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CLUB
Summer Evening Event
Pettypool
4 June 2009
Officials' Comments



Organiser's Comments (Rick Hughes)

When available

Planner's Comments (Pete Owens)

The problem... How to plan a blue course in a forest, only 800m across. Planning a Norwegian course meant I had a lot more flexibility to set legs back and forth across the terrain. I hope the traditionalists didn't object too much, and hats-off to those of you who took the opportunity to hone your map memory skills.

The vegetation grows very rapidly this time of year, making the white areas on the map slower than the green. Looking at route gadget, the blue competitors seem to have opted for very long path runs, while the green runners chose more direct routes through the chest high foliage (and in one case through an uncrossable marsh surrounded by impenetrable vegetation).

Thickets are spreading over the eastern slope, and these could potentially make for some very challenging control sites if they could be mapped accurately.

Controller's Comments (Jon Hateley)

Pete planned some interesting courses that revisited 'rhododendron' corner and the strip of wood south of the Guide camp. Unfortunately permissions could not be secured and our handful of new control sites disappeared under the ever-expanding black stripes of OOB Doom.

He bounced back pretty quickly with modified Green and Blue courses. My only useful contribution thereafter was shaving-off approximately 15 km and 400 m of climb from the Norwegian Blue.

Gordon Brown wasn't the only official under attack by his own party members that night. A rather dishevelled blonde lady competitor swore blind control 226 was on the wrong platform, as there was something the size of a small airfield lower down and to the right. I triple-checked the control and it was in the right place ... however I was forced to accept the map has gone a bit AWOL around there before I got my tea.

Finally, officials' shopping list for Pettypool next June:

- Barbed-wire clippers.
- 10 hectare extension to woodland.
- 2 pints industrial strength midge-repellent.
- 30 gallons defoliant + helicopter