

Once again, the chairman has asked me say a few words on behalf of the principle officers of the club about how LEI have performed over the last 12 months.

As a team, LEI have competed in 2 relay events, 2 interclub competitions, reached 1 National Final and laser tagged the night away.

It's actually been a really disappointing year, we had our best chance in recent memory on a warm day in March to progress to the final of the CompassSport Cup. Sadly the adults in the team lacked the vital speed necessary to overcome Harlequins and claim the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot available, missing by a mere 47 points.

Again at the Yvette Baker Trophy Final, despite drowning out the commentary with our cheering, 25 of our juniors narrowly missed 3<sup>rd</sup> place by 1 solitary point. After spending 6 hours travelling on the coach to West Sussex and back, this was a real disappointment. In fact LEI were only 23 points from winning,

At 4.00am Sunday morning on a scout campsite in Nottinghamshire, the disappointment was about to continue, after nearly 3 hours of racing, one of the two LEI teams narrowly missed the top spot of the Peter Palmer Relays by 6 minutes, only taking third place in the relays.

In 44 years of LEI, our standards have changed somewhat. This is due to the hard work of Birthe, Iain Tebbutt and the rest of the coaches and along with our controllers, planners and organiser's LEI are now

becoming one of the top performing clubs in the country, certainly at junior level. Earlier this year our juniors brought home our first National Trophy, winning the Joan George Trophy by a good 15 minute margin.

I would just like to take this opportunity to advertise March the 15<sup>th</sup> as the clubs chance to shine. It's the weekend of qualifying for the CompassSport Cup and it's about time the adults in the club lived up to the standard the juniors are setting. Especially the standard our Junior Captain, Hannah Cox is setting, who earlier this year was selected for the British Orienteering Team and has been achieving great results at the top level.

Thank you for listening