

Pitcheroak Woods SEE- 5th September 2019

Pos	Name	Club	Age	Controls	Time	Pens	Points
1	Kin Wai Lee	OD	M21	18	00:55:42	0	180
2	Dave Aldridge	HOC	M40	18	00:57:08	0	180
3	Alex Mitchell	HOC	M18	17	00:52:59	0	170
4	Karl Kingsman	HOC	M55	17	00:59:56	0	170
5	Robert Rose	HOC	M35	17	01:00:28	5	165
6	Paul Basher	HOC	M65	15	00:58:45	0	150
7	Peter Langmaid	HOC	M50	14	00:57:52	0	140
8	Ben Crone	OD	M25	14	00:59:23	0	140
9	Mike Baggott	OD	M65	13	01:00:08	2	128
10	Sebastian Mitchell	HOC	M16	12	00:50:05	0	120
11	Andrew White	HOC	M60	12	00:58:46	0	120
12	Bob Brandon	OD	M70	12	00:59:04	0	120
13	Mike Snell	OD	M60	12	00:59:35	0	120
14	Peter Rose	HOC	M40	12	01:00:28	5	115
15	Steve Parker	WRE	M45	15	01:03:28	35	115
16	Marian White	HOC	W55	11	00:54:07	0	110
17	Ian Gamlen	COBOC	M50	11	00:57:30	0	110
18	Colin Palmer	HOC	M75	11	00:57:38	0	110
19	Russ Fauset	HOC	M70	11	00:58:31	0	110
20	Mykyta Chubynsky	OD	M40	14	01:03:10	32	108
21	Andy Howman	HOC	M40	11	01:00:15	3	107
22	Adrian Bailey	HOC	M50	12	01:01:40	17	103
24	Barry McGowan	HOC	M70	9	01:00:00	0	90
25	John Middler	OD	M65	9	00:57:51	0	90
26	Julian Hart	Ind	M50	9	00:58:00	0	90
27	Steve Nightingale	HOC	M70	9	00:58:30	0	90
28	Sue Howarth	HOC	W55	14	01:05:10	52	88
29	Barry Houghton	HOC	M70	12	01:03:50	39	81
30	Lin Page	OD	W60	8	00:59:19	0	80
31	Arthur Mitchell	HOC	M14	7	00:50:21	0	70
32	Kieran Rose	HOC	M12	7	00:57:02	0	70
33	Ashley Ford	HOC	M65	7	01:00:07	2	68
34	Pete Manancourt	HOC	M70	6	00:58:05	0	60
35	Sue Hallett	OD	W70	8	01:02:31	26	54
36	Alison Sloman	HOC	W80	7	01:01:46	18	52
37	Barbara Ford	HOC	W60	5	00:56:13	0	50
38	Leo Morgado	OD	M45	5	00:59:40	0	50
39	Martin Mitchell	HOC	M50	4	00:50:45	0	40
40	Jenny Uff	HOC	W65	6	01:02:08	22	38
41	Ka Man Leung	OD	W21	17	01:16:27	165	5

When I took this SEE on, I didn't realise how much work was needed on the map- the footpath network had changed completely in some areas, and the vegetation screen had changed in others.

I received helpful feedback on the map following the event and will look at removing much of the bramble screen hatching and replacing it with slow run shading. Apparently, Alison also found a footpath which somehow snuck through my update so I'd get out and check that too.

Having worked on my first re-mapping exercise, I was relieved, therefore, to see that everyone made it back, before the gloom deepened into night. I'm glad that I pulled the start times forward by 15 minutes but maybe early September is too late in the year for a normal SEE. In future years, maybe a twilight SEE with headtorches in September would be a good warm up for the WEE series later in the year.

I owe sincere apologies to everyone that hunted in vain for control 15, which I made the mistake of putting out from memory. As usual I was rushing (in my defence I had to go back to the printers to print off maps for late entrants and there was a lady teacher in front of me printing her years classroom notes!) to put out the controls and set off from my car to put out the last two controls in Foxlydiate Wood. I got to the clearing where the benches are and then found I'd forgotten my map. 'No problem' I said to myself, I can remember the control sites. Maybe at my age a 50% score in a memory test isn't too bad, but it's a good example of why we use controllers for larger events. Everyone was very gracious about it, and I've credited those who looked for 15 with the points but can't void this leg as I neglected to sync the controls (more apologies).

In the men's race, Dave Aldridge stormed round, found 15 in the wrong pit and still had almost 3 minutes left to spare. However, this feat was surpassed by Kin Wai Lee from the large OD contingent, who finished in 55mins 42 seconds, after also finding the misplaced 15.

HOC's second runner was Alex Mitchell, visiting 17 controls in 53 minutes, whilst Karl Kingsman also collected 17 controls, and managed to finish with just 4 seconds to spare!

The highest ladies scorer was Ka Man Leung, from OD, who collected 17 controls. Unfortunately, she spent a long time looking for control 15 and suffered a large time penalty. Top Harlequin lady was Marian White (who stopped to answer a text from daughter Lizzie!) who beat Sue Howarth into second place. Sue and her dog visited 14 controls but went over time and Marian, who visited 11 controls with ample time to spare was the points winner.

Three HOC juniors ran a shorter course just within Pitcheroak Wood with Seb Mitchell visiting a creditable 12 controls in just 50 minutes and with Arthur Mitchell and Kieran Rose both collecting 7 controls apiece.

Many thanks to Peter Langmaid, Dave Aldridge, Robert Rose and Arthur Mitchell who got a bit of night O practice in, donning headtorches to collect in the controls.

About a dozen of us enjoyed post-race supper in the Rose and Crown which was well situated for the start and finish, which I hope gave everyone who has run at Pitcheroak before, a new experience of starting at the top of the wood for a change.

John Leeson