

**SOUTHAMPTON
ORIENTEERING CLUB**



presents the

RESULTS
of the
38th NOVEMBER CLASSIC

held at
The Reptile Centre,
New Forest
on
Sunday 6th November 2005

ORGANISER'S COMMENTS

Mary and David Nixon

Why couldn't the clocks have been put back 24 hours on Saturday night, so today (Monday) you would have been running in a beautiful sunlit forest and all the SOC helpers would not have got soaked? Instead the start and finish banners, some of the other club kit and our boots and clothes are drying out in the garden!! Thanks to all those competitors who sympathized with us – we felt sorry for you too, especially those on the “Olympic Host Ost” tour from Sweden. We hope you will come back on a better day and see the forest in its true Autumn glory.

We accept full responsibility for the map bags not being sealed. It was our decision, and in retrospect a wrong one in view of the weather. We will also recommend that in the future the colour coded courses should be overprinted. This is the first year we have provided colour coded courses instead of Wayfarers, and participants said they found the terminology easier to understand. They knew exactly what standard and length their course would be.

Apologies to the competitor on course JM2 for him not being aware the bag of maps for courses 13 and 14 were placed before the start line.

We agree with the Entries secretary, having M/W 21 N courses is a waste of time. Planning two extra courses for 3 and 1 competitors respectively is an unnecessary burden, especially when people could have run on the red or orange colour coded courses.

We are sure many of you would be concerned at being bussed – so were we, but we needn't have worried. For the third consecutive year Wilts and Dorset Bus Company provided an efficient service. We even got a “Buy 3, get ONE FREE” deal this year, although that was unplanned! When one bus wouldn't start early on Sunday morning, they sent along two smaller buses which gave us greater capacity and a faster turnaround. Almost everyone got on the first available bus. We are just glad that we don't have to clean all that mud from the floors!

Our heartfelt thanks to all the club members who helped both beforehand and on the day, especially Team Leaders and Deputies. We allocated them their helpers and left them to organize their teams and duties. Our sympathies to those who drew the short straw – the car park team, site, finish, forest drinks point and the gate by the first control and courses 13 and 14. They spent all their time out in that awful weather.

Finally our thanks must go to the Planner and Controller who both helped to make this an event memorable in more ways than one!

Acknowledgements:

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Mapworks (map surveyors)
Dan Tanner (car park field owner)
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Wilts and Dorset Bus Company

LOST PROPERTY

OD O-top, plus T-shirt
Visor
Headband
Small compass, please describe
Cagoule picked up in error from clothing dump by a member of HOC. He can be contacted on 01905 21001, or e-mailed at Hughes@36redcliffe.fsnet.co.uk

Please contact the Organisers for everything else on 01794 51629 or e-mail on Mary_david_Nixon@yahoo.co.uk

PLANNERS' COMMENTS

Iain Robinson

I must congratulate all those who turned out in atrocious weather to compete in this years SOC Classic, your competitive spirit is shown in the admirable times achieved. This year the winning times per Km were faster than last year, I assume this was your desire to get out of the rain. Unfortunately it also means that against BOF rules the times are too quick, therefore the courses must have been too short, I hope you will forgive me for not making them longer.

As always there are some comments and observations to make about the planning process. Check points (221 & 151) were shared between all the courses; this was necessary as BOF have a rule, not in the planners guide, about taping the route from the last control to the finish, so at the request of the diligent and patient controller (Peter Brett) the final legs of all courses and the location of the finish were changed, which also meant other aspects of the courses were changed to keep the distance to BOF guidelines; a small technicality with a big impact.

Finally there are many people who have helped me with the Planning duties, Peter Brett as controller, David and Mary Nixon as Organisers and others. However the following must be publicly thanked: Charlie Richardson and Ray Massey who checked many of the controls on Sunday and after running their courses stayed behind to help collect in controls. Also to be thanked are Martin Edney and Mike Dearman who helped collect in controls in the rain and the dark. Finally to Jan (my wife) and Rachel (our daughter) who helped during the year by locating potential check points, running courses, checking maps, control sheets and finally helping with the cleaning of kites, controls and stakes after the event, to you all a heartfelt thank you.

CONTROLLER'S COMMENTS

Peter Brett (WIM)

If I reflect back over the 25 plus years that I've been orienteering, then undertaking the first "armchair" review of the draft courses for the November Classic 2005 on a beach in northern Spain in June has to be the most surreal experience yet, especially given the weather we "enjoyed"(!?) on the day of the event.

Unfortunately while the sun shone, it later became apparent that the draft map didn't, and the version with which your planner, Iain Robinson, was working was bereft of detail. Promised deadlines fell by the wayside as an electronic file transfer corrupted the cartographer's PC, and the final map was not available until just 6 weeks before the event. Ample time you might think to plan a Regional event. However, all control sites need to be vetted by the Forestry Commission due to the sensitivity of the New Forest and this provided for added uncertainty as to whether there would be a need for last minute changes. Given these difficulties congratulations should be extended to Iain for his hard work and diligence under what were far from ideal circumstances.

Congratulations should also go to the car parking team who toiled under the most appalling of conditions to get everyone into the rain sodden field, and then successfully got everyone out again. All too often praise (or criticism) is saved for the organiser and/or planner of events while the "support" teams often go unrecognized, but this was a team which worked above and beyond the call of duty. Well done and thank you!

COLOUR-CODED COURSES

Kevin Bracher, Planner/Organiser

A big thank you to all the helpers on the Colour coded courses. Despite very wet conditions the team performed wonders to provide the side show to the main event. To help the flow of entries courses were marked on the maps and handed out as required, thus saving the need for runners to mark up their own maps. Perhaps the biggest challenge was matching the soggy, disintegrating control cards to the stubs as people finished. Now with even small events using electronic punching people have quickly forgotten that control cards need protection from the wet.

Despite the conditions some 60 plus competitors braved the weather and even seemed to enjoy the challenge.

Pos	Name	Club	Age Grp	Time					
	Yellow Course	2km	8 controls		2	William Carter Keall & Campbell Garland	BKO	M8/12	15.39
1	Louise Jubainville &	TVOC	W	14.43	3	Max Britten & Ross Morton	BKO	M10	16.01

4	Phoebe Mansfield	TVOC	W	16.11
5	Alex Brunwin	BKO	M12	17.16
6	Chantel Maynard & Georgia Francis &	BKO	W12/14	19.06
7	James Bridge & Ruari Pawluk	BKO	M9	19.27
8	Imogen Taylor & Stephanie Franklin	BKO	W9	20.03
9	Ania Bielous & Claire Noaks	BKO	W12	22.10

-----Yellow Standard-----

10	Lauren Beasworth & Megan Britten	BKO	W9/10	22.20
11	H.Walton	SLOW	W40	22.22
12	Michael Cummings & Jacob Griffiths	BKO	M8/9	26.35
13	Emily Tandy	SOC	W7	26.38
14	Douglas Tandy	SOC	M8	27.48
15	Anne Morgan	WSX	W65	33.13
16	Nick McKerrow	SLOW	M21	39.04
17	Olivia Dawkins & Emma Noake	BKO	W10	39.07

Orange Course 3.4km 10 controls

1	Gareth Hawkins	SARUM	M14	26.17
2	Imogen Mansfield	TVOC	W12	33.40
3	Fraser Griffin	M		38.14
4	Chloe Jubainville	TVOC	W	40.46
5	J.Olive	MV	W50	45.08

Pos	Name	Club	Age Grp	Time
6	Isabel Mogford	TVOC	W16	46.11
7	William Lane	M		53.51
8	Anita Ray	SLOW	W21	55.04

-----Orange Standard-----

9	Sue Hobbs		W40	59.51
10	Jane White	MV	W60	60.38
11	Christine Williams	SYO	W50	65.44
12	Jane Richardson	WIM	W35	66.52
13	John Botton	WIM	M14	70.02
14	Ben Crompton	BADO	M11	72.01
15	Alex Dickens	BKO	M10	73.35
16	Guy Smith	BKO	M12	74.32

Red Course 4.8km 13 controls

1	John Foord	TVOC	M45	39.02
2	Ian Brown	GO	M45	40.01
3	John Wilson		M21	43.50
4	Doug Stimson	NOW	M21	49.43
5	Nick McQueen	GO	M16	52.22
6	Anne Hindle	W		54.35
7	Helen Wheelwright	SOC	W45	54.53
8	Sarah Abrams	GO	W12	55.27
9	James Baldwinson	SLOW	M	58.45

-----Red Standard-----

10	D.Wilby		M	59.16
11	Carol Butler		W21	59.52
12	Jane Smith		W	60.37
13	Sean Ovans		M	62.35
14	R.Mann	BOK	M70	72.43
15	Marion Bond	SAX	W40	80.59
16	S.Hindle		W	82.05
17	P.Cooper		M	89.10

Andy Berncastle	SOC	M45	DNF
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STRING COURSE

Jean Velecky

You all seemed to enjoy following Alice through the soggy woods. Thank you for coming

Name	Age	Club	Time	Name	Age	Club	Time
Campbell, Amy	6	OD	16	Wetherill, Alex	3	WAOC	26
Campbell, Miah	3	OD	18	Wetherill, Ben	6	WAOC	9
Halford, Jamie	5	IND	19	Whiston, Abigail	2	CROC	24
Halford, Luke	3	IND	20	Denton, Rhianna	5	GO	12
Hanson, Jenny	8	SOC	14	Errington, James	5	HH	20
Horsler, Sarah	4	WIM	25	Errington, Peter	4	HH	20
Poole, Brendan	3	BADO	33	Francis, Samuel	8	SN	6
Poole, Keiza	3	BADO	33	Gook, Alexander	5	SOC	11
Poole, Rubert	5	BADO	33	Green, Ben	4	BKO	16
Tandy, Emily	7	SOC	11	Hallett, Michael	6	BOK	5
Tanner, Kayley	6	BKO	20				

BADGE STANDARD SUMMARY

Class	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Class	Gold	Silver	Bronze
JM1	18:02	21:39	28:52	JW1	30:57	37:09	49:32
JM2	19:16	23:08	30:51	JW2	22:18	26:46	35:42
JM3	33:50	40:36	54:09	JW3	36:27	43:45	58:20
JM4	31:40	38:00	50:40	JW4	37:45	45:18	60:25
JM5L	71:21	85:38	114:11	JW5L	70:35	84:42	112:56
JM5M	59:03	70:52	94:29	JW5S	50:58	61:10	81:33
JM5S	42:39	51:11	68:14	W21L	79:30	95:24	127:12
M21L	89:55	107:55	143:53	W21S	53:00	63:36	84:48
M21S	61:36	73:55	98:34	W21V	38:22	46:03	61:24
M21V	41:04	49:17	65:42	W35L	69:16	83:07	110:50
M35L	85:23	102:28	136:38	W35S	50:01	60:02	80:02
M35S	56:55	68:19	91:05	W40L	69:21	83:14	110:59
M40L	78:01	93:37	124:50	W40S	50:05	60:06	80:09
M40S	52:00	62:24	83:13	W45L	61:01	73:14	97:38
M45L	71:57	86:20	115:07	W45S	44:11	53:01	70:42
M45S	47:58	57:33	76:44	W50L	64:00	76:49	102:25
M50L	70:20	84:24	112:32	W50S	43:02	51:39	68:52
M50S	46:53	56:16	75:01	W55L	66:57	80:21	107:08
M55L	70:47	84:56	113:15	W55S	50:13	60:15	80:21
M55S	51:07	61:20	81:47	W60L	68:36	82:19	109:46
M60L	67:55	81:30	108:40	W60S	51:27	61:44	82:19
M60S	39:37	47:32	63:23	W65L	73:02	87:39	116:52
M65L	59:35	71:30	95:20	W65S	67:49	81:23	108:31
M65S	43:09	51:46	69:02	W70L	75:15	90:18	120:24
M70L	60:20	72:24	96:32	W70S	69:52	83:51	111:48
M70S	45:15	54:18	72:24	W75L	76:48	92:10	122:54
M75L	68:50	82:36	110:08				
M75S	63:55	76:42	102:16				

ADVANCE NOTICE

THE 39th NOVEMBER CLASSIC

WILL BE HELD ON

SUNDAY NOV 5th. 2006

Make a note in your diary now!