

Thank you all for helping make the final Twilight series event such a success. We had a great turnout, and although the weather had turned from the heat of the past few days, I hope it didn't dampen your enjoyment too much.

I hope you enjoyed the format. I haven't seen an event like this before – it was a thought I had after the spiral I ran last year resulted in most people stopping at the same point round the course, so in an attempt to make things a bit more varied, I introduced the optional control element. This generally worked I think, but I probably should have made the short course slightly shorter to allow you time to get some of the optional controls.

The term “spiral” was perhaps a little generous, as some of the controls weren't really in that configuration! It became too difficult to plan a course with exact spirals that also meant you were generally further away from the next control, so I took that concept rather loosely!

The real aim of this format was to give you lots of decisions to make as you ran round – should you go for extra points, or should you just go onto the next line control? How far round the “spiral” should you go – the points get bigger, but will you have time to complete the line if you go for them all? I deliberately left the longest spiral until the end, so the decision if you had a little time spare would be more tricky.

Maprun once again doesn't really provide me with the scoring I need, so it just shows a flat value per control. The results linked show the correct scores (using 10, 5, 10, 15 points per control), and the handicap results.

We again have a combined table. The short course line was slightly longer than 2/3 of the long, but there was a benefit in going from 32 to 4, which wasn't the same for the long course. The maximum score on the short was probably a little high for the length, compared to the long, and in retrospect I should have probably knocked out one of the high scoring controls for short runners. Although, as said earlier, it was probably too long anyway, so maybe this wasn't such an issue. In the end, this series is a bit of fun, so, I have left it with an uplift of 1.5 for short course runners.

Missing out one control about 2/3 of the way round, but then finishing with potentially enough time to have got it, was Lewis Judge. I was a bit concerned that the speedy runners might get them all and therefore have no decisions to be made, but no-one actually did this, so the format just about worked! I hope you enjoyed it, anyway. It was a similar story for the short course – no-one managed everything, Marc Owen coming closest.

Chris Prince was just one control behind Lewis, but then it was a gap to Guy who finished in third. Keith Bennett finished with 8 minutes to spare, so probably could have nabbed third with a different strategy.

Most of the upload issues seem to have been resolved with various methods of uploading, but I am awaiting one result, which could change things around at the top.

The series as a whole is still up for grabs as the leader going into the final round, Jackie Sibthorp could still win with a good score. But as it stands at the moment, I top the standings by a point, but I will call myself non competitive, as I had seen the courses upfront, so that leaves Chris Prince in the lead. However, once we get an upload from Kevin Gard that might change anyway!

Details of the scoring can be found at this [link](#). I will update here once we have Kevin's result from tonight.

Details of the all the results can be found on the series [homepage](#).

If you missed the event tonight, but want to run it on Anytime catchup, details will be on the series webpage, including maps and instructions. You will still score points for the league (if you run in the next 2 weeks), subject to an Anytime penalty of 6 mins (long) or 4 mins (short) – so your time limit is reduced to 54/36 mins, and penalties will be assessed after that.

I will announce the results of the series after that Anytime period has ended – they could still change!!

So, that is it for the series. I sincerely hope you enjoyed it – some different formats to keep your interest; some definite twilight conditions – mostly light in Burnham, mostly dark in Wickford, and a bit of both in Basildon; lovely views in Burnham (good job that was the light one!), a tricky housing estate in Wickford, a large pedestrianised area in Basildon.

This series is just to keep you fit and healthy for the Winter series of course! That will start with an SOS hosted event in [Braintree](#), in three weeks. The full fixture list, details of, and links to, all the events, plus other relevant information, can be found on the series [webpage](#). Entry to the events is open now on Racesignup, and a reduced rate (25% off) for the full series is also available, [here](#).