## Sweden vs. UK

Learning from the Scandinavians

## Structure

#### SOFT – Svenska Orienteringsforbundet

#### Regional Federations

Stockholms OF (StOF), Goteborg, Vastergotland, Bohuslan-Dal, Uppland,
 Gastrikland, Dalarna, Halsingland, Ostergotland, Sodermanland, Gotland,
 Jamtland-Harjedalen, Angermanland, Vasterbotton, Norrbotten, Skane, Blekinge,
 Halland, Smaland, Varmland, Orebro & Vastermanland.

#### Clubs

- 36 clubs in Stockholm County
- Most active perhaps: OK Ravinen, Tullinge SK, Jarfalla OK, Jarla OK, Sodertorn OK, Soders SOL, Bromma-Vallingby SoiK, Hellas SolK, IFK Lidingo, Taby OK....











## SOFT

- Solna, N Stockholm Office
  - Chairman & Board
- Mass re-organising for 2011, but in 2010...
  - Boss ie CEO Tom Hollowell
  - Finance Boss
  - Development
  - Child and Youth (Barn och ungdom)
  - Sport/Trail-O/Coaching
  - Naturpasset
  - Skogsaventyret
  - Individual Development
  - Elit & National Teams
  - Competition Development: O-ringen
  - Competition Questions/IT/Computers

#### New for 2011

- SOFT office re-organisation.
- Most interesting to see tow of previous list taking on responsibility for 2 of these.....
  - To develop district and club
    - Country split into 3
    - South/Mixed 1/Mixed 2 even populations?

## Offensiv Orientering

- Describes how you should orienteer in the forest and how SOFT works.
- Hold you head up
- Have a good plan and have thought ahead
- Simplify get to the main point don't get bogged down/distracted by the small details.
- Dare to be offensive! Do you best.
- Motivation and happiness up to individual to drive these forward.
- Feel the flow and that you are in harmony!
- Think what is offensive orienteering for you?





Offensiv orientering!

- Taken from SOFTs overall development plan.
- Splits 5 35s into groups.
- Note: No mention of Vets, etc.
- Child (Barn) Under 13
   "Orienteering is fun"





 Youth (Ungdom): 13 – 16 years. "I love orienteering and want to learn and train more."

Junior: 16 – 19 years
 – "I want to develop myself through orienteering."





 Young Senior – "I want to find my boundaries and achieve top form."

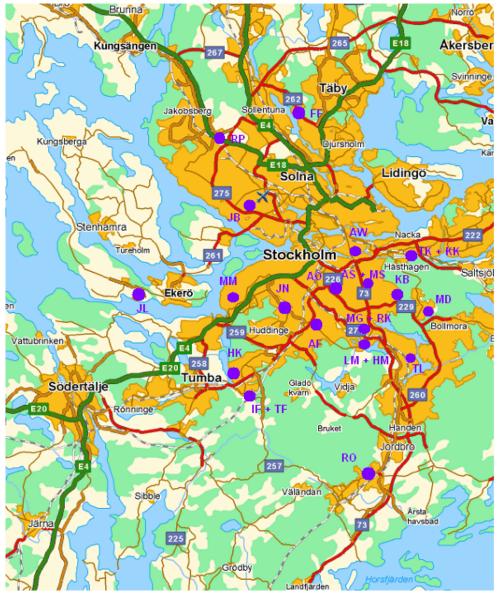


 Older Senior – I want to win WOC

## Orienteering Gymnasiums

- 16 19: 6<sup>th</sup> Form (3 years)
- 2 x National OLGYs Eksjo & Sandviken
- 10 x NIUs SOFT accredited Regional
- ? Number of Local Variants





JB = Jokim Berg

KB = Kalle Bergman

MD = Malin Dahlström

IF = Ida Forsén

TF = Tobias Forsén

AF = Annie Forsberg

FF = Frida Forshällen

MG = Magnus Glännefors

RK = Rasmus Knutmejer

HK = Hanna Käll

KK = Krister Kölzow

TK = Torbjörn Kölzow

TL = Tove Lagerberg

JL = Joel Lenell

HM = Helena Markstedt

LM = Louise Markstedt

MM = Mikael Mellberg

JN = Jonas Nordström

RO = Rickard Ohlsson

RP = Rasmus Palmqvist

AS = André Sahlsten

MS = Minna Sahlsten

AW = Axel Wrådhe

AÖ = Anette Önerud

## Benefits of OLGYs

- Timetabled O: Mon am Forest, Tues pm Theory, Thurs am Strength.
- Points for school 400pts Special Sport! (700 at Riks)
- In Stockholm, means you can stay at home. Elsewhere, relocate to go to OLGY.
- Stockholm OLGYs complement Club Training.
- Enables you to combine studying for A-levels and train for your Sport.
- Farsta Gymnasium offers: O, Football, Handball, Innebandy, Basketball, Golf, Horse-Riding Sport!
- (You can essentially have any sport Mora has a Ski-Orienteering Gymnasium. Farsta has/is wondering about Rock-climbing and MTB)
- School system is more flexible in Sweden to allow for broader studies and Dept. of Education (Skolverket) sets policy on 'Special Idrott'. 3 years helps! However, is it too 'noddy' getting credits/points for your sport?

## Strength Training Thursday: 8 – 10 Location: Ping-pong hall!







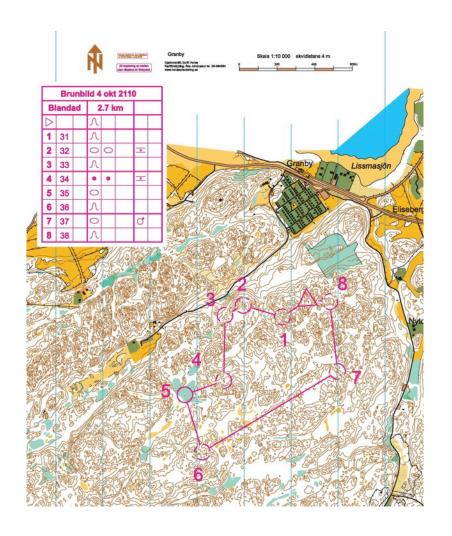


#### **NIU Accreditation**

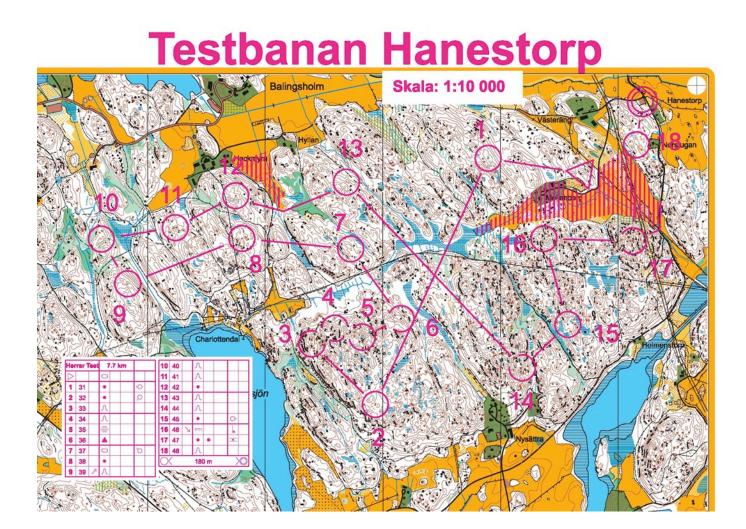
- 24 students 2 staff minimum (m + f) on 100% timetable – Trained up to GTU3.
- Free access to indoor training. Health facilities & checks. Accommodation available.
- Regular following and coaching in forest and following up by 1-to-1 meetings.
   Personal Development plans. Evaluations.
   Etc.

## Forest Session - Examples

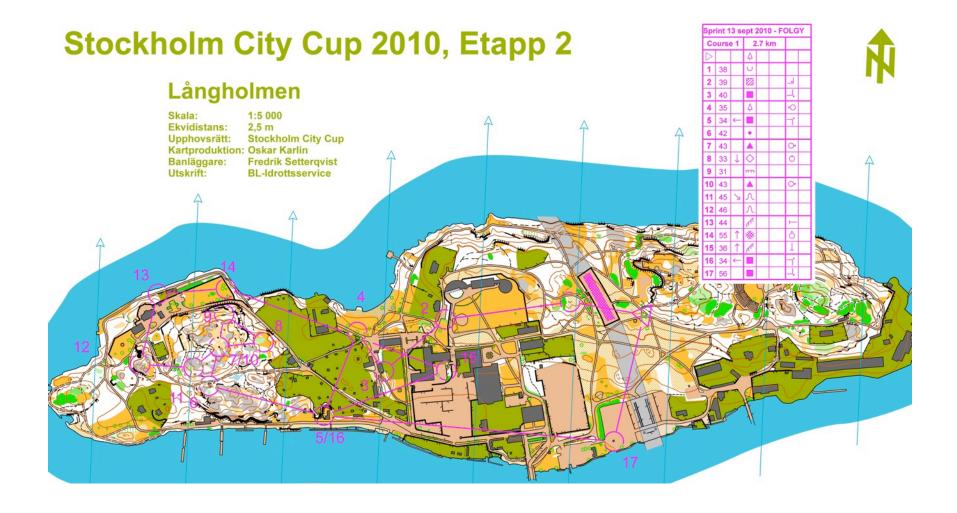
- Mondays 8 1130
- Minibuses hired or take public transport.
- TD 4 & 5 skills focus.
- Variety of location.
- Shadowing if possible.
- Open door policy for guests.
- PM details on website www.farstaolgymnasium. se
- Food after fruit & roll.



## Test Course - Men



## Mondays can be Sprint training too.



## Naturpasset

- Like POCs but for summer: May Sept. Controls are paper. Change every year – avoid tracking + vary challenge. Sold by club(s) at profit.
- National advertisement SOFT pushes this for newcomers. Enjoy being out in the forest finding controls.
- SOFT sees Naturpassat as priority to attract newcomers.
- Sponsorship from Sveaskog (Like FC) to produce map packets, and for companies too – give them 'off the shelf' team building exercise for eg.
- Next stage is to get them going to easy competitions and joining a club.
- SOFT focuses of recruitment and retention of children and the young through the following chain: 'Beautiful interest' – possibility to learn more – come to simple fun competitions – become a member in a club and 'togetherness'

#### www.hittaut.se

- A part of Naturpasset
- Started as a pilot in Jönköping & Huskvarna under 2008/2009. Local O clubs produce and hand out maps. Local sponsorship.
- First to try was Jarla in Nacka every property got the map – heavily sponsored.
- Hittaut evenings arranged in summer using some of the posts.

## Coach Training

- SOFT has a goal of providing a complete range of Coach training from Club to Elite. Model has special focus on leadership, learning style, technical training, physical training and mental factors. Coach training is divided into 4 steps with each stage directed at a specific target group: barntränarutbildning, ungdomstränarutbildning, juniortränarutbildning och elittränarutbildning.
- Child Coach contains orienteering technical ability from green to yellow level.
- Youth Coach contains technical level orange to black and physical training for Youths : 16 19.
- **Junior Coach** new and being piloted starting march 2011 giving the coach tools to maximise athletes orienteering knowledge and physical abilities.
- **Elite Coach –** organised by SISU National Sports Federation after having done the first 3 stages, you can do this individual ie you do some research and present it.
- Each stage builds on the last but if you already have knowledge of the other areas, you can choose a specific training depending on who you work with in the club.
- GTU 1 & GTU 2 (New(ish)) 3 stages above to replace? & GTU 3 (Elit)
- Conferences for everything Elite every year lecture based.
- Child, Youth, Club Chairman! Mapping, Planning.....
- Coach forums usual organised in association with a FCC, Swedish Cup/Champs. Race weekend. – Usually several hous in the evening at the weekend – expert speaker on a current topic – lead to discussion and reflection.

## Child & Youth Conference

- Every year SOFT organised this conference with the aim of inspiring and educating leaders for district and club leaders.
  - I år genomförs konferensen helgen den 5-6 februari i Haninge.

#### Lördag (6 februari)

11.30 Inledning

- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 Ledare f\u00f6r barn och ungdomar idrottsr\u00f6relsens viktigaste uppgift.
  - Föreläsare Karin Redelius, vice ordförande i Riksidrottsförbundet, och forskare och lärare inom barn och ungdom vid GIH, Stockholm.
- 14.30-16.00 Is the Zlatan mentality on it's way into orienteering.
- Ett pass där vi diskuterar normer och värderingar inom orientering med ett barn- och ungdomsperspektiv. Processledare Holger Björklund, coach och beteendevetare m.m.
- 16.00 Fika
- 16.30 Från att gå på orientering till att bli orienterare.

Föreläsare Lena Sundqvist, Tullinge SK, är en av nyckelpersonerna som ligger bakom Tullinges fantastiska ungdomsverksamhet. Göran Hellgren, eldsjäl i OK Södertörn, en klubb som har lyckats med vuxenrekrytering.

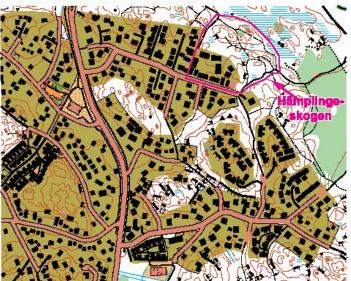
- 18.30 Practical outdoors
- 20.00 Dinner
- · Söndag (7 februari)
  - 7.30 Frukost
- 8.30 **Skattjakten** nytt material från Svenska Orienteringsförbundet
- 9.00 Distriktsledarkonferens
- 9.00 Workshop 1
- 10.15 Fika samt utcheckning
- 10.45 Workshop 2
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 Våga vara den du är! Föreläsare Holger Björklund.
- 14.30 Fika och avslutning
- Valbara worshops
  - 1. Från ledstång till vildmark. Övergången från gul till orange svårighetsnivå är ofta ett stort steg att ta. Du får tips på vad du ska tänka på som banläggare och även förslag på övningar. Föreläsare är Lars Greilert som är ansvarig för utbildning på Svenska Orienteringsförbundet.
- 2. Äventyret i Bombmurkland. Äventyret i Bombmurkland är ett nybörjarmaterial som passar in i klubbverksamheten. Samtidigt som barnen lockas in i äventyret får de en första träning i att förstå och använda en karta.
  - Föreläsare Karin Elfving, författare till materialet och kreativ ledare i IK Jarl.
- 3. ORK-projektet. ORK står för ORientering i Kristianstad och är ett samarbete mellan orienteringsföreningarna i Kristianstad. Projektet går ut på att "lyfta" orienteringsundervisningen i kommunens skolor. Föreläsare Niklas Nilsson projektledare.

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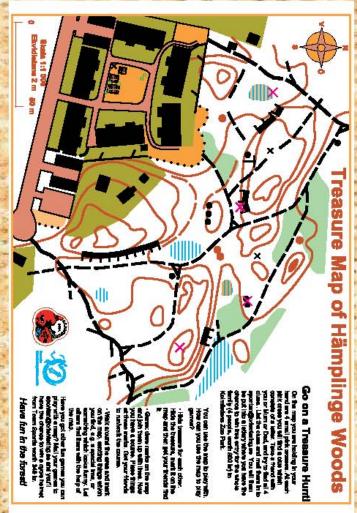
# WHERE DO YOU LIVE? Your house is on this map - where is it? Where do your filends live? Turn the map over and find tressure in Hämplinge Wood. We need your enswere by the X July at the latest if you want to be part of the prize lottery. The winners will be notified by mall and on the OK Ravinen website. If you want to take part in a fun and fough sport where adventure, problem solving and friendships are involved, surf into www.ravinen.org





Sportsmeous orienteering is a project where the aim is to encourage many to discover how fun it is to use a map and play in the outdoors. The project is a pilot acheme and a partnership between the Stockholm Orienteering Club OK Ravinen and the Swedish Orienteering Federation (SOFT). If you have any questions about the project, you are welcome to contact carl-johan thoreligiporientering se





## **StOF**

- Office in Stockholm Sports Building in Solna, N Stockholm, opposite SOFT.
- Full time employee: Lars Forsberg i/c Junior, Youth, Maps, Competitions, and anything else
- 25% Admin & Finance: Merja Bjork
- Employing another Talent Developer
  - 50% at first. Then 100%.
  - 50%: Help with OLGYs
  - Help develop 14-15 project, provide weekly training for StOF clubs.
  - StOF been slow to develop. Big region but Strong clubs, weak Board.

## StOF activity

- 13 14 Project
- 15 16 Project
  - Monthly gatherings/trips/USM training camp
- Junior Project eg JWOC Selection race trip
- Open Camps/Talks, etc.
  - SM (Swedish Training Camp)
  - Ski Trip

## Clubs: Case Study: OK Ravinen

- 60 year old club
- Club hut 15 minutes on bus from central Stockholm Hellasgarden
- 200 active members
- 2010 Stockholm Junior League Winners
- Demographics cyclical big 21 hole at mo.
- Organises major events: Summer Evening 3 Days, Spring Ranking event, MTB event (Hammarby Hill Climb), Stockholm 6hr. Rogaine, Various others, eg Night DM (District Champs.) 2011, 25 Manna every 5 years.



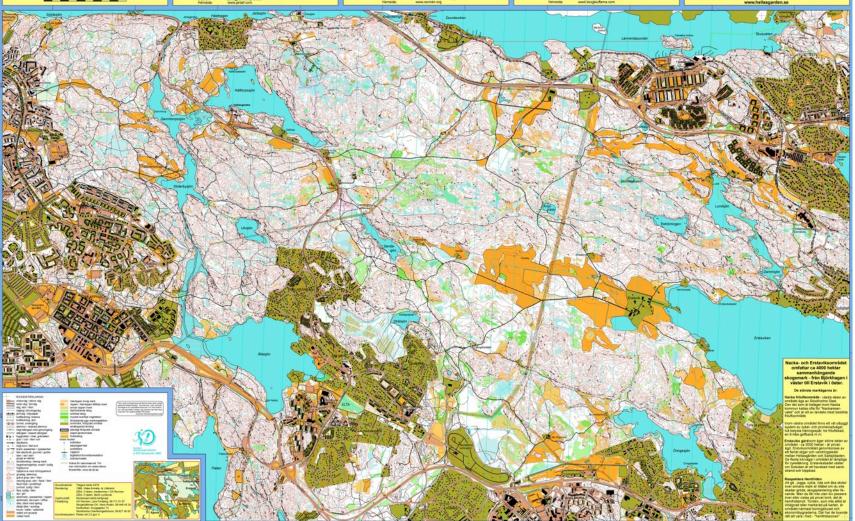








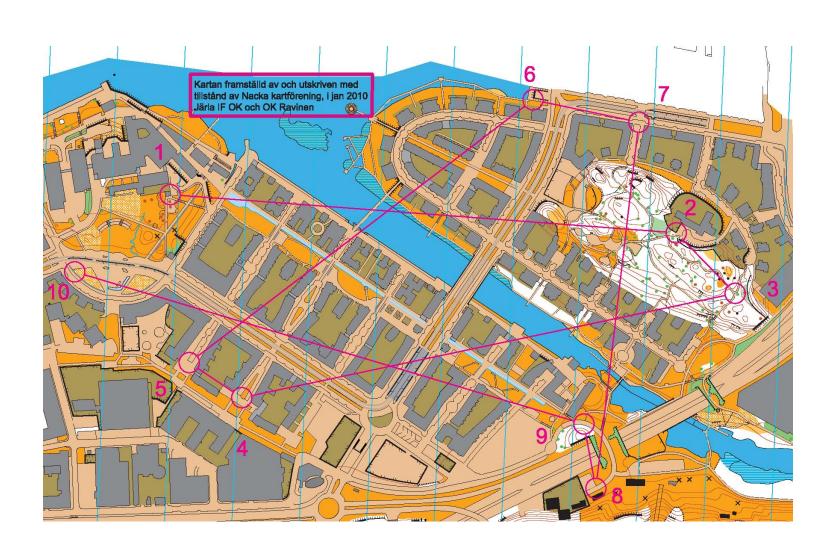




## Training in OK Ravinen.

- Training in groups colours. White/Yellow/Orange/14-16, Over 16, Adult.
- Planned sessions from clubhut older club members help out on a rota basis.
- Coaching committee, headed by Club Coach plans strategy. Other members plan & carry out exercises.
- Training sessions planned by Juniors too. Tuesday in winter is from a club members house – food – 25sek.
- Permissions/Risk Assessments/Access less of an issue.
- Maps printed in house at Gunnars.
- Have to note Hunters/embargoes.
- Some training together with other clubs but not often. New StOF employee hoped to help collaboration between clubs.
- KM Club Championships: U/L, Long, Middle, Sprint, Night, Terrain, MTBO (first time in 2010), Skid-O, normal XC Ski.
- Klubblistan Lots of prizes.
- Junior League

#### Eg of Tuesday Winter 'Hemma hos XXXX Training: Stads-OL Intervals – Over 16s



## The End

- Sweden has lots of terrain, more O aware population – better press. Fewer restrictions on access/partcipation. More clubs. BUT has 9 million population, much larger country. They are on of the top nations.
- What can we learn/use/take from them? Can what they do be used in the UK – no doubt adapted for the UK O way of life?
- Good luck.

