

SEOA Sprints Official's Comments

Planner's Comments:

I hope you enjoyed a different style of sprint racing today. We were forced into the forest more than initially planned due to school events; however a forest sprint at 1:4000 has its own challenges.

The College has been great with flexibility and allowing us access and providing facilities, so I expect in the future we will have a great event that utilises all the buildings and forest paths you missed out on today.

I'd also like to say thanks to you all as runners and spectators for the manner in which you race. There was potential for people to run OOB, and for people to collide with spectators, but everything I saw was polite and respectful.

Thanks to everyone who gave feedback, good and bad. Anymore comments you're dying to get off your chest feel free to email me on neilkerrison@gmail.com

Neil Kerrison

Controller's Comments:

The planner, Neil, made good use of the area even with the restrictions placed on him by the College. He had to plan courses through the forest area west of the College. This, however, was a great decision to catch competitors unaware, who were expecting to run around buildings and not just a forest sprint.

Because of the constraints planning the event, due to Grandparents' day and other social events throughout the day within the College grounds, I felt Neil offered a good variety of route choices for competitors in the terrain available. Despite the taxing conditions there was a very good turnout, and with the hardy band of SN helpers, this contributed to making the day a success.

I think a special mention should be made to Ross for all his hard work prior to the event and on the day

Steve McKinley for his computing skills on the web-site and producing the start times

Paul Fox and Sarah Francis for handling the vital IT stuff, even when the printer decided to go on strike!

Apologise for not mentioning everyone, but thanks for the help we received by many on the day.

Finally after everyone had left, a small team searched the forest area to try and find Neil's mobile phone, which he had lost whilst putting out the controls. After 80 odd

“missed calls” Phil Beale heard it ringing and located the lost mobile. That brought a smile and finished the day off nicely.

Organiser's Comments:

Thanks to all of the competitors for attending the SEOA Sprints at Wellington College, I hope you enjoyed the forest and urban challenges created by Neil in the 2 races.

The rain held off for most of the day which really helped and everyone I spoke to seemed to be enjoying the event.

As you can imagine, organising a two race event with two different starts, cumulative times, reverse orders starts, followed by a medal ceremony has its challenges from an organisational point of view! ☺

The support and help from members of SN, however, was superb as always and I can't thank my team enough for the hard work they put in to make the event as efficient and as seamless as possible.

Thanks also to all of the orienteers who stayed behind for the SEOA medal ceremony, I appreciate it was a long day, but it was great to see so many of you willing to stay behind to collect your medals or provide support to those who had come in the top three.

SEOA Sprint Medallists are as below:

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
M10-12	Josh McCaw	Alex Fielding	Adam Conway
W10-12	Aimee Darley	Sarah Darley	No 3rd Place
M14-16	Alistair Masson	Sam Fielding	James Errington
W14-16	No W14-16 Competitors		
M18-40	Matthias Marr	Ruth Holmes	Tim Beale
W18-40	Anna Chapman	Angela Darley	Catherine Slade
M45-55	Neil Crickmore	Kenny Leitch	Kevin Fielding
W45-55	Diane Leahey	Janet Rosen	Sarah Howes
M60-65	Don McKerrow	David May	Alan Leahey
W60-65	Chris Kiddier	Liz Drew	No 3rd Place
M70+	Robin Campbell	No 2nd or 3rd Place	
W70+	Ruth Rhodes	Ruby Campbell	No 3rd Place

I believe the following did not receive their medals, please contact me and we can coordinate the best way to get your medal to you:

- Catherine Slade
- Janet Rosen

- Sarah Howes

Maps: If you did not collect your map and you want it, please contact me and I will forward it on to you. I will hold the maps till the end of the month (May) and then they will be re-cycled.

Lost property: One pair of white socks, please email me as below, if you want them back!

If you have any further feedback, as Neil mentions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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