

REVOLUTION 2012

ISLE OF WIGHT

National Network and Explorer activity camp



**** NEWS FLASH ****

- 285 Finely tuned Athletes attended Rev-Olympics.
- Revolution comes of age on the Sunday night.
- The weather holds off until the Monday.
- The Camp Fire gets all Scottish....



EXPLORER

The Games begins...

IOW REVOLUTION 2012 was officially opened in the entertainment arena with **285 scouts, a handful of guides and IOW Scouting dignitaries.**

The athletes presented their flags and other symbols of their units....Thanks go to **Loki** for presenting the management with a **box of Ginger!**

Once the flag was broken it was time to light the Rev-Olympics Flame (supplied by HMP Parkhurst).

Olly Bower ably stepped up to the job with an impressive display of **Fire Breathing** and comedy tumbles **down the bank!**



The "unofficial" opening ceremony / athlete's procession...

Pre-Revolution, each group was given a specific **country** which they would represent, and to the Managements delight, they did not disappoint with an eclectic mix of national attire and stereotypes on show. All of the groups really embraced this challenge, and the Management were treated to the delights of **2 Viking longboats, a Chinese dragon, a "Finnish Line"**...and at the same time nearly started WW3 by placing the **USA** and **Russia** too close to each other!!

We cannot fail to mention the efforts of **Cetendone** who in preparations for Revolution had a whole India-themed term of activities, including the learning of a **traditional Indian dance** which they performed in front of all the other attendees. Well done!

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Lawn Bowls –

A traditional Island sport, Lawn Bowls formed an integral part of the Rev-Olympics...under the careful tutelage of the IOW Bowls Club, the participants got their hands on some 'woods' and honed their hand-eye co-ordination. Were not quite sure who enjoyed it more, the participants, or the tutors...



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Hovercrafts

'A graceful ride along on a cushion of air'...yeah right, more like 'whizzing along just above the ground, going sideways as much as going forward and trying not to hit anything' is a more apt description of these single person hovercrafts. Participants got to undertake the challenges of two specially designed proficiency courses within the scenic setting of Palmers Farm.

A special mention here goes to the winner of our "Young pilot training award"...the scene is too traumatic to explain...you know what you nearly did...



Quads

The quad-bikes were based in the gravel pit at Palmers Farm, providing an authentic off-road experience for these nippy vehicles. Our "Top Gear" award was given to an individual who managed to get lost on the track, hitting most of the track poles along the way!



GAMES NIGHT...

Friday evening's entertainment saw the return of the in-famous 'Revolution Games Night', with the athletes donning 'sporting heroes' fancy dress. Hosted by the 'men (and women) in moustaches' the athletes registered their teams to take on various challenges and fight for the title of 'Champion of Champions'. Competing in games of skill, flexibility, creativity, dexterity, strength and surprise...the Management were impressed at the efforts of all the teams. The overall winners were GYCNET, with honourable mentions to:

Lucy (Lincolnshire) and Kat (Reigate) for their less than dignified efforts at flexibility (Twister), and Eddie (GYCNET) who won the strength challenge who outlasted all others for in excess of 8mins doing "the plank".

Pancake racing –

Godshell scout hut once again provided the venue for another Revolution classic...pancake racing. Here teams were tested on their culinary ability to make this seasonal dish under the pressure of a race scenario...the pressure was far too much for some, in particular **Heather (Reigate)** who won our **'Masterchef' award** for her flame-grilled pancake, which terminally ruined the gas burner!!



Hockey –

A traditional Olympic sport, and a classic Scouting favourite, teams headed to **Rev Valley sports centre** to take part in a series of mini-tournaments. With pre-match cheers, a raucous crowd, team tactics (including a rolling maul) and the typical 'hit him in the knees' all being exhibited. A special mention goes to **Kyle (Scorpions)** who **"took one for the team"** by taking a hockey puck straight in the eye! Ouch!



Wightwaters –

Sandown-Shanklin Bay provided the scenic location for some **surfing, sea-kayaking** and **SUP-PING**...as well as some much needed **sun-bathing/relaxation** time for those not brave enough to take on the sea in April (can't say I blame them). Adding to the scenery was the winner of our **"Greenpeace"** award **Paul** (aka the gnome from Scotland) who has left us with a whole new image of a **'beach-babe'** having seen some of his poses in a wetsuit!



The arrival of a special guest...

Saturday morning was greeted to the roaring exhausts of a very familiar Caterham 7 sports car...

The blonde-bombshell that is Hazzar returned to grace the Rev-Olympics after a few years off...an old stager and camp-fire leader from years gone by he was quickly into old habits...and after completing the days activities he was soon leading the camp-fire in classic style with his able side-kick Kev.

We salute those about to ROCK...

Saturday was **"Rock Gods"** night at the Rev-Olympics, with many different interpretations of the theme, **"Sticks of Rock" "Rock Stars" & Greek Gods**. The **LIVE** music was supplied by **THE MONITORS** and they **rocked!!!**

Head-hunters –

A revolution staple involving running round a wood with a hat and lazer-rifle, this tested our Athletes tactical and physical abilities as well as a keen eye for a target Led into the woods by **Davey-Dave** dressed in a bloodstained Russian-esque tracksuit, complete with 70s wig, the fights were fast and furious! The “sneaky sneaky” award this year was awarded to **James (Loki)** for his high K:D ratio and his ability to spot a member of the Management in his “invisibility cloak”.



Synchronised Swimming

Waterside Pool in Ryde was the **Rev-Olympics aquatic venue** where athletes competed as teams to produce masterful performances. There were **lifts, poses, balancing acts**, a wide variety of swimming attire, and not to mention the flailing arms/legs and more than an acceptable level of body-hair on show!! The formal results (judged by the instructors), was awarded, after a stewards enquiry and random drug testing to **Loki** the official winners.



The closing ceremony was held around the beacon, on the peak of **Culver Down** at Bembridge. This location with its backdrops of the sea and long-distance views provided another unique, and spectacular location. In addition to the Managements Awards Ceremony, this year we had yet more **investitures** by various groups and this year the Management were pleased to facilitate the presentation of **Queens Scout Awards and Gold DofE Awards** to Network members from Surrey – Congratulations once again!

To draw the close to the camp in a memorable fashion, the Management made all the participants join in an effort to set a **new Guinness World Record** for the most number of **people getting to their feet from sitting down whilst keeping arms linked** with the people next to them...unfortunately we didn't manage to break a record...but it was excellent fun trying...and the Management are sure we will try to break more records in the future.

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On the final night, the Management invited all of our participants to done **GOLD** attire to help us celebrate our 18th Birthday. **DJ Worzel** returned to provide our “Hi-Lite” entertainment with his legendary antics. There were a few awards handed out, including to 2nd **Cowes Explorers** who won our **Spaghetti Hoops challenge**. Unfortunately for the Management it has also become traditional for the attendees to show their “appreciation” to us, and once again “we got...got” ...thanks guys we love you all!

The end of the night was drawn in the honoured tradition of **Bohemian Rhapsody**, followed by **DISCO BABY**...but this year with the added twist of “Penguins attention...penguins begin...LEFT FLIPPPPEER!!!!”

Will you be joining us and many other Explorer and Network units from around the UK for this fantastic National Activity camp?

Revolution 2013
28th March – 1st April

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