



DEESIDE ORIENTEERING
CLUB
Summer Evening Event
Delamere North
12 May 2010
Officials' Comments



Organisers' Comments (Pat Moody and Bob Elmes)

Another good turnout at Delamere with 171 runners, no rain, and nobody lost in the dark. Our thanks to Peter the Planner and Jon the Controller for doing the stuff that we don't understand, and to all our helpers for offering, turning up, and doing such sterling jobs.

The Come And Try It brand attracted several family groups for Jenny Beasant to initiate into orienteering. They enjoyed themselves on the courses, so let's all keep encouraging them to return and take up our brilliant sport.

We would like to congratulate the computer team on creating a new British record for number of backups taken during an event.

Planner's Comments (Peter Hills)

I hope you all enjoyed yourself, in spite of the undergrowth. I get the impression that this gets worse year by year (or perhaps I am getting older). Most of the comments I received seemed to have been favourable. I apologise to those who were unable to run the Light Green due to shortage of maps. It is always difficult to predict how many will turn up, and I had used previous events as a guide, but got it wrong for this one. I over-estimated the Green and Blue requirements.

I received a certain amount of justifiable criticism from Blue and Green runners concerning their control 6, which was almost off the map, so that if they over-ran it, relocation was difficult. It would appear that the printer moved the frame on the base map from what I had sent him, so that a little more was shown at the north, which was not necessary, and less at the south, which was. I accept that I should have noticed this. I hope it didn't upset you too much.

I would like to thank Jon Hateley, my controller, for his constructive comments during the planning phase, and for taping one leg on the Yellow course on the night. Thanks also to Michael Beasant, Barry Barnes and Norman Hall for their assistance in control collection, and to Bob and Pat for the organisation.

Controller's Comments (Jon Hateley)

First of all, well done Pete! I think he created some good, challenging courses despite having the grottiest parts of Delamere forest to work with.

Secondly, I must apologise to the Green and Blue runners for having maps with one control teetering on the edge of the known universe. If you overshoot #6 ... I'm afraid you were doomed! There's a rather boring technical explanation, but the bottom line is the final electronic proofs I looked at were not what the printer spat out as, somehow, the base-map had got exchanged. Unfortunately, I didn't spot the error until the night of the event when the maps turned up, which is a pretty rubbishy bit of controlling. My consolation was that everybody was affected the same way, and only the two most technical courses were affected – and competitors on the Blue and Green are old enough and big enough to sort themselves out. So ... *mea culpa* ... a lesson learnt. We were too reliant on electronic images – don't sign anything off until the hard copy maps are in your sweaty palms!