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SEARCH & RESCUE (SAR) POLICY

By Bob Putnam

Two recent developments prompt this (apologetically loooong) article as a reminder of the need for continued vigilance in terms of safety.

The first development consists of a move by USOF to adopt a national Search and Rescue (SAR) Policy. The bulk of that proposal, now being considered by the USOF Board, is presented below. It's long, but to all of our readers who have any interest in or connection to the SAR field: your input is requested; please review.

The second is the relatively large numbers of DNF's on our courses lately. We don't think we're designing courses any differently, but we do think people are going out on advanced courses before they are ready. This means we routinely have large numbers of people in the woods at every event who do not know where they are, cannot locate controls, and cannot return within the 3 hour time limit. By definition they are lost most of the time. This is not good. The fact that we've been able to retrieve them all so far, is only somewhat comforting. The solution is to both rein in the overly adventuresome and to prepare for the inevitable. These SAR policies help prepare us.

Also, in line with this issue, following is the current FLO SAR Plan for your review. This has been in place for several years and has been necessary to our obtaining certain use permits. Whenever USOF finalizes their Policy, FLO may need to update our SAR Plan to be consistent. So, take a few moments, curl up on a chaise lounge on the veranda, draw yourself a tall cool mint julep and give this a careful read.

Forward comments/suggestions/edits/questions to me at:
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Comments related to the USOF Policy will be forwarded to the proper USOF contact.

Note that the USOF Policy is geared toward Class "A" events with all individual competitors. Therefore Section BII recommends "everyone" carry Whistles and Section BIII calls for Safety Cards as a way for FINISH to know who has Started. Also Section BII calling for garbage bags assumes a colder climate than FLO has.

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SHOCKING SHOCKLEY, MARCH 9,

By Bob Putnam

What a beautiful day it was. On March 9, 173 dry-mouthed die-hards trekked out to Shockley Ranch in Ocala National Forest for the more-or-less semi-annual FLO event at that venue.

This time, Jonathan Linforth selected the power line/538 intersection to stage from and challenged all with a fine set of courses. And I mean challenged. There are no give-aways at Shockley, and Jon did not compromise.

How many times have I reminded you all over the years that if you make a mistake at Ocala Forest you're in real trouble. It happened again.

This was a "Shocker", because three of our perennially strongest advanced orienteers, Arild Orsleie, Ron Eaglin, and Joe Maliszewski, DNF'ed the Red course. All three of these guys, plus another 6 groups/individuals failed to finish Red or Green. That's a WOW. I also think it was a statistical fluke; they all just happened to have their O-tragedy on the same day.

The rest of us had a riot of fun. Lots of new folks to talk to. Lots of tired inquisitive folks eager to talk after finishing, to learn new things and new techniques by reviewing courses. Thanks to Walenty Prytulo for getting that discussion going.

The weather was terrific, if a little warm for early March. A high of about 78, after starting out at about 70 for the first starter at 9:30.

The air was filled with all the sounds of Spring: migrating warblers, 4-wheelers, 3-wheelers, pileated woodpeckers, dirt bikes, off-roaders, plus a caravan of three Ranger jeeps.

SHK: RESULTS	
SHK - WHITE	
NAME	TIME
Gallier	25:45
Reyes, A	28:00
Pradella	32:00
Marsh, J	43:00
Williams, Pam	44:45
Videbach, R	62:38
SHK - YELLOW	
NAME	TIME
Marsh, J&K	61:06
Higgs, B (B)	69:05
Pradella	69:29
Higgs, B (A)	74:42
Berlett/Rosiere	87:00
Dowers, Lori	87:00
Phinney, J&J	158:37
Kelly, Chris	NST
SHK - ORANGE	
NAME	TIME
Prytulo, W	49:40
Walaszek, Sheila	57:00
Steinke, Russ	58:50
Morrell, Robert	67:02
Dempsey, M&M	67:09
Kelly, Chris	75:17
Deland ROTC 5	77:55
Deland ROTC 2	78:50
Deland ROTC 3	87:50
Deland ROTC 4	88:08
Frobish, Tracy	94:00
Venture Crew 595-1	94:53
BS Little Econ III	108:50
BS Little Econ 39	118:07
Charles, Christopher	123:37
Venture Crew 595-3	128:22
Smith, Charles	132:58
Matthews	140:32
Deland ROTC 1	142:46
Korena, T	144:35
Deland ROTC 10	145:57
BS Little Econ 78A	150:42
Deland ROTC 9	158:50
Bonti, Marcelo	172:15
Venture Crew 595-2	175:38
BS Little Econ 78B	188:30
Deland ROTC 7	DNF
Deland ROTC 6	DNF
Deland ROTC 8	DNF

No machine guns at least, since the Army Reserve had their maneuvers the previous week. This Army Reserve connection harkens back to the formative days of FLO, when Dave Veech used this area of ONF for Stetson ROTC orienteering training and we referred to the black & white map as the Army Training Area.

Someday we'll have a map of all of that original area, and we'll do a repeat of a particularly memorable monster score-o course that Dave set the first day I O'ed in Florida. It grows in difficulty with each passing year, so that now I remember it as what would qualify as a Rogaine these days.

To learn what a Rogaine is, go to USOF web pages and link to it. Jon was able to begin starters before 9:30 because he had set out all controls the day(s) before. Folks reading these reports in other clubs around the country may raise their eyebrows in realizing that we FLO'ers usually set all controls the morning of the event.

It isn't often that one of us has the chance to get out before that. Our turnout was pretty good in light of having the DeLand High School JROTC represent the only high school unit attending. And a great relief that their bus was able to park and pull out without miring in the sand.

By the way, if you see a ranger, thank them again for laying down a few tons of clay for us to drive and park safely. It was also good to see the rapid progress being posted by the Ken Miller group, who are serious world-class Eco-racers polishing up on their navigation skills, and just incidentally becoming fabulous orienteers in the process.

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Thank you to those tireless volunteers, most of whom I would probably miss if I tried to list them here.

However, I do want to notice Russ Steinke, and thank him for attending because he was the only one (as far as I know) who accidentally showed up on March 2, working from an old schedule – but a schedule that had appeared in the previous newsletter. Then when he showed up again, on the 9th, he pitched in to help on the START/FINISH table, pretty much like always. Most heartening.

Early in the week, the weather report showed rain for the event, but by Friday there was no moisture in sight. A little disappointing in this dry season, but good for attendance.

Besides, the Shockley Ranch map has no blue features on it, no ponds, no streams, no seasonal marshes. Lots of rain would only have confused things – more.

Congratulations to all on a terrific event. ▀

SHK - GREEN	
NAME	TIME
Walaszek, Sheila	102:26
Harris/Daviero	DNF
Stevens, Rich	DNF
SHK - RED	
NAME	TIME
Putnam, Bob	53:25
Bruneau, Ray	81:38
Ousley, Dave	84:35
Miller, K	85:24
Jenkins, D	85:24
Johnson, C	92:17
Cutler, D	94:34
Gallier	98:20
Ousley, Beverly	101:06
Lyon, M	109:26
Kinnie Yannick	157:38
Godber, Dennis	192:55
Eaglin, Ron	DNF
Barolet, William	DNF
Maliszewski, Joe	DNF
Moyer, Scott	DNF
Orsleie, Arlid	DNF
Murphy, Will	DNF
Clapp, B&R	DNF

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FLO CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
June	No Event is scheduled for June.
July 13, 2002	FLO ANNUAL MEETING: Snow Hill Road, LBE, Courses: (10am-1pm) WYO + Advanced Training Exercises FLO Treasurer Sue Baker is resigning effective July. Bev Ousley, current FLO President, has expressed a willingness to take over as Treasurer, unfortunately in concord with resigning as President. NOTE: Meeting starts at 2:00, held in Air-Conditioned comfort of Snow Hill Road Forest HQ So pack a picnic lunch; come conquer LBE! Enjoy the day, and add your voice to the FLO. President Nominees: (Your Name Here) ; Treasurer Nominees: Bev Ousley
Aug. 3, 2002	Wickham Park, Melbourne – Courses: WYOGR – EC/CS: Rick Orcutt (321) 727-8928; directions on back page
Sept. 2, 2002	Woodpecker Hill, Ocala National Forest – Courses: WYOGR – EC/CS: TBD ; directions on back page
Oct. 5, 2002	Moss Park/Split Oak Forest, Orlando (Moss park entrance) – courses: WYOGR – EC/CS: TBD
Nov. 2, 2002	Little Big Econ State Forest, Oviedo – courses: WYOGR – EC/CS: Ron Eaglin
Dec. 7, 2002	Wekiwa Springs State Park, Apopka – courses: WYOGR – EC/CS: TBD Annual Florida Individual and High School JROTC Championships
Jan. 11, 2003	DeLeon Springs State Recreation Area, DeLeon Springs – courses: WY ScoreO – EC/CS: TBD
Feb. 1, 2003	Kelly park, Apopka – courses: WYOGR – EC/CS: TBD
Mar. 1, 2003	Woodpecker Hill West, Ocala National Forest – courses: WYOGR – EC/CS: TBD – NEW MAP!

PERFECT DAY AT LITTLE BIG ECON, APRIL 6,

by Bob Putnam

On April 6, FLO returned to the Barr Street entrance to LBE and Ron Eaglin managed to devise some fresh approaches to wearing ourselves out at this old familiar site.

Conditions were perfect. I stood around the registration table with a nice westerly breeze blowing, temperature 75F, high scattered clouds, in the shade of a live oak. I thought about the Class A event going on that day at West Point in New York state, where it was snowing, later mixing to rain, and I thought "I'm really glad I'm in Florida!"

The crowd was pretty good, 225 or so. We ran out of Orange course control descriptions, and also ran out of the good 1:15000 scale maps. Thus dipping into the on-hand supply of old 1:10,000 scale maps. These are good problems, though some folks escaped before we could inform them of the need to copy new trails onto the old map.

In my advance notice of this event, I'd warned about the possibility of getting wet on the red & green courses. It appeared as though lots of folks did indeed cross the river several times to shorten their route. However, winner Arild Orsleie took the dry-foot route all the way, so I don't know what that proves. I know that as I was setting those controls, I looked at the depth of the water from the tops of all those high banks and just ran around the long way every time.

Speaking of control setting, I received some pointed comments from just about everyone about the placement of Red #5, at the west tip of the marshy area. I felt pretty good about it, but I'll check it out again next time I'm out that way.

I also regret having hung the control on a hauled-over dead tree that left the top of the flag about even with the surrounding grass. Too hidden.

That #5 may have been the reason only three out of 18 (16%) finished the green course, but not likely. The real reason was simply that we organizers permitted too many newbies out on Green.

High School JROTC and Scouts accounted for 14 of the 15 green DNF's. No matter how much fun they had, failing to finish a green course has to be less satisfying than successfully finishing an Orange.

Somehow we have to convince them they will only hone skills on a manageable course. **If you cannot find a control you cannot exercise or improve your navigational skills.**

Every competitor on every course should find every control within the three-hour time limit.

Place these DNF results in the context of safety – which is FLO's over-riding concern, and it becomes a necessity that we exercise greater control in this matter. We want everyone to have fun, and most of them do whether they finish or not. But not only is finishing more fun, we also want to teach map literacy, while reducing the risks of people becoming lost. Help us out on this, please.

If you were there, you noticed the new pine plantations, which apparently will become a permanent fixture at LBE.

Someday the whole Forest will really be a forest again. No one complained about the unsightly

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LBE: RESULTS	
LBE - YELLOW	
NAME	TIME
Borah	43:40
Jeffrey Plankk (2)	49:58
Arianna Davis (5)	50:14
Seamans	54:10
Griffin	55:48
Semones	56:10
Richard Fawcett	60:31
Mark Ritchhart (4)	62:10
Unkel	68:21
Jennifer Jewett (5)	74:41
Pattison (2)	76:57
Susie Davis (4)	78:01
Winter Park #2 (5)	82:44
David Harrison (4)	89:21
Hodson (5)	93:00
Pintar	95:20
Kathy Chester (6)	FM
Winter Park #3 (6)	DNF
Yap	NT
LBE - ORANGE	
NAME	TIME
Prytulo	45:50
Yilmaz	56:10
Reggie Kornegay	58:04
William Gallier	59:14
Richard Gallier	61:14
Hoover	64:31
Dempsey (2)	72:40
Hunter	91:15
Graniello	93:08
Ryba	97:40
Troop 687 (2)	97:44
Auburdale #4	100:30
Matt Sharkey	100:32
Bryan Davis	105:13
Santos	108:01
Winter Park #5 (4)	110:01
Bill Wiegert (4)	115:35
Gatlin	120:33
Jane Gallier	120:36
Hawkins	123:30
West Orange #1 (5)	124:18
Joe & Josh Marsh (2)	127:04
West Orange #3 (5)	135:34
Winter Park #4 (4)	136:40
Justin & Kyle Marsh	138:35
Hall	140:48

PERFECT DAY AT LITTLE BIG ECON, continued from page 4

pine beetle cutting and clearing. I guess we're all relieved it's not more extensive than it is.

Thank-you, to Janet Putnam and Bev Ousley, for their usual shift on registration. Ron Eaglin, of course, designed the courses – and manned START/FINISH from start to finish, it seemed. I saw Dave Ousley doing FINISH and Ron told me of some other volunteers whose names I've forgotten. ▀

Thank-you to all.

RESULTS NOTE: The longest DQ time was 261 minutes. Please, save us the worry; respect the 3-hour time limit.

Also, two teams did not check in at all. We were able to determine that they left without checking in. But worrying about whether a Search and Rescue is required taints an otherwise positive day.

EDITOR'S NOTE: SEE BELOW

LBE – ORANGE, cont.	
NAME	TIME
Auburndale #3 (3)	142:50
West Orange #2 (4)	143:21
Little	145:30
Thomas (6)	145:50
1344 #2	150:50
Scott Myers (2)	153:31
Auburdale #1 (3)	163:34
Auburdale #2 (3)	175:38
Theobald (2)	FM
Caruso	DNF
1344 #3	DNF
Robert Henderson (3)	DNF
Desiree Johnson (6)	DNF
Winter Park #1 (4)	DNF
Gulf High School	DNF
Gulf High School #2	DNF
Richard Videbeck	DNF
1344 #1	MIA
Bo Peep & P.D. (2)	YBF
LBE - GREEN	
NAME	TIME
Bev Ousley	101:00
Miller	136:40
Boca Ciega 7 (3)	154:59
Boca Ciega Millilo 4 (2)	DQ
Boca Ciega 3 (2)	DQ

LBE – GREEN, cont.	
NAME	TIME
Boca Ciega Brooks 6 (2)	DQ
Gibbs JROTC (3)	DQ
Matthews (2)	DNF
Boca Ciega #1 (2)	DNF
Boca Ciega #2 (2)	DNF
Gibbs JROTC (3)	DNF
Gibbs JROTC (3)	DNF
Gibbs ROTC (4)	DNF
Troop 401 #1 (3)	DNF
Troop 401 #2 (2)	DNF
524 #3	DNF
524 #1	DNF
Boca Ciega Flanny 5 (2)	MIA
LBE - RED	
Arild Orsleie	71:08
Dave Cutler	86:30
Nigel Gallier	116:57
Tallent	125:00
Alan Mendelsohn	131:26
Fendner	153:55
Boca Ciega McGlamry 8	175:13
Walaszek	177:88
524 #4	DQ
Bush	DQ
Bill Barolet	DNF
Meyer	DNF



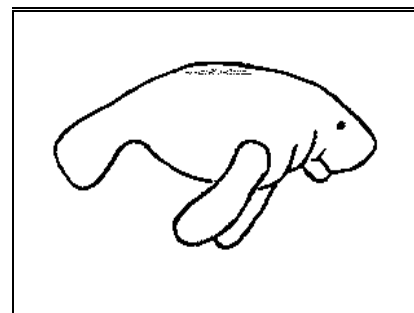
Photo by Mike Dempsey, Little Big Econ, April 13, 2002

KELLY PARK (K.P.) – FEBRUARY 1 - RESULTS

K.P. - WHITE	
NAME	TIME
Ron Eaglin (1)	13:45
Robert, Justin, Cody (3)	20:25
Brett Caruso (2)	24:34
Richard Burcker (2)	29:58
Centennial NJROTC (2)	35:37
GSA Troop 899 #1 (5)	38:29
GSA Troop 691 #2 (4)	39:00
W Orange AFROTC (3)	40:51
GSA Troop 691 #4 (5)	42:09
GSA Troop 691 #3 (4)	42:34
GSA Troop 691 #1 (4)	47:00
GSA Troop 1004 (4)	50:34
GSA Troop 1004 (6)	51:58
Linda Eaglin (1)	52:25
Donna Rayfield (3)	57:10
Richard & Karin Fawcett	58:02
Denise Young(4)	58:25
Tampa Singles (3)	62:05
Larry McGinnis (6)	63:53
GSA Troop 1365 (5)	69:00
GSA Troop 1365 (4)	69:00
GSA Troop 1962 (7)	78:00
GSA Troop 899 #2 (4)	DNF
James Feudner (3)	DNF
Centennial NJROTC (2)	DNF
Centennial NJROTC (2)	DNF
Bill Wicker (3)	DNF
GSA Troop 964 #3 (6)	DNF
K.P. - YELLOW	
NAME	TIME
Jeremy, Brandon (2)	23:05
Fred, Jerod (2)	25:05
GSA Troop 869 #1 (4)	31:10
Melaniel Tyndall (1)	32:40
GSA Troop 869 #7 (5)	33:00
Charles Christopher (2)	33:05
Delores Tanner (1)	33:36
C. Tiacher (1)*	35:25
Centennial NJROTC #2 (3)	40:00
Brett Carvso (2)	44:06
GSA Troop 606 #1 (5)	46:58
Jim Breeden (2)	48:00
Cub Scout Pack 964 #2 (4)	49:35
Tampa Singles #-2 (2)	50:00
GSA Troop 182 (4)	52:00
GSA Troop 1741 #2	53:10
GSA Troop #1	55:10
Troop 1744 #1 (6)	56:18

K.P. – YELLOW, cont	
NAME	TIME
GSA Troop 606 #2 (6)	57:05
Cub Scout Pack 964 #1 (4)	59:35
Linda Kitchen (2)	62:25
Cub Scout Pack 964 (3)	64:00
GSA Troop 295 #2 (3)	64:07
GSA Troop 1744 #2 (7)	64:50
GSA Troop 295 #1 (3)	66:07
Kerena Thomas (4)	69:05
GSA Troop 939 #1 (6)	69:10
Bob Bouchard (3)	69:20
Cub Scout Pack 183 #4 (7)	65:45
Cub Scout Pack 183 #5 (6)	65:45
David Owen (1)	70:40
GSA Troop 1015 #1 (4)	77:10
GSA Troop 1015 #2 (4)	77:10
Manore/Hutchinson (5)	80:20
Judith Yap (4)	DNF
Angela Nordstrom (4)	DNF
Cub Scout Pack 969 #3 (5)	DNF
Cub Scout Pack 183 (4)	DNF
Andy Butcher (5)	DNF
GSA Troop 182 (5)	DNF
Denise Carr	DNF
K.P. - ORANGE	
NAME	TIME
Mike & Marilu Dempsey	72:14
Tami Jicna	82:14
W Orange AFJROTC#2 (5)	86:11
David Maltby (2)	95:20
Centennial NJROTC (2)	99:30
David Mahnken	102:10
Kevin Harrelson (2)	104:37
William Back (4)	106:15
Miller	112:20
Christian	119:00
Cub Scout Pack 183 #1 (8)	121:51
Jim Breeden (2)	126:45
Cub Scout Pack 183 #2 (5)	155:10
Caryn West (4)	158:00
Arsenio Mestre (2)	161:50
Cub Scout Pack 183 #3 (6)	163:50
Luis Quintero (2)	180:25
Troop 699 #1 (4)	206:40
Troop 699 #2 (5)	211:20
Will Flatt	DNF
Tampa Singles # 1 (2)	DNF
Pam Williams	DNF
Yannick Kinnie	DNF

K.P. - GREEN	
NAME	TIME
Erik Nielsen (1)	57:47
Steve Fluegel (1)	92:35
Jeffrey Taylor (3)	111:50
Troop 699 #3 (5)	119:25
W Orange AFROTC #1 (6)	141:00
Elsie Turner(2)	169:00
K.P. - RED	
NAME	TIME
Ron Eaglin (2)	48:15
Arild Orsleig (1)	51:18
Norton (1)	61:21
Dave Cutler (1)	62:20
Hyde (1)	63:32
Chris Johnson (4)	64:27
Mickey Lyon (2)	95:15
Kyle Tallent (1)	97:03
Jason Burdick (2)	97:37
Joe Maliszewski (1)	101:25
Kelvin,Ruth,Stacey Little (3)	113:07
David Haag (1)	115:24
Boca Ciega JROTC #2 (3)	116:40
Mitch Jarvis (1)	123:57
Boca Ciega JROTC #4 (3)	132:05
Brian Clapp (1)	134:49
James Pridemoie (3)	135:10
William Barolet (1)	143:57
Boca Ciega JROTC #1 (3)	158:55
Boca Ciega JROTC #3 (3)	183:40
Boca Ceiga JROTC #7 (3)	268:00
Boca Ceiga JROTC #6 (3)	DNF
Boca Ceiga JROTC #8 (3)	DNF
R Simonds, S Aksers (2)	DNF
David Bault (1)	DNF
Boca Ceiga JROTC #9 (1)	DNF
Boca Ceiga JROTC #5 (4)	DNF



HIGH FLYING FLOers AT RAVEN ROCK

By Bob Putnam

Hot News! The results are in from the Two-Day USOF Class "A" Event held the 23rd and 24th of March at Raven Rock State Park in Lillington, NC. Some Florida folks attended and some did quite well.

Among the "civilians", **Dave Cutler came back with the Gold in the Men's 65+ category**, and Gary Brown (Titusville's JROTC Advisor) took 4th place in the Men's Open category on the Brown course. **Congratulations Guys!**

Since this event was the 2002 US Interscholastics Championships, the most important element was the High School Competition. FLO's veteran Titusville HS JROTC teams were entered against the top teams in the country and here's how things turned out.

- Jataya Taylor - **Women's Junior Varsity GOLD!!!!** in a field of 12. **Congratulations Jataya!!!**
- Kelsie Cummings - Women's Middle School 9th in a field of 20.
- Dan McCarthy - Men's Middle School 28th in a field of 38.
- Brian Benoit - Men's Middle School 30th in a field of 38.
- Brandon Sloan - Men's Junior Varsity 28th in a field of 48.
- Joseph McClure - Men's Junior Varsity 30th in a field of 48.
- Kyle Hansloven - Men's Varsity Day 1 - 30th in a field of 66 but DQ'd on Day 2.
- Andrew Sweeney - Men's Junior Varsity Day 2 - 30th in a field of 48 but DNF on Day 1.

The other three Men's Varsity entries from Titusville, Ryan Stoner, Chris Clark, Dan Meehan) were among the 30% of all entries who were victims of the VERY challenging Varsity courses and did not successfully complete either day.

In the Team Competitions:

- Titusville Junior Varsity Team finished 6th in a field of 15, which I believe is the BEST SHOWING EVER for a Florida School Team in National Competition. Congratulations!!
- Titusville Middle School Team Finished 10th in a field of 14.
- Titusville Varsity was among the three teams in a field of 18 teams who were DQ'ed because they did not have at least three finishers on each of the two days of competition.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

REWARD

**LOTS OF FUN!
NEW FRIENDS!!
INCREASED O'SKILLS !!!**

Contact the Event Coordinator for any event where you are able & willing to help out.

OR

Contact any FLO Officer, (see page 3).

Volunteer for one hour, two hours, an entire event, or get involved with FLO – we need you.

NEEDED:

- ☑ Registration, especially 10AM to 12PM
- ☑ START/FINISH
- ☑ Control Retrieval
- ☑ String-O Coordinator

Only four teams of the 18 Varsity entries were without at least one DQ or DNF from the two days of competition. Each team was permitted to enter as many as five people, and the fastest 3 on each day would have their times count. So Titusville, with only a four-man team, was already under a bit of pressure.

The varsity courses were 4.4 to 4.7 km long with 3% to 3 1/2 % climb each day. Both climb and difficulty contributed to the 30% DNF rate on the Varsity courses. For those of you familiar with USOF course setting guidelines, 30% is a huge number, and might suggest that some closer control in the design might have been in order. We in Florida don't know much about % climb, but if you've ever done a 4.7 km course with 3.5% climb you know its a LOT of grueling uphill climbing. Our kids can't train for it and are at another disadvantage when they go up north. But they did well in spite of it all.

This was a landmark event for Titusville. Be sure to congratulate all of them when you see them at upcoming FLO events. The Junior Varsity Team especially. Titusville also attended the 2001 Interscholastics in Maryland, but I've temporarily misplaced those results and cannot verify as fact that this year's JV was indeed the best showing. The Middle School team being able to say they are in the "top 10 in the country" ain't too shabby either, by the way. ☑

GOOD SHOW TITUSVILLE!

SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) POLICY, continued from cover

The implicit message of this long article, even if you do not have the interest or patience to read it through, is to ensure that this matter of SAFETY is 'writ large' on the minds of all our members. That's half the battle. Thanks for your patience.

PROPOSAL TO USOF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Note: this has only been proposed – the Board may ignore it, adopt it, or change it. THE FLORIDA ORIENTEER will keep you posted.

Background

Initially, the guidelines in the policy will be "strongly recommended" as opposed to "required" to take into consideration that many clubs already have some procedures in place and the provisions of this proposal need to blend in with them, rather than overrule them. Over time, a "standard" will emerge.

A) USOF SAFETY DIRECTOR /COMMITTEE

- 1) Identify the Hazards at Orienteering events
 - a) Environmental - extreme/severe weather, etc.,
 - b) Medical - people get hurt/sick,
 - c) SAR - overdue runner, lost runner or bystander,
 - d) Law Enforcement - traffic snarls, "fender benders," car break-in, bystander intrusion.
- 2) Charged with developing USOF safety policies/guidelines/model EOP for clubs
- 3) Consults with stakeholders (major land managers, club representatives, SAR operators, etc.) to improve safety processes
- 4) Coordinates with USOF Insurance director in regard to need for documentation and risk management issues
- 5) Makes recommendations to USOF BOD in regard to rules changes necessary to implement safety policies
- 6) Coordinate the production of a Safety Video to be available to clubs to show at events, particularly those where large number of beginners or young people are present.

B) EMERGENCY PLANS FOR MEET DIRECTORS

The following guidelines are strongly recommended.

I. Hosting Club Responsibilities

- 1) Ensuring that participants have been reasonably informed of the hazards common to Orienteering, and responsibilities of participants, club & land manager/owner
- 2) Guiding participants to take reasonable steps to protect themselves from hazards
- 3) Serving as a facilitator for participants to access emergency resources (not as a primary provider of emergency resources) in circumstances in which the needy participant may not be capable of calling upon them him or herself.
- 4) Taking reasonable steps within the scope of meet officials' training and abilities to assist emergency responders with information and, if available, other resources to resolve an incident.

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FLOing WILD POISON IVY

by Marilu Dempsey



LEAVES
OF
THREE

LEAVE IT
BE

SPRING

bright, new growth of red leaves, May through July: yellowish-white or possibly green flowers in loose, slender clusters.

SUMMER

leaves turn green., some leaves are notched, new growth is shiny and reddish, older leaves are duller.



FALL

leaves turn shades of yellow, orange, and red.



WINTER

white or gray berries, and heavy, dark vines with black spots.

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- 5) Protecting the fiduciary interests of the club, the USOF, and the land manager/owner, through reasonable safety practices.
- 6) Secure necessary information for accessing resources:
 - (a) Land manager/owner - phone number, physical location, radio channels, etc.; under what circumstances/emergencies does he/she want to be notified,
 - (b) National Weather Service - copy of local forecast; weather band radio on site,
 - (c) Emergency medical services - names/locations of pre-designated meet volunteers who are F/A trained (assigned exclusively to EMS or in add't to other duties); location/contents/currency of first aid kit; phone numbers of local EMS/911; response time to location; "golden hour" estimation; are they aware of "O" meet (in large events); sources of first-aiders; location/directions to local hospital/clinic, etc.
 - (d) SAR - name/location pre-designated meet volunteers who are SAR trained/oriented (assigned exclusively to SAR or in add't to other duties) to be "first responder"/reporter; local teams (as appropriate) contact information; written roster of all meet staff (to identify resources in event hasty search/containment is necessary),
 - (e) Law Enforcement - names/locations agencies responsible for handling incidents that might reasonably occur; potential response time; are they aware of "O" meet (in large event).
- 7) Develop functional and hazard specific annexes:
 - (a) Functional - who will do what when: (i) Meet staff-director, etc. - general management, identity of person responsible for recording/reporting emergency incidents, (ii) Land manager/owner - under which circumstances will he/she assume control & under which will meet staff be left to their own devices, (iii) Emergency medical - first aider, additional on-site resources, local EMS agencies, (iv) SAR - responsibilities of meet SAR person, coordination with local authority (v) Law enforcement - which agency handles common issues such as traffic jams, accidents, thefts, problem individuals, etc.;
 - (b) Hazard-specific - if a given happens, what will be done by whom;
 - (c) Keep it general; an overly specific plan becomes inflexible to an evolving emergency;
 - (d) Annexes don't have to be complicated - simple paragraph or "fill in blank" on form to address key issues can be enough.
- 8) Communicate to JROTC units in the form of military "Letter of Instruction" (LOI) and to other youth group leaders in similar appropriate manner:
 - (a) Requirement for clothing appropriate to weather forecast for meet location for event date,
 - (b) Requirement for each participant to carry a whistle on the course,
 - (c) Chaperone requirements, (i) One available in meet HQ or finish at all times to deal with emergencies involving their participants, (ii) Ensure that each participant has appropriate clothing for prevailing conditions and that such clothing is immediately available to their charges upon finish, (iii) If extreme weather is reasonably foreseeable for the date of the meet, must bring their own supplies for mitigating conditions (shade & water for heat; heater, hot drinks, warming area & heaters for extreme cold/rain), (iv) Will present to meet management a manifest of each of their participants, their descriptions (race, sex, age, height, weight, color/nature of clothing) each morning that they participate, (v) If incident occurs in regard to one of their charges, and the team/charge leave, the chaperone will make a written report back to the club as to the actions taken after leaving the meet and the charge's outcome;
 - (d) Enforcement - USOF should give clubs the "teeth" to enforce compliance with LOIs. No compliance = no future participation

II. Items to be Carried by Participants

- 1) A whistle: After water & suitable clothing, the most critical necessity of life to a lost person is the ability to signal help. Whistle - lightest, cheapest, least complex means of signaling help. Sound of the whistle is thought to propagate much farther than the human voice, but mostly a whistle does not go hoarse. Implement a requirement that each runner carries a whistle
- 2) A garbage bag: Inclement weather is particularly likely during the spring "O" season on the East Coast. Competitors are generally averse to carrying any more weight than absolutely necessary. SAR community recognizes that a large plastic garbage bag can be an excellent item from which to improvise either a poncho for a walking "runner" or an emergency shelter for an immobilized one. Can be stuffed into a pocket.

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III. Safety Cards

- 1) Improvements to registration information. Safety card requests information on the competitor for: Make/model/year/color/tag of vehicle; Name(s) of accompanying competitors; Competitor physical description-race, sex, age, height, weight, clothing. If a runner is genuinely overdue or lost, a description is helpful in sorting the runner in question from the flurry of others in the woods; Description of vehicle. Most overdue runner situations could be resolved by simply knowing in which vehicle the runner arrived. By verifying that the vehicle is gone from the meet parking area, a reasonable presumption can be made that the runner is no longer in the area
- 2) Can be distributed at check-in and collected at the Start line

IV. SAR Training

1. While relatively few participants annually become lost for more than an hour, an orientation to SAR methods for meet directors could help
2. Improve initial response
3. Guide them in collection of initial information necessary to start the search/pass. ■

FLORIDA ORIENTEERING SEARCH AND RESCUE PLAN

Event Coordinator's (EC) Responsibilities

1. Maintain a list of phone numbers of search resources (Park Ranger, Sheriff's Office, etc.)
2. Verify a search is necessary.
3. Supervise (or designate another to supervise) the conduct of the initial THREE stages of the search.
4. Establish a search base at the Start (or Finish, or Registration area) and remain there until relieved by authorized search personnel.
5. Conduct initial interviews with all available competitors (and others in the area) to establish Point Last Seen and Last Known Position.
6. Recruit experienced orienteers for Hasty Search. Establish ground rules for signaling:
 - a) Three long whistle blasts at one to two minute intervals to signal for help;
 - b) 5 to 10 short blasts of car horn at 1 to 2 minute intervals to signal searchers to return to base.

Determine the Need for a Search

1. Check control card stubs and start list to monitor any 'overdue' competitors.
2. Compare registration of vehicles/license numbers to verify that subjects have not simply left without checking in at finish.
3. Identify, to the extent possible, who is lost, with descriptions, and interview attendees for acquaintances who may know the subjects habits/abilities/whereabouts.

Stage I - Prepare for Search

1. Notify authorities that a search may be necessary and inform them of steps being taken.
2. Identify, as much as possible, the subject(s) age, physical condition, shoe size and type, clothing and equipment carried. Brief searchers with this information and record for future use.
3. Protect scent articles. DO NOT TOUCH or relocate possible scent articles, wait for search dog handler to collect them in the event dogs are used.
4. Estimate distance traveled and prepare a perimeter map identifying bordering roadways and rights of way.
5. Initiate confinement. Place observers on roadways and trails the subject is likely to cross. Instruct them to take care not to destroy possible sign such as footprints.

Stage II - Hasty Search

1. Assign teams of two to walk or jog the lost person(s) course in opposite directions.
2. Instruct teams to pause frequently looking ahead, back and side to side while using voice or single whistle blasts.
3. Establish a time for searchers to return to the search base.

Stage III - Notification and Transfer of Search to Responsible Agency

1. Notify Authorities that a search is required.
2. Transfer information regarding the subject to the individual responsible for coordinating the search.
3. Support the search as required by the responsible authorities.



FLORIDA ORIENTEERING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FLO
 MAIL TO: FLO, c/o Mike Dempsey
 107 Red Cedar Drive
 Sanford, FL 32773

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY

NEW MEMBER RENEWAL DATE _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES PER YEAR: INDIVIDUAL \$8 COUPLE \$13
 FAMILY \$17 GROUP \$20
 LIFETIME: INDIVIDUAL \$150 COUPLE \$200 FAMILY \$300

NAME _____ YEAR OF BIRTH _____
 STREET _____ APARTMENT # _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ COUNTY _____
 PHONE (____) _____ USOF MEMBER? YES NO USOF MEMBER # _____
 OCCUPATION _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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As a member, you may enter FLO events at a reduced rate, and are entitled to membership in the USOF at a reduced rate. (See USOF Membership Application for specific details.) You will receive our newsletter - THE FLORIDA ORIENTEER. We will encourage and request your participation in event organization, map making, course setting, etc., as these activities are vital parts of orienteering that are as much fun and challenging as competition.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

IF FAMILY (or COUPLE) MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE LIST OTHER MEMBERS BELOW:

NAME	SEX	YEAR BORN	NAME	SEX	YEAR BORN
1. _____	_____	_____	4. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	5. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	6. _____	_____	_____

WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT FLORIDA ORIENTEERING? _____

IF A FLO MEMBER INVITED YOU, PLEASE PROVIDE THEIR NAME _____

PLEASE INDICATE AREAS IN WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST AT FLO EVENTS:

Registration Start Finish Control Retrieval Event Location(s) _____

You may choose to make a contribution in addition to your FLO membership dues in order to promote special projects, operating costs, or our mapping efforts in Florida. Your valued support is greatly appreciated!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 13,
Saturday

Big-Econ State Forest - Snow Hill Road - FLO ANNUAL MEETING

Courses: WYO + Advanced Training Exercises (start at 10am to 1pm, meeting at 2pm)
Event Coordinator: Bob Putnam (407) 366-9603

es NE of Oviedo on Geneva Road, S.R.426, turn right on Old Mims Road, then right on Snow Hill Road, go South 2 miles to HQ on right – or - take Route 46 West from Sanford, turn right on S.R.426 in Geneva, after ¾ mile fork left onto Snow Hill Road. ENTRY FEE \$2.00/CAR

AUG. 3,
Saturday

Wickham Park, Melbourne

Courses: WYOGR Event Coordinator: Rick Orcutt (321) 727-8928

7 miles North of Melbourne on U.S.1, turn left on Parkway Blvd. go 1.5 miles to park entrance – or – from I-95 Exit 73, take Wickham Road 7.3 miles South, go left on Parkway Blvd. ½ mile to park entrance. NO ENTRY FEE

SEPT. 2,
Labor Day

Ocala National Forest – Paisley - Woodpecker Hill **NEW MAP!**

Courses: WYOGR Event Coordinator: To Be Determined

5 miles West of Deland on S.R.44, turn West onto C.R.42, 9.8 miles, go right on Rancho Road (turns into dirt F.R.538). Woodpecker Hill is 6 miles North. NO ENTRY FEE

All dates are tentative. Please check hotline (407) 672-7070 or Web Site <<http://clubs.cecs.ucf.edu/flo/>>

All starts are from 10 AM until 1 PM, unless otherwise noted – RAIN OR SHINE

Pre-registration and membership not required – events are open to ALL

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