

PUNCHBOWL MARATHON 2007

Event Report

Marshals

Start/Registration/Certificates :	Ann Sayer , Les Maple , Peter Waterhouse Fiona Cameron.
Pre-Entries	Gillian Bull
Photographer/Car Parking	Tony Cartwright
Caterer (am)	Elizabeth Bryan
CP1, Little Cowdray Farm	Dave & Pat Challenger, Mervyn Harvey, Ray & Jacqueline Rowe
CP2, Tilford Village Hall	Tony & Louise Cartwright , Joan Wrenn , Molly Groundsell , Glenys Kirkpatrick , Gillian Bull Jan Fogg
CP3 , Puttenham Village Hall	Richard Ireson , Bill Grace , Brian Haigh , Ray & Jacqueline Rowe.
CP4 , The Moat Carpark	Dave & Pat Challenger , John & Sarah Stovell
Chichester Hall	Janet Chapman , Ian & Cindy McLeod , Elaine & Peter Edwards , Keith Wilson , John Dixon , Chris Hayward
Equipment/Checkpoints	Reg Chapman
Results	Tony Cartwright

Special thanks are due to Dave & Pat Challenger for rechecking the route after the effects of the extensive heath fires that ravaged Thursley Common last summer

In Surrey Group we have a great team of marshals and it is because of their efforts that again we have had such a smooth running event , thanks to all .

Entries: 255 Starters: 217 Retirements: 1

The forecasters got it wrong again and judging from some of the pics I've seen of conditions en route the sunshine prevailed for most of the day. Sorry about the numerous swamps that you had to wade through but I've no doubt it caused quite a few laughs.

There may be a few changes to the route next year because of construction work that is due to start on the new A3 tunnel at Hindhead that will take it through Gibbet Hill to a point several miles west near to Bramshott Common.

Although we are told that the new footpath underpass at the A3 (GR902382) will be finished by December , 2007 , that is only the plan.

If necessary we may have to divert to the north and stay on the Greensand Way to cross the A3 further to the east , this will add about a mile to the route , but when your walking 30 anyway I don't suppose you will even notice it.

It's always good to see some runners coming to our event , our cross-country, route , so I'm told , is such good training for road marathons and also for orienteering

Surprisingly there was just one retirement from an entry of 255 which must surely be a record.

We hope that you all had a good day's walking and that you will all come back again next year – **Feb 10th 2008.**

Emails received following the event:

Just a brief note to thank you and all those who contributed to the organisation of yesterday's event. It was a pleasure, as usual, as a runner, to be made so welcome at this LDWA event. It's been several years since I last ran the Punchbowl, and my first time over this course. It was an excellent day. Many thanks to you all.

Nick Burchnall (#46)
Blackwater Valley Runners

Thank you John and all your organizing colleagues for a very enjoyable day.... give or take a bruised big toe... in our lovely Surrey countryside. Having run this course for the last three years I only had to double check the entry point to Puttenham Common (10 o after 2nd marker post)and the route description stayed firmly in my backpack. All checkpoints worked very well with ample supplies of food and drink. Looking forward to next year's event.

Erik Falck-Therkelsen

Marshals Walk

Ten volunteer marshals completed the 20mile Marshals walk on January 20th thus gaining a completion. Ann Sayer, Molly Groundsell & Elizabeth Bryan in 7hrs. 30mins. and Dave Challenger, John Dixon, Chris Hayward, Janet Chapman, Peter Waterhouse, Louise Cartwright and Ian McLeod in 8hrs.