

Results of NSL Event 7, Bournville 5th February 2008

Short

Jacky Embrey	61:46	10 pts
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Medium

Russ Fauset	61:34	10 pts
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Peter Langmaid	65:05	9 pts
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Adrian Bailey	72:20	8 pts
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Robert Vickers	73:42	7 pts
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Barry McGowan	88: 38	6 pts
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Long

Dave Nevell	60:20	10 pts
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John Embrey	61:02	9 pts
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Richard Dearden	61:44	8 pts
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Brian Hughes	92:10	7 pts
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What a tight contest on the Long! I cannot recall such a close call on this course for years. John Embrey did well to split the youngsters and Dave Nevell recorded a victory after weeks of complaining that at all the events he went to, he was always second. Brian got locked in the local park and was faced either with a very cold wet night or with scaling a 7 foot fence lined with vicious spikes. No problem at age 35, but at 61.....! Perched precariously on the top Brian found that his right shoe was firmly wedged between 2 spikes. Visions of hanging upside down until rescue by the fire-brigade flashed through his mind, but after a couple of minutes shoe was untied, Brian braved the descent, a nearby tree helped rescue said shoe and all was well. Planner Colin had warned that the Park might be closed.

Russ Faucet got the best of Peter Langmaid on this occasion and won by an unusually large margin for the Medium, whilst Jacky had an uncontested victory on the Short. Barry MacGowan and Brian both had problems with their head-torches in the heavy showers. It was good to see Adrian Bailey back in action.

Thanks to our hosts Colin and Suzette Spears. Colin planned superb courses on a great, 4-coloured map. Suzette cooked everyone a Shrove Tuesday pancake, a very appropriate and much appreciated gesture.

Brian Hughes