**Lockdown Photo O 4: Club Champs and National Event, Middleton Woods**

I have been overwhelmed by demand to attend this national event.

There is no limit on entries fortunately, but social distancing may mean that I have to stagger the start times. Please wear a mask when tackling the course, especially to protect the older club members who live in Ilkley.

There are 17 controls plus a start and a finish.

I will release one per day over the next 2-3 weeks as long as I remember to do it.

The course adheres to the national Photo-O Organisation (or POO) rules. So, again, my decision is final, even when I’m wrong.

The planning is middle distance style – short legs, some sharp turns, but, as before, on the whole the planning is sensible. You would enjoy running the course, although it’s a bit muddy at the moment – and to help you, nearly all the marshes are pretty wet in the photos.

The course is 2.8km with 115m climb.

The assembly and finish are at Nell Bank.

The start is 1250m walk from the assembly. It is mostly across fields, but take care on the short stretch on the road, and when crossing the road near the start. Allow 20 mins, which is just enough for a glass of wine in my house.

You can find the map and all the controls released to date in Dropbox at:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1io1fh5gu8f5ift/AAAVuBSCm3bNsLIWM0F8mZRka?dl=0

A reminder about CDs:

Big boulders on the map are always described as >= 2m even if in reality they are a bit smaller on the ground. And ordinary boulders are always <2m in the CD.

The circle diameter for the controls is 7.5mm (even though it should be larger at 1:5000).

I will only use the “which feature” arrow in the CD if there is more than one similar feature inside the control circle.

Entries will be marked on technical accuracy (19), quality of presentation of course and CDs (5) and local handicap (5). Please submit your postcode with your entry so that I can determine the handicap as it will be done on distance from the assembly area.

There is an inset map of Nell Bank on the map to help you with your control siting. When you submit you course, if using Purple Pen or Condes, it would help me if you can submit one course which has the entire course on the 1:5000 map, including Nell Bank (even though one or two of the features are omitted in NB at that scale), and a second course which starts from the gate at the NNW edge of the Nell Bank 1:4000 enlargement and just shows the last few controls and the finish. That way I can be sure you’ve got the right features. If hand drawing, just draw your course in on both maps please.

Any other questions about the rules or the handicaps will definitely be treated with the same disdain as before.

Good luck

Tony