British Orienteering Championships Sat 28 Feb 2009

Organiser's Report

Fortunately the weather was good for a week or so before the event, which meant we were able to use the excellent Assembly area giving such a good view of the run-in to the Finish; it was a blaze of colour from the club tents and banners from all around the country and there was a buzz of excitement and anticipation during the whole event. We also had one of the best car parking fields ever and although a bit distant from Assembly it was a pleasant walk with a good view of the edge of the competition area and of Blissford Hill where the very successful String Course was situated.
All of the activities associated with the organisation of a major event worked efficiently under the guidance of my very experienced Team Leaders from SOC and BKO – thank you to everyone involved on the day and in the previous weeks.

We would have liked to provide a second caterer giving an alternative to the burger van but unfortunately none contacted felt that it was financially worthwhile; we could only offer them 1 day as Beaulieu insisted on using their own caterer for the Relay Day. The landowner's daughter, Alice did well though with her cake stall, selling out and making over £200 for her "Brooke" charity.

Many will know something of the chequered history of this event; it was always a risk when, due to access problems in the New Forest we were required to hold it so early in the year but thanks to the outstanding co-operation and dedication of all involved: planners, mappers, controller, co-ordinator and the organisational team, it actually happened and we are well satisfied with the outcome.

David Bonser
Organiser Individual Championships

Lost Property
Silva Type 1S Compass
Pair of reading glasses in blue case
Pair of glasses, no case
Pair of black "Run" gloves (small)
Single purple glove (small)
Child's red hat
Dark Blue towel
Lucozade Sport plastic bottle (1 litre)
Animal brand plastic bottle (½ litre)

Please contact day1.organiser@boc2009.org.uk to arrange collection or delivery.

Copies of maps for those who had entered but did not compete on the day may be obtained by sending address details to email address above.