

Initially the course was going to be 27 controls, all on one map.
I ran the course just after Christmas, in the daylight, in 65 minutes.
I thought it likely a lot of the best competitors would be finishing in the mid 40 minutes so I split the course into 2 parts.

As I had overestimated the number who would get onto part 2 of the New Years Day event, I decided to reuse remaining stocks of the waterproof part 2 map, which few had done more than a couple of controls.

I added 8 controls manually using a red medium bic and arranged for Barry Houghton to print a quantity of lap 2 maps with 7 controls.

The optimum distance on lap 1 was 4.4k and 2.8k for lap 2.
It was obviously tricky as only 3 competitors got onto the lap 2 map.

Many competitors had difficulty reading my hand drawn controls. I should have bought a better quality pen which would not run on the paper

The area is in 3 distinct sections. The middle section, rather green, is particularly complex. Many felt the minor paths and contours were not quite right in this area, even though form lines were at 1.25m. Some people couldn't find a few controls which reduced their scores. Andy couldn't find a few but said he had gone to at least 18 so I allowed him to score his lap 2 courses.

I thought I might get a few more competitors as training for the British nights, but this wasn't the case.

Thanks for help by Barry, and control collectors Peter Langmaid, Andy Batchelor, Richard Dearden and Matt Giles.

Both Penny and Jackie fell over during the event. Jackie into a large puddle in the sub-zero temperatures and Penny getting a nasty cut. Both were up and running again a couple of days later.