



# Blood, Sweat and Gears

Newsletter of the National Governing Body for Mountain Bike Orienteering.

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## TCA Fixtures November 2009 – January 2010

The winter series are under way, and the weather is keeping up – we've already had gales, floods and snow this month, and that's just in Weardale! So get your winter kit on and keep warm by riding some of these events (not to mention sitting in the pub/tea-room afterwards).

Sat 14 Nov NYMBO 2hr Lanequest Holly Hill Inn, RICHMOND Winter series 1 of 4  
[NYMBO](#)

Sun 15 Nov 3 hr Epic Trailquest HAWKSHEAD Winter Series 1 of 5  
[Bluestone events](#)

Sat 21 Nov CLOK 2hr Lanequest WESTERDALE, Nr Castleton Winter series 1 of 3  
[CLOK](#)

Sat 21 Nov **TCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** YOULGREAVE, PEAK DISTRICT  
More details in this newsletter

Sun 22 Nov D&W 3 hr trailquest BIRCHOVER, PEAK DISTRICT Winter League 2 of 8  
<http://www.darkandwhite.co.uk/>

Sat 5 Dec NYMBO 2hr Lanequest The New Inn, ECCUP Winter series 2 of 4  
[NYMBO](#)

Sun 06 Dec 3 hr Epic Trailquest CLAPHAM, YORKSHIRE DALES Winter Series 2 of 5  
[Bluestone events](#)

Sun 13 Dec D&W 3hr trailquest HOPE, PEAK DISTRICT Winter League 3 of 8  
<http://www.darkandwhite.co.uk/>

Sun 10 Jan D&W 3 hour Trailquest PEAK DISTRICT Winter League 4 of 8  
[Dark & White](#)

Sun 17 Jan 3 hr Epic Trailquest SOUTH LAKES Winter Series 3 of 5  
[Bluestone events](#)

Sat 23 Jan NYMBO 2 hour Lanequest YORK AREA Winter series 3 of 4  
[NYMBO](#)

Sat 30 Jan CLOK 2 hour Lanequest KIRKLEVINGTON Winter series 2 of 3  
[CLOK](#)

Sun 31 Jan D&W 3 hour Trailquest PEAK DISTRICT Winter League 5 of 8  
[Dark & White](#)

## **AGM 2009**

D+W have a very generously offered free entry for AGM attendees to their sunday event:

[http://www.darkandwhite.co.uk/challenge-events-outdoor-activities.asp?race\\_id=253](http://www.darkandwhite.co.uk/challenge-events-outdoor-activities.asp?race_id=253)

contact D+W to reserve a map, no guarantee of a map without preentry. [info@darkandwhite.co.uk](mailto:info@darkandwhite.co.uk)

This years AGM is in Youlgreave Youth Hostel with a D+W winter league event on the sunday a few miles ride away. We have 20 beds booked so places are limited. Book breakfast and evening meal, should you want them, when you book your bed.

Bed £18

Breakfast £5

Dinner £7

Usual Saturday social ride leaving at 12 noon. This year we will be taking pictures on the social ride for the new website. These images will be used to promote the sport so put on your best colourful racing kit and map board. AGM, Prize giving and a few social drinks for the hardy.

Youlgreave Youth Hostel location: [Youlgreave YHA](#)

The agenda is the last page of this newsletter so that you may print it out easily.

For booking and your discussion topics please contact [chairman@trailquest.co.uk](mailto:chairman@trailquest.co.uk)

### **Report on behalf of the Committee by Acting Secretary Geoff Moorhouse**

In the good old days, when committee members were plentiful and young, meetings were held fairly regularly. Nowadays they are far less frequent and the age has gone up somewhat. The recent meeting held at the Craven Heifer in Ingleton on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October saw the five current members, myself, John Houlihan, Peter Strong, John Dixon and John Tiffany plus Karen Blackburn as Newsletter Editor convene to discuss current issues.

The average age of this group must be around 55/56 and this is something we would all like to see reduced. John Houlihan and Peter ( who are the youngsters still being in their early forties ) along with myself have all served for a long time and won't carry on forever. Karen and the other two Johns are relative newcomers but it has been noticeable how much more discussion and activity is taking place thanks to the new blood. But that's not to say we don't need more.

The meeting lasted approximately four hours during which time we discussed arrangements for the forthcoming AGM to be held at Youlgreave Youth Hostel on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November at around 7-30pm. Youlgreave is in the Peak district and has been selected to coincide with the second Dark & White winter event the following day at Birchover, just down the road. It is hoped we can attract as many organisers as possible to this as the second and major item for discussion was the redesigned website that John Houlihan has put a lot of time and effort into.

The main thrust of the redevelopment is to make everything an organiser needs from the TCA literally at his fingertips. Everything - club affiliation, event registration, risk assessment, OS Licence and Insurance certificate issue will be available electronically whilst event levies, race reports, pictures and results will be submitted the same way. Explaining these changes to organisers as soon as possible is obviously extremely important and the AGM is the perfect opportunity to do just this. It was also decided to write immediately to all current organisers explaining what was happening along with a reminder that next year is approaching fast and there is a calendar of events to put together.

Time at the end of the evening was spent discussing many other minor issues and it was decided that we should reconvene next at the end of January, Hopefully with more new blood!!

*Editor's note – if you hope to organise an event in 2010 and do not receive a letter from Geoff, please get in touch with him.*

### **REMINDER - TCA TQ EVENTS for 2010.**

Message to all organisers to pull together their events for 2010 and submit to Peter Strong ([strong.one@btinternet.com](mailto:strong.one@btinternet.com)). Please use the event registration forms on the website.

### **Manx Trailquest – Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> 2009**

After heavy overnight rain, some of the trails were in decidedly damp condition for the late autumn trailquest. But the day dawned clear and bright and competitors were treated to a fine day in the sunshine. This was a 3-hour event, based at the Crosby Memorial Hall and extending as far afield as Kings Forest, Trollaby, Chibbanagh, Archallagan, South Barrule and Stoney Mountain plantations. We knew that we were in for a busy day when, at registration, no less than 95 riders turned out to make up a total of 56 solos & teams.

Along with the regular 'questers' and host of newcomers (welcome – we hope you enjoyed it), the field included fell runners Lloyd Taggart & Jackie Lee – who both put in strong performances to pick up 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> overall respectively – Jackie being far and away the strongest woman of the day. I am sure that we will be seeing more of them!

At the sharp end, though, it was a contest between regular protagonists Kale Hawkins & Julian Corlett – the former clinching it with an impressive 483 points to win the event overall. This may have been different had Julian not failed to find a tricky checkpoint deep in King's Forest.

Mark Caley (who also helped set part of the course on Saturday) teamed up with Elliott Baxter (also doing his first TQ) to take an impressive 4<sup>th</sup> place – with the ever-improving partnership of Dave Rielly and Steve Partington coming in 5<sup>th</sup>.

Jo Hawkins was second woman overall whilst best placed mixed team were David Goberman & Cat Price in 22<sup>nd</sup> place. Jean-Michelle Bazille lost his dibber after a crash along Renshents Lane and thus truncated the team score (I will adjust this for you later) but survives to fight another day. Luckily, another competitor found it and handed it in – thus avoiding the double-whammy of having to replace it....

It was again excellent to see so many Father/Mother/Son/Daughter (generation) teams taking part. The best of these were Simon & Joseph Haddock in 39<sup>th</sup> place ahead of Gina & Harry Grose in 47<sup>th</sup>. Top ladies team were Ali Clague & Gill Crennell in 34<sup>th</sup> place.

Youngest team were Ben Cotton & Jamie Everitt (both 16), who did a good ride plus navigation – which is a harder skill to master. They actually came in to the finish after just 1.75 hours – only to realise that they had over an hour left. So they headed off to tackle a few more controls...

It was an excellent day and we hope that everyone enjoyed it. Tea & Cakes were served again by Sue, who coped valiantly with so many hungry bikers to feed. Special thanks to Robin & Emma Skuse who, having ridden the event (32<sup>nd</sup> place) then mucked in to help with the stream of washing-up and tea/coffee production. Thanks to Mark Caley & Neil Hockings for helping to share the task of positioning the controls and to Geoff Ennett for helping to gather them all in afterwards.

The next Manx Trailquest is the 1.5 hour Night-Time special event – scheduled for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January at South Barrule Plantation (with post-ride supper at the Baltic in Foxdale).

Results: [manxtimingsolutions.com](http://manxtimingsolutions.com)

### **NEWSLETTER**

Contributions welcome. Please send to [titanium@waitrose.com](mailto:titanium@waitrose.com) by 10<sup>th</sup> December

**Trail Cyclists Association Annual General Meeting**  
**7.30p.m. 21<sup>ST</sup> November 2009**  
**Youlgreave Youth Hostel**

**AGENDA**

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Chairman's Report - John Houlihan**  
2008 AGM  
2009 Season  
Re-branding to BMBO
3. **Financial Report - John Dixon**  
Set Membership Fees for 2010  
Set Organisers Levies for 2010
4. **Election of Chairman**
5. **Election of Committee Members**  
The current committee consists of :-

John Houlihan	Chairman
John Dixon	Treasurer
John Tiffany	Website Manager
Peter Strong	Calendar Co-ordinator
Geoff Moorhouse	Secretary
Karen Blackburn	Newsletter

There are 3 vacancies for the committee. No nominations have been received so nominations will be taken at the AGM for any of the vacancies. The TCA has various members who undertake work but are not committee members;  
Liz Hartley has done a stirring job with membership.  
Bernard Newman is taking over the SI admin of the TCA kit.  
Mike Hayward is no longer a committee member but continues to contribute.  
Tony Brand-Barker will coordinate the MTBO calendar  
Nigel Benham will lead development in the south.
6. **Launch of New Website - Selling our sport, Online event administration and how these need to work together. John Houlihan**
7. **Associate Membership/Standardised Form of Entry - Geoff Moorhouse**
8. **Development of British Orienteering Clubs - Providing the right support, getting across the opportunities for increased participation in O. John Houlihan**
9. **Any other business**