

Mike's eNews – 18 July 2014

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As always, feel free to forward this eNews to your members.

National Office relocation

It now looks as though we will be moving into the new office towards the end of September. Hopefully the move will save on some of our costs and in the longer term the savings should be considerable.

We will of course let you know the details once we have confirmed our moving date. In the meantime we continue to operate out of our current offices as normal.

Staff Update

The Marketing Manager role is now being advertised fairly widely, if any of our members have the skills required and are interested please give the office a ring.

The Performance Manager role will be advertised during the week commencing Monday 21 July. The summary of the role is:

“To take a lead role within the organisation in developing and delivering a robust, effective Performance Pathway focussed on creating sustained podium success at the World Orienteering Championships.”

This is a full time role, funded by Sport England as a part of their ‘Talent’ initiative.

Hopefully there are members that will be interested in the position and have the skills, knowledge and experience that will make them strong candidates for the role.

Our staff diagram is published on the web site for those interested.

Insurance Cover

There has been continual email traffic regarding the '3 events, come and try it' aspect of our public liability insurance cover.

The situation remains the same, under our cover the following applies:

- a) The club and its officials will be covered for public liability insurance regardless of the non-members situation
- b) All members participating or volunteering to organise etc will be covered
- c) Non-members will be covered by public liability for 3 events.

It is clear that one thing you can do and probably should do is make it clear to non-members in a disclaimer that, if they have already tried orienteering 3 times, they may not be covered by the British Orienteering Public Liability insurance.

Similarly we will be adding a disclaimer statement to our template Standard Entry Form published on the web for non-members entering events.

One other insurance matter confirmed this last week is that our Public Liability insurance will also cover events organised by members of British Orienteering anywhere in the European Union. So a club based in Northern Ireland can organise an event that crosses into Ireland or is entirely staged in Ireland.

Club & Association Conference

A reminder to put the Conference in your club diaries for Saturday 25th October at the NFU Mutual headquarters near Stratford. The focus of the Conference will be 'Local Events' and we've had several offers from members to share successes they have had.

As indicated in the last eNews, if you have other matters you would like to discuss which you feel will be of interest to other clubs and associations please let us know as a matter of urgency and definitely before the end of July please.

Board Meeting, Saturday 21 June 2014

For those interested the minutes to the meeting are now published [here](#).

Sport England Satellite Clubs

Sport England's Satellite Clubs funding programme provides funding for clubs to set up and deliver regular (weekly) participation opportunities for young people aged 11 to 25 in community facilities in every county across England.

This is an opportunity for clubs in England to develop club nights to recruit new young members alongside existing members in that age range. If you or someone within your club is interested in exploring this opportunity please contact Craig Anthony canthony@britishorienteering.org.uk.

Talent & Performance

The World Orienteering Championships have just finished, with GBR coming away with 7 top twenty places but unfortunately no top 10 places in the individual competitions. The top twenty places consisted of: Tessa Hill (12th in the Sprint), Claire Ward (12th in the Middle), Hector Haines (12th in the Middle), Murray Strain (13th in the Sprint), Kristian Jones (18th in the Sprint), Catherine Taylor (19th in the Long) and Graham Gristwood (20th in the Long). The women's Relay team finished 6th and the men's 7th.

I hope you enjoyed the coverage of WOC on our web site, thanks go to those that produced it or contributed to producing it.

With only a year to go before our home WOC 2015 there is clearly a lot of training and work to be done to maximise opportunities for our GBR athletes to win medals and podium places. I suspect the time will go quickly!

The Junior World Orienteering Championship team has now departed for Borovets, Bulgaria with competitions between 21st and 28th July. We wish the team well in what is a great opportunity to perform well and learn for the future.

Once JWOC is finished we will be reviewing our organisation, preparation and performances at both WOC and JWOC with a view to producing a draft programme for 2015 during September.

Good news in the second round of the MTB-O World Cup in Sweden organized in conjunction with the biggest orienteering event in the world: O-Ringen. Congratulations to Emily Benham, GBR, who won the Middle distance race by over a minute.

Great news also for John Crosby who won a Bronze medal in the Paralympic class of the PreO competition at the World TrailO Championships in Italy.

You can find more details of all of these performance in the news items published on our web site.