

**GOANNA STATS****Event date:** Sunday November 3, 2013

<u>GOanna 8km</u>	<u>DraGOn 6km</u>	<u>GeckO 4km</u>
Forks taken: 2a = 16 2b = 4  7a = 16 7b = 4  Controls skipped (max 2): 1 = 1 3 = 1 4 = 1 5 = 13 6 = 1 11 = 4 13 = 4 14 = 2 15 = 1 16 = 2 17 = 10  Box orders:  ADBC = 4 ACBD = 9 ADCB = 1 ADCB = 1 ABCD = 2 CBAD = 1 DCBA = 1 DACB = 1  EF = 16 FE = 4	Forks taken: 5a = 13 5b = 3  6a = 7 6b = 9  Control skipped: 1 = 1 8 = 1 9 = 7 10 = 1 12 = 6  Box orders: ACB = 14 BCA = 1 CAB = 1	Forks taken: 2a = 9 2b = 6  Control skipped: 1 = 1 3 = 1 7 = 7 8 = 1 9 = 2 10 = 3  Box orders: BCA = 10 CAB = 5

Setter's observations:

Again my sentimental control on the bare rock in the middle of the scrub (106) was unloved. This was easily gettable via the thin track down from the road end to the NE of the control, or via the thin track off the lower fire trail.

**Goanna**

I thought more Goannas would have gone for 7b as the main fire trail was much faster than the thin track down from 7a. The fenced-off area near 2b also meant no short cut as I had originally envisaged. The box had a good mix of choices – seems most jumped down from B to D. Did anyone take the tiny track high and east then access CBAD from the rough open area? I had hoped some

would. And interesting that none of the first three runners skipped #17. This was a sneaky last-minute decision to add length and wonder if anyone was looking that far ahead.

### Dragon

Only one person skipped #1. The back-to-back forks were curious. I thought more would have gone for 5b, then onto 6a. Funny that 6 people went 5a-6a when they could have ducked down to 6b from there. And apologies for the brutal climb at the end – at least the two easy controls up the hill allowed a tiny breather. I was hoping more would have gone straight to B in the box as distances were the same.

### Gecko

Again only one person skipped #1, and it was interesting to note that about half a dozen runners turned back after a few steps and went to #1 via the road. I had hoped this might be the case. There was a good split between the forks. Some of the skips were well thought out as I had hoped – my poor #7 again the 'lonely pot'. The first three placegetters all had different skips. I can see the logic in starting 2a-3 but I also think skipping #9 or even #10 (and thus finishing BCA) were smart moves.

Thanks again to everyone who participated. It is meant to be a fun event, something a bit different and without the usual competitive pressure of State League or Summer Series points.

Next year it looks like we will run the Goanna at the end of August and definitely at a new venue, quite possibly the Macquarie Uni bush map.

I would really appreciate your thoughts about the event and how it could be improved. Likewise if you have any revelatory or funny tales from the day, please divulge them!

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