# Northern Sponsored X-Scotia Success

X-Scotia was a great success. The 30 competitors gathered at Killin, Perthshire on the weekend of 10/11 May 2008 will remember the event for its beautiful location, inspiring camaraderie, lots of blisters and some incredible performances.

The weather didn’t allow as much flying as we’d hoped so for most it was a series of glides and lots of walking – or in two cases running.

Incredibly, Steve Nash, the overall winner came home in 15hrs 42 minutes only 2 minutes ahead of second placed Paul Myerscough yet both had followed different routes and sequences around the turnpoints.

Some highlights include:

- 7 competitors completed the full course from 26 starters
- The heaviest pack weight was 25.5kg (Peter Will), the lightest 10.5kg (Steve Nash)
- Paul Myerscough had the longest single flight
- Mark Leyland carried on walking through the night to take 3rd, passing a sleeping Julian Robinson at one point
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- Julian Robinson and Mark Ogden arrived together after different routes for joint 4th
- Dave Thomson spent most time in the air (27.5km)
- Some competitors slept in the open, others slept in B&Bs
- Some competitors survived on nuts and energy bars, others had a four course hotel meal

The event would not have happened and would not have been so successful without the effort of the entire SHPF organisation team, the film crew, all of sponsors who provided prizes and the Watersports Centre at Lochearnhead which provided the perfect base for the comp.

The event was filmed – further details of TV transmission and a DVD to follow.

X-Scotia 2008 – Prize winners

1st Overall - Steve Nash

SHPF X-Scotia Trophy & Sup`Air X-Ride Light Speed Riding Harness sponsored by Northern Paragliding

1st Female - Jitka Polechova

Skywalk Overall Jacket sponsored + T Spec-Sunglasses by Northern Paragliding

2nd Overall and Longest Flight (25km) - Paul Myerscough

1 week at La Basse Beaumettes, sponsored by Ulric and Ruth Jessop

3rd Overall and highest % of walking – Mark Leyland

£300 voucher, sponsored by Niviuk UK

X-Scotia Final rankings

| Pos. | Name | Turnpoints | Goal | Elapsed time | Distance to goal | Total Distance | Total Flying | Pack Weight |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Steve Nash | 3, 1, 2 | Yes | 15hr 42min | 0 | 70 | 14.5 | 10.5 |
| 2 | Paul Myerscough | 1, 2, 3 | Yes | 15hr 44min | 0 | 85 | 24.8 | 15.0 |
| 3 | Mark Leyland | 1, 2, 3 | Yes | 22ht 53min | 0 | 94 | 18.3 | |
| 4= | Julian Robinson | 1, 2, 3 | Yes | 26hr 59min | 0 | 84 | 18.7 | 14.5 |
| 4= | Nick Ogden | 2, 1, 3 | Yes | 26hr 59min | 0 | 83 | 16.4 | |
| 6= | Scott Rigg | 1, 2, 3 | Yes | 31hr 58min | 0 | 83 | 21.4 | 17.0 |
| 6= | Jitka Polechova | 1, 2, 3 | Yes | 31hr 58min | 0 | 89 | 17.9 | 20.5 |
| 8 | Dave Thomson | 1, 2 | No | 33hr 30min | 8.9 | 71 | 27.5 | 17.0 |
| 9 | John Newton | 1, 2 | No | 33hr 30min | 9.9 | 70 | 12.5 | 22.5 |
| 10 | Peter Will | 3, 1, 2 | No | 33hr 30min | 10 | 77 | 10.4 | 25.5 |
| 11 | Andy McGregor | 3, 1, 2 | No | 33hr 30min | 10.5 | 79 | 10.5 | 19.5 |
| 12 | Bob Mathews | 1, 2 | No | 33hr 30min | 11.5 | 61 | 24.7 | |
| 13 | Paul Midgley | 1, 2 | No | 33hr 30min | 12.6 | 70 | 10.7 | |
| 14 | Adrian Smith | 1, 2 | No | 33hr 30min | 12.8 | 71 | 12.7 | 20.0 |
| 15 | Helen Gant | 3, 1 | No | 33hr 30min | 16.5 | 71 | 5.7 | 20.0 |
| 17= | David Hutchinson | 1 | No | 33hr 30min | 28.5 | 57 4. | 5 | 23.5 |
| 17= | Billy Casson | 3, 2 | No | 33hr 30min | 28.5 | 54 | 9.8 | |
| 18 | Peter Shiels | 3, 2 | No | 33hr 30min | 28.7 | 53 | 9.3 | |
| 19 | Cris Miles | 1 | No | 33hr 30min | 29.1 | 52 | 8.6 | |
| 20 | Johan Kritzinger | 3, 2 | No | 33hr 30min | 29.2 | 50 | 12.3 | 18.0 |
| 21 | Gordon Smyth | 3, 2 | No | 33hr 30min | 32.4 | 45 | 12.9 | 24.5 |
| 22 | Crawford Coulson | 1 | No | 33hr 30min | 47.5 | 34 | 9.7 | 22.5 |
| 23= | Paddy Angier | 1 | No | 33hr 30min | 48.2 | 27 | 6.5 | 24.0 |
| 23= | Iain Wallace | 1 | No | 33hr 30min | 48.2 | 32 | 5.8 | 24.0 |
| 25 | Matt Church | - | No | Retired | 53.6 | 29 | 13.8 | 25.0 |
| 26 | Mark Harrison | - | No | Retired | 54 | 21 | 6.9 | |

NB. Flights have been measured on OLC comp rules using GPS Dump. All tracks (walked and flown) were checked visually against the course map for valid completion of the course.

Positions have been awarded on time to goal or distance from goal.

The approximate total distance covered is based on the hand-drawn maps completed by competitors.