

Inter-Services Orienteering Championships 1988

The facts

The 1988 Inter-Services Orienteering Championships were held in the New Forest on Sunday November 6. The Army were this year's host service and, thanks to Southampton Orienteering Club, were able to take advantage of courses planned for an existing BOF C3 event, the annual November Classic. Prizes were presented by Brig Roy Wood, himself a keen and proficient orienteer. The results were as follows:

a Team

■ Men's competition.

- 1st — Army
- 2nd — RAF
- 3rd — RN/RM

■ Women's competition.

- 1st — Army
- 2nd — RAF

b Individual

▲ Men's competition.

- 1st — 2Lt S Nicholson (RM)
- 2nd — Flt Lt R Horlock (RAF)
- 3rd — WO2 P Stuart (Army)

▲ Women's competition.

- 1st — Capt G Bushell (Army)
- 2nd — Cpl N Charlton (Army)
- 3rd — Flt Lt N Andrews (RAF)

The Army Viewpoint

Once again we managed to hold off the RAF but it was closer this year than ever before.

In the men's competition teams consisted of ten, with seven to count. WO2 Phil Stuart led the Army runners beating WO2 Mick Goode by a bare 18 seconds. Army colours were awarded to WO2s Stuart and Goode, Capt Chris Sanderson, WO2 Richard Bonnett, WO2 Norman Jones, WO1 Tony Farrow and Cpl Clive Routledge. SSgt Jock Marshall had a good run but failed to gain his first Army colour, finishing less than two minutes behind Cpl Routledge the last counting Army runner. Capt Dave Smale and WO1 Tim Sands completed the team.

In the women's competition only Flt Lt Andrews' third place run prevented the girls from sweeping the board as all the Army girls scored ahead of the RAF's second scoring runner, Flt Lt Carol Freeman.



Capt Gabi Bushell collects her trophy as the 1989 inter-services women's champion.



WO2 Mick Goode receives the inter-services trophy from Brig Roy Wood



The victorious Army teams in the 1989 inter-services championship.



WO2 Phil Stuart collects his trophy for third place in the 1989 inter-services competition.