



NORTHERN NAVIGATORS
Northern Night Championships at
Chopwell Wood
Saturday, 30th November 1991

M19A – 7.4km, 220m, 18 controls (course B)

1. A.Horsfall M19 UDOC 79.38

----- badge 104.00 -----

Retired / Disqualified

J.Digby M19 UDOC ret
J.Robinson M19 UDOC ret

M21L – 9.2km, 350m, 24 controls (course A)

1. E.Stamp M21 NN 113.06

2. T.Brand-Barker M21 WCOC 137.06

----- badge 142.50 -----

3. P.Hemmingway M21 WCOC 157.29

Retired / Disqualified

B.Bryant M21 OD ret
S.James M21 UDOC ret
D.Bendell M21 KNOB ret
L.Marlow M21 NATO ret
N.Stainton M21 UNOC ret

M35L – 7.4km, 220m, 18 controls (course B)

1. A.Robinson M35 SLOW 69.26

2. S.Pattinson M35 BOFR 80.19

3. P.Atkinson M35 WCOC 81.41

4. P.Davies M35 NATO 88.23

5. C.Hardy M35 AIRE 99.58

6. C.Emerson M35 WCOC 103.19

----- badge 104.00 -----

7. P.Jameson M35 NATO 113.07

8. E.Gilhooley M35 ind 119.53

Retired / Disqualified

A.Warner M35 WCOC ret

M40L – 6.7km, 205m, 17 controls (course C)

1. D.Warner M40 WCOC 69.27

2. R.Jackson M40 WCOC 69.42

3. D.Day M40 CLARO 76.01

4. M.Anderson M40 NATO 89.12

5. R.Carmichael M40 TINTO 97.04

6. C.Burden M40 AIRE 97.10

7. P.Manancourt M40 HOC 97.45

8. B.Richardson M40 BL 100.42

----- badge 104.00 -----

9. C.Bradford M40 NATO 114.56

10. M.Hogg M40 NATO 120.46

Retired / Disqualified

J.Moore M40 NATO ret

M45L – 6.0km, 210m, 18 controls (course D)

1. G.Crawford-Smith M45 NATO 70.32

2. J.Crosby M45 NATO 97.08

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3. J.Berney M45 NATO 109.33

4. F.Major M45 NN 119.07

Retired / Disqualified

R.Moore M45 NATO ret

M50L – 6.0km, 210m, 18 controls (course D)

1. A.Philipson M50 NN 69.25

----- badge 104.00 -----

Retired / Disqualified

E.Leadbitter M50 NN ret

M60L – 4.8km, 120m, 10 controls (course F)

1. R.Malley M60 NN 82.52

----- badge 136.00 -----

W21L – 6.0km, 210m, 18 controls (course D)

1. C.Robinson W21 SLOW 78.59

2. C.Whitworth W21 BL 89.04

3. L.Phillips W21 OD 90.56

4. S.Dunn W21 BOFR 99.03

5. L.Hemmingway W21 WCOC 107.01

----- badge 118.50 -----

6. J.Burn W21 NATO 132.31

Retired / Disqualified

V.Gilham W21 NN 110.16 m2,11,16
C.Birch W21 ind ret

W40L – 4.8km, 120m, 10 controls (course F)

1. P.Carmichael W40 TINTO 82.28

----- badge 123.00 -----

W50L – 4.8km, 120m, 10 controls (course F)

1. P.Malley W50 NN 127.39

----- badge 136.00 -----

ORANGE course – 1.9km, 65m, 9 controls

1. R.Lewis M15 NN 48.43

----- colour line -----

RED course – 3.8km, 113m, 12 controls (course H)

1. B.Hughes ? NPOC 36.43

2. Z.Howard ? NPOC 48.00

----- colour line -----

3. S.Povey ? UNOC 72.17

4. K.Petrie ? NPOC 87.23

GREEN course – 2.8km, 95m, 12 controls

1. T.Lowery ? UNOC 31.46

2. M.Smith ? NPOC 37.47

3. J.Strangeman ? UNOC 40.28

4. R.Hunk ? UNOC 40.33

5. S.Lates ? UNOC 44.53

----- colour line -----

6. K.Burn ? NATO 78.34

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

Organisers comments – Ken Redhead

The team knitted well on the night. The trials and tribulations that began in January all forgotten.

Mr Sean Povey of UNOC, hope you enjoyed your Red course – sorry we couldn't change you to badge. Mr Oliver Mason NPOC Green course – you didn't hand your control card in! You have no idea of the trouble you caused until we were sure you were not lost in the forest. Shame on you....that's not what I said on the night! Mr R.Jackson M40 WCOC, sorry about your watch – hope it's loss didn't spoil your night too much.

To finish on a pleasant note – the M21 from WCOC who just wanted to retire and go home was chased back into the forest by his colleagues to get his last three controls – which he did and I am sure he felt better for it. Thanks everyone for an easy night.

Planners comments – Alan Morgan

Broomley Fell Plantation, our 'jewel', was to have been the scene for these championships but unfortunately had to be ruled out when felling began on a significant scale a few months ago, with a view of turning it into an open cast coal site. Of the few remaining suitable areas, two being re-mapped, there were access difficulties with another and so Chopwell Woods had to be adopted. It is not ideal for orienteering purposes mainly because of the bramble density but also because it is the playground for the surrounding villages and therefore prone to vandalism...never leave an unattended car there!

For the Night Championships however I decided control sites should never be too far away from paths, tracks and roads but, so as to compensate, I would not shorten courses by too much. Unfortunately the foggy and murky conditions on the night made what should have been uncomplicated path finding a real problem with the result that the leading times on some courses were too long.

I had hoped that only 'A' class competitors would attempt the long courses leaving the not so fit to tackle the colour coded as stated on the pre-event information. To produce long and short courses for an anticipated small entry seemed illogical. Maybe this aspect of Night orienteering needs to be discussed.

However, from orienteers comments, most seemed to have enjoyed their experience despite the inevitable and usual crop of retreat due to battery and bulb failures.

Thanks to Alasdair Wilson-Craw (NATO) for his co-operative controlling and to Pat and Ken Redhead for their seemingly faultless organisation.

Controllers comments - Alasdair Wilson-Craw (NATO)

The Planner and organisers reports leave me with little to say except to thank Alan for making my job easier than I feared, it being the first Night event I have controlled, and to thank Ken Redhead and his wife Pat for taking care of organisation.

The main problem for Alan and I was to balance the technical difficulty and interest of the control sites with the accessibility in the dark and security from vandalism. From competitors comments we seemed to have achieved some success. I might even be persuaded to control another night event, but please no brambles!