

Breakneck Bank Sunday 19 June
Planners Comments

It was good to see the event finally take place. First scheduled for early February, planning had to be completed before the winter shooting season, and on the assumption our preferred parking would be available. This proved not to be the case, but I got an extension until June due to the need to reschedule the 2010 YBT Final which was snowed off in December.

Our Chairman found alternative parking north of the area, but I felt that a 2km+ walk-in was too much, so we kept looking. A possibility to the west was identified, but after planning a viable White and Yellow this fell through, and risk assessment would have been impossible due to the high probability of severe head injury on the walk in and out through being struck by a small fast-moving white spherical object. Finally, we had to resort to linear parking in the wood and I replanned again.

The event seemed to go well. The vast majority of people were complimentary about the courses, with no complaints of severe misplacement. The most debated seemed to be 92 (knoll N side, possibly should be mapped as small depression), 45 (platform, a bit hidden in bracken and possibly another unmapped one slightly lower down the hill), 61 (gully bend, maybe slightly too low), 43 (reentrant bend, too hidden) and 49 (middle pit – many thought this was fair because of the adjacent knoll (as I did) but a few thought it a little bingo-ish). My thanks to all those who provided comments in a positive and constructive manner. I'll try to make controls a little more visible next time.

I would like to express my thanks particularly to all those who helped to make the event possible – HOC club members, Controller Pat Pay from Wrekin, landowners and shooting manager who were all most supportive throughout and last but not least the gallant band of control collectors who went out again after their run and enabled me to get home at a reasonable hour – Colin, Brian and Kay, Eric and Lesley, Jacky, Kerstin and probably our youngest-ever collector Alex.

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