



NORTHERN NAVIGATORS

District event at

Kellas

Sunday, 5th March 2006

YELLOW - 1.4km, 25m, 7 controls

1. Sam Garratt	M8	CLOK	16:47
2. Kate Rowley	W14	ind	26:35
3. Hannah Clark	W13	EBOR	26:41
4. Jacqueline Marley	W40	ind	28:03
5. Elizabeth Dean	W6	CLOK	32:40
6. Eloise Wright	W10	CLOK	33:05

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7. Brooke Bentham+1	W10	NATO	36:10
8. Aoife Lakey	W6	NATO	40:22
9. Joshua Boyles	M6	NATO	47:57
10. Livia Wright	W4	CLOK	48:43
11. Veronica Miller	W21	NATO	52:48
12. Cameron Martin	M5	CLOK	73:14

ORANGE - 2.2km, 50m, 9 controls

1. Chris Iredale	M12	ind	44:14
2. Jonathan Lakey	M10	NATO	49:57
3. Eleanor Raymond	W12	NATO	50:33
4. Megan Malley	W12	EBOR	50:43
5. Alison Malley	W40	EBOR	53:27
6. Sarah Henry	W21	UNOC	58:00
7. Pat Malley	W65	NATO	59:27
8. Lewis Scrafton	M14	ind	64:54

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9. Elaine Clarke	W50	NATO	68:37
<i>disqualified / retired</i>			
Eleanor Fountain	W21	UNOC	131:26
Gary Scrafton	M50	ind	??:??

LIGHT GREEN - 3.3km, 60m, 9 controls

1. Alan Morgan	M70	NN	55:36
2. Jamie Bentham	M16	NATO	59:21
3. Avis Armer	W60	BL	60:18
4. Bill Hodgson	M60	CLOK	66:18
5. Ben Lester	M21	ind	67:43
6. Judith Robb	W60	CLOK	73:37
7. Gill Hardy	W65	CLOK	78:56
8. Alana Wright	W14	CLOK	82:49
9. Alison Hodgson	W55	CLOK	85:58
10. Rosemary Mason	W55	NATO	87:40
11. Celia Dean	W45	CLOK	91:58
12. Christopher Lakey	M14	NATO	93:31

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13. Ian Smith	M75	NATO	98:45
14. Annette Egan	W50	NATO	103:44
15. Joan Adamson	W55	CLOK	111:15
16. Andy Clarke	M45	NATO	139:49
<i>disqualified / retired</i>			
Rosemary Matheson	W50	NATO	87:42
Robert Johnson	M14	ind	95:33
Eileen Morgan	W65	NN	101:59
Helen Rafferty	W60	NATO	105:03
George Hails	M9	ind	32:24
Wendy Taylor	W45	CLOK	36:48
Ann Dobbs	W60	CLOK	88:50

GREEN - 4.6km, 85m, 13 controls

1. Catherine Taylor	W18	CLOK	39:44
2. Dave Brook	M60	NN	54:42
3. Bob Cooper	M60	NN	56:36
4. Jeff Mason	M65	NATO	63:44
5. Lucy Taylor	W16	CLOK	64:31
6. Sheila Sprout	W55	NATO	70:44
7. Patricia Davies	W50	NATO	71:10
8. Malcolm Gibson	M60	CLOK	74:00
9. Charlotte Curtis	W14	NATO	76:19
10. Graham Scott	M60	NATO	76:32
11. Ann Curtis	W50	NATO	76:48
12. Rachael Malley	W16	EBOR	77:33
13. Q.K.Crow	M40	ind	79:20
14. Eddie Leadbitter	M65	NN	79:48
15. Liddy Eudon	W21	DVO	80:13
16. Dick Whitworth	M65	BL	81:17
17. David Fordyce	M45	ind	81:29
18. Mike Hardy	M65	CLOK	84:27

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19. Isla Mathieson	W40	CLOK	87:50
20. Kath Dixon	W50	NATO	91:25

GREEN ... cont'd

21. Hilary Cooper	W50	NATO	93:16
22. Roy Malley	M75	NATO	94:29
23. Robert Ian Robb	M65	CLOK	94:37
24. Barbara Verity	W55	DEE	94:48
25. Nick Green+2	M?	AIRE	98:27
26. Geoff Armer	M60	BL	98:49
27. Joe Hails	M14	ind	102:50
28. Joan Selby	W60	CLOK	103:54
29. Lorraine Porter	W45	CLOK	106:00
30. Angela Whitworth	W60	BL	107:39
31. David Floyd	M45	NATO	113:50
32. Bob Johnson	M60	NN	116:36
33. Barry Young	M40	NN	146:43
34. Albert Lim	M21	UNOC	161:29

disqualified / retired

Shelly Williams	W45	CLOK	11:41	ret, f1-8
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BLUE - 6.5km, 110m, 15 controls

1. Ben Smith	M20	UDOC	63:14
2. Jenny Thornton	W18	CLOK	66:28
3. Paul Johnson	M55	BL	68:55
4. Jonathan Malley	M14	NATO	69:06
5. Neil Sprout	M50	NATO	69:43
6. Elizabeth Bridge	W21	UDOC	70:07
7. Boris Spence	M50	NN	72:12
8. Martyn Dean	M45	CLOK	74:17
9. Christopher Bradford	M55	NATO	76:05
10. Andy Curtis	M50	NATO	76:13
11. Morag MacNiven	W21	UDOC	77:49
12. Matthew Goode	M21	UNOC	78:06
13. Robert Verity	M60	DEE	81:02
14. Keith Chipchase	M50	NN	84:22
15. Cecile Spring	W35	NN	84:58
16. David Raymond	M45	NATO	88:26
17. Judy Johnson	W55	BL	88:39
18. Andrew Suddaby	M65	BL	88:59
19. Frank Major	M60	NN	89:45
20. Jane Malley	W45	NATO	89:58
21. Andrew Clark	M40	EBOR	90:10
22. Joe Dobbs	M65	CLOK	92:25

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23. Peter Waldron	M50	NATO	95:30
24. Michael Garratt	M50	CLOK	95:42
25. Dave Slade	M35	NATO	95:52
26. Paul Jameson	M50	NATO	96:39
27. Karen Blackburn	W60	BL	98:24
28. Gary Russell	M21	NN	103:57
29. Steven Taylor	M21	DVO	104:33
30. Ben Rowley	M21	UNOC	106:03
31. Angus Lumb	M35	ind	111:05
32. Joe Hails	M14	ind	114:42
32. Fred Miller	M55	NATO	115:52
33. Tom Rowley	M16	ind	117:14
34. Mike Hughes	M21	UDOC	117:19
35. Bob Richardson	M55	NATO	117:35
36. Joy Rowley+1	W55	ind	126:20
37. Lee David	M45	NATO	128:46

disqualified / retired

Judy Suddaby	W65	BL	93:44	w#1
Raymond Snaith	M55	CLOK	84:47	ret, f1-8

BROWN - 8.9km, 115m, 24 controls

1. Stefan Andersson	M21	EUOC	58:28
2. Martin Smith	M45	LOC	68:54
3. Rory Matheson	M21	NATO	73:25
4. Paul Thornton	M45	CLOK	74:25
5. Paul Taylor	M55	CLOK	77:04
6. Christopher Wright	M45	CLOK	82:12
7. Wilfred Bell	M50	NN	90:15
8. Tom Billam	M21	UDOC	90:21
9. Richard Bean	M21	UDOC	93:36
10. David Smyth	M16	NATO	100:01
11. John Stuart Dixon	M60	NATO	104:40
12. Nick Martin	M35	CLOK	109:12

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13. Roy Dawson	M55	NATO	111:39
14. Colin Matheson	M50	NATO	114:36
15. Martin Adamson	M60	CLOK	115:11
16. John Williams	M45	BL	116:10
17. Paul Heeley	M21	NATO	119:04
18. Colin Blackburn	M45	NN	122:57
19. Rob Bailey	M45	CLOK	124:00
20. Andrew Nicoll	M65	NATO	127:17
21. William Dehany	M50	CLOK	142:20

BROWN ... cont'd
disqualified / retired

Patrick Smyth	M45	NATO	75:22	missed finish
Phillip Batts	M45	CLOK	83:45	m#9

KEY: m - control missed, f - control found, w - control wrong

NEOA Colour Award Scheme

Members of NEOA may purchase the relevant colour badges on completion of three events, finishing above the colour line (one may be from outside the NEOA area).

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Officials:

Organiser - Bob Cooper, (0191 2341171), robert.cooper@unn.ac.uk

Planner - Dave Caudwell

Controller - Rob McKenna (NN)

Organiser's comments - Bob Cooper

Many thanks for all turning up and making this a fairly successful event. The weather, although bitterly cold in the parking field, could have been a lot worse. The day before saw an inch of snow in the field and there were doubts as to whether the event would go ahead.

I must apologise to the competitor who had a faulty card – this is a rare occurrence with EMIT, although it has happened twice lately.

NN are a small club and seem to be getting smaller and credit must go to the small band of club helpers who made this event possible.

Thanks are due to the Warde-Aldam family for the use of the Low Kellas, Athole McKillop of Land Factor for the use of High Kellas and to the owners of Slaley Hall (De Vere Hotels) who allowed us the use of the parking field. At their request and with your generosity, we were able to donate £78 to the Great North Ambulance charity.

Planner's comments - Dave Caudwell

Kellas appears to be getting more and more difficult to compete in, as the times for the courses are getting in the main longer and longer.

Most of the control features had been used before, so it must be something to do with the way the woodland is developing, making the rides more difficult to see, and making relocation more difficult to do. It's also more difficult to plan in the area, as the mature trees are gradually clear felled. In fact, following conversations with the owners, it would appear that both of them have plans for substantial further felling in the next year. Therefore it may be that next time we would like to use the area, it will be impossible to stage an event here, which would be a great pity, as the woodland is very pleasant and run-able, and the club's association with it goes back to the early 1970s.

Controller's comments - Rob McKenna

Kellas is a beautiful area in which to spend a few days, particularly if the weather is fine. The scattering of snow in the wood does change your perception of a few of the contour features (I know there aren't many), which makes it a little bit more difficult to navigate.

Kellas is not a truly technical area, but its main problem, from a competitor's point of view, is that it is so open and one block of the wood looks much the same as another, making navigation and relocation quite a difficult task. Looking at some of the times and hearing comments at the finish, this is exactly what had happened to quite a lot of competitors.

Low and High Kellas are quite different - Low Kellas rather bland and open, whereas High Kellas, although also open, has the added problem of rhododendrons. The main clumps had been mapped and should have been a help with navigation. Some seemed to rely totally on this and appeared to have neglected the more positive contour features, which I think are a better guide as to where you are. Unfortunately the openness of the wood in both High and Low Kellas meant that the rides are now not as distinct as they once were. This is more apparent when looking at the orange course times. On the face of it the course looks easy enough – the option of cutting corners or just following the rides was there, but then you had to identify which ride first. The times on some of the legs suggest that a few competitors had a great deal of difficulty here. The winning times on the other courses are about what we expected, with the exception of the Light Green. I am not really sure what the problem was here. On paper, both technically and physically, the course appears to be correct, but maybe competitors found running in an open wood, without many major features to go by, a little bit too hard.

All in all, I think that Dave did a good job, given the area that he had to work with.

Next NN event:

2.4.06 Doctors Gate & Dryderdale (grid ref NZ080336)
Organiser - Boris Spence (tel 01670 860897),
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Colour Coded – Y,O,L,G,G,BL,BR
EMIT EPS. Maps overprinted and bagged.
Registration from 10.00, starts from 10.30-12.30
Fees - £3.50 senior, £2 junior, £1 schoolchildren.

For details of other future NN events contact:

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