

WCOC Social Secretary's Report – 2019

In addition to the weekly club orienteering events, the Club enjoyed several additional social events. It is great to see such a variety of events enjoyed by a very active club with nearly 200 members.

This year's New Year's Day social was held at Mawbray Dunes again, with another challenging event organised by Dave Fenwick, followed by the always-popular gathering at Bank Mill Nursery Tearoom.

The WCOC annual club January social evening was held at Loweswater Village Hall on 5th January 2019, before the Club Chase at Scale Hill on the following day. The event was organised by the Rennies and as usual, all the guests provided a delicious buffet. As well as the usual games, there was the annual award ceremony for 2018 club awards and Galoppen winners.

The Summer Social was held on 11 July 2019 following the parish relays event at Mawbray Dunes. A group of around 30 members enjoyed sandwiches and simple snacks at Mawbray Village Hall. After this, a pleasant evening was spent enjoying the sunset and chatting.

Scottish 6 Day 2019. A large contingent of about 40 from the club attended the Scottish 6 day event which was based in Strathearn, near Crieff. As well as daily socials with the club congregating around the club flag at assembly to discuss courses, a gathering was held at the Comrie Croft campsite café to enjoy coffees and sample their delicious cakes.

Summer Evening event Finale, Coledale Inn, 29th August 2019. As is traditional, the final event of the Summer Season (this year at Whinlatter) was followed by a social at the Coledale Inn in Braithwaite. Many club members stayed to enjoy the excellent pub food and the annual Summer Evening Events Awards ceremony.

Autumn Social 2019 – Pie and Pea Supper, 10th October 2019 The final social event of the year was the annual Pea and Pie supper held once again at Kong Adventure in Keswick following the Keswick Streets event. Over 50 members attended, including some new faces, and a visitor from another club. This year the format was changed slightly to include short computerised photo contributions from several club members. This was very well received and inspired club members to visit foreign areas including Norway, Sweden and Switzerland for future orienteering trips. In addition, an amazing presentation was made of an ascent of Mont Blanc, which also gave inspiration for future adventures. As they left several members were already discussing photos they could bring to next year's event!

It is great to see so many members of all ages in WCOC meeting regularly to share experiences.

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