

Hare' n Hounds Race 1

1st Jan 2011

Thank-you to all you canoeists, who despite late nights, hang-overs and coughs n' colds turned out today for the First Race in The Hare 'n Hound Series.

The weather at long last was kind, infact very warm 6 degreeswith not an iceberg insite, we all had a great New Years Day paddle!

After a steady paddle up to the road bridge, to get our bodies back in action, we turned round ready to start the chase back home to the Club House!

Handicapped by division (not, as suggested by how much alcohol you consumed the night before). We were set of by Dave Ashley at 30 second intervals, 13 of us raced back home ... in a very friendly fashion, a few groans along the way but we were all glad to be out their burning of the Christmas excess!

John Hatton timed us all back in, and the handicaps worked so well he just about got everyone's times as most of us crossed the line within 30 seconds of each other!

It was great to have Trentham canoe club supporting us, they all enjoyed themselves, especially Graham Haigh who decided a cold swim might be better than a warm shower! Lucky there was plenty of hot soup afterwards!

A great start to the New Year, and hopefully the start of our New Hare 'n Hounds Series. I'm hoping we can run 12 races (one each month) throughout 2011. The next 5 races will be Sunday Mornings, if Sundays get busy during the Race season we will hold them in an Evening (maybe even a BBQ after if we get a tropical summer!!). Then back to the Sunday mornings towards the end of the year.

Remember this is a race for everyone, would be ideal for the Juniors or Novice Racers to join in and get a feel for racing, and also for the stronger paddlers to get race fit and improve their racing skills

So come and join us for the next race

Sunday 30th Jan - Race Start 10.30 (to be confirmed)

Thanks again everyone who made it happen, Happy paddling and all the best in 2011
Cheers Jean

The Results

1	Melvin Swallow	Chester	Div 3	15.25
2	Graham Haigh	Trentham	Div 5	16.06
3	Phil Roberts	Trentham	Div 5	16.26
4	Camron Bentley	Trentham	Div 6	16.59
5	Jean Ashley	Chester	Div 6	17.14
6	Graham Bullmer	Chester	Div 6	17.26
7	Vicki Swallow	Chester	Div 6	17.28
8	Roz Clarke	Chester	Div 8	18.31
9	Dave Ashley (Sea Kayak)	Chester	-	18.35
10	Ken Bain (WWR)	Chester	-	18.45
11	James ? (WWR)	Chester	-	18.56
12	David/Carol Hatton (K2)	Chester	Div 9	19.08
13	Andrew Haigh	Trentham	Div 9	21.01