

ARMY ORIENTEERING SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2000
BLACK WOOD, 4 NOVEMBER 2000

RESULTS

I attach the results of the Heats and Finals of the Army Orienteering Short Course Championships held in Black Wood, near Basingstoke on Saturday 4 November 2000.

The full results, including split times, are available on the BAOC website:

<http://www.baoc.org.uk/results/shorto2000/index.htm>

I apologise profusely for the mix-up on the way to the start of the Heats, which undoubtedly unsettled many of you. I probably made the system too complicated and it was not helped by the clocks at the Pre-start and Start getting out of synch. Thankfully everything seemed to go to plan for the Finals.

Most seemed to enjoy the event – thank goodness for the excellent weather – and many performances improved in the Finals: I'm sure that you weren't all holding back your energies in reserve for the Final. It was good to see some civilians taking part in this Army event, giving added spice to the competition.

Most disqualifications were caused by not checking control codes; taking controls out of order (which electronic punching picks up easily) or missing a control, probably through not having a punched control card to check – one added pressure of electronic punching.

The general format has met with approval and it is likely that the event will continue to be held in conjunction with the Army Inter Unit Night Championships in order to make a worthwhile 2 days' orienteering for those who have to travel from a distance. However the pressures on the orienteering calendar in the autumn make it likely that these competitions will be held in the spring in future. The infantry are responsible for hosting them in 2001 and are now busily trying to meet the new timetable, with plans for the events in the Gloucestershire area in mid-March 2001 – possibly Wed 21/ Thu 22 or Thu 22/Fri 23. Details will be out by early Feb 01.

Congratulations to the main prize winners:

Male Champion:	Capt Richard Barrett AGC(SPS)	2 PARA	17:29
M21 First:	Maj John Owens RE	HQ 3 (UK) Div	20:07
M35 First:	WO1 David Rollins RLC	SEME	18:40
M40 First:	Capt Phil Stuart RA	4 Regt RA	19:59
M45 First:	Maj Colin Dickson SASC	ITC Wales	20:36
First Guest:	Mr Tim Tett	SYO	18:47
Female Champion:	2Lt Sarah Rollins RAMC	DMSTC	18:07
W21 First:	Maj Sheila Braine RLC	NI CSS Bn	27:10
W35 First:	Maj Wendy Allen AGC(ETS)	77 AEC	20:58
Under 25 Men:	Pte Bettinson PARA	2 PARA	18:14
M50 First:	Maj Graham Wilding RTR	HQ ARRC	18:38
First Female Guest:	Mrs Diane Leakey	SLOW	22:26

Found Property: A fleece jacket and compass were left at the event site. Claimants, giving a description of the item, should contact Lt Col Charles Bromley Gardner:

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