

CONTROLLER'S COMMENTS

First and foremost, well done to the SOC team on the Day – especially the early shift and those who went out checking that the controls were still there – who had to cope with rather too much rain and wind. As did the earlier starters; changing weather conditions during an event are bound to introduce some unfairness but, if the earlier starters had rain, later ones had deeper streams and more ground water...

Some apologies are due:

Firstly to the many in the earlier part of the event who had 175 as their last control, and whose download slips showed an mp. This control had three stakes all numbered 175, but one had a unit coded 193 and not 175. The situation was flagged by an mp from an early finisher; the errant unit was identified by checking all three with a Type 3 Emit card (which displays the unit code), and that control stake was then removed.

Secondly to those who had control 144, which on close inspection was about 20m further north on the watercourse from where it should have been.

Thirdly for the Finish being misplaced, noticed by one competitor at least. The course maps showed it SE of the last controls; in fact it was due South.

Arthur Vince, KERNO

Organiser's Comments

The day before the event Jack Hutchison mentioned how much he had enjoyed planning in superb weather and good underfoot conditions. We were all so unlucky that the weather change could not have waited for just a few more hours.

The layout of the event centre at Ocknell bore no resemblance to that which was intended. At 7am the Emit marquee was fully erected where you would have seen Compass Point. Where you eventually saw it, at half mast, was where it came to rest having taken flight flattening the ecard collection tent on its way. Special thanks to Jerry for all his work in producing start lists and posting the results on the Emit site before he had even left the event car park.

It was a difficult day particularly early on for both competitors and helpers. Thank you all for your contributions in making this what seems to have been another successful Classic.

Finally a thank you to our controller Arthur Vince for his valuable contribution over the last couple of months. The terrain details in the Final Details were penned by Arthur and they describe the New Forest as it affects orienteering perfectly, and I'm sure they will be used again by future Classic organisers.

Bill Davidson