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UPCOMING EVENTS, by Bob Putnam

Kelly Park - Next Weekend! If you've been to Kelly Park with us before, you know that we access the north end of Wekiva Springs State Park - the otherwise inaccessible part - for our orange, brown, green and red courses. And if you haven't been there before, please know that the forest is beautiful up there and the orienteering is about as good as it gets.

If you'll be on the White or Yellow courses, know that they will remain entirely within the confines of Kelly Park, surrounded by fence - so no one will ever become lost. The perfect venue for kids and first timers to do something fail safe. It gets better: Arild Orsleie, our course designer, has been at this for years and you can be sure he'll make the most of the opportunity for fun and challenge.

Kelly, of course, is found by following SR 435 north from SR 441 in Apopka for about 5 miles. Just at the point where the road makes a 90° bend to the west, the entrance to Kelly Park is the road to the right and is only a few hundred yards away at that point. Remember there is an entrance fee (\$2 per person, anyone over 5).

There are indoor toilet facilities at Kelly, and drinking water fountains, although the refreshment stand is unlikely to be open this time of year. Remember to dress for the weather, bring your own water container to carry on the course, and don't forget the bug spray to treat ankles and socks, just in case the chiggers & things find you.

We'll be renting the first picnic pavilion you see driving into the park; look for our usual signs to assure you you're headed in the right direction. If you can spare some time to help out, we sure could put you to work. It would only be for an hour or so. Just contact Bob (Bob@FloridaOrienteering.org) or Jonathan (jslinforth@comcast.net) if you'd like to volunteer. As it says elsewhere in this newsletter about volunteering: The Rewards are many.

Little Big Econ - April 3 New ideas - new sights. Don't miss it. All the usual courses will be offered.

The event will be staged at the Snow Hill Road headquarters, on the east side of the map. See web site for map and directions. Remember there is a \$1 per person daily use fee using the honor system. The box for envelopes and deposits is located at the entrance gate beside Snow Hill Road. **And since FLO pays if you don't, please be absolutely certain to pay these fees.**

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FINE ORIENTEERING – Feb - ONF, by Bob Putnam

Perfectly Fine Orienteering. That's what we all enjoyed at Woodpecker Hill and Shockley Ranch on Saturday. Despite one small hiccup in public relations regarding 85 Yellow course orienteers traipsing up to the now-posted Shockley Cemetery (actually the Maple Grove Cemetery), this was as fine a day as can be had. The second biggest crowd ever at an Ocala Forest venue, 260 starters turned out despite the bitterly cold weather!

Bitter, I say! Why, do you know it never got above 65F all day long? And the wind! My gosh, the wind was often gusting to 10 or 12 MPH. Not at all your typical Florida orienteering experience. But we FLO'ers with the sturdier constitutions braved the elements with customary grit. I have to say all that just to tweak the sensibilities of northerners reading this. Jonathan Linforth pretty much ran the show as event coordinator and course designer for advanced courses, and good courses they were, too, while I was responsible for White, Yellow and Orange courses.

It was gratifying to see everyone simply find this event, since the web page had directions that led you to the previous event's staging area. Thanks for not tearing our heads off over that. We do know how frustrating it can be. Thanks go to everyone who pitched in. John Ide arrived early, as did the Titusville HS JROTC team, providing helping hands everywhere. Donna Fluegel arrived early to set White & Yellow courses on the Shockley Ranch map and also placed those helpful ribbons along the course of an old trail that had disappeared near Yellow #3.

Jonathan ran start/finish along with help through the day from Toby Henson and Russ Steinke. Ray Bruneau did registration after John Ide went out on Green, and Arild Orsleie plus Joe Maliszewski retrieved controls. I apologize if I've forgotten anyone - please know your help is much appreciated. This event served as the make-up 2003 Florida Champs for the Men's Red course and the competition was tight, even though Ron Eaglin didn't show.

Note that Dave Gottshalk edged out Derek Bohn by a mere 49 seconds to take home the Bronze medal. This means both Gottshalks, Dave & Debbie, are 2003 medal winners since Debbie previously won Gold for her Red course win at the Wekiva Champs in December. Also, Toby Henson is a 2003 double medal winner, winning a Silver medal on this Men's Red while having previously won the 2003 Green course Men's Bronze at Wekiva.

There were a few surprises, one of which was the new No-Trespassing signs on what we'd always called the Shockley Cemetery. The owner had posted it within the last month and happened to be out there housekeeping that morning, just as the first of our huge Yellow course contingent came up to punch in at Yellow #3 hanging on the surrounding fence.

Relatively polite words were exchanged. Back at registration, we learned about it soon enough and met with the owners, but not before they called the police. Apparently additional signage had been torn down; he thought we'd done it; I assured him we hadn't; he didn't believe me; I promised to double check; he began to feel better. I also promised we would not use the cemetery fence as a control location again, and that I'd get his approval next time. I think they were satisfied in the end that we were not their worst problem, but its the local yahoos who range over Ocala Forest vandalizing everything out of habit.

Our lesson consists of (1) not taking private land for granted and (2) giving a big Thank you to all our people who behaved calmly and appropriately and did nothing to inflame the situation. The other surprise was (were) the multiple new trails the four-wheelers had carved since we had last visited the site and designed courses. In my case, I carelessly left red #1 on what I thought was a rough NW heading, crossed "the road" soon enough, noting its angle seemed odd, so I bore further left, naturally never checking my compass all this time - over a hilltop, thinking vaguely: there should have been another trail there.

Then came a depression, unmapped! Then two trails close together. Hmmm, I said to myself. Puzzled and wandering idly (the old PAWI syndrome), I finally relocated on a distinct pair of thickets with a control on the Orange course I'd designed and I was back on track, but about 300m from where I thought I was, rattled now and low on confidence.

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Fine Orienteering – ONF, cont from page 2

All because of that first unmapped trail, but also because I never looked at my compass when I should have. Many others reported similar confusions on that trail and others. We try to keep up with these things, honest, but we miss some.

Notice that a pair of newcomers, adventure racers, Scott & Charlie, first ran the Yellow course in record time, then went out on red and finished. Congratulations to them for pulling off such a rare feat. Hope they continue to come out and steadily improve. On Green Joe Maliszewski absolutely blew everyone away. We cannot explain the number of DNF's on Brown, but notice the tight finish for first place where a team of three edged out Bret Barker. On Orange, Walenty Prytulo returns to dominant form, after a season of broken ribs and various ailments. It was great to see Steve & David Savrda again after a few years' absence. The Savrdas have been mainstays of FLO success over the years.

One last item: In the last newsletter we discussed a new resolve to firmly enforce the Max-number-in-group rule for each course. Red - 2. Green & Brown - 3. Orange - 4. Yellow - 5. White - 6.

Out of the 106 maps issued, there was one group of 3 on red, Brown & Green were OK, while Orange had an 8, a 7 and five 5's. Not bad. Thanks, everyone. And for those of you among the over-sized groups: do what you can to limit your group size next time. The smaller the groups, the more fun it is for everyone. Thanks for turning out and we'll see you in the woods next time. ■

RESULTS: ONF

RESULTS CODE	
DNF:	Did Not Finish
OT	Over 3 Hr Time Limit
DQ	Disqualified
ONF – WHITE	
NAME	TIME
Brinkley	32:12
Savrda	47:13
ONF – YELLOW	
NAME	TIME
Scott, Charlie	19:55
Clark	31:45
Ledbetter	37:28
Colson	38:20
Carter	38:31
Dubiel	44:15
Predella	45:28
Bartee	46:23
Titcomb	48:32
McCarthy	48:45
Valle, Jose	49:04
Lewis	49:54
Fox, Jim (Troop 234)	50:43
Pieper, Pat	52:45
Pearcy, Mark	55:08
Tartino	59:09
Griseldis	63:20
Graber	71:50
Metzenroth	74:50
Johnson	82:23
Booba	96:25
Gregg, L	152:05
ONF – ORANGE	
NAME	TIME
Prytulo	54:10
Steinke, Russ	64:40
Bates, Bob & Elaine	66:40
Williamson, Ray	67:01
Riggs & Hillard	74:09

ONF – ORANGE cont	
NAME	TIME
Oviedo 2	76:27
Eckes	83:01
Predella	85:38
Bahamon, Julio	88:08
Christensen, Vaughn	88:47
Graber, V	90:31
Auburndale #3, Folds	98:24
Savrda, S	101:13
Morris, R	101:20
Simonds	103:29
Oviedo 1	106:39
Auburndale #2, Mount	109:18
Pollard, R	109:37
Valle, J	111:30
Keys, M (THS)	113:35
McAdams, B (THS)	124:27
Auburndale #1, Ray	129:43
Seward, Vernon	137:00
Joerg, C	137:36
Schroeder, Kirk	139:09
Sirmans, J	141:40
Holley	149:00
Lopez, D	158:44
Pieper, P	164:20
Westberry, S	168:53
Milliken, Zack	DNF
ONF – BROWN	
NAME	TIME
Scheid	93:01
Barker, Bret	96:21
Kromer, John & Karen	109:10
Turner	163:50
Rayer, Christina	DNF
Seaman 1	DNF
Shultz	DNF
Bruneau, R	DNF
Seymour	DNF
Odermatt, S (THS)	DNF
Voorwinden, S (THS)	DNF

ONF - GREEN	
NAME	TIME
Maliszewski, Joe	82:23
Horn, A (THS)	113:17
Ide, John	117:22
Dempsey, Mike	122:22
Pattillo, Richard (THS)	123:57
Somers, D	130:54
Royer, Stepheny, Julie	140:13
Auburndale #5, Stiles	146:33
Rosenberg, Mark, Abby	150:14
Padrick, Al (THS)	152:05
Nestleboom, J	156:14
Hugoboom, A (THS)	160:45
Taylor, J (THS)	164:55
McCarthy, D (THS)	170:36
Misa, Jeff (THS)	172:56
Knight, Lewis	DNF
Nettlow, A	DNF
Auburndale #4, Reynolds	DNF
ONF – RED	
NAME	TIME
Putnam, Bob GOLD (M)	61:53
Henson, Toby SILVER (M)	71:34
Gottshalk, Dave BRONZE (M)	75:43
Bohn, D	76:32
Gottshalk, Debbie	83:22
Johnson, B (THS)	107:04
Intson	114:02
Dirito, David	115:57
Sasson, V	117:22
Nettlow, D	117:53
Richmond, Ken	125:31
Azita, S	130:27
Swiercinsky, E (THS)	131:05
Keys, S (THS)	131:05
Dirty Fish	136:23
Fluegel, Steve	137:14
Price	146:00
Scott, Charlie	149:15
Johnson, C	DNF
Oesleie, A	DNF

HISTORY & O – Jan - DeLeon Springs, by Bob Putnam

What a way to inaugurate a new year of Florida Orienteering! We nearly froze our toes off! (for us Floridians that means it was under 55F, cloudy & windy, all day long)

We nearly saw bears in the woods! (many of us saw the 'bear lunch pails' of empty armadillo shells which the bear eats and discards). We were nearly over-run with Blue and Grey Infantry! (Civil War era Encampment was underway in the park and their skirmishes coincided with our hikes; and most of our attendees hob-nobbed with soldiers throughout the day)

We nearly set an attendance record for DeLeon despite the weather! (Preliminary count of at least 248 was our second largest crowd ever there). We offered, as usual, introductory White & Yellow courses in the pretty, manicured portions of the park.

We were able to offer experienced orienteers a decent challenge in the familiar confines of our increasingly overgrown DeLeon map. All that adds up to a fine day for FLO, evidenced by broad, if teeth-chattering, smiles all around.

Even the Memory Course was well received. About a dozen brave souls willingly ran without a map, having to memorize each successive leg using only the maps hanging from each control. Each map showed only the next leg, so in this type of event we can often send competitors back over the same ground, even in reverse, on a later leg; something we could not do in regular cross country course design.

I was surprised most people actually finished the course. Lots of people finishing short courses went out on another; more so than usual. Others having finished their course found extra entertainment by walking over to the Spring boil to watch some fool Canadian enjoy (?) a swim!

He had to be Canadian: Steve and Donna (Editor of ONA magazine) Fluegel were here from Connecticut and they knew enough not to swim.

It was good to see long time FLO member Kim Johnson back after a several year absence. And FLO Life Member Rodney Counts was a huge hit with his K-9 partner, one of several dogs orienteering

this day with folks whose names I mostly missed.

The Advanced courses (non-Memory) Brown, Green and Red were unusual enough to require further explanations. They were set up as a Score'O course, but I didn't describe it that way. The master map simply showed 12 controls. If a competitor visited any 6 of them, they'd done a Brown course, any 9 would be a Green course and all 12 would be a Red course.

They could even decide while they were out there how many, and therefore which course, they would do. Most folks recognized this immediately as a Score'O, so I had to admit that was all it was.

The results will try to distinguish among the three levels. I had thought that all courses were going to be dry and mud-less, since my own 8:30 am run to set controls (in 55F weather - the warmest of the day, it turned out) involved nothing more than a splat or two. But I failed to consider the creativity our high schoolers bring to this issue. Two girls each returned without a right shoe, just a mud-caked sock. Early in the event other JROTC cadets had returned covered with mud after a cross-country beeline leg that literally was a cross-swamp leg near the Big Cypress Tree.

Many Many thanks to all the helpers. I'm not sure whether the biggest Thank You goes to Jonathan Linforth for manning three hours of start/finish with his still-healing broken arm, or to the Titusville HS mom named Meri whose first day of trial-by-fire duty with FLO was three hours on the registration table with this huge crowd, or to Russ Steinke who promised to stay to the end of the day and close up for us and quickly learned that I had driven home early with all the Waiver sheets, so he couldn't tell when everyone was back.

Adventure racers galore turned out. Also six high school JROTC units (Titusville, Boone, Lk Mary, Oviedo, Centennial & Winter Pk).

The Titusville JROTC'ers are training for their trip to Cincinnati for the Class A competition for US Interscholastic Championships. Other JROTC units (or any high school group of 4) should check the web site for this at

<http://www.ocin.org/> .

Thanks to all these groups for their support. Quite a number of new memberships and renewals were registered, so thank you all for that.

Check the results for all the usual remarkable statistics and neck-n-neck races. Walenty Prytulo called at the last minute to say flu-bug has him down so the Orange course was won handily by Artur Intson who simply didn't feel like his usual Red course. The Yellow course was won even more handily by first timers Michele Miller and Martha Weber.

All proving there's fun to be had at DeLeon Springs yet - especially since we plan to have it completely re-mapped before the next event there. ■



Hand Carved Canes by Jim



Hammered Dulcimer

RESULTS: DeLeon Springs (DS)

RESULTS CODE	
NTR:	No Time Recorded
DNF:	Did Not Finish
DQ:	Disqualified
DS – WHITE	
NAME	TIME
Webber/Miller	15:00
Little	29:50
Robinson	52:20
Snoop	65:11
Mike Lynch	NTR
DS – YELLOW	
NAME	TIME
Webber/Miller	19:59
Paula Pradella	29:00
2 hot mamas	34:40
Zaharios/Evans	42:20
Centennial #2	48:10
Johnson, K	49:47
BSA Troop 699	51:00
Centennial #3	52:27
Worischek	54:14
Fred/Joanne Lamond	76:00
Centennial #1	84:47
Pearcy	DNF
Hamilla	DQ
DS – ORANGE	
NAME	TIME
Artur Intson	36:06
M Hecht	42:43
Centennial #5	44:13
Centennial #6	45:20
Stultz	59:00
Vaughn	63:20
BHS #4	66:38
Bates	67:15
Sampou	67:20
BHS#3	67:53
V. Seward	69:00
Steinke	69:06
Cavagnaro	73:28
Winter Park	76:56
BHS #1	77:15
BHS #2	77:58
Winter Park #4	79:22
Julin	80:40
Kremer	83:07
Somers	83:51
Mahnken	85:18
Bensen	85:25
Rodermeyer	85:25
Oviedo #3	91:09
Evans/Zaharios	92:46
Bradt	93:15
Oveido #2	93:58

DS – ORANGE cont	
NAME	TIME
Centennial #4	94:45
BHS #6	95:16
Spencer	102:48
Winter Park #2	112:40
Septer	116:0
Hoods	117:25
Oveido #1	118:16
O&A Smith	126:20
O&A #2	127:20
BHS #5	DNF
Pradella	DNF
Robinson	DNF
Winter Park #3	DNF

DS – BROWN	
NAME	TIME
THS McAdams	70:17
Barker	72:55
Centennial	78:59
Keys, M	83:23
THS Secosh	86:53
Centennial	90:19
THS Misa	102:30
THS Odermatt	105:22
Matthews	104:58
THS Martinez	106:22
THS Voorwinden	117:32
Lake Mary #2	161:31

DS – GREEN	
NAME	TIME
N Gould	71:07
THS Swiercinshy	74:43
Mike Dempsey	79:57
THS Horn	86:51
Johnson, B	91:25
Shmid	92:33
Nestlebasch	96:48
Rosenberg	97:30
THS Pattillo	106:51
THS Hugoboom	107:51
Tallent	112:20
Sheppard	113:00
Lake Mary #1	120:40
Bennett/Lawson	139:40
Jen Douglas	142:36
Lake Mary #3	149:34

DS – RED	
NAME	TIME
Ron Eaglin	55:54
Toby Henson	64:24
Dirty Fish	69:43
Musgrave/Owens	70:30
D Fluegel	89:07
THS Padrick	94:59
Key, S.	102:40
CFAR #3	118:27
Grosman	121:43
Shirwin	122:35
C. L. Jacobs	144:45
Counts	178:50
Akers	DNF
D. Hatten	DNF
Wright/Schonker	NTR
Steve Fleugal	NTR

DS – MEMORY	
NAME	TIME
Gottschalk	60:26
Joe Maliszewski	86:26
Andrea Holman	93:56
Azita	117:22



Civil War Drummer



Preparing Horse Hair for Surgery



O'er and Soldier Cross Paths

RESULTS: Wekiwa Springs (WS) - ROTC

RESULTS CODE			
NTR:	No Time Recorded		
DQ:	Disqualified - over time limit		
WS – YELLOW			
SCHOOL	NAME	TIME	POINTS
Crystal Rvr	wisniewski, robert	0:39:00	
Titusville	keys, matthew	0:39:08	
Sarasota	morton, matthew	0:46:00	
Centennial	paris, josh	0:48:00	
Mt Dora	Jones	0:52:28	40 - 2ND
Bayside	singleton, eugene	0:53:15	
Bayside	wessendorf, corly	0:53:24	
Sarasota	3	0:53:44	
Centennial	mcardle, john	0:54:00	
Titusville	odermatt, steven	0:54:00	
Centennial	brustawicz, stephen	0:56:00	
Lk Mary	burricios, john	0:57:13	
Lk Mary	velardy, christian	1:01:33	
Bayside	hribal, michael	1:02:00	
Crystal Rvr	holland, shaelynn	1:03:34	
Crystal Rvr	kopp, kyle	1:06:56	
Lk Mary	schwartz, jordan	1:08:18	
Central	dunham, kelly	1:09:22	
Dunedin	gacbraith, lloyd	1:11:59	
Central	zavesky, mindy	1:17:16	
Lk Mary	estep, kyle	1:23:00	
Sebastian	schorstien	1:23:01	50 - 1ST
Central	may, brad	1:35:00	
Mt Dora	kuhn, steven	1:48:41	30 - 3RD
Mt Dora	eure, lauren	2:07:32	
Dunedin	peterson, andrew	2:07:41	
Auburndale	bryant, warren	2:20:36	
Auburndale	corr, robert	2:44:00	
Centennial	cooper, tiffany	3:00:00	
Mt Dora	burkhalter, andrew		NTR
Mt Dora	graves, justin		NTR
Gulf	ackley		NTR
Gulf	pedican		NTR
Gulf	skaggs		NTR
Gulf	powers		NTR
Bayside	payne, cody		NTR
Titusville	secosh, carter		DQ
Titusville	mccarthy, daniel		DQ
Titusville	pattillo, richard		DQ
Bayside	boyle, josh		DQ
Crystal Rvr	szucs, chris		DQ
Lincoln	cotterell, chris		DQ
Lincoln	israels, bret		DQ
Dunedin	peterson, andrew	2:07:41	
Auburndale	bryant, warren	2:20:36	
Auburndale	corr, robert	2:44:00	
WS – ORANGE			
SCHOOL	NAME	TIME	
Titusville	nestlebush, josh	0:51:18	60 - 1ST
Bayside	baker, mark	1:00:56	50 - 2ND
Bayside	manning, robert	1:04:34	40 - 3RD
Titusville	johnson, adam	1:08:15	
Titusville	hugoboom, adam	1:08:32	
Crystal Rvr	mikos, frank	1:09:03	
Central	gruhler, william	1:20:29	
Central	baker, john	1:22:15	
Sarasota	hill, barbara	1:27:01	
Central	zuilkawski, david	1:30:33	
Auburndale	doxsee, randall	1:31:23	
Titusville	misa, jeff	1:31:30	
Centennial	skurnich, tom	1:45:31	
Centennial	maggard, kyle	1:46:51	
Lk Mary	armstrong, brittany	1:56:03	

WS – ORANGE – cont.			
SCHOOL	NAME	TIME	POINTS
Lk Mary	polke, sean	1:56:59	
Crystal Rvr	birchfield, ryan	2:01:20	
Crystal Rvr	dill, david	2:01:56	
Crystal Rvr	jaquith, max	2:02:32	
Dunedin	warmouth, shawn	2:05:41	
Dunedin	feinstein, zach	2:07:33	
Centennial	ezzidio, hector	2:19:45	
Gulf	martin, heather	2:26:52	
Auburndale	mount, samantha	2:37:52	
Sebastian	Beaudion		NTR
Auburndale	taylor, jeremy		NTR
Auburndale	kim, owen		NTR
Auburndale	wright, megan		NTR
Auburndale	styles, stacey		NTR
Titusville	jimenez, kevin		DQ
Sarasota	lyon, l.j.		DQ
Gulf	beauchamp, tiala		DQ
Sebastian	Mallasi		DQ
Central	cole, brent		DQ
Mt Dora	fields, jonathan		DQ
Mt Dora	brookings, chris		DQ
Gulf	foster, greg		DQ
Centennial	king, aleem		DQ
Mt Dora	jefferson, justin		DQ
Mt Dora	gunger, erica		DQ
WS – BROWN			
SCHOOL	NAME	TIME	
Dunedin	schlierer, oren	1:13:38	60 - 2ND
Titusville	keys, shane	1:20:37	
Crystal Rvr	thielemann, kate	1:22:15	
Titusville	swiercinsky, eric	1:22:33	
Crystal Rvr	birchfield, david	1:24:15	
Central	young, shane	1:26:55	
Crystal Rvr	pisuculli, mike	1:27:15	
Titusville	taylor, Sataya	1:28:35	
Titusville	taylor, taylor	1:28:35	
Titusville	horn, andrew	1:30:40	
Centennial	enriquez, chris	1:42:20	
Lk Mary	mcintgre, alex	1:45:16	
Crystal Rvr	willes, andrew	1:48:51	
Gulf	landersn, ken	1:59:09	
Bayside	carmody, arnold	2:05:51	
Central	belcher, hank	2:07:00	
Dunedin	barber, james	2:11:15	
Lincoln	english, steven	2:12:08	
Centennial	giingerich, dustin	2:18:41	
Auburndale	reynolds, daniel	2:24:35	
Auburndale	strawn, chris	2:31:07	
Sebastian	Riggs	2:34:18	
Central	fitzgerald, kyle	2:35:07	
Sebastian	Hilliard	2:41:40	
Central	smith, david	2:45:11	
Gulf	aumiller, david	2:46:04	
Gulf	hudson, daniel	2:47:34	
Gulf	welsh, shawn	2:48:13	
Sarasota	roby, david	2:55:41	
Bayside	payne, scott	DQ	70 - 1ST
Titusville	padrick, alicia	DQ	50 - 3RD
Centennial	roman, luis		DQ
Gulf	paterno, billy		DQ
Mt Dora	gunger, nicole		DQ
Lincoln	rouse, gary		DQ
Auburndale	williams, jeremy		DQ
Mount Dora	chander, james		DQ
Lk Mary	clore, jim		DQ
Mt Dora	west, jeremy		DQ
Centennial	vuick, jonathan		DQ
Mt Dora	mullen, patric		DQ

2003 FL Championships – Dec – Wekiwa Springs,

by Bob Putnam

A beautiful warm and partly sunny autumn day. Perfect for orienteering. This was the annual Championship event, held in conjunction with the Florida JROTC Championships. The event is constructed such that the JROTC cadets compete on their own set of Yellow, Orange and Brown courses while the "regular" FLO attendees compete on our usual full set of courses up through red.

NOTE: only individual competitors are eligible for awards as FL Champions. (M) Men's (W) Women's

Congratulations to the 2003 Champions !

WHITE

Gold Chuck Worischek (M) None (W)

YELLOW

Gold Shane Keys (M) None (W)

Silver Richard Patillo (M) None (W)

Bronze Eric Swiercinsky (M) None (W)

ORANGE

Gold: Walenty Prytulo (M) Delinda Hood (W)

Silver: Dave Mahnken (M) None (W)

Bronze: ? Boules (M) None (W)

BROWN

Gold: Jamie Sherriff (M) Karen Lapish (W)

Silver Matt Wentworth (M)? None (W)

Bronze Bill Belcher (M) None (W)

GREEN

Gold Derek Bohn (M) None (W)

Silver Joe Maliszewsk (M) None (W)

Bronze (TIE) T Henson & J Ide (M) None (W)

RED

Gold Bob Putnam* (M) Debra Gottshalk (W)

Silver Toby Henson* (M) Andrea Holman (W)

Bronze Dave Gottshalk* (M) None (W)

* decided at February Woodpecker Hill Event – see page 3.

? waiver sheets illegible, no medals have been awarded

In the JROTC results, the top three finishers are the medal winners, since they are all running individually, and the men and women compete against each other in the same categories. The JROTC results also have, most importantly, a team scoring system (that only they understand), but the prize is what must be the biggest trophy in orienteering history, taken home each year by the winning team: Titusville for 2003 I believe.

The event itself was, well, eventful. A total of 496 starters, when we combine FLO (372) and JROTC (124). The biggest event we've ever had. Unfortunately it was bigger than the Wekiwa Youth Camp could accommodate. If you were among those people turned away from the Youth Camp parking lot and directed to the main Spring parking lot, we apologize profusely. We are the victims of our own success.


Rangers were counting cars carefully, and of course, keeping us off the wiregrass and off the road shoulders. Our volunteer traffic directors did a perfect job of controlling that, by the way, so thanks. When the rangers saw we were full up at about 10:30 am, we were told to turn people away.

Many thanks to the Oviedo HS JROTC parents who volunteered to provide shuttle van service from the main parking, as did one of the HS buses on hand. So few of you had to walk the 1 1/2 miles after all, but some did and we applaud your devotion. Others decided to go back home and visit another, less crowded, day and we can't blame anyone for that.

Future Wekiwa Springs events will probably all be staged out of the main parking lot at the Spring, with either a hike or a shuttle van to a remote start. In a way that will be good, too, because it essentially leaves the entire park open to start/finish areas which we were reluctant to do when we were all parking at the Youth camp. A new era dawns for FLO, I suppose.

I neglected to record all the helpers, but you know who you are and you know it could not have been done without each of you stepping into the breach at the perfect moment. Thank you all.

We were happy to have some overseas orienteers this day. Martin Bailey from England was in town for a convention, so he packed his O-kit and snuck out of Saturday meetings long enough to run with us, win the Green course, then get back to afternoon meetings. And he didn't miss the opportunity to complement FLO in the map and the terrain and the course. The other visitors were from Finland: Mikael and Heidi Donner and children plus Heidi's father. Mr. Torp took the children out on Orange while Mikael and Heidi were winning red and brown, respectively. Their open letter to FLO is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. (Editor: see below)

A wild and chaotic but fabulous finish to a record-setting year for FLO attendance. Thanks to all for being a part. 

Greetings from the Land of the Santa Claus,

We enjoyed a lot the orienteering event in Wekiwa Springs. It is always exiting to explore foreign terrains by orienteering. Last February we were in Houston and participated there in a two-day orienteering event. So we had already some ideas about southern USA orienteering terrains.

The terrain in Wekiwa Springs was however a bit easier to run, but a bit more difficult orienteering because of the palm-thickets (or whatever you call them). We actually had only one compass with us, and Heidi and Mikael had to orienteer without compasses, because Heidis father Aimo did not want to go without the compass into the terrain, he was afraid he would get lost!

So, when Heidi was orienteering and Mikael was taking care of the children the sun went behind some clouds for a few minutes, and then Heidi did not have a clue where south and north were, but this did not last long and when sun came out again the orienteering was nice and enjoyable again.

Mikael could enjoy the nature compass (sun) during all his time in the forest. We also did go swimming in Wekiwa Springs after the competition and that was really lovely, because we had just one day earlier arrived from cold and freezing Finland.

We spent three weeks in Florida and we visited the Ocala National Forest too, and took a run with the map there. We are now back home and do not enjoy the snow and the -15 Celsius temperature nearly as much as we did the Florida sun!

Heidi and Mikael Donner,
FINLAND

RESULTS – Wekiwa Springs – (WS)

RESULTS CODE	
NTR:	Time Not Recorded
DNF:	Did Not Finish
DQ:	Disqualified - over time limit
(W)	Women's
(M)	Men's
WS – WHITE	
NAME	TIME
BS Troop 99	39:25
Worischek GOLD (M)	42:45
SHS #6	52:30
BS Troop 236 #6	60:14
BS Troop 236 #4	60:25
BS Troop 236 #2	63:00
GS Troop 1961	70:24
BS Troop 899	71:29
GS Troop 1743	71:40
GS Troop 931	72:40
GS Troop 1741 #2	75:30
GS Troop 1741 #1	75:30
BS Troop 34	77:00
GS Troop 1964A	80:00
BS Troop 236 #5	80:10
BS Troop 691	87:12
GS Troop 1964B	88:00
Schwartz	103:05
BS Troop 236 #2	DNF
BS Troop 236 #1	DNF
WS – YELLOW	
NAME	TIME
Keys, Shane GOLD (M)	27:06
Pattillo, R SILVER (M)	28:44
Swiercinsky BRONZE (M)	31:08
Hecht	37:50
Cypress Creek #1	48:30
BS Troop 625 #3	53:10
Cypress Creek #2	53:44
BS Troop 625 #1	61:20
Brown	62:17
BS Troop 84 #4	62:56
Ditges	65:30
BS Troop 99 #3	66:02
Hunter	75:10
Sok, B	77:25
BS Troop 628	76:15
BS Troop 84 #3	78:00
Gatlin	81:00
BS Troop 625 #2	83:45
Cupp	99:12
Metzenroth	99:50
BS Troop 84 #2	116:00
Sabina, Lori	116:48
Brown, Eugene	137:45
Sarasota #3	DNF
BS Troop 99 #2	DNF
McAdams	DNF

WS – ORANGE		
NAME		TIME
Prytulo, W GOLD (M)		63:20
Bates/Vaughn		63:40
Mahnken, Dave SILVER (M)		71:21
Bates		71:45
Troop 84 #5		72:45
A. Torp		81:15
Bowels		80:30
Little, Kelvin		85:33
Evangelo		85:37
Flynn/Mettalo		90:25
BHS 6		93:00
BHS 2		96:00
Young		97:15
BHS 1		98:30
Hood, Delinda GOLD (W)		100:40
Little		104:45
Troop 524 #6		119:10
BHS 5		126:48
Troop 524 #3		127:15
Sarasota #1		128:55
BHS 3		129:10
BHS 4		129:15
Troop 524 #4		130:40
Ditges		131:45
Sarasota #4		132:15
Thomas		132:30
Troop 524 #2		133:01
Troop 524 #5		135:07
Seward		137:30
Cypress 3		142:10
BHS 7		148:00
Zanelkelster		154:35
Rodemeyer, John		158:20
BS Troop 560		179:30
Sarasota #2		DNF
POZ Oviedo 3		DNF
Wright		DNF
Sarasota #5		DNF
CPO Oviedo		DNF
Johnson, A.		DNF
BS Troop 84 #1		DNF
BS Troop 99 #1		DNF
WS – BROWN		
NAME		TIME
Heidi Torp Donner		62:30
Sheriff, Jamie GOLD (M)		88:35
Barker, Bret		104:30
Wentworth, M SILVER (M)		112:30
Lepish, Karin GOLD (W)		134:00
Belcher, Bill BRONZE (M)		134:00
Somers		DNF
Septer		DNF
Cub Scout Pk 514		DNF

WS – GREEN.	
NAME	TIME
Bailey	56:40
Bohn, Derek GOLD (M)	63:00
Maliszewski, Joe SILVER (M)	66:45
Henson, Toby BRONZE (M)	76:00
Ide, John BRONZE (M)	76:00
Tooth	78:34
Akers	80:30
Dempsey, Mike	119:35
Rosenberg	158:15
Davis	DQ
BS Troop 524	DNF
ENS Oviedo 2	DNF
Nettlow	DNF
WS – RED	
NAME	TIME
Donner, M -Finland	69:46
Orsleie, Arlid	80:30
Inston, Artur	82:25
Eaglin, Ron	87:00
Putnam, Bob)	96:17
Hatten, David	104:30
Johnson, Chris	105:44
Gottschalk, Debra GOLD (W)	105:50
Troop 196 #3	106:46
Troop 196 #2	123:20
Diritto	144:20
Holman, Andrea SILVER (W)	153:53
Hyde	160:01
Miller	160:30
Sherwin	163:25
Chizlett	165:05
Brault	174:01
Godber	DQ
Swamp Dogs	DQ
Feudner	DQ
Troop 196 #1	DNF
Sasson	DNF
Wysock	DNF

There were lots of comments after the event regarding the "Flying Finn".

Even without compasses, Mikael won Red by 10 minutes over Arlid Orsleie and Heidi won Brown handily by more than 25 minutes over Jamie Sheriff.

Even though they are not FLO members and were officially ineligible for prizes, these impressive performances have earned them a pair of gold medals that have been sent to them as FLO mementos.

Florida's Hometown Democracy Amendment

Constitutional amendment would require voter approval for changes to land use plans

By Andrea Holman, FLO member and Sierra Club volunteer

Each day in Florida, 410 acres of farmland and 450 acres of forest are lost to development. As Florida's natural lands are converted to strip malls and sprawling neighborhoods, we lose forests, fields and farms; and we end up with more traffic gridlock, overcrowded schools, increased taxes and pollution. Over 570 Florida species are listed as threatened or endangered. We are facing water shortages and flooding as paving land reduces recharge areas for the Florida aquifer.

Overdevelopment is a huge problem—and it shouldn't be happening. When the Growth Management Act became law in 1985, cities and counties created roadmaps for how they would grow. They planned for areas of development, such as industrial parks and neighborhoods, and areas for green space, such as forests, parks and farms.

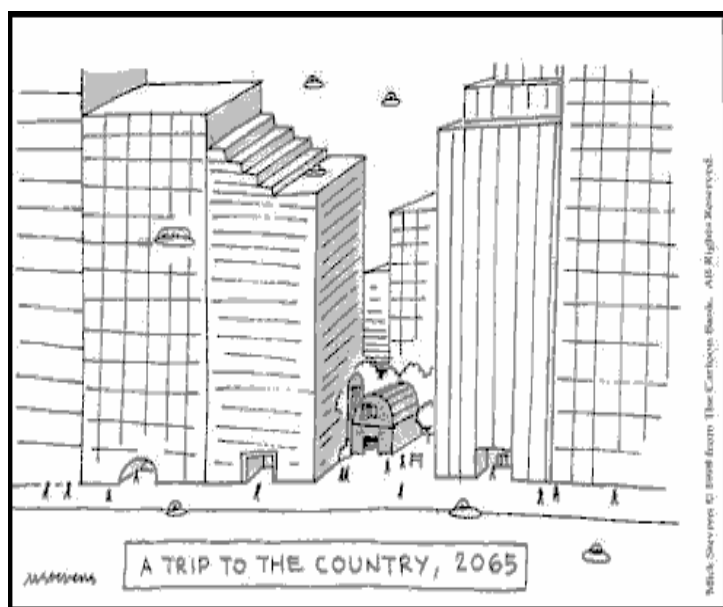
The problem is that these plans are constantly amended to increase development densities in rural areas, often amid loud protests by nearby residents who do not want the development and must live with the consequences of the change.

And, despite their claims otherwise, landowners are not entitled to develop their property in ways not covered by their current land use. They could continue to develop their property according to the rules in place.

So, although local commissioners meet and take public comments on proposed land use changes, they frequently do not act in the best interests of the people who have made these places their home. The reason seems to be that commissioners are beholden to lobbying by developers, who in many cases have contributed to their election campaigns.

The Florida Hometown Democracy ballot initiative seeks to level the playing field by placing a Florida constitutional amendment referendum on the November 2004 ballot.

According to Lesley Blackner, an environmental attorney and co-creator of the petition, *"this amendment would let voters decide whether a city or a county comprehensive land use plan will be adopted or changed. Currently, city and county commissions make those decisions. Land-use decisions determine the fate of a community for generations to come. That's why the people who live in that community should have the final word."*



TAKING ACTION NOW FOR A BETTER TOMORROW:

Central Florida Sierra Club volunteer Corbett Kroehler gathers petitions for the Hometown Democracy Amendment in downtown Orlando. To date, he's gathered almost 200 signed petitions! Cool!

Outdoor sports groups, such as Florida Orienteering, mountain bikers, and adventure racers, all depend on large tracts of open space for their sports. We are at a critical time when we can stop the last of our open lands from being overdeveloped. Do you want to have a say in the future of your community, or leave it up to the growth machine that has contributed to our declining environment and quality of life?

This amendment will add a reality check to land use plans by allowing the voters to decide whether to approve land use plan amendments proposed by local government officials.

The deadline for collecting nearly 500,000 petitions is July 2004, which would put this issue on the NOV 2004 ballot. Take control of your future by sending in signed petitions from your friends and neighbors. Even if all you can do is send in one signed petition, you will put us one signature closer to success.

Visit <http://www.floridahometowndemocracy.com/> to download the petition. And if you want to help, contact Andrea Holman at 407-736-7514.

Minutes of the 2003 Annual Meeting of FLORIDA ORIENTEERING

The meeting was held at the Putnam residence 955 Dyson Dr, Winter Springs, FL on Saturday, December 27, 2003 at 8 PM.

ATTENDEES: Arild Orsleie, Derek Bohn, Kimberly Durjan, Russ Steinke, Joe Maliszewski, Jonathan Linforth, Andrea & Glen Holman, Bob & Janet Putnam, Mike & Marilu Dempsey, Walenty & Arletta Prytulo, Ray Bruneau.

A valid quorum of FLO members and Board of Directors members were present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

MAPPING REPORT:

First on the Agenda: Map Planning for the Croom Portion of the Withlacochee Forest depicting the new mapping area and potential mapper from the great state of Texas. Other discussions were to re-map some other existing maps to update their new natural features. New areas to map were discussed in and around the Central Florida area.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report brought up the need to raise our membership fees to accommodate the increase in personal insurance from the United States Orienteering Federation. This was discussed at length and new membership fees will be effective as renewals are conducted.

ELECTIONS:

Also discussed were nominations for the recently vacated position of Treasurer, filling out the remainder of Bev Ousley's term. Bob Putnam nominated Russ Steinke and a motion by Bob to close nominations and conduct an election was carried. Russ was elected by a unanimous vote from all attending board members (Arild Orsleie, Bob Putnam, Ray Bruneau, Jonathan Linforth, Mike Dempsey).

No other elections were necessary, since all elective positions will serve through calendar year 2004.

NEWSLETTER REPORT:

The Newsletter was sent out on time for the latest event and total mailed copies were ~ 100 issues and the total e-mailed were ~ 75. The attendance level this past year averaged at 257.6, whereas last year was 258.

HELPERS:

A mention for all the event helpers ... and most seemed to be in the room for this meeting, kudos to those that make IT happen. A suggestion was brought up to make an award for Janet Putnam for all the great help, single-handedly at times, that she provides to this club and its function. This was shelved for future discussion.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS:

Mention of filing for a change in tax-exemption status making this club a Not-For-Profit Corporation. These papers were taken to be researched.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

A discussion concerning a group of Swedish tourists who are to visit our area in February - and some 'O' courses set-up/made-up for their recreation - was floored. The tourist party has yet to confirm their travel plans, but we can accommodate them, if needed. Another mention was to be sure that all members submit travel vouchers for special events that are funded.

NEW BUSINESS:

A discussion of future events from DeLeon Springs in January thru Little Big Econ. in April was tabled and volunteer provisions slated.

An awards ceremony was conducted for the December event of FLO championships.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Putnam and seconded by Mike Dempsey. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

I hereby certify that these are the correct minutes of the meeting.
Ray Bruneau, Recording Secretary

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.

Volunteer for one hour, two hours, an entire event, or get involved with FLO – it's easy & fun!

NEEDED:

- Event Coordinators, Course Setters & Veters
- Registration, especially 10am to 12pm
- START/FINISH
- Control Retrieval
- String'O Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS – cont from cover page

Little Big Econ – Apr 3, cont from cover

Due to limits on number of participants allowed at LBE, we may have a remote start for Brown, Green and Red courses. So be ready to spend a little extra time just getting to the start. These courses will all finish at Snow Hill, so our only problem at this point is figuring out how to ferry everyone to the start. (Ferry is a figure of speech. It does not mean you'll be across the river) All the White, Yellow and Orange courses will start and finish at Snow Hill.


It'll be fun. Just bear with us. It will provide new forests for all those advanced courses. Depending on the weather between now & then, it may provide lots of mud-time, too.

Rock Springs Run State Reserve - May 1

All the usual courses will be offered. You'll be happy to know that this event will inaugurate a brand new revision of the RSRSR map. It will be re-field checked this March by a mapper from Rochester NY, who will be staying with FLO host families for a few weeks.

Don't expect the many confusing gradations of vegetation to go away - RSRSR will still be difficult to navigate through; but the map will at least have caught up to the vegetation changes over the last few years - as well as the clear cutting. We have received tentative approval from the park to stage this year's event out of the Horse Barn area. That means that after your run you'll be able to walk across the yard and rent a horse for an afternoon ride. A great way to top off the day.

NOTE: we are still waiting for volunteers to step up to be Event Coordinator and Course Designer for this event.

No experience necessary. FLO will mentor and train you until you're comfortable with everything and of course you'll have lots of help at the event. 

Editor's Note: If you check out the Calendar below you will see a lot of "**Volunteer(s) Needed**". FLO is your club; don't just sit back and wait for someone else to make great events happen month after month.

AMAZING SCIENCE

Stuff a piece of tissue into the bottom of a tall paper cup.

Turn the cup upside down, and submerge it directly into a filled bathtub.

The key is to push the cup all the way to the bottom of the tub and bring it straight up and out of the water.

The tissue will be dry.

By Donna Erickson - Prime Time Together ... with Kids and More Prime Time Activities With Kids

FLO CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Mar 6, 2004	Kelly Park, Apopka Courses: WYOBrGR	EC: Jonathan Linforth & Bob Putnam CS: Arild Orsleie Great Event for First Timers – O'ers & Volunteers!
Apr 3, 2004	Little Big Econ State Forest Courses: WYOBrGR	EC/CS: Ron Eaglin reaglin@mail.ucf.edu Orienteer the Real Florida at LBE
May 1, 2004	Rock Springs Run State Reserve Courses: WYOBrGR	EC/CS: Volunteers Needed Volunteer – You Can Help FLO be Better!
Jun (5), 2004	Ocala National Forest Courses: WYOBrG	EC/CS: Volunteers Needed
July (3), 2004	Little Big Econ State Forest	EC/CS: Volunteers Needed
Aug 2004	No Event Planned	
Sept 6, 2004	Ocala National Forest – Labor Day Courses: WYOBrGR	EC/CS: Volunteers Needed Florida NOD Celebrated – Bring A Friend!
Oct (2), 2004	Moss Park/Split Oak Forest Courses: WYOBrGR	EC: M&M Dempsey CS: Joe Maliszewki 3RD Annual SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK Food Drive
Nov (6), 2004	Little Big Econ State Forest	EC/CS: Volunteers Needed

Events in () are tentative, always check the FLO Hotline for updates

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The editors reserve the right to edit any submitted materials and publication is on a space available basis.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Sat – Mar 6</p> <p>Orange County. Go 5 miles north of US 441 in Apopka, on SR 435, N Rock Springs Road. Turn right into park entrance. ENTRY FEE: \$2/PERSON (age 5 and over)</p>	<p>Kelly Park, Apopka Courses: W-Y-O-Br-G-R EC: J Linforth/B Putnam CS: Arild Orsleie</p>
<p>Sat – Apr 3</p> <p>ENTRY FEE: \$1/PERSON - honor system - place money in envelope at park entrance.</p>	<p>Little Big Econ State Forest, Oviedo Course: W-Y-O-Br-G-R EC/CS: Ron Eaglin</p> <p>Snow Hill Road Parking Area - Go 6 miles northeast of Oviedo, on Geneva Road, SR 426. Turn right on McLain Rd and go 1/3 mile to Snow Hill Road. Turn right and go 2 miles to park entrance on the right.</p>
<p>Sat – May 1</p> <p>ENTRY FEE: \$2/CAR - honor system - place money in an envelope at park entrance.</p>	<p>Rock Springs Run State Reserve, Sanford Courses: W-Y-O-Br-G-R EC: Volunteer Needed CS: Volunteer Needed</p> <p>Located 6 miles west of I-4 on SR 46.</p>

All dates are tentative. Please check hotline (407) 672-7070 or Web Site <<http://www.floridaorienteing.org/>>
 All starts are from 10 AM until 1 PM, unless otherwise noted – RAIN OR SHINE
 Pre-registration and membership not required, unless otherwise noted – events are open to ALL

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