

**SOUTHAMPTON
ORIENTEERING CLUB**

ADVANCE NOTICE

**THE 30TH NOVEMBER CLASSIC
WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW FOREST ON
SUNDAY NOV 2ND 1997.**

Make a note in your diary now!



presents the

**RESULTS
of the
29th NOVEMBER CLASSIC
NATIONAL EVENT 6**

held at
IRONS WELL, NEW FOREST
on
Sunday 3rd NOVEMBER 1996

ORGANISER'S COMMENTS**David Bonser**

A local resident had expressed anger to the North Start Team Leader about the effects over 1200 competitors would have on his(!) part of the forest; so on the Monday I revisited the area with my camera just in case he decided to take it further. I don't think he would have much of a case, the heavy overnight rain had almost totally removed any sign of our having been there - not a stud mark to be seen, the only evidence of our activity was a very slight darkening of the grass where competitors had picked up their maps. I visited the other Start and the Finish and similar miracles had occurred, the finish loop was visible on the ground but everything else had disappeared. The Assembly and parking areas also showed no signs of our recent occupation and I bet there is less litter there now than before we arrived. What a tribute to the responsibility of orienteers and what evidence of the minimal environmental impact of a major event.

Entries to the event were being accepted up to mid-day on Friday by Terry and Di Smith, and eventually 1475 people passed through the Finish (plus a small family of pigs), which took us very close to the Forestry Commission 1500 entry limit. That is why we can never offer Colour Coded courses at the November Classic but we are allowed Wayfinders' Courses which stick to the tracks and quite a few took advantage of this to at least get a run in the New Forest.

We were lucky with the weather, the experienced SOC Team Leaders and helpers did a superb job, the young cyclists transferring control cards from the Finish to the Results marquee enabled us to achieve our aim of displaying results quickly - always a problem with a split site. The unseasonably high temperatures and the additional re-hydration needs this produced, stretched our drinks operation, apologies to those who had to wait (but what a good tempered queue!) or missed out on the orange. Thank you to my SOC helpers, the Forestry Commission, St John's Ambulance (who dealt very capably with 2 children with suspected broken arms), to the Planners and the Controller and not least to all of you the competitors who appeared to have enjoyed your day in the New Forest, which looked so splendid in its Autumn colours. But what a pity and what arrogance that the British Squad should deliberately arrange training weekends to coincide with the only 2 1996 National Events south of Sheffield.

And, finally, the results were posted on the Internet accessible through the SCoA site or directly at <http://www.compulink.co.uk/~finchbase/ne6res.html> on the Sunday night.

PLANNERS' COMMENTS**COURSES 11 - 15 & 17 - 21****Peter Webb**

Planning an event of this nature involves a tremendous number of man-hours but as much of it is spent in the forest, it is hence both pleasurable and relaxing.

My worries about the head high and impenetrable bracken obscuring many tracks on some junior courses subsided, with the bracken, about 10 days before the event. Another worry was

the felling which we found taking place during the few days before the event but at least some forest was left!

The course lengths, although appearing long, were based on the previous National Event in the Forest and double checked against last year's November Classic on very similar terrain. It seems from the results that we were more or less correct.

I would like to thank John Warren in particular for his considerable efforts and expert advice. Many thanks are also due to Ian and Caroline Moran for their advice and help at home, in the forest and for the many cups of coffee during the late night meetings; also to my wife, Heather, for putting up with the house being taken over room by room over several months and for putting out, checking and collecting many controls.

Finally, I would like to thank all those others who have provided assistance both in and out of the forest.

COURSES 1 - 10 & 16**Ron Cartwright**

So the day came at last. I am led to believe this event was a great success. I hope you all enjoyed it and ran straight through the forest and didn't take the easy line-feature way round. There was a large out-of-bounds area in the middle of the forest so I had to take most of you straight across the open area which I hear seems to have thrown some of you. Control no 2 on these courses had some of you exhibiting the famous headless chicken syndrome (as I was watching some of the time).

I haven't seen the results yet but I believe the winners' times seem to be in line with the guidelines. So as fast running makes long courses, I hope not too many of you had to retire. Many thanks to John Warren and Ian Moran for their help and advice and to all of you orienteers for making it such a successful day.

CONTROLLER'S COMMENTS**John Warren (WIM)**

The New Forest is a unique place and the area of the competition took you to some of the most varied and attractive scenery with plenty of wildlife including the local pig and piglet population!

Courses made good use of the variety of terrain with vegetation changes between open heathland, semi-open scrub and mature deciduous enclosures adding to the navigational challenge of parallel ridges and wide re-entrants. Good underfoot conditions together with the almost universal straight line options produced the expected high speeds but the occasional intricate areas such as to the SE of Eyeworth pond and the bomb craters of the old 2nd world War range required fine navigation.

The results show winning times close to those recommended by BOF but it seems that many people are staying fitter for longer with some outstanding performances in the 35+ category. The competitor who achieved 7th place on M21E needs no introduction!!!

I was sorry to learn of the problems with punches at junior course control 402 which was almost certainly wilful vandalism. Punches were located and re-hung by the Assistant Controller as soon as we became aware of the incident.

An event of this size is a major challenge to all involved, requiring many months of both indoor and outdoor work during which time problems inevitably occur reinforcing the need for effective and resilient preparation schedules.

Ron, Peter and Heather put in a prodigious amount of work to produce what I hope were enjoyable and testing courses. They all deserve your thanks.

My Assistant Controllers Caroline and Ian Moran cannot receive too high praise for their expertise, professionalism, resource and constant good humour.

David Bonser and all of the SOC helpers ensured that the organisation prior to the event and on the day was very effective whilst Di & Terry Smith have a results computer system that is quite breathtaking!

The string course run by Jean and Lubor Velecky, with its computer map, attracted many enthusiastic customers whilst the Wayfinders courses enjoyed a scenic inclosure all to themselves to the east of the main event.

SOC deserves our thanks for a memorable event.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

SOC would like to express thanks to Brian Watkins of CARDINAL COMPUTERS for providing ideal times for the event from which your Ranking Points have been calculated.

SOC is also grateful to Tim Booth of BKO for his considerable assistance both in helping to check the results and for posting them on the Web on Sunday evening.

Results processed with BADGE v 5.0d from TIME MACHINE - Tel: 01703-845787.

LOST PROPERTY

Pair of VJ Premium O shoes complete with very dirty socks,

White left trainer - Ski brand, small size,

Baby's blue gingham bootee,

Kohla ski/walking stick

Yellow fluorescent hat,

Whistle,

Compasses - (1) Moscow thumb, (2) Silva Type 2 with pacing scale stuck on, (3) Silva Type 7 with label - name and phone number illegible, but it appears to belong to an M10 from HOC,

Large black bag (containing a sleeping bag?) marked "For collection by Roger Jackson (WCOC)".

Phone David Bonser 01703-266722 to reclaim any of these items.

BADGE STANDARD SUMMARY

Class	Course	km	m	Champ	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Class	Course	km	m	Champ	Gold	Silver	Bronze
W10A	20	2.7	60	24.04	24.54	29.53	39.50	M10A	20	2.7	60	25.59	27.14	32.41	43.34
W10B	21	1.7	25			26.59	32.23	M10B	21	1.7	25			20.31	24.38
W11A	19	3.4	70	33.55	36.58	44.21	59.08	M11A	19	3.4	70	28.06	29.15	35.06	46.48
W11B	20	2.7	60			35.05	42.06	M11B	20	2.7	60			44.53	53.51
W13A	18	4.1	65	40.30	40.55	49.06	65.28	M13A	17	6.2	110	49.49	51.51	62.14	82.58
W13B	19	3.4	70			59.38	71.33	M13B	19	3.4	70			92.30	111.00
W15A	13	5.0	105	48.01	48.35	58.18	77.44	M15A	9	7.6	145	61.49	63.53	76.39	102.12
W15B	18	4.1	65			75.35	90.42	M15B	17	6.2	110			78.26	94.08
W17A	10	6.6	125	61.51	62.58	75.33	100.44	M17A	6	9.6	160	69.38	70.24	84.29	112.38
W17B	18	4.1	65			61.04	73.17	M17B	17	6.2	110			74.21	89.14
W19A	9	7.6	145	71.20	71.20	85.36	114.08	M19A	3	12.2	215	92.29	93.58	112.45	150.20
W21E	5	10.3	220	85.26	85.26	102.32	136.42	M21E	1	16.9	330	114.55	117.46	141.20	188.26
W21L	7	9.3	170	75.36	77.09	92.35	123.26	M21L	2	13.1	215	87.18	91.18	109.33	146.04
W21S	11	6.2	115			51.26	61.44	M21S	16	8.6	180			59.56	71.56
W35L	8	8.4	170	76.59	80.10	96.12	128.16	M35L	3	12.2	215	84.21	87.01	104.26	139.14
W35S	12	5.8	105			55.21	66.26	M35S	16	8.6	180			61.20	73.36
W40L	9	7.6	145	71.14	72.38	87.09	116.12	M40L	4	10.9	205	73.15	75.50	91.00	121.20
W40S	13	5.0	105			47.46	57.20	M40S	9	7.6	145			52.53	63.27
W45L	10	6.6	125	69.23	74.34	89.29	119.18	M45L	6	9.6	160	72.48	73.48	88.33	118.04
W45S	14	4.2	75			47.28	56.57	M45S	10	6.6	125			50.44	60.53
W50L	11	6.2	115	64.08	70.31	84.38	112.50	M50L	7	9.3	170	72.55	75.11	90.14	120.18
W50S	14	4.2	75			47.46	57.20	M50S	11	6.2	115			50.08	60.09
W55L	12	5.8	105	65.08	70.31	84.38	112.50	M55L	8	8.4	170	78.09	82.09	98.35	131.26
W55S	15	3.6	60			43.46	52.32	M55S	12	5.8	105			56.44	68.05
W60L	13	5.0	105	73.03	73.59	88.47	118.22	M60L	9	7.6	145	64.24	72.39	87.11	116.14
W60S	15	3.6	60			53.16	63.56	M60S	13	5.0	105			47.48	57.21
W65L	14	4.2	75	51.30	51.30	61.48	82.24	M65L	10	6.6	125	68.56	72.00	86.24	115.12
W70L	14	4.2	75	73.05	73.05	87.42	116.56	M70L	12	5.8	105	67.31	67.56	81.32	108.42

BADGE STANDARD CALCULATIONS

BADGE standards have been calculated according to current BOF guidelines. These state that "only the results of those entering the competition as BOF members will be counted".

BOF NATIONAL BADGE SCHEME

You may use these results for your Badge Awards. When you have three similar standards, you may buy Gold, Silver, Bronze or Iron badges as follows:

Metal Brooch Badge	£1.50
Woven Cloth Badge	£1.00
Age or year flash	£0.40
Certificate	£0.30

Apply by sending a cheque made payable to BOF and a stamped addressed envelope (22 x 16 cms) to:

S. and V. Johnston
The Alders
Blencowe
Penrith, Cumbria,
CA11 0DB

For more Badge Scheme details see BOF Rules, Compass Sport or contact the National Office for an explanatory leaflet.

SEA STRING COURSE

The Hampshire coast is not far from Janesmoor pond (at least for a crow) but the sea theme was suggested by recent BBC2 programmes about marine life. Sea creatures are fantastic in their own environment and deserve to be put on the map alongside woodland creatures. We hope that participants enjoyed the pictures and will one day take interest in the real thing. Thank you all for taking part. Setting up a string course is fun but it is nothing without the participants.

Jean and Lubor Velecky

Name	Club	Age	Min.	Name	Club	Age	Min.
Ashby Christopher	SN	4	29	Kelsey Ben	BOK	5	13
Ashby Jonathan	SN	2	29	Kelsey Jack	BOK	3	25
Banham Rachel	TVO	4	34	Lane Emily	BAO	7	7
Banham Joanne	TVO	2	34	Lane Peter	BAO	5	10
Bell Christopher	LOK	4	12	Lee Rowan	LOK	7	13
Belshaw Christopher	SUF	3	25	Maliphant Ben	BOK	2	37
Belshaw Sara	SUF	7	12	Maliphant David	BOK	4	11
Belshaw Claire	SUF	5	12	Maliphant Leo	SOC	7	7
Bittner Jayde	WSX	5	12	Maliphant Sophie	SOC	8	7
Blackford Emily	BAD	1	32	McLeod	SLO	5	15
Bowen Kate	HH	1	19	Moore Alex	SO	4	25
Bowen Scott	HH	4	12	Moore Deborah	SO	1	25
Brigginshaw Matthew	HH	3	23	Moran Tamsin	SOC	2	55
Brigginshaw Daniel	HH	1	23	Nelson Fred & Eleanor	CHI	4	19
Carter Andrew (twice!)	SO	5	11	Parsons Chris	SLG	3	16
Carter Oliver	SO	1	24	Parsons Tom	SLG	5	14
Clark Abigail&Hannah	EBO	3	28	Potter Helen	BAO	7	8
Crickmore Jonathan	SO	3	21	Potter Rebecca	BAO	4	10
Crickmore Bryony	SO	5	9	Roach Alex	SLO	3	14
Davies	SAR	6	8	Roberts Alan	IND	6	16
Dickinson	PFO	9	7	Robertson Thomas	SOS	4	27
Elkington H&M	OD	3&1	38	Robinson Fiona	SAR	7	8
Elkington Helen	OD	3	27	Robinson Kevin	SAR	10	6
Evans Jenny	NOC	3	25	Ross James	SLO	6	9
Evans Laura	NOC	5	16	Seward Ben	SBO	5	12
Farrington Mark	HOC	10	12	Seward H & W	SBO	2&1	27
Farrington Robert	HOC	8	8	Seward Tom	SBO	8	11
Fernandes Nathan	RMO	4	33	Shelton-Smith Toby	RAF	4	13
Frentz Jeremy	HH	3	20	Shelton-Smith Jessica	RAF	5	13
Frentz Nicholas	HH	6	13	Skinner Hannah	SN	2	55
Gardner Helen	WAO	9	6	Street Greg	LOK	3	25
Gardner Peter	WAO	11	6	Street Ralph	LOK	6	8
Gardner Simon	WAO	8	8	Taylor K & T	SO	5&2	37
Giles Emily (twice!)	KER	8	8	Taylor K	SO	5	12
Giles Laura (twice!)	KER	8	8	Taylor Jamie	SO	7	9
Green Stephen	MV	3	31	Taylor Jamie (2nd run)	SO	7	8
Haynes James	SLO	3	40	Thetford H & M	TV	3&1	26
Horner Alex	BKO	7	9	Vale Tim	IND	1	42
Horner Charlotte	BKO	5	11	Walker Edward	BA	6	9
Jefferies Philippa	BKO	1	41	Ward Charlotte	BOK	4	19
Jordan Richard	GO	7	7	Winsor Thomas	BOK	8	7

SOUTHAMPTON ORIENTEERING CLUB**COLOUR CODED AND SCOA LEAGUE EVENT****SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 1996**

VENUE: MATLEY HEATH, NEW FOREST.

CAR PARK: Ashurst Campsite on the A35 Southampton to Lyndhurst road, GR333099.

MAP: 1:15000, 5m contours, as used for the 1994 November Classic.

TERRAIN: Predominantly open heathland.

STARTS: 10.30am - 12.30pm.

FEES: Seniors £2.50, Juniors 50p.

DOGS: Must be kept on leads in the Car Park and the competition area.

OFFICIALS:

PLANNER Andy Heppel

ORGANISER Bill Davidson **01703 262284**

CONTROLLER Gary McEwan

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AND
ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY**