pubs buck the national trend, and have plenty of customers?) I can report that after a very long day on the mountains to the north of Loch Mullardoch I ended up at the Slater's Arms at 10.30 pm on a Sunday in June. *"Have you been on the hills then?"* - perhaps the aroma and mud was a clue? *"You'll be wanting a meal then?"* Having picked myself up from the floor, I agreed and asked what was available. *"Anything on the blackboard"* came the reply. So I was saved from having to eat my emergency rations as a midnight feast. Perhaps an event in Glen Affric next year? - Well done the Slaters!
- I would like to thank all those who recovered my body and went out of their way to get me to an A & E. Apparently one of my signs of distress was I was talking gibberish. No change there then. It is useful to know in future that Louth A & E effectively shuts down at 9.00pm, and they do not deal with head injuries anyway. Grimsby A & E was however well organised and I made steady progress through the departments before I was allowed home in the early hours of the morning. Thanks to all those who tended my injury and accompanied me to the hospital.

John Fulwood

## **Zac selected for Summer Training Camp**

CONGRATULATIONS to local junior member Zac Field who has been selected to attend British Orienteering's Talent Programme Summer Training Camp at Lagganlia in Scotland from 25 July to 1 August.

**Venice 2009** - Fancy a trip in a Gondola? Ken Hutson and possibly Neil Harvatt are going to Venice for the Street 'O' to be held on November 14th / 15th. Ken has booked his flight from East Midlands by Easyjet 13th / 16th. Anyone else interested. Please contact Ken - contact details page 2.

## HALO 'O' Kit - leads the world

HALO may not be the most competitive club in Europe in the forest, but in one area the club can stand head and shoulders (and waist) alongside the National teams of Austria and Portugal, as well as renowned clubs from Scandinavia : *That is in **STYLE**.*

### Design guide

The design of your club's outfit is an important part of the club's identity. Trimtex are proud of our creative design experts, who offer your club a helping hand, enabling you to realize your design ideas.



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AUSTRIA



TRØSKJEN IL ORIENTERING  
NORWAY



TULLINGE SK  
SWEDEN



FARUM OK  
DENMARK



OMEGA O ORIENTATIELOPEN  
BELGIUM



TURUN METSÄKÄVIJÄT  
FINLAND



PORTUGAL NATIONAL TEAM  
PORTUGAL



HUMBLY GROVE AND LINCOLNSHIRE ORIENTEER - UK

HALO style features in the Trimtex catalogue as an exemplar for the rest of the World. I would have offered to model for Trimtex to show what a snug fit my stomach is in one of the tops, but unfortunately they chose not to offer me that opportunity.

Brian Ward still has a couple of tops available:

1 Extreme Top - Small - £30.00

1 Regular Top - Small - £25.00

John Fulwood

# HALO League 2008 / 9 (140 + points)

			Best Six	Events
Dean Field	M45	Senior	768	8
Helena Crutchley	W45	Senior	760	8
Neil Harvatt	M50	Vet	722	7
Zac Field	M14	Junior	720	8
Brian Ward	M45	Senior	688	7
Charlotte Ward	W18	Junior	671	6
Jake Field	M14	Junior	653	11
Rosie Field	W45	Senior	624	9
Mike Smith	M60	Vet	609	7
Yasmin Field	W10	Junior	609	8
Joe Field	M10	Junior	586	11
Pat O`Grady	M70	Vet	550	6
Paddy Neligan	M60	Vet	539	5
Pete Harris	M50	Vet	485	5
Amanda Ward	W45	Senior	444	5
Helen Smith	W21	Senior	408	5
Tracey Blackburn	W35	Senior	387	5
John Fulwood	M55	Vet	380	4
Mary Carrick	W55	Vet	364	4
John Butler	M60	Vet	347	4
Geoff Smith	M50	Vet	344	5
Pete Shew	M60	Vet	304	3
Dinah Tyszka	W70	Vet	292	3
Mark Tyszka	M70	Vet	241	2
Pete Kullich	M65	Vet	241	2
Shrinivas Ankhindi	M12	Junior	231	3
Brian Slater	M60	Vet	229	3
Fiona Forest	W21	Senior	224	2
Isoldt Harris	W45	Senior	222	3
Amber Harris	W16	Junior	217	3
John Chaney	M70	Vet	198	2
Vernon Davis	M65	Vet	184	2
Ann O`Grady	W70	Vet	174	2
Ken Hutson	M50	Vet	172	2
Santosh Ankhindi	M40	Senior	170	3
Sue Chaney	W65	Vet	156	2
Andrew Houlden	M35	Senior	143	2

## HALO League 2008 / 9

The following fixtures are designated as HALO League events for 2008/2009.

09/11/2008	Skipwith	EBOR	
23/11/2008	Eccleshall	SYO	
14/12/2008	Primrose Warren District Event	HALO	(SE 95600650)
04/01/2009	Adel & Meanwood	AIRE	(SE 276387)
18/01/2009	Gilling	EBOR	(SE 587765)
01/02/2009	Guiselcliffe	CLARO	
07/03/2009	Cold Keld Stack	EBOR	(SE 778938)
08/03/2009	Wombwell Wood	SYO	
26/04/2009	Lincolnshire Bomber Weekend	HALO	
03/05/2009	Storthes Hall	EPOC	
17/05/2009	Flasby Fell	AIRE	
07/06/2009	Beeley Woods	SYO	
05/07/2009	Dalby	EBOR	



Charlotte & Brian Ward in the labyrinth at Cliffhangar 2009 - Sheffield

*Photo: the Wards*

## **Editorial - John Fulwood**

Thank you again to all those who have contributed. Keep the articles & pictures coming.

It would be nice to receive a few Event reports particularly of those away from the usual cross country races to illustrate the depth & breadth of the range of Orienteering in the UK.

This edition has featured the Poacher series. For many members this is the only involvement with HALO Orienteering. I would encourage those relatively new to the sport to try other club's events Those new members to the south of the HALO area might try out the last LOG summer series events. I know they will get a warm welcome and assistance will be available if they are unsure about the procedures. Our thanks again to Pete Kullich for masterminding the series.

The Scottish 6 days is imminent and the M60 challenge is there again. Will Paddy reign supreme again in both the forest and as Masterchef?

Elsewhere there are one or two other options for those preparing to travel a little further.

The number of traditional colour coded cross country races / district events does seem to be declining or perhaps I still cannot fathom out the new terminology. Perhaps they have been pushed into a void by the new orienteering structure. The AIRE fixture list now shows a mixture of Regional, Informal and Night Score events. The only recognisable District event being in June 2010. An alternative thought is that the District Events do not generate the income for the effort involved. The returns from our Colour Coded Events at Primrose and the Bomber are very meagre compared with the Regional Event at Londesborough. The way forward then appears to be to hold Colour Coded Events with a few more courses to upgrade them to Regional status, have an external controller and double the entry fee. One consequence of this would be that Regional Events could be held at Primrose - who would have thought it! Perhaps the committee will be considering this in the future.

A reminder that HALO NEWS is On-line at [www.halo-orienteering.org.uk](http://www.halo-orienteering.org.uk)

If you are happy to view, or download / print from the website instead of receiving a hard copy by snail mail, then please let me know by e-mail.

Savings on printing, stationery, postage will all help the club funds!!!!

**Copy date for next Newsletter: 10th September 2009**

# HALO



## BARBECUE -

**SUNDAY 26TH JULY 2009**

TIME: 12.30 PM (ALLOWING 45 MINUTES FOR FIRING UP OF BARBECUES FOR MEAL AROUND 1 - 2 PM)

VENUE: Garden by kind permission of Julie and Pete Shew  
3, Bridge Street  
BRIGG  
DN20 8LN

"TomToms" find their address difficult to find. They are, however, West of County Bridge in the centre of Brigg (SE998071).

Parking available in Bridge Street, Brigg. Free parking available in the Council Car Park. One or two down Pete & Julies' drive.

We are asking for extra mobile barbecues to be brought (Brian & Ingrid have 2 and Malcolm has also offered 2 for use).

It has been proposed that everyone who wishes to join us bring their choice of food to cook, plus any accompaniments, (salad, bread buns, etc), soft drinks/wine. Please bring with you crockery, cutlery, plastic drinks glasses, etc and also a dessert to share. We hope to pool the food as we have in past social events, with the exception of the items to be barbecued.

Please let Ingrid Slater (e-mail address: [chrysalis\\_i-slater@hotmail.com](mailto:chrysalis_i-slater@hotmail.com)) know whether you wish to attend, a.s.a.p.

May we thank Julie and Pete in advance for their hospitality in allowing us to use their garden and facilities.

Ingrid Slater      HALO Social Secretary

# Compass Sport Cup and Trophy Final 2009

18<sup>th</sup> October 2009

## Preliminary Information

### Location

The 2009 event will be held at Fineshade Woods, Northamptonshire Grid Ref- SP 979983 on the A43 about 7 miles south of Stamford. The area is a mixture of native hardwoods forming part of the old Rockingham Forest and newer Forestry Commission plantings.

### Entries

I appear to have taken back the co-ordination of the team entry. Start times and further details will be sent out to clubs by early September. Final Details will be available in early October. I **will** be looking for team members. Remember Stamford is not too far away, so travel distance should not be an excuse! **Please put the date in your diary!!**

John Fulwood

## The 2nd City of London Orienteering Race

Saturday 12 September 2009

A recommendation from HALO's southern correspondent:

The London City Race is planned for 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009. I strongly recommend it to anyone looking for a weekend break in the capital with a top quality orienteering event (or two) thrown in. Last years race was brilliant with not a single bramble in sight!

People recommend the O-Ringen, Tio-Mila and Venice – Pretty soon the London City Race will be in that bracket of “must-do” events.

Entries are not yet open but if you book train tickets now it will be cheaper. Cheap hotel rates can be found using “Top Secret Hotels” on Lastminute.com – they don't tell you where exactly you're staying in London until 48hrs before, but it's easy enough to get around on the tube.

Details will be going up soon at <http://cityrace.org/>

Make it a two day event with the Trail Challenge in Richmond Park <http://www.sloweb.org.uk/trail/20090913/>

Martin Smith



# Fixtures

Links for more info: AIRE: [www.aire.org.uk](http://www.aire.org.uk) CLARO: [www.claro-orienteing.org](http://www.claro-orienteing.org)  
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 SYO [www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk](http://www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk)

18th Jul	Street	Local	CLARO	YH	Open Spaces Orienteering	Conyngnam Hall
19th Jul	X - Country	Local	CLOK	NE	40th Birthday Old Style Event	Codbeck
19th Jul	X - Country	Local	NOC	EM	Summer League	Brierley Forest Park
26th Jul	X - Country	Local	NOC	EM	Summer League	Wollaton Park
27th July	Closing date for mid rate entries for White Rose weekend					
29th Jul	Street	Local	DVO	EM	Street Score	Bakewell
29th Jul	Sprint	Local	SYO	YH	Park Race 6	Concord Park
30th Jul	Urban	Local	LOG	EM	Summer Series	University of Lincoln
2nd Aug	X - Country	Regional	SOA		Scottish 6 Days - Day 1	Dalrulzion
3rd Aug	X - Country	Regional	SOA		Scottish 6 Days - Day 2	Kinnoull and Deuchny
4th Aug	X - Country	Regional	SOA		Scottish 6 Days - Day 3	Tullochroisk
6th Aug	X - Country	Regional	SOA		Scottish 6 Days - Day 4	Tentsmuir
7th Aug	X - Country	Regional	SOA		Scottish 6 Days - Day 5	Barry Buddon
8th Aug	X - Country	Regional	SOA		Scottish 6-Days - Day 6	Loch Ordie
16th Aug	X - Country	Local	NOC	EM	Summer League Local Event	Holme Pierrepont
18th Aug	X - Country	Local	LEI	EM	Summer League Event	Ratby Woodlands
19th Aug	X - Country	Local	CLOK	NE	Summer Series Event 7	Cod Beck
19th Aug	Sprint	Local	SYO	YH	Park Race 7	Millhouses Park

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23rd Aug	Closing date for Postal entries for White Rose weekend					
27th Aug	Urban	Local	LEI	EM	Summer League	Ibstock
29th Aug	X - Country	Regional	EBOR	YH	Day 1 Regional	Bickley & Ebberston Moor
29th Aug	Score	Local	EBOR	YH	Night Score	Bickley & Ebberston Moor
30th Aug	X - Country	Regional	EBOR	YH	Day 2 Regional	Bickley & Ebberston Moor
31st Aug	Relay	Regional	EBOR	YH	Day 3 Team Relay	Bickley & Ebberston Moor
6th Sep	TBC	Local	CLOK	NE	Local Event	Fylingdales Moor
9th Sep	TBC	Local	SYO	YH	Park Race 8	Endcliffe Park
12th Sep	X - Country	Regional	AIRE	YH	Day 1	Kilnsey
13th Sep	X - Country	Regional	AIRE	YH	Day 2	Malham
19th Sep	X - Country	Local	NOC	EM	Come & Try It	Burntstump Country Park
20th Sep	X - Country	Local	CLARO	YH	Colour Coded	Lindley Moor
20th Sep	X - Country	Local	DVO	EM	Colour Coded	Calke Abbey
26th Sep	X - Country	Local	AIRE	YH	Olite Series	Chevin
26th Sep	X - Country	Local	LEI	EM	Winter League	Martinshaw Woods
27th Sep	X - Country	Local	SYO	YH	Colour Coded	Brodsworth
4th Oct	Street	Local	HALO	YH	Street Race	Beverley Town Centre
11th Oct	X - Country	Local	EBOR	YH	Colour Coded	White Horse
17th Oct	X - Country	Local	AIRE	YH	Olite Series	Ilkley Moor
17th Oct	TBC	Local	CLOK	NE	Short race #2	Guisborough
18th Oct	X -Country	National	LEI	EM	Compass Sport Cup Final	Fineshade
25th Oct	X - Country	Regional	EPOC	YH	Regional Event	Marsden Moor
31st Oct	Score	Local	AIRE	YH	Vampire O Night Score Event	Danefield