



## Level C SCOA League Event 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013 Busketts Lawn, New Forest

**Venue:** Busketts Lawn, New Forest, using part of the area from the November Classic 2011 event.

**Directions:** The event centre is at the Ashurst Forest Campsite GR: SU331100.

Post code SO40 7AD Long/Lat N50:53:21 (50.889170) W1:31:49 (-1.530149)

Follow brown campsite signs from the A35 between Totton and Lyndhurst.

Ashurst (New Forest) Station is adjacent to the Campsite and Travel line bus 6 between Southampton, Lyndhurst, Brockenhurst and Lymington stops at the campsite entrance.

**Car Park:** £1 fee. Please park as directed by the marshals. Please be aware of competitors crossing the campsite tracks on their way to the assembly area.

**Facilities:** Portaloos in the campsite. Catering provided by Stone family farm (bacon, sausages and soups etc from their own produce). First aid will be available at the enquiries tent. The Forest Inn pub is adjacent to the campsite. Ultra sport will be present.

**Registration:** Open from 9.30 – 11.45. All entry is on the day. Please take a registration form from the car park marshal and complete before visiting the enquiries tent to pay for your entry. E-mit electronic timing will be used. Bricks are available for hire at £1.50. There will be a £40 charge for lost Emit bricks.

### Entry fees :

Competitor	Entry fee per map	e-mit hire
Adult	£10	£1.50
Adult BOF or SOC member	£8	£1.50
Adult helper	£4	£1.50
Junior	£4	free
Junior helper	£2	free

**Start:** There is a busy road crossing on the route to the start. Follow directions to the crossing island. We hope to have a marshal on the crossing from 9.40-13.30. However, crossing remains your own responsibility. Please ensure any juniors cross safely. There is one start approximately 800 metres from the parking area. Parts of the route are along a rough tussocky ride. Allow approx. 15 minutes. There is a small bridge just by the start which is in need of some repair. Take care when crossing.

Starts 10.00-12.15. Start times will not be published-turn up and go. Starts at one minute intervals. There may be some queuing for the popular courses.

White and Yellow course maps will be available for checking at the start.

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**Clothing dump:** There will be no clothing dump unless it is very wet or cold in which case it will be where the routes from the start and finish meet, (approx. 200m from the finish)

**Finish:** About 400 metres from the parking area. Cross the road at the crossing island with care. Courses close at 14.30. Please report to download even if you do not finish your course.

**Courses:** String course in campsite area

Course	Distance	Climb
Brown	10.0	50
Blue	7.0	40
Green	4.7	25
Short Green	3.8	20
Light Green	4.0	20
Orange	3.0	15
Yellow	2.2	10
White	1.5	5

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The start was located so that White and Yellow courses could be planned without juniors having an excessive walk to the start. Following autumn rain some rides are very muddy and some ditches alongside are full. Please make juniors aware that parts of their courses may be wet and muddy.

**Terrain:** Green, Blue and Brown courses are long enough to encounter the fast open forest/lawn areas in the western section of the map, which was used extensively in the November Classic 2011. Remaining courses are confined to the managed and mainly coniferous forest in the eastern section, where runnability is more variable. The undergrowth screen is used to indicate the worst areas where brambles, brashing or general roughness underfoot is a significant impediment. Only the most prominent ditches are mapped-there are other unmapped ditches, particularly in the eastern part of the map.

The whole area is divided by a significant stream which flows west to east. The stream is deep in places, too wide to jump, and rapidly becomes swollen following periods of rain. Its sides are near vertical for much of its length, making it difficult to cross except where crossing points have been overprinted (indicating bridges or fords). Check your control descriptions carefully to ensure you end up on the correct side of the stream in order to avoid disappointment. White, yellow and orange courses do not need to cross this major stream.

Some mapped narrow rides are becoming less obvious on the ground. One section of the Yellow course will have some tape streamers to help competitors follow a narrow ride between controls 6 and 7. Both White and Yellow courses include a section of narrow ride which is quite rough and wet and certainly not suitable for buggies etc.

**Map and Control descriptions:** Resurveyed for 2011 November Classic by Ray Massey. 1:10,000 for white, yellow, orange 1:15,000 for all other courses.

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A4 maps will be on waterproof paper. Control descriptions will be printed on front of the map if space permits, otherwise on the reverse. IOF pictorial descriptions will be used for all courses except White/Yellow. Loose control descriptions will be available at the start.

There is a non- standard description (“change of fence type”) used on the White and Yellow courses only. The fence runs alongside a wide ride and is obvious on the ground. This control has been inserted to avoid what would otherwise have been a very long distance between ride junctions which may have tested the confidence of younger competitors.

There is no legend on the map except for the following special symbols;

○ unusual or single tree

X rootstock

○ post

X hide

A map legend can be viewed or downloaded at [www.maprunner.co.uk/simon/mapsymbols.jpg](http://www.maprunner.co.uk/simon/mapsymbols.jpg). There is also copy of a map legend and control symbols on the display board at enquiries.

**Results:** Published on [www.southampton-orienteers.org.uk](http://www.southampton-orienteers.org.uk). Printed results will be displayed during the event and updated at regular intervals.

**Safety:** The marked crossing points across the main west-east stream are **strongly advised** (but not compulsory) regardless of rainfall leading up to the event (see terrain notes above). If there is heavy rainfall shortly before the event then even some of the marked crossing points (fords) may also become dangerous. If water levels and flow rate increases appropriate notification will be given to competitors on the day. All competitors are reminded to dress appropriately for their ability and conditions on the day. Whilst the area is not high or exposed, the risk of hypothermia in cold and/or wet weather at this time of year is real. You are advised to carry a whistle for your own safety. The recognised distress signal is 6 short blasts repeated after a minute silence.

Competitors take part at their own risk.

**Forestry Commission:** The event is held with permission from the Forestry Commission. Please respect other forest users.

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