

Controller's Report

The usual 'Thank you's' to the Organiser, Entries Coordinator and the small band of HALO members without whom the practicalities could not have been managed.

We are spoilt by the excellent facilities at Normanby Park which make an event easier to manage for a small club with a limited number of helpers.

At a very late stage in the Planning, we had to resolve a problem involving Santa and his Reindeer - who else can say that?! Thanks to the Park Rangers, especially Wendy, the Pony Club and the Golf Course for helping out.

Thanks too, to you the competitors, for leaving the Park so tidy. Which other group of people would leave virtually no litter behind?

Courses which meet the Guidelines and are appropriate for each age/ability can only be planned by someone with extensive local knowledge of the area, its local difficulties and peculiarities.

Neil has that experience and his Courses were well received by all who participated.

Winning times were fast, and finishing times on most courses were within what is expected. Some did take a little longer on the Orange Course. Without speculating as to why, there were clear, safe path routes to all controls which were not more than 20m from the paths and most were visible from at least 50m.

Thank you for all the kind comments and thanks from Team Managers. Malcolm did an amazing job with the results - how did we ever manage team competitions before computers? There are a few adjustments to be made as a few gremlins inevitably entered the system. I don't think it affects the outcome but I apologise and these will be dealt with this week.

It was disappointing that some junior orienteers were observed [twice] throwing controls into bushes. Not only is this unsportsmanlike but highly dangerous considering the 6 inch spikes on the bottom of the stakes. It was very upsetting for those witnessing the actions and a potential deterrent to their future participation.

A number of competitors entered the competition area as they tried to inspect the Finish prior to their runs. There were a number of 'Out of

Bounds' and No Access signs which were ignored. This created extra work for the Organiser. Being a public area, it was not possible to tape off these areas.

Map reclaim - I'm sorry that some were inconvenienced by this. There were some complaints and comments about it not being done at the JK etc but I felt that as this is a Team competition there might be the temptation to show Courses to later runners which is not in the spirit of fair competition..... see above.....what else will people do to improve their chances?

Maps - if you did not get your map back please e-mail your address and it will be posted. Or they will be brought to Longshaw.....

Lost Property - 2 compasses and a pair of small grey striped gloves

Colour Standard Times

District Event [X]

White	all finishers
Yellow	34.35
Orange	62.00
Light Green	68.00
Green	66.09
Blue	69.00

Yvette Baker

Yellow Men.....	21.20
Yellow Women.....	24.29
Orange Men.....	52.10
Orange Women.....	53.35
Light Green Men.....	47.18
Light Green Women.	52.29
Green Men.....	40.24
Green Women.....	53.59

Colour Badges may be claimed from your Regional Association when you have completed 3 White Courses or achieved 3 Colour Standards on other courses.

YHOA clubs see HALO web-site for details of how to claim.

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