

CHIG club newsletter issue 3: January 2022

Happy New Year from CHIG! We hope you had a relaxing Christmas and New Year's and are raring to take part in more orienteering events over the coming year!

We are very fortunate as a club to be able to host events in the gorgeous and challenging terrain of Epping Forest, as we did most recently at last month's Michael Brandon Mitre in Epping North. However, this wouldn't be possible without the support of you, our members, giving up your time both before and on the day of events to make these a success. One of our ways of saying thank you to our members for this support is by providing free entries to the CompassSport Trophy qualifying event, part of the UK's premier inter-club competition, which this year will take place for CHIG on Sunday 13 February at Mildenhall; read on for further details!

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Recent events: The Michael Brandon Mitre 2021

Thank you very much to all of the club members who volunteered to help at the Michael Brandon Mitre event on 5 December! This is our flagship event as a club and it was great to see so many of you on the day helping to make this event a success. We ultimately had over 230 competitors, despite the relatively damp conditions, and received a number of positive comments about the courses and the event overall.

2021 Club Championships results

Sunday 28 November saw HAVOC's EAL and SWELL event at Weald Park play host to our 2021 club championships. With no 2020 championships as a result of the pandemic, this event made a very welcome return, with stiff competition particularly in the Men's Vets class; although Tony Maycraft secured a convincing win, Ian Andrews held off Ray Curtis by just 12 seconds to take 2nd place.

The results (top 3 in contested classes) for each of the contested categories as follows. Congratulations to class winners and thank you to everyone who took part!

- Men's Open: 1st Harold Wyber; 2nd Adam Dent
- Women's Open: not contested
- Men's vets: 1st Tony Maycraft; 2nd Ian Andrews; 3rd Ray Curtis
- Women's vets: 1st Heather Andrews; 2nd Alison Curtis
- *Other classes not contested*

Sign up now for the CompassSport Trophy qualifying event on Sunday 13 February at Mildenhall – free event!

We are delighted to announce that our qualifying round event for the 2022 CompassSport Trophy competition will be held on Sunday 13 February at Mildenhall North, near Thetford, to be organised by local club WAOC. We will be submitting and paying for entries centrally so, if you would like to take part, **please let us know by replying to this message by Friday 28 January.**

By way of background, the CompassSport Cup and Trophy events are the UK's premier inter-club competitions, with clubs from around the country taking part in regional qualifying events to gain selection for the final, typically in October. In the case of the Trophy, scoring is based on a club's best 13 results across the available courses (maximum of 2 counting scores from each of classes 1-7, 2 from each pair of classes 8 and 9; and 2 from class 10; see the table below for an overview of classes and applicable age classes).

CompassSport class	CompassSport course	BOF age classes	Class size
1	Brown	Men's Open	Large
2	Short Brown	M20-; M40+	Large
3	Blue Women	Women's Open	Large
4	Blue Men	M50+	Large
5	Green Women	W20-; W45+	Large
6	Green Men	M60+	Large
7	Veteran's Short Green	M70+; W60+	Large
8A	Junior Men (Green)	Men 18-	Small
8B	Junior Women (Short Green)	Women 18-	Small
9A	Orange Men	Men 14-	Small
9B	Orange Women	Women 14-	Small
10	Super Veteran's Short Green	M80+; W70+	Small

While this is part of a nationwide club competition, please don't feel deterred by a lack of experience or a perceived lack of ability; we really would like to see as many club members as possible taking part in this event and, as mentioned in the opening paragraph above, we will pay for your entry as a way of saying thank you for your previous and future support in organising our events. We will also look to arrange car-sharing for members with transport needs.

You can find further details about the event, including course lengths, on the WAOC website (<https://www.waoc.org.uk/events/mildenhall-north-2022-02-13>), although please disregard the line about entering via Fabian4; CHIG will pay for your entry so all you need to do if reply to this email to let us know that you would like to take part. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch.

Training

Thank you to everyone who attended our most recent training session on Saturday 11 December in Epping North, revisiting and learning from elements of the previous weekend's Mitre courses. These sessions are a great way of focusing on key orienteering skills as well as to raise questions you may have about technique!

The next edition will be held on Saturday 22 January and will be geared towards preparing you for the CompassSport Trophy qualifier event on 13 February (see above); please look out for an email from Tim Pribul closer to the date providing further details.

Membership renewals

Lastly but definitely not least-ly (probably not a real word...), don't forget to renew your British Orienteering and club membership if you have yet to do so already (you will probably have received an email on 3 November from British Orienteering asking you to renew for 2022). We do very much hope that you value being a member of CHIG and want to continue to be part of the club. If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to let us know!

Best wishes,

Harold Wyber, Club Captain