



## **Southern Navigators Junior League Newsletter March 2012**



### **Review of Saturday Series 2011 / 12**

Thank you for participating, this season has probably surpassed all the previous 25 seasons for the numbers of participants taking part. In the 7 leagues events running from September through to February we have seen an increase of 14% over the previous year with the numbers of runs at 1,401 (2010/11 – 1,227 runs and 2009/10 – 1,051 runs).

A big thanks should also go to all the Organisers, Planners and helpers who have put on these events and who arrive early and leave after everyone has gone. This is an amateur sport and everyone is volunteering their time and the fees charged are going to meet the event costs – land fees, equipment, BOF (British Orienteering Federation Levy) and map printing.

This increase has also been mirrored in many new members, individual and families joining Southern Navigators.

I think this indicates that there is strong interest in Orienteering in this area and that the Saturday Series offers a challenging competition for the juniors on a regular basis through the Autumn and Winter.

However the Orienteering does not have to stop there until the 2012/13 Saturday Series comes around again in September. See below a list of other events happening, which you can come and join in including:

### **Low Key Events over the Summer months**

#### **SN Come and Try It events – low key informal events**

1. Farnham Park - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May (please check)
2. Alice Holt – TBC
3. Frimley Lodge Park – TBC

**Please check SN website  
for further news.**

#### **SN Summer Training**

A benefit of joining SN is also the regular Wednesday evening training events from 11<sup>th</sup> April through to 19<sup>th</sup> September. This includes some of regular areas as well as Urban runs around our region. Have a look at the SN Calendar to see what is on. Note if you interested in joining SN then please contact the membership secretary – Gill Sharp, or ask for a membership pack at the Enquiries / Registration desk.

#### **BKO (Berkshire) Summer Park Series – low key events**

1. Wildridings, Bracknell – Saturday 26 May
2. Sandhurst Memorial Park – Saturday 9 June
3. Lower Earley - - Saturday 23 June
4. Great Hollands, Bracknell – Saturday 7 July
5. Provisional location Woodley- Saturday 21 July

**As always please check  
the organising club  
website nearer the time.**



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### Other local club events

**Jubilee 2012 Orienteering Festival** – 4 events in 4 days Compete in the South East Sprint, Classic, Middle and Score Championships across the weekend.

1. University of Surrey – Saturday 2nd June
2. Oldhouse Warren – Sunday 3rd June
3. Leith Hill - Monday 4th June
4. Balcombe Waterside - Tuesday 5th June

<http://www.mvoc.org/Jubilee2012/home.htm>

- Guildford Orienteers – Summer Series June / July – Details TBC
- Basingstoke and Andover Orienteers – Butterwood – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April – (v.close to Jn 5 on M3)

### Big Events in 2012

Over the next few months various British and International Championships will be coming up with SN members attending, these including:-

- Weekend 24/25 March 2012 - **British Sprint Championships** – York University and **British Middle Championships** - Strensall Common (York)
- JK 2012 – International Event Easter Weekend – Perthshire including Sprint, Long events and relays
- Weekend 5/6 May 2012 – **British Long Championship and British Relay Championships**

These are big events with Orienteers travelling from all points of the UK and many overseas participants – a great way to take a holiday and enjoy the sport.

### Big Events in 2013 – Coming our way

Further reasons for joining SN and British Orienteering is that the big events are heading our way in 2013 and will be held in the South and South East – easy driving from our region.

#### JK 2013 – International Event Easter Weekend

- Day 1 Good Friday 29 March - Sprint
- Day 2 Easter Saturday 30 March- Individual Day 1 Hambleden (east of Henley)
- Day 3 Easter Sunday 31 March – Individual Day 2 Cold Ash (west of Reading)
- Day 4 Easter Monday 1 April Relay Hambleden

#### British Long Championship and British Relay Championships

- Areas South of Guildford

#### Reasons for joining SN

**Now** – Come and join us at the many Summer events and  
**Next year** – Also participate in the largest UK events happening in our area.

**Finally keep a lookout for confirmation of the Saturday Series 2012/13 events.**