**Lockdown Photo O: Golden Acre, November 2020**

Another opportunity to tune up your map reading skills by correctly locating some controls from photos.

Golden Acre is a sprintish event. The map scale is 1:4000. Most of the map is accurate, but it’s a bit inconsistent in the largely semi-open area NE of the main park buildings. Blame the incompetence of the mapper and work by the park authorities. Other idiosyncrasies of the map:

* No benches or picnic tables are shown
* The boulders on the map are mostly pretty poky, but you can see them in several photos if you look hard
* Control circles are 6mm diameter
* CDs are not quite in line with recent IOF guidance, I have used a “which of any similar feature” descriptor (arrow) if there is an identical feature within the control circle.
* The planning is ‘sensible’ – the course is realistic and could be used.

The course is 4.3km long and is in two parts with a map flip at number 8.

The first part of the course is 2.0km + 45m. The second part is 2.3km + 50m

The start and finish are in the same place – shown in the first photo. An easy warm-up.

The photo bearings are always the bearing away from the camera towards the control.

The control site is shown by a photo-shopped marker.

There are 21 controls which I will release one per day over the next 3 weeks.

Following complaints last spring, we have appointed a grade A controller for this event.

S/he wishes to make it clear that complaints will be treated with disdain and that the controller’s decision is final, even if s/he is wrong.

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

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/6t4z7lrag80cvew/AACQ8DojWc1brRHh2KhFUXBba?dl=0

Entries will be marked on accuracy and technical merit as before, but there will not be a handicap system this time.

I am hoping to provide a second event is some rather rougher terrain to follow on from this one, but that depends on time, enthusiasm and lockdown(s). The overall results are likely to be the combined results from the two events. Late ballots may not be counted.

Please mail me (tonythornley@btinternet.com) with any comments or questions.

Good luck

Tony