

Chairmans Report for 2018 AGM

In 2017 SCOA hosted the Southern Championships (SOC in November) and Southern Night Championships (TVOC in December). The SCOA website hosts the winners of these events and now a set of photos of all the Southern Champs trophies (on the 'shared resources' page).

The SCOA league results are now based on the best 50% of events. This copes with the recent drop and variable number of events in the league. In addition, from September 2017 there is also an inter-club competition, and trophy, with a scoring system designed by Ken Ricketts to encourage participation.

The region is hosting the JK in 2019. During 2017 we were challenged with unexpected changes of venues for the Sprint and Relays, resulting in changes in some of the key officials. Delays in getting permission for 3 of the 4 areas and identifying suitable parking have also affected other aspects such as mapping and planning. At the time of this report (June 2018), we are confident of permissions for all 4 venues, mapping is mostly complete and almost all officials have been appointed. We have a partnership agreement with BO, who are managing payments, and will apportion surplus income 2/3 to BO, 1/3 to SCOA.

The new ISOM mapping symbols were announced in late 2017 and are being applied to all SCOA maps as they are updated.

Our Junior squad continues to be run with monthly sessions and has been additionally supported financially by SCOA clubs donating the proceeds of a nominated event – in 2017 by TVOC. Several squad members have written excellent reports on their activities and contribute to coaching or the running of events.

Although the regional chairs no longer sit on a BO committee, they are called upon occasionally to support BO in governance. In 2017, it was the turn of SCOA – and an enjoyable responsibility - to support BO in the recruitment of two independent directors and a replacement for Mike Hamilton who was retiring as CEO.

After 3 years in post I am stepping down and would like to thank the members who attend the SCOA meetings and especially those who take on specific roles to make the region function as well as it does.

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