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Chairman's Chat

Club mates,

Orienteering is gradually awakening from lockdown and the monthly newsletter is back to its longer format with David Float providing most of the content. The picture is still mixed and subject to rapid change so please plan ahead, by pre-entering events and then checking on websites for last minute changes before you travel. All orienteering events are subject to risk assessments and their organisation will include extra precautions to reduce the covid risk. Although you can now travel beyond just local events it is still important to minimise the health risk from mixing and therefore you must form your own view on what type of orienteering events you wish to attend and how far you wish to travel to them.

HAVOC is doing its bit to offer safe orienteering experiences at events, virtual and permanent orienteering courses, and individual training activities. During the next few months, we are offering 8 street-O-style events in partnership with our neighbouring club SOS, 5 MapRun one-hour score courses and a traditional forest-style event at Hadleigh Park on 23rd May. Do come along and get back into orienteering locally this Spring and early Summer.

MapRun events currently offer runs through public streets using street-O style maps which may not appeal to some of you. Therefore, David Float and I are investigating the use of MapRun software to offer courses on our normal forest-style maps so you can orienteer away from streets using a smart phone to seek unmarked virtual controls whenever it suits you. We are looking at Hornchurch Park and Weald Park as trial areas so watch out for these innovations later this year.

Regards
Paul Beckett
HAVOC Chairman

Commentary by David Float

Our Next Events

So, we are back into orienteering after lockdown, and a month in we have still got events to go to. In fact, there is a plethora of local events, and virtual events. These remain as pre-entry only, as restrictions on numbers and requirements for covid restrictions and controls, so make sure you plan ahead if you intend to enter any events.

HAVOC have played their part in the orienteering restart, hosting an event a month in the SOS/HAVOC midweek Street O evening series. This series started with an SOS event in Chelmsford, followed by a HAVOC event in Brentwood North. There were 43 entrants at Chelmsford, and another 25 or so at Brentwood. Future events continue that SOS/HAVOC split – each club hosting one event every four weeks, giving an event every other week. HAVOC ones coming up are at Brentwood South, Billericay and Stanford Le Hope.

We also have a regional event coming up at Hadleigh Country Park on May 23rd. This event will also include the Yvette Baker Heat. Look out for entry details on the website soon.

HAVOC have also been active in setting up MapRun Courses that can be run at any time. This was useful for individual exercise during lockdown, but can now be done for training and individual competitive runs. We are intending to make this a “league” series, and any runs that are completed before this is launched will count for the league. We are also currently investigating the possibility of setting up a couple of park/wood based courses to give a bit of variety from the street based events. More details on those will be available next month.

Volunteer planners and organisers, or people to assist with course planning or organising, are always welcome for the street orienteering and forest orienteering events. Please contact the club secretary, Colin Jackson (secretary@orienteering-havoc.co.uk) for more information or to volunteer.

Details for future HAVOC events and those of neighbouring clubs are on the HAVOC website. However, they are at present liable to change at short notice.

Last Month's Review

As we came out of lockdown right at the end of March, the last month has seen a few events put on in our two local regions. I counted 13 events during April, of which HAVOC had runners at 7. It has been great to see so many of HAVOC members get back out into the forests and streets, and in those 7 events 16 different members have had at least one run. Guy led the way with six runs, Dale entered 5, and Hugo had four runs in the month. The Danbury event, at neighbours SOS, attracted 12 runners, and the HH at Verulamium (St. Albans), just a week after events restarted, attracted 11.

We also had a number of virtual events to go to. These are pretty much all run on MapRun now, this software seems to have established itself as the go to mobile orienteering solution. There are quite a few courses available for anytime orienteering, but a number of our local series are also being hosted as anytime series this year.

The CHIG Central Line Street O is on MapRun this year. Six courses, all starting at Central Line station locations, and all courses are free and available until July 31st. This year, we have courses at Bethnal Green, Loughton, Leyton, Leytonstone, Wanstead and Woodford. All are 60 min score events.

MoleValley's street O series which was half way through when the last lockdown was announced, have released their last three courses for a one month period. These all count towards the league, although are a bit further from HAVOC territory at Epsom, Old Malden and Tolworth.

DFOK have continued their one event a month series. This month's was at Foots Cray Meadows – exclusively in the park and woods. The controls seemed to “ping” quite well, although most were in more open areas, and I did have trouble with one under the trees near the river.

SUFFOC have been running a series of events a bit further north past Ipswich mainly, so I haven't got to any of those. Similarly with the HH series of anytime Street O events.

Let me know if you have been active in any of the various MapRun events, and I will be sure to add it to next month's newsletter.

Team HAVOC and Club League

Obviously there have been no opportunities for Team HAVOC over the last few months. However, looking forward, we have a restart of the SE league, with draft fixtures set, but the EA League is still suspended at this time. The annual Compass Sport Cup and Trophy looks like it is having a year off in 2021, as the 2020 final is scheduled for later this year. And, hold tight, but it looks like the GLOSS series may be back this year. There are currently two events on the schedule, from LOK and HH, both north of the river. Three more likely to be added, and I will give a full preview to the series next month. We are the three times defending champs, so this is our opportunity to ensure we stay as the top club in London and the South East. Make sure you are free for the five weekends (normally last one or two in June and then through July) before the Scottish 6 Days in August.

We will restart the HAVOC league next month once the fixture list is a little more populated. As a reminder, I schedule in a variety of local events from the team and individual leagues, over various disciplines including line, score, forest, street, day, night, but also take into account any event where HAVOC have 6 or more participants.

Relay Entries

I haven't seen any of the main relay events reestablished on the fixture list yet, but as always, contact [Guy](#) well ahead of the events if you are interested in running in a relay for HAVOC so he has time to sort out teams.

This Month's Highlights

The now usual mix of traditional and virtual events this month. As mentioned previously, HAVOC have a couple of events – an evening street O in the SOS/HAVOC series at Brentwood South, and a traditional event at Hadleigh Country Park. There are 13 events currently scheduled for this month, as listed below. In addition, we have the start of the Park O series, jointly hosted by SLOW, DFOK, LOK and MV, which this year are in a virtual format, one event every two weeks. The events for May are Brockwell Park and Hyde Park. Don't forget the CHIG Central Line Street O series as previously mentioned, and the last two weeks of the MV Street O series.

Local Fixtures

These are the fixtures in our two regional associations for this month. This is taken from the BOF website, but please check before travelling to any, in case of last minute changes. And, please

remember that all events are pre-entry only at the moment, and entries may close early if restricted entry levels are reached.

Sun 02/05/21	SMOC members only local event	Local	SMOC	Shenley Wood	
Tue 04/05/21	SOS-HAVOC Welcome Back (again) mid-week series No3	Local	SOS	Heybridge	
Sat 08/05/21	HH Saturday Series Nomansland	Local	HH	Nomansland	
Sun 09/05/21	SLOW OK Nuts Winterfold	Regional	SLOW	Winterfold	
Sat 15/05/21	Park-O Cherry Hinton Hall Park	Local	WAOC	Cherry Hinton Hall Park	
Sat 15/05/21	DFOK Spring Event 2	Local	DFOK	Cobham & West Kent Downs	
Sat 15/05/21	Bluebell Bash	Local	GO	The Chantries	
Sat 15/05/21	SO Local (SOG) event	Local	SO	Borde Hill	
Sun 16/05/21	Maldon Urban	Regional	SOS	Maldon	
Sun 16/05/21	SAX Local event	Local	SAX	Angley	
Tue 18/05/21	HAVOC/SOS Mid-Week Orienteering - Event 4	Local	HAVOC	Brentwood South	HAVOC Event
Sun 23/05/21	Hadleigh Country Park	Regional	HAVOC	Hadleigh Country Park	HAVOC Event
Sun 30/05/21	SAX SE League event	National	SAX	Chilham & Challock	
Tue 01/06/21	SOS-HAVOC Welcome Back (again) mid-week series No5	Local	SOS	TBD	
Sat 05/06/21	HH Saturday Series Stanborough	Local	HH	Stanborough	
Sat 05/06/21	SO Local (SOG) event	Local	SO	Windlesham House School	
Sun 06/06/21	Orwell Country Park Summer Series	Local	SUFFOC	Orwell Country Park	
Sat 12/06/21	DFOK Spring Event 3	Local	DFOK	Lullingstone	
Sun 13/06/21	SOS The Broaks	Regional	SOS	Gosfield	
Sun 13/06/21	SMOC local event – Loughton Valley Park	Local	SMOC	Loughton Valley Park	
Sun 13/06/21	SO National Event / SE League - Oldhouse Warren, Crawley from 16/5	National	SO	Oldhouse Warren & Cowdray Forest	
Tue 15/06/21	HAVOC/SOS Mid-Week Orienteering - Event 6	Local	HAVOC	Billericay	HAVOC Event

Links:

HAVOC website	www.orienteering-havoc.co.uk
HAVOC facebook page Club/277659605610134	www.facebook.com/pages/Havering-South-Essex-Orienteering-Club/277659605610134
EAOA website	http://eaoa.org.uk/
SEOA website	https://www.seoa.org.uk/
British Orienteering	www.britishorienteering.org.uk
Fabian4 (entries)	www.fabian4.co.uk
The Orienteering Foundation	www.orienteeringfoundation.org.uk
Street-O style basemaps	www.openstreetmap.org