



DEESIDE ORIENTEERING
CLUB
Summer Evening Event
Delamere Linmere
28th May 2008
Officials' Comments



Organiser's Comments (Barbara Jones)

I was never much good at organizing the weather, and a combination of rain, mugginess and man-eating midges made the planner's and controller's jobs especially arduous. Thanks to Steve and Andy for long hours of hard work, and to all the helpers in the tent and out for ensuring that the event went through without too many mishaps. Thank you too to the Forestry Commission staff for their help, and to Robin for the maps.

Planner's Comments (Steve Ingleby)

It is a shame that the Linmere Event was not held at least a couple of weeks earlier. The combination of brushings and scattered fallen trees in some areas, together with a healthy covering of bracken and recent rainfall made many of the areas extremely arduous. On reflection the Green Course in particular was on the long side, given the conditions, and times were too long and the rate of retirement was excessive. Apologies especially to those helpers who had late starts but who had insufficient time to finish before courses closed.

My aim for the technical courses was to keep you in the forest as much as possible rather than simply introducing a lot of track running. Hence I was very grateful for the many comments from people who, although very tired from the event, said that they enjoyed the technical challenge and the choices of routes offered. Thanks to you all for these comments - it gladdens a Planner's heart, especially as I felt that I was going to be lynched any minute! (my car was parked very close to the exit from the car park for a quick escape).

The times of the Deeside youngsters on the Blue course were exceptional. I fail to understand how you can get through the terrain at the speed they did!

For those of you who had ill feelings towards the Planner, I can assure you that I paid my penance when collecting the controls in the far west of the area in the dark - as many of you said very diplomatically during the event - it was an "interesting experience"!

Finally my sincere thanks to several people:

1) to the people who helped to bring in the controls - Kate, Andy, Normal Hall, Chris Hallows and Barbara Majumdar

2) to the Controller - Andy Campbell - always there with helpful advice and very supportive to all my efforts

3) to the Organizer - Barabara Jones - who despite no longer being an active orienteer does more for the club than most people that are out in the forest every week.

During a moment of weakness I agreed to plan the next Regional Event in Delamere in February 2008. I hope you will come along and I think it is fairly safe to guarantee that the courses will be less physical!

Controller's Comments (Andy Campbell)

Delamere at the end of May when the vegetation is up can be a tough place to run, this was made worse by the wet weather making the brashings in the forest very slippery. Thanks to Steve who planned some excellent courses which gave route choice, and on the blue and green kept you off the paths. However, the vegetation caused some long times but I hope that you enjoyed the challenge anyway.

Thanks to Barbara for the efficient organisation.