

## Organisers Comments

Organising a Major Event will always present challenges. Attaching it to a SINS weekend was an added complication. We wanted to maintain the family friendly feel of a SINS Event yet do justice to the Midland Area Championships. I think we achieved that but not without a lot of discussion, compromises and hard work behind the scenes.

The decision to have the Car Park and Arena in the same field was a good one, even though it was very rough and on a slope! The weather was mostly kind to us and everyone got in and out safely. I hope you enjoyed the Shropshire views and of course, the sheep.

Please may I give a HUGE thanks to the following:

- All the helpers from both HOC and WRE. As usual, they did their jobs efficiently and cheerfully. I would like to give a special mention to Mike Farrington who was heading up the SI team for the whole weekend. He worked tirelessly to ensure all the Rules were adhered to and that everything worked on the day. We had not run an event using SIAC before so to have a dummy run at an evening event three days before shows his dedication.
- Jeff Baker, Controller, who helped me interpret the Rules.
- Members of the Jury - David Rosen, Barry Elkington and Neville Baker. I am delighted they were not needed!
- Lord Boyne and the Burwarton Estate for the use of his land for the event, including parking field and Arena. All the people we have worked with have been extremely supportive. Our particular thanks go to Steve Jones (shepherd), Mark Jordan (game keeper) and Will Worthington (forester) and Sharon Redworth in the office.
- The Clee St. Margaret Parish Council, who owns the Common land in the west of the area.
- My husband, Eric. His role on the day was Safety Officer but in reality he was Co-Organiser. He handled all the communications with the Estate and with the help of Lester Evans, sorted out the fence and gate crossings.

Thank you for coming. You made it all worthwhile.

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