

Mallards Pike North - League 8 May 12<sup>th</sup> 2012

#### Planner's comments

I really enjoyed planning this event which we took over in later February when our original planner had to drop out due to family commitments. I appreciated the help and support which our Chairman, Pat Macleod gave from the outset, and of course that of Chris who also tried to keep me on the ball.

I have learned two important lessons the first being – 'do not use green and yellow tape to mark control sites' – it is not so visible when leaves start to grow. The second is to make sure there is not another event planned on the same area in close succession. This second point was brought home when I put control 53 on tag 51, thus causing many of you on the blue course to either 'mispunch' by not finding control 53, or finding it in the wrong place. My fault and I apologise to you all. Unfortunately, control 51, ironically was stolen, having been placed on the previous evening, and whilst we did manage to put out a replacement for later in the competition it was too late. Both controls 51 and 53 have been removed from the results.

I am pleased that no such problems occurred on the other courses. I would like to thank all the club members who helped in any way to make the day a success, in particular Pat Macleod, Carol Stewart and John Wickson and his wife Pippa who came along to help and shadow so that they can plan a future informal event. Also thanks to those of you who helped set up on the day and brought in controls at the end of the event. We were extremely lucky with the weather which is also a great help.

#### Organiser's Comments

I was very pleased that Gill's efforts largely paid off. Pity that Control 53 got misplaced as she explains above. Ironically it was one of the few controls on the Green and Blue courses that I had not managed to visit as we set up the event. I do hope that the weather compensated a little! You have to have been in 'O' for 45 years to achieve that!