

Thank you for running at Wickford North on Wednesday. This was the final event in the Twilight series this year, and I hope you enjoyed the series fitting in between the summer and winter, and liked the score format. Please let me know if you have any comments or suggestions for this or our other series.

I tried a slightly different approach for the high point value control this time – not being the closest to the start/finish, but further away in Memorial Park. Not too far from nearby controls, but with no easy alternatives for an in and out route, it would either be a dogleg, or leave you a little out of position for the rest of the course. The rest of the course had a fairly regular pattern of low and high point scoring controls in each area, so short and long runners had a chance of getting some high points.

Once again the score course format threw up a large number of different routes, and the efficiency table in the results shows how well each runner did in determining the best route to maximise point value over distance.

Looking at previous events, and I thought about 15km would be needed to ensure that no-one could get to all the controls in the time limit. With the top right sector of the map not having any controls, there was potentially a chance this time if you chose the right route. But, I was pleased to see that no-one managed it, so everyone had the same additional challenge of working out which controls to visit and which to leave out.

Anyway, hope you enjoyed your run, and appreciated the warm weather I laid on! Well, warm maybe, but for late runners the rain started, and then fell in torrents, turning the roads to streams, and my map at least to a paper mache ball! I had to cut my route short and return to the finish while I could still make out anything on the map!

Highest score on the night went to Seb Parris, who gathered 24 of the 31 controls, travelling just under 13km. Chris Prince, just 6 seconds over the time limit was second on the night. Once handicaps are factored in then Seb retained the win, but Simon Fowler jumped up into second, and Mark Owen third.

Details of the scoring can be found at this [link](#).

Details of the all the results in the series can be found on the series [homepage](#). (Just click on the event name for the results).

That is it for the series then. There is still time for people to run this Wickford course on Anytime catchup, so the results are not quite finalised, but the winner has been crowned, as no-one can catch Marc Owen, who scored two 100 point runs, had an organisers 100 for the third, and got a full complement of on-the-night bonuses, to give him a maximum score for the series. Congratulations Marc.

The top three is:

- 1st Marc Owen
- 2nd Kevin Machin
- 3rd Seb Parris

With the clocks going back in just over a week, we turn to the Winter series and running in the dark. Once again we will have 10 races, 5 hosted by SOS and 5 by HAVOC, every two weeks with a break for Christmas. We have tried to make as many of the runs accessible by public transport as possible. Full details are available on the series [homepage](#). The races will be mostly line courses this season, with a Long (5-6km straight line) and a Short (3-4km) option.

Entries are available on Racesignup. There is a Golden Ticket available at a discounted price if you are going to get to most of the events, or you can enter each event individually. The first event is hosted by SOS, at Chelmer Village on October 30th.

Series flyer is [here](#).