

40 O, Kingsford Forest Park, 8 May 2011

Organiser's report (John Bennison)

Thanks for coming. Apologies for the late start. It turned out to be a fine day in the end - the delayed start was of course deliberate, so you didn't have to run in the shower at 12.00! There were no balloons because there were no junior entries, but no-one complained (not even Russ). This was pretty much a one-man show but thanks to all the helpers, scheduled and unscheduled, who got everything going and collected controls afterwards.

As usual, half the pre-entries came in the last two days before closing date, another 8 shortly after and a further 3 in the last few days, which meant that all the spare maps were allocated. So those who turned up on the day without phoning or emailing me to check only got a map thanks to the no-shows. There was also a glitch on Fabian4's web server - some of you couldn't pay or you could but it didn't record your entry in the start list.

Now that pin punching is rarely used, most of you (with at least a decade of pin punching experience) have forgotten how it works! Many punch codes were not wholly within the box - a cause of disqualification for many elite runners in past international events - and many not in the correct box which made adding up scores difficult for you (as you found out at the end) and for me when checking the punch codes - not all were unique. The results list the controls you punched correctly. A question mark means I didn't get your card for checking so your total is unverified. Several people punched control 111 instead of 131 or vice versa. Some punches weren't pressed hard enough to produce all the pinholes or even indents but there were usually enough marks for me to see it was the right code.

Congratulations to the course winners. Next time there's some sunshine, I trust they will have a glorious bask.

Prizewinners (marked * in the results): I have only ever won two prizes. One was for being half the first mixed pair on the A course in the Cheviots KIMM in the mid-70s (when I was fit) and the other in my first event on cross-country skis in 1979 when I won the prize for the median time! In keeping with that sensible practice, I have awarded prizes for the median scores. Some people never ever win prizes, so there's also one for the biggest negative score. As I had to travel to Norway for my median prize, Vanessa McMillan who travelled furthest to this event, also gets one, as does Colin Spears for being the oldest old lag (meant in the nicest possible way) and provisionally the Farris who have orienteered longer than any other competitor, starting in 1969. I think they qualify, but if you started before then, email me now. Claim your prize at a HOC SEE or day 2 of SinS or email me to make arrangements.

Lost property: one compass. Email me with a description to claim.

I have several unclaimed part 1 maps. See me at a HOC SEE or day 2 of SinS.

Planner's report (the other John Bennison)

This is not a technical area, so finding the controls was relatively easy. The time limit was based on the min/km of the winners at last May's Kinver Edge event, but none of these fast runners were here so no-one got all controls.

The Bradley Boxing Day score events in the 1970s lasted 90 minutes with controls of varying points values, so you had a good physical workout after Christmas Day as well as the mental exercise of deciding which controls were worth going for. I like score events but they often have very obvious loops of controls to pick off and with the same points value for each there's rarely any real decision making about which to go for and in which order. So I tried to make the optimum route less obvious with higher value controls tucked away in corners to tempt you. Most of you went up on top of the Edge first for the higher points and then down to the lower ones. Some of you on the A course went for only the nearest six controls before exchanging your map, leaving more time for the high value controls of the second half. For Part 2, there were three good routes, all 4.5km ± 50m, but one had less climb than the others.

My route choice is:

10, 9, 16, 15, 19, 20, 18, 17, 11, 3, 6, 13, 5, 4, 14, 7, 12, 8, 2, 1
21, 35, 34, 23, 36, 37, 40, 38, 31, 24, 39, 27, 26, 28, 25, 29, 30, 32, 33, 22

Results

A course

Pos	Name	Class	Club	Part 1	Part 2	Pts	Pen	Total
1	John Embrey	M50	HOC	1,2,3,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,15,16,17, 18,19,20	21,23,24,25,26,28,29,30,31,32,33,34, 35,36,37,38,40	704	-60	644
1	Brian Hughes	M60	HOC	1,2,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,15,16,17,18, 19,20	21,23,25,26,27,28,30,32,33,34,35,36, 37,38,40	644		644
2	Tony Feltbower	M55	OD	?	?	611		611
3	Lindsay McMillan	W21	HOC	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12,13,14,16, 17	21,22,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33, 34,35,38,39	604		604
4	Ian Hopkins	M45	HOC	1,2,3,4,6,7,9,10,11,13,16,17	21,22,23,25,26,27,28,29,30,32,33,35, 36,37,38,40	581		581
5	Ray Collins	M55	WCH	1,2,7,8,9,10,14	21,23,24,25,26,27,28,30,31,33,34,35, 36,37,38,39,40	578		578
6	Paul Basher	M55	HOC	1,2,3,7,8,9,10,12	21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,30,33,34,35, 36,37,38,39,40	570	-30	540
7	Dennis Mews	M60	HOC	1,2,7,8,9,10,14	21,23,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,33,34,36, 37,38,40	509		509
8	Barry Houghton	M60	HOC	1,2,8,9,10,16	21,22,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,34, 35,38,39	487		487
9	Graham Nilsen	M50	MERO	1,2,7,8,9,10,12,14	21,22,23,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38, 40	475		475
10	Kath McMillan	W21	HOC	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,12,13,14,16,17	21,22,23,24,25,28,29,30,31,32,33,34, 35,38	524	-60	454
11	Peter Langmaid	M40	HOC	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,14,16,17	21,22,25,26,27,28,29,30,32,33,34,35	470	-30	440
12	Charles Nelson	M60	HOC	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,13,16,17	21,22,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33	432		432
13	Adrian Bailey	M45	HOC	1,2,7,9,10,14,15,16,17,18,19,20	21,22,25,26,27,28,29,30,32,33	421		421
14	*Austin Farr	M65	POTOC	1,2,8,9,10,16	21,23,30,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,40	405		405
15	John Robinson	M60	WCH	?	?	398		398
16	*Rob Atkins	M21	HOC	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,16,17	22,25,26,27,28,29,30,32,33	377		377
17	Delia Kingsbury	W45	WRE	1,2,3,7,9,10,11,14,16,17	21,22,23,25,32,33,34,35,36,38,40	432	-60	372
18	John Leeson	M50	HOC	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,10,11,13,14,15,16,17, 18,19	25,27,29,36,37,38,39,40	432	-90	342
19	Robert Vickers	M65	HOC	1,2,7,8,9,10,12,14	21,22,24,25,27,28,29,30,31,39	339		339
20	Barry McGowan	M60	HOC	1,2,7,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,20	21,23,33,35,36,37	333		333
20	Rod Postlethwaite	M55	WRE	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,13,14,16,17	21,22,23,30,31,32,33,34,40	333		333
22	Lesley Brown	W60	HOC	1,2,7,8,9,10,12,14	21,24,25,28,29,31,33,38,40	332		332
23	*Colin Spears	M70	HOC	1,2,8,9,10,15,16,18,19,20	21,24,25,26,29,31,33,38,40	385	-60	325
24	Paul Hammond	M45	HOC	?	21,22,30,33,38,40	273		273
25	Anna Nilsen	W50	MERO	1,2,3,7,8,9,10,12,14	21,22,23,32,33,34,35	272		272
26	Graham Urquhart	M55	OD	1,2,9,10,12,16,17	21,23,33,34,35,36	249		249
27	Eric Brown	M60	HOC	3,7,8,9,10,12,15,16,17,18,19	21,22,32,33	242		242
28	*Vanessa McMillan	W21	ELO	?	?	213		213
29	Nigel Cousins	M55	HOC	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,11,12,13,15,17,18	21,22,28,30,31,32	287	-90	197
30	Graham Hardy	M65	WRE	1,2,3,4,5,6	21,23,36,38,40	179	-30	149
disq	Michael Baggott	M60	HOC	1,2,7,8,9,10	?, out of bounds	647		647

B course

1	Russ Fauset	M60	HOC			258		258
2	^Barbara Farr	W65	POTOC			206		206
3	*Elizabeth Urquhart	W55	OD			54	-90	-36
4	Lesley Norton	W65	WRE			1,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,13		251 -390 -139

C course

1	Andy Plant	M55	HOC	?				24
2	*Jeremy Smith	M45	OD	1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10,13,17,18,19,20				135 -260 -125
3	*David Wheeley	M50	IND	1,2,3,4,5,10,13,14				52 -510 -458

50 O will take place in 2021, probably in Norway. I'd like to plan one of the Trim courses that Norwegian clubs put on each summer, where 50 controls are put out and remain there from May to August. You can buy the overprinted map at the local tourist office, supermarkets, sports shops or filling stations and collect your points any time, taking as long as you like. Prime O terrain, no brambles!