

SCOA Bulletin December 2017

SCOA League- how is your club doing?

To date we have had 5 of the 7 SCOA League events. The remaining events are 7 Jan, Fritham in the New Forest (the map with the 'Royal Oak' Pub on it!) and Butterwood (M3 jn 5) on 8 April. Both excellent areas. See SCOA website for events, results and details. <http://www.scoa-orienteering.org.uk/scoa-league>

SCOA 2018 Championships, Sun 28 Jan: BKO Concorde Chase.

Details on <http://www.bko.org.uk/event/star-posts-28-jan-18>

Entries are open on the fabian4 website. There are courses designated by colour for all levels of ability but, as the event is hosting the regional 2018 SCOA Championships, age classes have been allocated to specific colours. You are though free to select your preferred colour but may not then be eligible for the Championship. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 SCOA registered BOF members in each age class. Details of eligibility are on the SCOA website under SCOA Events.

Level B officials

The region needs to approve Planners and Organisers for level B events, based on prior experience. The form for submitting this information is now available on the SCOA website on the About Us page.

Juniors, 12-18's,

The region has a junior squad, with coaches running monthly training sessions. If you know of a junior at Orange standard or above who would like to meet up with other juniors and have fun while improving their orienteering skills, please contact the junior squad manager <mailto:juniorsquad@scoa-orienteering.org.uk>

Colour-coded awards

Especially good for newcomers and juniors of all ages, Colour Coded badges can be achieved by taking part in 3 or more events with colour courses. See the SCOA website -About Us page for info.

Easter means JK

Entries are open for the 2018 JK in the Cannock Chase area just north of Birmingham, using sientries. co.uk

Easter in 2019 is later: Friday 19 April –Mon 22 April and the JK is in our region, so very little travel required and a great opportunity to be part of this very special festival of orienteering. We have had some difficulties getting permission or adequate parking for previously proposed areas. The Sprint is no longer at Rutherford Labs, Abingdon and other areas are being investigated. The Middle distance event will be at Mytchett. The Classic distance event will be at Cold Ash, Newbury. The Relay area still has to be confirmed.

Each club in SCOA is asked to nominate a JK19 Volunteer Co-ordinator to help identify and manage the body of helpers needed for each day. Please consider volunteering for this role and let your club committee and the JK co-ordinators (Terry and Di Smith) know. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Di Smith, [chairman\(at\)scoa-orienteering.org.uk](mailto:chairman(at)scoa-orienteering.org.uk)

Di Smith, Chair