

Mini-League 8

Planners Comments

There were two of us doing the planning, Lin (M75) and Jeremy (M50).the former planning the Orange and Yellow and the latter Blue and Green, although I made the odd comment on the Blue and Green including “I’ll work out the climb on all the courses if you like”. Oh dear.

Where I got the climbs from that we assumed throughout the planning stage and quoted on the flyers I have no idea. I know full well how to work out the climb having done it many times over the years, count the number of uphill contours that the red line joining the control sites intersects and multiply by the contour interval, in this case 5m. I can only assume that I made two very silly arithmetic errors.

The end result was that instead of the 200m quoted for the Blue and 180m for the Green they should both have been 260m. This resulted in the Blue being a little harder than we would have liked albeit not excessively so, and in the Green being considerably more physical than we intended. To all the Green competitors I hold up both hands for the larger than normal climb and Jeremy holds a hand up for the misplaced first control. Our sincere apologies. Believe me we feel worse about it than you do.

Feeling very guilty about the climb problem, two days after the event I decided, as a penance, to run around the Green. It *was* hard, partly through the climb but also because of the conditions underfoot. I took around 75 minutes whereas I would normally take about 60-65 minutes so it was more difficult than a normal Green but I still enjoyed it and hope that you all did too. No I didn’t just get into the vicinity of the control site and plough on, I went deliberately right to the site; that was sometimes more difficult to find than if there had been a kite there. About halfway round it rained quite hard with a loud clap of thunder and I began to wonder just how far my penance would have to go. Fortunately not as far as I feared.

Once again our apologies.

Lin Callard