



**DEESIDE ORIENTEERING
CLUB**
Summer Evening Event
Marbury Country Park
2nd July 2008
Officials' Comments



Organiser's Comments (Iain Bell)

The task of organising this event was made easy by the willingness of club (and non-club members) to volunteer, both in advance and on the night. This is particularly commendable as the Marbury event came late on in the summer evening events season and helpers at previous events can be justified in thinking that they have done their bit. So many thanks to my helpers:

- Sian Calow for wearing the yellow jacket and giving out SI forms;
- Peter Owens, Bob Elmes and Will Bell for running the computer technology that allowed this to be an SI event;
- Richard Hill and Pat Elmes for manning the start;
- John Kewley for helping second shift on registration and for being willing to help, when help was needed; and
- With particular thanks to Jenny Palmer and Barbara Jones (in addition to running enquiries) for stepping in on the night to run registration, collecting the money, handing out control descriptions and SI cards.

I would like to thank Chris Moseley (Cheshire County Council Countryside Ranger) for allowing us access to Marbury Park, including keeping open the toilets beyond their normal closing hours.

Thanks also to all who allowed their maps to be recycled when we were in danger of running out, on the orange and light green courses. If you haven't had a replacement map please let us know.

I hope you all enjoyed your run for which we can thank Darren and Peter.

Planner's Comments (Darren Baker)

Planner's comments will appear here when available.

Controller's Comments (Peter Hills)

Marbury is not an easy area to plan at any time. The available area is a rather narrow strip around the large open area in the middle of the map, which makes it difficult to produce technical courses, as you are never far from the network of paths. Darren's original plans, based on visits to the area early in the year, looked good and interesting on paper, but a visit in June showed a large upsurge in the undergrowth which threw his plans into disarray. Small depressions in a field of shoulder-high bracken become 'bingo' controls, and parts of the area in the north had become machete country. I think Darren did a wonderful job in the last three weeks salvaging what he could from the ruins of his plans, especially as this was his first attempt at planning. Although the courses were not as technical as either of us would have liked, I hope they gave you all an enjoyable experience.

I have a couple of apologies to make as controller. Firstly, the vegetation around control 1 on the Light Green and Blue courses (box 184) was not well mapped, which made locating the control difficult unless you approached up the ditch from the south. Secondly, I failed to spot that the final control on the Orange description sheets was wrongly given as 239 rather than 236. I hope this did not cause too much upset to those on this course. Either 236 or 239 have been accepted in the results.

My thanks to Iain Bell for organising this event.