

ELO Event Review:	Binning Wood	Local Event:	30 March 2019
Planner:	Michael Atkinson	Organiser:	Michael Atkinson
Courses:	W Y O LG	Attendance:	80 entries some of which were family groups

What went well:

- Good turnout with lots of families
 - Quite a number of regulars were at a ranking event but there was still plenty of interest in the light green and orange courses.
 - Nice atmosphere at assembly, helped by the weather having improved from the morning.
- Registration
 - Comments were made about being made to feel welcome and meters and greeters being very friendly. Plenty of folks around to help meet and greet.
 - Queues were not excessive in length
 - Pricing was working well with many knowing in advance how much they needed to pay
- Positive feedback on courses
 - Having Tim act as the controller was invaluable in ensuring that the courses were as robust as possible and that the light green was at the upper end of TD4 rather than creeping into TD5. His input was fantastic to have!
 - There were no mis-punches.
 - The clearings are more complex than they first appear so it was good to see that the placement on control 6 on the yellow course did ensure that the juniors came out of them successfully.
 - We didn't run out of maps although we were close with the light green – had the regulars from INT and ESOC been there we would have been very short (but we hadn't actually been expecting them).
- Refreshments were appreciated by all
- Controls were collected quickly by helpers
- Despite not having the regular SOA kit we were able to borrow kit from East Lothian Outdoor Learning service and ESOC as well as using our own new kit.
- Putting out controls was quicker as the fiberglass stakes are lighter than the metal L-bars.
- Publicity via twitter seemed effective as many of the local school's and scouting/guiding re-publicised the event. Having an event card as part of the webpage helps make the ad more visual.

What did not go well:

- Map updates were received too late in the planning process to check them effectively and make sure they would not impact on courses so couldn't all be used.
- Mapping / control placement around 110 was not quite right with regard to the re-entrant / large knoll / extraction tracks. The small knoll is very indistinct and should probably be removed.

- I had thought that the run of controls borrowed from outdoor learning would start at 100 but instead it started at 101 which meant that 120 had to be relabeled the night before the event and the SI Timing event file updated to expect it instead of 100 as the final control. On checking back through the records I should have expected it to start at 101
- The clocks of the outdoor learning kit had different timestamps to ELO's which meant that the split times are off.
- A couple of cars parked on the verge opposite assembly which is private land.
- Map printing was awkward because an update to Purple Pen meant that Stirling Survey's struggled to print it as it required a new font. The scale bar was also left off half of the maps due to an oversight in their printing process. Robin has been in touch with them to ensure that there isn't a repeat and to find out if we should be doing anything differently.

What we could do differently in future:

- Make sure communication about mapping updates and timelines is clear before the planning process starts
- Cone off the private land opposite the car park to ensure that there is no parking there.
- Consider 50/30/30/30 as map numbers for the Vogrie event.
- A poster for Sheila to send out with the members update which members can print off and put up near them has been requested (I'll try to generate something).
- Arrange for someone to take photographs during the event.

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