



NORTHERN NAVIGATORS
CC & NEOA Galoppen event at
Carrs Top
Sunday, 20th July 2003

YELLOW - 2.2km, 30m, 8 controls

1. Eleanor Cranke	W10	CLOK	18:38
2. Helen Whitwood	W12	NATO	20:08
3. Matthew Ratcliffe	M10	NATO	22:57
4. Rowan Capper	M6	EBOR	24:43

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5. Karen Maxwell	W10	RR	28:16
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ORANGE - 2.7km, 35m, 8 controls

1. Kirstin Maxwell	W12	RR	35:26
2. Jonathon Malley	M12	NATO	36:20
3. Anne Dehany	W45	CLOK	38:20
4. John Miller	M21	ind	39:31
5. Lucy Taylor	W12	CLOK	42:00
6. Robert Johnson	M12	NN	43:33
7. Pat Malley	W65	NATO	52:15

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LIGHT GREEN - 3.3km, 110m, 9 controls

1. Hilary Ratcliffe	W40	NATO	34:33
2. Louise Dunn	W40	EBOR	35:04
3. Eileen Maxwell	W40	RR	35:38
4. Wendy Taylor	W45	CLOK	36:44
5. Matthew Whitwood	M14	NATO	38:31
6. John Bouttell	M50	SYO	39:01
7. Alan Bentham	M50	NATO	41:59
8. Jamie Bentham	M14	NATO	44:43
9. Shelley Cresswell	W40	CLOK	46:36
10. Rosemary Matheson	W45	NATO	49:08
11. Marjorie Conway	W65	CLOK	50:08

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12. Eileen Bedwell	W70	CLOK	53:14
13. Ian Smith	M70	NATO	54:59
14. Katie Balam	W20	CLOK	62:08
15. Judith Robb	W60	CLOK	63:11
16. Shelagh Sims	W55	CLOK	69:28
17. Eileen Morgan	W65	NN	77:53

disqualified / retired

Andy Pearson	M45	NATO	--	f1, retired
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GREEN - 4.7km, 185m, 12 controls

1. Stephen Whitwood	M45	NATO	46:07
2. Malcolm Conway	M65	CLOK	48:18
3. Patricia Davies	W45	NATO	49:43
4. Mike Hardy	M65	CLOK	53:21
5. Jack Soper	M65	AIRE	53:35
6. Ann Cranke	W45	CLOK	54:56
7. Sheila Sprot	W50	NATO	55:37
8. Jill Smith	W45	EBOR	56:52
9. Debby Warren	W40	NN	61:25
10. Roy Malley	M70	NATO	61:51
11. Norman Harris	M60	NN	64:46
12. Robert Ian Robb	M60	CLOK	67:16
13. Hilary Cooper	W45	NATO	67:44
14. Tim Field	M35	LOC	68:24

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15. Malcolm Gibson	M60	CLOK	73:54
16. Charlotte Roberts	W45	ind	75:58
17. John Bedwell	M70	CLOK	96:15

disqualified / retired

Ken Bibby	M60	CLOK	60:55	m6
Howard Forrest	M55	ind	76:54	m5
Lee family	?	NATO	--	f1-3, retired

BLUE - 6.7km, 235m, 13 controls

1. David Sprot	M21	NATO	45:08
2. Andrew Monro	M21	EBOR	46:16
3. Tom Keenan	M21	ind	51:47
4. Boris Spence	M45	NN	52:23
5. Ian Maxwell	M40	RR	54:22
6. Neil Sprot	M50	NATO	54:37
7. Howard Sawyer	M45	AIRE	56:50
8. Julian Warren	M40	NN	56:57
9. Simon Filmore	M45	LOC	57:24
10. Steven Wood	M50	EPOC	57:51
11. Colin Matheson	M45	NATO	59:12
12. David Riches	M40	CLOK	59:50
13. Raymond Snaith	M55	CLOK	61:09
14. Jon Williams	M55	CLOK	61:18

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15. Barry Harrison	M60	CLOK	63:38
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16. Martin Sims	M50	CLOK	67:50
17. William Dehany	M50	CLOK	69:14
18. Bob Richardson	M50	NATO	72:34
19. Dave Allison	M65	CLOK	73:05
20. Angela Whitworth	W60	BL	101:54
21. Stewart Gardner	M50	ind	109:52
22. Brian Fletcher	M35	ind	110:03

disqualified / retired

Stephen Restorick	M45	CLOK	67:48	w14
Paul Van-Calster	M40	MDOC	70:35	

no controls recorded

BROWN - 9.8km, 305m, 15 controls

1. Neil Conway	M35	AIRE	60:57
2. Michael Sprot	M21	SYO	67:15
3. Duncan Woods	M40	CLOK	73:42
4. Paul Taylor	M55	CLOK	77:05
5. Colin Blackburn	M40	TVOC	81:45
6. Andrew Berne	M35	NATO	84:08
7. Wilfred Bell	M45	NN	84:11
8. Michael Daehnn	M21	UNOC	89:20

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9. Bob Cooper	M55	NN	107:56
10. John Dixon	M55	NATO	125:25

disqualified / retired

Patrick Smyth	M45	BAOC	82:39	m3
Graham Capper	M45	EBOR	--	f1-9, m3, retired

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

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).

For further details, contact Margaret Crosby, tel: 0191 2685449.

Split times

Individual split times have been included with these results.

A full copy of the all split times is available on the NN website.

Officials

Organiser - Boris Spence (01670 8860897)

Planner - Gary Russell

Controller - Rob McKenna (NN)

Computing problems - Rob McKenna

This was my first attempt at running the computing for an SI event on my own and it turned out to be a baptism of fire. Things didn't go too well on the day to say the least and I must thank all competitors for their patience and understanding during these problems.

Firstly, the system was planned to run on a generator with an inverter as a standby, but when the equipment was attached to the generator, the generator seemed to falter and would not run under any load. It turned out that the AC adaptors of both the system laptop computer and the SI splits printer had been damaged making those items of equipment un-useable by an AC supply. Fortunately, the laptop did have an internal battery, which would normally last about 3 hours. This time restraint was cutting it fine to ensure that all competitors would have their E-cards downloaded on the day (given a possible event duration of about 5 hours).

The other drawback was that with no splits printer, no split times could be issued on the day. These ongoing problems and the need to save on laptop battery power meant that competitors were asked to come back and download after they had got changed. Although allowing competitors to start at will, makes the event organisation very flexible from both the clubs and competitors point of view, there is no manual start / finish timing should the system fail and cards have to be downloaded to produce meaningful results. This set up has worked very well in the past and I think that we were just unlucky on the day. Perhaps, next time a full test of all the equipment together might highlight any problems before they arise.

SportIdent is a superb system offering many advantages over the old pin punch type of event. I hope that our problems did not spoil your enjoyment of the event and the superb orienteering challenge that Carrs Top has to offer, particularly at this time of the year.

Controller's comments - Rob McKenna

Gary's courses made good use of what is a superb area to run on. The shorter course are always going to be a problem at Carrs Top, with few line features to navigate by. I hope that the bracken down by the Bollihope Burn didn't prove too challenging for the orange course runners. Times are about as expected and in line with BOF guidelines.

However, there were a few problems:

Firstly - control number 3 on the brown (130 Narrow marsh / ditch junction) - this seemed to cause problems to some competitors. When checked, the control was found to be in the correct position, but over the years, the reed grass had made the map slightly inaccurate in that area and depending on how you approached the control, the kite may have been hidden. I felt that some of the criticism was a bit unjustified as the control was on a line feature and there was a good attack / relocation point some 30m south of the control. It was unfortunate that the kite was hung low in this instance.

Secondly - control 138, again on the brown (the SI box had went down and wasn't discovered till the first runners finished). The split times have been re-instated with a null time for that control. Interestingly, there was one competitor who apparently punched the start and finish boxes but no other control in between. His time suggests that he visited all the controls, but what he did, when and if he got there, only he will know.

Next NN Colour coded event:

19.10.03 Hamsterley Forest, (NEOA Galoppen event)
Organiser – tba
Colour Coded - Yellow to brown
Fees - £3.50 senior, £2 junior.

This event is to be pre-ceded by the NE Night Championships on 18.10.03, hopefully at the same venue.

Next NN local event:

14.9.03 Chopwell Wood (Come & Try It),
Organiser – Rob McKenna (0191 4219659)
Courses suitable for beginners – probably yellow and orange, with a short score event for the more experienced.
Fees - £1 senior – juniors free.
Meet at the forest classroom.

For details of other future NN events contact:

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or visit the NN website – www.northern-navigators.org.uk

Queries on these results should be directed to Rob McKenna.