

**WEE League Final on Highgate Common**, or Fish and chips with an orienteering event thrown in (doesn't get much better).

What a finish to the WEE League! I knew it was going to be close, but three ending up with the same score, that's very very close! Congratulations to the three men in question, John Embrey, Dave Williams, and Chris McSweeny. Luckily they were in three different age classes so oldest first per the rules. Congratulations to John Embrey on retaining his title, Dave second and Chris third. On the evening both Chris McSweeny and Andy Hemsted cleared all the controls within the 60 minutes. I could not do it in daylight so hats off to you both. The ladies event was also hotting up with the possibility of a three way tie again in prospect, unfortunately an injured Jacky Embrey was not fit enough to run so it came down to Kerstin and Alison slogging it out right to the finish. They tied on the event with Alison getting the extra point per the rules, but Kerstin managed to win the league by just one point. Well done Kerstin and well done Alison our W75 star. Mention must be made of Kath McMillan, who came third in the league, she won every event she entered, next time Kath you need to enter all the events to take home the stunning trophy.

Re the event itself, my apologies for not managing to keep the vegetation changes fully up to date even though I have helped to create some of them. Putting controls out I found some volunteers clearing another area. A quick word saved the clump of trees where one control was placed, but all around was cleared. Many thanks to Andy, John, Dave and Chris who collected controls, and also Peter Langmaid who stepped in and sorted the computer so we could get the results.

Special thanks to the warden Jeff Sim, he not only allowed us to make the visitor centre our home for the evening he also had a go at night orienteering for the first time and did alright, especially as his timer packed in so he came back very early just to be sure.

This WEE League season has been the most succesful yet, in terms of number of competitors, quality areas and quality planning. Thanks to all who helped and all who competed and made it worthwhile. ....Next Year? Volunteer now!

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