



# Christmas Twilight Rogaine 2010

## Controllers report – Elisha Nuttall



*The 16th of December was a night to remember  
173 rogainers searched by day and by night  
Each member travelling across many a spur  
After the fight the food greeted them with delight*



Once again numbers were great this year, thank you to all who came out to Rogaine on Wednesday night, even though the weather looked a bit dicey during some points of the day.

This year's event was used as a fundraiser with all proceeds are going to fund a Canterbury U23 team, (comprising of Tim Farrant and myself, Elisha Nuttall) to compete at the Australian Rogaine Championships in Tasmania in January 2011. Our team brings together extensive rogaining experience, with a previous victory at the New Zealand Rogaining Championships in 2009. We hope to win the Youth category and achieve well in the open men's category too.

This year's event included 51 checkpoints, alongside cryptic clues, especially themed to the festive time of year. As always some clues left competitors baffled, with inspiration coming later after finding the control or after 'post rogaine ponderings'. Teams struggled with control 51; the clue 'Santa's workshop' was referring to the northern of two poles. Control 53 was a bit of a problem as the control sheet had it as 52, I think most teams either worked this out or added 53 as well. Control 45 proved a problem with almost no team finding, some teams think it went missing while I think one team may have made up their own control! I also had the exciting job of being Santa on a bicycle during the rogaine delivering candy canes and getting interesting looks and reactions from the public and competitors alike.

Well done to all competitors, especially to the category winners. 'Cliveless Dave and Hayley - Brilliant!' consisting of Dave Sutton and Hayley Shearer took out the new corporate section with 970 points. The Young and Old category was won by 'Boys and girls go out to play' (Joy Talbot, Dave Evans and Aiden King) with 1040 points. Mixed section was won by Ian and Nora in team 'R+R sports' gaining 1210 points. Jenni Adams and Bronwyn Adams won the woman's section convincingly with 1300 points. The junior grade was won by 'High octane Novocaine' (David Wright and Conal Boland-Bristow) with 1210 points. The overall winners and men's opens winners were Tane and Carsten with a huge 1530 points.

Thank you to the New Zealand Rogaine Association. They do a great job co-ordinating both local and national rogaine events. Thank you also to the Canterbury University Tramping Club (CUTC) for letting us use their website again this year. Thank you to our sponsors Macpac and The Shoe clinic for spot and performance prizes and vouchers. Thanks you also to Tim's Grandma for the baking and Dad for the Cherries.

Don't forget the autumn rogaine series next year, this is a great series to get some regular rogaining in after work. I hope you all have a great holiday, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! And I hope to see you all again next year!