

Himley Park Summer Evening Event – 23 July 2009

Results and Comments

Blue (6.2km, 90m climb, 25 controls)

John Embrey	HOC	M50	00:45:25	
David Williams	HOC	M45	00:47:40	
Alex Roberts	HOC	JM	00:47:56	
Ant Clerici	HOC	M55	00:49:44	
Adrian Bailey	HOC	M40	00:52:15	
Duncan Leeson	HOC	JM	00:53:27	
Mike Baggott	HOC	M55	00:55:33	2 missed
Rod Postlethwaite	WRE	M55	00:55:40	
Barry Houghton	HOC	M60	00:57:06	
Barry McGowan	HOC	M60	01:00:56	
David Jones	NGOC	M65	01:15:20	
Jacky Embrey	HOC	W50	01:17:30	
Colin Palmer	HOC	M65	01:19:00	
Sandra Brain + 1	IND		01:31:55	

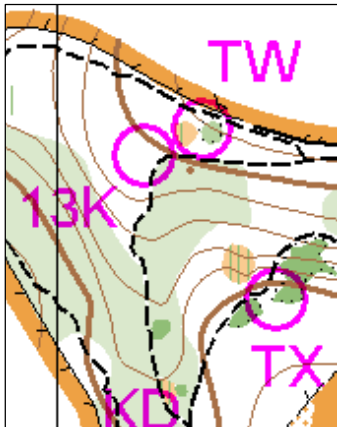
Green (4.2km, 60m climb, 16 controls)

Colin Spears	HOC	M70	00:39:10	
Richard Lowe	IND		00:39:30	
Russ Fauset + stick	HOC	M60	00:39:45	
Derek Turner	WRE		00:44:00	
Steve Nightingale	HOC	M60	00:45:30	
Andy Plante	HOC	M55	00:46:00	1 incorrect
Robert Vickers	HOC	M65	00:46:05	
Alison Sloman	HOC	W70	00:53:10	
John Leeson	HOC	M50	00:58:00	
John Bennison	COBOC		01:02:23	
Jenny Uff	HOC	W55	01:07:40	
Noreen Taylor	WRE		01:08:00	
Emma Jones + Jessica Alderman-Rowe	IND	JW	01:32:40	

Orange (2.6km, 20m climb, 12 controls)

Andy Clarke	NATO	M50	00:34:35	
Lesley Norton	WRE	W65	00:44:30	
Suzette Spears	HOC	W70	00:44:56	

Himley Park is one of HOC's neglected venues, not having been used for an organized event for over ten years. The choice of venue was prompted by the Warden's request last year for a reprint of maps for the permanent course. It's not a bad venue for the time of year – well-mowed open parkland and woods with a decent path network and even some still runnable bits. Much of the summer undergrowth is Himalayan Balsam, which although an invasive pest is easy to push through.



A couple of runners missed one or two controls and I've chosen to apply a lenient one-minute penalty for each control missed. One source of confusion was the two controls both on the west side of thickets in the woods (see left). Future SEE planners, please beware when selecting which kites to use on similar features!

There was good competition at the top of Blue, with the leading runners separated by only a few minutes, and even better on Green, with the top three times within 50 seconds of each other. Judging by Russ's time and his storming run-in, the stick's more symbolic than functional these days.

Thanks to Adrian, and John and Duncan Leeson for control collecting.

Like London buses, orienteering returns to Himley on 13 September as part of a mini-galoppen which also uses neighbouring Baggeridge Country Park. Details on www.harlequins.org.uk.

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