

PUNCHBOWL MARATHON 2006

EVENT REPORT

Marshals

Equipment, Checkpoint closing	Reg Chapman
Start/Registration/Certificate	Ann Sayer, Les Maple, Peter Waterhouse, John Westcott
Pre-entries	Gillian Bull
Caterer (am)	Elizabeth Bryan
Car Parking	Peter Short
CP1, Little Cowdray Farm	Dave & Pat Challenger, Mervyn Harvey, Fiona Cameron
CP2, Tilford Village Hall	Tony & Louise Cartwright, Joan Wrenn, Glenys Kirkpatrick, Molly Groundsell
CP3, Marwick Hall	Richard Ireson, Bill Grace, Brian Haigh, Ray & Rosemary Rowe
CP4, The Moat Carpark	Dave & Pat Challenger, John & Sarah Stovell
Chichester Hall Caterers	Janet Chapman, Ian & Cindy McLeod, Erling Hansen, Molly Groundsell, Chris Hayward
Body Wagon	John Lay
Results	Tony Cartwright

Special thanks to Dave Challenger and Tony Cartwright for redefining the new route description. Thanks also to all the marshals for all their efforts in being there and making it all happen

Entries: 182

Starters: 167

Retirements: 7

It's called Murphy's Law , a rule of thumb that states that if there's a Surrey LDWA Event that is planned to take place at any time in February then make it pour down in buckets on the day and forget about the fine days of winter sunshine that we



enjoyed earlier in the week , on this day , make it a really memorable one for the quality of the mud and the level of the rainfall.

Well the mud and the mire were certainly of five star rating and the rain kept on raining all day , from what I heard from some who survived it all.

There was a time , about ten minutes before the 7.30am start when we had only about forty walkers in the Hall and I was beginning to feel just a little bit desperate ! but then , suddenly , within the space of about half -an-hour it was all change , people got

out of bed , and the invasion really got under way.

I was also told that the trains from Waterloo had taken a long time to get started which meant that our friends from London were making a late start.

After the last runner had disappeared across the cricket pitch it turned out that we had about the same numbers as last year , I should have known that a spot of rain wasn't going to put you off.

I'm glad to say that we had as many runners as LDWA walkers, it's good to know that there are several running and orienteering clubs in Surrey and S W London that now recognise this event as good cross country training , long may it continue.

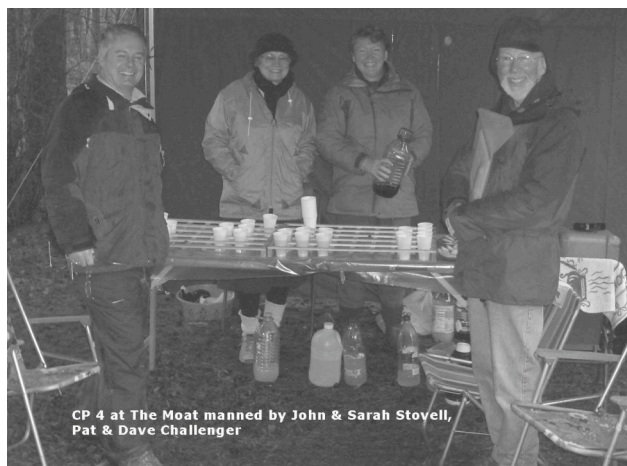
Meanwhile congratulations to you all for taking part, we hope that you enjoyed it and that you will all come back again next year.

Results are included , if there's a mistake please let me know and I will send you a replacement certificate.



Sandwich making at CP2, Tilford, Joan Wren, Glens Kirkpatrick & Molly Grounell

Participating LDWA Groups and Running Clubs



CP 4 at The Moat manned by John & Sarah Stovell, Pat & Dave Challenger

Walkers : Kent, Essex and Herts, Norfolk and Suffolk, Beds Bucks and Northants, Thames Valley, Sussex, Wessex, London, West Yorks, Cornwall and Devon, The Irregulars.

Runners : Guildford Orienteers, Cranleigh Tortoise/Hare, Croydon Striders, Stragglers AC, North Downs Nomads, Springfield Striders, PagasusESU, Chichester Runners, Fairlands Valley Spartans, London University OTC, Blackwater Valley Runners, Road Runners Club, Epsom and Ewell Harriers, Waverley Harriers, Collingwood AC, Liss Runners,

MABAC.

Lost Property : 1 Leather Buckled Belt.

JOHN (01932346596)

An email from Alastair Doyle from Guildford Orienteers received the day follong the event.

Dear John

Thanks for yesterday's event and a big thank you to the team involved who were so friendly and cheerful despite the inclement weather. As I lay in bed on Sunday morning at 6:30 (I am sure you were already up!!) I could hear the rain on the windows and thought surely not, after such a lovely dry day on Saturday!! Come rain or shine the event just can't be missed, and like the many others who took part I am sure we all had a great day out. The tracks were as wet as I have seen in a while, and I was pretty well out of control on most descents, and probably wouldn't have looked out of place in the Downhill in Turin!! The reward of a hot shower, tea, and food at the finish made the 30 miles all seem worthwhile. So thanks again and I shall make a note in my diary for next year.

Regards, Alastair.