

Organiser's Comments

This was my third attempt at organising the races; two years ago we had weather on a par with this year's race, with last year's event held in sunshine. So if the pattern continues next year's event will be in hot and sunny conditions. Let us hope!

As in all events of this type there are many people that contribute to making the event happen, some are visible (marshals, time-keepers etc) but there are others who are behind the scenes and are essential for the event to happen, so many thanks to Forestry Commission, the National Trust, St John Ambulance service, Blacon police, Beeston Castle personnel and Mr P Latham and Mr P Bull for allowing use of the fields at the B race start and for the diversion across the fields to the Farmers Arms to avoid the otherwise busy main road crossing at Gresty's Waste.

Particular thanks to Jill and Barry Barnes and Bob Elmes for all of the pre race day preparation and on the day event activities along with all marshals and Gwyn for the van (as used for A race shelter by some) and the lengthy day of transporting equipment back and to.

Thank you to all that participated in the event, it was a really nice to see you arrive and take part in what must have been a true test of your character, stamina and determination but with the good feeling of satisfaction of the achievement on completion. Only one person was unable to complete the course and that was through a pre race injury that became more severe as the race unfolded. Congratulations to you all.

John Brown successfully defended his "A" race title posting the second fastest "A" race time which sits neatly behind his course record time as set last year. Well done to Gary Norgrove and Duncan Harris for finishing in second and third place respectively and also for finishing in less than two hours. The Ladies race was won by Nicky Lowe with the team prize to City of Chester Tri. The B race was won by Chris Smithard with Penny Thorn winning the Ladies race and Tattenhall winning the team prize.

All results and prize winners are on the Deeside Orienteering web site, well done to all.

Thank you for your post race comments all of which have contained kind comments on the organisation etc.

We have provisionally planned for next year's race to be held on 2nd October 2011; this will be confirmed in due course.

Hopefully we will see you again next year in clothing more fitting to a summer's day run rather than the bin liners, umbrellas and heavy duty gear of this year.

With best regards and thank you again

Geoff Shaw

Lost property

Someone from the A start lost his bag of kit: a small blue drawstring book bag containing a grey Adidas sweatshirt and a drink. Did anyone find this with their kit when they got home? We have one item of unclaimed lost property – a large umbrella.

For either of these, please contact events@deeside-orienteeing-club.org.uk. Thanks!