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Our Next Event

AGM – Thursday 12 October 2017 – at 21 Weald Close Brentwood, CM14 4QU – starting at 8pm

Langdon Hills Country Park
Sunday 5th November 2017

Volunteer planners and organisers or people to assist with course planning or organising are required for this and future events – Contact Janet Biggs fixtures@orienteering-havoc.co.uk if you would like more information.

Details for all future HAVOC events are on the HAVOC website.

Last Month's Review

Weald Pak was the setting for our event this month, and it attracted 185 runners, over the 8 courses planned by Rachel McTurk. Despite some problems with a mis-placed control (probably caused by the hungry herds of deer in the park eating the marker tape), the weather held and the courses were well received, so all the hard work put in by Rachel, Paul Beckett, Colin Jackson, and the other HAVOC helpers - Doug McTurk, Barbara Beckett, Graham Batty, Janet Biggs, Tony Biggs, Dale Bennett, Chris Shaw and Mike Muggeridge, was well worth it. The event was the first in the SWELL series this season, as well as featuring in the EA League. Mike Muggeridge won the Blue, beating Richard Wilkes into second, for the first HAVOC 1-2 of the year!

The week before saw the most HAVOC members running in an event that I can ever remember! 19 made the short trip across Essex to the SOS event at Hockley Woods. Yes, 19!! Amelie Maule-Lidbury had her first event, going around the Yellow, with brothers Hugo and Charlie. Good to see the future of HAVOC getting out into the forests. Mike Muggeridge got another top 5 finish, this time second round the Blue. This time it was Paul Beckett as the closest HAVOC competitor, as he got fifth. We also had two top five finishes on the Green, Chris Shaw with third, and Chris Burgues in fifth.

In the last weekend of the month, HAVOC helped out at the British Sprint Championships in Milton Keynes. Mike Muggeridge won the M55B class and Chris Shaw had a non-competitive helpers' run in the finals. There were over 850 entries in total, so I am sure the band of HAVOC helpers were kept busy.

In the BOF ranking list, HAVOC had a good month, as the Scottish 6 Day points came through. 18 of the 25 HAVOC members improved their ranking in the month. Richard Wilkes and Doug McTurk

were the biggest improvers, and Mike Muggeridge stays as the best placed HAVOC member. We now have 3 of the top 1000 runners in the country.

There were 24 events in the EA and SE regions this month, and HAVOC had participants in 10 of them, racking up 42 runs for 21 different members. Mike had the most appearances with 6, followed by Chris Shaw and myself with 5 each.

Team HAVOC

Our own Weald Park event was the EAL event of the month, so we did well there with eight runners. Mike Muggeridge, Andrew Welsh and Garry Parmenter made the trip up for the Caddihoe Chase in Hayle, and the British Sprint Champs rounded out the UKOL for this month.

The new participation league season is now up to 15 events and is led by Janet Biggs on 7, though defending champ, Mike Muggeridge moves to within one.

Just the one event this month, the EAL at Brandon, which is also in the HAVOC league.

The next events are:

29/10/2017	Brandon Country Park (WAOC)	EAL
04/11/2017	Southampton (SOC)	Southern Champs Weekend Urban Race (UKOL)
05/11/2017	South Central (SOC)	November Classic and Southern Championships (UKOL)

The participation league is based on EA League, SE League, UKOL, UK Relay League, and other local team events.

Club League

Busy month for the league this month, as there were three events, including the SOS event which had the most HAVOC runners I think I can ever remember at an event not hosted by us. Ahead of that there was the sprint in Brighton where I was the only HAVOC, and the London urban where we had four runners. Down in Brighton, I managed to turn my ankle again on the way to registration from the car park! So, I was never going to trouble the leaders, and I made enough little mistakes on the courses to reinforce that fact.

Mike then got the first of his two 110 point events at the London Urban. He was the only HAVOC runner to beat his target time, a feat he repeated the following week at Hockley Woods.

Those two top scores moves Mike to joint top of the league with Chris Shaw, as we now take the top two scores from the 4+3 events in the league so far this season.

There are three events in October, with an urban in Whitstable, a SWELL in Birchanger Woods and an EAL in Brandon.

I've had a good search through the fixtures to try to complete the fixture list for the league this season. And, it hasn't been easy! Firstly, trying to fit in the two EA League events, I had to go for the NOR event, which is a bit further afield, but there does not seem to be any suitable events in the New Year yet. Now, putting that one in, it knocks out the possibility of the WAOC night event the day before. And with MV seemingly taking the Holmbush event off the calendar, I am left with no weekend night events to pick from. So, I am going to have to put two midweek events in instead. There are two series to pick from, a CHIG Street O series, based around the Central line, and the SAX organised Kent Night Cup, which includes DFOK hosted events. So, one from each, and pick a forest event in the KNC to give some variety. Most of the DFOK KNC events are street, or further away from Essex, and as midweek, want to get it as close as possible. So that means there is only really the Fooks Cray Meadows event on 7th December to go for. That does mean there are three league events in eight days, but it is the best I can do at the moment. The DFOK KNC for the New Year are not yet announced, so if there is a better option I will change it when they are announced. There are several CHIG series events on their calendar (not the BOF one), but no locations so far. So, I will put one in in the New Year. Finally, we need another score event, to round out the fixtures for this season. We

have the SE Score champs already, so looking at the other score events, and think best to hold out for a DFOK score event early next year. The fixtures are not yet announced, but the NWK series normally starts in March, so we should have two or three opportunities. As they are on a Saturday, even in the worst-case scenario there won't be a clash with any other league event. So, looking at the final fixture list we have coverage of orienteering disciplines, competitions and mostly clubs. We only have one event from LOK, but they have nothing else on their fixture list, so have substituted for CHIG and DFOK.

The full league schedule is included in the spreadsheet attachment, but the next few are:

Oct-08	Whitstable	Urban	SAX
Oct-15	Birchanger Woods	SWELL	CHIG
Oct-29	Brandon	EAL	WAOC

Relay Entries

The main relay events will be back next year!

This Month's Highlights

Three HAVOC league events this month, the last also being an EAL event at Brandon, as that league reaches its penultimate event for this season. Night orienteering continues with the Kent Night Cup along with first events on the streets for CHIG's Central Line series, and LOK's London night street series.

Local Fixtures

Forthcoming local fixtures, over the next six weeks are listed below. Distance seems to have been removed from the majority of events on the BOF website, so I am now just listing events in the SEOA and EAOA. Please check before travelling to any, in case of last minute changes.

Thu 05/10/17	DFOK Kent Night Cup	DFOK	Hucking	Maidstone	
Sat 07/10/17	HH Saturday League & Youth League	HH	Rothamsted	Harpenden	
Sat 07/10/17	SAX Middle Distance	SAX	Kings Wood Challock	Ashford	
Sat 07/10/17	SO - SOG A3 - Great Walstead School & Henfield Wood	SO	Great Walstead School & Henfield Wood	Lindfield, Haywards Heath	
Sun 08/10/17	SUFFOC King's Forest Colour Coded	SUFFOC	King's Forest	Thetford	
Sun 08/10/17	SAX Urban event	SAX	Whitstable	Whitstable	HAVOC League
Tue 10/10/17	London Night Street O Series race	LOK	Tufnell Park	London	
Thu 12/10/17	SAX Kent Night Cup (Street)	SAX	Ashford	tbc	

Sat 14/10/17	SAX Kent Orienteering League	SAX	Trosley CP	tbc	
Sun 15/10/17	SMOC Keyne-O, Campbell Park	SMOC	Campbell Park	Milton Keynes	
Sun 15/10/17	NOR colour coded	NOR	Pretty Corner	Sheringham	
Sun 15/10/17	SO - level C (incorporating SO champs) - Devils Dyke, north of Brighton & Hove	SO	Devils Dyke	nr A23 / A27, north of Brighton & Hove	
Sun 15/10/17	Local/ SWELL event	CHIG	Birchanger Woods	Bishop's Stortford	HAVOC League
Thu 19/10/17	SAX Kent Night Cup	SAX	Scotney	tbc	
Sun 22/10/17	Mole Valley District Event	MV	Epsom Downs	Epsom	
Tue 24/10/17	MV Street O	MV	Leatherhead	Leatherhead	
Thu 26/10/17	SAX Kent Night Cup	SAX	Hindleap	tbc	
Thu 26/10/17	Central line StreetO series.	CHIG	????????	London	
Sat 28/10/17	Cambridge City Race 2017	CUOC	Department of Engineering	Cambridge	
Sun 29/10/17	GO Ambersham Autumn Dash	GO	Ambersham Common	Midhurst	
Sun 29/10/17	WAOE East Anglian League event	WAOE	Mile End Industrial Estate	Brandon	EAL, HAVOC League
Sat 04/11/17	HH Saturday League & Youth League	HH	Stanborough	tbc	
Sun 05/11/17	HAVOC Langdon Hills Colour Coded event	HAVOC	Langdon Hills Country Park	Basildon	HAVOC event
Thu 09/11/17	SAX Kent Night Cup	SAX	Kings Wood Challock	tbc	
	DFOK KOL 3				

Sat 11/11/17		DFOK	Shorne Woods CP	Gravesend	
Sat 11/11/17	SE Night Champs	SN	Alice Holt	Farnborough	
Sun 12/11/17	NOR colour coded	NOR	NT Blickling Estate	Aylsham	
Sun 12/11/17	SO - level C - venue TBC	SO	TBC	TBC	
Tue 14/11/17	SLOW Street O Series	SLOW	Hammersmith	tbc	

Other News

Dates for Diaries:

- Sunday 5th November 2017 - HAVOC's next event – Langdon Hills
- Next SWELL event -
- Sunday 11th March 2018 - CompassSport Cup/Trophy Round, Shouldham Warren
- TBA Spring 2018 - HAVOC Annual Dinner

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