



Lockdown Orienteering is back! But with a new name. Orienteering Unlocked.

Well there may not be any 'normal' orienteering events happening during Lockdown but Chris Smithard and his team are continuing with their virtual events now re-named Orienteering Unlocked which saw several Club members take part in a series of orienteering-related challenges over the weekend based around the World Championships which took place in Scotland in 1999 and

is most famous for being the first time a British athlete ever became a World Champion. Yvette Baker on the short course.

Challenges included, a maze, ski-o, a jigsaw, the contour game and up or down (see examples below, although the real thing was harder than the examples). There were also Catching Features courses through the typically tough Scottish terrain. For those with Catching Features why not have a go at these. The classic courses were based on the elite men's race and had to split into two for Catching Features.

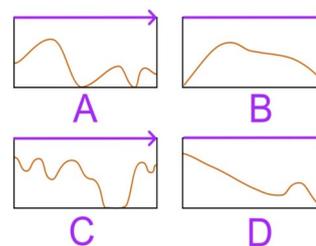
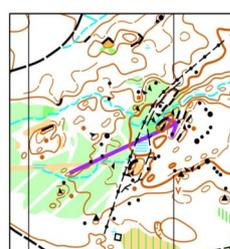
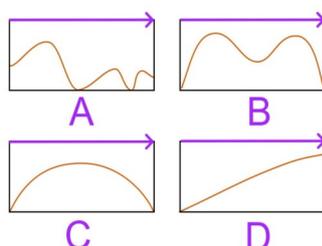
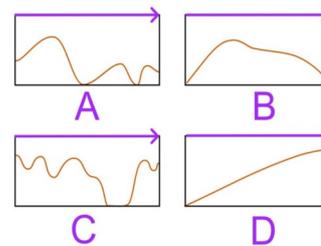
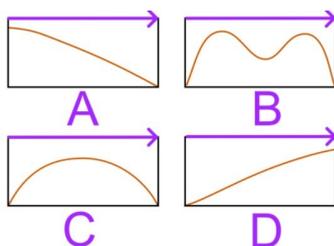
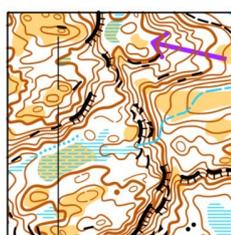
As you will recall, the Club has a virtual orienteering expert in Joe Sunley, who has won several of the previous competitions and he did not disappoint again this weekend. After the completion of the 10 stages, Joe led the competition earning him a place in the live Catching Features Grand Final where the top six men and women competed head to head. Joe kept his cool to take a convincing win and the overall title—well done Joe!



Up and Down Game



Contour Game



If you fancy having a go check out www.orienteeingunlocked.com for upcoming events and if you click on 'Information' next to the previous events, you can try out some of the puzzles and games used in the competitions.

Next event takes place 23rd-29th December and features the 'best of' the previous events.



Kong Orienteering Section

The Keswick running specialists have expanded their range and now boast a small orienteering section. Str8 compasses and Noname control description holders are now available alongside VJ, Nvii and Inov8 shoes amongst other brands including a number of dobbed models. The shop also has a range of head torches including some high output versions. Kong will give a discount to club members of 15% in-store and are currently looking into the possibility of applying this online. Happy shopping.

Plas y Brenin (National Outdoor Centre)



The Centre are putting on a series of FREE online talks discussing the topic of Winter skills. The first one takes place this Thursday at 19:30 and is on Winter Navigation. Subsequent talks will cover avalanche safety.

Registration is required. For more information visit: www.pyb.co.uk/events/

We put the full November Mapping report (prepared for the committee) in last week's newsletter. This was a bit over the top for a weekly bulletin. We won't put that much detail in again. Pete & Jane.

....and finally—

Another lockdown orienteering-themed baking extravaganza. This week's contribution is from Sophie Crawford who made these delicious looking peanut butter and choc chip cookies which I have on good authority were very yummy.

Anyone undertaking an orienteering baking project this week—photos please.

