



# SOUTHAMPTON ORIENTEERING CLUB



## NOVEMBER CLASSIC 2010 Regional Event

**Incorporating the Senior Home International, Inter-Services Championship, Army Development Match & Interland Senior Team (M/W20, M/W open) selection races**

**On Sunday 7th November 2010  
At Ocknell & Slufers Inclosures, New Forest, Hampshire**

### Event Details

#### **Parking:**

On hard standing at Ocknell Camp-site, GR SU252120. **Parking fee £1.00** per vehicle. Anybody intended to bring a coach should contact the Organiser – see below.

#### **Travel directions:**

**From the west;** If travelling from the west on the A31 from Ringwood, you may turn left at Stoney Cross - grid reference SU256116 – signposted with brown tourist signs to Ocknell camp-site and 'O' signs. There is no right turn here for traffic travelling from the east.

**From all other directions;** Follow Brown tourist signs for Ocknell camp-site and 'O' signs, via B3079 and B3078 from junction 1 of the M27 – grid reference SU289135.

Please be aware that there is a 40mph speed limit on the access roads to the event. There are often wild animals on these roads.

#### **Assembly & Facilities:**

The assembly area will be adjacent to the parking area and the finish.

The assembly will be home to enquiries, hired emit card issue, EOD registration, download, results display equipment traders and catering.

Compass Point and Ultrasport mobile shops are attending. Catering will be provided by Toms Burger Van.

The SCOJA junior squad hope to operate a cake stall to help raise funds. Please give our juniors your support.

The toilets will be sited opposite assembly. To ease the queues for the toilets, gentlemen please make use of the urinal provided.

There will be no toilet facilities at the start.

Given the close proximity of the start, finish and car parking there will be no clothing dump.

In an effort to reduce waste, there will be no refreshments provided. Please take your litter home with you.

A prize-giving ceremony for SHI is planned to take place in the assembly area as close to 13.00 as possible. All are welcome.

#### **Dogs:**

Well controlled dogs are allowed in car park & assembly areas.

#### **Out of Bounds:**

The forest and open land surrounding the car parking, assembly and the route to the start forms part of the competition area and as such is OUT OF BOUNDS to all competitors.

#### **Starts:**

There is one start for all courses, approximately 450m of easy, level walking from the assembly area.

SHI starts will be from 09.30, other courses from 10.00 until 13.00. **Courses close at 15.30.**

The route to the start passes alongside the car parking area. Please take care and keep to the generous grass verges and paths

Call up will be at -4 minutes. Control descriptions will be on waterproof paper and in the start lanes at -3 minutes – please supply your own pins/holder. Blank maps will be on display at -2 minutes.

Given the large number of competitors expected at this event, individual start times will be allocated. Late starters will be started at the discretion of the start officials. On the busiest courses there may be a long wait for spare start slots.

EOD entrants should present themselves to the start officials who will set them off as soon as possible.

### Terrain & wild animals:

The competition area consists of typical New Forest plantations & hillsides of open forest and heath. Newcomers to the New Forest should be aware that many vegetation boundaries are not definite; woodland may shade into heath-land with scattered trees and that into heath-land with variable ground vegetation. Heather and bracken tend to be at their lowest this time of year leading to fast running conditions. The northern and eastern areas of the map are dominated by the old runways of the Stony Cross airfield. Although the concrete has been removed, the runways and taxiways are still clearly visible on the land. The concrete pads on which the aircraft were stored are visible in the campsite / car park area and the remains of old pads can be seen in many parts of the map.

You are likely to encounter ponies, cattle and possibly pigs roaming through the area; these are used to humans and won't pay you much attention. There are also many deer and although we are towards the end of the deer tick 'season' you are advised to check yourselves thoroughly after your run.

Despite its low-lying location, the open heath of The New Forest can be quite inhospitable in November. In the unwelcome event of very severe weather conditions, the organisers may insist that competitors carry cagoules and whistles. This will be signposted at assembly and on the route to the start.

### Map:

Fully revised for the event, 1:15,000 scale for Long Black to Short Brown courses, 1:10,000 scale for all other courses.

Note: For the long black course only, the course is in 2 parts, printed back to back on the same map.

Note; this new map is named 'Spreading Oak' but this does not indicate a change of event location.

### Planners Notes:

The area covers a considerable diversity of terrain ranging from typical old forest woodland, coniferous woodland, and open areas with many scattered gorse bushes where only the more significant bushes are mapped, and open heath with heather. The area does not provide much climb and therefore the courses are on the top end of BOF accepted distances. Many of the paths can be vague so for the white and yellow courses a system of happy and sad faces will be used. Many of the controls for the yellow course are also slightly off linear landmarks, but they are clearly visible from the linear route.

### Courses:

Subject to very final controlling;

Course	Length (km)	Controls	Map Scale	Designated age classes
Long Black	17.1	39	1:15,000	SHI & Interland selection race men open
Black	13.6	30	1:15,000	SHI & Interland selection race M20 M21
Brown	11.2	26	1:15,000	SHI & Interland selection race women open M35, M40
Short Brown	9.8	21	1:15,000	SHI & Interland selection race W20 M18, M20, M45, M50, M21S W21
Blue	7.9	20	1:10,000	M16, M55, M60, M35S, M40S W18, W20, W35, W40
Short Blue	6.7	20	1:10,000	M65, M18S, M20S, M45S, M50S W45, W50, W21S
Green	5.5	17	1:10,000	M70, M55S W16, W55, W60, W35S, W40S
Short Green	4.0	14	1:10,000	M75, M80, M85, M60S, M65S W65, W70, W18S, W20S, W45S
Very Short Green	3.7	15	1:10,000	M70S, M75S W75, W80, W85, W50S, W55S, W60S, W65S, W70S
Light Green	4.5	12	1:10,000	M14, M16B M14, M16B
Long Orange	6.1	16	1:10,000	M21N
Orange	3.5	12	1:10,000	M12, M14B W12, W14B

Yellow	2.6	15	1:10,000	M10, M12B W10, W12B
White	1.6	12	1:10,000	M10B, W10B

To facilitate SHI and Interland Senior Team Selection races, a long black course has been provided. Competitors wishing to be considered for Interland senior team selection should enter the courses as indicated in the table above.

Other athletes should enter their chosen course as at other Regional events.

Limited EOD to 2 'Wayfaring' type courses will be available whilst maps last. Results will be produced for these courses but will not be part of the Regional event and not be eligible BO ranking points. EOD registration will open at 09.45.

Free string course. The string course will be situated just off the route to the main competition start, approximately 200m from Assembly. Starts between 10.00 and 13.00.

#### **Emit Electronic Punching:**

Emit card hire £1.

#### **Entries & Fees:**

On-line entries from Sep 1<sup>st</sup> via Fabian4 at <http://www.fabian4.co.uk/>

Postal Entries on Standard Entry Form with SAEs from Sep 1st to Classic 2010, Flat 1, Basing House, 350, Shirley Road, Southampton, SO15 3HY. Cheques payable to 'Southampton Orienteering Club'.

Closing date for on-line entries and postal entries post marked 25/10/10. There is an entry limit of 1100 competitors at this event. Experience shows the more popular courses (Short Brown, Blue, Short Blue & Green) tend to get quite close to their maximum entry numbers. Whilst the Organisers will do their best to accommodate everyone, we cannot guarantee entry to the desired course or start block.

#### **Prices held at 2009 levels –**

On-line and postal entries received by 25/10/10 - Senior £11 (£2 discount for BO senior members). Junior, full time students £4.50.

EOD entries to Wayfaring courses, £5.00 all classes, to include Emit card hire as necessary.

#### **Late Entries & Fees:**

From 26/10/10, accepted on-line only until 31/10/10 and where space is available. There is an increased fee for late entries.

Senior £14 (£2 discount for BO senior members). Junior, full time students £7.50.

**SHI and Inter-Services Championship entries** will be co-ordinated by the relevant team managers.

SOC reserve the right to retain all or part of the entry fees in order to defray costs incurred should the event be cancelled for any reason.

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***All competitors take part at their own risk.***

Looking for something to do on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November?

Wessex OC are holding a 3 in 1 local including a day event, night score event & NTBO event, approximately 30km from the November Classic location near Corfe Castle. See the link below for further details.

[http://www.wessex-oc.org/061110\\_MTBO.pdf](http://www.wessex-oc.org/061110_MTBO.pdf)

