

Controllers Comments:

Firstly, thanks to Debbie for excellent courses and with coping with all the changes that occurred in the run up to the event. Originally, we had 8 courses but ended up with a late change to 12 when the event became both an SCOA and SEOA league event. Debbie added the extra courses without the addition of too many new controls, making my job a lot easier. Debbie ensured that all the courses had a good mix of forest and sprint type orienteering with route choice.

Secondly, thanks to SN for great organisation and Wellington college for granting us access to this great area. I spoke with a security guard later in the day who was impressed by the organisation, especially the car parking.

Thirdly, thanks to all the orienteers who ran today and for your feedback on the courses and area. Also thanks for keeping the area tidy and taking away your rubbish with you. Future use of the area was dependent upon how it went today, so hopefully Wellington College were impressed and SN will be able to run another event soon.

Craig Blackford, BADO=

Planners Comments:

Thank you to everyone who came to the event at Wellington College today. I hope you enjoyed the courses. It certainly sounded like you did from the comments that I heard. The locked gates over the lake, the multiple courtyards and the middle controls in a straight line of 3 seemed to be the main causes of trip-ups, but everyone I spoke to came back happy with the challenges that had been presented (if sometimes a little cross with themselves...!) With control sites relatively easy to find on the area, I had to have some way to keep your brains busy! I was a bit concerned about one report of an unmapped building, but I think that even Wellington College can't build that quickly. (Although if anyone can, Wellington can: it has been a real challenge to get and keep the map up-to-date - such a lot has changed since we last used the area (and even since we started remapping in October) so a big thank you to Alan, Steve and Dave for their time.)

It is interesting planning an event around the Christmas period. The printers came in on their holiday break in order to run off the maps, Ross went out of his way (literally) to pick up the maps so that we didn't have to rely on the post and Craig checked them as I was away visiting family. A real team effort. Thanks to all for that! And then it turned out that I didn't order enough maps! Doh! With nearly 300 entries online, I wasn't expecting a big EOD and thought 120 spare maps would be plenty. It turned out that I was wrong so last but certainly not least, a very big thank you to everyone who helped out by recycling maps to enable others to go out.

Debbie

Organisers Comments:

Thank you for everyone who came out for a run today. I am sure you enjoyed the excellent courses planned by Debbie.

This event had the odd curve ball thrown in, we had to change the date, increase the number of courses and we had a bumper EOD attendance! 😊

I would like to thank Brian Cannon and his Security team at Wellington in particular for being so supportive of the event, it is not often that you can gain access to one of the premier schools in the country because they have so much going on all of the time!

This sort of event, however, can not go ahead without the support of Club members. SN (like so many O Clubs) is blessed with efficient and willing helpers who can be relied upon to help deliver a smooth and efficient event at the drop of a hat. **Thanks to you all for making my job so easy** (especially as I had a prior early morning commitment - the Southern XC League). Steve Mckinley thinks that the event went so well, because I wasn't there to muck it up, he is probably right!!!! 😊

Thanks also to Craig Blackford (BADO) for his excellent support as controller, it truly was a team effort to manage this event over the Christmas period.

Wishing you all a wonderful New Year.

Ross