



## NOC qualifies for CST Finals!

NOC not only hosted the CompassSport heat in February at Clumber Park but also put in an impressive club performance to qualify for the Finals in September. Read more about this achievement below along with details of:

- Four NOC 2024 Regional Winners
- No less than seven NOC 2025 EM Champions!
- NOC win at the British Night Championships
- Pre-sign-up information regarding the Euro-City weekend in Nottingham
- New online training course
- Fixtures update

### 2024 Regional Winners:

The regional 2024 forest league saw a number of [successes for NOC members](#) with class wins for Elodie Booker (White - Female), Lily Robinson (Yellow- Female), Kevin Lomas (Blue - Men) and John Woodall (Very Short Green - Men).

A number of others finished in the top three positions: Evan Llewellyn (2nd, Yellow - Male), Grace Robinson (2nd, Yellow - Female), Elodie Booker (3rd, Yellow - Female), Emma Rosewell (3rd, Orange - Female), Tina Brindley (3rd, Light Green - Female), Jane Booker (2nd, Short Green - Female), Monica Henderson (3rd, Blue - Female) and Richard Robinson (2nd, Brown - Male).

In the *East Midlands Urban League*, NOC saw no less than [four champions](#):

Isaac Rosewell (Junior Men), Helen Parkinson (SuperVet Women), Paul Morris (UltraVet Men) and Hilary Palmer (HyperVet Women).

Congratulations to all for such strong performances.

## **2025 British Night Championships:**

Three NOC members travelled north to Stirling in Scotland to take part in this challenging national competition. Richard Robinson won the M40 class, Mick Lucking came 9th in the M65L class and Richard Llewellyn came 11th in the M70 category. [View the full results.](#)

## **2025 East Midlands Championships:**

These were hosted by LEI at Martinshaw and Ratby on the 16th February and saw seven NOC champions crowned on the day; Richard Robinson (M21), David Sissons (M50), Simon Elliott (M70), Grace Robinson (W12), Patricia Wong (W50), Christine Elliott (W65) and Hilary Palmer (W75).

There were also top ten finishes for Hebe Parr (W21), Elaine Smith (W65), Andrew Ridgway (M60), Mick Lucking and Kevin Lomas (M65), and Pat Squire (M75).

## **CompassSport heat at Clumber Park:**

A breezy Sunday in February saw NOC host the CompassSport Cup and Trophy qualifying heat for both the East and West Midlands areas. This was a big event to organise and plan for and presented many challenges right up until the event day itself. However, the outcome was very rewarding with NOC securing a place at the CompassSport Finals which will be held near Redcar on the 14th September. You can [view the individual results and Routegadget uploads](#) on the NOC website.

Well done to Team Captain Mick Lucking for arranging the entry options and of course to all the NOC members who competed. Special thanks goes to Jane Booker for organising everything, Ant Squire for the excellent course planning, Hilary Palmer for managing all elements of the start, including call-up throughout the day, and all the other volunteers who helped; Dave Cooke with permissions, David Olivant and Alan Gould for the map-updates, plus all those who helped on the day to facilitate Enquiries, Finish, Download and Results, as well as parking and control collection. It was a bit of a stretch at times but the day went well and the club result was very satisfying.

Two months into 2025 and a number of events completed; overall, a very promising start to the 2025 season!

You may be interested to look at some images of [Clumber Park taken back in the 1900s](#). These were published recently in the Mansfield Chad and were spotted by NOC member Gary Peet.

## Euro-City Weekend - Nottingham, July 12.

### IMPORTANT - BEFORE YOU SIGN-UP...

Whilst the CompassSport heat at Clumber was a large event for the club to organise and deliver, we also have another national event just a few months away. The Euro-City weekend starts with an urban event around the Meadows in Nottingham on Saturday 12th July, followed by an event in Lincoln on the Sunday.

Final details for this event are being prepared but one thing we know for sure - **we will need a good turnout of volunteers on Saturday the 12th!** As always, training and guidance will be provided and all NOC volunteers will qualify for a free run.

However, on this occasion, entries are being managed by the SI Entry system and not our usual Start Kite facility. This means that volunteers will need to make themselves known to Hilary Palmer (the event Organiser) or their Team Leader beforehand in order to obtain a course entry slot - otherwise entrants will have to pay via the SI Entry system!

If you can help out on the 12th, please contact Hilary ([Org20250712@noc-uk.org](mailto:Org20250712@noc-uk.org)) or your Team Leader **as soon as possible** so that arrangements can be made well in advance. Keep an eye on the [NOC Fixtures page](#) for up-to-date public details regarding this event.

## Member achievements:

A number of NOC members have recently been awarded certificates for their performances through the [British Orienteering Incentive Scheme](#):

- Katy Butterfield, Navigational challenge - 5 Star
- Ian Stevenson, Navigation Challenge - 5 Star
- Vivian Chung, Navigation Challenge - 5 Star
- Tina Brindley, Navigation Challenge - 4 Star

Congratulations to all.

## New online Organisers course:

In addition to her many club roles, Pauline Olivant has also recently played a pivotal role in producing a new British Orienteering [online-learning course for organising an orienteering event](#). Event Organisers play a critical role in all clubs and there is a constant need to train-up new organisers.

This new course is suitable for experienced orienteers and covers the steps required to organise a local Level D event. Topics include initial event preparation, the key tasks required both before and after an event, land access and environmental matters, plus safety, safeguarding and welfare issues.

The course aims to help participants gain confidence in organising a local event and understand how to engage with all the relevant stakeholders involved. The online course takes about an hour to complete with participants being awarded a certificate at the end along with links to resources that will prove useful when organising an event in the future.

The course normally costs £10 but, if you are interested in taking this course, please contact Pauline ([membership@noc-uk.org](mailto:membership@noc-uk.org)) beforehand as the club may be able to pay for your course and can also provide mentoring support to ensure you get the most from your learning.

The club needs to expand its pool of event Organisers, Planners, Controllers and Mappers, so please consider taking-up the new eLearning opportunities available.

### **Next NOC event - Silverhill Wood - 23rd March:**

The next event in the East Midlands League will also be hosted by NOC at Silverhill Wood. This venue, once a colliery, was designed to be the [highest point in Nottinghamshire](#), when an extra five meters of height was added during landscaping work in 2005. The terrain lends itself to some great orienteering.

The last event there was in 2023 when 190 competed. All the EML colour coded courses will be available again this year and you can take a look on [Routegadget for the 2023 event](#) to get a feel for the venue and how previous winners navigated their courses.

Full details will be available soon, so please keep an eye on the [NOC Fixtures web page](#).

We will also be reliant on a good turnout of volunteers. Those that do will qualify for a free run so please let your Team Leader know as soon as possible if you can help-out on the day. You will then be provided with a helper code for when you sign-up using The Start Kite.

### **NOC 2025 fixtures update:**

Events and activities are listed on the following page. See also the [Fixtures page on the NOC website](#) for latest details.

March 23rd - Silverhill (EML)  
April 13th - Watchwood & Calverton (EML)  
May - (Possible local Level D event - to be confirmed)  
June - (Possible local Level D event - to be confirmed)  
July 12th - Euro-City Weekend (Nottingham & Lincoln). **See article above!**  
August (16th or 17th; Sprint training - to be confirmed)  
September - (Possible local Level D event - to be confirmed)  
September 28th - Retford (EMUL)  
November 16th - Wellow (EML)  
December 21st - Strawberry Hill (EML and Christmas event)

*Enjoy your orienteering in the coming months. Let's keep the momentum going!*