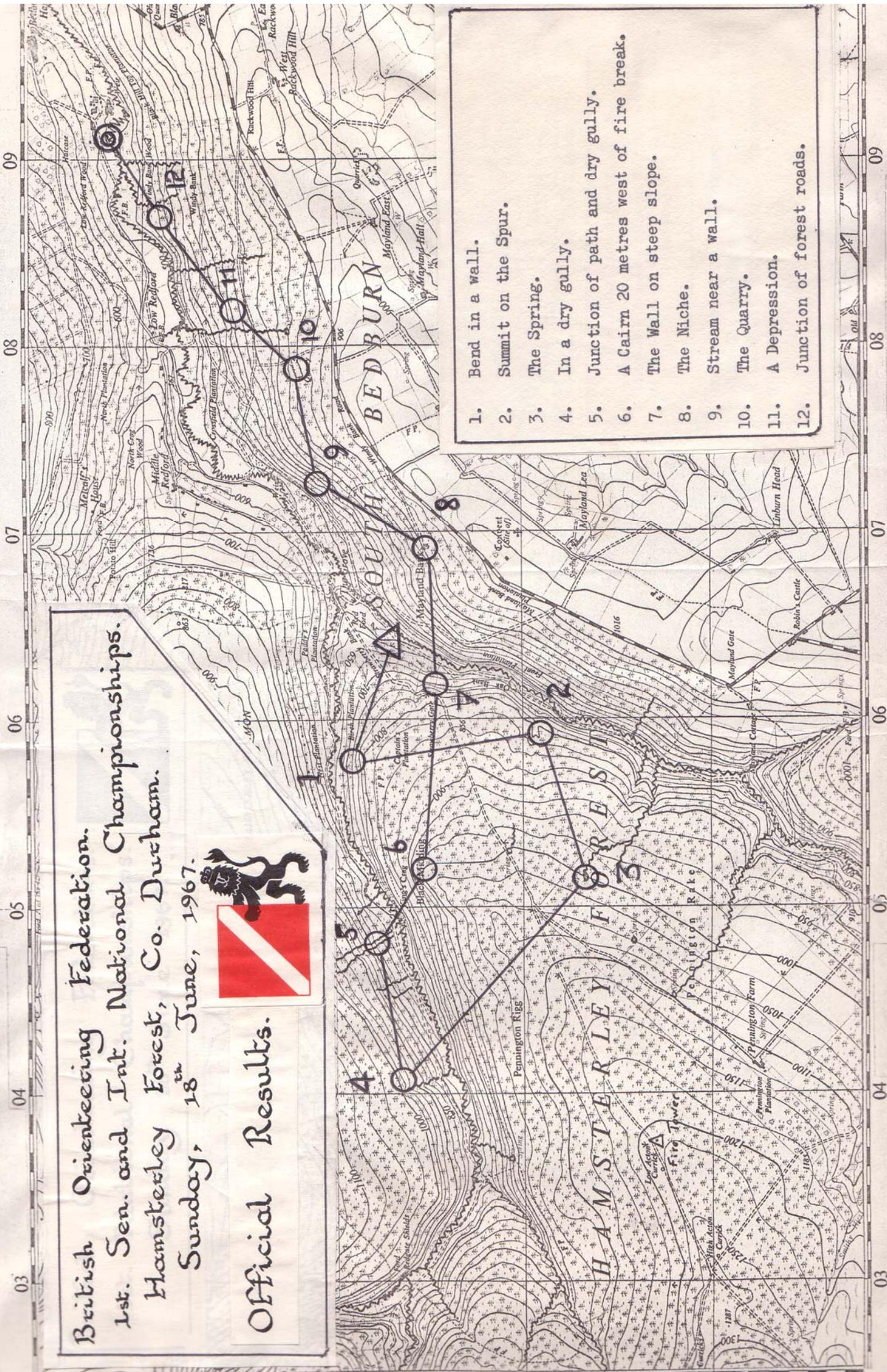


British Orienteering Federation.

1st. Sen. and Int. National Championships.
Hamsterley Forest, Co. Durham.
Sunday, 18th June, 1967.



Official Results.



1. Bend in a wall.
2. Summit on the Spur.
3. The Spring.
4. In a dry gully.
5. Junction of path and dry gully.
6. A Cairn 20 metres west of fire break.
7. The Wall on steep slope.
8. The Niche.
9. Stream near a wall.
10. The Quarry.
11. A Depression.
12. Junction of forest roads.



NORTHERN ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION
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Senior Men

120 entries, 97 starters, 42 retired

1. G.Pirie	Nut	1.51.50
2. K.Kjemhus	HDOC	1.54.39
3. C.James	SN	2.01.30
4. A.Patten	PFO	2.02.04
5. C.W.Brasher	SN	2.03.24
6. G.R.Astles	SELOC	2.08.24
7. S.Millar	ESOC	2.16.11
8. J.Disley	SN	2.17.09
9. M.Hyman	OO	2.18.10
10. T.Walker	Nut	2.19.29
11. J.J.Thomson	RM	2.20.28
12. T.Wale	OO	2.27.13
13. E.W.Dance	MDOC	2.30.03
14. K.I.Evans	OO	2.30.50
15. R.Harris	ESOC	2.34.33
16. D.O.N.James	OO	2.35.10
17. I.P.Watson	MDOC	2.36.56
18. F.M.Collett	SROC	2.39.13
19. T.E.Norris	MVMCFRS	2.44.50
20. A.Heaton	PFO	2.45.53
21. R.Carey	OD	2.47.31
22. R.J.MacKay	LHAC	2.48.40
23. M.MacAlpine	MVMCFRS	2.51.15
24. M.J.Davies	OO	2.52.39
25. T.Sykes	SROC	2.54.37
26. E.Norrish	OD	2.55.09
27. J.Rix	Nut	2.55.38
28. G.Bradshaw	NN	2.59.59
29. W.P.Norris	MVMCFRS	3.00.17
30. N.Bush	SCOC	3.00.36
31. V.C.Keyte	NOA	3.01.04
32. P.R.T.Newby	OO	3.02.51
33. J.Wilson	ASVSC	3.06.05
34. W.Hill	SN	3.10.57
35. W.Gould	ESOC	3.17.43
36. P.Carey	OD	3.20.36
37. W.Bird	DD	3.21.32
38. M.Wells-Cole	RM	3.23.34
39. G.Barell	OD	3.27.46
40. H.E.Ostle	HDOC	3.29.56
41. T.Nutter	PFO	3.31.37
42. J.E.P.Singleton	MDOC	3.33.32
43. B.J.S.Jones	SN	3.33.43
44. K.Brooks	SROC	3.34.17
45. A.Tweedie	EUOC	3.36.47
46. R.Climie	ind	3.40.04
47. J.Ollerenshaw	MS	3.42.19
48. W.Witts	MVMCFRS	3.43.03
49. J.R.Grimshaw	MDOC	3.46.45
50. G.Courtois	OD	3.49.17
51. K.Westley	HDOC	3.49.38
52. J.Logan	RWFOC	3.50.10
53. R.Lofts	DD	3.58.43
54. E.H.Joyce	MS	4.04.01
55. D.Simpson	SROC	4.38.39

Team results

1. Southern Navigators 'A'	9.33.00
2. Occasional Orienteers	9.51.23
3. Mole Valley	12.19.25
4. Manchester & Distric OC	12.27.16

5. Octavian Droobers	12.52.33
6. Dysart Marines	13.04.17
7. South Ribble OC	13.46.46

Intermediate Men

75 entries, 66 starters, 30 retired

1. L.R.Smith	SOC	1.35.46
2. P.Simpson	EUOC	1.39.44
3. A.Scales	SROC	1.41.18
4. J.Barrow	EUOC	1.41.58
5. J.Neeves	DA	1.44.17
6. G.Peek	DHS	2.00.10
7. D.G.Wood	EUOC	2.01.30
8. R.Haw	OD	2.01.49
9. G.Barnett	BOC	2.01.51
10. P.S.Adams	SOC	2.01.56
11. A.R.Meekings	SOC	2.02.43
12. H.Fraser	DA	2.07.32
13. W.T.R.Thackwell	SOC	2.07.53
14. P.Clarke	RSOC	2.09.13
15. P.Cosgrove	SROC	2.12.57
16. A.McLean	BOC	2.19.50
17. R.Harvey	OD	2.21.23
18. R.Benton	SROC	2.30.16
19. P.Collett	SROC	2.31.18
20. P.W.Kelbie	NCP	2.34.20
21. M.M.Wingfield	NCP	2.37.22
22. I.Thompson	DHS	2.38.33
23. R.Baxter	BOC	2.38.39
24. D.J.Keozierski	SN	2.41.40
25. C.Clark	DA	2.43.33
26. J.Adamson	DA	2.49.54
27. S.Edgar	FOC	2.56.00
28. R.Hutchinson	DA	2.56.51
29. J.D.Sutcliffe	DC	3.11.14
30. T.Zabiely	BOC	3.13.01
31. ?.Taylor	DC	3.18.42
32. J.Chisholm	OO	3.28.04
33. ?.Mizel	DC	3.51.02
34. D.Strachan	FOC	3.51.37
35. R.P.Beaney	LA	4.01.50
36. C.D.L.Morris	DC	4.27.26

Team results

1. Edinburgh University OC	5.23.12
2. RMA Sandhurst OC	5.40.25
3. South Ribble OC	6.24.31
4. Dollar Academy	6.35.22
5. Broughton OC	7.00.20
6. Denstone College 'A'	10.20.58

Senior Women

15 entries, 12 started, 1 retired

1. C.M.McNeill	DD	1.29.30
2. T.E.Fjeld	MOC	1.40.46
3. H.Hill	SN	1.58.45
4. P.A.Grant	SN	1.58.50
5. J.Tennant	SN	2.04.25
6. S.M.Rex	SN	2.04.49
7. S.Bone	EUOC	2.31.57

8. W.Wilson	ASVAC	2.35.38
9. D.Price	ESOC	2.38.39
10. L.Collett	SROC	2.58.52
11. W.Smith	ESOC	3.28.58

Retired

J.C.F.Pare	WMOC	f1
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Team results

1. Southern Navigators	6.02.00
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Intermediate Women

22 entries, 20 started, 4 retired

1. J.McMartin	EUOC	1.13.21
2. ?.Wight	EUOC	1.19.09
3. F.Murray	SN	1.20.44
4. ?.Lindsay	EUOC	1.36.03
5. C.Combe	FOC	1.46.31
6. H.Smith	FOC	2.04.16
7. A.Brown	FOC	2.17.46
8. C.Tearley	QAS	2.19.06
9. J.Liddle	DHS	2.27.37
10. J.Wilson	DHS	2.28.08
11. S.E.Johnson	MVMCFRS	2.44.53
12. S.Jones	DHS	2.45.26
13. S.Anderson	QAS	3.06.36
14. C.Dean	QAS	3.08.25
15. J.F.Clarke	SROC	3.26.05
16. J.Agnew	FOC	3.29.05

Retired

K.Stuart	DHS	f3
M.Brough	QAS	f2
D.Over	QAS	
J.Gilholme	QAS	

Team results

1. Edinburgh University OC	4.08.33
2. Forester OC	6.08.33
3. Dunfermline High School	7.41.11

Comments

The 1st British Orienteering Championships have now passed and the long awaited results are finally available for your analysis. Many of you have written eagerly asking why the delay and for this I humbly apologise but sometimes in one's life there arises a combination of circumstances which makes it difficult, if not impossible, to devote oneself exclusively to a single specific task. Following the Championships the organiser was moving house and starting a new job, later he was representing the newly formed British Federation at the I.O.F. Congress in Austria. Besides this it was the object to produce a very comprehensive set of results, ideally to establish the time and position of every competitor at every control point and this is no simple task. We have purposely omitted lists giving the times and positions at the various controls of those who eventually retired from the event, with over 40% retiring this would have almost doubled the size of this results paper but for the remainder, who completed the various courses we hope, though much delayed, these results will provide interesting memories.

First, why Hamsterley? The Organisers felt that for the 1st British Championships we should break into some new terrain, although it is appreciated, this will not always

be possible. There was little virgin forest west of the Pennines whilst on the eastern side the sport was still little known (probably the area of least development) and the promotion of the British Championships could well provide the stimulus to launch the sport in that area. County Durham was so situated to involve travelling from all the active regions and it would be equally convenient to Scottish competitors as to teams from the Midlands and South. It was also desirable to have a strong Scottish contingent as this was also the occasion of the Inaugural Meeting of the British Federation.

The forest itself was far from ideal and two visits were made to the area before it was finally decided to go ahead. The terrain was rather featureless, there being few opportunities to collect features and establish one's precise position relating your map to the surrounding terrain. It was immediately obvious that the courses would be tough but then a technically and physically tough course was the pre-requisite for the first truly national championships. The scarcity of definite features is most apparent on the map but the actual terrain was equally bare of suitable control points. Like always, there were many problems but the forest was at least mature and conducive in many places to running, so we made the best of what Hamsterley had to offer.

In the Senior Men's event there was an excellent entry of 120 competitors from all parts of the land, a truly national gathering. The results should not be discouraging even though 42 of the 97 starters retired. The now familiar names in the upper half of the list, many of whom are the sport's pioneers in this country are gradually raising the standard, increasing the severity of competitive events and paving the way for future national representative teams. The course of 10.2 kilometres, involving some 1500 feet of ascent (and descent) was considered a respectable test for the 'First British'. The course planner was living with the hope that someone would break inside two hours and his day was made when Knut Kjemhus raced along the finishing straight to record 1.54.39, later to be eclipsed by Gordon Pirie. It was a course where the hard work (technically and physically) had to be done in the first half. Anyone passing smoothly through the 'Spring' and 'Dry Gully' then appreciating that the firebreak referred to in the control description was not the wide motorway-like break (this was too obvious and a compass indicated it to be a little to the west of the desired point) had a winning line for a fast time. 'The Niche' was a delightful control to test exactness in running on a bearing. Chris Brasher described how running within the sight of other competitors he was gradually being drawn away from his desired route and over to the right, but conscious of this attraction he deviated to the left to run straight into the control. For 'The Niche' many purposely checked-in at the road and lost no more than 3-4 minutes whilst others missed the point and eventually arrived on the road. One untutored observer later in the day reported large numbers of persons (young girls and old men) emerging from the forest onto the road utterly bewildered and then turning round and hastening back into the forest clutching a 'bit of plastic' or something.

An analysis of the positions of the first 20 progressing through the various controls makes interesting reading. Gordon Pirie now supreme national champion did not find Hamsterley Forest going too well for the first three controls but thereafter he lost precious little time. Tony

Walker must have had difficulty at 'The Spring' because up to this point he was stealing a march on the field. Chris Brasher had a ghastly approach to the first control but from the 'Summit on the Spur' everything seemed to go right and he progressed through the field to finish in fifth position. Alistair Patten had a magnificent run through to control No.7 but 'The Niche' was his undoing and though recovering, he only managed fourth place. Innumerable are the incidents one can record, this is the excitement and enchantment of our beloved sport.

In the ladies events, both senior and intermediate the entry was extremely disappointing, there are much larger numbers of girls orienteering on a regular basis but for some reason they are discouraged from competing in premier championships. Though a small entry the senior ladies made quite a good race of it with Hazel Hill and Jenny Tennant running equal first for the first section through the 'Bend in Wall' and 'Summit on the Spur' but then Miss Tennant forged ahead to be baulked by 'The Niche' her time from the 'Footbridge' to 'The Niche' was 48 minutes which dropped her to sixth place. Carol McNeill required no more than 10 minutes from the same section, which was quite a brilliant piece of orienteering, as it involved some 700 metres of uphill running through thick forest. Her time over this section was only bettered by two competitors in the intermediate men's event. It was this uphill section to 'The Niche' which won or lost the race for so many competitors. In the intermediate events (both men and women) the Scottish team revealed their true strength. The only teams to complete the intermediate ladies championship were teams from north of the border, products no doubt of competition in the Scottish Schools Association, one aspect of the sport not yet fully exploited in the English Regions.

The Intermediate Men's Championships also provided some interesting competition, the fact that four competitors finished within 26 seconds of each other illustrates the importance of racing all the way. The spice of individual competition is magnified ten-fold in orienteering, when participants are started at intervals and no matter how exciting or frustrating it is the stop watch which decides the Champions. Once again it was that diabolical control 'The Niche' which ruined Paul Collett's chances of the first British Intermediate Championship. He was leading from the second control and 4 minutes ahead of W.T.R.Thackwell at the 'Footbridge' but he required 56 minutes to locate 'The Niche' and was dropped to 17th position. Again in the team events the young orienteers from Scottish clubs revealed great promise for the future, with 1st, 4th and 5th team in the Championship.

Acknowledgements:

All the reports received suggest that this 1st British National gathering of orienteers was a huge success but to make a sports promotion of this kind go over satisfactorily there are many people deserving credit for their interest and dedicated support. The organiser wishes to extend a most sincere 'thank you' to Messrs, J.E.Leslie and J.A.Marshall, the gentlemen responsible for Hamsterley Forest. To Mr.A.A.Muir, the Chief Constable of Durham County Constabulary who not only kindly presented our prizes but provided a contingent of 20 Police Cadets, who diligently sat and recorded the arrival of all competitors at every control point. These young men did a magnificent task and it was their

voluntary efforts which provided the comprehensive form of these results. To Mr.N.B.Smiley of the 'Guinness Company' who donated 'The Guinness Trophy' for The Senior Men's Team Championship and who has expressed such enthusiasm for our sport to sponsor the administration of the B.O.F. during the Federation's first year. To the South Ribble Mountain Rescue Team who arrived at Hamsterley on Friday evening and tested radio communication the following day, who assisted in preparing the finish area for the Championship and through various links provided information of the progress of competitors through a number of controls. To Major D.Roberts of the 49th Light Regiment R.A. who kindly allocated a number of beds for competitors at Deerbolt Camp and though incomplete a special 'thank you' to all my colleagues in the Northern Association, in particular Lol Clarke and John Haworth, who working as a team made possible the successful promotion of these Championships.

The Organisers now wish to record in the pages of this results brochure an item of a less joyful nature. As with all sports administration it is necessary to involve ourselves in having rules to govern and control our sport, to ensure fair competition and provide happiness to competitors and officials alike.

Many orienteers still fail to recognise their cardinal obligation to the organisers of orienteering events i.e. to notify the fact that they have retired from the event. This is one of the most fundamental rules of competitive orienteering, it was included in the Championship Brochure (although hardly necessary in a championship event) that once started a competitor must report back to the finish officials and if he should lose his card, then report the fact to the officials. The Organisers had adopted an efficient method of recording the start and finish of every competitor and a total of 72 competitors failed to hand in a card at the finish. In consequence of this recurring problem, where competitors continue to disregard their responsibilities to organisers, the B.O.F. have decided to operate a 'Black List'. Therefore should any competitor in any competition, conducted under the rules of the B.O.F. default on more than one occasion, then the Executive Committee will give consideration to his disqualification from further competition. It is perhaps a hard rule but a rule urgently necessary for the peace of mind of organisers. The competitor's card is the means by which an organiser is aware that you have completed the course, without a card he does not know whether you have returned home or could possibly be lying injured in the forest.

The following competitors failed to hand in their cards or notify officials of their retirement at the British Championships, Hamsterley Forest, on Sunday, 18th June, 1967.

Senior Men

No.7 - M.Murray, Nut
No.93 - L.F.N.Horne
No.100 - P.D.Holdus, HW
No.103 - Parker, DC
No.106 - P.Murray, Nut
No.122 - R.K.Picksley, NN

Intermediate Men

No.37 - Harris, DC
No.39 - R.McCloughlin, FOC

No.48 - Walley, DC
No.56 - Rogers,DC
No.65 - Rebuck, DC
No.75 - Marles, DC

Unless the above named can offer a reasonable explanation to the secretary of the B.O.F. as to why their names should not be included on the *Black List' then their names will be submitted to the next meeting of the B.O.F. Executive Committee for official recording.

Officials

Championship Organiser – Gerry Charnley
and members of the Northern Orienteering Association
Course Planner – Lawrence Clarke (SROC)
Course Vetter – John Haworth (PFO)

Map and Terrain

The forest of Hamsterley embraces some 5000 acres of mixed woodland all of which is under the control of the Forestry Commission. It is over 40 years old although today many sections have been thinned out whilst others have been planted in more recent years. There are some steep slopes on the valley sides and the height above sea level varies from 500 to 1300 feet.

There is an estimated population of 200 Roe deer in this forest of 5 million trees.

The competition map is a black and white photocopy, scale 1:25000 – 2 1/2 inches to one mile, it will measure 13" x 8" but can be folded to 9" x 6".

As is usual with Forestry Commission plantations and dated maps, many earth type forest roads exist which are not shown on the map, whilst a few stone walls shown on the map are no longer in existence or have become earth mounds. Other tracks which are shown on the map have fallen into disuse and are difficult to define. All the competitions are confined within the forest boundary and adequate protective clothing is to be recommended.

There are no prohibited areas marked on the map.