Southampton Orienteering Club November Classic and Southern Championships Final Details @ 31/10/16

Date: Sunday 6th November 2016.

Venue: Fritham, New Forest.

Car Park and Assembly area:

Ocknell Camp Site, entrance is at GR SU 253120.

- The nearest post code (2 km north of the site entrance) is SO43 7HH.
- Assembly is at the north end of the camp site.
- Limited preferential parking will be available by prior arrangement with the Organiser (at GR SU 245136,) closer to the Start/Finish for M/W 80+ and families with children under 8 / requiring split starts. Competitors using this parking will need to drive to Ocknell camp site to collect hired Emit cards and must report to download at Ocknell camp site before going home. Please contact the organiser by Tues 1st Nov and provide your car reg no if you wish to make use of this special parking as we will be checking people and vehicles in and out.

Travel:

 Follow brown signs to Ocknell Camp site from B3078 at GR SU 252151, from Junction 1 of the M27 (NB diversion due to temporary road closure) and from the A31 at Stoney Cross at GR SU 256117. NB there is no right turn off the A31 at Stoney Cross approaching from the east.



Facilities:

- Toilets: (x8 + urinal) at assembly and (x2) near the Start.
- A clothing drop 300m from the Start / 500m from Finish.
- Traders: Tom's Catering, Ultrasport at assembly.
- Enquiries: in the marquee at assembly, open from 0830 1230.
- A large marquee has been hired to provide a covered area for eating, meeting, viewing results and prize-giving.
- First Aid: The Response Group at assembly and at the Finish.



Southern Championships and Registration:

Entries via Fabian4. Closing date Sun 30 Oct. No entries after this date.

BOF members: Sen £14/Jun (under 25) £6, Non-BOF: Sen £16/Jun (under 25) £6. Emit hire Sen £1.50, Jun (under 25) free.

Postal entries (on Standard Entry Forms please) to Nov Classic, Heath Cottage, North Rd, Dibden Purlieu, Southampton, SO45 4RE by 28 Oct. Cheques made out to Southampton Orienteering Club.

Entry On the Day: £6 for White, Yellow and Orange classes only.

String Course:

- There will be a string course near assembly for young children.
- This is free of charge. Please use it!

Results Display:

Results will be displayed in/near the marquee at Assembly.

Course / Class combinations

Subject to final planning and controlling adjustments

Course	EWT, min	Length, km	Climb, m	TD	Map Scale	Classes
1	90-100	16.4	365	5	15	M21E
2	65-75	11.0	235	5	15	M20E, M18E, M35L, M40L, M21L
	70-80			5	15	W21E
3	60-70	9.5	230	5	10	M45L, M50L
4	60-70	8.9	210	5	10	M55L, M18L, M20L, W21L, M21S
5	60-70	7.7	150	5	10	M60L
	45-55			5	10	M16A
6	55-65	7.5	140	5	15	W20E, W18E, W35L, W40L, M35S, M40S
7	55-65	6.7	135	5	10	M65L, M45S, W45L, W50L
8	55-65	5.7	115	5	10	M70L, M50S, M55S, M20S, M18S, W55L, W21S, W20L, W18L
	45-55			5	10	W16A, Blue
9	55-65	5.5	115	5	10	M75L, M60S, W60L, W35S
10	55-65	4.9	90	5	10	M65S, W65L, W70L, W40S, W45S, W50S, Green
11	55-65	4.0	95	5	10	M80L, M70S, W75L, W20S, W18S, W55S, W60S, Short Green
12	55-65	3.3	50	5	10	M85L, M90L, M75S, W80L, W65S, W70S, Very Short Green
13	55-65	2.0	45	5	10	W85L, W90L
14	35-45	5.8	105	4	10	M14A, M16B, Light Green
15	30-40	4.3	100	4	10	W14A, W16B
16	25-35	3.7	80	3	10	M12A, M14B, W12A, W14B, Orange
17	20-25	2.5	55	2	10	M10A, M12B, W10A, W12B, Yellow
18		1.6	50	1	10	M10B, W10B, White

- There are 18 Courses, each one accommodating one or more Classes. The competitor chooses which Class to pre-enter, either an Age Class (E/L/S, A/B) or open Colour Class.
- To be eligible for titles/prizes in the Southern Championships, you must be a member of British Orienteering, registered through SWOA, SCOA or SEOA and compete in your Elite/Long /A age class or 'run up' (eg. An M40 can compete in M21L or M35L, an M16 can compete in M18A, M20L or M21E).
- The Organiser reserves the right to consolidate entries for E and L classes into one class in the 18, 20 and 21 age groups if entry numbers are low, to provide credible competition.
- There will be **no late entries** for the Championship classes.
- Only White, Yellow and Orange classes will be available for EOD.
- Start times will be published on the Fabian4 website by the morning of Wednesday 2 Nov 2016. Range:09.30 -12.30 (M21E 09.30 12.00), courses close 14.30.
- Start lists will be available for reference at Enquiries and at the Start
- Enquiries may allow changes subject to available slots/maps on courses. Some courses may be full.
- Spare EMIT back-up cards will be available at Enquiries.
- Competitors who have pre-entered and have their own EMIT e-cards may go straight to the start.
- Results will be produced by age class on the day and also by course online.

Prize-giving

- Southern Championship trophies will be on display in the marquee.
- There are trophies for *eligible* premier* age class winners and medals for the first 3 *eligible* places in each E/L/A age class. (* M/W18/20/21E and L/A for other age classes: M/W10-80, medals only for M/W 85 and 90)
- We are delighted that Bruce Rothnie, Deputy Surveyor of the New Forest, will be presenting the prizes in the marquee at about 2.30pm. Please stay to congratulate the winners and to collect medals and trophies.
- Trophy and medal winners will be called up a few minutes ahead of the presentation for their age class and should assemble at the south (left) side of the marquee. Presentation order will be displayed in the marquee. After receiving your medal/trophy, please proceed to the other side of the marquee to collect trophy boxes, record receipt of trophy/medal and give consent for your photograph to be published.

Emit Card Issue and Return:

- Competitors hiring Emit cards must collect them from Enquiries before going to the start.
- Hired Emit cards will be collected at Download.
- A charge of £45 will be made for lost cards.

Start:

- The start (and finish) is approximately 1.3km from Enquiries at Assembly. Allow at least 15 min to walk there. The route will be taped, via the clothing drop. The route is across a flat, almost featureless plain: if lost, head north to cross the minor road and then NW to the forest corner.
- Call up will be at minus 4 minutes.
- Maps will be in boxes labelled with COURSE NUMBER (1-18).
- It is up to competitors to arrive at the start in time. Late arrivals will only be allowed to start when a suitable vacant slot is available and when it does not affect seeding. On heavily subscribed courses this may result in a long wait.
- The route to the start crosses a minor road. Competitors should use the flagged crossing point. Please take care crossing the road.
- There will be a clothing drop en route, 300m from the Start/ 500m from the Finish.
- Control descriptions will be printed on the map and loose control descriptions, on waterproof paper, will be available at the Start. Courses 17 and 18 will have written descriptions. All other courses will have pictorial descriptions. The non-standard symbol X represents a hide.
- Non-Championship competitors on Courses 17 and 18 i.e. only those running in the White and Yellow classes will be able to see their maps before they start.
- Shadowing of orienteers competing in championship classes is not permitted. Anyone shadowing someone doing a non-Championship (colour) class must do so after their own run.

Finish: There is one finish. The route back to assembly is approximately 1.5km via the clothing drop and uses the same road crossing point. Download is at Assembly in Ocknell camp site.

Map and Planner's notes:

- The area has been fully resurveyed in 2015-16 and drawn by Ray Massey and Simon Bevan to the ISOM 2000 specification.
- Courses 1, 2 and 6 use an A4 map at a scale of 1:15,000.
- All other Courses use an A3 map at a scale of 1:10,000.
- Both maps have 5m contours and are printed on water resistant paper
- Only the 1:10,000 scale map includes a full legend (key to symbols). There is no legend, other than special symbols, on the 1:15,000 scale map.
- Control descriptions will be printed on the reverse of the Course 1 map and on the front of maps for all other Courses. Loose control descriptions, printed on waterproof paper, will be available in the pre-start.
- Generally, root stocks have not been mapped, though some significant fallen trees have been mapped with a green cross symbol where they may affect navigation or passage.
- If it is wet before the event some of the rides, including those used on courses 17 and 18, will become rather boggy.
- Course 18 contains sections that will be marked with smiley face markers in some places.
- The competition area is a mix of mainly deciduous forest and open heath. There are some areas of generally runnable conifer plantation. Most areas are very runnable, with little or no brambles or brashings. Bracken has been mapped as rough open land or slow run undergrowth depending on runnability.
- There are a number of streams in the competition area. In the north-east of the area a
 stream has cut deeply into the surrounding area with steep sides up to 3 4m in depth.
 Courses have been planned to avoid the need to cross that stream section and to provide
 easier crossing points where legs do cross streams. Suitable crossing points are marked on
 the map with the crossing symbol) (These crossing points are NOT compulsory.
- A sample EMIT control will be displayed at Assembly.
- Courses 1-6 cross a minor road.
- Courses close at 1430h.

Special map symbols

Black symbols:

T, o, x Tower, post or small log pile, hide

Green symbols:

- o Large single tree
- Small tree, bush or thicket
- x Fallen tree / rootstock

Protests

If you have any reason to complain about your course or the event arrangements, please talk informally with the Organiser in the first instance. If it is not possible to resolve the issue, please follow the British Orienteering rules on complaints, protests and appeals.

Safety:

- Please take care crossing the minor road en route to and from the Start/Finish. Anyone bringing children to the event is expected to take responsibility for them at the road crossing.
- Ticks are present in the New Forest wear full length clothing and check yourself after your run.
- Free-roaming ponies, cows, donkeys and pigs are part of the attraction of the New Forest but can be unpredictable. Do not approach them or feed them. They may bite or kick!
- There is public access to the New Forest. Please respect the rights of others particularly riders.
- Emit will be used to check competitors into and out of the forest. You must report to download even if retiring. Competitors using the additional limited parking must drive to Ocknell campsite to report to download before going home.
- Competitors travelling alone are encouraged to leave a set of keys and the name and contact details of a friend or relative in a named envelope at Enquiries or at the Start if using the limited preferential parking. Envelopes and pens will be provided.
- Competitors are advised to carry whistles.
- Dogs on leads are welcome in the assembly area. Dogs are not allowed on courses.
- Any competitor with a high risk medical condition is invited to download and complete the standard BO form (officials_handbook_safety_firstaid_medical_form_280514.doc). Place it in a sealed envelope with your name on the outside and leave it in the box at Registration. Spare forms will be available at Enquiries. Envelopes will only be opened if required for a medical emergency and unopened envelopes will be destroyed immediately after the event.
- Competitors take part in this event at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.

Photography

We expect to have a photographer at the event, specifically for the prize-giving.

You are welcome to take photographs at our event. However please be respectful of other peoples' privacy when taking photographs, and do not take inappropriate or intrusive photos. Please bear in mind British Orienteering's guidelines on the subject.

If you have any concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography (in terms of the way, by whom, or where photography is being undertaken), please report them to the event organiser or another official.

Parents, guardians or carers who have a reason to be sensitive about the children they are responsible for should bear in mind that photographs may be taken at the event, and some may be posted onto public websites.

Special Notices:

- British Orienteering rules, including Competition Rule I Area Championships, apply.
 Digital printing of maps has been approved by E&CC.
- The organiser reserves the right to insist that waterproof jackets with hoods are carried.
 Please come prepared. Notices will be displayed at Assembly and the Start if they are required.
- Maps will not be collected at the finish. Competitors are reminded this is a Championship race so please do not show your map to competitors who have yet to start.

- To reduce the risk of spreading Ash Die-back and other non-native plant diseases please follow the general guidance:
 - Check
 - Clean
 - Dry

Please check clothing and equipment before leaving the car park to ensure that there is no visible plant material either on your shoes or your clothing. If there is any plant material it should be removed and left on site. You should also knock off any soil or leaf litter. Once home, thoroughly **clean** your footwear and clothing and then leave it to **dry** for as long as possible.

Accidents:

- The Response Group will provide first aid at assembly and at the Finish.
- The nearest accident and emergency unit is at Salisbury District Hospital, Odstock Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP2 8BJ Tel: 01722 336262.
- However it is likely to be quicker to get to:

Southampton General Hospital Tremona Road Southampton Hampshire SO16 6YD

Telephone 02380 777222

Cancellation:

Cancellation is a last resort, however if very bad weather is forecast or some unforeseen event makes it necessary to cancel, a notice will be placed on the SOC website. If the event is cancelled, SOC reserves the right to retain part of the entry fee to cover unavoidable costs.

Officials:

Planner: Terry Smith. Deputy: Simon Bevan

Controller: Peter Nicholls (GO). Deputy: Mike Forrest (BOK)

Organiser: Di Smith – contact details: di@ntrees.co.uk or ring 02380 845787 (before 9.00pm

please). Deputy: Julian Hartwell.

Historical Note:

The Ocknell area was used as an airfield in the Second World War. Known as Stoney Cross Airfield, it was built in 1941/2 and was operational between November 1942 and October 1946. Initially it was used for parachute drops and gliders supporting resistance groups in France. Bombing raids were carried out from here in the lead up to D Day and afterwards in support of troops on the ground. From November 1944 until the airfield closed in October 1946 it was used for transport aircraft flying to Europe and the Far East. After the airfield closed the hangers were used for storage for a number of years. The parking is on hard standing for the aircraft and the road you cross on the way to the start was one of the runways.