

## NORTHERN NAVIGATORS

Local event at

# **Cong Burn**

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2009

### FINAL RESULTS

4. Kris Smith

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YELLOW - 1.6km, 30m, 7 1. John MacKenzie 2. Charlotte Graham colour	M12 W2	NN ind	43.58 50.45	
<b>ORANGE</b> - 2.3km, 55m, 9	controls		69.00	
LIGHT GREEN - 3.0km, 90 1. Andrew Rice 2. Helen Rafferty 3. Sasha MacKenzie 4. Gregory + Peter Saul 5. Andy Clarke 6. Ian Campbell 7. Eileen Bedwell	0m, 11 c M21 W65 W14 M9/45 M50 M75 W75	ontrols NATO NATO NN ind NATO CLOK CLOK	75.55 81.12 88.20 88.20 93.50 103.48	
8. Ian Smith		NATO		
	M14 M65 W60 W70 M75 M70	CLOK CLOK	96.08 65.16 94.25 58.10	m8-10 f1-7 f1-7 f1-6 f1-4 retired lost card
GREEN - 4.1km, 165m, 12 1. David Kelly 2. Nicola Tilt 3. Tim Field 4. Ann Cranke 5. Sheila Sprot 6. Jill Smith 7. Bob Richardson 8. Lindsey Hensman 9. Gill Mawby 10. Gary Russell	M40 W35 M45 W50 W55 W55 W55 W60 W60 M35	CLOK ind LOC CLOK NATO EBOR NATO CLARO EBOR NN	63.12 64.12 70.23 72.30 76.58 79.43 81.41 83.39 86.55	
<ol><li>Juliet Bentley</li></ol>	W40	SROC NATO EBOR	89.28 90.15 94.33	
Deborah Warren Karen Blackburn Douglas Henderson Ed Baynes Clare Feast Julian Warren	W45 W60 M55 M21 W21 M45	NN BL RR UDOC UDOC NN	86.15 96.15 59.20 54.25 88.00	
BLUE - 5.4km, 190m, 16 of 1. Adrian Barnes 2. Matthew Goode 3. Neil Sprot 4. Rob Bailey 5. Roy McGregor 6. Andrew Cheung 7. Chris Bradford 8. Geoffrey Hensman 9. Maria MacKenzie 10. Lawrence Dudley 11. Colin Turner	M55 M21 M55 M50 M40 M20 M60 M60 W21 M21 M55	NATO UNOC NATO CLOK SROC UNOC NATO CLARO NN UDOC CLOK	69.08 71.15 73.40 74.10 74.15 76.33 78.05 79.20 80.40 91.51 92.07	
<ul><li>12. Martin Adamson</li><li>13. Scott Lowe</li><li>14. Helen Buss</li><li>15. David Lee</li><li>16. Carmen Elphick disqualified / retired Phillip Batts</li></ul>	M65 M20 W20 M45 W35	CLOK UDOC UNOC NATO EBOR	115.38 120.13 142.51 165.06 166.39	no card
BROWN - 6.7km, 230m, 13 1. Duncan Archer 2. Pipa Whitehouse 3. Ben Smith	8 control M21 W21 M21	Is CLOK CLOK UDOC	47.29 53.22 57.25	

M21

UNOC 64.35

BROWN cont'd				
5. Thomas Billam	M21	UDOC	64.57	
6. Ian Maxwell	M45	RR	65.51	
7. Simon Caldwell	M45	<b>EBOR</b>	74.30	
8. Alex Machin	M21	UDOC	76.26	
cold	our line			
9. Adam Poole	M20	UDOC	84.17	
10. Tin Wong	M21	UNOC	89.37	
11. Will Horsley	M21	ind	91.35	
12. John Dixon	M60	NATO	101.50	
<ol><li>David Lauckner</li></ol>	M55	ind	133.36	
<ol><li>14. Willard Wright</li></ol>	M40	NATO	139.25	
<ol><li>Steve Gustard</li></ol>	M??	ind	156.04	
disqualified / retired				
Martyn Dean	M50	CLOK	78.48	f1-9 lost card

Key: m - missed, w - wrong, f - found.

**NEOA Colour Award Scheme** 

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

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### Officials:

Organiser / planner - Rob McKenna Controller - Dave Caudwell (NN)

### Organiser / planner's comments - Rob McKenna

Many thanks for all turning up and supporting this event on what turned out to be quite a nice day, given the latest weather conditions. Looking at the finish times it seems that most competitors seemed to be struggling on what I thought at the time were reasonably planned courses

However, I did have a few pre-event planning dilemmas. Firstly, there was one leg on the orange course which was probably at the upper end of the technical ability for those competing on it.

Secondly, It was pointed out to me by the controller that there was a steep decline on a leg of the light green course that may not be suitable for some of the older competitors. Whilst I did not agree with this comment at the time (the steep section was the last 20m before one of the controls), the slippery conditions had made this worse on the day. Most comments at the finish seemed to revolve around the crossing of the stream - several times on some of the courses. From a planning point of view this is almost un-avoidable given the topography of the area and the need to get the correct distances for the courses set. Using the SI system may have helped here, but the vulnerability of the control sites makes this an almost untenable option.

The overnight thaw of the recent snowfalls on higher ground, swelling the normally timid flow of the Cong Burn, had made these crossings a bit more treacherous than I had anticipated and there were stories of competitors going in waist deep in an attempt to reach the other side. This was never meant to be my intention and I do apologise for those that found this a bit too much.

I do believe that Cong Burn is a delightful, open, runable wood - given the right conditions and I cannot agree with a comment from one competitor that it is the worst place they had ever competed in.

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