

Annual Report 2012 (final version, June 2013)

INTRODUCTION

This Report summarises the activities of the Welsh Orienteering Association during 2012. It takes the form of short reports from the officers of the Association and is presented at the Annual General Meeting for approval. The following reports have been updated since the draft was made available: Treasurer's Report, Appendices; Membership Secretary's Report; Mapping Officer's Report; Schools Liaison Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2012

During 2012 four WOA Business Meetings were held, in March, May, July and November. The AGM was held in May. In the absence of a Chair being elected at the AGM, the chairmanship of the subsequent meetings was on a rotating basis. Pete Ribbans, Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting in May. The July meeting was conducted by email and was chaired and minuted by John Butler (outgoing Treasurer). Robert Griffiths chaired the November meeting.

It is not a satisfactory situation for a national organisation, supported by grants from the Welsh Assembly and from the British Orienteering Federation, to be still without a Chair. With the help of Amy Peltor, Treasurer, I completed the forms for our grant application to Sport Wales, which was successful. However, a number of communications during 2012 that should have been dealt with by a Chair were not, unfortunately.

Anne May, SLOW, April 2013

TREASURER'S REPORT

WOA Committee Meeting 22 Feb 2013

Item No. 4(a)

WOA ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2012

1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1 The annual accounts for 2012 show an Annual Surplus of £1914 compared to a Budget Deficit of £800, an improvement of £2714. As a consequence, the balance on the reserve fund had increased from £6056 to £7970. The balance on the Development Fund is £20841 more than the budget i.e. £23278 due to the income from CROESO 2012. WOA keeps 50% of expected expenditure in the reserve fund so an end of year adjustment has been made to keep within this guideline. £3800 was transferred from the reserve fund to the development fund so the end of year balances are as follows:

Reserve: £4170 Development: £27078

1.2 The current financial situation is good but shows that the position is maintained by the regular infusion of income from CROESO.

Recommendation

(a) That the Annual Accounts for 2012 be agreed and submitted to the AGM for approval.

Recommendation was approved at the committee meeting March 2013

2. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2012

- 2.1 The Annual Accounts for 2012, which are subject to audit, are at Appendix A in the format required by the Sports Council for Wales (SCW) and will be presented to the AGM for formal approval in due course.
- 2.2 Appendix B includes more detailed information about the Actual Income and Expenditure for 2012 compared with the amended Budget for that year. This shows that the Actual Surplus for the year was £2714 more than the Budget as summarised below:

	Budget	Actual	Variation
	£	£	£
Income	13,200	13,112	-88
Less Expenditure	<u>-14,000</u>	<u>-11,198</u>	<u>2802</u>
Surplus	<u>-800</u>	<u>1,914</u>	<u>2,714</u>

2.3 The increase in the surplus of £2714 is made up as follows:

	£
Levies	-254
Interest	151
Officers Expenses	82
Committee Meetings	81
Y Ddraig	1500
Training Officials	410
Domestic Events	79
International preparation/Training	-160
International Programme	-361
Club Coaching Grants	1055
Other minor variations	<u>131</u>
Increased Surplus	<u>2714</u>

2.4 The increased surplus increased the balance on the reserve fund, however, it is WOA policy to maintain a balance in the reserve fund of at least 50% of budgeted expenditure see 3.1.2 below. As such a transfer was made from the reserve fund to the development fund in order to keep the balance in the reserve fund to approximately 50% of the expenditure of 2013, as shown below:

	Budget	Actual	Variation
	£	£	£
Balance at 1 Jan 2012	6056	6056	0
Transfer to(-)/from revenue account	-800	1914	2714
End of year adjustment	<u>0</u>	<u>-3800</u>	<u>-3800</u>
Balance at 31 Dec 2012	<u>5256</u>	<u>4170</u>	<u>-1086</u>

2.5 The Actual balance on the Development Fund is £27078.

3. FINANCIAL STRATEGY

3.1 Reserve Fund

- 3.1.1 The main reasons that organisations need reserves are:
 - To fund expenditure pending the receipt of income (e.g. debtors, stocks, temporary loans, cash flow etc)
 - To meet unavoidable unbudgeted expenditure and/or loss of budgeted income.
- 3.1.2 In determining what might be an adequate and prudent level of reserves, WOA has used the yardstick common to a number of voluntary organisations: that the minimum level of reserves ought to be at least 25% of its annual turnover, plus a further 25% to provide the facility to make temporary loans to the organisers of major events in Wales pending the receipt of income, making a total of 50%. The balance on the Reserve fund at the year end was 97% of budgeted expenditure for 2013 before the end of year adjustment and 51% after the adjustment.

3.2 **Budgetary Control**

- 3.2.1 The other principle agreed was that the Association must be self sufficient if it is to continue to remain a viable organisation. In other words, it must contain its expenditure within its income each year, which it has done in 2012, even without the income generated by CROESO 2012.
- 3.2.2 Budgets are controlled during the year to ensure that they are not exceeded without prior authority with regular monitoring reports submitted to the committee. Where possible, individual budgets are delegated to specific officers to manage.

3.3 Development Fund

3.3.1 The development fund was originally established with the bulk of the Association's share of the CROESO 2008 surplus and has been used to provide grants to the Welsh clubs to enable them to develop orienteering within their areas. The income from CROESO 2012 has increased the balance in the development fund to a healthy level so that grants to the clubs can be maintained over the next 4 years.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Whilst the current financial situation is good, to maintain the position, the Association is reliant on grants from BOF, SCW and income from CROESO and other major events; it cannot support itself on income from membership subscriptions and levies alone.

Amy Peltor, BAOC, Feb 2013

Appendices:

- 1. WOA Annual Accounts 2012
- 2. WOA Actual & Budget 2012

22 February 2013

Appendix 1

	WELSH ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION						
	INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT						
		To 31	Dec 2011	To 31	Dec 2102		
		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure		
		£	£	£	£		
	Core Activities						
1	Administration	403.03	-208.11	351.11	-87.18		
2	Membership	2,327.50	-188.08	2260.80			
3	Training of Coaches		-120.00				
4	Training of Officials		251.78		-90.40		
5	Domestic Events		-316.00		-470.98		
6	Schools liaison/projects				-83.75		
7		2,730.53	-580.41	2611.91	-732.31		
	Special Projects						
8	Development Grants	2,000.00	-5,025.00	4000.00	-6445.00		
9	CROESO 2012 levies			6135.00			
10	CROESO 2012 Share of surplus			14706.00			
11		2,000.00	-5,025.00	24841.00	-6445.00		
	Performance & Excellence						
12	International Preparation Training	250.00	-500.00	1290.00	-1950.00		
13	International Competition	4,219.88	-7,419.88	3696.00	-7056.00		
14		4,469.88	-7,919.88	4986.00	-9006.00		

	Totals Before Development Fund				
15	Transfers	9,200.41	-13,525.29	32438.91	-16183.31
16	Transfers to(-)/from Development Fund		1,100.00	3500.00	
17				20841.00	
18	Totals After Development Fund Transfers	9,200.41	-12,425.29	15097.91	-16183.31
19	Deficit Before SCW Grant		-3,224.88		-1085.40
20	SCW Grant		3,000.00		3000.00
21	Surplus/Deficit(-) After SCW Grant		-224.88		1914.60
22	Reserve Fund Balance @ 1 January		6,280.64		6055.76
	End of year adjustment transfer to dev		3,2000		
23	fund				-3800.00
24	Reserve Balance @ 31 December		6,055.76		4170.36
	WELSH ORIENTEE	RING ASSO	CIATION		
	BALAN	CE SHEET			
		2011	At 31 Dec	As at 31 Dec 12	
		2011	£		£
	Current Assets		Ľ		Ľ
25	Debtors		193.70		231.20
26	Investments		14,553.11		14800.55
27	Cash in Bank		170.35		22181.61
28	Cash in Bank		14,917.16		37213.36
20	Less Current Liabilities		14,317.10		3/213.30
29	Creditors		-2,924.40		-5965.00
30	Net Assets		,		
30			11,992.76		31248.36
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Amy Peltor, Treasurer, 31 Dec 12

Appendix 2

	WELSH ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION - ACTUAL TO 31 DEC 2012						
Ref		Revised	Actual to 31-Dec-	Variation			
		Budget	12				
		Α	В	С			
		£	£	£			
	REVENUE ACCOUNT						
	Income						
1	Subscriptions	1500	1515	15			
2	Levies	1000	746	-254			
3	Interest	200	351	151			
4	CROESO income	20841	20841	0			
5	WOA Development fund	-17341	-17341	0			

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17	15	Domestic Events	-550	-471	79
18	16	International Preparation Training	-500	-660	-160
19	17	International Programme	-3000	-3361	-361
20	18	Club Development & Grants	-5500	-5500	0
Total Expenditure	19	Club Coaching Grants	-2000	-945	1055
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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Total by Membership Unit 26th October 2012									
	ВАОС	ERYRI	POW	SBOC	SWOC	SPLOT	TROT	Ex Pat	Total
Club	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	6
Group	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senior	5	19	7	32	24	2	1	23	113
Student	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	5
Junior	0	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	9
Family	0	7	16	17	19	5	0	3	67
Total by Individu	al	I		<u> </u>	l	I	I	l	
Female Snr	3	18	16	29	29	5	0	7	107
Female Jnr	0	6	13	13	12	2	0	4	50
Male Snr	2	16	23	44	37	6	1	24	151
Male Jnr	0	5	12	21	10	3	0	1	52
Total	5	45	64	107	88	16	1	36	360

Peter Ribbans, SWOC, amended June 2013

FIXTURES SECRETARY'S REPORT

I would like to thank my predecessor Brian Hughes who remained in position until I was able to take on the role of WOA Fixtures Secretary at the end of July 2012 and for the advice he has given to help me during the early days of me taking over.

My written report covers the period July 2012 to the end of December 2012 while the tables and numbers report the whole of 2012.

In 2012 the following were staged in Wales:

- Welsh Classic Championships at Pwll Du staged by SWOC
- Welsh Short Course Championships staged by SBOC
- British Trail Orienteering Championships at Newborough Forest staged by ERYRI

- Croeso 2012 Six Day Orienteering Festival which comprised four classic events, the Welsh Middle
 Distance Championship and an urban event around Aberystwyth University and local area. This
 was staged by all Welsh clubs with very significant assistance from many English clubs including
 BOK, WRE and DEE.
- Cwpan Y Ddraig and Yvette Baker trophy qualifying round at Ffridd Mathrafal staged by POW

Activities staged in Wales included Welsh Junior Squad training, SBOC club nights and a training day prior to the start of the Croeso 2012 event.

WOA and Welsh clubs should be reminded that an orienteering event or activity is only covered by British Orienteering (BO) insurance if it is registered with British Orienteering. If an event or activity is being run by a BO affiliated orienteering club but is not registered with BO then club and the members taking part should ensure they are aware of the insurance arrangements for that event in case the liability arrangements are different. The example is schools events run by a BO club. This also affects the participation figures listed below.

The BO database shows that 96 events took place in Wales in 2012. This is made up of 7 Level B events, 4 Level C events and 85 Level D events. This does not include events held by clubs outside of Wales but run in Wales such as DEE events which are registered with the North West Orienteering Association (an anomaly that I am aware has been raised with BO before). This compares with 130 events in 2011 and 165 events in 2010.

The BO database shows 22 activities took place in 2012.

Participation Figures for events in 2012

		Seniors	Juniors
ERYRI		248	64
POW		196	180
SBOC		762	206
SWOC ¹			
Other Events	Croeso 2012	7963	2806
TOTAL		9169	3256

¹Figures still to be received by WOA Treasurer from SWOC for 2012

Participation figures for previous years.

 Category
 2008 2009
 2010 2011

 Senior
 8093 2348 2442 2163

 Junior
 2194 1309 3921 3978

TOTAL 10287 3656 6363 6141 (2008 figures included for comparison of previous Croeso event)

British Orienteering's Fixtures Committee has changed name and remit. The now named Event Scheduling Group held a meeting in October 2012 which I was unable to attend.

David Pal, SPLOT, March 2013

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Controllers

The current list of WOA controllers is as follows:

Level	Club	Name
Α	SLOW	David May
В	ВОК	Mark Saunders
В	ВОК	Alice Bedwell
В	ERYRI	Paul Chamberlain
В	SBOC	Roger Stein
В	SWOC	Peter Ribbans
В	POW	Robert Griffiths
С	ERYRI	Pam Chamberlain
С	POW	David Brodie
С	POW	John Williams
С	SBOC	Bridget Stein
С	SBOC	Niall Reynolds
С	SBOC	Peter Seward
С	SBOC	Philip Jenkins
С	SPLOT	David Pal
С	SWOC	John Mills
С	SWOC	Neil Grant
С	SWOC	Peter Colbert

Unfortunately, there has been no demand for any Controllers' courses in 2012, this perhaps reflecting the very small number of WOA events (Croeso excepted) which need them, i.e. events at Level A/B/C.

Planning

No courses were requested.

Rules Group

Was disbanded in the 2011 BOF Committee/Group restructuring process, so there is no longer a requirement for Association representation in this and related areas. This throws into question the need for a Technical Officer within the WOA constitution.

Stepping Down

Having fulfilled the Technical Officer role for 5 years now, it is time to stand down from the WOA Committee and make way for fresh blood if, indeed, the future constitution of WOA still requires such a role (see "Rules Group" above). It would be good if the role went to someone from a Welsh club too.

I am happy to be called on if future Planning and/or Controlling courses are needed.

INFORMATION OFFICER'S REPORT

The main avenues for publicising the Association's affairs are the web site and the bi-monthly newsletter, Y Ddraig. Unfortunately, with no-one volunteering to take on the role of editor for Y Ddraig during 2012, communication with clubs has been more limited.

The web site has been maintained throughout the year though little new material has been provided for publication. The major activities of the association, however, can be located on the site where you can find information on the Welsh Championships, the Welsh League and copies of the reports and minutes of the WOA Committee.

Communications within the Association could be improved with input from one or more people able to give more time to these important activities, and we would be pleased to receive any expressions of interest on taking over the roles of webmaster, Y Ddraig editor and/or Information Officer.

Roger Stein, SBOC, March 2013

SCHOOLS LIAISON REPORT 2012

MONMOUTHSHIRE - IAN KENNETT:

We received further funding from Sport Wales that has enabled mapping to expand to include a number of sites used by MCC countryside service (at Usk, Tintern, Sudbrook) One more school mapped as new building work was incomplete last year (Dewstow Primary, Caldicot)

We also now have a sport ident set for use in schools and local events. Been popular. 20 dibbers. 16 controls, printer.

SI kit used in adventure race around Cardiff a few months ago as part of the 'Burn series' http://www.burnseries.co.uk/

The si is also used at the outdoor centre with visiting youngsters to 'spice up' the orienteering they do when they are here.

TOP1 courses been successful-I've delivered another four within Monmouthshire and certificated another 30 or so staff. Had interest and participation from Leisure services staff who are now delivering orienteering as one of their family activities, especially at Monmouth Leisure Centre.

Delivered 8 adventure activity days at leisure centres in school holidays where youngsters do some kayaking in the pool, mountain bike on site and orienteer using the new maps. 12 youngsters per day so circa 96 participants.

Also staff from Countryside service, Forestry Commission and National Trust undertaken TOP1. FC looking to get Garw Nant remapped as a result. NT looking to get the Kymin at Monmouth mapped plus the Sugar Loaf near Abergavenny. SWOC keen to help as the area could provide terrain similar to Blorenge for regional/national events-too tough for novices.

Two TOP1 courses for Hartpury college students who are studying an outdoor leisure course. 24 students.

Got a TOP1 Planned with Brecon Beacons National Park staff planned for early May.

One day orienteering festival at Raglan Primary just before Easter. Whole school took part (circa 200 kids) from every age cohort. Worked with leisure centre staff and we did 4 sessions of around an hour each session. Different

age groups did different activities, years 4,5,6 used SI and did a variety of star and loop courses. (Awaiting photoswill forward when they arrive)

Third year of 'o' festival working with Cross Ash primary due to be delivered in the next few months. Estimate circa 300 participants over two days.

Still struggling to get secondary staff enthused-but 5x60 officers who work in the comps but are paid by leisure are keen and look to be the key to getting comps to participate.

GWYNEDD and CONWY: Mair Tomos

As expected 2012 saw a dramatic fall in the orienteering work done with Primary Schools in North Wales, due to the changes in funding the PESS scheme.

Mentoring continued in the early part of the year with 5 Conwy schools and one cluster festival.

8 enthusiastic secondary school teachers attended a Teaching Orienteering Course in Llanfyllin. Hopefully this will support the work done in Powys by Bill Marlow and others.

POWYS - BILL MARLOW

Terry Smith and myself visited each catchment to put on a Festival + Championships - "O" exercises in the morning, followed by "O" competitions in the afternoon (Year 3&4 would do a White course and Yr. 5&6 a Yellow) using POW's Sportident hardware and software. Please see below the analysis for Powys.

Date	Venue	Catchment	No of children
27 th March	Ysgol Bro Ddyfi, Machynlleth	Bro Dyfi	169
24 th April	Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells	Builth Wells	156
7 th July	Y Plas, Machynlleth	Inter-County event (Powys v. Ceredigion v. Gwynedd)	17
18 th October	Llanfyllin HS	Llanfyllin & Llanfair Caereinion	96
19 th October	Llanidloes HS	Llanidloes	20
22 nd October	Ysgol Bugeildy	John Beddoes	64
23rd October	Gregynog Hall	Newtown & Welshpool	87
6 th November	Ysgol Bro Ddyfi, Machynlleth	Bro Dyfi	80
15 th November	Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells	Builth Wells & Llandrindod Wells	233
		TOTAL	922

2012 SCHOOLS' ORIENTEERING FESTIVALS - Helena & Oliver Burrows

Date	Venue	Catchment area	No. of children
May 23 & 24	Northop	Flintshire primary & secondary schools	146
Sept 30th &31st	Bodelwyddan	Denbighshire	273
		TOTAL	419

TEACHERS ORIENTEERING COURSES - Helena & Oliver Burrows In 2012

Date	Area	Course
Mar 5 & 6	Margam Park, 10 Swansea secondary school teachers	Teaching Orienteering parts 1 & 2
Mar 17	Llangollen	Teaching orienteering for cub scout leaders
Mar 18	Prestatyn	Teaching orienteering for Scouts & rangers leaders
April 25& May 23	Llanrwst, Gwynedd 10 primary teachers	Teaching Orienteering part1
May 28 & 29	Taff Bargoed Park, 10 secondary school teachers from Merthyr area	Teaching Orienteering parts 1& 2

Added June 2013:

SWANSEA BAY AREA Bridget Stein, SBOC

Neath Port Talbot Borough undertook an O development initiative at the beginning of 2012, as part of their Outdoor Adventurous Activities programme. This led to the mapping of 12 comprehensive school sites in 2012 (some of which were upgrades on the original maps, but most of which were new). Bridget Stein did the mapping work as part of her new business, and has also taken over the role of SBOC School Development Officer (from Kay Seward, who has left the area) in an attempt to use the two roles to mutual advantage to try to further promote O activity in schools. For this reason she also attended the "Teaching Orienteering" Parts 1 and 2 courses at Margam, in March, to network with the PE teachers of the schools involved.

A Carmarthenshire comprehensive school approached the club separately and was mapped in the summer. It is hoped that the new club map at Carn Goch, near Bethlehem, may also be of use to this school, as it is close by.

The Education Officer of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority approached the club to map Craig-y-nos country park for their education programme. This work was undertaken in the autumn as a collaboration with the club, which obtained a new "Sprint" map under the arrangement. As well as the 1:4000 sprint map, maps were made at two additional scales and in both languages for the park, to meet the specified educational requirements.

All of the above projects have follow-on activities arranged for 2013.

A list of all the schools mapped has been lodged with the WOA secretary.

Bridget Stein, SBOC Schools Development Officer, June 2013

WOA DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Successfully applied to BOF development fund for £2000 to train 6 level 2 coaches and 2 more level 1s – due to Croeso commitments this grant is spread over 2 years (March 2012 – March 2014)

WOA members (2 SBOC, 2 POW) did their level 2 training in April 2012 (they have until April 20114 to complete)

2012 was the final year of the development grant given by BOF to promote orienteering in Wales £6K spread over 3 years). Some of this money was used for coach education whilst the remainder was allocated to club development projects.

Development grants were awarded to:

- POW £1850
- SBOC £3650

No other applications were received.

Clubmark: SBOC became the first Welsh club to achieve British Orienteering's Clubmark

Croeso 2012 commitments took up a huge amount of time and energy leaving little to spare to focus on club development.

Mark and Helena swapped roles in the autumn of 2012 – Helena taking on Coaching and Mark taking over Development.

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Helena Burrows, LOC, April 2013

COACHING OFFICER'S REPORT

During 2012 a number of WOA members commenced training for Level 2 qualifications. This has been financially supported by British Orienteering. Many thanks to Helena Burrows for her hard work in obtaining this for Wales.

Whilst most coaching activity has continued to occur in the context of the Welsh Junior Squad, there has been a slight increase in coaching activity within the clubs – with for example SWOC introducing some coaching sessions alongside their Saturday morning informal events. Similarly POW have continued to support schools orienteering in Mid Wales.

Looking forward, both POW and SBOC have plans to introduce specific coaching sessions this year.

As of the beginning of 2013 Helena Burrows is taking on role of Coaching Officer for WOA from myself.

MAPPING OFFICER'S REPORT

There has been little reported mapping activity within Wales during the last year (2012).

ERYRI Update of Newborough Forest to be used for Welsh Championships 2013

POW completion of mapping updates for Croeso 2012 at Hafod and Gwanas

SBOC 3 new areas at

Carn Goch near Llandeilo, Craig y Nos Country park upper Swansea Valley Swansea Marina

16 schools mapped during the year

Swansea POCs updating and development Extension to Kenfig Burrow

SWOC Extension & partial update to Cwm Lickey

I attended the Major Events & Mapping Conference in Warwick University in the Autumn. The most important development appears to be in LIDAR mapping. This appears to be the most promising system to replace Photogrametric Plotting as a major mapping tool. There is a lack of recent aerial photographs that are needed for PG plots.

Robert Griffiths, POW, amended 16 June '13

Y DDRAIG REPORT 2012

In the absence of an editor for Y Ddraig, no issue was produced during 2012.

Anne May, WOA Secretary



WELSH CHAMPIONS 2012

CLASSIC DISTANCE CHAMPIONS:

M10			W10	Ronja Becker	SWOC
M12	Quinlan Silk	SWOC	W12	Gwenllian	POW
				Thomas	
M14	Joe Thomas	POW	W14	Ellen Norris	POW
M16	Niall Allen	ERYRI	W16	Megan Carter-	POW
				Davies	
M18	Ciaran Allen	ERYRI	W18	Katie Reynolds	SBOC
M20			W20		
M21	Kris Jones	SBOC	W21	Anwen	ShUOC
				Darlington	
M35	Chris Lewis	SBOC	W35	Julia Becker	SWOC
M40	Ifor Powell	SWOC	W40	Jenny Heming	ERYRI
M45	Mark	ВОК	W45	Gill Lock	SBOC
	Saunders				
M50	David	BADO	W50	Margaret	SBOC
	Watkins			Reynolds	
M55	Alun Jones	TVOC	W55	Caroline	SWOC
				Dallimore	
M60	Neil Grant	SWOC	W60	Gill Manning	SWOC
M65	Brian Hughes	HOC	W65	Jean Lochhead	EPOC
M70	Frank Ince	SWOC			
M80	Peter Seward	SBOC			

SHORT DISTANCE OPEN CHAMPION: Kris Jones, M21 (SBOC)

WELSH ORIENTEERS OF THE YEAR: Jean Lochhead (LOC)

WELSH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: David Brodie (POW)



WELSH LEAGUE 2012 WINNERS

The Welsh League is open to all WOA members. Full details of the method of points calculation, the qualifying events for each year and the league tables can be found on the WOA web site (www.woa.org.uk/gallopen.htm). The following 2012 winners received a Welsh Dragon mug and coaster, with a medal for juniors who were 2nd or 3rd.

Junior Men

- 1. William Reynolds (M14) SBOC
- 2. Sam Mitchell (M18) SBOC
- 3. Stephen Reynolds (M16) SBOC

Junior Women

- 1. Katie Reynolds (W18) SBOC
- 2. Megan Carter-Davies (W16) POW
- 3. Fay Walsh (W16) POW

Senior Men

1. Ben Mitchell (M20) SBOC

Senior Women

1. Delyth Darlington (W20) ERYRI

Veteran Men

1. Richard Barrett (M40) SBOC

Veteran Women

1. Kath Broatch (W45) ERYRI

Supervet Men

1. Brian Hughes (M65) HOC

Supervet Women

1. Gill Manning (W60) SWOC

Congratulations to all winners and thanks to Dave Seward for all those league point calculations.