

HARLEQUINS ORIENTEERING CLUB

Highgate Common C5 Results

17th June 2007

Organiser's comments.

Thank you for coming to Highgate Common and making the effort that Ian and I put in worthwhile. This is the first event I've organised for some years now and I much appreciated the help that HOC members provided. I'd like to mention especially George Chambers who helped me sort out the equipment on the Saturday and collect in the road signs after the event and Rollo Rumford for turning up very early on the Sunday to help me move and set a lot of things up. We had all the controls collected and the kit sorted out and returned to the store by 5pm. And we didn't get wet either - very satisfactory. The same could not be said for other days on which Ian and I were out on the area!

With the usual HOC SI team away on other activities, me returning to small scale O events and Ian unfamiliar with OCAD and PICOVER, Ian and I decided to keep this C5 event very straightforward. We hope you enjoyed reviving memories of master maps, red pens and pin punches.

Thanks are extended to Staffordshire County Council and the Rangers of Highgate Common Country Park for their help and for access to the land for the event:

Carole Sparke (HOC)

Planner's comments.

Highgate Common offers a variety of interesting orienteering terrain, from the complex path network in the SE, the open and fast run of the middle area, to the woodland north of the road. The path network on Highgate Common is constantly changing due to use of the area by dog walkers and horse riders. Thanks to Alison Sloman for updating the map so quickly.

As a local event we wanted everything compact with start, finish and registration close together. The location for these was dictated by the availability of car parking and proximity to the toilet block. Once the start location was finalised I decided to take courses in a loop around the Out of Bounds area and then into the common and woodland.

I didn't want to put too many controls in the central common area because:

1. It is very open and controls are very visible, reducing the orienteering challenge.
2. This area is very popular with dog walkers, so I wanted to reduce conflict between users.

Highgate Common has a dubious night time reputation and I therefore decided to put all 36 controls out on the morning of the event. Starting at 05:45 and finishing at 09:15 the offer of a bacon sandwich at 09:30 was too much to resist (thanks Sue).

One of the main concerns for planning was trying to predict bracken and vegetation growth. Two weeks before the event vegetation was low. However on the day it caused some problems.

Control 125 Vegetation Boundary (on the Orange, Green and Blue courses) was badly affected. In hindsight I should have checked undergrowth the night before, hung the control high or made an obvious path to the control. I think the problems are reflected in the long times on the Orange course. Comments received at the finish that this control site was unfair for juniors, were justified and I offer my apologies.

North of the road courses were planned to give route choice around the light green and bramble areas, so it was interesting to hear some competitors went straight and found controls OK.

Due to the heavy rain in the previous four days, water collected at the base of the earth banks, and I heard comments that there were unmapped wet ditches(!!) in the northern area around control 120. I can assure you that the area is usually dry.

Thanks to Carole for organising. She acted as a second pair of eyes when I made mistakes. Her advice for the courses made them more challenging and avoided potential dog legs.

Thanks to all the HOC helpers who made the event run smoothly.

Ian Hopkins (HOC)

Future HOC events for Sundays in 2007:

8th July Arrow Valley, Near Redditch (C5) SP 064 676 OS Map 139.
9th Sept Uffmoor Wood, Near Romsley (C5) SO 953 813 OS Map 139.
30th Sept Fownhope Park, Near Mordiford (C4) WM Champs/League SO 573372 OS Map 149
16th Dec Kinver Edge, Kinver (C3) SO 825830 OS Map 138.

Further details of these events will be on the HOC web site: <http://www.harlequins.org.uk>

HOC Summer Evening Events:

26th June Worcester Beacon, Malvern Hills. SO 769 453 OS Map 150.
3rd July Clent Hills, Clent. SO 937808 OS Map 139.
12th July Cotwell End Valley, Sedgley, Dudley. SO 914 929 OS Map 139.
17th July Sandwell Valley, Sandwell, West Bromwich. SP 025 922 OS Map 139.

More information available at: http://www.harlequins.org.uk/leagues_see.html



YELLOW 12 controls
2.4k 45m

1.	Emily Upton	W7	NGOC	45.21
2.	Rebecca Kent	W7	OD	61.58
3.	Richard Kent	M4	OD	62.43
-----Yellow badge standard-----				
4.	Molly Richardson	M10	WRE	71.17

ORANGE 10 controls
2.6k 50m

1.	Naomi Grevson	W10	HOC	39.27
2.	Sue Bowman	W60	OD	42.16
3.	Penny Hemsted	W65	HOC	42.18
4.	Christopher Bayliss			
	plus Gran	M5	WRE	45.43
5.	Yvonne Grainger	W60	HOC	46.28
6.	Beryl Pay	W75	WRE	58.18
7.	Valerie Smith	W45	IND	64.27
-----Orange badge standard-----				
8.	Steph Milner	W20	IND	68.25
9.	Simone Richardson	W14	WRE	72.35
10.	Luke Smith	M20	IND	81.15
11.	Gemma Deakin	W21	WRE	90.24
	Tom Ross	M10	OD	Wrong 6 + 9
	Stephen Elkington	M10	OD	Wrong 6 + 9

GREEN 15 controls
4.7k 75m

1.	Pete Carey	M60	OD	43.23
2.	Adam Kent	M35	OD	45.19
3.	Russ Fauset	M60	HOC	47.47
4.	Duncan Bayliss	M40	WRE	48.29
5.	Emma Kettley	W14	OD	49.44
6.	Rollo Rumford	M60	HOC	50.04
7.	Andy Hemsted	M55	HOC	50.31
8.	Charlie Nelson	M55	HOC	50.59
9.	Roger Hardiman	M35	NGOC	53.26
10.	Derek Grainger	M60	HOC	56.13
11.	Sue Hallett	W60	OD	57.06
12.	Delia Kingsbury	W40	WRE	57.55
13.	Susan Ford	W18	HOC	59.17
14.	Sheila Carey	W60	OD	59.58
15.	Judith Evans	W50	HOC	60.13
16.	Lester Evans	M50	HOC	60.29
17.	Derek Turner	M65	WRE	62.43
18.	Robert Vickers	M65	HOC	64.31
19.	Adrian Bailey	M40	HOC	64.54
-----Green badge standard-----				
20.	Jane Feltbower	W55	OD	66.02
21.	Hilary Simpson	W65	OD	66.22
22.	Lynden Hartmann	W50	HOC	66.59
23.	Marcus Easson	M50	WRE	70.41
24.	Alan Hardwicke	M65	EPOC	73.18
25.	Alison Sloman	W70	HOC	74.06
26.	Ian Smart	M55	WRE	78.19
27.	Greta Greenall	W60	OD	78.30
28.	Barbara Ford	W50	HOC	79.53
29.	Nigel Cousins	M55	HOC	81.16
30.	Malcolm Duncan	M70	POTOC	83.41
31.	Dot Keeling	W60	HOC	84.02
32.	Paul Hammond	M45	HOC	85.07
33.	Brian Harrold	M50	IND	90.42
34.	Matthew Elkington	M12	OD	106.15
35.	Guy Ross	M12	OD	106.19
36.	George Chambers	M50	HOC	115.37
	Jeff Hancock	M65	WRE	Rtd
	Pat Cameron	W60	NGOC	Rtd

BLUE 20 controls
6.1k 100m

1.	Mike Baggott	M55	HOC	49.24
2.	Barry Elkington	M50	OD	53.16
3.	Alex Roberts	M16	HOC	57.40
4.	John Pearson	M55	HOC	57.50
5.	Neil Cameron	M60	NGOC	58.01
6.	Alan Halliday	M50	OD	58.10
7.	Jane Halliday	W45	OD	58.14
8.	Clive Richardson	M40	WRE	58.49
9.	Lesley Ross	W40	OD	59.41
10.	Heather Houghton	W21	HOC	60.31
11.	Duncan Leeson	M16	HOC	62.43
12.	Barry Parkinson	M50	HOC	64.31
13.	Barry Houghton	M60	HOC	66.22
14.	Brian Morris	M65	WRE	67.47
15.	Peter Langmaid	M35	HOC	69.39
16.	Ruth Lockley	W55	HOC	70.03
17.	Andy Heath	M50	OD	70.29
18.	John Fallows	M45	NGOC	72.41
-----Blue badge standard-----				
19.	Barry McGowan	M60	HOC	74.07
20.	John Herbert	M50	HOC	74.28
21.	Mick Sadler	M55	COBOC	76.30
22.	John Bowman	M65	OD	76.45
23.	Russell Flynn	M21	HOC	78.40
24.	Roger Keeling	M60	HOC	78.52
25.	John Leeson	M45	HOC	78.56
26.	Trevor Simpson	M65	OD	80.11
27.	John Boden	M55	OD	80.15
28.	Sharon Richardson	W35	WRE	89.13
29.	Kevin Ross	M40	OD	90.01
30.	John Burrows	M65	NGOC	91.26
	Joanna Halliday	W18	OD	Rtd
	Helen Elkington	W14	OD	Rtd
	Ben Ross	M14	OD	Rtd
	Tony Feltbower	M50	OD	Rtd
	Pat Pay	M65	WRE	Rtd