

NOC Secures Six Wins at East Midlands Champs!



East Midlands Champions 2024: John Woodall, Jane Booker, David Booker, Emma Rosewell, Mick Lucking, Hilary Palmer.

The East Midlands Championships were held at Wragby near Lincoln on 25th February where NOC members put in an excellent collective performance.

There were no less than six class winners and a host of others who secured podium places.

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Member Achievements:

Two members achieved [British Orienteering Challenge Awards](#) recently:

- **Rob Henderson** - Gold Racing Challenge
- **Elodie Booker** - Gold Racing Challenge & White Navigation Challenge.

Congratulations to both members.



Urgent Volunteer Support Required:

Unfortunately, Amy Ransley, our current Club Secretary has had to step down for medical reasons. The Club Secretary is a role which must have someone in place at all times if the club is to comply with British Orienteering requirements (along with the Chair and Treasurer roles).

The Club Secretary role focuses on facilitating bi-monthly committee meetings (capturing input, preparing the agenda, writing-up the meeting minutes and posting them on the NOC website). It also requires that any queries and requests made by British Orienteering or other stakeholders are forwarded to an appropriate member of the committee in a timely manner.

The role is not onerous. Amy will provide a full handover and the rest of the Committee will provide full support throughout. This role does not involve any direct engagement with the NOC membership (which is dealt with by the Membership Secretary).

If this is a role you could fulfill on a volunteer basis please get in touch with Pauline Olivant (membership@noc-org.uk) as soon as possible.

Indeed, if you would like to support the committee to steer the club forward, please get in touch. All committee and non-committee roles are required to be rotated every few years, so it would be good to benefit from fresh input as the club evolves in the future. You can get a feel for the [current volunteer positions on the NOC website](#).

Other Volunteer Requests:

As the club is run on a volunteer basis, we are always in need of helpers to provide support during events. If you can help out before or after your run, please let your Team Leader know, or alternatively contact the Organiser. Remember, you will get a free run if you volunteer and help out at a NOC event.

We are currently looking for helpers at the following events:

- **March 17th - Byron's Walk** (Organiser: org20240317@noc-uk.org)
- **JK Festival Day 3; 31st March** (Beaudesert, Cannock Chase). *Volunteers at this national event will be offered a voucher for lunch on site rather than a free run. If you can help at this event please complete the form at this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/9aFGJu6wMy>*
- **April 7th - Boundary & Tippings Woods** (Organiser: org20240407@noc-uk.org)

Recent Results:

Eyam Moor (DVO):

This was a national event which offered both physical and technical challenges to participants, as well as the imminent arrival for storm Isha! Well done to all the 16 NOC members who took part. Richard Robinson was 2nd on the Black course, and Mike O'Neil was 2nd on the Short Blue. There were also top ten finishes for Kevin Lomas (Blue), John Woodall (Very Short Green), Lily Robinson (Yellow) and Grace Robinson (Orange).

Robin Hood Trophy - Sherwood Forest (NOC):

This too was a national event, our biggest event of the year. Almost 450 people from across the country took part on the day. There was NOC success for Hilary Palmer on the Very Short Green and 2nd place for Richard Robinson on the Black course. There were top ten finishes for Rose Schorah (Short Blue), Tim Booker (Short Green), John Palmer (Very Short Green), Lucy Sherratt and Victoria Hanman (Orange), Evan Llewellyn (Yellow) and Elodie Booker (White). The overall Robin Hood Trophy was won by SYO.

Events of this scale require significant volunteer commitment, so we should highlight the contributions from Anthony Squire who planned the excellent courses as well as putting-out and collecting-in the controls over that weekend. John Hurley (DVO) and Hilary Palmer acted as Controller and event Organiser respectively in what were long days.

A big thanks also to Dave Cooke (Permissions), David Olivant (map update), Andrew Ridgway (The Start Kite) and all the very many members who turned-up on the day to oversee Parking, Enquiries and Download, route marking, Start & Finish, control collection and Results. Sherwood Forest was a large area to cater for logistically on the day, but feedback from participants suggests that all our volunteer efforts were well received. Thanks to everyone involved.

Beacon Hill (LEI):

Twenty five NOC members took part in the EM regional event at Beacon Hill hosted by LEI. Those starting early had to contend with some cold and foggy conditions to find the first control, but the sun made an appearance for the later entries.

Tim Booker came first on the Short Green course and Kevin Lomas was third on the Blue. There were top ten finishes for Richard Willis, Paul Morris, David Booker, as well as Isaac and Emma Rosewell. Elodie Booker was first on the White course. You can [view all results and Routegadget performances](#) on the LEI website.

CompassSport Trophy Qualifying Heat:

NOC put in a strong performance across many of the courses but missed-out on qualifying for the final.

NOC came fourth out of eight participating clubs and were just seven points behind the third place club.

You can [view the scorers for the club on the Walton Chasers website and SI Results](#).



East Midlands Championships - Chambers Farm Wood (LOG):

NOC members put in an excellent performance across a range of different age classes at this year's EM Championships.

First places were awarded to: Mick Lucking (M65), David Booker (M70), John Woodall (M85), Emma Rosewell (W12), Jane Booker (W70) and Hilary Palmer (W75).

There were podium finishes for Isaac Rosewell (M14), Neil Rosewell (M45), Lizzie Rosewell (W40) and Tricia Neal (W75), and top ten finishes for John Palmer, Andrew Ridgway, Angela Lucking and Andrew Wallace. On the Yellow course, Grace and Lily Robinson secured first and second places respectively.

Well done to all the members who took part. It's good to see so many members doing so well. You can view split times and Routegadget performances on the [LOG/SI pages](#).

Upcoming Events:

March 3rd - [Shipley Park, Heanor \(DVO\)](#) EM League

March 17th - [Byron's Walk \(NOC\)](#) EM League

Easter - [JK Festival](#)

April 7th - [Boundary & Tippings Woods \(NOC\)](#) EM League

LOG will be starting their [Spring Series](#) in early April, running for six weeks (Thursday evenings). Courses for all abilities.

The LEI [Summer Series](#) will start at Groby on the 17th April. The series runs mid-week until mid August.

There are numerous other events taking place in neighbouring regions. Take a look at the [British Orienteering website](#) for details.

Enjoy your springtime orienteering!

