

## Planners Comments

Well there we are winning again with the weather. The forecasts were wrong again thankfully. One day it will actually rain on one of my events! Not too soon I hope.

I plotted my controls on the map, drew the courses in and stood back and looked at them. Then I went and looked at them on the ground. This resulted in the slight adjustment of four controls and the removal of two controls. The Controllers looked at them and this required the deletion of two controls, resiting of one control and the addition of another one.

On the day I had my problems in that I mislaid three base plates, two of which were replaced. Also a kite disappeared from 252, where it went no one knows, however there were reports of a spare kite at another control.

There was also some discussion about the start. I initially had the start at the bottom of the hill on the power line track but this could have been a route choice for the Brown course , also it meant that the long course runners would have to cross the main access road to the carpark at full speed, not a good idea. So I put two starts at the main entrance, one either side. Not ideal but safer.

This was my first serious play with Condes. As you may know I favoured PICOVER but it only operates with OCAD8. PICOVER has many advantages over other systems but it is complicated to use. Condes also has its short comings in that it is not easy to find things, it doesn't do climb plus there are many things I don't know about it. On the bright side, Finn Arildsen replies to queries with amazing speed.

The runners have done well on all courses with the bulk of finishers within the guidelines. I don't seem to have confused many people with the placing of the controls but Delamere is not noted for Technical difficulty.

But, where are all the young men and women?

No M/W20, No M21, Only 2 No M35's. W's did better - 5 21's and 3 35's.

Again, where were all the runners? I have a surplus of maps so if anyone wants to play then they can have maps of the courses they didn't run.

Thanks go to my Controllers, Mike and Fergus. John and Terry who put out controls that were not on the Green course. Bob for instructing me on some details of SI etc. Mike S for delivering the very neat boxes of controls, kites, base plates etc. Gwyn for allowing me to con him into arranging the control picking at the end.

Also, thanks to all the nice people who took the trouble to come and say that they had enjoyed their course. On the other side were two or three who, before the start let me know that they were running down as my courses were always hard! That is what it is all about, finding your way across difficult country with aid of a map and compass not how fast you can run down tracks.