

# PUNCHBOWL MARATHON 2009

## Event Report

In last years report John wished us luck with the elements, well for our first year we could not have wished for any better. An early start to the day ment sleeping overnight at Chichester Hall, not a problem with ear plugs.

There may have been snow on the high ground but the day was set fair with sun and no wind. The 2009 PBM has new people organizing the event but it still had all the old hands having there input and looking after us.

We had 300 pre enter for the event and having a good day ahead our hopes were that our entries on the day were not like last year.

In preparation for the event Dave Challenger needed to check the route description for any corrections, this gave the marshals an excuse to get there boots on and take part in the 20 mile Marshals Walk, yet again this was a great success thanks Dave.

Elizabeth and Glenys made early breakfast smells in the kitchen which kept us going until the second shift, I think we are signing you up again for next year thank you ladies.

Registration and entries went well with Anne Sayer, Bridget and Val in control.

On our trips to the kitchen we could see Ian juggling with the toast, so much so we now need a new toaster, the back of Cindy as she did battle with the repaired oven and the prop to keep the door closed and Chris forever making tea and coffee, Glynys must have walked 10 miles around tables.

Not sure how our outside team of Fiona and John managed so well in the chill morning air, for the finish next year Fiona we will have you inside.

It's a shame we were unable to tour the checkpoints, but thank goodness they were all in good hands.

CP1. Little Cowdray.. Dave, Pat, Mervyn, John D, ChrisMc.

CP2. Tilford.. Gillian, Varla, Jackie G, John W, Tony, Janet.

CP3. Puttenham.. Richard, Keith, Ray, Bill.

CP4. Moat Carpark.. Dave and Pat again John S, Sarah.

John Lay was our closing marshal for the day.

We did have a few issues with results, this should all be under control next year, thank you Val and Bridget for staying with it, nobody noticed the loss with your wigs on. Chris Mc was pulled in and updated his caligfry on the certificates.

Our thanks must go to all the marshals and helpers for making the 2009 PBM such a success.

J and T

All the comments we received were positive, our spelling needs a bit of work!!

Good evening all,  
Thank you for a lovely event today, organisation first class, weather perfect, scenery in snow spellbinding and all running the checkpoints and hall staff very efficient.... even writing my certificate 3 times! (I am still not changing my name!")

Regards

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