



NORTHERN NAVIGATORS

Ltd District event at

Cong Burn

Sunday, 15th January 2006

LIGHT GREEN - 3.0km, 125m, 8 controls

1. Emma Ratcliffe	W14	NATO	40.03
2. Kate De Gnen	W21	EPOC	41.49
3. Debbie Warren	W40	NN	42.34
4. Ken Durose	M40	ind	45.23
5. Andrew Thompson	M14	CLOK	45.39
6. Steven Martin	M45	ind	47.42
7. Shelley Williams	W45	CLOK	49.31
8. Matthew ratcliffe	M14	NATO	49.56
9. David Floyd	M45	NATO	54.18
10. Gill Hardy	W65	CLOK	54.25
11. Keith Ratcliffe	M50	NATO	55.28
12. Joan Adamson	W55	CLOK	57.26
13. Kathryn Hull	W35	CLOK	59.31
14. Alan Morgan	M70	NN	60.21

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15. Chris Lakey	M14	NATO	64.09
16. Helen Rafferty	W60	NATO	64.40
17. Judith Skedge	W60	NATO	64.55
18. Eileen Bedwell	W75	CLOK	64.58
19. Helen Lates	W65	BL	69.22
20. Judith Robb	W60	CLOK	81.08
21. Oliver Wright	M9	ind	83.38
22. Sarah Powley	W14	NATO	120+
23. George+Sue Hails	M/W?	ind	120+
24. Catherine+Joe Hails	M/W?	ind	120+

disqualified / retired

Eileen Morgan	W70	NN	69.53	f1-5,8
Les Thompson	M50	CLOK	64.24	f1-4
Michael Thompson	M21	ind	120+	f1-4

GREEN - 4.2km, 210m, 15 controls (see comments)

1. Julian Warren	M40	NN	56.50
2. David Brook	M65	NN	61.17
3. Hilary Ratcliffe	W45	NATO	67.33
4. Sheila Sprot	W55	NATO	68.50
5. Jeremy Lakey	M45	NATO	70.29
6. Mike Hardy	M65	CLOK	71.16
7. Bill Griffiths	M55	EBOR	75.33
8. Eddie Leadbitter	M65	NN	77.19
9. Karen Blackburn	W60	BL	87.00
10. Mike Hails	M40	ind	88.45
11. Willard Wright	M45	ind	92.45
12. Lorraine Porter	W45	CLOK	94.24
13. Juliet Bentley	W35	SROC	98.53
14. Angela Whitworth	W60	BL	102.57
15. David Lee	M45	NATO	105.40
16. Joan Selby	W60	CLOK	109.12
17. Peter Robson	M35	ind	111.36
18. John Bedwell	M75	CLOK	120+

disqualified / retired

Frank Major	M60	NN	58.31	w1
Robert Ian Robb	M65	CLOK	86.39	w1
Barry Young	M45	NN	120+	f1-3, 6-8,10,11

BLUE - 5.7km, 280m, 20 controls (see comments)

1. Phil Batts	M45	CLOK	56.55
2. Charles Mayes	M40	CLOK	57.25
3. Hugh Potter	M35	EPOC	60.07
4. Terrence Russell	M21	NN	63.22
5. Colin Matheson	M50	NATO	75.56
6. Patrick Smyth	M45	NATO	76.32
7. Roy McGregor	M40	SROC	80.34
8. Martin Simms	M55	CLOK	81.43
9. Boris Spence	M50	NN	82.11
10. David Smyth	M16	NATO	82.56
11. Ray Barnes	M50	NOC	85.09
12. David Raymond	M45	NATO	87.22
13. Will Dehany	M50	CLOK	90.17
14. Chris Lates	M65	BL	91.31
15. Douglas Henderson	M50	RR	93.41
16. Stephen Restorick	M50	CLOK	94.49
17. Fred Miller	M50	NATO	103.38
18. Walter Wright	M65	NATO	107.45
19. Angus Lumb	M35	NATO	120+
20. Paul Goad	M45	CLOK	120+

BLUE ... cont'd

disqualified / retired

Bob Cooper	M60	NN	81.31	m18
Martin Adamson	M60	CLOK	83.11	m13
Rob McKenna	M50	NN	89.32	m13
Neil Sprot	M50	NATO	91.40	m13
Mark Ricketts	M45	ind	83.09	f2-6, 11-13,19

45 min SCORE - 15 controls, 205 max pts, penalty 10 pts per min late

			pts	time	pens	total
1. Rachel Wilkinson	W35	CLOK	125	45.30	10	115
2. Keith Chipchase	M50	NN	135	47.58	30	105
3. Jonathan Lakey	M10	NATO	95	37.15	0	95
4. Pam Carr	W50	ind	10	43.51	0	10
5. Dick Whitworth	M65	BL	90	52.50	80	10
6. Ray Elliot	M45	ind	130	56.24	120	10
7. Wright family	?	ind	10	45.39	10	0

KEY: m - control missed, f - control found, w - control wrong

EMIT cards only stay active for 120 minutes between punch operations. Unfortunately those competitors taking longer than this have no recorded time and appear in the results as 120+

NEOA Colour Award Scheme

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

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Officials:

Organiser / planner - Dave Caudwell, caud@btinternet.com

Organiser's comments - Dave Caudwell

First of all, my apologies for the 2 errors on the Blue course, one of which was also on the Green. The first was a simple transcription error where 108 appeared as 106 on the Blue description sheet. Of course, this shouldn't happen, but to many of you this didn't seem to be a problem. After all, you'd navigated to the W side of a spur top, had seen a bit of a thicket alongside it, and the pit was the right depth. There were no other pits on the map in that part of the area, so although the number was wrong, what else could it be but the correct control?

At 102 (another pit on both Blue and Green) a complete mix up had occurred in my mind about this control (see notes below). The control was found by an early competitor in another pit 50m to the N and put at the correct place (although there was no pit at the site!), so later competitors should have found it alright, but were no doubt confused by the lack of a 2m deep hole there!

These two errors show the problems inherent with a C5 event where there is no Controller, and the organiser / planner is overly familiar with the area. If it had been a C4 or above, any Controller would have spotted the errors in no time at all.

As the event is a C5, there is nothing to be gained by voiding the courses, but I have decided that as a result of the problems, no colour badge times will be awarded for this event on the Blue and Green courses. I'm the Planner of 3 more events in the early part of 2006, but all these events have Controllers!

Thanks are due to Andy Niven of Durham County Council Countryside Section for permission to use the area, and to all the NN helpers who performed their tasks much better than I did on what was a bitterly cold day.

Control 102 - Dave Caudwell

The event was armchair planned in mid December and the pit chosen for the courses was 50m N of the one marked on your maps. I then spent over a fortnight with my daughter and family over Christmas/New Year in London. I returned to the NE about 10 days before the event with a very heavy cold, which by now had turned into a lung infection for which I was taking antibiotics.

Before going to London, I had had a medical check-up which included a number of blood tests, the results of which I was to get on my return. On visiting the doctor, he informed me that I probably had diabetes, high cholesterol levels, and other already known problems associated with the ageing process and that more tests were going to be needed. This was rather worrying and further tests were done a few days before the event.

On the Saturday and Sunday the week before the event, I went onto the area to check the control sites and make some up-dates to the map. During the course of this, I noticed that the field just S of 183 W re-entrant shallow appeared not to have any crops in it, so I went to the

farmer to see if we could run across it. He OK'd this, so when I got home, I made various amendments to the map, including removing the out of bounds from the field and drawing the connection line from 178 to 183 (same leg on both Blue and Green) directly across the field. The line had previously been diverted to the N to go round the field when I thought it would be out of bounds. However, on doing this, I noticed that the new line from 178 to 183 went rather close to 102, which was to be visited later in each course, so the opportunity existed to take this control out of order to some advantage. I therefore decided to move control 102 further S to reduce the temptation to take it out of order, and chose the pit circled on your maps.

I was fully aware in doing this that there might not be a pit there any more, as I'd had no reason to check this area since the first edition of the map in the mid 1980's. During the miner's strike later in that decade, men descended on the area to dig coal out of seams that outcropped at the surface on the river bank near here and spread the spoil around, thus altering some of the ground features. So I knew I needed to visit the site again to check that it was OK.

However, for whatever reason, I then completely forgot all about this development, and never visited it. When I went to put the control out on Saturday afternoon, I went to the original pit and put the control in it, still totally unaware of the change I'd made, and without looking at my map, which clearly showed the circle round a different pit.

So what are we to make of this? Clearly, my ill health coupled with the prospect of the possibility of having to make far-reaching lifestyle changes if the diabetes diagnosis was confirmed may have been enough to stop my mind working correctly. Or maybe the ageing process memory losses have caught up with me. Whatever, I'm horrified at my errors in this event.

To end on a slightly more optimistic note, the later diabetes test has turned out to be negative, and the cholesterol, although high, is not high enough for the doctor to recommend that we do anything about it (yet!).

Next NN event:

12.2.06 Shaftoe Crags (grid ref NY829610)
Organiser - Boris Spence (tel 01670 860897)
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Colour Coded - Y,O,L,G,G,BL,BR
EMIT EPS. Maps overprinted and bagged.
Registration from 10.00, starts from 10.30-12.30
Fees - £3.50 senior, £2 junior, £1 schoolchildren.

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