



Spring Series - Thanks to Pete Nelson for last week's event at Blakeley Raise. For those on the Long course, there



was the added challenge of a window map, whereby most of the map was blanked out, with only the area around the control visible. Rising to the challenge was Jamie Rennie, who took the win, completing the 3.9km course in 32:07, with Charlie Rennie 2nd in 36:27, and Dan Heppell 3rd in 36:47. The rest of the top ten were, David Wilson 4th, Jacob Tonkin 5th, Caitlin Pearson 6th (1st lady), Stuart Crawford 7th, Jack Gilbert 8th, Daisy Rennie 9th (2nd lady) and Andrew Bradley. Ann Cummings was 11th (3rd lady).

On the standard 3km short course, Phil Blaylock took the win in 28:43, with Margaret MacKenzie 2nd in 32:09 and Pip Conlon 3rd in 32:19. The rest of the top ten were Roger Jackson 4th, Susan Skinner 5th, George Rennie 6th, Kyra Green 7th, Gerri Burgess (LOC) 8th and Nancy Powell Davies (BL) 9th (Full results are on the website).

This week's event is at Workington Moorclose Estate which will provide some fast sprint racing. Juniors aged over 14 can run either course unaccompanied but under 14s must be accompanied by an adult on both courses. As usual entries are open on Racesignup and close at 23:59 on Tuesday.

Other Upcoming Events

- 06/04/22 - The Helm (Spring Series -Event 1) (LOC) {Entries close 4th April - today}
- 09/04/22 - Hallin Fell (BL) - Entries are now open on SIEntries {Entries close 6th April }
- 23/04/22 - National event at Blakeholme -Lakeland Weekend Day 1 {Entries close 17th April}
- 24/04/22 - Cumbrian Galoppen at Loughrigg - Lakeland Weekend Day 2
- 07/05/22 - Bampton Common (BL)
- 08/05/22 - Lank Rigg Galoppen - Red team member to confirm whether you can help asap.



HELP NEEDED Keswick Mountain Festival is from Fri 20th May to Sun 22nd May this year. WCOOC will be joining in as last year with our regular weekly event on the Friday evening (instead of Thursday) and the Maze set up on the festival field at Crow Park across the weekend. Help needed for Friday evening event and to put up and then manage the Maze. Volunteers get access to the festival field during the day and can enjoy all that's on offer. Offers of help to Lynne Thomas or Steve Birkinshaw.

Members' News -



No doubt many of you have noticed the absence of Mike Pearson from recent events and results. Sadly Mike has an eye problem which has required an operation, so he will be out of action for a few months. I am sure you will all want to join me in wishing him well and we will look forward to seeing him out and about later in the year.

Also, welcome to some new members, Louise and Louis Stubbings, who you my already have met at some recent events. We look forward to seeing you at many more over the coming months.



Northumberland Spring Weekend

It was a busy weekend for several Club members but especially those juniors vying for selection to the Great Britain teams for the European Junior Orienteering Championships (Hungary, 2nd-4th July), the Junior World Orienteering Championships (Portugal, 11th-16th July) and the Junior European Cup (Germany, 30th September-2nd October). The races will also assist in making decisions on the invitations to the Pre-JWOC 2023 tour to Romania in the summer of 2022 and the make-up of the Talent Squads for the 2022/3 season. Applicable age classes are (M/W16-20).

The weekend kicked off with a Friday evening sprint in Cramlington. On W16, Daisy Rennie was 3rd, Eva Humphreys was 11th and Myrtle Ashworth was 12th. On W18, Emma Crawford was 6th and Issy Sunley was 8th. On the M20 course, Joe Sunley was 6th and Joe Hudd was 9th and on M16 Dan Heppell was 6th and Isaac Hunter was 9th. (Sophie Crawford too young for the selection race, nevertheless won her course).



Saturday saw the action move to Shaftoe Crag, an area of fast running open fell. Amongst the juniors there was some good, consistent running. On the Blue course M20, Joe Hudd was 8th and Joe Sunley was 9th, on the M16 Green course, Isaac Hunter was 8th and Dan Heppell was 10th. On the W18 Green course, Issy Sunley was 5th, and Emma Crawford 6th, and on the W16 Short Green course, Daisy Rennie was 6th, Myrtle Ashworth was 12th and Eva Hunphreys was 20th. On the M/W 14 Light Green course, Toby Heppell was 2nd and Sophie Crawford was 7th.



As a result of access issues at the original location, the Northern Champs took place on the Sunday at Dukeshouse Woods; blocks of open runnable woods, with some denser slower woodland. Clearings, rhododendron thickets, ponds, crags, pits and depressions. Top performer of the day was Jamie Rennie who returned home as the Club's only Northern Champion.(M50L). There were several other good per-



formances though, Toby was 7th on M14, Dan was 13th and Isaac 16th on M16, Joe Sunley was 7th and Joe Hudd 8th on M20, Scott Ashworth was 10th on M45L, Steve Birkinshaw was 5th on M21E, Sam McLoughlin was 1st on M18, Simon Hunter was 7th, Mike Harrison 15th, Steve Breeze 22nd and Stuart Crawford 25th on M50L, Martin Skinner was 17th and Alan Irving 23rd on M55L, Roger Thomas was 14th on M60L, Richard Cummings was 2nd on M60S, Dave Downes was 7th on M65L, and Bob Barnby was 5th on M70L.

On the women's courses, Sophie was 6th on W14, Daisy was 6th and Myrtle was 11th on W16, Issy was 5th and Emma 9th on W18E, Ange Jackson was 5th, Helen Rennie was 6th and Sally Heppell was 10th on W45L, Lynne Thomas was 11th and Alex Crawford 17th on W50L, Janette McHendry was 5th on W50S, Susan Skinner was 4th on W55L, Lesley Wornham was 1st on W65S and Liz Elliott was 2nd on W70L. (Apologies if I have missed anyone. Full results can be found on the NATO website). More selection races coming up at the JK so all to play for!

Postcard from Maderia

It's was always nice to hear what our Club members get up to on holiday and Trevor and Ros Earthy have had a lovely time in Maderia and managed to find some local schools' orienteering. This is what Trevor had to say:



We have done 4 full day levada walks...for our day off we walked along the coast...by loads of hotels...to Camara de Lobos, a fishing village that Sir Winston Churchill used to stay at. On the way there we came across this street Orienteering that had been set up for school children.

There were about a dozen controls and the kids were really enjoying it! That's me & Ros getting thoroughly soaked under the waterfall...we soon dried out!

