

Survey - Preliminary Results

Thank you all for sending in your surveys on what you like (and don't like) about Rogaines. So far we have processed 140 replies, with another dozen sitting on desk. One thing that came out very strongly in the survey is that Rogainers are severely chronologically challenged! A "use by" date of March 13 clearly means any time this year will do. Now if only the organisers of the 1996 World Rogaining Championships had taken the same attitude when we returned 35 minutes late

We will be doing our best to take into account your likes and dislikes, but just to be going on with here are a few facts & figures:

The "typical" Rogainer who responded to the survey is 2/3 male 1/3 female, 40 years old, with a prefer-

ence for 6 hour events. They will travel up to 4 hours for an event, and cannot even begin to make up their minds about 12 hour events starting at 10am. They like rugged terrain, (unless accompanied by family) think soup and fruit are the most important food provided by the Hash House, with pasta and hot veggie stuff close behind. And toilets are very important at the HH too.

The vast majority think transport should be arranged, but not subsidised, to events, and whilst only a quarter have used organised transport in the past, half would use it in the future. Lack of a partner has prevented 40% from entering an event in the past, and 213rds say they would use a dating service in the future.

There is too much of absolutely nothing in the newsletter, with gear reports and navigation tips being the most lacking.

But remember, its your newsletter, and we can only publish the stuff you send us.

Finally, its now way past anybody's deadline, and if I don't send this off to the Editor immediately it will never get published, so watch this space for the in-depth analysis next time!

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