

BTOC2010 Controller's report

Trail Orienteering is supported by those with an interest in the wider view of the sport, maybe illustrated by the fact that of 40 or so competitors and workers at BTOC this year there were four ex Chairmen of BOF. However it does mean that all competitions are officiated by those prepared to give up their own competitive ambitions for that event and this happens more frequently than in Foot O. It is therefore upsetting when competitors forget that and see only what affects them in the heat of the moment, a bit of reflection on the fact that others do not see things their way and they might be wrong would be helpful. Unfortunately we frequently see unsporting attitudes on television, it would be a shame for this to become the norm in Trail O although quiet and reasoned discussion will always be part of our events.

On behalf of the competitors I wish to thank the mapping team of Dave Gittus and Rod Postlethwaite for their dedication in a year when the Chase was covered in snow for a long time. Again thanks to Dave who although with a non technical area then produced testing courses and meticulously prepared the marker sites, some proved to me by getting the tape out! The work in putting in location tubes did help on the day, the vandals did not.

Marlene Palmer organised everything and worked with Dave on the Chase on many occasions, our thanks are due to her and the workforce mustered by her and Dave. Her real achievement of the weekend was the promotional event on the Sunday in the delightful Wolseley Gardens in the end most of the competitors were foot orienteers trying Trail O but had the weather been warmer more of the general public would I think have been attracted to walk round. Thanks to Don for the results.