

FVO WEE / South Achray
30-Apr-08

Yellow Course

1	Will	Cartwright	Strathyre Primary School	26.00
1	Nathon	Anderson	Strathyre Primary School	26.00
1	Cameron	Hendry	Strathyre Primary School	26.00
2	Benjamin	Parkinson	FVO	39.46
3	Lucy	Hensman	FVO	40.21
4	James	Goddard	FVO	46.12

Orange Course

	1	Rupert	Parkinson	FVO	24.17
	2	Francis	Hoey	FVO	30.59
	3	Susan	Hensman	FVO	35.53
DNF		Jack	Cartwright	FVO	

Green Course

	1	Ewan	McCarthy	FVO	24.18
	2	Will	Hensman	FVO	27.30
	3	Roger	Goddard	FVO	27.55
	4	Ross	McLennan	FVO	29.23
	5	Duncan	Francis	FVO	35.03
	6	Janine	Hensman	FVO	35.46
	7	Jon	Cross	FVO	36.22
	8	Martin	Dean	FVO	36.48
	9	Gary	Longhurst	FVO	39.58
	10	Trevor	Hoey	FVO	43.12
	11	Gerry	Thomson	TINTO	51.46
DSQ		Jason	Inman	FVO	28.51
DNF		David	Nicol	FVO	62.04
DNF		Steve	Nicholson	FVO	28.99

Organisers Comments:

It rained !!

The burn water rose rapidly and even the "shallow" crossing I'd marked turned out to be forbidding.

Just as well the courses avoided crossing the burn at the Southern end (at Dounan's camp).

The Emit training units needed time synchronisation (the start and finish units were 11hrs 59mins 40 secs different) - I've printed the instructions for this and included with the folder in the larger blue box. I tested with just the start/finish and 2 units and one unit needed more than one sync (it was either the start or finish). One or two units did not awake at first and either needed a regular dibber or a second attempt with the master unit and the induction coupler.

There were no problems with the splits in the end.

I'd shortened the courses after going around with my gps thing which indicated 450M of height change - but this led to a contentious control site - and the times look about 10 mins too short.

However, this might have made it too long for everyone except Ewan ! I do wonder if Green is catering for too wide a range - I wondered if a Light-Green/Blue which was the same course with a cut-off might be worth thinking about for the future.

Unfortunately I'd expected more competitors (especially on Orange and Yellow), so asked Steve to print too many maps; as it was wet I think the waterproof maps worked really well!

Main wobble was I didn't have time to change the control codes to the numbers on the units, so plan was to mark my codes on yellow tape stuck on the units as I put them out - unfortunately my waterproof pen would not work in the rain...

We probably need a policy on this - e.g. whether to use codes or not. I think we should, but the exact procedure for getting the codes on the descriptions to match the codes on the controls is debatable when e-units are used (given failures may occur). I think the easiest thing is for the planner to use the codes the units have, and only to stick their own number if a failure occurs = so we need to tell the future planners the range of codes in the training set (particularly Hugh as he will not get the SI e-kit until after the SOL on May 10)

Many thanks to Jason are due for dealing with the early arrivals whilst I was hypothermically challenged.

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