

SOUTH CENTRAL ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION FIXTURES SECRETARY REPORT - 2017

During 2017, approximately 75 level A – D events (2016: 83) and 79 activities (2016: 76) were registered in the South Central region, attended by a total of at least 12,669 people (2016: 13,363), of whom 9,748 (2016: 10,160) were seniors and 2,921 (2016: 3,203) were juniors.

The figures relating to these events are shown in the table below (with 2016 data in brackets).

Both the total number of events and participation appear to have fallen somewhat (between 5 and 10%) compared with 2016. The lower number of activities was responsible for most of the change in event numbers. The change in participation is in proportion to the smaller number of events, with a larger fall in junior participation than for seniors. Most BAOC events are now excluded from the statistics due to these being insured elsewhere and participation data no longer being gathered by British Orienteering (previously, BAOC events would have included around 10,000 individual runs).

There were 36 events or activities with missing participation data (a 50% rise from 23 last year). Whilst this number of events is large, most are activities and so the missing participation is unlikely to make up for the decrease over last year.

One level A event was hosted in the region during 2017 (Southern Championships, SOC). Five level B events were held (BKO x 2, SOC and TVOC x 2).

The SCOA League had a programme of ten events in 2017. The 2016/2017 season included four events in 2016 and five events in 2017. All clubs held one or more series of small/introductory events or activities at various times during the year.

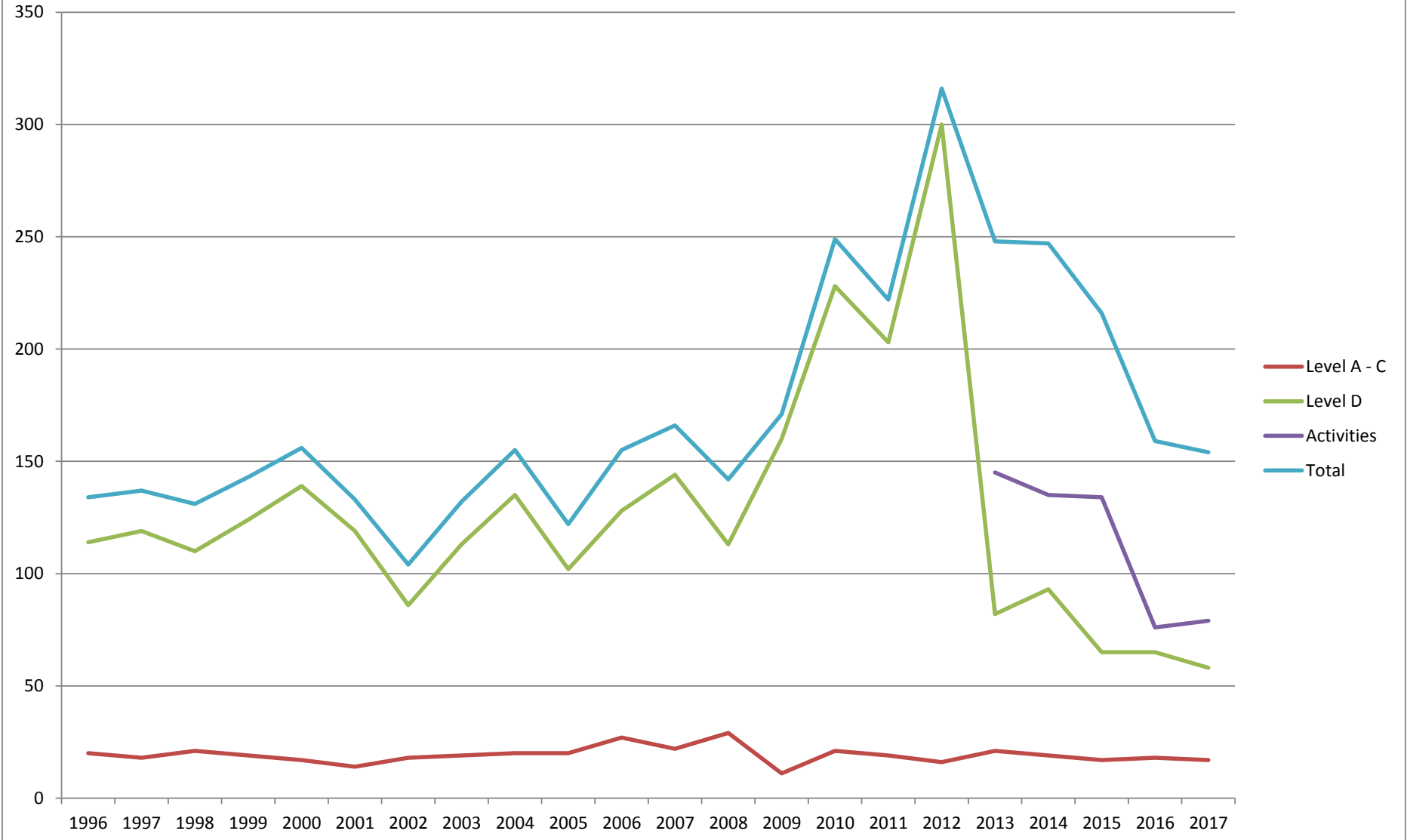
I have updated the graphs of the annual number of events in the region and participation to cover the period from 1996. Following a large increase in the number of small events in the first half of the 2010's, this now appears to be returning closer to the long term average. The gross participation chart appears worrying but stripping out the BAOC data reveals a long term rising trend, at least for seniors.

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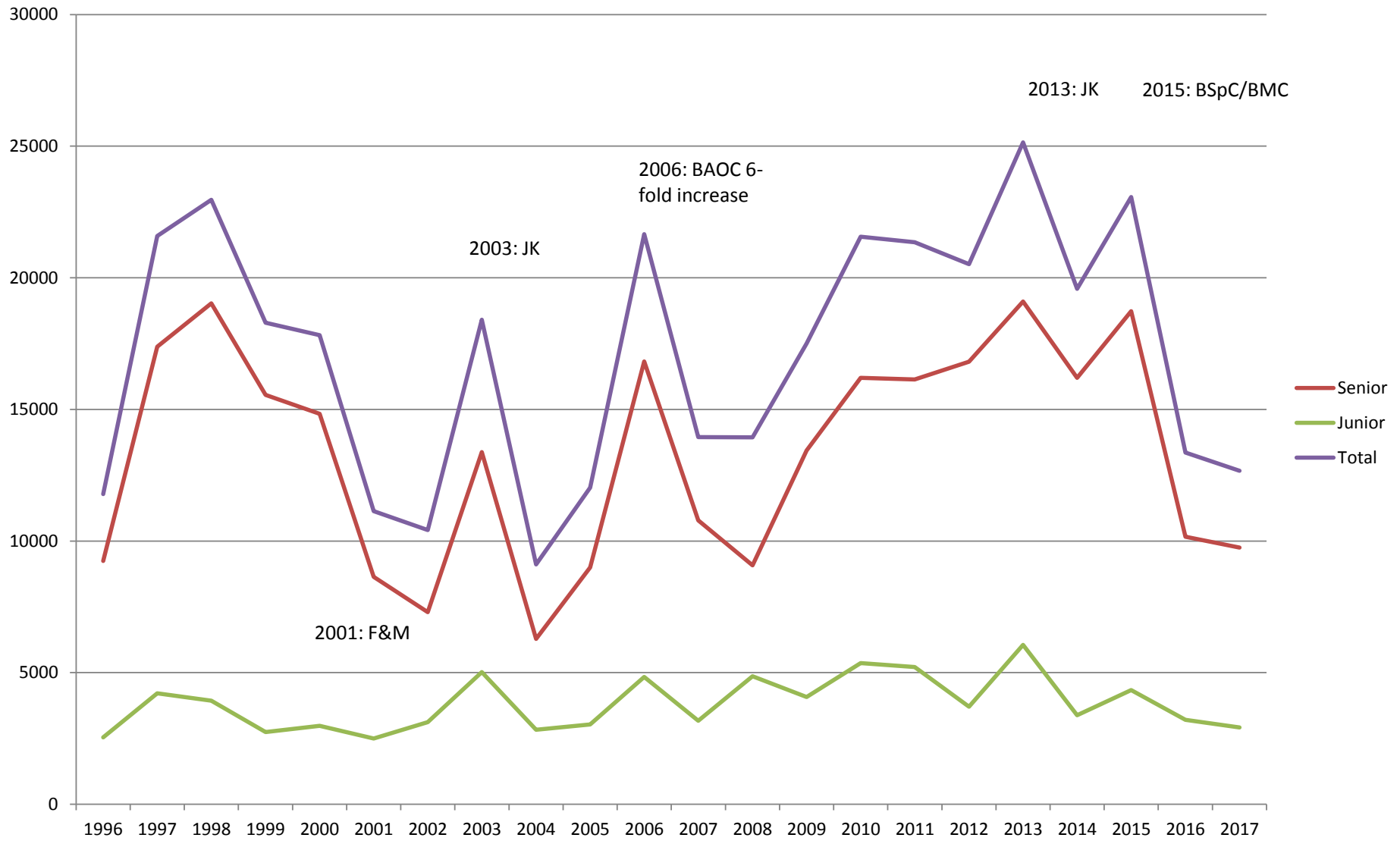
2017 SCOA data table

Club	A – C		D		Activities		Seniors		Juniors		Total	
BADO	2	(2)	1	(1)	1	(4)	418	(635)	60	(115)	478	(750)
BAOC	0	(0)	2	(1)	0	(1)	302	(192)	14	(0)	316	(192)
BKO	4	(3)	6	(10)	11	(10)	1,743	(1,703)	551	(672)	2,294	(2,375)
JOK	0	(0)	0	(1)	21	(12)	0	(33)	0	(10)	0	(43)
OUOC	0	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)	0	(336)	0	(47)	0	(383)
RAFO	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)	4	(53)	14	(0)	18	(53)
SARUM	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
SN	0	(1)	5	(2)	32	(33)	966	(1,171)	556	(490)	1,522	(1,661)
SOC	5	(5)	11	(15)	7	(10)	2,196	(2,739)	399	(668)	2,595	(3,407)
SOFA	0	(0)	0	(0)	3	(4)	29	(21)	6	(26)	35	(47)
TVOC	6	(6)	28	(29)	2	(1)	3,957	(3,071)	1,266	(1,070)	5,223	(4,141)
WIGHT	0	(0)	5	(6)	0	(0)	133	(206)	55	(105)	188	(311)
Total	17	(18)	58	(65)	79	(76)	9,748	(10,160)	2,921	(3,203)	12,669	(13,363)

Number of events registered in SCOA



Participation at SCOA events



Participation at SCOA events (excluding BAOC)

