

## Report - Fassifern Ridge (Club Minor)

**1<sup>st</sup> March, 2009**

"Tough" and "unpleasant", just two of the words thrown around after yesterday's event and to some extent maybe they were warranted. Course setter Peter Newton has lamented the fact that the Orange course was a bit more technically demanding than it should have been and perhaps the shorter of the red courses would have benefitted from a little more trimming. The perception that it was tough was exacerbated by the fact that for the vast majority it was a return to a bush environment after a period where their orienteering endeavours have been contested in the less challenging environs of tarmac and lawn. The steamy conditions were another contributing factor that can't be overlooked.

A steep, physically demanding "Fassifern Ridge" wasn't the most ideal location for a first up event where we are trying to convert as many street/park participants as we can, but certain circumstances ensured it's usage. When it's tough physically the best thing you can do is limit your mistakes. Mistakes in these conditions are magnified, quite often resulting in extra climb. Many would have to admit that their mistakes were costly.

Alex Massey certainly limited his mistakes taking out a first up win on the Long Red. He was 3 minutes ahead of Joshua Roberts with Malcolm Roberts a further 5 minutes behind. Jenny Enderby was next taking fourth outright and first woman. Nicole Haigh was the only other woman to contest the longer course a further 3 minutes behind Jenny. Leigh Hoy was first home on the Short Red, Kirrilee Russell in a rare appearance won the Orange and first time bush orienteers Scott and Rhys Taylor won the Green and Blue courses respectively.

Thanks to all that helped especially David Kitchener for set-up, Caroline Taurany, Ryan Hudson, David Kitchener, Peter Charlton, Margaret Peel, Geoff Peel, Denis Lyons for control collection, Cheryle Todkill for rego and of course Peter for setting.

### Next events

Park Tour Event 2: Rathmines, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

NOY2: Sugarloaf, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March