Weather: Heavy rain early morning but drying out by the start of the race; then mid-50s and sunny. 40 runners in 13 teams started and finished.


Race Director: Richard Smith

Race Report: The feature of this race is that, although each runner is assigned an individual handicap by the race director, the runners within each team are allowed to trade handicap times with each other to try to improve their overall finish team (which is determined by the last member to finish on each team). I overheard Chris Gould tell one team at the start, don’t trade your times, it won’t do you any good. Team 11 spent a long time debating their starting handicaps before deciding to take exactly that advice. But in fact, the results do show the advantage of teams trading their handicaps. Team 1 did so and were rewarded by taking home the overall prize - incidentally the second year in a row for Brandy. Three of the next four teams stood pat with their assigned handicaps, but in fact any one of these four could have beaten the top team with some different choices of handicaps. Further down the order, Christopher and Jenny Boyce made a handsome trade with each other, but they forgot to include Greg Sousa in the deal. Incidentally, teams 13 and 5 should be recorded as a tie for fourth place - Aline Lloyd and Kevin Gauger were the final scoring runners on each team, but were officially judged to have crossed the line together.

The course was about 40 yards shorter than in previous years because of the rearrangement of the start/finish area. A slight glitch with the timing means that the recorded times are probably about 4 seconds faster than runners actually ran.