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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**, by Bob Putnam

*(DATES ARE TENTATIVE - CHECK THE WEB PAGE FOR UPDATES)*

**JUNE 4, 2005** – I know it's Memorial Day Weekend right now, but don't forget **NEXT WEEKEND!**

FLO returns to Little Big Econ for the first time since before the Summer 2004 Hurricanes. The LBE Forest and The Florida Trail Association have done a terrific job of clean up and restoration of trails. After the storms and floods most trails we customarily use were either gone entirely or blocked by fallen trees, sometimes huge trees, and all the footbridges were damaged or gone. But while the trails are OK, the forest is still chock-a-block with deadfall.

At any rate, we are now back in business. You simply need to remember that what is mapped as "white" woods is now usually full of limbs and trees and can be very slow going in places.

**Our situation, and our welcome, at LBE is still lukewarm so that our event is once again severely restricted. We must limit the number of people in the woods at any one time. You may be asked to wait for some folks to return before getting your start time.**

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### **CLASS A EVENT – February 25 & 26, 2006**

#### **FLO To Host 2-Day USOF Sanctioned Class A Event**

**Get ready!!** Get ready to have the most fun you have ever had at a FLO orienteering event! Get ready to participate in the most exciting thing the orienteering world has to offer this side of - well, this side of Atlanta.

Your Board of Directors has, as of this writing, submitted an Application for a 2-Day combined time nationally sanctioned Class A orienteering event, to be held February 25 and 26, 2006. The event would use existing FLO maps, updated with the best field checkers available.

Half the net proceeds will go to support the US Men's and Women's Orienteering Teams in their 2006 competitions abroad. Most importantly, the logistical burdens of the event will largely be handled by the US Team members and supporters themselves, thus relieving FLO of all of the major obstacles to hosting such an event. All FLO has to do is 'pitch in' where needed.

That we can surely do.

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## USOF SANCTIONED EVENT IN FLORIDA

**ARE YOU TUFF ENUF TO RUN  
WITH THE BIG DAWGS ?**

**GET READY!!  
FEBRUARY 2006**

**DON'T MISS AN  
OPPORTUNITY TO WORK &  
PLAY WITH WORLD CLASS  
ATHLETES**

**NO EVENTS ARE PLANNED FOR JULY & AUGUST  
BE THERE - JUNE - LBE - OUR LAST EVENT 'TIL SEPTEMBER!**

## Moss Park - March 2005, by Bob Putnam

EC/CS: Joe Maliszewski

"Did you swim the canal?" Joe Maliszewski, sitting at the Start/Finish table, was just grinnin' away as I ran my hardest down the last 100 yards of trail. I had barely crossed the finish line before he'd asked.

"Oh, yeah!" I wheezed. The "canal thing" had been the topic of discussion since we all peeked at the pre-printed red course early in the day and saw Joe-the-course-designer's 'invitation': a control at the south-center-edge of a 300 meter lake with the next control on a spur near the north edge. Thus, two choices for route: East shore via long trails, or the dog-leg to the West crossing a feeder canal at a bridge. Tantalizingly, 3 or 4 minutes of the West route could be saved by swimming the canal.

In all our years at Split Oak, course designs had avoided this swim and we knew of no one who had tried. It's a dinky 10 meter wide canal, half choked with weeds. All the preparatory dares and speculations involved depth, mud-factor, alligators and snakes.

It was the highlight of my run and I was sorry to learn I have only two others to share the True Tales with, though in fact I never did speak to them; a JROTC cadet they tell me, plus new FLO Prez Derek Bohn. Derek neglected to use a plastic bag for his map, it being sunny & all, so it dissolved in the canal swim. How he miraculously finished the course without a map is another story he will hopefully share with us.

Yes, it was a good day for all that orienteering is good for. Big crowds: about 260. A real picnic pavilion. A visit by the resident Sandhill Cranes. Fine weather: 75°F, sunshine and puffy Florida clouds. And a flooded, muddy ankle deep slog the last ¼ mile to the start, thanks to the South FL Water Management District controlling Lake Hart water level rather high. Hope y'all enjoyed that!


Many changes to Moss Park with new facilities. Many changes to the Split Oak portion of the map with field updates. It was quite a relief to finally get this event in. The '04 hurricanes had disrupted our schedule so Joe had these courses on hold for over 5 months.

We were again graced with celebrities from distant lands. Inger Vamnes came all the way from Norway to inaugurate her 50th year Orienteering with FLO. We were privileged to have her on such an occasion and we only wish there had been more Brown course competitors, so you could plainly see how accomplished she is. Also attending was Ingvar Braaten, mapper of the classically famous 1983 US Championships map at Telemark, Wisconsin, visiting from Norway. Ingvar ran Green but clearly had the fastest pace, in minutes per km, of the day. And the Reids (Kiwis) from New Zealand joined us for one or two last runs, this time without the children, before returning home after several years residing here. God speed to all.

Check out the results listing and notice the good distribution of winning times on these course: 30 minutes or so on White & Yellow; roughly 50 minutes on Orange; roughly 50 to 60 minutes on the Advanced courses. All evidence of good course design by Joe M. And under 7% of entrants failed to finish, another mark of good course design.

The turnout by the way was so good, we ran out of the pre-printed maps. Or at least ran out on some courses and had to pirate maps from others. You were all very patient and understanding, for which we thank you all.

Many thanks go to the helper crew, especially Rick & Kathy Orcutt and Joe Maliszewski, all of whom put in a full 8am to 5:30pm day. Janet Putnam helped Kathy at registration. Ray Bruneau, Jerry Sirmans and Russ Steinke helped Joe retrieve controls. And I'm certain lots of other folks pitched in but either I've forgotten or didn't take note.

Jim Paradise, the aptly named Park Superintendent, turned out several four-wheeled 'mules' to help search for a lost – excuse me, mis-oriented – JROTC cadet. Found him, too 

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**RESULTS - MOSS PARK (MP)**

MP - WHITE	
Name	Time
Vargas, BCHS	24:38
Ferrer Angel, BCHS	34:50
BSA Pack 183	45:40
Stoll	81:50
West Orange #2	48:46
West Orange 3000	49:28
Murphy	53:40
Frey	67:14
Rossi	68:07
Besuden	68:14
K Pyros	87:00
Gene Shipley	87:06
Warren	116:45
Magnabosco	NTR
MP - YELLOW	
Name	Time
M Vanendingham	27:13
The Kiwis (Reids)	31:16
Joseph Bonelli	31:27
K Patillo, TVHS	32:02
McCullough, TVHS	33:55
A Leonard, Dunedin	36:12
Roe	39:33
DeGreave, BCHS	39:45
Bishop, Central TMI	39:45
Grace, Caery	41:10
LeBlanc, Central TMI	41:40
Kristina Youngs	42:06
Jon Chointere	43:17
Burgess, Central TMI	46:13
McKormick	46:40
Chrystala Munoz	47:30
Skowron	48:26
Ramsey/Skowron	49:51
Blere, Nease	50:06
Cesar Gomez	50:37
Drawhorn, Nease	50:39
Nathan Powell	52:20
Pursely, Nease	54:33
Ezzidio	54:43
Holton, Nease	58:03
Jones, BCHS	59:15
D Smith	60:28
ZaJae	61:51
S Smith, O&A	62:26
Gianakis Central TMI	63:52
Wall	68:57
Nicole Riley	77:35
Chris Anderson	79:24
Lecker	82:50
DeLaHenty	83:03
Tony Merrell	87:00
Hackett	87:24
K. Martinez	90:00
Geiger	90:35

MP - YELLOW - cont	
Name	Time
Geiger	90:35
Cliff Tyrone	92:15
Perrelli	104:37
Warren	122:12
G. Pyros	NTR
Henry Blau	DNF
Hernandez	DNF
Shaffer	NTR
Abdool	NTR
McGinley	NTR
West Orange #4	NTR
MP - ORANGE	
Name	Time
B. Johnson	47:21
D. Thompson, Nease	53:10
Girzgo	54:00
K. Thompson, Nease	54:31
Walenty Prytulo	58:00
Ferrer, BCHS	62:00
Gutierrez, BHS	62:42
C Jones	64:00
Hudson, Central TMI	65:00
A Holman/T Taylor	66:00
Jose Alvinde	66:00
Cesar Olivera, BHS	66:00
Hunter, Central TMI	66:00
Joe Arriza, Central TMI	67:00
Vargas, BCHS	69:00
DeGraves, BCHS	69:00
Chewning, Nease	69:53
M&M Dempsey	72:20
Robert Davis	74:00
David Mahnken	75:30
TVHS #1	78:00
Gonzalez, BHS	81:11
Hamilton	82:40
MacCr	84:00
Gilbert	88:00
Dismuke	90:00
Wood	90:25
Boone HS #2	90:37
Cloakey	93:20
Keil	96:00
Mann, BCHS	98:00
Boone HS #3	98:00
Kim Durjan	99:00
Boone HS #1	100:00
John Ide	101:20
Tobar	102:00
Akers	109:35
J. Baez	112:00
Powell, BCHS	114:00
Bruskowicz	114:30
TVHS #2	136:00
Chris Roberts	140:00

MP - ORANGE -cont	
Name	Time
Kaler	144:00
Prendimano, Central TMI	DNF
Cobras	DNF
McCormick, BCHS	DNF
Krisinsha, TVHS	DNF
Sheehan, Nease	DNF
Kovaly	DNF
K Day	NTR
MP - BROWN	
Name	Time
Inger Vannes	61:42
Russ Steinke	104:00
Team Andy Capp	105:00
Paris	NTR
MP - GREEN	
Name	Time
Braaten	49:00
Barker	76:00
Sachse, Nease	76:00
Ray Bruneau	111:00
Enriquez	112:00
Roman	112:30
Yost	116:00
Michael Whitlock	131:00
Belcher, Central TMI	174:00
Grunker, Central TMI	179:00
John Arriza, Central TMI	179:00
Ed & Patty Allison	OT
The Fluegels	NTR
Akers	DNF
Poole	DNF
Wang, Nease	DNF
Tang, Nease	DNF
Spahn, Nease	DNF
MP - RED	
Name	Time
Bob Putnam	66:45
Arild Arslieie	74:46
Artur Intson	80:00
Dave Dirito	85:30
Schultz	100:00
Mitch Jarvis	103:00
Derek Bohn	118:00
Jerry Sirmans	120:00
Haag	125:00
A Holman/T Taylor	136:00
Wright	139:00
The Kiwis (Reids)	OT

**RESULTS - ROTC - MOSS PARK - MARCH**

<b>ROTC - MOSS PARK YELLOW</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Time</b>
Vanlandingham, M	Boone	27:13
Bonelli, Joe	Duneden	31:27
Leonerd, Anna	Duneden	36:12
Bishop, Scott	Central	39:45
Grace, Cory	Sebastian River	41:10
Leblank, Felicia	Central	41:40
Youngs, Kristina	Boone	42:06
Choinerer, Jon	Duneden	43:17
Burgess, Adam	Central	46:13
Munocz, Crystalee	Boone	47:30
Clere, Katie	Nease	50:06
Gomez, Cesar	Sebastian River	50:37
Drawhorn, Jessica	Nease	50:39
Ezzidio, Hector	Centennial Slw	54:42
Holton, Brett	Nease	58:03
Zajac, Emily	Centennial Slw	61:51
Gianakas, Phillip	Central	63:52
Riley, Nicole	Duneden	77:35
Anderson, Chris	Sebastian River	79:24
Martinz, Kevin	Tampa Bay Tch	90:00
Cliff, Tyrone	Tampa Bay Tch	92:15
Wall, Glenn	Centennial Slw	DQ
Patillo, Kieth	Titusville	DQ
Mccullough, Richard	Titusville	DQ
Pursley, John	Nease	DQ
Henry, Blake	Tampa Bay Tch	DQ
<b>ROTC - MOSS PARK - ORANGE</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Time</b>
Thompson, David	Nease	35:10
Hudson, Mike	Central	65:00
Alvirde, Jose	Sebastian River	66:00
Hunter, Donald	Central	66:00
Arriza, Joey	Central	67:00
Davis, Robert	Titusville	78:00
Wood, Gabriel	Centennial Slw	90:25
Gonzalez, Jon	Boone	90:37
Paris, Josh	Centennial Slw	91:00
Cloakey, Josh	Duneden	93:20
Olivera, Ceser	Boone	98:00
Gutierrez, Mario	Boone	100:00
Brustowicz, Stephen	Centennial Slw	114:30
Kirshingha, Jon	Titusville	136:00
Predimano, Ron	Central	DQ
Sheehan, Michael	Nease	DQ
Chewning, George	Nease	DQ
Thompson, Kevin	Nease	DQ

<b>ROTC - MOSS PARK - GREEN</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Time</b>
Sachse, Matt	Nease	76:00
Wang, Kenan	Nease	77:00
Enerriquez, Chris	Centennial Slw	112:00
Roman, Luis	Centennial Slw	112:30
Whitlock, Mike	Duneden	131:00
Spohn, Trevor	Nease	DQ
Arriza, John	Central	DQ
Belcher, Hank	Central	DQ
Gruhler, William	Central	DQ
Tang, Haimeng	Nease	DQ



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## RSRSR - APRIL, by Bob Putnam

EC: Bob Putnam CS: Steve & Donna Fluegel

We could not have asked for a better day for Orienteering, despite the weather forecast, the actual overnight rain and the actual early morning sprinkles. From 10:00 AM we had clear skies and a cool 5-10 mph breeze, with temperatures up around 80° at mid-day.

A total of 233 people enjoyed one of the total of nine courses, counting the three JROTC Championship courses, where 91 cadets competed individually.

This event was special in that the 2004-2005 Florida Interscholastic JROTC Championships were being held at the same time as our regular FLO event. Congratulations to Titusville High School for their first place finish, to West Centennial High School for their second place, and to Crystal River High School for third.

The trophies this year for the JROTC were even more spectacular than in previous years. It would seem that just having trophies like that in the cases at the high schools would be enough to prompt a wider interest in orienteering.

Many thanks go to the Fluegels, Steve and Donna, for their help on this event. They vetted each control location well beforehand, prepared all the clue sheets, set all the controls the day before (thus avoiding that usual day-of-event morning rush that FLO is prone to) and then Steve showed up to help most of the day at registration and start/finish. Just the normal sort of help the Fluegels provide while they stay with us each winter.

All the Thank You's due others would be better done the day after the event, but here it is 12 days later and I'm just getting around to writing this - therefore spotty memories come into play. I remember Jonathan Linforth showing up early with maps and staying around for hours until he had to leave for work. Bill Barolet showed up early and helped set up, as did many JROTC cadets. Mike & Marilu Dempsey were much in evidence at registration. Russ Steinke and Arild Orsleie ran start./finish, too. Then Joe Maliszewski and Jerry Sirmans retrieved controls.

Toby Henson ran JROTC registration as well as their remote start/finish with lots of his usual helpers. Thanks to all, and of course especially to all those I've neglected to mention.

We had a nice visit from horse people interested in Mounted-O, so there may be an event soon out at Shockley Ranch, using previously designed courses that proved very popular with FLO-member Tami Jicha and her fellow Lake County Mounted Deputies.

Most importantly, we said "Goodbye" to Arild Orsleie who told us at the event that it would be his last FLO run for a while. He's relocating to Phoenix and will be sorely missed. He has never attended a FLO event, it seems, when his name did not appear on the Thanks-to-Helpers list. And he even went out in style, placing just behind winner Artur Intson on the Red course.

Thanks for coming out and we hope to see you all again soon! 🍀

### RESULTS – Rock Springs Run State Reserve

RSRSR - WHITE	
Name	Time
A&M Kittinger	67:25
RSRSR - YELLOW	
Name	Time
Christopher Dohrn	43:10
Rodney Counts	43:57
Terri Seravalli	46:46
Peter Griessler	48:34
Nowotny group	49:50
Eric Grossberndt	53:15
Ann Delahunty	59:28
Troop 62	64:18
YMCA Graybear	67:05
Klein Crew	80:55
YMCA Wiwoka	89:35
Jerry Leclerc	91:43
RSRSR - ORANGE	
Name	Time
Walenty Prytulo	44:50
Nicci Wright	47:12
M&M Dempsey	49:25
Girizgo	50:07
Ian Sawers	59:30
Scott Mowry	71:06
BHS #2	75:35
Julio Bahamon	84:28
Rodney Counts	85:42
Sanger WOHS #3	91:55

RSRSR - ORANGE - cont	
Name	Time
BHS #1	94:24
Hawkins-Lunt	95:09
Dana Smith	105:43
J&J Planck	107:10
Lavigne/Cannon	132:35
Leanna Hawkins	133:19
BHS #3	138:05
Tompkins WOHS #4	145:30
Mary Riccaboni	DNF
Melissa Kaler	DNF
RSRSR - BROWN	
Name	Time
Andy Capp	78:43
Russ Steinke	97:15
RSRSR - GREEN	
Name	Time
Dave Gottschalk	59:40
Joe Maliszewski	77:53
David Somers	99:03
John Ide	106:44
Payne WOHS #1	131:06
Bob & Laura Bates	132:45
D&C Clayburn	163:11
John/Karen Kremer	164:03
GS Troop 1440	DNF
Charlene Akers	DNF
Rick Holley	DNF

RSRSR - GREEN - cont	
Name	Time
Mick Mitchell	DNF
Debra Good	DNF
Lewis WOHS #2	DNF
Gene Good	DNF
RSRSR - RED	
Name	Time
Artur Intson	58:30
Arild Orsleie	66:19
Jerry Sirmans	94:44
Bill Barolet	107:45
Bates & Vaughn	112:46
Eric Schmid	115:21
Debbie Gottschalk	123:00
Dave Haag	128:10
Nick Gesnest	165:45

**RESULTS - JROTC - RSRSR - APRIL**

<b>JROTC - RSRSR - YELLOW</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Time</b>
Green, C.	BHS	30.28
Sawyer, J.	THS	42.02
Wall	CHS	49.23
Brostowicz	CHS	50.04
Patillo, K.	THS	55.47
Smith, A.	THS	56.40
Foushee, D.	TPHS	62.16
Bogershausen	DHS	63.44
McKee, R.	TPHS	64.05
Wolf, B.	CHS	64.17
Crowell, B.	TPHS	66.47
Pendergrass, C.	EWHS	71.14
Youngs, K.	BHS	73.41
Maylon, R.	EWHS	74.22
Ruiz, D.	EWHS	76.40
McCullough, R.	THS	81.10
Gazibaric, A.	EWHS	84.21
Ligens, S.	EWHS	85.48
Depue, K.	CRHS	88.30
Wilfong, J.	OHS	89.55
Gruber, N.	CRHS	92.20
Fairweather, N.	DHS	92.28
Depue, A.	CRHS	93.30
Pelletier, G.	OHS	97.27
Harrilal, G.	BHS	98.01
Leonard, A.	DHS	100.57
Roncal, P.	EWHS	124.45
Brooks, J.	EWHS	DNF
Choiniere, J.	DHS	DNF
Cook/Smith	EWHS	DNF
Cruse, C.	EWHS	DNF
Denegal, V.	TPHS	DNF
Harder, M.	GHS	DNF
Martin, S.	THS	DNF
Morales, J.	GHS	DNF
Plascak, M.	CRHS	DNF
Riley, N.	DHS	DNF
Sigel, D.	EWHS	DNF
<b>JROTC - RSRSR - ORANGE</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Time</b>
Cloakey, J.	DHS	47.17
Davis, R.	THS	47.45
Gutierrez	BHS	50.22
Whalen, J.	THS	53.15
Sherman, R.	OHS	61.45
Krishingha, J.	THS	64.54
Wyckoff, P.	OHS	66.13
Johnson, N.	THS	67.15
Wainright, S.	TPHS	68.12
Mikos, F.	CRHS	69.51
Paris	CHS	75.19
Ackerman, K.	EWHS	76.34
Szucs, C.	CRHS	77.27
Warmouth, S.	DHS	83.10
Jaquith, M.	CRHS	83.16
King	CHS	84.25

<b>JROTC - RSRSR - ORANGE - cont</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Time</b>
Dent, S.	GHS	87.27
Wood	CHS	87.43
Warren, Q.	GHS	88.42
Gonzalez, J.	BHS	91.46
Buckenham, A.	DHS	95.00
Gordon, M.	EWHS	95.54
Bonelli, J.	DHS	103.12
Cook, J.	GHS	106.27
Johnson, D.	TPHS	DNF
McKee, R.	TPHS	DNF
Munoz, C.	BHS	DNF
Ratliff, D.	TPHS	DNF
Rogers, C.	GHS	DNF
Taylor, J.	EWHS	DNF
Wainright, H.	TPHS	DNF
<b>JROTC - RSRSR - GREEN</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Time</b>
Horn, A.	THS	41.34
Johnson, A.	THS	55.26
Taylor, J.	THS	58.30
Keys, S.	THS	63.08
Thielemann, K.	CRHS	70.07
Loyd-Knight, S.	GHS	71.31
Schlierer, O.	DHS	72.28
Enriques	CHS	76.07
Garner, J.	TPHS	81.08
Stoney, C.	CRHS	85.35
Birchfield, B.	CRHS	93.28
Shuck, J.	EWHS	94.07
Fountain, B.	EWHS	95.12
Bangi, C.	EWHS	95.38
Sok, B.	TPHS	121.39
Roman, L.	CHS	124.23
Cole, J.	EWHS	DNF
Galbraith, L.	DHS	DNF
Lee, D.	EWHS	DNF
Weber, D.	DHS	DNF
Whitlock, M.	DHS	DNF
Whitted, R.	GHS	DNF

<b>KEY</b>	
JBHS	Boone
CHS	Central
CRHS	Crystal River
DHS	Dunedin
EW	Ed White
GHS	
OHS	Oveido
THS	Titusville
TPHS	Terry Parker

## CONGRATULATIONS TITUSVILLE!



### TEAM RESULTS 2005 NJROTC CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Titusville**  
**2005 Florida State JROTC**  
**Orienteering Champions**

#### Overall

1st Place	Titusville
2nd Place	St Lucie West Centennial
3rd Place	Crystal River

#### Yellow

1st Place	Titusville
2nd Place	St Lucie West Centennial
3rd Place	Boone
4th Place	Terry Parker
5th Place	Ed White

#### Orange

1st Place	Titusville
2nd Place	Oveido
3rd Place	Boone
4th Place	Crystal River
5th Place	Ed White

#### Green

1st Place	Titusville
2nd Place	Crystal River
3rd Place	Terry Parker
4th Place	Ed White
5th Place	St Lucie West Centennial

## The February 2005 Swedish Tour of Florida:

Dear FLO,

I once again want to thank you for all your help during our training camp in Orlando.

We ran on maps every day. Two or three times at Wekiwa, one in Moss Park, one at LBE, two times at Woodpecker and one time at Shockley. Unfortunately there was just one carload to visit Croom. Because we were so late from Tampa after the 10K road race Saturday morning, it was nearly dark at Croom. But they said Croom was nice terrain, maybe hard to judge the map quality since it was dark.

We did some timing, but we only used part of your course at Woodpecker. On Shockley we ran the whole course in around 55 mins., I think. The other courses we ran easy. We were very pleased that you had placed ribbons for us, but sometimes it's a little hard to see them! I think it's great when you can design the courses, because you know where the forest is good or bad.

We definitely encourage FLO to bid for a WRE, and I will talk to Jörgen Mårtensson at PWT-travel, and hear what they think. As I said in the last mail I think it's realistic to expect a group of about 50 at such a trip the first year. You have perfect weather for training.

We have plenty of hills at home on which to train. But anyway we did visit a gym twice while in FL for some legwork! Then most all of us did an easy jog every night. There was only one person who showed up at Woodpecker on Sunday and I don't know his name, but I think he got some good training for 2 1/2 hours.

Kind regards,

Håkan Eriksson

[Their pace on the Shockley 12km course was a little over 4.5 minutes per km, by the way. The winning time at Shockley for us FLO runners is usually at a pace of about 8 to 9 minutes per km, so you can appreciate how fast these guys are.]

That one person attending the Woodpecker 'workshop' was Bret Barker, longtime FLO red course runner, and he reports he did indeed get a real workout. Next year, we'll be better organized and can hopefully serve as even better hosts.]

...Bob

## Shockley Ranch – ONF - May, by Bob Putnam

EC: Russ Steinke

This was the first weekend in May. In Florida. Average high 88F°, Average low 66F and usually humid.

Weather for our Shockley Ranch event: Low humidity. 9:00 am about 65F°. Noon about 78F°. Light breeze out of the west at about 5 to 10 mph. Scattered high clouds. Brilliant blue sky.

Getting the picture?

It was an Absolutely Terrific day.

The only possible thing we could have asked for to make it better was for the Ocala National Forest to have left the forest in place for us! No kidding.

They took a good part of it away. Cut it down and hauled it away. Several hundred acres of Shockley Ranch, by the look of it, has been clear cut.

To be honest it is part of ONF's long range effort to restore the forest to native FL upland pine habitat, meaning get rid of invasives and exotics like slash pine, sand pine (which sounds odd, don't you think?) and leave what amounts to red-cockaded woodpecker-friendly long-leaf pines. That doesn't leave much to remain standing, though. It looks very nearly clear cut and bush-hogged. If I get another reading on the whole purpose I'll let you know. But we surely need to re-map before re-use of Shockley.

On top of it all the un-cut forest has been growing well, with much new underbrush and poor visibility where the map shows white woods. As for the event itself, course setters had to wrestle with all of the above and often were forced to compromise, probably explaining the large number of DNF's.

My red course was pretty neat. In the midst of it I was talking to myself as usual, but only one of the controls was much out of place: #4. I spent so much time looking for that one though, that I had given up and was walking out of the forest when I came upon it. That got me re-started and I enjoyed the rest. I had a good run when I wasn't aimlessly searching. I thought red was a very well designed course, especially leg 4 to 5; a Classic: 600 meters with a 90 degrees trail crossing at the 200m mark; looking for a distinct vegetation boundary and it turned out to be beautiful. Also 7-8 which was 1km with last

trail at about 550m; the approach was 'down' and 'into' a long shallow reentrant (if you've orienteered in FL for long, you know that terms like 'down' and 'into' and 'reentrant' are highly relative and often subjective); very challenging to do but classic in hindsight, even with, or maybe because of, the high visibility.

Congratulations to Ray & Russ. Russ has already written thank you's to helpers. I am guilty of the Faux Pas of the day. I accidentally drove home early with someone's car keys (Missy Kaler's I think - and I'm guessing as to spelling) in the cash box. If you can imagine my embarrassment when Jerry Sirmans called me at home about 3:30 to tell me, try to imagine what Missy felt like when she asked for her keys and they told her I'd driven off with them. I am so sorry and as soon as I can get an email address I'll write to her and say so. A giant thank you goes out to Jerry on two counts: first for driving half way to my house to meet me to relay the keys, then for staying in the woods way late retrieving controls after that key-relay-drive delay. Logistically we are (I am) usually better than that, and promise to do better in the future. Honest.

Results are on the web already, thanks to Derek Bohn. I haven't counted yet but it looks like 150 or so. That's a fairly low turnout, bolstered mainly by the DeLand High School JROTC bus-load. They all went out on Orange at my recommendation and as far as I know none of them found all controls. I wish I'd mixed them up a little, just to know some of them would have had a thoroughly successful day. They sure learned a lot as it was - just not all we hoped.

Conditions were right for critter-tracking, all those sandy trails after a week of rain and lots of low spots had puddle residue. Jonathan Linforth pointed out fox and bobcat tracks as soon as Janet and I stepped out of the car. I later saw many many large dog tracks that I assume come from roaming wild packs. Lots of deer but no bear and only a few small snake tracks. Janet and I walked with our mini-greyhound and he was going nuts with all the smells, but we never actually saw anything. Lets hear from anyone who did spot something noteworthy.

Hope to see you all at Little Big Econ June 4. 



**RESULTS: SHOCKLEY RANCH**

**Shockley Ranch - ONF - May, by Russ Steinke**

EC: Russ Steinke

First of all, I would like to thank all of the participants who enjoyed a warm, but not unpleasantly so, day of orienteering at Shockley, and to all of the volunteers who made it possible: to Ray for initial course design and suggestions for subsequent modifications, to Jonathan for the preprinted maps and set up of the start/finish table, to those who set up and staffed the registration table (Janet, Bob, Nicci at least), to those who retrieved controls afterward (Joe, Jerry, Mike, Nicci), and to Derek for offering to do the result compilation (not a pretty task for this event as related below). If I have forgotten anyone, it is because I spent most of the day at the start/finish table and didn't see much of what else was going on.


Secondly, I wish to offer my sincere apologies to all affected by control setting errors for which I must take full responsibility. I found that the location for Green 2 (G1), after discussing its placement with Mike and studying its co-ordinates, was in error by as much as several hundred meters. To find its location, one of only two not ribboned by original course designer Ray Bruneau. I attempted to use the two short trails leading from the road to gauge its position. But there are several such trails, and I apparently used the wrong ones.

Had I carefully examined its placement relative to other control positions in my GPS receiver, I would have realized my mistake, but alas I didn't do it! Those who followed a course directly from G1 parallel to the FR538 found it easily, though at much too short a distance, while those who attacked it from the road were lucky to find it at all.

Then there was Orange 5 / Green 5 (CT), which most Orange course runners did not find. It was set, in the correct position, but was low to the ground and nearly buried in a bush. It is not clear what happened here: I certainly did not make any deliberate attempt to obscure its location to the extent described to me by the first Orange finisher who actually found it. Possibly the knot slipped, maybe storms during the week blew it down into the thicket, but at any rate I again must take the blame for failing to tie it securely enough in a suitable vantage point. Unfortunately, most of the early Orange JROTC groups spent so much time in failed attempts to find it that they had to abort the remainder of the course in order to be back by their pre-arranged time limit.

Ironically, that control was not on the original Orange course design. It was moved because the thicket at which it was originally to be placed disappeared as a result of clearing by the National Forest Service. Again, I'm very sorry this happened.

Finally, I want to expressly thank Nicci for toiling away at the registration table most of the day, then spelling me at the start/finish table, and finally retrieving controls. She did not even run a course: please be aware if you help at future events (and we certainly hope you do), that all volunteers should be given an opportunity to do a course if they would like to do so; someone can nearly always be found to fill in during your absence.

Again, thanks to all who attended. 

White	
Name	Time
Grady	53:36
Gregg	89:26
Yellow	
Name	Time
Yeager	55:43
Hodge	80:16
Walter	OT
Ruth/Susan	DNF
Orange	
Name	Time
Prytulo	58:48
Holley	187:18
GirizGo	93:11
Deland #4	103:27
Andrea Holman	107:02
Deland #6	116:45
Delahunty	121:15
Deland #10	124:45
Deland #9	131:31
Hawkins	133:10
Lavigne	133:35
Deland #3	135:08
Missy Kaler	135:10
Deland #1	144:45
Deland #2	144:56
Deland #11	146:59
Deland #5	152:35
Oveido #1	167:08
Oveido #2	170:08
Jones	OT
Deland #7	DNF
Deland #8	DNF
Brown	
Name	Time
Hamilton	117:45
Carlson/Keyes	137:55
Jerry Sirmans	DNF
Green	
Name	Time
Bennett	OT
Mike Dempsey	DNF
Dennis/Carolyn	DNF
Joe Maliszewski	DNF
Capp	DNF
John Ide	DNF
Sheppard	DNF
Wyckoff	DNF
Red	
Name	Time
Bob Putnam	90:30
Derek Bohn	112:48
Schultz	131:28
Artur Intson	135:00
Shuman	160:10

## FLO To Host 2-Day USOF Sanctioned Class A Event, continued from cover

Two recent events combined to prompt this action. First, the Vulcan O Club of Birmingham AL hosted a similar, and very successful (over \$5000 raised), US Team fundraising event last January. Second, the group of 13 Scandinavian elites who toured Florida last February enjoyed that experience so much they urged FLO to not only host this upcoming event, but they promised to work to encourage a large contingent of several dozen Scandinavians to attend.

This is felt to be a rare opportunity to benefit the O' community all around. It will be a huge boost to the folks on the US Team, who have virtually no other source of funding. It will be a huge boost to the FLO treasury, enabling us to develop new maps in new venues - a growing need prompted as much by increasingly stringent limits at existing venues as by their familiarity factor. It will benefit the US Team by creating a domestic venue on which they can compete head to head with world class elites. Lastly, it will benefit the US O-community by affording them the opportunity to visit balmy Florida in the middle of their freezing cold, stinking rotten, slushy, icy, snow-bound winter.

The scheduling of this event will be the weekend following a 2-day Class A event hosted by the Georgia Club, GAOC, thus creating a sort of SE US Orienteering Festival. It is this close scheduling of events which will draw the Europeans.

This will also be a rare opportunity for us to rub elbows with the very best in the world. Think of it. Most of the US Team itself will probably be there; men and women. Most of the Canadian Team will likely be there not only because its winter in Canada, but also because one of their own, Malcolm Adams, created the maps on which the competition will take place.

And when we say world-class orienteers from Europe will be there, we mean past world champions and top medallists, just as has been the case for the past few O-tours FLO has hosted for them in 2005 and 2003. The chief attraction for all these elite orienteers is the fact that this event is planned to include a World Ranking Event (WRE). Anyone who competes on a WRE course (blue for men and red for women) gets WRE points, which count toward the annual world Points Championship.

Everyone who competes individually in this event, on one or both days, and who is a member of USOF, will receive US ranking points which count toward the Annual US Points Championship.


And if you're not one of the rabid competitors, you can still come out and enjoy the atmosphere. FLO will be offering the usual White, Yellow and Orange courses (different courses both days) for groups and non-competitive hikers at regular rates of \$6 per map, with as usual no need to pre-register. Those who want to join in the fun of the Class A competition, and run individually, will need to pre-register and will pay more: \$20 per day, just because this is such a Very Big Deal Event, and of course because you're supporting the US Team.

Naturally, we'll need a few helpers. Naturally, if you volunteer early, you'll have your choice of tasks. No volunteers will be disqualified from competing in the events, unless you

choose to be among the control vettors, but we expect to need only a few such.

All JROTC cadets: This will be a rare opportunity to not just meet and mingle with the very best in the world, but also to compete against the very best JROTC units from the SE US, traditional contenders for the US Interscholastics Championships, who are also expected to attend.

All Adventure Racers: This is about the toughest competitive venue you will find for orienteering training and testing your navigational skills. You will want to prepare for this by entering intervening FLO events as individuals as much as possible. If you wish to enter the weekend's events as a group you will be limited to Orange courses. All AR folks are probably more accustomed to big-crowd frantic weekend events than are our usual FLO helpers, so we will be counting on the AR's to pitch in as volunteers.

So, put it on your calendar now. We will keep you posted as the approvals come in and details develop. If you think you'd be interested in participating in any way, contact FLO's Technical VP Bob Putnam ([Bob@FloridaOrienteering.org](mailto:Bob@FloridaOrienteering.org)) or President Derek Bohn ([Derek@FloridaOrienteering.org](mailto:Derek@FloridaOrienteering.org)) as soon possible. 

## The February 2005 Swedish Tour of Florida,

by Bob Putnam

In the Feb 2005 newsletter you read of the visit by 13 elite Scandinavian orienteers to FL for winter training exercises. Accompanying that article we had intended to have a photo of the group. Computer glitches and brain fades combined to sabotage that plan, but now we can at least partially correct that oversight.

Below see a photo of half of the group standing with me as we met for a briefing their first morning in the states.



From Left to Right: Håkan Eriksson, Tord Hederskog, Staffan Eriksson, Bob Putnam, Jonas Birgersson, Bernt Björnskaard (current World Champion, from Norway), Tommy Lindberg. Not on picture: Niklas Lindberg, Elis Bengtsson, Niklas Eriksson, Hans Daniels, Alf Nordanbro, Lars Åkerman, Anders Åkerman.

Håkan's "Thank You" letter (page 7) to FLO speaks for itself:

**JUNE 4, 2005** – continued from cover

For this event only we are offering just a single Beginner's course (call it White/Yellow), plus an Orange course and for the Advanced levels, just Green and Red.

We are attempting to overcome the LBE restrictions applicable to the Barr Street trailhead staging area by once again asking all those competing on the Advanced courses, Red and Green, to carpool up the road, route 426, to Geneva Wilderness Area for their start. Their finish will still be at Barr Street, so another carpool arrangement will have to serve to get some folks' cars back. Everyone still registers and checks in at Barr Street trailhead on Route 426, located 3 miles NE of downtown Oviedo. The parking for GWA is another 2 miles NE on 426, but don't worry about that until you register at Barr St.

If you are in a position to act as shuttle driver for the GWA starters, we'll let you start late and extend other valuable perks. Just show up early and let them know at registration of your willingness. It would help if you emailed me, too.

I just came out of the woods today and the water levels are not bad near the river. The mud remains in places, so you can still get slopped up, but unless it rains heavily next week, we're in rather good shape in the flood plain. Up in the cypress domes in the big fields, where the red & green courses go, the water levels are still high. Good rule of thumb is that the map's depictions of water features in the floodplain are accurate today, but the cypress dome marshes are presently more extensive than mapped. Not to worry, its all clean water remember.

Rules and restrictions Notes: Please help out with the very limited parking corral at Barr Street.

**NO, absolutely NO**, parking is permitted outside the wood rail fenced parking corral. That means that inside we all need to park closely, tightly, and orderly, in rows. With a little luck we'll have a few traffic directors to help you out, but please do the best you can to squeeze everyone in. We've done this before successfully. It just takes effort. And besides the rangers promise to be there..

**ALSO: FLO will be collecting the Day Use Fee of \$1 per person.** Do Not use the windshield-tag envelopes provided by the park at their cast iron dispenser. Pay as you register and we will in turn pay the park when we settle up our total fees.

At Geneva Wilderness, you are permitted to take your car up there and park. In fact the first 2 dozen cars are encouraged to do that, just to free up room at Barr St. However, note that we are limited by permit at GWA also, both in terms of parking and people, so again, have patience. We'll do our best to get everyone in the woods so as not to turn anyone away. But be prepared for just a little confusion as we do that on-the-fly.

Oh, I almost forgot. Recent controlled burns have made the fields at the Barr St end quite passable again (red & green courses will see the same old un-burned blackberry fields further out - but at least berries are now ripening, so you can snack while you run).

Thanks for your understanding and patience. Hope to see you there, rain or shine.

FLO CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
June 4, 2005	Little Big Econ State Forest, Oviedo Courses: White/Yellow, Orange, Green, Red	<b>EC: Volunteer Needed CS: Ron &amp; Bob</b>
Sept. 5, 2005	Rock Springs Run, Apopka Courses: WYOBGR.	<b>Labor Day Monday</b> CS: Bob Putnam EC: <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Oct. 1, 2005	Moss Park, Orlando Courses: WYOBGR	CS: Bob Putnam EC: <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Nov. 5, 2005	Wekiwa Springs, Courses: WYOBGR	CS: Bob Putnam EC: <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Dec. 10, 2005	Kelly Park Courses WYOBGR	<b>2005 Annual Florida Championships</b> CS: Bob Putnam EC: <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Jan. 14, 2006	Croom Courses: WYOBGR	CS: Bob Putnam EC: <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Feb. 18/19, 2006	USOF Sanctioned Class A Event hosted by the Georgia Orienteering Club, GAOC See their website for details: <a href="http://www.gaorienteeing.org/">http://www.gaorienteeing.org/</a>	
Feb. 25/26, 2006	USOF Sanctioned Class A Event. Ocala National Forest, Woodpecker Hill. Courses: Individual Competitors, both days: W,Y,O,Br,G,R,BI. All Groups, both days: WYO.	CS/EC: US Team

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

<p><b>Sat – June 4</b></p> <p>Go 3 miles northeast of Oviedo, on Geneva Road, SR 426. Parking area is on the right. Entry Fee: \$1 – Pay at event registration (Do not pay at the pay station)</p>	<p><b>Little Big Econ State Forest</b> <b>EC: VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b></p>	<p><b>Courses: W/Y O G R</b> <b>CS: Ron Eaglin &amp; Bob Putnam</b></p>
<p><b>July</b></p>	<p><b>No event planned</b></p>	
<p><b>August</b></p>	<p><b>No event planned</b></p>	

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