

Final details for the Shoal Hill, Yvette Baker Trophy Event; Sunday 26th April 2015

Event/ Access:- The event will be signed on the A34 (Stafford to Cannock road) from the Pottal Pool roundabout at GR :SJ 971143, about 6 miles SE of Stafford. Follow the minor road south towards Penkrige, go past the Golf Club on the left and take the first turn left along Mansty Lane.

Continue for about 1 mile, over a railway bridge and the car park field is the second field on the left GR SJ 959122

Parking:- There is £1 fee for parking. Please park as directed. It is a large flat field with plenty of room. Event enquiries, registration and download will all be in the car park field.

Registration:- 10.00 to 12.00. **All competitors please bring your SI card to registration** to speed up the registration process

Start :- 10.30 to 12.30

Entry Fees:- Entry on the day only. Seniors £10 (less £2 for BOF members)
Juniors £2

Type of punching: Sport Ident (SI) electronic. E cards can be hired £1 for Seniors, 50p for Juniors.

Lost cards will be charged at the full cost of £30 per card so please bring hired cards back.

Terrain:-The area has a mix of terrain with an area of open heathland, some mature deciduous woodland and some scrub woodland on a restored quarry. There may be some strands of discarded barbed wire on the former quarry workings so please take care.

There are many holly bushes in the south east of the area some of which are not mapped. There is a complex path network over the site and some mountain bike tracks some of which may not be mapped.

Maps:- 1:10,000 printed on water proof paper. Control descriptions will be printed on the map and loose descriptions will be available at the start.

Toilets:- will be available in the car park field.

Dogs:- The owners have allowed well behaved dogs but they must be on a lead at all times. There may be farm animals in adjoining fields.

Courses:- there is a full range of colour coded courses white, yellow, orange, light green, short green, green, blue and brown.
There is no string course.

Start and Finish:- The walk to the start is about 800m. This will be taped. The walk to the start involves walking a short distance along a very busy minor road with some fast traffic and a road crossing. The walk along the road and road crossing will be marshalled but **please exercise great caution and keep well onto the grass verge when walking along the lane.**

The finish also requires a similar walk back to the Assembly field. **Please ensure you download before exiting the assembly field.**

Competitor Safety; Cannock Chase is undermined by old coal workings and is liable to subsidence. Care must be taken as new fissures can appear suddenly.

There are some steep slopes in the old quarry workings. Please exercise caution if and when negotiating these steep slopes.

The potential hazards of the road crossing have already been mentioned.

The area is very popular with dog walkers, horse riders, mountain bikers and motor bikes so please treat these others users with respect and care.

Yvette Baker Competitors:- All competitors taking part in the Yvette Baker Trophy will be started at 4 minute intervals from other members of their club running the same course. All non YBT competitors will also be required to start at 4 minute intervals from YBT competitors from their club running on the same course. Clearly this will only affect the YBT courses yellow, orange and light green but NOT the green course as there will be separate YBT and non YBT green courses. It is important people registering on the green course inform registration which course they are doing.

It is very important that all YBT competitors inform registration that they are entering the YBT part of the event.

The results of the YBT will be computed automatically assuming all competitors have correctly identified that they are competing when they register.

WHISTLE and FULL LEG COVER are essential to participate in this event. Both will be checked at the start.

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