



DEESIDE ORIENTEERING
CLUB
Summer Evening Event
Northop
03 June 2010
Officials' Comments



Organiser's Comments (Jenny Beasant)

What a glorious evening weather-wise – maybe just a little too hot for running. Once my team of DEE helpers arrived I was pretty much redundant so thank you all for being so efficient. This was always going to be quite a small event since schools were on half term and many people were away but I was really encouraged that several competitors on the yellow course chose to have a second go and try the orange course as well.

Planner's Comments (Terry Harper)

Northop is a varied but relatively small area. I tried to give the Green and Blue courses some work on the wooded slope to the North to compensate for the fast running over the fields. In the case of the Blue course I used the rough and partly overgrown field to the east to give them something that they did not have last year. Whether the runners on the Blue course appreciated this is another matter! It was negotiable with a little thought and the crossing places gave an easy entry into the woodland. At least I did not impose this on the Green course!

As the course was on the short side I gave the Lt Green a taste of the slope with a path available for the uphill back to the fields.

The Yellow and Orange courses were short with fast running. I did this rather than take them into wood as the woodland could be tricky for the young and novice. Also, it was a contrast from Thurstaston the week previous.

Thank you to Robin Tilston for his work in amending the map and printing the courses.

I do thank Peter Edwards for overseeing me and helping considerably before he went into hospital on the day of the event - he even came with me on the afternoon before to clear a way through the nettles to control 221. I am also indebted to John Evans for taking over the job of Controller on the day.

Controller's Comments (Peter Edwards)

Many thanks to John Evans who stood in for me on the day when I was hospitalised . Controlling a British Champ on his home ground is an awesome task but Terry took my few comments very constructively. Terry was working under great constraints with his wife Jenny currently consigned to a wheel chair.

Many thanks to Robin who showed much flexibility with the mapping demands. again a great team effort.

Terry succeeded in making the longer courses challenging and made use of some new ground. The exceptional growth of vegetation was even greater than anticipated over the previous week and I know caused some problems at Blue 2 there was an optional route around the path to an area where Terry and I had gardened the previous day and at least the control was at the foot of the hill.

Last year the shorter courses met difficulty in the woods producing very lengthy times perhaps this year we overcompensated but the courses were sabotaged when the very long grass was cut the day before the day before, thereby substituting an easy route choice.

Nevertheless I trust you all enjoyed the evening, attendance was equal to last year but with a bias to the shorter courses.