



## Mole Valley Orienteering Club

(affiliated to British Orienteering)

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### Balcombe Estate – FINAL DETAILS

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**Mole Valley Orienteering Club welcomes you to the Balcombe Estate for a Level B, SEOA League and Ranking Event.** The Estate is privately owned and we would like to particularly thank Simon Greenwood (Saxons) for allowing us to use the woods today, and Ben Skinner (the agent for the estate) for his advice and assistance in all matters related to our organisation, access to the Event Centre etc.

#### Event Centre Location, Car Parking & Travel options:

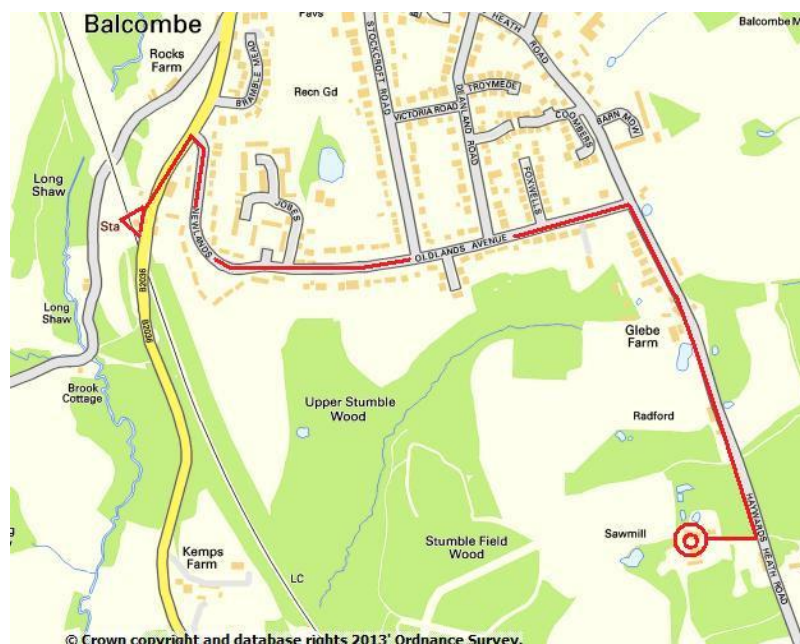
Balcombe Estate Forestry & Sawmill, Haywards Heath Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex (GR TQ317296, Post Code RH17 6QH). **NB this is a change to previously published plans**

**By Car:** From the North exit the M23 at junction 10A and then follow the B2036 to Balcombe. From the West take the B2110 from Handcross to its junction with the B2036 and then turn South for Balcombe. As you arrive at the village green, at the mini-roundabout take the left fork signed Lindfield and Ardingley. This turn and subsequent junctions will be O-signed. Follow the road through to the centre of the village and go 'straight over' at the dogleg crossroads signed Haywards Heath, Lindfield and Ardingley. Continue straight on at the next mini roundabout signed Haywards Heath. The sawmill is approximately half a kilometre further South on the right hand side of the road.

From the South and East, aim for the centre of Haywards Heath and follow brown signs for 'Borde Hill Garden' (and Balcombe). Heading North out of Haywards Heath pass Borde Hill Garden on your left, and approximately 2.5 kilometres further on you will see O-signs into the sawmill on your left.

***Parking is very limited so please share cars wherever possible.***

**Public Transport:** Balcombe Railway Station is on the mainline between London and Brighton. See <http://www.southernrailway.com/> or <http://www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk/> for train times and tickets. It is approximately 1.5 km from the station to the sawmill – see map below. Take care walking or cycling on narrow roads with fast moving traffic.



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## Entries:

Entry via [www.fabian4.co.uk](http://www.fabian4.co.uk) remains open until midnight on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March subject to the maximum number of maps available for each course. Seniors: £14 – discount of £2 for National & SEOA BOF Members. Juniors: £6. EOD will be available 10:00 – 12:30, whilst remaining map stocks last.

SI electronic punching will be used. SI dibbers pre-booked on Fabian can be collected from Registration. They are also available to hire on the day for £1. (There will be a £30 charge for lost dibbers).

## Map and Control Descriptions:

The map has been recently updated by Mike Elliot – 1:10,000 scale, overprinted and waterproof.

Control Descriptions and Legend will be on the map.

Loose control descriptions will be available at the start.

## Terrain:

A diverse hilly area split into several parts, connected by open fields or separated by railway/roads. These include steep scarp slopes with rocky features and old bracken, to slow run areas in plantation forest. Generally slow run throughout with some areas affected by brambles, although the worst of this has been avoided – honest!!!!

Course	Length (km)	Controls	Climb (m)
Black	10.6	32	295
Brown	8.9	28	245
Short Brown	7.5	24	200
Blue	6.5	24	200
Short Blue	5.1	21	165
Green	4.2	19	125
Short Green	3.1	13	115
Light Green	3.2	13	100
V Short Green	2.8	13	100
Orange	2.8	10	90
Yellow	2.2	10	70
White	1.3	10	60

Unfortunately we are not able to offer a String Course

## Start, Finish and Clothing Dump:

The start is approximately a 700m level walk from the Event Centre. A tent will be available, close by the Finish next to Enquiries, for use as a clothing dump. Please bring your own bag.

Starts run between 10:30 and 13:00. If you have pre-entered and do not need to collect a hire dibber, you can go straight to the start. Start slots are nominally – Very Early 10:30-11:00; Early 11:00-11:30; Middle 11:30 – 12:00; Late 12:00-12:30 and Very Late 12:30-13:00. Allocated start times will be available on [www.fabian4.co.uk](http://www.fabian4.co.uk) once online entries have closed. Late starters will be accommodated as a spare timeslot comes available. A punching start will be used.

## **Safety:**

**Courses close at 15:00 and you must finish by this time even if you have not completed your course. Don't forget to download on your return to the Event Centre.**

British Red Cross will be in attendance. Details of A&E at Haywards Heath will be available from Enquiries.

The Event Centre is a working sawmill site. Children must be supervised at all times and must not be allowed to climb on any log piles or machinery

Courses Black to Green cross the busy B2036 twice. This road is subject to a 60mph limit! The crossing point has good visibility and will be marshaled. An allowance of up to 2 minutes will be made for your safe negotiation of this hazard. **It is forbidden to run/walk along either the B road or the railway.**

It is recommended that whistles are carried. In the event of severe weather we may require that cagoules are worn and, if so, a notice will be posted at the event entrance from the Car Park.

Fences - The longer courses cross several fences. These are mostly 3 strand barbed wire fences and may be crossed wherever seems easiest. In some cases it's easier to fit between the top and middle strands and in other cases it's better to push the top strand down a bit and go over the top. In either case - please take care!!!

## **Facilities:**

**Portable Toilets** are located by the sawmill office.

**Orange Squash and Water** will be available near to Download.

## **Courtesy to others:**

We are not providing shoe washing facilities at the event but the Balcombe Estate have asked that you arrive with clean footwear to reduce any potential for Ash Dieback contamination.

Dogs are allowed on a lead at the sawmill but not in surrounding woods, fields or the competition area. Please ensure that you clean up after your dog.

If you cause any damage to fences, gates etc on your run please make sure that you report it to the Download team

## **Results:**

Will be available at the MV website as soon as possible after the event. [www.mvoc.org](http://www.mvoc.org)

## **Event Officials:**

Organiser: Mike Bolton (MV) – contact details – [mikebolton2007@gmail.com](mailto:mikebolton2007@gmail.com) or 07915 553282

Planner: Keith Masson (MV)

Controller: Mike Elliot (MV)

## **Last minute changes:**

Please visit the MV web site before travelling to check for last minute changes or new information about this event. [www.mvoc.org](http://www.mvoc.org)

**\*\*You are responsible for your own safety and you take part in this event at your own risk\*\***