

EckO May News

New front page on website and Change from ROMP to TOC

EckO now has a new front page to the website (many thanks to Paul Frost) featuring a few major changes. All orienteering activities and events can now be located under the heading, Go Orienteering which is then subdivided into:-

Events Calendar, Virtual Orienteering and Temporary Orienteering Courses

Events Calendar - upcoming local events and neighbouring club events

Virtual Orienteering - used to be MapRun and this is where you will find an explanation about MapRun and a list of the courses that EckO have produced. Other courses can be found on the SOA website (<https://www.scottish-orienteering.org/get-involved/pocs/>)

TOC - Temporary Orienteering Course which will be available for public use for a month. A TOC has now replaced a ROMP. It was generally felt that this was more appropriate to describe the activity we offer each month.

Glen Nant is this month's area for activities and an event. Many thanks to Emma Baird who has planned two TOC's which are current for May. Glen Nant is looking particularly beautiful just now so feast your eyes and get your orienteering fix at the same time.

Glen Nant Event: Sunday 23rd May

Entries are now open for the event and close this Sunday, 16th May.

All details are on the website. Start times will be published Thursday, 20th May.

Please pay at the time of entry.

Mapping Update:

As a spin-off to the LOC Zoom Mapping session and BO Webinars, Andy Dale offered to facilitate a practical mapping session on the Connel Hills. Thanks Andy for all your preparation, providing the base maps and your expertise.

Happy mappers spent a very pleasant session guddling around the hills amongst the spurs, knolls, vegetation, fences and cattle discovering and discussing the intricacies of mapping. It was a really enjoyable session and we hope to hold more sessions in the near future.

Please contact Andy (<https://www.ecko.org.uk/contacts>) , if you would like to have a go at updating some maps.

Committee

The committee met by zoom on Wednesday 5th May

As always the committee extend a warm welcome to any member who wishes to join us at these meetings. The next meeting will be via zoom on

Wednesday, 30th June 2021. Please contact any committee member for more details.

SWAT

Three EckO juniors and myself joined other SWAT juniors for a fantastic day's orienteering at Dundurn near St Fillan's. The juniors practiced many of the skills that were discussed via the SWAT zoom sessions. (See the full report on the website). We are really looking forward to the next training session at Duncraggan in the Trossachs which will be really good practice prior to the first round of the Scottish Junior Cup on Sunday, May 30th at Auchingarrich.

Coaching/Training

EckO will be providing two Monday evening sessions in June for the local cubs. Please contact Jan Kersel (<https://www.ecko.org.uk/contacts>) if you are available to help with either of these sessions.

We hope to be offering some training/coaching in June - dates yet to be decided.

Lochaber Scottish 6 Days (1st August - 7th August)

A grand total of eleven EckO members have already entered Lochaber Scottish 6 Days. Can you make it more?

If you are fairly new to EckO and orienteering there are many experienced members available who would be very happy to chat and mentor you through the process.

We will also be looking for help and volunteers nearer the time.

Please consider entering at least one of the Scottish 6 Days based around Lochaber. Entries are now open.

For more information check out the website: <https://www.scottish6days.com/>

EckO's next event will be at Creag Mhic and Dave Bleazard has kindly offered to plan/organise this event. This technical area is mainly broadleaved woodland, interspersed with open areas so we should get some amazing orienteering.

There will be **no** TOC available in Creag Mhic so the Glen Nant TOC will be left up till the end of June.

Happy Orienteering
kind regards
Jan Kersel (CDO)