

Cross Country Report 2014 - Pam Rogers

The report for this year's Championships is full of praise for the work put in before the event and on the day to make the Championships a success. We experienced the most atrocious weather conditions, as did every other county, but were able to work around the problems. Thanks again should go to Jon Osman of Eastleigh Running Club and his club members, to Malcolm Price of Southampton AC and his colleagues, to Colin Goater for rearranging the course at least three times to my knowledge, and to my band of helpers, Richard Dean (entries, programmes, results, finance, advice to name but a few) and Christine Weeks -for dealing with the queries.

The officials were once again amazing, despite me commandeering their tent for Presentations due to the caravans being stranded in Gosport. Ken Littlejohns, as Referee and Malcolm Rogers as Clerk of the Course took great care to check that the course was safe, wet but safe. Thanks to Ian Byett for bringing an extra tent and a PA system to help out. The list is endless of people to thank and I do, the athletes appreciated the efforts to put on a Championship that was fair but testing but I'm not sure that their parents appreciated the mud afterwards!

No doubt Richard will present the finances and the statistics, which I hope will show that we were able to stage the Championships within budget.