

90 Nights Out

A history of the
Western Night League
Autumn '84 - Spring '96

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with a foreword by
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DEDICATION

**This booklet is dedicated to the memory of Huw O'Brien,
Western Night League Member**

Compilers Notes

The information included in this document is not complete.

Many of the details of early events are either unknown or at best sketchy.

It may well be that readers can fill in some of the gaps.

If extra information is available, then please let me know. I can be contacted on 0117 962 3288

If sufficient material comes to light I will publish an addendum.

May I express my sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to this venture.

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3. Foreword by Terry Ruddy, Founder of the WNL

Whilst principally a doer rather than a writer, Mark Blackstone's persistence has enabled me to concoct the following excerpts from my report to SINS in 1984. I think the words reflect the nature of Night Orienteering, its technicality and its pleasure. I hope you get the bug from reading this history stemming from my original organising.

"With the goodwill and hard work of many NGOC and BOK members we have completed the first Western Night League. I backed this idea largely out of selfishness (!) Being one of many keen "night owls" who feel the need for some competition prior to the Night Championships.

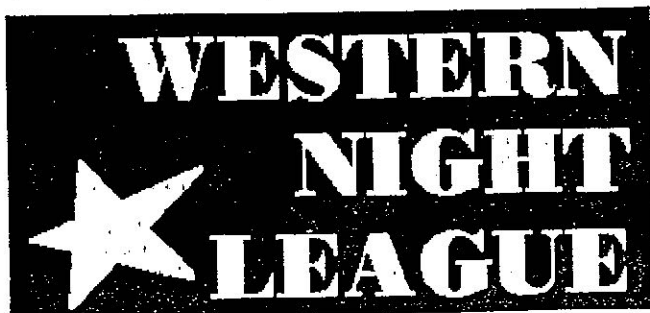
We kicked off on the 22nd September at Blakeney Hill on a fine evening with more than 50 competitors. The very complex terrain at the south end of this map was a merciless introduction to the art of night orienteering. We had wondered if some had nipped off for a pint mid-course.....

.....Finally to Leigh Woods, and clearly the toughest forest we had used -- steep terrain and very rough underfoot. Inside information as to the nature of this forest had persuaded a number of our regular patrons to opt for the soft option of the Karrimor instead.

Well, I hope everyone enjoyed the competition and that it will have proved to be of value. To all the volunteers - many many thanks ! Next years venues and dates will be published in due course.

So just y'all come back."

Terry Ruddy
March 1997



4. The Need for the WNL

by Lin Callard, long standing NGOC WNL coordinator

Thirteen years is a long time for someone with a memory like mine. Some people can remember things like what year they got married, and the year that Auntie Ruth fell in love with an Arabian Sheikh but I'm damned if I can, so what I can recollect about the early days of the WNL is not a lot.

One of the few things that does stick in my mind is that one of the prime movers was Terry Ruddy; not a bad description of him, now I come to think of it. He certainly was one of those pushing for small night events but whether it was for training for the Regional night Championships or for the Harvester, I cannot remember. I am sure that the Harvester did loom large in those days, as Terry used to work very hard to raise and motivate NGOC teams, culminating in NGOC winning the Handicap class. I can also remember him advocating that we hold the night min-league events in the autumn so that we were ready for the Regional Championships, and that doesn't tie up with preparing for the Harvester. You can see how confused I am.

The early events used to have about 25 to 30 entries, were cross-country, none of this score event nonsense where the brain has another degree of freedom to worry about, and were generally put on by two people who very often has little experience of night events which not infrequently resulted in rather long winning times.

My most treasured memory of that time, is putting on an event somewhere in the Forest of Dean and on returning to the start having put out the last control in the gloaming, coming very quietly (not deliberately, well not very ..) up behind a group of Territory Army guys, who were standing and lying just inside the edge of the wood looking out and away from the direction of my approach. Their reaction when I coughed when about 10 feet away was quite entertaining: fortunately I don't think they were old enough to be allowed real ammunition!

I also remember a Great Barnetts event, in 1984 I think, put on by Dudley Budden and doing quite well, mainly because I found a route along a road for a bout a kilometre and through someone's garden; but don't tell Dudley, he might disqualify me !

And that really sums up the need for the WNL, or any other O event come to that - "Entertainment".

5. The Competitors View - by Tony Noott, now M55 BOK.

It was Autumn 1984, I was going down the M5 to a Devon Galloper in a mini-bus hired by Don Jones BOK for the benefit of a few selected friends. We were talking about the latest crazy fad being pushed by NGOC for night orienteering. "Not in a million years for me!", I said. "You can borrow my spare headlamp" replied David Lee. "The next event is Friday week chipped in Mike Nelson. "Absolutely not" was my final word.

One or two weeks later saw me at the next night event. The balmy Bristol weather had given way to a damp and misty evening during the drive to Sallowvallets. My anxiety level was mounting rapidly as I prepared to venture out amongst the wild bears and ghoulies that come out a night in forests. I knew this to be a fact because my childrens' books all said so. The OFF whistle blew and panic slapped me in the face. So did the thickening mist, spiders webs, unseen branches, bats and all those horrible things described in my childrens' books. I stumbled over brashings that rose under my feet, ditches which moved as I leapt them and reflective strips that ran away as I approached. The blessed relief of seeing the finishing line cannot be described! I loathed every second ! How did I get round? Never again !

One or two weeks later saw me at my second event, fully equipped with the latest Ken Broad Army and Navy surplus 12 watt parallel beam searchlight backed up by a 6 watt hand-held ray gun and all the latest gen on handrails and following techniques. Apart from checking where Terry Rutty was, I didn't look back after that.

Terry was the driving force behind those early night events. The basic aim was for a series of Autumn events held every two weeks to give orienteers the experience to tackle the regional and national championships. To this end, Terry was most successful: BOK and NGOC subsequently fielded many orienteers who performed well at the highest levels.

Terry was also very keen to obtain success for NGOC in what was, for him, the supreme event - The Harvester. Of course BOK had like ambitions and each club then entered one or more teams every year. The rivalry was intense !

The night atmosphere was magic ! A new dimension to orienteering had been discovered which honed those skills which so obviously read across to the all-important day-O. The initial night trepidation rapidly disappeared. The mate-baiting grew. Lamp technologies advanced. Would Lyn Callard's twin super-beam halogen headlamp give him an advantage, or would he run out of power half way round ? We all prayed. Why did Clive Hallett run in Wellington Boots one night ? And still win ! What sort of secret weapon was this ? Why did Terry Rutty - him with legendary stamina - enter the Harvester as a one man team, doing all 54Km himself ? Were the rest of us not really trying ?

Yes, it was great fun - and will always be so for the intrepid orienteer.

6. Early Years - By Mark Blackstone BOK

The previous contributors have painted a confused picture demonstrating motivation in having events to stimulate competitors either for the Harvester or the various regional championships. This was in a context of no other Night events and was pioneering in the extreme.

Numbers involved varied as they do now. 50 turned up at some of the very first events to enjoy the novelty and to participate in the mate-baiting still so prevalent. The small number of events concentrated the devotees to the events being provided. The curiosity element died down and a core of 20 plus kept the WNL functioning

These early events were timed to be either weekly or fortnightly in the late Autumn prior to the major champs, British, Southern and Midlands. They were training both for technique and for the early lighting systems and battery configurations. No WNL events after Christmas.

Cross-country events were provided as the practice for the "real thing". This demonstrated some dedication from the Planners/Organisers. As we know today the quantity of organisation for a score event is only a fraction of that required for traditional courses even with master maps. The time taken at an event was also much longer with traditional course and this seriously eroded the available time for socialising.

From 1987, when Lin Callard vacated the NGOC chair, the emphasis changed as some SUMMER events were held in both 87 and 88 prior to the Harvester. These were score events starting after dark in June either as a handicap system (M21's to get them all, M50's get 15 controls) or straight score events. Organisers had stumbled on a simplistic way of getting their kicks!

The League aspect diminished, and each event began to stand on its own. Both BOK and NGOC appeared to do their own thing and the central administration had disappeared. A more simplistic style arose slowly, with the score format trying both 45 and 60 minutes. By 1990/1, the League was struggling and as Gary Morton (who had been drafted in by BOK to prevent the concept of the league from drowning) demonstrates in Appendix F1, the overall winner was only known well after the last race, with barely a clue all season. Gary felt he was flogging a dead horse. In fact BOK's contribution in 1990/1 was a solitary event as the other one had fallen foul of refused land-permission. Without Gary, the WNL as a joint venture may have well died.

From the outset, WNL events had been tough and some of the spring 1991 events (and others) had been too difficult for novices and was deterring them. Unrest was no longer silent. The mould was broken by two volunteers from NGOC becoming involved.

7. The 1991 Meeting by Tom Mills NGOC

During the 1990 NGOC AGM an item was raised on the agenda requesting a volunteer to take responsibility for organising NGOC's quota of WNL events. Nothing was stated at the time which gave any other indication that this was a straightforward task.

I recall the long silence that followed the request. Not a hand in sight. This presented an opportunity for two novice Orienteers to offer their "apologetic" assistance, half expecting the offer to be declined. Well, not a bit of it, and with that Ivor Maughan and myself were "sworn in".

A few weeks later Lin Callard contacted me explaining that any formal structure that previously existed had now fallen by the wayside. What was needed was someone to contact and work with Bristol OK to reconstitute the League around a schedule of plans produced by the 2 clubs. The chaotic period that followed seemed completely out of proportion to the simple request made.

League events or at least "events" appeared to be taking place but with little central administration and certainly without NGOC. Having overcome the initial hurdles, events scheduled and published were cancelled at short notice or no notice. This was an incredibly frustrating (and irritating) period. Needless to say what was needed was a formal meeting set well in advance of the season. Hence the Annual Meeting.

I called the initial meeting in my local, the Apple Tree at Minsterworth and it produced a positive response. The forum was the catalyst to a well scheduled, well publicised, even well marketed league where when a commitment to deliver an event was made the event happened. From here on an annual meeting has been held in Stonehouse just off the M5 to thrash out the future season, enticements for new recruits and accolades for winners and workers.

To get a feel for the progress made, sample the following :-

- Expanded from 2 organising clubs to 6 clubs created by invitation after the meeting
- Provided a Junior/Novice course or courses at every event
- Have our own Logo and "Sportswear"(T-Shirt)
- Are without question the most widely publicised Night League
- Have an annual prize giving for all types of winners and losers
- Have a Pub-of-the-Night - always well attended and a good social forum.
- Created a band of committed volunteers and helpers who give a pretty slick service for events often organised by a solitary band of 1.

The kind of efficiency any Organisation would be proud of.

8. The Modern History 1991 to 1996 Mark Blackstone, BOK

The 1991/2 season

After the initial meeting the real work of getting the resulting Specification (Appendix C) into practice had to start. Land permissions sought, Organisers confirmed, Fixture Secretaries informed/advised, and publicity prepared.

The Kingswood School's John Lewis hosted the "Social" event having made available the school pavilion, plus hot drinks. The event on 5th October attracted a fair number of Orienteers, many of whom seemed only interested in being able to run competitively but having run they did hang around for some socialising. A week later the first event under the new format took place at Painswick. Charles Bromley-Gardner BAOC became our first winner visiting 19 out of the 24 that Malcolm Green had placed. 34 starts were recorded.

On the 26th October, Bristol Downs saw event 2, where Clive Hallett BOK led in 9 people to get all the controls. Jenny Heming SWOC was top woman. The Forest of Dean was visited on the 9th November at The Pludds. Mark Saunders BOK triumphed, but the event was spoilt by the misplacing of a control. Only the high scorers were affected and they took it in good stead. 41 starters.

On 23rd November, we visited Lightning Tree Hill courtesy of Tom Mills. Again Charles B-G won. Eric Heritage somehow managed to mispunch and Andy Creber had a huge penalty (no Light). Tom Mills junior was refused entry to the pub. A very poor reward for an 8 year old helping dad all day. He later teamed up with Craig Mason to become top WNL juniors.

Colin Palmer organised an informal event at Eastnor Deer Park on 7th December, the first of many distinctive events in that north western outpost of the WNL territory.

Mendip, Stock Hill on December 21st took us up to Christmas and Mike Forrest underestimating the popularity of the venue. He spent half the night preparing pre marked maps and a myriad of corrections for the latter arrivals who eventually swelled the total to 57. The first 5 finishers were all BOK. The event itself took place in reasonable weather although all afternoon gales had dominated the thoughts of Mike and assistant Gary Morton. The Castle of Comfort brought about welcome relief.

After 4 events Charles B-G led with 374 out of 400, with Clive Hallett on 358. Dan Coombs BOK was top junior with 229. This event saw the first display of the 'Controls Visited' chart in the results allowing comparisons to be made.

Ashton Court hosted Event 6 on 11th January with 72 starters. Most people coped with having a different start to the finish. It was unique in that feature. The usual top finishers but the ladies had quite a tussle with Jackie Davis(Hallett) edging out clubmates Alice Bedwell and Heather Munro.

On 18th January, Lydiard Park in NW Swindon was MOK's contribution. John Orton ran the fastest, whilst the M and W 15's used it for Duke of Edinburgh Award experience. For some reason this event did not count to the League scores.

2 weeks later at Sallowvallets, Peter Poole provided mist where 51 souls watched BOK people take the top 5 places. Planner Bill Budden managed to praise the cooking from Nicola Poole, and Mike Forrest explained why he allowed negative penalties. Did anyone dare to respond? With one event to go the dropping of poor events was having its effect at the top of the table. Clive's 3 wins against 2 each from Mark S and Charles B-G was shaping up well. All to play for at Cleeve Hill on 29th February. Over a whole month with no night O!

People had got out of the habit, and the top 3 missed the event. (There may have been a National next day). A relatively small turnout, but overall Clive and Jackie had won the league. No prizes, and only the kudos of winning. 167 people has tried the reformed WNL

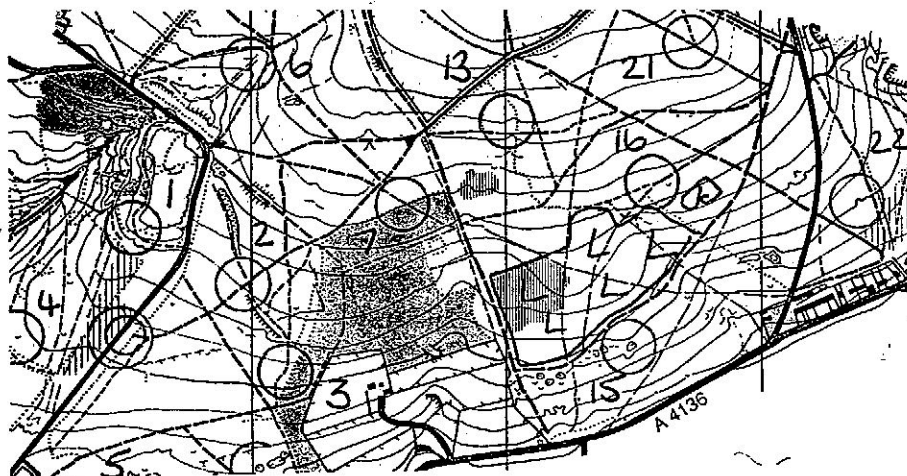
1992 League meeting 9th April

Tom continued to arrange the annual meeting and chose the Spa Inn Stonehouse as being more central just off the M5 near Stroud. Details of these meetings have never been recorded as the WNL has no constitution or rules.

The discussions have been varied and it has been open to anyone attending to have their say. It was obvious that the previous season had been regarded as successful, and much of the debate centred on tuning the format and the published guidelines that Malcolm Green had produced. What should Juniors and Inexperienced novices be provided with?

From this came the understood concept of a yellow style course being provided although some people thought that yellow standard controls would be acceptable within the score format.

An understanding on the use of Controllers was reached. The need has rarely arisen as the organisation is still beautifully low-key and run by competent Orienteers. Should reflective tape be used? An early decision to do so continues. So apart from having a good social time, the real meat of the session was the preparation of next seasons fixtures. We experienced a problem with a clash with a National event but as no one had investigated the fixture structure we plucked dates out of the air and trusted for luck. Later on we realised there was much to be gained by taking more time over this. Nevertheless from the meeting emerged 9 events plus a social type at the start.



THE PLUDDS Forest of Dean

The 1992/3 season

October 3rd, saw the BOK informal at Ashton Court that took part too near the beginning of term for schools to get their act together. Only seasoned competitors came and they all wanted competition.

November 14th at Sallowvallets got the season off. Tom Mills avoided the fog and had 48 starts with Chris Poole coming second to Mark Saunders, plus it is noted a good attendance at the Swan afterwards. Jenny Heming ran into a gate severely injuring her stomach but made a swift recovery. Event 2 visited Yoxter, the Army training ground on Mendip on November 28th. Organised by Chris and Joe King the event saw a win by Huw O'Brien BOK beating Ian Hollister NGOC on the usual wild nights prevalent there.

As Christmas approached a regular visit to Cleeve Hill on the 19th December attracted a turnout of about 50. The event was remembered only for the death of Huw O'Brien who collapsed out on the course. He had travelled with John Jackson and Dave Urch who had the dreadful duty of informing Huw's wife.

Huw O'Brien

Huw was an M40 who had recently joined BOK and had become a fanatic. He was keen on running and had thrown himself into the sport not only as a competitor but as an enthusiastic helper at events. He was just becoming confident and doing well at events and had provided the club with a most sturdy master map cover which was proving to be much appreciated. His death doing something he loved was a deep shock to the many Orienteers who attended the funeral service, and for those who could not.

Both NGOC and BOK in conjunction with Sarah his widow wanted to commemorate his contributions to Orienteering and commissioned a shield to be awarded annually to the best M40 in BOK, and also in view of his love of Night-O, a mug was designed by Sarah to be awarded as prizes for the WNL performances. The mugs depict a woodland scene with the moon shining down onto a control plus a small tribute to Huw. These mugs awarded annually are a stylish reminder of our Sport and an individual who gave so much.

The League continued with an event on New Years Eve at Cranham. Clive Hallett had his second consecutive victory at the event organised by Ivor Maughan

January 16th took the WNL to Malvern Hills where Colin Palmer encouraged most of the field to get time penalty points. Dave Williams of HOC won with 15 controls beating Ross Wootton who collected only the yellow standard controls. An event discussed at length in the Hotel opposite well into the evening.

Two weeks later, the suburbs of Avonmouth (Penpole Woods) hosted event 6 with a victory from John Orton MOK who had supported WNL for a long time. Organised by Robin and Celia Watkinson they even managed to avoid vandalism so prevalent in those woods.

John Orton invited the WNL to Swindon for its next event on 20th February. The land is a huge lake surrounded by a veneer of trees and some high quality fields. It requires the use of 2 maps and even though the quick boys got back well within the hour a good time was had by all. Clive beat Mark Saunders by 5 minutes. Noted was a visit from SLOG members later to become converted to the WNL philosophy.

Poors Allotment near Chepstow was the venue for event 8 on March 13th courtesy of Bob Teed. Mark Saunders beat Bob Teed ! The Marshallsays competed for the first time. A small turnout of 27.

The final event was held at Parkend, one of our nicest venues, on 27th March. Again Mark S won just beating Andy Creber BOK with SLOG and MOK people making their presence felt.



The 1993 league meeting

This took place on 19th April at the usual venue, and the theme was of consolidation of the format, as many of the points regarding course difficulty and illumination had been fully aired. One new topic that arose was how to distribute the Huw O'Brien commemorative mugs, and overwhelmingly it was decided to let as many people have them so that they were not exclusively collected by M21's. Valid contributions to WNL activities were to be awarded and to appropriate organisers/officials. Mark Blackstone volunteered to consider the groups wishes aiming to distribute up to 10 per year. On the fixtures front, the success of the previous season had brought more club reps to the annual meeting and the draft fixtures list arrived at including events from MOK, SWOC, and WYE as well as NGOC and BOK. Eleven plus the traditional informal. We also wanted to challenge everyone as confidence was high.

1993/1994 season

This season was the first to have its fixture list published with a coloured flyer distributed at the Harvester and elsewhere. Malcolm Green made a valiant attempt to gain sponsorship for the printing of the flyers but this fell on deaf ears.

Ashton Court again was the venue for the informal on 2nd October. 33 starters with the longest course at 3 km, wasn't what was called for and it turned out to be the penultimate informal.

At Soudley on 23rd October, John Orton had an early season run and it is noted that Peter Williams of WYE was disqualified for returning to the finish by car!

Rain at Sheepscombe on 13th November, exacerbated the tough going and the random out-of-bounds. Few took the 2nd. map on offer. Richard Barrett BAOC triumphed

A fortnight after MOK invited us to West Woods, and the first of many a two day event tied on the back of a night score. Orton and Reeve masterminded the night event which saw another victory for BAOC, this time by Chris Dickson. David Lee NGOC came 5th with 400 out of the 500 points offered. 52 turned up to a real good night.

The last 93 event was at New Beechenhurst, deep in the Forest of Dean. Mike Forrest had spread the controls far and wide resulting in most people getting penalties. This feature was topped by Chris Poole NGOC with a deficit of 313, but he had been to 22 out of 24. Andy Creber BOK was the winner. The turnout of 29 was surprisingly low, but to add spice to the WNL, the results announced a challenge match against the Devon and Cornwall League on 26 March.

This was the first outing for the WNL notice board, which keeps irregular night orienteers aware of the latest league positions and acts as a focus at non WNL night events. The board also appears at some day events during to advertise the forthcoming events.

With 7 events still to come, Andy Creber held 1st. place. Clive Hallett had yet to make an appearance and Mark Saunders had only been to 2 events. New boy Roger Mann BOK was making a presence as was Tom Mills junior. Jenny Heming led the ladies from Pat Grenfell BOK, then a mere W60.

With no Christmas event, January 8th was Danby Lodge at the invitation of Tom Mills advertising an Optimum route of 8.3k with 320 metres of climb. Andy Creber rose to the challenge but failed. He just beat Bruce Bryant OD at his first WNL event. No one blamed the mist.

A week later Yoxter was visited, and again Andy Creber won. Nicola King BOK was first lady just in front of Anne Donnell BOK. Three competitors published their routes (plus comments on their fortunes). This was the first occasion for us to see Bruces Routes which were to become common at later events. Organiser John Jackson who was ill on-the-day did well to miss the rain which was incessant.

On January 29th, we visited Ledbury and Eastnor Hills, and an evening of Colin Palmer who even managed a route choice off the map. Bruce B and John Orton got the lot with Peter Cook OD third. Plenty of routes were outlined in the results. Although Andy C had a bad one, his overall lead was proving decisive.

Bristol, in the form of Leigh Woods hosted event 8 on February 5th. Julian Garrigan BOK was the organiser and Clive Hallett returned to winning form shading out Bruce Bryant.

Next week, the WNL visited Wales in the guise of St. Julians Wood partially under the M4 in Newport. B Stansfield SBOC travelled to take top points from Richard Davies of SPLOT, in a low turnout event.

The Pludds provided competition on March 5th courtesy of Mark S and Alice Bedwell. Clive Hallett's late run of form continued, but to win WNL you have to go to 6 events. The final event (11) saw us return to Cleeve Hill with memories of Huw O'Brien still fresh. Andy Creber beat Bruce B narrowly to amass 598 out of 600. Some commitment.

The Challenge Match

It turned out not to be the last event for the D&C challenge match took place on 23rd March. Unexpectedly WNL lost to Devon & Cornwall by 631 to 497, as we fielded no juniors. The match arranged by QO involved all their stalwarts at Wind Down near Bridgewater and was enjoyed by all concerned. It was run as a WNL score event with the 2 best Juniors, 2 Ladies, 2 M & W45 + and the best 4 M & W 19 + scoring. Full results are in the Appendix. Regrettably we have had no further challenges and we were very grateful for QO in going to so much trouble to put it on.

WESTERN NIGHT LEAGUE FIXTURES



The 1994 League meeting

Monday 9th May was the date of this meeting, and it is recalled being both well attended, constructive and enjoyable with the usual degree of interclub banter. Mark Blackstone submitted proposals for Trophy distribution as follows. Overall Winner, Best Lady (assuming winner was not female !), Best Junior, Best performance by a newcomer (first WNL season), Best non-winning attendee, Best M40+, Best M50+, Organiser with the lowest attendance, Special prizes for services to WNL. These categories were criticised by not being complicated enough, and/or not including everyone, but as no one had any other suggestions they were approved and criticised every since.

They were to be presented, together with mugs for the previous 92/93 seasons two winners at the first event in October. Numbers attending these meetings had grown and representatives of all the clubs were now attending making conditions very cramped.

The Spa Inn at Stonehouse was Tom Mill's stamping ground and is the archetypical country pub, except that is now in the heart of an Industrial estate. The beer is well kept, and the landlord is very tolerant of our noise levels, due entirely to numbers!. We occupy a long table at one end, and therefore occupy some 30% of the available space. If you find the pub you do well, and certainly have an entertaining evening.

Inspired by our defeat in the challenge match, we desperately wanted another for revenge if nothing else. Unfortunately we got carried away by our fixtures list and left insufficient gaps. 11 events were promised and the published fixtures included for the first time the dates of the Championships. The pre planning was beginning to work.

The 1994/5 season

The 24th September was the date of the last informal event put on honour at Coate Water which provided an early season run out for SLOG had the Tom Mills invited us to Danby Lodge on 1st October. Charles Broadly narrowly beat Bruce Bryant, each missing just one control. 2 competitors from Danby to crowd the small bar at the Cock Inn in Blakeney to see Sarah O'Brien present with their mugs that she had designed. Details of the winners are in the Appendix, but must be made of Mike Forrest who had a special award for his results service, that modified and operated by Mike. It was not only accurate, but rapid, and it is running input data on his train journey to work on Monday mornings. Well done, Mike. He continues in 1997. Event 2 was held on 15th October at Cleeve Hill, hosted by Malcolm who contrived to combine the event with an Army Champs, an arrangement that worked affected parts of the course, with Bruce B turning out the best of 44 WNL starts. The third event was held at Ashton Court on a wet evening (29th) Roger Mann planned, and as expected Clive Hallett won by a long way. Junior star Clive on BOK came a creditable 6th out of 33. Almost a month passed until we reassembled at Beches (Wentwood). The courses made excellent use of the best part. Adrian Jenny Heming had to contend with pre event vandalism but produced a good event. Andy Creber winning. We were in the pub early to witness the results of the first event. Lottery. Roger Mann won £10 so he enjoyed it. Probably one of the friendliest pubs he had visited, the turnout of 29 was disappointing.

Events 5 and 6 took us to Painswick (10th December) and to New Best (17th). At Painswick, Sue Stirrups NGOC was top lady, but Bruce got them all to within a fraction over the hour. Bernard Pullen SLOG was last of the 39, well below his usual position. At New Beechenhurst, Andy Creber was in festive mood, illuminating the Distinction in the coal tip summit. He tricked people in going too far and although Bruce won again so by only visiting 2/3 rd's of the controls and being late. Control 16 was a Pine Cone of the Statues in the Forest and Bruce shared the "best drawing on a control card" "prize" awarded to Jones of NGOC.

So with 6 events up to Christmas what was happening overall? Bruce with 3 wins was on 575 points ahead of Richard Davies of SPLOT. A number of contenders had only done 3 or 4 events so the picture could well change. 96 competitors were on the chart with Liz Phillips being top lady in 9th place. The junior competitors yet to get going, but the by now ever present Dave Marshallsay MOK was in 6th position as Les M. was down in 20th spot.

With no event over Christmas, WNL restarted on January 7th at Sallowvally, at the behest of Tom Mills and Ivor Maughan.

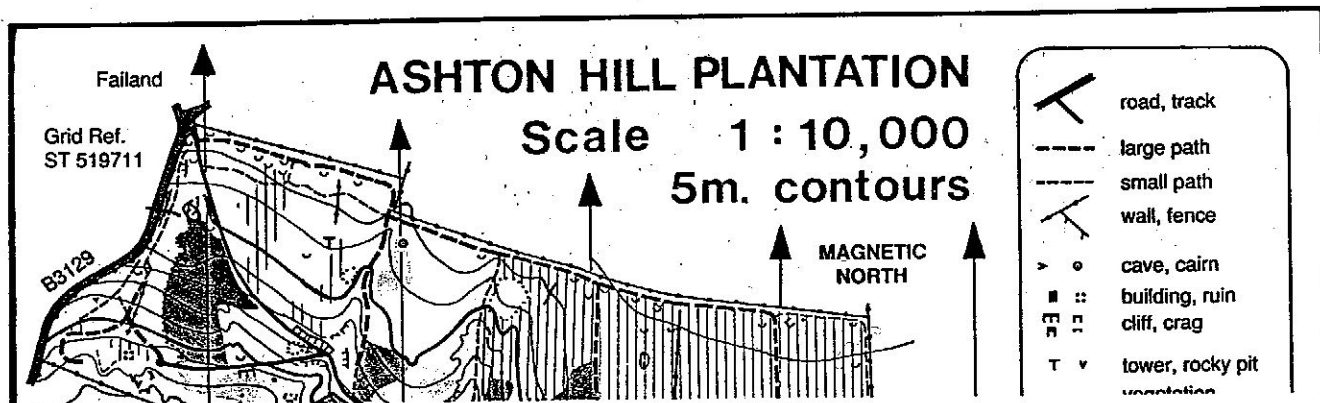
Both had problems getting into the forest and the rushed setting up led to some problems on siting. Andy Creber pushed Bruce into second place and staked a claim for a venue No 1. A good turnout of 44 visited the Rising Sun at Five Acres after which turned out to be a poor venue after an enjoyable evening in a prime forest.

Two weeks later the circus came to Ashton Hill Plantation. Organisers problems continued for Robin Watkinson BOK who tried to cut his finger off putting out road signs which delayed him considerably and stressed the system. A small area provided the opportunity for a second map which 7 people managed. Andy again out-witted Bruce, and fortunately only 6 managed time penalties out of 42. The Failand Inn unusually refused entry to Juniors. The league was now a real race between Bruce and Andy. Bruce has reached 590 points, but if Andy took the last races he could possibly do it if Bruce had bad runs.

A week later on the 28th. January, West Woods provided good running. Andy again won despite a broken bone in his foot and Bruce only managed 81 points. Robin Hood SARUM was 17th, and Jenny Heming beat Liz Phillips. We were led "Up the Garden Path" afterwards to the village of Manton where the oddly named pub was a converted house where we were made most welcome. Our 10th event took place on 11th February at Parkend, Forest of Dean. It was our first use of the area which was to become a favourite place for WNL events. Organiser John Fallows again had problems with locals removing event direction signs, but the big showdown between Bruce and Andy took place with Andy running around with a foot in plaster. In the circumstances Andy's late challenge fizzled out and Bruce won the event from Charles Daniel BOK.

It looked all over, but what would happen at Colin Palmer's trial at Eastnor Hills on 5th March? The answer was plenty of mud, a promise of a man-trap near No 23. (Only 6 got that far!), and a warning of horses on the courses. Andy didn't come, and Bruce came 2nd. Beaten by Chris Poole NGOC. This confirmed Bruce as the overall winner, despite a good fight by Andy.

Competitors began their annual withdrawal symptoms and had to wait for the league meeting almost 6 weeks away.



The 1995 League meeting

This took place on 24th April 1995 at the usual venue. Prize recipients were decided as was a fixtures structure of 13 events at 14 venues. Much discussion regarding reflective tape. Decision to retain was made. Agreed to keep prices at the standard £2/£1 rates, to look for others to challenge and to promote ourselves via having a T- Shirt for WNL members. Agreed also to have WNL pub of the Night advertised at the other Regional and British Night Champs. Some difficulty was being experienced in determining dates. Other Leagues and the National fixtures were not as quick as WNL and avoiding other events was not our problem, as the others were almost waiting for us to decide. We had fallen foul of a change in the last year of the date of the Midland Nights which late in day changed and clashed with one of our events. The generally held view was perhaps that ours would be the better event and they would be the losers. In reality all competitors lost out.

The 1995/96 season

The initial event was held on Penpole Woods and Blaise Castle on 23rd. September. An early start to a long season kicked off by Roger Mann. His 27 controls saw Bruce and Andy renewing their battle at the top with Bruce just winning. Notable in third place was Mike Forrest BOK. The annual presentation of the trophies took place in the Lounge bar of the Progress Inn, where all concerned bought raffle tickets. Mike Forrest rounded up the evening by winning a bottle of wine. October 14th took us to Danby Lodge with Tom Mills concentrating us in the NW corner. He ran out of pre-prepared maps but managed to set 57 starters off including several newcomers. This time John Orton MOK had a flyer. Colin Sweeper was the only SLOG attendee and came a creditable 15th.

Alan Starling of SLOG invited us to West Woods two weeks later to see another victory from Bruce. By this time, 'Delboy' Mills was flogging the WNL T-Shirts well and even managed to sell the publican one. This had been SLOG's first Night event, and they did us proud.

Event 4 went to Newport or Gaer Fort to be precise, on 11th November. Peter Colbert SWOC did the honours and gave us two laps of the semi-open hillside complete with local illicit smokers and patches of tenacious bracken. Fabulous use of such a small area. Andy Creber got his first win of the season. The pub after was one of the noisiest we had been in but enjoyable all the same. The turnout of 25 was usual for events in S Wales.

Charles Daniel BOK organised event 5 at New Beechenhurst on November 25th. Yet another big field for the Forest of Dean of 59 saw runners from DEVON, SARUM,UBOC, and TVOC join in the fun. The two furthest controls saw no visitors which was disappointing but overall great pleasure was had from the technicality the area offers. Mark Saunders was victor over Andy and Bruce who claimed to have spent 7 minutes looking for one on the coal tip. 'Delboy' Mills had by this time engaged poser Blackstone to model the T-Shirts, which were by now well over 50% sold.

The Southern Champs at Bulford took place next weekend so we reassembled at Parkend on December 9th. The Night was really cold but Andy C took the honours from John Fallows NGOC. At -4, organiser Chris Poole must have frozen. Even the Woodman seemed cold afterwards.

Six events up to Christmas had seen us spread far and wide. Andy C had amassed 555 points from a possible 600, whereas Bruce B had 476 from 500. Top junior at this stage was Andrew Stimson SLOG. There had been some good attendances, and the promise of more goodies in 1996.

January 6th was the first date at Haresfield with again windy and cold conditions. Simon Hosler put on a good event for 44 resulting in a win for Peter Cook OD. Rhys and Jill Manning SWOC made the trip, and the event attracted two M60's :- John Grenfell BOK and A Wing HOC. The Beacon was pub of the night, where the warmth was appreciated. Even the power cut was taken in good heart.

13th January saw the dual-event on Yoxter and Stock Hill. Billed as Yox, Stock and Barrel, the event was two 40 minute sessions run after one another. Inspired by physical limitations, the event drew an attendance of 52, who for the standard charge had 2 events. The weather was kind and Mark Saunders after a fell race during the afternoon won relatively easily after visiting 39 controls in 80 minutes. Bruce B was 2nd and Simon St Leger-Harris BOK a creditable 3rd. At M70 Denis Hamment was the oldest competitor. A local hazard on Yoxter are the cattle who contrive either to trample controls into the mud or to stand in front of controls as you approach.

This event was run by a team of 7 BOK people including the return of Gary Morton. A full article later appeared in CompassSport, the first WNL event to do so.

Relatively normal racing returned at Symons Yat on 27th January, although Malcolm Green extended the run to 70 minutes because snow prevented use of the desired Start/ Finish area. The snow in the woods was not deep and made for beautiful running. Only the second WNL event to have snow, (the other being at West Woods), the controls made for interesting running in a reputedly hostile forest. Mark Saunders had yet another win. As he had only done 4 events he was in 10th place overall. Leader was Andy Creber with 578 points but with only two wins from 9 starts. Was consistency going to pay off?

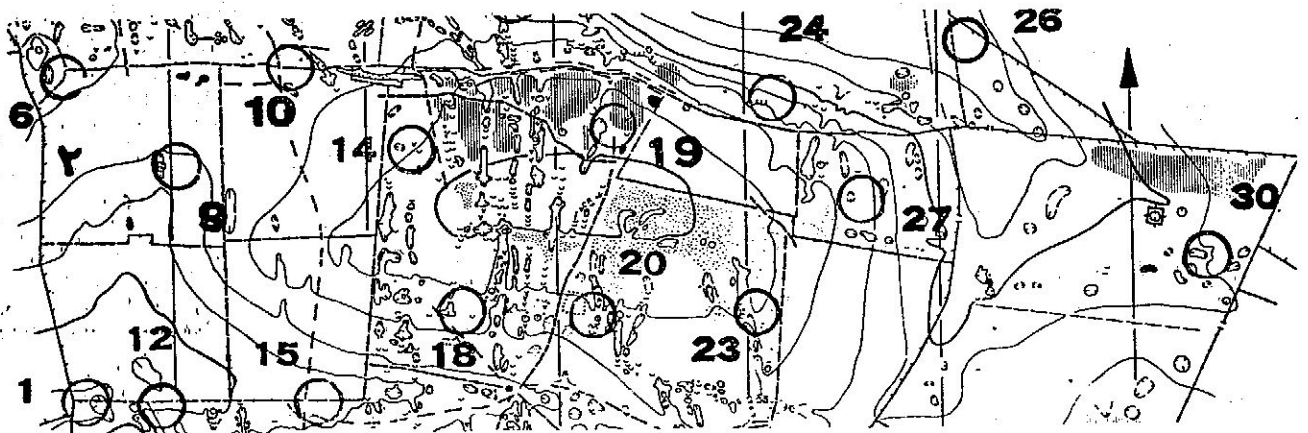
Event 10 (February 3rd) took us to Wiltshire and to Jim Reeves' carefully negotiated use of Copse Wood: a very private estate. The land was mapped on the condition that no paths were shown, and this added clarity rather than be a hindrance. Runners disturbed the game birds, but did no lasting damage. Thanks to Jim for his perseverance with the landowner, and a useful addition to the bank of Night O areas. Bruce B won this one having got the lot. 30 people attended including Jean Velecky SOC, a mere W70. Bruce now led by 5 points. 3 events to go, what would happen?

February 24th used Lords Wood, near Pensford, South of Bristol. What had been a delightful private estate was heavily thinned only weeks before making the paths muddier and the going tough. Only 25 made it this far south with Andy and Dave Smale BAOC sharing first place in front of Bruce. The land was used for a schools event the day after. They had the disadvantage of being able to see the mud.

March 2nd saw large numbers of WNL people at the British nights at Pembrey. Here we announced our own Pub of the Night for the first time. Wales had lost the Rugby that afternoon and our chatting livened the place up. Malcolm Green assisted some SLOG members financially which became the topic of quite some merriment for the next month or so. Ask if you wish to know more.

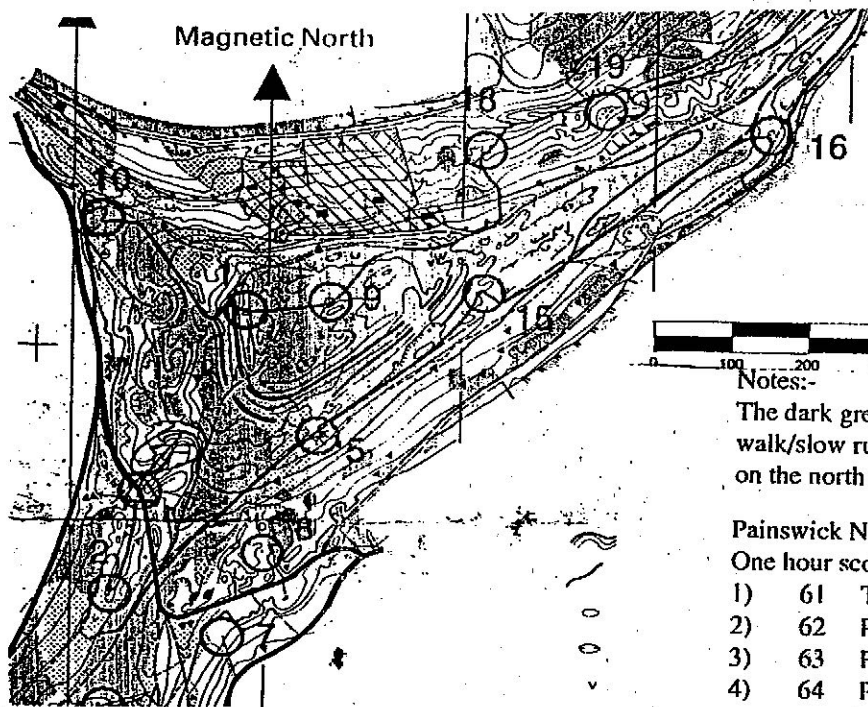
The penultimate event (12) brought us back to Lydney Park and a real forest. John Fallows assembled 59 starts aided by the 8 from All Saints School from Weymouth, who were staying in the area. At the front end Andy won, creating an overall lead of 10 points from Bruce. Fatman Forrest had to climb over the fence others squeezed through. Now if he hadn't told us!

The showdown was at Eastnor Hills 7 days later on 16th March. A map at 1:15,000 scale was difficult to use, and the course was physical. Nevertheless 33 of us turned up and survived. Andy C and John Orton had scored 275 points out of 500, but had penalties, and this left it clear for Bruce to win. He didn't appear, leaving Andy C to be the winner. Plenty to discuss in the Royal Oak with its distinctive local brews and food that took an hour to prepare (plenty of penalty points here). Thus the season ended with Malcolm Green, Mark Blackstone, and Roger Mann locating a super fish shop in Ledbury with just the Annual meeting to contemplate on April Fools Day. It had been a long season with new venues, new ideas, and increased participation. There would be plenty to discuss.



The 1996 League meeting

During March various people were thinking about the WNL. We had seen two non 60 minute events, we still were uneasy about reflective tape, and we wanted to have more "winners". All this activity of a mental kind resulted in the issuing of two papers raising issues to be discussed on the 1st. April.. The meeting was well attended and became almost serious, as the various issues became discussed.. The chat was as ever unrecorded. What emerged was concern over amending the consistency we had achieved over the years but recognition that the league could be "fairer" by having a handicap league run in parallel with the normal league. Mike Forrest went away to sort it out. The only other change was to have the presentation at the last event of the season which was to deliberately be a fun O. In 1997 this was to be a Spook -O, courtesy of the Watkinsons. We also managed to sort out the other fixtures .



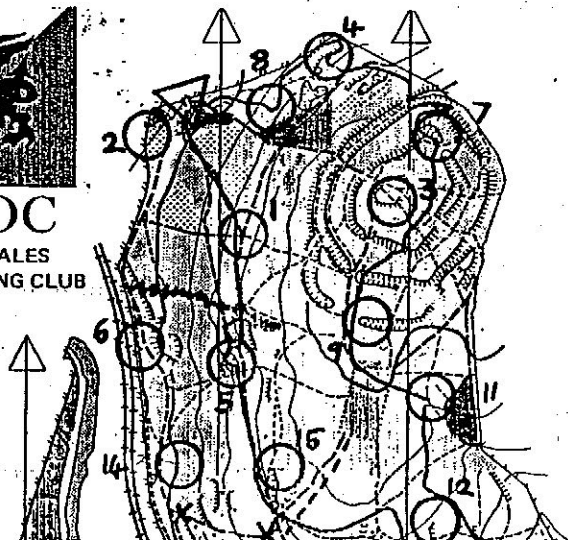
Notes:-

The dark green at the North of the map is not really fight but walk/slow run. Several new bike tracks/paths are not marked on the north end of the map.

Painswick Night Event 10 December 1994

One hour score event.

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| 1) | 61 | Trig point | 10 pts |
| 2) | 62 | Path end | 10 pts |
| 3) | 63 | Fence corner | 10 pts |
| 4) | 64 | Path junction | 10 pts |



Orienteering map of
Gaer & Fort
TREDEGAR PARK
SPORTS GROUND

Scale 1:10 000. Contours



LAP 1			
Code	Pts	Description	
SY	5	Path Junction	/
2	HK	10	Fence/Veg Boundary
3	SB	10	Steep Bank, Bend
4	SZ	10	Steep Bank Junction
5	WX	10	Large Depression
6	WF	15	Platform
7	SK	15	Large Gully, End

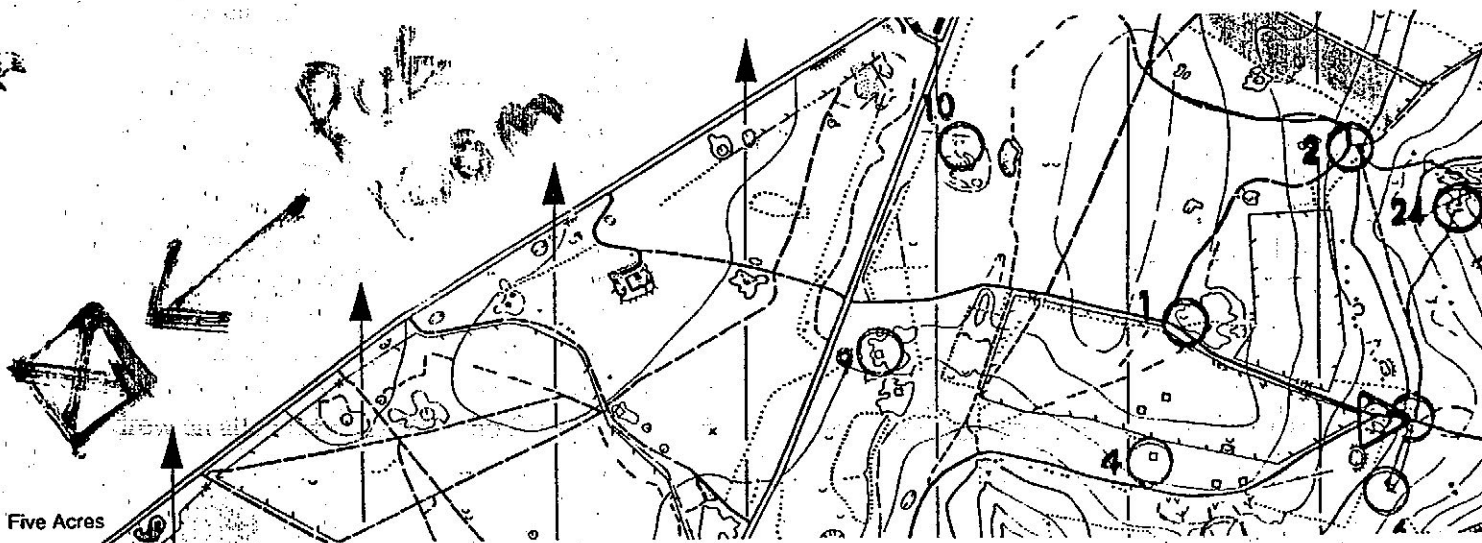
9. The Tail Piece - Mark Blackstone BOK

At least Ninety events have gone into the darkness, encompassed by an unseen WNL. The requirement today is identical to those ideas attributed to the likes of Terry Ruddy, Lin Callard, and Tony Noott. A good night out, doing something challenging, and practise for the elusive big Championship win.

The nature of Orienteering now means we are less likely to be able to discuss our mistakes the next day. A goes to event S, B stays at home, C goes to event T. Time dilutes our inspirations, and now the meeting in Pub of the Night is as important as ever. The events do vary in nature, technical difficulty, and weather. It's all part of the fun,- as is falling over on a thorn bush, or sinking into the marsh. Where would Night-O be without it ?

These then have been the first Ninety events, and by the time this is published event 100 will have taken place. It's only a milestone and these few words have recorded through the eyes of the contributors only a fraction of the history. Some one no doubt will be able to write the next Chapter, for events will continue, mistakes made, and laughter heard on Saturday evenings. Saturday evenings in April seem flat by comparison and that in itself shows a measure of success.

As Terry Ruddy said SO JUST Y'ALL COME BACK



SALLOWVALLETS

FOREST OF DEAN

10 APPENDIX A LIST OF EVENTS 1984 TO 1991

WNL EVENTS 1984 TO 1991

Year	Date	Where	Organiser	Format
1984	22 Sept	Blakeney Hill	NGOC	ABC Courses
	29 Sept	Brierley	NGOC	ABC Courses
	6 Oct	Sallowvallets	NGOC	ABC Courses
	13 Oct	Ashton Court	BOK	ABC Courses
	20 Oct	Great Barnetts	Dudley Budden	ABC Courses
	27 Oct	Leigh Woods	Anne Donnell	ABC Courses
				Best 3 from 4 to count
1985	19 Oct	Cleeve Hill	Ian Stirrups	ABC Courses
	26 Oct	Great Barnetts	Dudley Budden	ABC Courses
	23 Nov	Pludds	Dudley Budden	ABC Courses
	30 Nov	Wimberry Slade	Julian Lailey	ABC Courses
			Best 3 from 4 to count	
1986	4 Oct	Leigh Woods	Dudley Budden	ABC Courses
	11 Oct	Blakeney Hill	Lyn Callard	ABC Courses
	18 Oct	Ashton Court	Dudley Budden	ABC Courses
	25 Oct	Cockshoots	Lyn Callard	ABC Courses
	15 Nov	Pludds	Dudley Budden	ABC Courses
	22 Nov	Staple Edge	Lyn Callard	ABC Courses
			Best 4 from 6 to count	
1987	19 June	Lightning Tree Hill	Terry Ruddy	
	26 June	Crabtree Hill	Dudley Budden	Handicap Score
	19 Sept	Ashton Court	BOK	Score
	3 Oct	Painswick	NGOC	Score
	10 Oct	Crabtree Hill	BOK	Score
	17 Oct	Lightning Tree Hill	NGOC	Score
1988	17 June	Mallards Pike	?	Score
	24 June	Wigpool Common	NGOC	Score
	1 July	Moseley Green	BOK	Score
	(9 July	THE HARVESTER)		
	15 Oct	Ashton Court	Clive Hallett	Score 60 mins
	29 Oct	Lightning Tree Hill	NGOC	Score ?
	12 Nov	Crabtree Hill	BOK	Score ?
	3 Dec	Cleeve Hill	NGOC	Score ?
1989/	21 Oct	Ashton Court	BOK	Score 45 mins
	11 Nov	Downs	Mark Blackstone	Score 45 mins
	2 Dec	Blaise Castle	BOK	Score
	9 Dec	Soudley Ponds	NGOC	Score
1990	6 Jan	Painswick	NGOC	Score
	3 Feb	Stock Hill	BOK	Score
	24 Feb	Soudley	Poole Family	Score
1990/	10 Nov	Lightning Tree Hill	?	Score 60 mins
	1 Dec	Soudley North	?	Score 60 mins
	15 Dec	Ashton Court	?	Score 60 mins
1991	5 Jan	Painswick	?	Score 60 mins
	26 Jan	Haresfield	Ivor Maughan	Score 60 mins
	2 Feb	West Woods	Pete Langran MOK	Score 60 mins
	9 Mar	Mallards Pike Lake	Peter Poole	Score 60 mins

MODERN WNL EVENTS

10 Appendix A 1991/2 to 1995/6

<u>1991/2</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Organiser</u>
5 Oct	Kingswood School	?	John Lewis
12 Oct	Painswick	34	Malcolm Green
26 Oct	The Downs, Bristol	37	Tony Noott
9 Nov	The Pludds	41	Mark Blackstone
23 Nov	Lightning Tree Hill	50	Tom Mills
7 Dec	Eastnor Park	41	Colin Palmer
21 Dec	Stock Hill	57	Mike Forrest
11 Jan	Ashton Court	72	Charles Daniel
18 Jan	Lydiard Park, Swindon	26	Dave Frith
25 Jan	Sallowvallets	51	Peter Poole
29 Feb	Cleeve Hill	36	David Jones
	Total	419	excluding 5/10 & 18/1
<u>1992/3</u>			
3 Oct	Ashton Court	?	Mark Blackstone
14 Nov	Sallowvallets	48	Tom Mills
28 Nov	Yoxter Ranges	15	Joe King
19 Dec	Cleeve Hill	48	Malcolm Green
31 Dec	Cranham	26	Ivor Maughan
8 Jan	Malvern Hills	28	Colin Palmer
30 Jan	Penpole Woods/ Blaise	33	Robin and Celia Watkinson
20 Feb	Coate Water, Swindon	36	John Orton
13 Mar	Poors Allotment	27	Bob Teed
27 Mar	Parkend	29	David Jones
	Total	290	
<u>1993/4</u>			
2 Oct	Ashton Court	33	Mark Blackstone
23 Oct	Soudley	28	Ivor Maughan
13 Nov	Sheepscombe	18	John Fallows
27 Nov	West Woods	52	John Orton
11 Dec	New Beechenhurst	30	Mike Forrest
8 Jan	Danby Lodge	43	Tom Mills
15 Jan	Yoxter Ranges	35	John Jackson
29 Jan	Eastnor Hills	27	Colin Palmer
5 Feb	Leigh Woods	44	Julian Garrigan
12 Feb	St. Julians Wood, Newport	20	Peter Ribbans
5 Mar	The Pludds	45	Mark Saunders/ Alice Bedwell
12 Mar	Cleeve Hill	48	John Fallows
	Total	391	

Appendix A continued

CHALLENGE MATCH

23 March 94 Wind Down 28 Quantock Orienteers
see Appendix D for details

<u>1994/5</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Organiser</u>
24 Sept	Coate Water	?	Ian Fleming
1 Oct	Danby Lodge	37	Tom Mills
15 Oct	Cleeve Hill	44	Malcolm Green
29 Oct	Ashton Court	33	Roger Mann
26 Nov	Cadira Beeches	29	Adrian Moir/ Jenny Heming
10 Dec	Painswick	39	Simon Hosler
17 Dec	New Beechenhurst	34	Andy Creber
7 Jan	Sallowvallets	44	Tom Mills/ Ivor Maughan
21 Jan	Ashton Hill Plantation	42	Robin/ Celia Watkinson
28 Jan	West Woods	36	John Orton
11 Feb	Parkend	34	John Fallows
5 Mar	Eastnor Hills	34	Colin Palmer
	Total	406	excluding 24/9

1995/6

23 Sep	Penpole Woods/ Blaise	26	Roger Mann
14 Oct	Danby Lodge	57	Tom Mills
28 Oct	West Woods	38	Alan Starling
11 Nov	Gaer Fort, Newport	25	Peter Colbert
25 Nov	New Beechenhurst	59	Charles Daniel
9 Dec	Parkend	43	Chris Poole
6 Jan	Haresfield	44	Simon Hosler
13 Jan	Yoxter and Stock Hill	54	Mark Blackstone
27 Jan	Symonds Yat	30	Malcolm Green
3 Feb	Copse Wood	30	Jim Reeve
24 Feb	Lords Wood, Pensford	25	Mark Blackstone
9 Mar	Lydney Park	59	John Fallows
16 Mar	Eastnor Hills	33	Colin Palmer
	Total	523	

10 Appendix B Winners

Winners of the Modern Western Night League

<u>1990 / 91</u>	Ian Jones	NGOC
<u>1991 / 92</u>	Clive Hallett	BOK
<u>1992 / 93</u>	Mark Saunders Jackie Davis	BOK BOK (Best Lady)

Note: Mark and Jackie were awarded commemorative mugs retrospectively.

1993 to 1996

Award	1993/4	1994/5	1995/6
Overall Winner	Andy Creber BOK	Bruce Bryant OD	Andy Creber BOK
Best Lady	Jackie Hallett BOK	Liz Phillips OD	Liz Phillips OD
Best Junior	Tom Mills & Craig Mason NGOC	Matt Palmer BOK	Tom Mills & Craig Mason NGOC
Best performance by someone in their 1st. WNL season	Roger Mann BOK	Michael Sorensen OD	Dave Smale BAOC
Best non winning attendee	Dave Marshallsay MOK	Jim Reeve MOK	Roger Mann BOK
Best M40+	John Orton MOK	Tom Mills NGOC	Malcolm Green NGOC
Best W40 +	Anne Donnell BOK	Pat Grenfell BOK	Jill Manning SWOC
Organiser with the lowest attendance	John Fallows NGOC	Jenny Heming & Adrian Moir SWOC	Peter Colbert SWOC Mark Blackstone BOK
Other Awards	Mike Forrest BOK For the Results Service	-----	-----

10 Appendix C Specifications

Specification 1994/5 Season
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- 1 Score Event:- 1 hour duration
- 2 Total points available 500 +or- 50
- 3 Points for each control to be between 10 and 50
- 4 Points to be deducted for lateness. -1 point for every 6 seconds
- 5 Starts at 1 minute intervals
- 6 Start times generally from 7 pm. with registration 30 minutes earlier
- 7 Number of controls to be not less than 20 and not more than 30
- 8 The range of difficulty and position of control sites to be at the discretion of the Organiser/Controller for each event.
- 9 Planning to include a simple White/Yellow course for novice Night Orienteers, not specified as such but being suitable in a score format for novices
- 10 Reflective tape to be used at all control sites
- 11 Event to have a "Controller"
- 12 League points to be calculated in proportion to the winners score.
e.g. winner scores 400= 100 points, second scores 300= 75 points
- 13 Points to be calculated from the best 6 out of 11 results
- 14 Display of results at each event, with updated league positions and future programme
- 15 Final results will be based on points only
- 16 Programme of events to be published in SINS, BOK and NGOC newsletters and also sent to MOK, WYE, SWOC, HOC, and OD.
- 17 The name of a local pub is to be given by the Organiser at each event for refreshment/discussion afterwards
- 18 A standard form to be used for results, so that all computation of league scoring is sent to Mike Forrest who has kindly offered to prepare the official results.

Rules prepared for the challenge with Devon and Cornwall League.

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CHALLENGE RULES (DRAFT)

- 1 Scores to be computed as for normal WNL events. Winner gets 100 points, others score in proportion of total score.
- 2 Each team to have up to 10 scoring members
- 3 Classes 15, 17 plus any accompanied juniors.
2 to score. If either team fields only a single competitor, then only one to score from each team.
- 4 Classes 45 and upwards.
2 to score. If either team fields only a single competitor, then only one to score from each team.
- 5 Remaining Ladies.
2 to score. If either team fields only a single competitor, then only one to score from each team.
- 6 Remaining Competitors. 6 to score. Same number from each side.

Western Night League v Devon and Cornwall-Windown Forest 26th March 1994

Pos	Name	Class	Club	Score	Pen	Net	Points
1	Mark Saunders	M35	BOK	600	8	592	100
2	Sigmund Gould	M17	Devon	600	26	574	97
3	Caleb Gould	M19	Devon	560	12	548	93
4	P.Glanville	M35	Devon	470	0	470	80
5	Malcolm Green	M35	NGOC	450	0	450	76
6	A.Allaway	M21	Devon	420	0	420	71
7	Roger Mann	M21	BOK	400	0	400	68
8	Alice Bedwell	W21	BOK	400	2	398	67
9=	Chris Phillip	M40	QO	390	0	390	66
	Graham Pring	M35	KERNO	390	0	390	66
11	D.Livsey	M55	Devon	380	0	380	64
12	J.Moody	M35	KERNO	390	14	376	64
13	John Fallows	M35	NGOC	360	0	360	61
14	Sue Gard	W45	Devon	370	14	356	60
15	Dave Marshallsay	M40	MOK	360	6	354	60
16	Andy Creber	M35	BOK	330	0	330	56
17	Dick Smith	M45	KERNO	330	42	288	49
18	Jim Reeve	M45	MOK	280	0	280	47
19	J.Green	W50	Devon	270	0	270	46
20	J.Hallett	W35	BOK	270	16	254	43
21	C.Gower	M21	BPOC	280	36	244	41
22=	I Cosby	M21	SMOC	220	0	220	37
	K.Norton	W21	Devon	220	0	220	37
24	S.St Leger Harris	M40	BOK	250	36	214	36
25	Jenny Tennant	W60	QO	210	0	210	35
26	Rachael Holmes+1	W11	QO	150	0	150	25
27	R.Bennett	M50	Devon	160	22	138	23
28	N. & J Nicholson	M17& M50	QO	370	lots	0	0

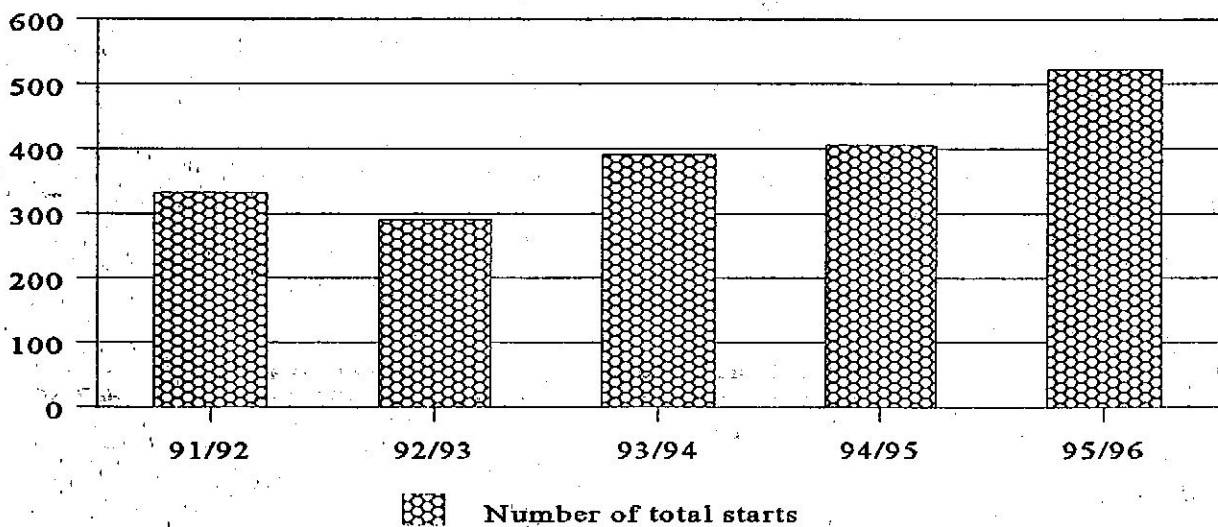
Team Result

	Western Night League		Devon & Cornwall	
M17 & W17	None		S.Gould	574 97
Ladies	A.Bedwell	398 67	S.Gard	380 64
	J.Hallett	254 43	J.Green	270 46
M45 & W45+	J.Reeve	280 47	D.Livsey	380 64
	J.Tennant	210 35	D.Smith	288 49
M19 & W19+	M.Saunders	592 100	C.Gould	248 93
	M.Green	450 76	P.Glanville	470 79
	R.Mann	400 68	A.Allaway	420 71
	J.Fallows	360 61	G.Pring	390 66
		497		631

Congratulations to Devon and Cornwall. The Western Night League were hampered by lack of support, probably due to the Boktrot. Thanks to Bill Vigar for all his time and effort and all of you for coming.
Mike Crockett

Activity	Season	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96
	91/92				
Number of Counting events	8	9	11	11	13
Number of total competitors	167	152	185	125	161
Number of total starts	332	290	391	406	523
Average number of competitors/event	42	32	36	37	40
Highest Number at an event	57	48	52	44	59
Lowest Number at an event	31	15	18	29	25
Number of different clubs	23	21	29	23	29

Increase in Participation 91 to 96



Western Night League Results

The accompanying table shows the results for everyone who entered 3 or more events in the league. Each column shows the points gained at each particular event, and the figure at the bottom of the column shows the maximum points scored by the winner at that event (not the maximum number of points obtainable).

For each event a score out of 20 is given which is proportional to the points scored at the event relative to the winner, so that the winner of an event gets 20 points towards their final total, and someone who scored half the total points of the winner at the event gets 10 points towards their final score.

Your best 5 scores from the 7 events count, so that 100 points is the maximum possible final score. For those of you who entered less than 5 events, you obviously lose 20 points if you entered 4 events or 40 points if you only entered 3 events.

Lastly as co-ordinator of the BOK events, let me apologise that we only managed to stage one event. We might have managed a second however permission to use the Worlebury Woods location in Wester-Super-Mare was not granted. Accordingly I have been sacked, and Mark Blackstone will take over for the next season.

Gary Morton (BOK)

Name	Club	Class	Lightning Tree Hill Nov 10th NGOC	Soudley North Dec 1st NGOC	Ashton Court Dec 15th BOK	Painswick Beacon Jan 5th NGOC	Baresfield Jan 26th NGOC	WestWood MOK	Mallards Pike Lake Mar 5th NGOC	number of events entered	Final Score Out of 100
1. Ian Jones	NGOC	M21	225		405	320	285		480	5	57
2. C Daniel	BOK	M21		290	443		275	350	300	5	52
3. Mike Forrest	BOK	M35	190	280	369	290	220	325		6	73
4. Clive Sallett	BOK	M21		420	515	505			390	4	76
5. Ian Hollister	NGOC	M21	180	205	375	385	305		240	6	76
6. D Jones	NGOC	M50		328	331	385	244		346	5	74
7. Andy Creber	BOK	M21	200	383		481		250		4	69
8. C Palmer	NGOC	M45	155	232	272	260	246		300	6	64
9. S Astington	NGOC	M35		240	255	315	178		320	5	59
10. W Budden	NGOC	M50	-65	175		345	195	180	296	6	57
11. G Ashton	BOK	M35		240	300	325	159		230	5	56
12. Gary Morton	BOK	M21		288			240	245		3	43
13. Ivor Maughan	NGOC	M40	115		255	330			240	4	43
14. Mark Blackstone	BOK	M45					250	285	240	3	43
15. Jackie Davis	BOK	M21		320	405	295				3	43
16. Ian Stirrups	NGOC	M40	145	246		427				3	42
17. J Beasley	BOK	M40		90	265		155	120	170	5	39
18. Tom Mills	NGOC	M40	65		265	260			210	4	35
19. Robin Watkinson	BOK	M35					200	205	160	3	31
20. Bob Teed	NGOC	M50	110	200					210	3	23
21. Celia Watkinson	BOK	M21		188			105	150	71	4	27
22. Peter Poole	NGOC	M45	135	115			120			3	25
23. Anne Donnell	BOK	M55	20	240				160		3	22
24. Ivan Teed	NGOC	M13	105	125					120	3	20
Maximum Points			225	420	515	505	305	350	480		

FINAL LEAGUE SCORES

- Final Results 1991/2

	Name	Class	Club	Event 1 Score	Event 2 Score	Event 3 Score	Event 4 Score	Event 5 Score	Event 6 Score	Event 7 Score	Event 8 Score	Total Score	Num of ev
1	Clive Hallett	M21	BOK		100	91	(69)	98	100	100		489	
2	C Bromley-Gardner	M21	BAOC	100	91		100	92	87			470	
3	Mark Saunders	M21	BOK		67	100	(30)	100	90	84		441	
4	Andrew Creber	M21	BOK		83		(3)	66	85	98	88	420	
5	David Finch	M21	BOK		95	76	71	93	78	(18)	(43)	413	
6	Charles Daniel	M35	BOK	79	92	76	(44)	(57)		66	73	386	
7	John Orton	M35	MOK		64	92	(14)	59	73	47		335	
8	Jackie Davis	W21	BOK		85	42	(8)	50	72	77	(41)	326	
9	Nick Nourse	M21	NGOC	82		66	65	(46)	64	49		326	
10	A Moir	M21	SWOC	68	64	71	(45)		66	49	(49)	318	
11	Daniel Coombs	M17	BOK		82	80		85	69			316	
12	Mike Forrest	M35	BOK	79		68			59	46	63	315	
13	Mark Blackstone	M45	BOK	66			70	52	73	36		297	
14	Malcolm Green	M35	NGOC		65	61	(0)	64	(43)	53	50	293	
15	R Davies	M21	SPLIT			84	66	59	80			289	
16	Robin Watkinson	M35	BOK	55			80	58	52	(34)	39	284	
17	J Heming	W19	SWOC	(37)	63	62	43		53	(40)	53	274	
18	Alice Bedwell	W21	BOK			65	69	57	64	14		269	
19	Don Munro	M45	BOK				72	48	62	29	49	260	
20	Ian Hollister	M21	NGOC				85	79	75			239	
21	M Molloy	M21	SPLIT		57	42		51	82			232	
22	Tom Mills	M45	NGOC			68		48	48	27	41	232	
23	Celia Watkinson	W21	BOK	61			68	22	46	(20)	33	230	
24	Gerry Ashton	M35	BOK			78	63		66			207	
25	Bill Budden	M50	NGOC	50		46	50	19	37			202	
26	David Jones	M50	NGOC	63		78				49		190	
27	A R George	M21	NGOC			54	56	29	39		6	184	
28	Anne Donnell	W60	BOK		51	21		24	47	(14)	41	184	
29	Colin Palmer	M45	WYE	74		27	37			35		173	
30	Janet Beesley	W40	BOK		52	28		40	50	3		173	
31	S Bassett	W21	QO		51	44		23	46			164	
32	Lis Johnson	W21	NGOC	29		26	(16)	39	43	(2)	22	159	
33	Pat Grenfell	W60	BOK	45	52					16	43	156	
34	John Howell	M50	BOK			59	45	46				150	
35	Simon Spacey	M21	BOK		43		45		60			148	
36	Peter Poole	M50	NGOC			54	61				29	144	
37	Simon St Leger Harri	M35	BOK		74					13	41	128	
38	John Grenfell	M55	BOK	39	46					15	28	128	
39	B Rogers	M40	NGOC			67	55					122	
40	John Lewis	M50	KSODA	32	37			51				120	
41	Richard Mayo	M13	BOK	53	49			15				117	
42	Doug Munro	M15	BOK					41	73			114	
43	Christine Ashton	W13	BOK		44	24			45			113	
44	Ian Maughan	M40	NGOC	32				18	38	22		110	
45	Mike Crockett	M55	QO					55	52			107	
46	M Wintersgill	M50	NGOC	34		71						105	
47	Hugh O'Brien	M40	BOK					36	67			103	
48	S Astington	M40	NGOC						53	48		101	
49	Richard Nuell	M40	BOK		41				45	1	14	101	
50	Dave Williams	M21	HOC								100	100	
51	Jonathan Howell	M35	BOK					38	62			100	
52	R Threadgold	W40	NGOC	45		31	24					100	
53	R Rankin	M35	SPLIT			26	29		44			99	
54	Nicola King	W15	BOK					45	53			98	
55	Dave Christmas	M35	BOK						69	28		97	
56	A Sloman	W55	HOC			58				34		92	
57	Nick Mason	M21	WYE	29			26			14	20	89	
58	R Sharp	M21	TVOC		85							85	

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	Name	Class	Club	Sallowvallets Score	Yoxter Score	Cleeve Score	Cranham Score	Malvern Score	Penpole Score	Coates Wr Score	Poors All. Score	Parkend Score	Total Score	Number of events
1	Mark Saunders	M21	BOK	100		93	(73)	(57)		94	100	100	487	
2	Ian Hollister	M21	NGOC		94		72	(50)	98	(62)	73	83	420	
3	Andrew Creber	M21	BOK	79		85	78		(76)		77	90	409	
5	Malcolm Green	M35	NGOC	(53)	77			58	92		73	55	355	
6	Mike Forrest	M35	BOK	44		48		(8)	78	78	71		319	
7	John Orton	M35	MOK	64		88		54	100				306	
8	Clive Hallett	M21	BOK			100	100			100			300	
9	Jackie Davis	W35	BOK			71	56		91	77			295	
10	Don Munro	M50	BOK	46		54			61	45	62		268	
11	Mark Blackstone	M45	BOK	47		50		(38)		54	58	58	267	
12	Peter Maliphant	M35	BOK		92	79			92				263	
13	Bill Budden	M50	NGOC	37	51	46	(28)	(31)		51	(24)	42	227	
14	John Jackson	M40	BOK		77	33			58	52			220	
15	John Fallows	M21	NGOC			58		0		85		70	213	
16	Roger Underhill	M21	WYE	64		87		58					209	
17	Nik Janik	M35	MV	48		40	33			74			195	
18	Dave Williams	M21	HOC				83	100					183	
19	John Sleigh	M40	BOK	24		(17)			52	49	34	23	182	
20	Nick Nourse	M21	NGOC	59				47	66				172	
21	John Howell	M40	BOK		61	34	29		48				172	
22	Simon St Leger Harris	M35	BOK		78				88				166	
23	Pat Grenfell	W60	BOK			30	29		51	53			163	
24	Celia Watkinson	W21	BOK	35		27				59		41	162	
25	Mike Crockett	M55	QO			51	30		80				161	
26	Chris Poole	M21	NGOC	84								75	159	
27	R Sharp	M21	TVOC					69		85			154	
28	R Westcott	M35	QO		56				47	51			154	
29	Robin Watkinson	M35	BOK			46				67		39	152	
30	Richard Davies	M21	SPLIT			64	49	26					139	
31	Huw O'Brien	M40	BOK	38	100								136	
32	Adrian Moir	M21	SWOC	46		83							129	
33	David Urch	M40	BOK			20			62	42			124	
34	Colin Palmer	M45	WYE	23		33			65				121	
35	Dave Parkin	M60	BOK						71	49			120	
36	David Lee	M55	NGOC							69		49	118	
37	H Sharp	W21	SWOC					50		63			113	
38	Alice Bedwell	W21	BOK	39								66	105	
39	Nicola King	W15	BOK		97								97	
40	Jenny Heming	W19	SWOC	54		43							97	
41	Ann Donnell	W60	BOK			33					38	25	96	
42	B Bryant	M35	OD				94						94	
43	David Jones	M50	NGOC	52		38			1				91	
45	Andy Simpson	M21	OD			89							89	
46	Bob Teed	M50	NGOC								88		88	
47	Dave Finch	M21	BOK		88								88	
48	Len Hoyle	M35	NGOC			47						40	87	
49	Tom Mills	M45	NGOC			43		42					85	
50	Dudley Budden	M45	BOK						84				84	
51	Chris Hordem	M21	NGOC			32					52		84	
52	Margaret Crockett	W55	QO			20	30		34				84	
53	I Falcon	M15	CGSOK			21			44			19	84	
54	J Coleman	M50	NGOC	15							32	34	81	
55	I Jones	M21	NGOC						79				79	
56	R Marriage	M21	BOK							78			78	
57	Gerry Ashton	M40	BOK					7			70		77	
58	Malcolm Green	M35	NGOC										75	

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Name	Class	Club	Danby Lodge	Cleeve Hill	Ashton Court	Cadira	Painswick	New Beech.	Sallowvalls	Ashton Hill	West Woods	Parkend	Eastnor Hills	Total	number of events
1 Bruce Bryant	M35	OD	99	100	(91)	(85)	100	100	(95)	98	(81)	100	(94)	595	6
2 Andrew Creber	M35	BOK	84		91	100	(78)		100	100	100	(48)		575	6
3 Charles Daniel	M35	BOK		72	73		58	78		92		82		455	6
4 Roger Mann	M21	BOK	76	67		66	(62)	73	(51)	83	73	(65)	(52)	438	6
5 Richard Davies	M21	SPLOT	71	91	83	(41)	(45)	62	(57)	67	(54)		62	436	6
6 Peter Cqok	M21	OD		87		88		77	84				94	430	5
7 John Fallows	M35	NGOC	80	71	67		62	61	(43)	72				413	6
8 Tom Mills	M45	NGOC	54	(41)		58	(40)	(40)		73	55	65	81	386	6
9 David Jones	M55	NGOC	68	66		49		67	78	63		66		379	6
10 Adrian Moir	M21	SWOC						78	69	84	82		65	378	5
11 Jim Reeve	M45	MOK	61	72	(50)	(27)	(30)	(48)	(44)	67	49	65	54	368	6
12 Dava Marshallsay	M40	MOK	60	53	(44)	(44)	54	(48)	61	51	(35)	(46)	68	347	6
13 Liz Phillips	W21	OD	53		57	59	(44)	47		77	52			345	6
14 Michael Sorensen	M21	OD	70	68		76	34						79	327	5
15 Colin Sweeper	M35	SLOG	55	58	(36)	(32)	(25)	(28)	36	59	45	(30)	72	325	6
16 David Lee	M55	NGOC		65	66		51	47	33				52	314	6
17 M Farrington	M35	HOC	44	(31)		55	(35)	62	45			54	53	313	6
18 Mark Blackstone	M45	BOK		(33)		40	49	62	38		(34)	52	68	309	6
19 Mike Forrest	M40	BOK		55	66			26	37			75	36	295	6
20 Steve Astington	M40	NGOC	44	45				47				80	60	276	5
21 Les Marshallsay	M35	MOK	(21)	42	50	(22)	44	(10)	(0)	36	38	(24)	54	264	6
22 John Orton	M40	MOK	70				49		66				70	255	4
23 Malcolm Green	M40	NGOC			64	66	72	50						252	4
24 Bernard Pullen	M55	SLOG	34	27	(25)	(25)	(20)			52	35	34	62	244	6
25 Jenny Heming	W19	SWOC						44	57	68	62			231	4
26 Mark Saunders	M35	BOK			82				75		61			218	3
27 Steve Simmons	M21	NGOC	41				40	0	44				84	209	5
28 Eric Heritage	M35	LEI	64	32		61	46							203	4
29 David Palmer	M45/15	BOK						79		62		57		198	3
30 Clive Hallett	M21	BOK			100					96				196	2
31 John Grenfell	M60	BOK					32	49	27	47		38		193	5
32 Chas. Bromley-Gardner	M21	BAOC	100			92								192	2
33 Oliver Johnson	M17	BOK			81		31			80				192	3
34 Chris Poole	M21	NGOC					91						100	191	2
35 Alan Starling	M35	SLOG	36	28	(23)	(23)			28		26	29	41	188	6
36 Colin Palmer	M45	WYE		32		20			32	50		46		180	5
37 Ian Kennett	M21	IND	44			46			40			48		178	4
38 I Fleming	M35	SLOG	26	19			26		(18)	28	29		50	178	6
39 Simon Hosler	M21	NGOC		80		39		55						174	3
40 Adam Hosler	M21	SO		66				61			39			166	3
41 Paul Johnson	M40	BOK			52		39			59				150	3
42 Ellen Starling	W35	SLOG	37		23				23		20	5	36	144	6
43 John Howell	M55	BOK	38	38		40					26			142	4
44 Adrian Dawson	M35	SARUM					29	13	12	37	13		(6)	142	6
45 Pat Grenfell	W65	BOK					34	8	28	28		39		137	5
46 Simon St Leger Harris	M35	BOK			66					67				133	2
47 Ann Donnell	W60	BOK							26	24	38	37		125	4
48 Nick Nourse	M21	NGOC		73	50						56			123	2
49 Alice Bedwell	W21	BOK			66									122	2
50 John Childs	M35	WYE	35						28				58	121	3
51 Judy Johnson	W40	BOK			81		31			7				119	3
52 Roger Underhill	M21	WYE						67	44					111	2
53 Robin Watkinson	M35	BOK		73							37			110	2
54 David Urch	M45	BOK			39					68				107	2
55 Gerry Ashton	M35	BOK							54		51			105	2
56 M Suff	M21	WYE										34	58	92	2
57 Colin Dickson	M40	BAOC									91			91	1
58 Chris Palmer	M17	BOK								37		53		90	2
59 Nicola King	W15	BOK			57		32				25			89	2
60 Andrew Stimson	M13	SLOG					24		10	29	25			88	4
61 Ken Stimson	M45	SLOG					24		11	49	2			86	4
62 M Moore	M40	MOK			15		28				42			85	1
63 Chris Hudson	M13	WYE							27				55	82	6
64 Pete + A Hudson	M35/11	WYE							23				57	80	6
65 Jackie Hallett	W35	BOK								79				79	1
66 A Pentalow	M40	SLOG							22				55	77	1
67 Bert Park	M21	BAOC									76			76	1

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FINAL LEAGUE RESULTS

Name	Class	Club	Penpole/Blaise	Danby Lodge	West Woods	Gaer Fort	New Beechenhurst	Parkend	Haresfield	Stock Hill/Yoxter	Symonds Yat	Copse Wood	Lords Wood	Lydney Park	Eastnor Hills	Total	number of events
1 Andrew Creber	M35	BOK	(96)	(93)	(68)	100	98	100	(61)	(72)	(91)	(82)	100	100	100	598	13
2 Bruce Bryant	M35	OD	100	(85)	100		96	95	(92)	(84)	(82)	100	93	(93)		584	11
3 Peter Cook	M21	OD		(82)	86	96	86		100		88	85				541	7
4 Dave Smale	M35	BAOC		77	97	85				65		79	100			503	6
5 Malcolm Green	M40	NGOC	(66)	(63)	68	(54)	91	87		(52)		74		76	94	490	10
6 Richard Davies	M35	SPLIT		(57)	71		(64)	94	(66)	70	(58)	83		92	75	485	10
7 Roger Mann	M21	BOK		67	74	(66)	(48)	78	(65)	(58)	90	80	79	(62)	(63)	468	12
8 John Fallows	M35	NGOC	64	80		68	84	98		72						466	6
9 Tom Mills	M50	NGOC	(51)		(65)	(44)		78	73	68	77	74	(60)	68	(41)	438	11
10 Mike Forrest	M40	BOK	77	(51)	59			89		73	(52)		78	61		437	8
11 John Orton	M40	MOK		100	79		81	76							89	425	5
12 Colin Sweeper	M40	SLOG		(57)		(61)		61	(19)	(57)	61	70	70	71	83	416	10
13 Jim Reeve	M45	MOK	(49)	58	70	(55)	72	59	(56)	62		70	79	(57)	(39)	400	11
14 Simon Hosler	M35	NGOC			31	77	73	74		67				75	(15)	397	7
15 Liz Phillips	W21	OD	67	(57)	60		70	66	(42)	(57)	(56)	63	(42)	59		385	11
16 Mark Saunders	M35	BOK				77	100			100	100					377	4
17 David Lee	M60	NGOC	(56)	(57)	(52)		60	62	(51)	58	(42)	64	67		87	341	11
18 Mike Farrington	M40	HOC	58	51		54		63	(48)	54				(35)	60	340	8
19 John Howell	M55	BOK		56				68		44	64		49		45	326	6
20 Mark Blackstone	M50	BOK	60	52		47	56	(20)	(34)		(43)	56		54	(9)	325	10
21 Steve Astington	M40	NGOC		89			58		40		67			66		320	5
22 Dave Marshallsay	M40	MOK			51				(38)	54	38	42	70	(35)	56	311	8
23 Les Marshallsay	M35	MOK		40	54		(32)	(37)	(25)	51	54	54		49		302	9
24 Ian Fleming	M35	SLOG	44		(42)	62	47	45	(2)	49			42		(4)	289	9
25 E Heritage	M35	LEI				61	66	59		49	63				50	285	5
26 Robin Watkinson	M40	BOK			50		42							73	55	283	5
27 Chris Poole	M21	NGOC		92					66	44				78		280	4
28 Dudley Giles	M35	KERNO	62	45	42			71				59				279	5
29 M Suff	M21	WYE		57			31	62	42						18	275	6
30 Paul Taunton	M45	NGOC		38		43	48	38			55			65	46	268	7
31 Tom Mills+Craig Mason	M13	NGOC			(17)	44	70	(29)	(22)	(27)	(18)	33	32	(20)	41	255	11
32 Andy Bray	M35	BOK	59	62			58	70						35		249	4
33 Bill Budden	M55	NGOC						46	27		(3)	54	33	33	47	240	7
34 Michael Moore	M40	MOK	(20)	(13)	42					40		50	46	24	38	240	8
35 Alan Starling	M35	SLOG	28			52	27	46	(5)	(0)		45		42		240	8
36 Andrew Stimson	M15	SLOG			(12)		51	50	(8)	34		56	33	16		240	8
37 Jill Manning	W45	SWOC						48	39		50			38	52	227	5
38 John Richards	M40	WYE		30			61	19						48	13	227	6
39 Bernard Pullen	M55	SLOG	34			31	19					43		55	33	215	6
40 Pat Grenfell	W65	BOK	46				51		32	13	23			49		214	6
41 Anne Donnell	W60	BOK				30	46	37	36	25	(19)			35		209	7
42 Adrian Dawson	M35	SARUM		(22)	35		45	27				28	35	39	(23)	209	8
43 Ken Stimson	M50	SLOG			42	(25)	45	27	(7)	34		26	29	(11)		203	9
44 David Hanstock	M40	BOK							32			64	63		40	199	4
45 Richard Higgs	M21	NGOC		19			48		17		41			45	29	199	6
46 Ian Kennett	M21	IND						61			57			65		183	3
47 John Grenfell	M60	BOK	35				53		16	18	0			48		170	6
48 Alice Bedwell	W21	BOK				61	32			67						160	3
49 David Urch	M45	BOK	54			22				42			40			158	4
50 Celia Watkinson	W35	BOK			35		16				47			45	14	157	5
51 Jenny Heming	W19	SWOC		44			40	57								141	3
52 Ellen Starling	W35	SLOG			32	19		37	19					28		135	5
53 Adrian Moir	M21	SWOC		50			83									133	2
54 M Adams	M35	WYE					18	32	27					24	30	131	5
55 Christine King	W45	BOK	54	35						34						123	3
56 Steve Williams	M40	NGOC		31			4		23		32			22	0	112	6
57 Ruth Forrest	W13	BOK		15				35						44		94	3
58 A. Hartley	M45	SPLIT												89		89	1
59 Rhys Manning	M13	SWOC						48	39							87	2
60 Dave Saunders	M35	HH			80											80	1
61 Julian Lyne	M50	SOC		32	45											77	2
62 Lubor Velecky	M65	SOC					43					34				77	2
63 Simon St Ledger Harris	M40	BOK								75						75	1
64 Nyall Meredith	M40	SWOC				37										74	2
65 Dave Seward	M35	SBOC					71									71	1