

Planner's Comments

Our aims in terms of planning were to have intense and intricate sprint specific courses which we would enjoy running ourselves. The area itself was easy to plan on and felt ready-made for the type of courses we wanted. Luckily the map was spot on and brand new (thanks Tim) so there was no updating needed. The shape of the courses changed very little from our initial armchair plans but we made minor tweaks along the way following a few site visits and insightful suggestions from our controller Steve Whitehead. Using gripples presented the extra challenge of having to find somewhere to fix them to and consequently we had to move a few checkpoints.

Living so close to the area had benefits and negatives (we live about 2 miles away from the area). Being so close meant that we couldn't help ourselves from making multiple visits to the site but obviously it took no time at all to get there when we did venture out.

Having the prologue and the sprint seemed to work well but we were conscious of the extra demands that this placed on Paul and the rest of the organisational team - so thanks for this. We look forward to seeing the different route choices on RouteGadget - practically each leg had two or three viable route choices and we are still unsure ourselves of which are the best ones!

Rob and Clare Baker (SYO)

Organiser's comments

Other than small park races, this was the first proper event I have organised. I would like to thank Rob, Claire, Steve and other members of SYO who gave me help along the way. Also special thanks to my son Adam who did the SI, but probably did as much organising as me. In addition to this event I also sorted out SYO's Peter Palmer relay teams, but left Charlie Adams to look after the juniors in Nottingham. The weather was just about perfect, and assembly seemed in a good position, spectators able to see the first start, and the finish.

I wasn't sure how well the 2 races would work out, but they were fine. We decided to give start times for the prologue to avoid problems of everyone wanting to start at the same time, but had built in flexibility to accommodate any alterations. There were 111 entries on the men's course, and we used 30 second start intervals to get everyone off within the 1 hour start time. I was pleased how the registration and start teams managed to deal with an unusual starting arrangement.

We had 177 pre entries and 25 entries on the day. We didn't quite have enough maps, but managed to recycle enough so everyone who wanted to run was able to.

Paul Bradbury (SYO)

Controller's Comments

Well done to all concerned at SYO - it's great to be involved in an event and hear only praise and thanks!

Steve Whitehead (EBOR)