

SOUTH MIDLANDS ORIENTEERING CLUB

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SMOC Signals

Chairman's Chat

One of the orienteering things I'm involved with is checking the map of Bucknell and Hazelborough; now being renamed as 'Silverstone North' to, hopefully, cash in on the Silverstone cachet. I'm concentrating on the southern (Hazelborough) portion of the map. It's been quite a while since I last visited Hazelborough and it's better than I remembered. At the moment the ride / path network is decidedly squidgy but away from the tracks the wood is nice and dry and seems to be improving in runnability. From what I've seen the Southern part is rather nicer than the Northern part which is a pity as parking constraints mean the Southern part can only really be visited by the longer courses. However, perhaps we could use the Southern part for a smaller event in the future.

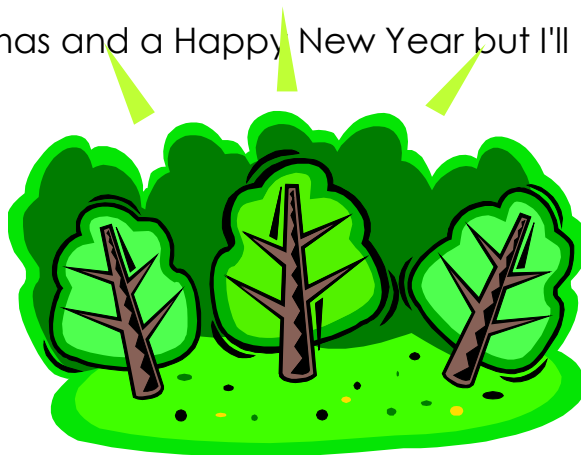
SMOC achieved a first on the 5th of October managing to run two events on the same day; not something we plan to do very often - this time it only happened because we got some wires crossed and ended up committed to both events with neither movable. Of course, being SMOC, we picked one of the wettest days of the year. Both events, given the weather, were remarkably successful. Two of us ran the Keyne-O event at Shenley Wood, given the downpour we reverted to the old fashioned technique of running the event from the car - amazingly 20 people actually turned up to take part including two complete beginners; this in weather that I certainly wouldn't have orienteered in if I had any choice. The district event also did very well attracting around 150 competitors and raising more than enough money to buy SMOC a new tent. Again run by a small but experienced team.

The regional event on 15th February will need a little more than a small team, however experienced, so please put this date in your diaries and be prepared to answer the call...

Finally I must wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year but I'll sign off as ever with:

May you always run in sunlit forests,

Steve





East Anglian League

British Orienteering, our governing body, divides the UK into several regions each with its own Association. SMOC is in the East Anglian Orienteering Association, all be it at the far north western corner.

The East Anglian League is a competition run by the EAOA for the most consistent performers at events in the region, with each club nominating one event per year.

You do not need to register to compete in the EA League, you just need to run a course in one of the designated events and your points will be automatically calculated if you belong to an EA club. At the end of the year, your overall score is determined by adding up the four best scores over the year. You must also have attended a minimum of three events to qualify for overall positions.

Full details of the rules, including the scoring system and class/age mapping, can be found on the East Anglian Orienteering Associate website at www.eaoa.org.uk/league.php along with the results to date.

The nominated events for 2008 are:

Date	Club	Event
27/01/08	CUOC	Bromehill
24/02/08	WAOC	Croxton
28/09/08	HAVOC	Epping
09/11/08	SOS	Baddow
16/11/08	NOR	District event at Lynford, Thetford
23/11/08	SUFFOC	Tunstall

The events for 2009 will be released soon and we will list them in SMOC Signals and on the website. The League is currently administered by [Tony Biggs](#) of HAVOC.



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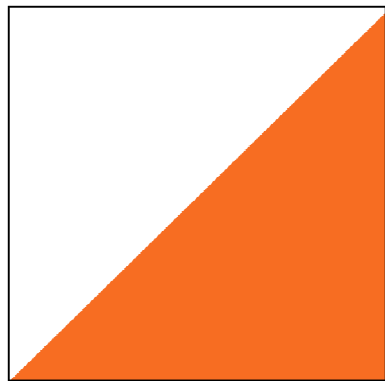
To obtain this offer simply type in the code SMOC10 at their checkout.



As you can see this magazine is even shorter on copy so please get busy and write us some articles - and it is now easy to put in lots of colour photos so please email me with your orienteering pics. Sue.

Merry christmas
And a very
Happy new year
To you all

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fixtures, results, SMOC personnel,
SMOC Signals deadlines
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February 2009	18 January 2009
April 2009	22 March 2009
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August 2009	19 July 2009
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