



**NORTHERN NAVIGATORS**  
 October Odyssey day 2 Badge event at  
**Dryderdale, Cabin Hill+Doctors Gate**  
 Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2005

**Results by COURSE**

**Course 1 - 10.6km, 200m, 24**

1. Nick Green	M21	AIRE	71:05
2. John Duckworth	M35	DVO	74:52
3. Robert Campbell	M35	CLOK	75:12
4. Tom Bray	M20	SN	87:43
5. William Mair	M21	INT	89:20
6. Chris Heppenstall	M21	LOC	89:59
7. Terrence Russell	M21	NN	95:09
8. Ken Taylor	M60	SROC	122:38

**Course 2 - 8.9km, 180m, 20 controls**

1. Neil Conway	M35	AIRE	53:38
2. Andy Thorpe	M35	EPOC	61:20
3. Ian Marshall	M40	AIRE	64:16
4. Martin Skinner	M40	SN	68:48
5. Charles Mayes	M35	CLOK	69:36
6. Steve Hardy	M35	WCOC	69:44
7. Iain Bell	M40	DEE	70:52
8. Chris Dibben	M35	TVOC	72:00
9. Patrick Smyth	M45	BAOC	72:31
10. Dean Field	M40	EBOR	73:17
11. Stan Pattinson	M50	ind	74:09
12. Julian Warren	M40	NN	75:54
13. Patrick McIver	M40	LOC	75:57
14. Jeffrey Harris	M50	EBOR	77:04
15. Steve Knott	M40	BAOC	77:05
16. Andrew Reynolds	M35	BAOC	79:02
17. Steve Hinshelwood	M40	WAOC	79:24
18. Steven Wood	M50	EPOC	79:44
19. Chris Penny	M40	AIRE	80:09
20. Mark Selley	M40	BOK	80:10
21. Paul Beresford	M35	DVO	80:18
22. Mark Thomson	M40	FVO	81:43
23. Simon Caldwell	M40	EBOR	82:15
24. Colin Blackburn	M40	NN	83:02
25. Mike Hind	M50	CLARO	84:58
26. Ian Sumler-Hutchinson	M40	CLOK	86:50
27. Neil Hindle	M35	CLOK	88:58
28. Andrew Clark	M40	EBOR	92:23
29. Martin Adamson	M60	CLOK	92:23

*disqualified / retired*

Jonathan Brown	M35	BL	69:24 m6
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**Course 3 - 7.5km, 115m, 19 controls**

1. Ben Stevens	M18	AIRE	48:04
2. John Tullie	M45	RR	49:08
3. Tom Winsor	M18	LOC	53:38
4. Alastair Mackenzie	M45	CLOK	55:13
5. Paul Thornton	M45	CLOK	56:45
6. Tom Billam	M20	UDOC	56:57
7. Christopher Wright	M45	CLOK	57:30
8. Paul Taylor	M55	CLOK	58:21
9. Andrew Quickfall	M45	SROC	58:53
10. Paul Johnson	M50	BOK	58:56
11. Wilf Bell	M50	NN	59:14
12. Andy Curtis	M50	NATO	59:25
13. Andy Spain	M16	LOC	60:05
14. Alasdair Wilson Craw	M50	NATO	60:30
15. Ian Maxwell	M45	RR	60:36
16. Elizabeth Bridge	W20	UDOC	62:52
17. Paul Heeley	M21	NATO	62:52
18. Andy Lewsley	M50	BL	63:09
19. Alan Poxon	M50	MDOC	66:39
20. Fiona Forrest	W21	HALO	66:45
21. Melvyn Perry	M45	AYROC	66:50
22. David Downes	M50	WCOC	66:57
23. Sarah Fulwood	W21	SROC	67:11
24. Peter Jones	M45	AIRE	67:22
25. Steve McLean	M45	SROC	68:02
26. Ian Wells	M50	LEI	68:06
27. Rick Browne	M50	LOC	68:34
28. Martyn Gill	M50	AIRE	68:50
29. Katherine Ivens	W21	NN	68:58
30. Martyn Andrews	M50	EBOR	69:33
31. Boris Spence	M50	NN	69:43
32. Mike Goldthorpe	M45	TAY	70:56
33. Nick Campbell	M45	DEE	71:36

**Course 3 ... cont'd**

34. Martyn Dean	M45	CLOK	75:30
35. Stephen Restorick	M45	CLOK	76:12
36. Caine Batten	M21	TOOHEY	78:25
37. Chris Hardy	M50	AIRE	80:39
38. Stephen Round	M50	SELOC	82:40
39. Gary Russell	M21	NN	82:59
40. Stephen Fellbaum	M45	MDOC	84:41
41. Osmond Gardner	M50	CLOK	85:25
42. Geoff Hine	M45	CLOK	89:36
43. Adam Crolla	M18	SROC	89:40
44. Mike Bray	M50	SN	90:13
45. William Dehany	M50	CLOK	90:54
46. Diane Jewell	W21	CLOK	97:49
47. Simon Firth	M21	ESOC	112:29
48. David Floyd	M45	NATO	131:29

*disqualified / retired*

Adrija Kulbokaite	W20	GESTUS	92:52 w1
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**Course 4 - 5.8km, 130m, 12 controls**

1. Charlie Adams	M40	SYO	34:52
2. George Stevens	M14	AIRE	39:17
3. Tony Udris	M35	EBOR	41:22
4. Sandy Hetherington	M16	SROC	42:27
5. Michael McIver	M16	LOC	42:40
6. Stuart Thomson	M14	FVO	43:02
7. Bob Cooper	M60	NN	45:36
8. Peter Gorvett	M55	SYO	46:07
9. Victoria Stevens	W16	AIRE	46:14
10. Heather Fellbaum	W40	MDOC	47:28
11. Jenny Thornton	W16	CLOK	48:20
12. Jonathan Malley	M14	NATO	49:17
13. Alistair Tinto	M35	EPOC	49:24
14. Karen Nash	W40	SROC	49:36
15. Ruth Ker	W35	AIRE	49:41
16. Sybille Quidort	W20	EBOR	49:43
17. Henk Van Rossum	M55	AIRE	49:45
18. Richard Payne	M55	EPOC	50:10
19. John Ward	M60	OD	50:25
20. Susan Skinner	W40	SN	50:29
21. John Archer	M55	EBOR	50:45
22. Allen Barnes	M60	CLARO	51:44
23. Rab Buchanan	M40	EBOR	51:49
24. Martyn Hodgson	M40	EPOC	52:07
25. Alistair Jones	M16	LOC	52:32
26. Frank Major	M60	NN	53:17
27. Antony Richardson	M55	LOC	53:40
28. Russell Baldwin	M18	EBOR	53:42
29. Duncan Birtwistle	M14	EBOR	54:03
30. John Corden	M60	EBOR	54:06
31. David Smyth	M14	NATO	54:46
32. Keith MacDermott	M55	EBOR	55:02
33. Michael Dugmore	M65	HOC	55:06
34. Robert Nash	M60	SROC	55:10
35. Mike Ridealgh	M55	EBOR	55:13
36. Jim Lambert	M55	SROC	55:17
37. Robert Page	M55	EPOC	56:36
38. Jane Malley	W40	NATO	56:46
39. Ian Hill	M55	AIRE	57:07
40. Elizabeth Hughes	W18	DEE	57:11
41. Derek Gale	M60	DVO	57:46
42. Alan Springett	M55	BKO	58:08
43. Chris Burden	M55	AIRE	58:39
44. Andrew Nicoll	M60	NATO	59:00
45. Judy Johnson	W50	BOK	59:25
46. Richard Moss	M60	SOC	60:09
47. David Brook	M60	NN	60:32
48. John Padget	M60	DEE	60:44
49. John Birtwistle	M40	CLARO	61:12
50. Ann-Marie Duckworth	W35	DVO	61:28
51. Chris Huggett	M18	SROC	61:45
52. Rob Stone	M40	ind	64:08
53. Andy Oliver	M18	SROC	64:32
54. David Raymond	M40	NATO	64:51
55. Malcolm Ruckledge	M60	WCOC	65:29
56. Clive Walmsley	M18	SROC	65:41
57. Robert Johnson	M35	EBOR	71:19
58. Martin Sims	M55	CLOK	72:09
59. Andy Furnell	M40	LOG	74:29
60. Mike Thorpe	M60	EPOC	74:43
61. Jeanette Sumler-Hutchin	W40	CLOK	74:59
62. Mike Vokes	M40	DEE	81:14

**Course 5 - 4.9km, 65m, 10 controls**

1. Mike Pedley	M45	EPOC	35:10
2. Richard Tiley	M45	LOC	37:19
3. Martyn Roome	M50	SROC	40:00
4. Stella Lewsley	W50	BL	40:51
5. Bill Marlow	M55	POW	41:10
6. Neil Sprot	M50	NATO	41:56
7. Ivor Noot	M65	EPOC	42:09
8. Dave Brown	M45	EBOR	42:38
9. Dave Heath	M45	SYO	43:56
10. Nev Myers	M45	EBOR	44:59
11. Colin Turner	M50	CLOK	45:20
12. Gerry Van Hee	M50	AIRE	45:28
13. Joyce Marshall	W45	AIRE	46:06
14. Christine Andrews	W45	EBOR	46:32
15. Robert Ker	M65	AIRE	46:39
16. Roger Mawby	M65	EBOR	46:55
17. Peter O'Connell	M50	EBOR	46:56
18. Richard Hughes	M50	DEE	46:59
19. Maria MacKenzie	W21	CLARO	47:04
20. Robin Campbell	M65	CHIG	47:41
21. Ann Cranke	W45	CLOK	48:37
22. Steve Willis	M50	EBOR	48:38
23. Michael Leake	M45	EBOR	49:07
24. Paul Goad	M45	CLOK	49:10
25. Natasha Conway	W21	AIRE	49:29
26. Dick Amour	M65	INVOC	50:16
27. Peter Lomas	M65	MDOC	50:16
28. Peter Wilson	M45	MDDXO	50:18
29. Brian Spain	M45	LOC	50:29
30. Janet Nash	W50	LOC	50:49
31. Sheila Sprot	W50	NATO	50:50
32. Steve Gill	M45	AIRE	50:58
33. Ann Curtis	W50	NATO	51:01
34. Jenny Selley	W50	BOK	51:32
35. Peter Wells	M65	EBOR	51:41
36. Gill Harrington	W45	SYO	51:42
37. Les Smithard	M50	KFO	53:09
38. Mike Hardy	M65	CLOK	54:07
39. Mike Trees	M50	GRAMP	54:15
40. Jo Abbott	W21	AIRE	54:39
41. Geoff Harrison	M55	CLOK	55:06
42. Jill Gorvett	W55	SYO	55:44
43. Jane Campbell	W45	DEE	56:37
44. Dave Allison	M65	CLOK	56:47
45. Dave Binks	M50	EBOR	57:37
46. Susan Roome	W50	SROC	57:40
47. Joe Trigg	M50	CLOK	57:46
48. Barry Harrison	M65	CLOK	58:50
49. Susan Stevens	W50	AIRE	58:52
50. Rod Shaw	M65	EPOC	59:00
51. Jeremy Lakey	M45	NATO	59:48
52. Nicola Crosby	W21	NATO	59:49
53. Robert Ian Robb	M65	CLOK	60:26
54. Mike Fairburn	M65	PFO	63:18
55. Pauline Richardson	W50	LOC	63:37
56. Catherine Harrison	W50	EBOR	65:45
57. Fred Miller	M50	NATO	67:53
58. Philippa Hardy	W21	WCOC	68:14
59. Alastair MacGregor	M65	NATO	81:07
60. Eddie Leadbitter	M65	NN	82:20
61. Angeleen Hinshelwood	W21	WAOC	86:20
62. Mel Brown	M50	NN	116:13

*disqualified / retired*

Karen Clark W50 EBOR 48:52 w9

*non competitive*

Lorraine Porter W45 CLOK 71:32

**Course 6 - 4.4km, 60m, 9 controls**

1. John Pullin	M55	LOC	38:23
2. Zoe Smithard	W14	DEE	42:22
3. Helen Pedley	W40	EPOC	42:40
4. Amy Brown	W16	EBOR	43:02
5. Adam Hegarty	M16	EBOR	43:18
6. Frank Martindale	M70	LOK	43:38
7. Ben Gill	M14	AIRE	44:27
8. Jane Hodgson	W35	EPOC	46:02
9. John Currey	M70	EBOR	46:32
10. Karen Blackburn	W55	BL	46:39
11. Josh Beech	M16	EBOR	47:24
12. Eileen Maxwell	W40	RR	47:45
13. Gill Mawby	W55	EBOR	48:01
14. Jan Clenaghan	W55	SOLWAY	48:08
15. Jim Harrison	M55	EBOR	48:17

**Course 6 ... cont'd**

16. Andrew Cheung	M16	LOC	48:29
17. Alan Heron	M70	SELOC	48:48
18. Alan Meadows	M70	MEROC	49:22
19. Jackie Barnes	W55	CLARO	49:37
20. Stephen Clark	M16	EBOR	51:21
21. Debby Warren	W40	NN	51:34
22. Heather Smithard	W55	KFO	52:02
23. David Hale	M70	CLOK	52:25
24. Christine Roberts	W55	EBOR	53:05
25. Kathryn Hull	W35	CLOK	53:14
26. Jen Gale	W55	DVO	53:49
27. Irene Crawshaw	W60	MDOC	53:52
28. Rachel Wilkinson	W35	CLOK	54:26
29. Ian Campbell	M70	CLOK	55:04
30. Alan Morgan	M70	NN	55:21
31. Fran McDonald	W55	WCOC	55:54
32. Sue Bicknell	W60	OD	56:57
33. Shirley Moss	W60	SOC	58:35
34. Alison Hodgson	W55	CLOK	60:00
35. Grahame Crawshaw	M55	MDOC	60:24
36. Mary Carrick	W55	HALO	62:02
37. Diane Taylor	W60	SROC	63:32
38. Angela Whitworth	W60	BL	64:32
39. Judith Robb	W60	CLOK	65:10
40. Rae Lomas	W60	MDOC	67:37
41. Marian Padget	W60	DEE	67:56
42. Patrick O'Grady	M70	SYO	68:47
43. Sheila Smith	W55	CLARO	70:59
44. Thelma Spalton	W55	OD	72:47
45. Emily Andrews	W18	EBOR	74:28
46. John Bedwell	M70	CLOK	80:08
47. Kaele Pilcher	W40	LOG	80:15

**Course 7 - 3.4km, 40m, 7 controls**

1. Brian Mellor	M60	EPOC	31:29
2. John Butler	M60	SBOC	36:38
3. Beryl Blackhall	W65	SELOC	38:48
4. Malcolm Gibson	M60	CLOK	41:11
5. Gill Hardy	W65	CLOK	41:47
6. Celia Wells	W65	EBOR	41:56
7. Jillian Currey	W65	EBOR	43:39
8. Ruby Campbell	W65	CHIG	43:50
9. Suzanne Adams	W45	EBOR	44:03
10. Roy Malley	M75	NATO	44:39
11. Frances Heron	W65	SELOC	45:32
12. Alan Heppenstall	M60	LOC	45:45
13. Janet Leake	W45	EBOR	45:52
14. Catherine Springett	W45	BKO	48:03
15. Jim Young	M75	LOC	48:41
16. Pam Brown	W45	EBOR	50:07
17. Clare Evans	W45	LOC	51:25
18. Peter Firth	M60	NATO	52:40
19. Barbara Plant	W65	BL	55:06
20. Chris March	M65	AIRE	57:21
21. Maurice Collett	M80	SROC	59:04
22. Clarissa Napier	W65	NOR	60:19
23. Elizabeth Hale	W65	CLOK	60:29
24. Ian Smith	M75	NATO	63:12
25. Theresa Perry	W45	AYROC	66:25
26. Susie Hall	W65	HH	74:57
27. Vera Parkins	W70	WCOC	77:26
28. Marguerite Pennell	W65	WCOC	77:48

*disqualified / retired*

Eileen Morgan W65 NN 61:55 f1-4

**Course 8 - 2.5km, 45m, 8 controls**

1. Patricia Davies	W50	NATO	36:35
2. Andrea Marlow	W50	POW	38:26
3. Kath Dixon	W50	NATO	44:08
4. Angela Heppenstall	W60	LOC	47:29
5. Jane Payne	W50	EPOC	49:34
6. Joan Selby	W60	CLOK	50:52
7. Joy Mellor	W60	EPOC	52:17
8. Carole Firth	W60	NATO	56:07
9. Sally Rollo	W50	SOLWAY	58:19
10. Jackie Page	W55	EPOC	58:19
11. Maggie Archer	W55	EBOR	63:03
12. Ann O'Grady	W65	SYO	69:05
13. Pat Malley	W65	NATO	131:28

**Course 9** - 2.6km, 60m, 8 controls

1. Matthew Vokes	M14	DEE	22:15
2. Ben Pearson	M14	NATO	24:42
3. Alice Leake	W14	EBOR	25:22
4. Sam Brown	M14	AIRE	25:39
5. Kirstin Maxwell	W14	RR	26:28
6. Kate Farley	W14	LOC	30:14
7. Philip Metcalfe	M14	LOC	32:12
8. Chris Knowles	M14	EBOR	34:04
9. Martin Mclver	M12	LOC	36:18
10. Alana Wright	W14	CLOK	37:50
11. Joe Bragg	M14	LOC	38:58
12. Charlotte Myers	W14	EBOR	39:04
13. Flora Hetherington	W14	SROC	39:38
14. Matthew Nash	M12	SROC	40:29
15. Conor O'Halloran	M14	SROC	40:50
16. Christopher Marshall	M14	LOC	41:02
17. Jenny Hubbard	W14	LOC	41:54
18. Ben Freer	M14	EBOR	42:39
19. Stuart Fraser	M14	EBOR	44:15
20. Joshua Cooper	M12	EBOR	44:58
21. Charlotte Curtis	W14	NATO	45:46
22. Harriet Andrews	W14	EBOR	46:44
23. Christopher Lakey	M14	NATO	50:02
24. Danielle Gabbert	W14	LOC	65:45

*disqualified / retired*

Alice Campbell W12 CLOK 51:20 m7,8

**Course 10** - 2.4km, 55m, 8 controls

1. Zac Field	M10	EBOR	26:41
2. Craig Thomson	M12	FVO	27:21
3. Christopher Nash	M10	SROC	29:51
4. Oban Lewsley	W12	BL	29:53
5. Zephan Buck	M12	LOC	30:47
6. Alice Fellbaum	W12	MDOC	32:13
7. Jack Wright	M12	LOC	34:34
8. Jonathan Lakey	M10	NATO	43:44
9. Rebecca Quickfall	W14	SROC	44:47
10. Hannah Skinner	W12	SN	46:41
11. Eleanor Raymond	W12	NATO	59:01

**Course 11** - 1.5km, 15m, 8 controls

1. Michael Adams	M10	SYO	9:16
2. Benjamin Beresford	M10	DVO	9:34
3. Jake Field	M10	EBOR	10:45
4. William Bell	M10	DEE	11:20
5. Eleanor Cranke	W12	CLOK	13:26
6. Davy Ker	M10	AIRE	13:41
7. Sasha MacKenzie	W10	CLARO	14:07
8. Barnaby Warren	M10	NN	14:41
9. Caitlin Campbell	W10	CLOK	17:43
10. Christopher Brown	M10	BL	19:06
11. Sam Garratt	M10	CLOK	21:34
12. Kate Skinner	W10	SN	24:26
13. Alex Crosby	W10	NATO	25:20

*disqualified / retired*

Eloise Wright W10 CLOK 13:27 m6

**Key:** m - missed, w - wrong, f - found.**Colour Coded results****YELLOW** - 1.5km, 15m, 8 controls

1. Kevin Hubbicks	M20	ind	13:45
2. Andrew Knowles	M12	EBOR	14:01
3. Yasmin Field	W6	EBOR	16:13
4. Scott Marshall	M10	AIRE	16:21
5. Alasdair Pedley	M6	EPOC	16:51
6. Emily Brown	W10	BL	18:22
7. Adam Penny	M10	AIRE	18:39
8. Emily Bonnett	W10	CLOK	18:55
9. Matthew Fellbaum	M7	MDOC	19:59
10. India Fox	W12	AIRE	20:30
11. Helen Bonnett	W7	CLOK	20:31
11. Aoife Lakey	W6	NATO	20:31

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13. Dylan Campbell	M7	CLOK	20:53
14. Georgie Reynolds	W?	BAOC	34:32
15. Conway+1	M8/W3	AIRE	35:19
16. Alexander Reynolds	M?	BAOC	36:01
17. Karen Hollinshead	W35	BAOC	38:02
18. James Bell	M5	DEE	38:17
19. Katherine Crosby	W21	NATO	54:16

*disqualified / retired*

Eleanor Bell	W8	DEE	1:09 f1
Fiona Hodgson	W4	EPOC	39:02 m8

**ORANGE** - 2.4km, 55m, 8 controls

1. Jack Knox	M16	ind	35:57
2. Karen Maxwell	W10	RR	39:30
3. Vokes+1	W12	DEE	47:29

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4. Oscar Pavey+1	M?	ind	59:38
5. Mark Penny	M12	AIRE	66:59
6. India Fox	W12	AIRE	73:32

**LIGHT GREEN** - 2.6km, 60m, 8 controls

1. Roseanne Field	W40	EBOR	30:17
2. Patrick Bonnett	M40	CLOK	38:16
3. Bill Hodgson	M60	CLOK	42:36
4. Neil Stevens	M55	AIRE	44:00
5. Catherine Bonnett	W40	CLOK	44:38
6. Pierre-Louis Reynaud	M20	ind	46:06
7. Hollinshead+1	M35	BAOC	46:30
8. Jack Soper	M70	AIRE	48:17

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9. Jeremy Walford	M40	ind	49:43
10. Katherine Hill	W55	AIRE	56:31
11. Dick Whitworth	M65	BL	59:14
12. Ruth Wilson	W21	NATO	61:36
13. Zoe Vokes	W12	DEE	61:51
14. Ann Luxmoore	W60	AIRE	66:00
15. Blanchard+Sills		CLOK	70:53
16. Madge Cook	W55	SROC	86:29

**NEOA Colour Award Scheme**

Members of NEOA may purchase the relevant colour badge on completion of three events, finishing above the colour line (one may be from outside the NEOA area).

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## Officials:

Organiser - Rob McKenna

Planner - Dave Caudwell

Controllers - John Crosby (NATO), Phill Batts (CLOK)

## Organiser's comments - Rob McKenna

Although I was officially the day 2 organiser, both myself and Boris helped each other out over the weekend and the roles merged into one. Having spoken to Boris about the event, the following comments also reflect his feelings on how the weekend went.

First of all, many thanks for all turning up and making this 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the October Odyssey a weekend to remember. Seeing all the smiling faces and hearing the pleasant comments has made the weeks of hard work very gratifying. It was a pity about the weather on the Saturday, but given the time of the year and the location, I think that we were rather lucky. What a difference on the Sunday though - it is amazing what a bit of warmth and sunshine can do to encourage a warm and social atmosphere for post event discussions.

As NN are a small club and seem to be getting smaller, I find it amazing that we have been able to cope with such a weekend - a big thank you to all who helped to make this a relatively successful event.

The use of electronic punching has become the norm these days and is expected, particularly at the big events. It does have its advantages, providing almost instant results and a wealth of post race information for the competitor to analyse at home. The number of people needed to run the system is also a lot less than the old control card set up, which is ideal for a club our size. However, the equipment itself can be rather irksome to manage when putting out and collecting in, being bulky and awkward to handle. There is also the matter of programming the boxes before the event. As the region did not have enough equipment to cover a two day event, the logistics and finances of securing sufficient control boxes added to the workload of the organising team. On the whole the system worked fine but for one control box which went down - sorry if this spoilt your run. I must apologise for the delay at the download point for some competitors - this was not only due to my lack of practice and inexperience with the system but may have also been down to the way we had the computer set up.

I must single out a few people who deserve a special mention. Firstly Dave Caudwell (mapper and planner) - he has done so much work over the past year to enable this event to take place - securing permissions; liaising with the land owners and gamekeepers; surveying the areas; drawing up, printing and bagging both maps; planning courses; modifying, siting and collecting equipment. A mammoth task given that these were two new areas some 30 miles apart - well done Dave!

Next the two controllers, Patrick Smyth and Phil Batts. The fact that the event appeared to run without any major technical problems is down to the thoroughness of their approach to the task.

Thanks to the staff at the Nenthead Mines Heritage Centre and at the Low Redford Visitor Centre, firstly for allowing us to use their excellent facilities, but also for the help they gave us both before and during the event.

Thanks also to the small band of TA Cadets from Hexham ACF, who generally helped on parking duties but also filled in where necessary. They were courteous and professional in dealing with the general public and orienteering competitors alike and were ably controlled by Boris Spence and Jacqueline Marley.

Andrew Nicoll, although not a member of our club, did a sterling job agreeing to take on the role of entries secretary and SI equipment technical advisor. From past events I know how thankless and time consuming this job can be.

Thanks to BorderLiners for the loan of their stock of SI equipment and to Dick and Angela Whitworth for their advice on the use of it.

Last, but not least, a big thanks to the small team of club members (almost the whole of the club) who rallied round to help put this event on. Without their help this event could not have happened.

It appeared that we ran out of the mementoes which were given out after your run on the Sunday (surprising as we had ordered 400 altogether). As some club helpers also missed out, we are going to order a few more. If anybody did not get one and would like one, then drop me a line and I will post one off to you.

Hope you all enjoyed the weekend.

## Planner's comments (day1 & 2) - Dave Caudwell

When a small club like NN does a 2 day event, with venues nearly 30 miles apart, the onus of the work falls largely on 1 person:- me! I suggested the areas we should use, then got the necessary permissions, and then surveyed and mapped both areas, with the day 1 venue, Nenthead, requiring a lot more work than day 2 at Hamsterley, Dryderdale, and the Cabin Hill/Doctor's Gate moorland. I then planned all the courses, and printed all the maps on the club's Lanier colour laser. Next came the bagging, easily the most tedious of all the tasks. In the week before the competition, I put out all the SI stakes (except for some deemed vulnerable, which were put out on the morning of the events), and on the day before each event the SI units were put out, but I had the assistance of a club member each day for this last task (Norman Harris day 1, Bob Johnson day 2 - many thanks for your contributions).

Although this all seems a mammoth task, it all seemed worthwhile when nothing went wrong (that I could do anything about, anyway), and so many of you passed pleasant comments to me about your courses. Of course, the fact that nothing went wrong was largely down to the fact that my two controllers (Patrick Smyth day 1, Phill Batts day 2) were meticulous in their approach, dispensed excellent advice, and found all my mistakes. Thank you, gentlemen.

While you were trying to cope with the soggy conditions on day 1, I was at Hamsterley (the sun shone from a cloudless sky from 9.30 am onwards) putting out the SI units till about 1 pm, before going to Nenthead. I wonder how many of you realised how high (vertically!) you were there. Only the start (just) and towards the finish were lower than 1500 ft, while some controls (148, 150, 151, 154) were above the 2000 ft level, with several others being close to this. I'm sure you'll tell me if I'm wrong, but has an event in England been run at a higher venue? Of course, being that high means that the area attracts a lot of weather, and although the area was quite dry 10 days before the event, rain in the few days beforehand ensured that the area was sodden for the event, particularly in the flatter areas, where the water tends to collect. I hope you thought a visit to the area was worthwhile if only for the interesting collection of complex re-entrants and spurs around controls 120, 121, 122, 135, and also the Dowgang Hush which was the wooded valley at the end of the courses. A hush is formed by a primitive type of mining excavation, whereby a suitable stream is dammed until there is a good head of water. The torrent released when the dam is breached strips the stream valley of soil and vegetation, and this enables the miners to see (and reach easily) where metallic ores outcrop (lead, in this case).

The day 2 area is around 1000 ft lower, hence not so much weather, and much drier conditions, particularly on the moorland. I thought the lightly quarried (iron ore, I'm told) parts would be an interesting challenge, and there were some impressive spoil heaps on view. The forest is currently not quite so good as previous, where many deciduous saplings have quite suddenly grown into something of a hindrance. I decided to put a "slow run" screen over it all (probably not quite right, as some was still quite nice, but other parts were thicker), and not spend too much time on it as this area is to be completely thinned in the new year, so that no coniferous trees will remain at all, and only oak is left. Perhaps you saw the tapes on the trees.

Of course, there were things I had nothing to do with, and the input of Andrew Nichol, who did the pre-entries and co-ordinated the SI side of things was also considerable, as were the efforts of the two organisers, Rob McKenna and Boris Spence.

Despite the success of this event, and the satisfaction gained from so much of it, I don't think I'll be volunteering to plan both days of our next October Odyssey in 2008!

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