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Newsletter of the National Governing Body for Mountain Bike Orienteering

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Welcome to the June edition of 2014 of the BMBO newsletter!

The summer is almost upon us and we have had some fantastic weather recently for riding. Most leagues are now underway and some have just started. The summer calendar offers plenty of choices with almost at least one event every weekend along with a couple of mid week evening events. Keep an eye on the BMBO events calendar for event updates.

If you would like to submit an article for upcoming newsletters, please feel free to get in touch with the General Secretary @ samanthaleight@btinternet.com

Committee Vacancies

BMBO have a committee vacancy for Chairperson. We are looking for a person with a passion for the sport to ultimately be a figurehead. We have a stronger, larger committee with some very experienced members along with some new who are all willing to help, support and bring new ideas to make British Mountain Bike Orienteering larger and even more successful. If you would like to put yourself forward or nominate someone, please contact the General Secretary.

Contact details for General Secretary:-
samanthaleight@btinternet.com

Sponsor News

BMBO are currently working to renegotiate our sponsorship deals to get the best for our members. We would also appreciate it, if you have an idea of a company willing to provide sponsorship, please let a committee member know and we will do our best to broker another deal.

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The 14th Dark & White Trailquest/MBO Summer Evening Series

It's soon come round again: long days and light nights and we all need to make the most of them! Last year the evening trailquest series was blessed with sunshine and beautifully dry tracks so we're hoping for more of the same this year...

We've found some new venues this time and the full schedule is as follows (all on Wednesday evenings):

Round 1 – 28th May - Hope Sports Club (the new pavilion!)/Hope Valley

Round 2 – 4th June – Ashover nr Matlock

Round 3 – 11th June – Errwood Sailing Club, Goyt Valley, nr Buxton

Round 4 – 18th June – Holmesfield nr Dronfield

Round 5 – 25th June – Flash nr Buxton (the highest village in Britain!)

Round 6 – 2nd July – Hayfield/North Derbyshire

All venues are village halls or rooms so toilets will be available with car parking nearby and undercover registration/download facilities. Registration opens at 5.30pm for each event and you can start riding at anytime you like up to 7.00pm. Each event has a two hour time limit. Pre-marked, bagged, full colour 1:50000 scale OS map sections will be issued on the start line. SPORTident electronic timing will be used.

Your best four scores counts towards a final league score; you can enter events individually or the series as a whole (NB there is a discounted cost for pre-entry of whole series).

You can either enter events online or by downloading the event flyer @ <http://www.darkandwhite.co.uk/trailquest-mountain-biking.asp>

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OMM Polaris Challenge—Planners Report

We had a great weekend in Kielder Forest with 70 riders competing each day. The competition area took in Kielder, Wark and Kershope Forests and Jens had produced 2 excellent and very large maps. I expected some high scores because it's very fast riding with not too much climb and lots of excellent forest roads and tracks. I tried to make sure that there were plenty of points without going to the edges of the maps and encouraged riders to use the brilliant Lakeshore Way on Saturday. I wanted to use more bridleways but many of them don't exist on the ground. They were created years ago but haven't been re-instated where the trees have been felled. The weather wasn't too bad over the weekend with very little wind and some sunshine on Saturday but we all got wet on Sunday. Fortunately, the midges haven't started biting yet! Hawkhope made an excellent event centre with a marquee and superb catering from Kielder Organic Meats. The Sunday roast beef after-race meal was probably the best I have ever had.

Thanks to Jim Imber who checked out and photographed most of the controls then put out lots of them with a bit of help from me, Martin Edwards and John Rawden. They all helped me collect them all in again on Sunday along with Graeme Thompson so thank you.

There were some familiar names competing with Andy Conn scoring a magnificent 938 points (out of 1200) on Saturday to lead overnight by nearly 100 points. Mark McPhillips was Sunday's winner with 660 points (out of 800) despite being 20 minutes late but couldn't overhaul Andy (1548) who was the overall winner. Mark (1456) finished 3rd because Tim Martin (1471) finished second both days. Maggie McPhillips won the women's category with 1160 points and 7th overall. Conrad & Jill Ellison were the first Mixed team and 6th overall with 1178 points (but they were on a tandem).

Final thanks to Stuart Hamilton & Andy Williams from ARK who have kept the event alive despite last year's disappointment and making a loss again this year. We need more riders to make it viable so we hope you will return for the Autumn OMM BIke on September 6th/7th. It won't be as far north or east and definitely very few forest roads but I have already ridden most of the excellent bridleways and the views are stunning. Please let your mates know and, with more publicity, we will get back up to 150 riders.

Hope to see you there. Steve Willis. Event Planner.



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