

## Jersey Spartan Athletic Club – Graeme Le Maistre Cross Country Series Noirmont

Thirty-seven runners braved the muddy conditions for the Cross Country race at Noirmont on Sunday morning. The sunshine was a welcome relief to the torrential rain of recent days.

Dan Halksworth who leaves the Island shortly for winter triathlon training in New Zealand went off hard from the start, hell bent on revenge over Toby Edwards, who was the victor in the last Cross Country race 2 weeks previously at Pont Marquet. A war of attrition ensued at the front, with the slipping and sliding Halksworth holding off the more sure-footed Edwards to win by six seconds. “My trainers weren’t much use in the mud, I should have worn spikes or fell shoes” said the winner at the end of the race. Under 15 boy Elliott Dorey showed his massive potential yet again finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17 seconds ahead of fourth placed and first lady Jo Gorrod, just in front of 5<sup>th</sup> place Bryce Alford and 6<sup>th</sup> finisher and under 17 girl Flick Johnson-Deeley. Run of the day and Division B winner was 13<sup>th</sup> placed Kevin Lovatt who just got the better of Carol Knight after a titanic battle. Sue Le Ruez was a worthy winner of Division C just edging out Chris Matthews. Terri O’Donoghue was the Division D winner getting the better of newcomer Rob Benest and Supervet Vic Gonsalves. Age group winners were (men) Senior Dave Halksworth, Vet Jon Coote and Supervet Peter Le Couilliard and (women) senior Flick Johnson-Deeley, Vet Jo Gorrod and Supervet Carol Knight.

The next Jersey Spartan races are the Boxing Day 10km at the Clubhouse F.B. Fields at 10 a.m. check in at 9.45 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December, followed by the Bouley Bay Hill Climb at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December.