

Lake Macquarie Rogaine Report 2009

Congratulations to all 365 competitors from the 146 teams who took part in the 18th Lake Macquarie Rogaine. The 60 12 hour teams and 86 6 hour teams set off in ideal weather conditions to tackle the steep and rugged Sugarloaf State Conservation Area. Congratulations to Andrew & Nicole Haigh who won the 12 hour event with 1650 points from a possible 1930 points while Malcolm Roberts & Carolyn Matthews took out the 6 hour event with a score of 990 points. A pleasing feature of the event was that while the experienced teams were challenged in certain aspects of the course the novice teams were able to complete the courses with very good scores – the 12 hour novice team of Rob Marlow & Richard Old scored 1000 points and the 6 hour novice winners of Jack & Tim Starnawski scored 540 points.

Apologies to the queue of competitors at control 20 after the start when I forgot to mention at the “Briefing” that multiple punches were available at the first couple of controls.

The Tea & Damper stop seemed to feature in a lot of teams planning with the priority to get there and enjoy the delicacies and pleasant surroundings of this idyllic paradise in a rugged mountainous area.

Thanks to the teams who accepted the challenge to write a report about their experiences, I'm sure you have enjoyed their accounts of their triumphs and heart aches. The winners are announced at the end of this report.

Apologies to those who stopped at control 45 and used the camera to take photographs. The camera was left there during the collection of controls but will hopefully be retrieved this weekend so photos can be placed on the web page next week.

Cardiff scouts once again did a magnificent job in providing hash house with plenty of delicious food to cater for all tastes.

Routegadget has generated a lot of interest and positive feedback from those who used it and it is hoped that more will use this facility to share their performances with others. Post mortems and comparisons with other teams route choices are excellent ways to analyse your teams performances. Using Maptalk also allows you to discuss your experiences with others.

Lost property which I have includes a coffee plunger and a pink girl's jacket. If you are missing either of these then please contact me.

We welcome your feedback especially if you have suggestions etc as to how the event could be improved.

Report Competition

Thanks to those who have submitted reports on their experiences, I'm sure that others have enjoyed reading them and it is hoped that more will share their experiences next time.

Winners

12 hour report

The Novice Perspective

Richard Old & Rob Marlow

6 hour report

What Could Have Been

Michael Free & Lisa Grant

Congratulations to these two teams and each will receive a \$50 prize.

Thanks to all those who were involved from competitors to volunteers who helped to make this another successful Lake Macquarie Rogaine.

Bob Gilbert