

## **CHIG club newsletter issue 2: Autumn 2021**

We hope you are well, had a pleasant summer and have been able to get out orienteering since the restart of events earlier this year! With signs of Autumn now very much visible, there are a host of orienteering events over the coming weeks and months, including our club championships later this month and our principal club-organised event of the year, The Michael Brandon Mitre, in early December. Read on for further details of these, results from our Virtual Central Line StreetO series earlier this year, a reminder of club training events and news of club member Donatas's experience at the European Deaf Orienteering Championships in Lithuania last month.

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### **Recent events: Wanstead Park and Epping Forest South East**

It's been great to have organized two forest / park events so far this year and we are very grateful for all of the club members who kindly volunteered to make both events, in Wanstead Park in July and in Epping Forest South East earlier this month, a success. Despite at times patchy weather, the Epping Forest South East event attracted almost 90 competitors with lots of very positive comments about the courses and the event. Thank you to Tony for planning, Ray for organizing and for everyone who volunteered on the day.

### **Central Line Virtual StreetO 2021 results**

Following on from our virtual street orienteering series based around Central Line underground stations, organised using the MapRun app and held between January and July, we are delighted to announce the female and male series champions. With the championships based on competitors' best 4 results from the 6 events, Andrea Waller's 3 victories were enough to give her a 4-point lead over Jayne Browne in the Women's competition. Things were similarly close in the Men's competition, with 8 points separating the top 3 competitors. However, thanks to wins on the Bethnal Green, Leyton and Leytonstone course, CHIG's Adam Dent managed to secure the top spot from Keith Bennett. Congratulations to Andrea and Adam! Please see the club website for full results.

### **CHIG 2021 Club Championships to be held on 28 November at Weald Park**

After a year's absence, we are delighted to announce the return of the club championships, with this year's competition being held as part of HAVOC's SWELL and regional event at Weald Park on Sunday 28 November. Whether you have taken part in many events this year or none, you are more than welcome to participate and it would be fantastic to see you there!

Entries for this event are now live on Fabian 4 and you can find full details of the event, including a link to entries, on HAVOC's website (<https://www.orienteering-havoc.co.uk/events/weald-park-eal-swell-28-nov-2021>). Club championship trophies will be awarded based on the following age group to course allocation so please ensure you enter the correct course:

- Men's Open = Brown
- Women's Open = Blue
- Men's vets (M45 and older) = Green
- Women's vets (W45 and older) = Light Green
- Intermediate boys (M16, M18) = Light Green
- Intermediate girls (W16, W18) = Light Green
- Junior boys (M14 and younger) = Orange
- Junior girls (W14 and younger) = Orange
- Novices (all ages) = Orange

While entries will be open until Friday 26 November (two days before the event), the Senior entry fee will increase from £9 to £11 from Monday 15 November so it's worth entering before then!

### **The Michael Brandon Mitre 2021: Save the date!**

The weekend after the club championships, specifically Sunday 5 December, will be the date for our principal club-organised event of the year, the Michael Brandon Mitre. Named in honour of the club's founding member, this year's event will be held in Epping North, using Theydon Bois Village Hall as the event centre. We will be in touch to ask for volunteers to help on the day and would greatly appreciate your support.

In particular, if you have reasonably good IT skills we would be particularly keen for your support in helping process results on the day.

### **Training**

You will hopefully have seen Tim Pribul's email earlier this month about our Saturday morning training sessions. These will continue to be held on the fourth Saturday in each month and the next session will be on Saturday 27 November using Epping Forest South West, but this location may be subject to change. Please look out for Tim's email closer to the date for further details.

### **International competition news: Donatas Tumaitis represents Lithuania at the European Deaf Orienteering Championships**

Congratulations to club member Donatas Tumaitis who recently attended the 9th European Deaf Orienteering Championships held in and near Vilnius between 3-8 September. Commenting on the experience, Donatas said "I was honoured to be able to attend this event in my home country, Lithuania". While tough competition for team selection meant that Donatas ultimately acted as first reserve, Donatas now plans to focus his efforts on qualifying for the Deaflympics in Brazil in 2022.