

I arrived at the pub last night in pouring rain with no great expectation for an improvement in the weather. Luckily I was proved wrong and it turned into a fine evening. Colin and I planned the courses based on a pub on the east of the map with big free car park opposite. When we checked in with them, they very apologetically declined to host us as they had a large wake booked in. With no time to replan Colin found an alternative which worked well. All we had to do was move start/finish and reorder the controls starting halfway round the original courses. It was good to see so many socialising and discussing route choices after running. If you didn't stay on, do consider making the time to have a drink afterwards and share your experiences of the run. We are a friendly bunch.

The map was a bit of a shock to non orienteers but you all seemed to cope ok. We test ran the courses on Monday last week and on Tuesday they closed the bridge! It did spoil the leg out of the park. I only found out on the morning of the event so it was what it was. Thanks to Kevin who added the last minute correction to the map marking the construction site on the bridge and for printing the maps. Note that if you run the event on Anytime catchup and the bridge is open, you must regard it as closed or incur a 5 minute penalty. We expect it to be closed for several weeks.

Congratulations to Phil Hazell all the way from Adelaide for fastest clean run on the short course followed by Teresa Wood with Luke Hazell in third place. The sports court between controls 3 & 4 on short and 8 & 9 on long is clearly mapped with an uncrossable fence. Even though the gates were open, the fence is still uncrossable if mapped as such. Most people ran round the outside. Those that crossed the court have been given 5 minute penalty marked with OOB. I think the parks department would not have been happy with a stream of runners crossing the court.

Lewis Judge took the honours on the Long followed by Keith Bennett and Stuart Collett. There were 2 disqualifications. Parkway, the main road through the map was marked as out of bounds and only to be crossed at marked crossings or underpasses. This was a safety issue and I am not prepared to be lenient when it comes to disregarding a safety instruction.

Chris Childs leads the Short course with Colin Jackson just behind and Veronica Machin in third. It's tight at the top of the Long course with the top three of Keith Bennett, David Float and Dean Pepper separated by five points. Watch the last three events with interest! The next event is HAVOC's event at Langdon Hills on June 24th. Details [here](#)

If you missed the event tonight, but want to run it on Anytime catchup, details are 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 5 minutes.

Thank you all for coming and for the appreciative comments.

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