

Organiser's Comments

Mallards Pike is a very varied area, and the choice of the eastern edge was to give all the courses some nice open well featured forest. Not surprisingly, the steep slopes can incur big penalties if you get it wrong (eg. no.4 on the Green). The times were slower than I'd expected for the course lengths - I'd underestimated the effect of the climb. Looking at the splits, there were no glaringly unfair controls - mistakes were well spread out. Perhaps the mapped vegetation is misleading around no.9 (44) on the Blue - and the attack point for no.4 (34) wasn't good enough for the Orange. I fancy that we all learn a little from every event run - I can add that I do from the planning as well - I'm not a sadist! A twinge of regret was that we had so many first time competitors/participants and not a Yellow course for them. We did try running a White course at every event one year with hardly any takers. The Orange was too hard for entry level - I also apologize for all the brashings on the first Orange leg. However you did, I hope you all enjoyed yourselves - the autumn colours were superb.

On the day, organizing a League Event seems a lot of responsibility and hard work - but in fact there's a great deal of help and support forthcoming. Particularly, from Pat Macleod, and Chris Storie doing the admin and putting out controls. Dave Hartley, Roger Hardiman and Don Gray helped make light work of collecting in controls. Thank you to all of them - and to you competitors for making it successful.

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