

Controller's comments

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Most people I talked to at the finish, even those affected by the misplaced control 50, enjoyed running Guy's courses.

I thought the technical courses had some really good challenges and the White, Yellow and Orange were of the correct technical difficulty.

Those who came along had been warned about the physical nature of the terrain though the snow on Saturday morning did make it even harder. The Black course was just about the right length and so were the other technical courses except the Blue which was, in the end, perhaps 500m too long. The White and Yellow were both on the long side but given that the parking was at Dyson's factory the options for the easier courses were distinctly limited.

It snowed heavily on Saturday morning so it was not possible to start putting out controls until 2pm when half the controls, those in the more hidden locations, were put out. The snow made putting out very difficult and in the end only a big effort ensured that the event went ahead.

Congratulations to Steph Young who made her debut as an organiser at Blacka and thanks to the hardy bunch of team leaders, stile builders and helpers who turned out to ensure the event ran smoothly.

Apologies for the misplaced control 50.

Also SYO has a new printer and was trialling it with waterproof maps for the Blacka event. We know that some competitors had faded maps where they got wet and apologise for this. Normal paper and plastic bags still have a role.