

ARMY INDIVIDUAL AND INTER CORPS CHAMPIONSHIPS 21-22 OCTOBER 2000
RESULTS

Background.

1. The decision was made at the beginning of the year to go in to partnership with SWOA and blister the Army Individual Championships onto the Caddihoe Chase – a national event. The major advantages for us being a new map of a technical area that happened to be on a military training area, nearby accommodation, and top level planners.
2. Unfortunately we had a little choice but to agree to the change of date resulting from the fuel crisis. The main clash was Ex Arcade Fusion in Germany but there were other commitments in the exercise schedule. Consequently the competition lost approximately 80 competitors, the organizer – Captain Atkins, and valuable administrative manpower.

Thanks.

3. As always, many people kindly lent a hand in our times of need but I would like to mention the following:
 - a. Captain McLeavy, the nominated Admin Officer agreed to take on the rest of the organizational duties and efficiently deployed his limited workforce which had been reduced to a few soldiers from 7 Para RHA and 47 Regt RA. He was ably assisted by Captain Mills, the ever helpful and enthusiastic Ballards, and the ubiquitous Major Farrington.
 - b. My thanks also to Sarah Harris for helping out generally, and to Major Huthwaite for organizing the catering contract, the portaloos, medics and the generator that did not work. The generator failure put the results team under a bit of pressure but Maj Farrington and Andrew Hensman, working like men possessed, provided an alternative solution before the first runner returned. As it turned out they had more time than they thought!
4. Last but not least, my thanks for a gallant effort from Andrew Hensman for not only the computer programme and time spent at the keyboard, but appearing out of the dunes in front of me carrying a replacement control for the 'B' Course.

Courses.

5. Using the guidelines laid down in the DCI, the Planners worked on a winning time on both 'A' courses of between 60-65 minutes, the 'B' courses 50-55 minutes and the 'C' courses 40-45 minutes. Bearing in mind this was the Army Individual and the Inter Corps Championships these timings seemed sensible with the 'A' and 'B' day competitions using the M/W35 Long courses, as usual. The night courses were planned primarily as national standard day courses but with a night event in mind. The day courses were planned to 'Badge' standard. We almost got it right.
 - a. 'A' Courses.
 - (1) The night event used the M60 Long course. Only one runner was inside the time frame but using the BOF formula for national events and our results, 8 runners achieved Championship standard, and a further 8 achieved Gold standard.
 - (2) The day event used the M20/M35 Long course. The winning civilian times were 62.09 minutes on M20L and 66.01 minutes on the M35L. Using our own event 18 runners achieved Gold standard.
 - (3) I understand that one control (number 13) whilst straightforward by day, caused some serious difficulties at night as relocation was very difficult - especially after the mist arrived. If applicable, please accept my apologies.
 - b. 'B' Courses. Because of the small entry for the Men's short course I decided to combine them with the Ladies course. The night event used the W70 Long course but was clearly a

kilometre too long for both male and female. The day event used the M55L/W35L course. The winning civilian times were 50.12 minutes on M55L and 60.45 minutes on W35L. The results from the men's course were in the right bracket whereas the ladies were again a little too long. The 'Badge' parameters for W35L are 60-65 minutes so in future we should consider either using these timings or use the W45L parameters of 50-55 minutes.

c. 'C' Courses. My thanks to the UOTC runners for making the effort to turn up and what a pity the other 5 'junior' teams were unable to make it. The planning time for both events was 40-45 minutes and this was achieved. The night event used the W14A course and the day event the M14A course. The winning time on the latter was 45.09 minutes.

OOB – Golf Course

6. I have delayed sending out the results so that I could include a letter from Lew Bean, the Organizer for the Caddihoe Chase. The longer courses on Day 2 ran close to the Golf Course, which was clearly marked OOB. Not only did some competitors ignore that and actually ventured on to the course but when challenged by golfers became abusive and/or argumentative. Runners on the course were clearly cheating and then to be rude to those in the 'right' is very disappointing for orienteering in general. As a result Lew has written several apologetic letters and gone cap in hand to the Golf Club officials. This has soured what was a good competition held in very difficult circumstances.

7. I have attached one of Lew's letters and I concur with all he has written. It is very disappointing that this was necessary but if the aforementioned cap fits.....

Finally

8. My congratulations to all of the individual prizewinners and to the Infantry team for a well deserved victory.



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LINK TO ARMY' O' 2000 RESULTS

Dear Editor,

IRRESPONSIBLE ORIENTEERING AT CADDIHOE 2000

As Organiser of Caddihoe 2000, I have recently received a letter of complaint from the land agent for Christie Devon Estates Trust, the owners of Braunton Burrows. He in turn had received a letter from the Secretary of Saunton Golf Club complaining of "severe trespass by many individuals taking part in the event". The letter also complains that when trespassers were politely asked to leave the area by official of the Golf Club, they were "greeted with extreme rude exchanges".

I have spoken with the Secretary of the golf club and it is quite clear that this was not one or two individuals, but a substantial number. That trespass took place is bad enough, but that golf club officials should be treated to abuse is totally unacceptable. Great offence has been caused by a number of orienteers, whose irresponsible actions may have placed in jeopardy the future use of Braunton Burrows for orienteering. The event final details made it quite clear that the Golf Course was Out of Bounds, and the control descriptions for those courses running adjacent to the golf course made it clear also. The courses involved were the long men's courses, M20L through to M45L, and the planners, Erik Peckett and Arthur Boyte, had planned those courses in such a way that no advantage would be gained by going onto the golf course at the Eastern edge of the map. They had even negotiated with the golf club for their practice area to the North of the map to be closed for the day to allow us to run across it.

Unfortunately, I was not made aware of the situation until after the results were posted. I therefore hope that you will publish this letter so that as widespread an audience as possible will be aware of the consequences of such irresponsible attitudes. Should we be fortunate enough to convince the land agent to allow us to use Braunton Burrows again, the majority of orienteers will be welcome. To those who trespassed on this particular occasion, we would rather you stayed away. Orienteering cannot afford your brand of sportsmanship.

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