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Happy Chinese New Year

Welcome to the first edition of Chinese year of the Ram. Unfortunately this edition of PostScript is missing everyone's favourite contribution from Chris Seward CBE: Ovine Top Trumps. However the editor has taken the liberty of printing a blank card for you to fill in your favourite sheep details in for the Chinese New Year of the Ram. In this edition are several of your wonderful letters, my regular feature 'Ou Est Eri>|?', a rally report (okay it's on the Swedish rally, not the Loughborough one), F&PGC minutes, constitutional changes, and some more blatant plugs for events from me.



Mark Hawkins – PostScript Editor – The Queen's College.

Chair Report

Greetings everyone, (This is OUSGG) I hope you have all been having a good time so far this term. The Aunt Sally seemed to go down very well with some people even thinking about setting up a new OUSGG splinter group to be known as Student Aunt Sally (SAS), good for the branded clothing we recon. (Did I mention this is OUSGG) I've just come back from the chilly and excessively sporty town that is Loughborough but I am sure someone else will be telling you all of the juicy gossip from there in some other article. [Sorry the best I can do is tell you about Marcus Gronholm's exploits in Sweden – Ed].



I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Alison for being a fule [Don't you mean fool – Ed] and running for and succeeding in getting a place on the SSAGO exec, she obviously has far too much time on her hands and needs to have control something. (Oh, by the way they are SSAGO and we are OUSGG).

I have also realised I need to thank Alison again (Bloody hell this looks like sucking up) for organising a great Ceilidh with the other outdoor groups, hopefully this can become an annual event. Thank *insert deity of choice* King Mark Editor of Post Script for Rannygazoo who are a fantastic band (and not *insert dodgy band's name in here* Mike Flower's Pops).

Keith

Your Rocking Chair

Rally Report

This report has been blatantly plagiarised, and in no way relates to any SSAGO activity. However we had to have a rally report of some sort – Ed.

The World Champion Marcus Gronholm won the latest round of the World Rally Championships in Sweden, on Thursday. Gronholm led from the first day, the only challenge coming from his fellow Finn, Tommi Makinen. However, Gronholm held off this challenge, finishing 50.8s ahead of Makinen. The Brit, Richard Burns finished 3rd in the other Peugeot, whilst Colin MacRae in his Ford, who performed well after recovering from two spins on the first day, narrowly missed out on fourth place to Estonian Markko Martin.

Makinen only really challenged on the last day when he set the fastest time ahead of Gronholm. However Gronholm responded by beating it, and going onto win the event, his first win in this year's World Rally Championship, after crashing out of the Monte Carlo rally which he was leading earlier this year.



Mark Hawkins – Official PostScript Sports Reporter – Queen's College.

Ceilidh

Country dancing was brought out of the realms of rallies and re-instated as an OUSGG activity with the first ever (as far as Alison knows) joint outdoors clubs (OUMC, OUCC and OUCKC) Ceilidh. The event was organised by our very own Alison Parker under her guise as OUMC's Social Secretary, and was sure to be a hit with all the societies involved with free drink, and the opportunity to dance the night away with the world (well in SSAGO circles) famous Rannygazoo.

My evening started with a long hike from Iffley road to that Northern College known as St Hugh's (yeah okay Queen's is THE northern college, I meant in terms of location). It was then a case of following the large signs up the stairs to the Mordan Hall where the Ceilidh was. Whilst Rannygazoo were setting up it was time to grab a drink and catch up with the rest of OUSGG. With the band set up, most people had arrived and were suitably inebriated to start dancing. All the usual stuff followed with plenty of stripping the willow and swinging your partner; though I think the Russian dance was a favourite of certain members of the group. The climbers (obviously keen to keep up their hard-core image in the eyes of OUSGG) started to climb up the walls (well not quite), however everything went off well, and a good time was had by all.

Well done for organising such an enjoyable event Alison. And as the words of a certain Maverick's song goes 'I just want to dance the night away...'

Mark Hawkins – Official PostScript Sports Reporter – The Queen's College.

Random google Search on the name of SSAGO's favourite band:

RANNYGAZOO

"Rannygazoo is American slang for a prank; horseplay."



Okay so the Hall didn't have any chairs in it, and there were loads of people dancing etc, etc,...use your imagination people.

Letters

Horse Play

Mr Editor (and not, say, "Mr Ed" the Talking Horse, for that would be silly),

Last Sunday myself and a fine companion spent many happy hours playing "Ovine Top Trumps" using the set you have kindly been serialising over the last few issues. Imagine, then, my disgust, embarrassment, and anger at hearing my opponent call out an "Applicability rating" of 48, which I could not match, for the cards printed in your last issue did not have such a skill. Whilst applying a sheep is a hard thing for an amateur like me to do, admittedly, I had been using this rating as a guide. For it to be omitted not only cost me the game (which until then I had been winning quite handsomely), but also the £10,000 stake and my eternal soul which I placed as a wager. Please correct this mistake, so I can win back my losses next week.

Yours,

Disgusted and Disappointed of Ambridge

Well with this edition of PostScript you can add what ever special features you need. Also you could use the Queen's version of Top Trumps which have started appearing in the college newsletter 'Queenie', I wonder where they got the idea from? Anyone fancy suing a recently set up college publication? – Ed.

Alison Angered

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to the letter "Enraged Old Member" from a C M P Seward, CBE, in the last issue. The letter's author is complaining about my supposed insult of him in my Chair's Report in the previous PostScript. I deeply offended that Chris should believe I would insult him in this way, as I spent quite some time struggling with the structure of the sentence in question in order for it not to be insulting. He himself twists the quote in his letter to give it an insulting meaning.

I am therefore, not issuing a "full and unreserved apology", and am requesting that the letter's author offer me the apology instead.

Yours in offence,

Alison Parker

Outgoing chair

St Annes

Alison, this was the view of the editorial team, however you were chair a whole term ago. This means that you are not the outgoing chair, however you can call yourself errh SSAGO secretary if you need an ego boost – Ed.

Please Don't Quote me...

Dear Sir,

I am becoming increasingly concerned with your contributor's obsession with me. In the last issue, my name featured no less than thirty times, with me being the supposed author of nine quotes, and the subject of a further two.

Am I to assume that this is because of my popularity within the club (I always do the most impressive things, everyone hangs off my every word so its inevitable I get quoted more...) or is this part of a vindictive campaign to intimidate me out of OUSGG?

Concerned, 19, St Anne's

I apologise for quoting you so often Alison, and also for not publishing the quotes league in last edition. I am sure with your name mentioned 30 times you are in with an excellent chance of winning a yet to be determined prize for the most quotes. You'll be glad to know the Aunt Sally quotes haven't been published – yet. – Ed.

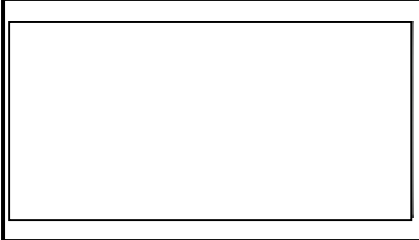
Fancy a challenge?

How does walking 50km in 24 hours sound? When you are dropped in mystery location? When you are being chased by a team of hunters?

If you are still reading then this could be the event for you. The Country Caper is organised by Keighley Scout Service Team, and is being held on the 29th and 30th March (in the Easter holidays), and will be in the South Yorkshire and Lancashire area. If this is not enough incentive you do get a hot meal at the end of it! Teams are of four people, and I am interested in getting an OUSGG team together. There are more details on www.fellsman.org.uk/countrycaper. If you are interested in being on the OUSGG team please email or contact me ASAP, as entries have to be in by the 28th February. All OUSGG members are eligible for entry even if they are not a member of the Scout Association, so do not worry about the rules.

Mark Hawkins – Hardcore walking publicity – The Queen’s College.

Make your own Top Trump:

Ovine Top Trumps: 4

Sheep

Portability rating

Applicability

Constitutional Amendments

The reference to "Proctorial Regulations" should read "Rules Committee regulations" (2.b.i and 2.c.i)

8.c " All activities undertaken by the Group shall follow the appropriate SSAGO rules, regulations, or guidelines"

proposed by Phil Alderton, seconded by Mark Hawkins

Minutes of the 126th F&GPC meeting Held on 5th February 2003 at 13:15 in Trinity College

Present:

Jenny Robertson Phil Alderton
Natalie Jones Hayley Thompson
Madeleine Bunce Mark Hawkins
Sam Snelson

Apologies:

Keith Crothers

Minutes from the last meeting and matters arising:

One alteration made to the minutes of the last meeting was that rather than saying that Michael, the quartermaster, was making a kit list it should have said that he was checking the kit against a current list.

Matters arising:

Natalie did the required actions from the last meeting

Officers' Reports:

Chair:

No report sent

Chair elect:

Although their planned term card remained top secret, Maddy and Hayley stated that it would be well organised and planned with all but one of their weeks decided and just needing confirmation of locations etc. After much disagreement it was decided that they do have a pipeline.

Treasurer:

The current balance of the accounts is as follows;

Current account £270.93

Equipment £98.43

The budget for the year was such that there will be £140 at the end of the

Secretary:

Sam has sent off the re-registration form but is yet to receive a reply.

SSAGO rep:

There will be 11 people going to the Bear Rally at which they will try to pass the new constitution. Jenny agreed to send round a copy of this to faff in order for people to comment on it. Also at the rally the rally fee increase might be made permanent and this might affect us. In addition there will be a feedback from the CRB check discussion. Phil sent his apologies to the rally and asked Jenny to enquire if the committee know how the camp permit scheme will affect us. Jenny said she would bring it up in the reps. meeting

Any Other Business:

CRB checks

It was agreed that Chris should write the OUSGG policy for the completion of CRB checks. For those not present at the 124th F&GPC a brief outline of what this entailed was given. County will come down at some prearranged time in order to do the CRB checks for us. All that is required is the filling in of the form and the verification of some form of ID (passport, driver's licence).

They also require your National Insurance Number. It is possible to do the check by sending in the form but this requires also sending off the form of ID with it. It was suggested that possibly people unable to attend the meeting with County could get someone who was going to take their ID along in order to get it verified but the possibility of this was not confirmed. Therefore Mark and Keith are to arrange with County a suitable time for OUSGG to complete the CRB checks and Mark is to find out more information concerning this process.

Necker Order

Jenny inquired whether she should order new OUSGG neckers. Phil who had ordered the last set informed her that he had done so from www.scoutbadges.com under the name of Alderton. It was thought that an order might take between 6-8 weeks to arrive so they would be available for our Rally. It was agreed that Jenny should find out who wanted a necker and order this number plus five extra. Only a small extra neckers are to be ordered so that it isn't a large number of years between ordering so that the procedure is still remembered. Also Jenny is to change the name of the order to OUSGG.

Members List

The meeting closed at 14:00

Ou Est Eri>|?

Thanks to Jo for this photo, but where have I hidden Eri>| on it. Bonus points for where the photo was taken.

Ed.

