

Newsletter Nov 2018



November's been a relatively quiet month in the O calendar. While there is some free space in the newsletter, it seems like a good time to say a big "Thank You!" to all the wonderful volunteers who make events happen year-round (and brilliantly, too!). It always takes a lot of time and energy to hold an event, so thanks for putting the effort in to keep the sport exciting for everyone.

There was one bigger event happening in Wales this month. MWOC (Mid-Wales) held the Welsh League finale at Ynyslas sand dunes and the sunshine held out [just as weatherman Derek had predicted!](#) Gabriella Walsh did a great job with local publicity, boosting numbers attending to over 100 with lots of newcomers taking part. Thanks MWOC.

With this year's competitions having come to an end, the Welsh League 2018 winners can now be announced:

Female Junior: Jessica Ward NGOC
Female Senior: Megan Carter-Davies MWOC
Female Vet.: Sam Healy SBOC
Female Supervet.: Margaret Reynolds SBOC
Female Ultravet.: Gill Manning SWOC

Male Junior: Oscar Healy SBOC
Male Senior: Ben Mitchell SBOC
Male Vet.: Brendan Healy SBOC
Male Supervet.: Mark Saunders BOK
Male Ultravet.: David May SLOW

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who took part. Full league results will be posted on to the [WOA website](#) in a few days and prizes will be awarded at the first Welsh League event of 2019. Speaking of, here are the dates for your diary...

2019 Welsh League

Sun 17th Feb - SBOC - Mynydd y Garn
Sun 3rd March - MWOC - Nash Wood (inc. Welsh Championships)
Sun 14th April - SWOC - Cwm Lickey
Sun 12th May - MWOC - Carneddau
Sun 2nd Jun - SBOC - Kenfig
Sun 23rd June - MWOC - Teifi Pools
Sat 7th Sept - SBOC - Broughton Burrows
Sun 6th Oct - SBOC - Pen Rhiw Wen
Sat 26th Oct - Eryri - Newborough
Sun 27th Oct - Eryri - Newborough
Sun 8th Dec - SWOC - Draethen or Kingswood (tba)

Finally, this month's fun tip... [Route-to-Christmas!](#) Whether or not you consider yourself a Christmas person, this online advent calendar presents you with a daily route-choice leg from one of this year's many races worldwide. You can draw your route, compare with routes drawn by others and check out which way really was the fastest route from the competition. The whole website, [WorldOfO](#), is generally a great place to start if you want to read any orienteering blogs and see endless maps from around the world.

In the next newsletter, there'll be a section on 2019 holiday orienteering, so send in your suggestions for great multi-day events to info@woa.org.uk.

Happy December!