

NIGHT STREET LEAGUE EVENT 4

Stratford, Wednesday 12th December, 2007

Will timings in the night street league have to be on tenth of a second next year?. This was the burning question raging at Geoffrey Foster's after Russ Faucet was deemed to have beaten Paul Hammond by a tenth of a second. Was Geoff's electronic timing system, linked to A CCTV system focused on his front door, adequate to separate the competitors? Pressure mounted on Brian to seek funding from HOC for the latest laser beam automatic timing (£40 000).

For the second year running we were privileged to be invited into Geoffrey's home, slightly out of area in Stratford. On arrival runners were offered a small glass of mulled wine, followed after the run, by various forms of liquid refreshment and baked potatoes and grilled sausages. Robert and Geoff engaged in high-tech talk in which the words 'frequency' and 'call-signal' and even more incomprehensible jargon could be discerned, and produced laminated signs ready for the Regional event at Kinver The rest of us chatted away about route choices, blind alleys and injuries as normal, and a good time was had by all. Geoffrey has very kindly offered to repeat the experience next year. Thanks, Geoffrey.

Things were as tight as usual on the Medium course, though newcomer, Andy Batchelor won by a clear 4 minutes. Andy is fast, and is one to watch in the future. Peter would have given him good competition, but had to hobble in with an aching muscle at the back of the thigh. Peter's injury means that Russ moves ahead in the League table. The Long course was more keenly contested than usual, with the three runners separated by only 4 minutes. The old man was feeling unusually frisky, having had 3 days to recover from the weekend's 'O', and just managed to beat the two Embreys.

Short

1	Jacky Embrey	42:00	10 pts
2	Alison Sloman	52:40	9 pts

Medium

1	Andy Batchelor	40:30	10 pts
2	Russ Faucet	44:45	9 pts
3	Paul Hammond	44:46	8 pts
4.	Robert Vickers	46:30	7 pts
5.	Colin Spears	47:00	6 pts
6.	Peter Langmaid	50:08	5 pts

Long

1	Brian Hughes	62:17	10 pts
2	Chris Embrey	66:00	9 pts
3	John Embrey	66:30	8 pts

See you at Kidderminster!

Brian Hughes