

## Kent Night Cup Final, Hindleap Warren 25 March 2010

Timing is everything. Just as the first competitors started arriving for the last event of the season, the rain stopped, the sky began to clear and the moon came out. The ground was still very wet but at least there was no wet stuff falling out of the sky. It was a very different story two hours earlier as I was hanging controls in the forest with a thunderstorm raging directly overhead. It was raining so hard I could hardly see where I was going. The air was electric with lightning flashing all around and there were no gaps between the flashes and the bangs. Spring has apparently started!

Conditions were a bit tougher than planned as paths became streams and many of the rides turned into mud baths. Well done to Ed Catmur and Neil Crickmore who managed to get round all 20 controls and make it back in time. Most people managed at least half of the controls without mishap. Everyone looked like they had had a good work out as they ran into the finish! A few people lost points for lateness, some had difficulty staying upright and a couple of people even had their shoes sucked off in the mud!

Thanks to Ed, Neil, Sarah H, and Simon B for collecting controls. Many thanks also to Ivan Waters for taking photos both at the event and afterwards at the prize giving. Geoff and his team at the Red Lion in Chelwood Gate did us proud with the après-O.

Congratulations to our new KNC cup winners Ed Catmur and Sarah Howes. Congratulations also to the following people who were awarded prizes:

**1<sup>st</sup> Man:** Ed Catmur (SLOW)      **2<sup>nd</sup> Man:** Neil Speers (DFOK)      **3<sup>rd</sup> Man:** Alan Hickling (SAX)  
**1<sup>st</sup> Lady:** Sarah Howes (SAX)      **2<sup>nd</sup> Lady:** Rachel Collins (SO)      **3<sup>rd</sup> Lady:** Jillian Holford (SAX)

**Best Male Vet\* (40+):** Simon Holford (SAX)      **Best Male Super Vet\* (60+):** Steve Waite (SAX)  
**Best Female Vet\* (40+):** Rowan Purkis (SAX)      **Best Female Super Vet\* (60+):** Heather Brown (SAX)

**Best Newcomer:** Toni Ives

\* Not already received a prize for being in the top three.



*Ed Catmur*



*Sarah Howes*

We hope you all enjoyed the season. Many thanks to everyone who took part and all those who helped plan/organise events. The KNC will be back again in the autumn.

**Simon Holford**