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UPCOMING EVENTS, by Bob Putnam

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

December 10 – Kelly Park, Apopka - Event-of-the-Year!

This is the Big One! This is the Championships for ALL of Florida for the year 2005. Of course, we're the ONLY orienteering club in Florida, so it has to be for ALL of Florida, doesn't it?

No matter. It will be a memorable day for a number of reasons. We are permitted, once again, to access the north end of Wekiwa Springs State Park from Kelly, so the Orange, Brown, Green and Red courses will enjoy that remarkably beautiful area.

We will be joined - finally- by all of our JROTC cadets, who will also be competing for their usual trophies. Anyone who enters as an individual competitor will be eligible for Championship medals: top 3 men and women on each course..

The usual huge crowd of lots of scouts and lots of families and lots of Adventure Racers. Long-awaited 'winter' weather; with no bugs. Well, not a lot of bugs. Kelly's wonderful facilities: picnic pavilion and indoor toilets.

Don't miss it. Call Event Coordinator Ray Bruneau if you'd like to help out in any way. 352-589-1391 or email bruneau@mpinet.net

January 14, 2006 – Back to Croom,

Withlacoochee State Forest, near Brooksville.

Watch the FLO web pages, CAREFULLY, for the very latest in event details, but at this point it looks as though we will plan to do it all on one day, despite the permit limitation of 150 people maximum. Last year we had about that many for our inaugural event but that included JROTC.

We plan to minimize attendance by staging the January JROTC competition at another venue. So there is only a small chance that if you show up late, with a big crowd, you may either be turned away outright, or you may have to wait for others to come out of the woods before starting.

We plan to play it by ear, and do not honestly expect any problems.

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December 30

POTLUCK & WINTER ANNUAL MEETING

All FLO Members, "regulars" &
interested parties are welcome.

When: 6:00pm SHARP

Where: Andy Canelos' home:
1208 Clinging Vine Place,
Winter Springs

! PLEASE RSVP to Andy Canelos !
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KELLY PARK - EVENT OF THE YEAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2005
2005 FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A day that earlier in the week seemed destined to be blustery and rainy, or worse, turned out to be a beautiful day for orienteering at RSRSR. Recent rains rendered the red course a soggy proposition, but blue skies with temperatures in the 80's (well, below 90) made it bearable if not downright enjoyable. A food collection for Second Harvest, which Mike & Marilu Dempsey volunteered to deliver, reminded us of those whose fortunes have not been so blessed as a result of horrific hurricane destruction on the Gulf coast.

Thanks greatly to Toby and his JROTC volunteers for providing tables and staff for set-up, registration, remote start, and finish. **Thanks** to Ray Bruneau who set out some of the controls, then single-handedly manned the other remote start table for this somewhat unusual arrangement. Ray was helped by long-time friend Dale visiting from Alabama. And without our GPS units (re-visiting positions recorded during earlier scouting visits) some of those controls would not have been in the right places!

Thanks also go to Janet Putnam and Mike & Marilu for help at registration, to Bob Putnam for course design, flagging and checking controls, and training newcomers, and to control retrievers Joe Maliszewski, Nicci Write & Jeff (Adventure Racers), Toby Henson, Susan & Adam Johnson and Ray Bruneau. **Thanks too**, of course, to Jonathan Linforth for pre-printing of the maps.

From Course Setter Bob Putnam: What a relief to learn most of the biodegradable ribbons I'd placed July 4th were still there for Russ to locate in the weeks before, and the day of, the event. Wouldn't you know the single most difficult control placement was the one missing ribbon the morning of the event!

Incident of interest: At least one control was taken down and stuffed under a not-so-nearby bush, although it was found and replaced properly by the person who reported it to me. I never know how to respond to such a thing. Strangulation comes to mind; death by coded needle punch, etc. Let this serve: If you who did it are reading this, please do not come orienteering again; you are not welcome.

The good news is that we had 157 people turn out on an unusually warm mid-September day. The even better news is that we pulled off an event having TWO remote starts and a separate finish table back at the Registration area. That's a testament to the energy level of Toby Henson's Titusville JROTC crew and their adult helpers Ann Shimer, Eleanor Dedge, Denise Hargis, Susan Johnson and Brenda Taylor.

Those remote starts gave most courses looks at areas they have not previously seen. It also invited what might have been a record first leg of the Red course: 1600 meters to control #1. I was so giddy about that leg I just had to tell people about it at registration. But then some elected to run Green as soon as I told them, so I'll try to keep these things under my hat from now on.

The relatively short courses were not as easy as I'd planned, since results show finishing times that are rather typical for FLO. I know a few veterans like Missy Kaler and Jerry Sirmans didn't finish and that suggests less than ideal course design. Both the red and green courses were won by women; Congratulations to both Andy Canelos and Debbie Gottschalk. I foresee a real battle for the Florida Women's elite championship in December at Kelly Park.

It was most gratifying to see the Titusville JROTC newbies going out first on Yellow in Groups with an experienced cadet, then later going back out on White individually. We've discussed this approach several times recently. This was the first time I saw it done and it looked as though it worked. Feedback from those cadets on this approach would be helpful.

Thanks to all who came out. Thanks to all who helped. Just one more thing: JROTC cadets will from now on pledge to keep the area around the finish table clear for incoming competitors. See you all in the Woods at the next event ! 

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RESULTS - RRSR

RRSR - WHITE	
Name	Time
THS - Travis	22:25
THS - Leigh	27:05
THS - Nathan	30:40
THS - Zack	32:30
THS - Allen	32:41
THS - Veronica	35:39
THS - Steph	37:39
THS - Gary	39:20
THS - David	41:25
THS - Mike	47:24
THS - Ben	79:00
THS - Killian	80:00
Sharada Dasyam	DNF

RRSR - YELLOW	
Name	Time
THS #1	40:10
Oviedo #4	41:01
THS #4	41:29
Central #1	51:33
Central #4	53:02
THS #3	57:31
THS #2	59:30
Central #2	67:37
Brinkley	69:30
Danita Bohmer	71:04
Rich Hanson	86:10
Central #5	110:14
Central #3	111:48

RRSR - ORANGE	
Name	Time
Hemness	59:25
M&M Dempsey	69:46
Lane Sheppard	78:39
Oviedo #1	81:16
Oveido #2	83:16
Mario Gutierrez	87:38
Walenty Prytulo	92:30
Scott Stewart	94:54
THS #1	97:50
Worischek	101:00

RRSR - ORANGE - cont	
Name	Time
Feliscia Leblanc	104:17
John Rodemeier	104:30
Bensen	107:50
Oveido #3	113:50
Cooper	119:13
Troop 240 #1	121:54
Danita Bohmer	140:00
Milligan	142:15
Joey Arniza	DNF
Phil Gianakis	DNF
Donald Hunter	DNF
THS #2	DNF
Troop 240 #2	DNF
Troop 240 #3	DNF

RRSR - GREEN	
Name	Time
Andrea Canelos	57:19
William Gruhler	93:45
John Arniza	95:45
David Zulkowski	109:44
Johnson	110:00
Alicia Vaughn	118:00
Louis Arevalo	119:10
Bret Barker	147:00
John Sheriff	148:00
M Kaylor	OT
James Pridmore	OT

RRSR - RED	
Name	Time
Debbie Gottschalk	80:41
Artur Intson	93:05
Jamie Shariff	98:29
Joe Maliszewski	102:00
Crane	107:54
R Pattillo	111:00
Dave Gottschalk	115:42
Jarvis	117:29
Adam Johnson	146:14
John Whalen	DNF
Jerry Sirmans	DNF

It Will Never Happen To Me, by Ray Bruneau

An incident happened at the Rock Springs Run State Reserve event that came close to involving a real search & rescue.

Long story – short...

A gent (no names, to protect the embarrassed) in a group of 4 intentionally became separated from his group. He only had a water bottle to carry with him AND was only going to take this short trail while the rest of his group stayed on the road. “We’ll meet up in 10 minutes”, he says. This little excursion turned out to be a stressful 3 hours.

I had just returned from my unofficial run on the Green course and checked in with Toby at the finish table and asked if everyone was in and his response was: “that a man was still out and that his wife was frantic in coordinating with their group to locate him”.

Joe decided to be on the lookout as he left to pull controls on the West side of the hardtop; since this is the area we believe he was located. His wife had received a call from him on a cell phone that he was at a ranger’s house in the woods. I immediately thought of the old green house on Camp Rd., which is west of the hardtop and decided to go and find him. I met a member of his search party enroute and we walked to the house from the road. Well, that would have been easy closure but he was not there.

His group then decided to try to look on the upper part of the park near the private houses and off they went. I stopped and talked to Joe about our missing gent; no sightings. I also had a ranger stop, asking him about the location of a ranger’s house in the upper section of the park. He said that the only house is 1 mile south of the gate at the end of the road, which puts our missing gent ‘WAY – WAY! – WAY!! LOST’.

His group showed up again and stated that he was definitely at the ranger house and I told them what I had just learned about its location. We hunted the roaming ranger down and he escorted his party to the physical location and returned with our missing person. I had informed his wife that I was preparing to call out the Lake County Search & Rescue Team to locate him.

In hindsight, I should thank the sound judgment of our gent to stay where he was, once he knew he was lost and in phone contact. When he returned, I asked him to review where he walked and what had happened for him to become lost. Wow! let me tell ya, he did some hiking. We do hope to see him back for more training.

A special thanks to our roaming ranger for just being there with the right information and willingness to help. We request that whistles are part of your O’gear along with a compass and water, all for excellent reasons. This is one example of why we ask that you do not separate from your group.

I hope this write-up incites YOU to gear up from the head down. 



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Moss Park Split Oak Forest

October 1, 2005 - National Orienteering Day, by Mike Dempsey

EC: Mike & Marilu Dempsey CS: Bob Putnam

Saturday started off as a beautiful sunny day – not too hot - just right for O. Then the heavens opened up and soaked everyone; including poor Joe (Maliszewski) who was running the remote Start/finish. He valiantly protected the start sheets etc. by trying to keep them under the clip board when he wasn't actually writing on them. Other folks commented that the rain was just what they needed to cool off.

Marilu Dempsey and Andrea Canelos were swamped right from the beginning. Unfortunately the park rangers had given us a different pavilion than the one we were expecting. That meant that we had to re-mark the Start point on the White/Yellow maps and explain to each starter about the change. This, together with the unexpectedly large turnout of JROTC, made things rather more chaotic than usual around the registration area.

In the end we had a total of 289 people out on the courses; 200 of those from the JROTC units. The rain didn't appear to put anyone off ... in fact we had many people go back out on a second course after they completed their initial run.

We had a number of first timers, who received basic instruction from yours truly, and a number of 'lapsed' members who had not been out for years.

Since this was our 'National Orienteering Day' event we randomly picked 4 start times (2 on beginner courses and 2 on advanced) to be the recipients of our prize giveaways. The lucky winners were:

- ☑ Jon Gonzalez of Boone HS JROTC
- ☑ Diane Leopold competing with her 4 kids in the 'Little Troll' program
- ☑ D & C Clayburn
- ☑ Dave Gottschalk

Congratulations to each of the above for winning an Orienteering compass, generously provided by Brunton. (See the photos of two lucky winners on page 5.) Check out the [Brunton web-site](#) for all your orienteering and camping needs.

Speaking of prizes; we sent out our 30,000th starter during the next event at Wekiva Springs. The lucky winner received an award, and prizes. See the write up of the Wekiva Springs event for more details.

We apologize to those of you who ran the Red course for the misplacement of control #2. It seems that the control was 50 meters or so from its intended location. Looking at the results however it appears that most of you were able to find it anyway. This is another example of our volunteer shortage. Ideally we could use a control 'vetter' who would go out and double check that the controls had all been set in the correct locations. (This is a requirement at Class A events.)

Our Food Drive was a little disappointing this year – only 136 pounds today, and another 61 pounds last month. The Second Harvest Food Bank folks were still very happy to see us when we rolled up with your donations.

Thanks again to all our volunteers. In addition to those mentioned above we also had Anne Shimer, Denise Hargis and Toby Henson from Titusville ROTC working Start/Finish and Registration, at various times, and Jim Staubach and Antonio Baez from Riverview ROTC on Start/Finish. Thanks also to the Titusville ROTC cadets who retrieved controls. ☑

RESULTS – Moss Park/Split Oak (MP)

MP - WHITE	
Name	Time
Riverview 3	10:31
Oviedo 2	12:30
Candace Horan	14:11
Riverview 2	14:24
Boone 3	17:15
Riverview 8	19:20
Riverview 5	21:00
Oviedo 1	23:01
Boone 6	23:32
Boone 4	24:05
Boone 7	24:55
Boone 2	25:46
Boone 5	25:55
Riverview 4	27:25
Riverview 6	27:30
Riverview 1	28:12
Nina & Siry Barker	28:54
Boone 1	30:55
Williamson / Ruiz	36:00
Catherine Thomas	40:10
Riverview 7	41:40
Kevin Harrelson	53:07
Harrell / Schaeffer	53:57
MP - YELLOW	
Name	Time
Cypress Creek B	22:46
Patriots 1	23:30
CC, Pellino	25:20
Patriots 2	27:40
Horn / Ellingsgard	30:15
Orangatan	44:01
CC, Marte	44:34
Ben Heath	48:20
Berlin / Steinke	49:39
Hargis	51:20
Joshua Patterson	56:10
Den 5	56:39
Will Frye	59:10
CC, Valentin	60:10
Big Den 5	61:40
Nathen	62:10
Emert	63:20
Thomas Tyndall	64:47
Delahunty	69:15
Melanie Tyndall	74:06
M & K Skinner	79:55
J & K Brown	103:58
Charpentier	NTR
Cypress Creek C	NTR
MP - ORANGE	
Name	Time
Keith Pattillo	30:00
Missy Kaler	32:00
John Whalen	35:40
Boone 4	36:18
Girzgo	39:25
Boone 1	42:02
Walenty Prytulo	44:10
Boone 3	46:30

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RESULTS – Moss Park/Split Oak

MP- ORANGE - cont	
Name	Time
Nina & Siry Barker	47:45
Tiger Team	62:00
Hobron / Hyland	66:00
Martin	67:00
Gibbs 3	77:00
Auburndale 4	89:40
Hawkins / Lunt	95:30
Auburndale 1	102:00
M & K Skinner	102:50
Gibbs 2	107:00
Jason Mortham	145:30
Auburndale 2	DNF
Auburndale 3	DNF
Auburndale 5	DNF
Boone 2	DNF
Boone 5	DNF
Boone 6	DNF
Cypress A	DNF
Gibbs 1	DNF
Gibbs 4	DNF
Gibbs 5	DNF
Titusville 1	DNF
MP - GREEN	
Name	Time
Mitch Jarvis	46:45
John Ide	49:00
Adam Johnson	50:00
Brett Barker	55:00
Norm Lei	72:37
Nicole Wright	78:20
Richard Pattillo	85:30
D & C Clayburn	94:00
Dan Carrington	97:40
Hamilton	104:00
Snapper	107:30
Clare Ferrari	109:00
Keegan McCreary	110:00
Karrie Kormick	112:00
Christian Jones	122:00
Ian Sawers	NTR
MP - RED	
Name	Time
Artur Intson	56:40
Dave Gottschalk	67:00
Andy Canelos	68:30
Derek Bohn	73:01
D & L Jenkins	79:00
Debbie Gottschalk	82:35
Dirty Fish	87:20
Bruneau / Boyd	87:50
Bates / Vaughn	116:59
J Muiherny	146:00
Vanessa Baez	147:00
C Degraey	151:00
Benzo Manny	153:00
Jamie Sheriff	158:58
Hemness	DNF
Toby Henson	DNF
Robert Vargas	NTR

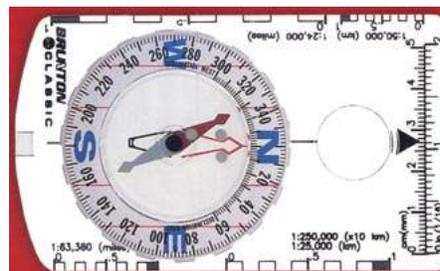


Jon Gonzalez & Boone HS JROTC team



Diane Leopold and Family

Congratulations to the winners of the Orienteering compasses, generously provided by Brunton. Check out the [Brunton web-site](http://www.brunton.com) for all your orienteering and camping needs.



WEKIWA SPRINGS, NOV. 5, 2005, by Bob Putnam

EC: John Ide CS:Bob Putnam

At our Wekiwa Springs event, I heard two things I never want to hear:

- 1) "We're going to get a letter of reprimand from the Park!"
- 2) "Haven't been orienteering much; I had a skydiving accident".

Mercifully, we didn't receive the threatened reprimand, and the skydiving accident was not what you think. So much goes on, it seems, at every Wekiwa Springs event, I feel we'll never have the space to relate it all. Here's a sampling:

- a) Bear carcasses (actually connected to the skydiver story - more later).
- b) Lost groups on the way to Start.
- c) Control Setter car being ticketed.
- d) Other control setter cars almost being towed.
- e) All JROTC cadets being prohibited from participating.
- f) Godzilla emerging from the Wekiwa Spring boil.
- g) More help than we needed.

I know, I know, that last one is too unbelievable; no one fell for that!

Amazingly, even after I'd warned about restrictions and long walks to Start, 242 of you showed up, even without any JROTC cadets, and not counting the two sadly discouraged families who gave up and went home without even starting their courses after hiking all the way to Sand Lake looking for our Start table. We apologize to them most sincerely. It's fair to say that doesn't happen at FLO events very often.

And more amazing was the bounty of volunteers: so many that several helpers offered, but weren't needed. I can remember John Ide as Event Coordinator, Missy Kaler, Artur Intson and Nikki Wright on Start, Greg Owens as Shuttle driver and Start setup. And then there was "Doc" Toney, Mike Dempsey (who also put together the 30,000th Award and hustled all over that day doing it), Andy Canelos, Kim Johnson and Russ Steinke on Registration, with Nikki Wright, Jerry Sirmans and Joe Maliszewski retrieving controls, plus Jonathan Linforth (who also vetted and ribboned all my controls beforehand) and Andy Canelos (again) setting controls. So folks like the Pyros's and Alicia Vaughn, who were available, simply enjoyed a wonderful day hiking. I'm sure there were other registration helpers and Start/Finish helpers whose names I've forgotten. Thank you all.

The day was perfect for orienteering. It never got (much) above 80, the sun was out all day, and that 72F Spring was right there for anyone to enjoy.

The story of the day was the 30,000th FLO starter, photographed and celebrated by Missy and Artur, as I understand it, out at the Start Line. He received a certificate and FLO T-shirt (see photo on next page) plus a complementary FLO membership.

Lots and lots of scout groups. So many newcomers I don't think I stopped talking for 90 minutes doing instruction for one group after another. That's great news.

Now I have just one request - please let's all agree to seriously try to limit the size of groups going out together, however young and however inexperienced. Large groups just simply poison the experience for all. The smaller the better.

I'll pledge to do my part to persuade leaders to split up, registration table folks will try to urge the same, but leaders reading this need to take it to heart. Please understand: others will enjoy the day more and your kids will learn more, to the degree you "keep it small". That last is most important: your kids will learn more in a smaller group.

Remember that we have a secret subversive agenda here: we are teaching them things while they have fun, map literacy being just the most obvious. But a whole curriculum of learning is underway when they successfully manage their own navigation in the big wide woods. End of sermon 101....

I must tell you more about the day's adventures. First, the rangers let a few of us park out near the remote Start to set controls early and instructed us to park in the campground sanitary dump station loop. Simple enough but we all remember how we were reprimanded in years past for parking on the grassy shoulders, so we kept our wheels on pavement. That blocked the dump station. Oops.

One camper wishing to 'dump' was angry enough to demand we be towed. But we had our instructions and in the end the rangers understood we were not at fault but not before John Ide met me in the woods with the above quote about a likely reprimand.

Next comes the bear story. A carcass was reported by Chris Johnson on red - somewhere between #10 and #11. I called Chris afterward to confirm he'd told rangers about it (actually 'them', since he saw another, older, skull nearby) and in passing he explained why he hadn't been O'ing in 6 months. "Had a skydiving accident". After I congratulated him for being able to report in person on such a thing, he also told me he's soon moving out of FLO country, to Texas. So we wish him Godspeed, full healing of that ankle, and thanks for the hot competition he's provided, for these many years.

And then there was Jonathan Linforth's almost-a-parking-ticket, but only a Warning, received from a DER patrolman because Jonathan had actually parked OUTSIDE the Park on Ponkan Road to place advance red/green/brown controls early in the morning, jumping the fence to do so. This as you may guess is a no-no without prior dispensation, in writing. Gotta remember that 'writing' part.

I was very pleased to see the winning times on White, Yellow and Orange. Those were just about as targeted and also just about equal the USOF guidelines. Troop 274 seems to be working their way up to Orange course competence very quickly. Keith Patillo should probably be congratulated for winning orange, since Jerry Sirmans only ran orange because he dropped down from his usual red in order to leave time to retrieve. A very generous gesture.

Congratulations go to Dave Gottschalk who blew my red course out of the water, since I'd predicted a winning time of 90 minutes. That's a pretty long red course, you say?

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WEKIWA SPRINGS,

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Yup. About 7.7 km makes for challenge enough, but I put them through some unfamiliar territory, with some green-ishly slow going, so I was chuckling diabolically in letting folks know it would be tough.

On Green Mitch Jarvis nosed out Joe Malizsewski and Nikki Wright, each being just over 100 minutes. Why is that significant? It shows why you should never slack off (even for 24 seconds Nikki) even when it seems like you've been out a long time. Usually everyone else is taking a long time too.

As a course designer I was especially pleased to see so few DNF's. That's reassurance that even if some of the courses were longish and physically grueling, they were not unfair.

Other than wanting to give people their money's worth by presenting very challenging courses, why, you might ask, were the advanced courses soooo long?

Why, to get you all ready for next month's Florida Championships, of course, to be held December 10 at the Kelly Park end of Wekiwa Springs State Park. Same map, but different terrain altogether. No overlap at all.

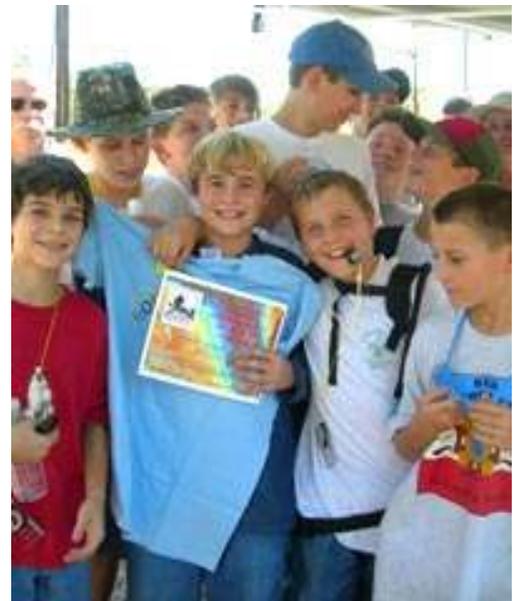
It's going to be a super event. Don't miss it. I must stress to all that it is still a normal FLO event with everyone welcome, even all JROTC units this time, it's just that for this event we just give out medals to winning individual competitors (top three men and women on each course). See you there! 

RESULTS - Wekiwa Springs (WS)

30,000 FLO Starter

WS - WHITE	
Name	Time
BSA 274 #3	34:20
BSA 274 #4	35:02
BSA 274 #5	37:45
BSA 274 #1	38:15
Arnold Toney	40:02
BSA 234	40:35
BSA 225 #2	45:00
GSA 4140	47:38
BSA 274 #2	48:08
Rick Holley	54:42
Karen Pyros	55:00
BSA 225 #3	62:50
BSA 225 #1	69:03
Wayne Sloymoker	73:00
WS - YELLOW	
Name	Time
BSA 274 'B'	48:15
Pack 183 Parker	49:05
All Girls Team	51:32
Pack 183 Smith	64:00
BSA 274 'A'	65:00
David Hall	66:00
RK Hill	70:30
Melanie Tundall	70:49
Pack 183	70:56
William Bekker	71:30
Delahuny	71:49
Pack 183 Frey	73:35
Jeff Whitt	74:00
Pack 173 #1	76:00
George Pyros	78:25
Pack 173 #2	79:58
Team Maria	83:18
Old Ladies	88:00
Hot Chicks	88:35
Den 5 Brian Mullen	88:39
Jeff & Daniel Whitt	114:32
Geiger 161	120:00
Riccaboni 161	120:00
Paula & Ronnie Pitino	124:00

WS - ORANGE	
Name	Time
BSA 274 'B'	48:15
Pack 183 Parker	49:05
All Girls Team	51:32
Pack 183 Smith	64:00
BSA 274 'A'	65:00
David Hall	66:00
RK Hill	70:30
Melanie Tundall	70:49
Pack 183	70:56
William Bekker	71:30
PBARCRAZY_S	84:30
Rebels	93:20
Pownd	93:40
John Joiner & Laurie	105:35
Cindy Lavigne	124:00
Pradella	128:50
WS - BROWN	
Name	Time
Eric Benton	86:20
David Webster	89:37
Rodemeyer	89:37
Russ Steinke	106:07
Stepanther	135:00
Carlson Family	155:43
WS - GREEN	
Name	Time
Mitch Jarvis	91:47
Joe Maliszewski	105:36
Nicole Wright	106:00
Mike Fleming	110:00
Mike Dempsey	124:55
John Ide	138:16
Brian & Heather	143:18
Keyes/Schmidt	151:00
Lost	165:57



Derek Fleming - BSA Troop 274

WS - RED	
Name	Time
Dave Gottshalk	80:47
Artur Intson	106:51
Blitskreeg	107:44
Chris Johnson	113:00
Debbie Gottschalk	116:20
Bryan Shultz	127:23
Ray Bruneau	128:20
Susan Hewlings	156:00
Andrea Canelos	160:43
John Hollingsworth	167:09
Lundin	173:23
David Hatten	188:56
Hot Runners	219:00
Nolebuc	DNF
Joerg Doerner	DNF
CPDM-Lost	DNF

Deaf Oers at Fair Hill Orienteering Event,
Elkton, Maryland, Nov.12 & 13, by Missy Kaler

Along with 5 other deaf friends from Delaware and Maryland, my friend, Artur Intsons, and I went to the Fair Hill Orienteering Event in Elkton, Maryland on the weekend of November 12 - 13. The trip was exhausting and exhilarating; my friends and I had a wonderful time.

Artur has been to many "A" meets in Europe but it was his first "A" meet here in the States. He has been in the orienteering business for 25 years. It was interesting to listen to what he had to say. He felt that it ran very smoothly and he was quite impressed as well.

Now, it was my very first "A" meet and I am glad that I was able to participate. It was a very organized event and I was in awe.

There were about 350 athletes from all over the country and in fact, there were several from overseas. I even got the chance to meet the best of the best. My favorite was Peggy Dickison. She is one of the USA's top orienteers. She is about 45 years old but chose to compete in the female 21+ age group in the Saturday event. And she managed to place 2nd. Wow!

Then on Sunday, she placed 1st in her own age group. She made a huge lead of 23 minutes compared to the rest of the finishers in her group. She did her run in 1:09:30 with 11 controls on a 7.6 km course. That's amazing.

Since I am a newbie - with only 1-year's experience - I chose to stick with the intermediate level, which we all call, the Orange Level. On Saturday, I came in 2nd with a time of 69:40 - it was a 4.1 km course (2.5 miles) with 8 controls. On Sunday, I came in 3rd with a time of 94:33 - it was a 5.4 km course (3.4 miles) with 11 controls.

I didn't do well - it was a much tougher course, the terrains were much higher and deeper. It was a lot of climbing. The forest was pretty thick, and I ran into some thorns.

And well, I kind of got lost between control 6 and 7 - apparently I didn't line up my compass with the map. Yet, I came in 3rd. I was quite surprised!

Artur Intsons did the green level. He should have participated in the Red Level but out of respect for a fellow deaf orienteer, he agreed to compete at the green level. On Saturday, he did a time of 51:40 - it was a 5.1 km course with 13 controls. However, he came in 6th place, which was only 7 minutes behind the leader.

On Sunday, he came in 7th with a time of 96:14 - it was a 9.1 km course with 14 controls. Artur said it was a much tougher course. He wished he could have had more practice like many of the DVOAers.

The Delaware Valley Orienteering Association has an orienteering event just about every weekend. I am very jealous.

While we were there, we met many nice people. One of them was Mark Frank. I learned from him that our Florida Club is considered the "sister" club of the DVOA club. All because of Bob Putnam. All of the DVOAers would come up to me and ask me if I knew Bob Putnam. Apparently Bob has left a mark with the DVOAers.

Mark Frank introduced us to Chuck Ferguson, the President of USOF. I thought it was quite an honor to meet him. He was very personable and we chatted for a while. We mentioned that we would like to promote the sport in the Deaf community and he was very supportive of the idea.

I am looking forward to the next "A" meet here in Florida. We hope to bring more deaf orienteers then. I cannot wait - its an exciting event. You will be among the best of many orienteers from all over the country. So, sign up soon and join us. 



Left to Right: Artur Intsons, Missy Kaler, Billy Allaband, Carol Bathory, Ed Griffith, Patti Miller, Mark Mace

RESULTS: JROTC Training Camp - Moss Park - October 2005

Individuals Results

Training Camp - YELLOW		
Name	School	Time
Kevin Noll	Dunedin	0:27:03
Esparza	Bayside	0:32:17
Anna Leonard	Dunedin	0:33:49
Gonzalez	Krop	0:36:20
Inman	Bayside	0:39:14
Aragon	Bayside	0:39:50
Branham	Titusville	0:39:53
Jon Choiniere	Dunedin	0:45:46
Smith	Bayside	0:46:04
Antonio Burgos	Sebastian River	0:47:20
Nicole Riley	Dunedin	0:49:00
Christian Carter	Nease	0:49:37
Kevin Noll	Dunedin	0:27:03
Fleshaman	Bayside	0:50:18
Wensel	Titusville	0:52:33
Padowitz	Bayside	0:53:12
Hargis	Titusville	0:53:50
Krief	Krop	0:56:18
Snider	Bayside	0:56:48
Jenkins	Titusville	0:57:39
Santoro	Nease	0:57:55
Le	Bayside	0:57:41
Hinkson	Dunedin	1:10:14
John Kearney	Nease	1:11:03
Gigi Roach	Nease	1:11:47
Leventhal	Krop	1:13:37
Gary	Titusville	1:13:12
Sisco	Bayside	1:14:32
Rhodes	Bayside	1:18:20
Tuazon	Bayside	1:22:07
Hilton	Krop	1:22:18
Tiffany Ellingsgard	Titusville	1:38:03
Taylor	Titusville	1:40:59
Laura Kunst-Peel	Nease	1:52:08
Conn	Titusville	1:57:20
Vera Hayes	Nease	DQ
Snyder	Bayside	DQ
Sammy Thomas	Sebastian River	DQ
Ochoa	Krop	DQ
MP - ORANGE		
Name	School	Time
Gutierrez	Boone	0:44:07
Schunann	Nease	0:58:35
Corey Grace	Sebastian River	1:00:50
Wessendorf	Bayside	1:13:30
Bendvides	Krop	1:13:38
Joseph Bonelli	Dunedin	1:13:58
Portilla	Krop	1:14:30

MP - ORANGE - continued		
Name	School	Time
Ryan Quinn	Boone	1:16:08
Jose Alvinde	Sebastian River	1:17:49
Stephens	Bayside	1:22:58
Pompilus	Krop	1:20:58
Boegershausen	Dunedin	1:24:28
Dakota Peel	Nease	1:30:03
Peterson	Sebastian River	DQ
Rob Manning	Bayside	DQ
Training Camp - GREEN		
Name	School	Time
Mike Whitlock	Dunedin	1:50:53
Lloyd Galbraith	Dunedin	1:56:30
Scott Bladwell	Nease	1:56:48
Josh Cloakey	Dunedin	1:58:43
Ryan Bridgham	Nease	2:08:59
Andrew Gore	Sebastian River	DQ
Tim Martinelli	Sebastian River	DQ

Team Results

Training Camp - YELLOW		
Team	School	Time
Dunedin 1	Dunedin	1:00:52
Bayside 1	Bayside	1:15:54
Bayside 2	Bayside	1:19:58
Titusville 1	Titusville	1:31:26
Krop	Krop	1:32:38
Bayside 3	Bayside	1:43:46
Nease 1	Nease	1:47:32
Dunedin 2	Dunedin	1:57:56
Nease 2	Nease	2:53:55
Titusville 2	Titusville	3:25:17
Sebastian	Sebastian River	DQ
Titusville 3	Titusville	DQ
Training Camp - ORANGE		
Team	School	Time
Boone 1	Boone	1:50:15
Krop 1	Krop	2:08:08
Sebastian 1	Sebastian River	2:08:39
Bayside 1	Bayside	2:16:28
Dunedin 1	Dunedin	2:28:26
Nease 1	Nease	2:48:38
Training Camp - GREEN		
Team	School	Time
Dunedin 1	Dunedin	3:47:23
Nease 1	Nease	4:44:47
Sebastian	Sebastian River	DQ

Overall Team Winner - Dunedin 1

Take these 5 easy steps to open your own backyard to a wonderful world of wildlife this winter.

- 1) Provide food for winter wildlife with a variety of native plants, including trees, shrubs and plants that offer food such as acorns, berries, cones, nuts and other seeds.
- 2) Provide water for wildlife. Clean and fill your birdbath on a regular basis.
- 3) Anchor your old holiday tree in a secluded part of your yard. Wildlife will use it for shelter from winter weather.
- 4) Start a compost pile with needles, pinecones, evergreen roping and wreaths from your holiday decorations, which can provide additional coverage for wildlife.
- 5) Watch what you plant in your garden. Exotic species not native to your region can become invasive and can be harmful to both people and wildlife. (to learn more, visit: www.nwf/bwh).

☑ UPCOMING EVENTS, continued from cover

Back to Croom,

JROTC units are notified that for the January 2006 event they must coordinate with FLO's JROTC coordinator First Sgt Toby Henson at Titusville, email HensonE@brevard.k12.fl.us

This brand new map is probably the most featureless of all of our notoriously featureless Florida maps. Makes for interesting orienteering. Come on out.

FEBRUARY 2006 - CLASS A EVENT & US OLYMPIC O' TEAM FUNDRAISER

If you're a FLO veteran, you know by now that we've thrown in with the US Orienteering Team to host a Fundraising Class A weekend in February on 25th, 26th and 27th.

The on-line registration for that event is up and operating; simply go to the FLO web site and follow the links. If you're a FLO newcomer, read on to see why we are so excited about this event, and to discover how you can help.

Most importantly, remember that all FLO members/regulars/newcomers are encouraged to come out to all three days' events to register that morning to hike a course as you would at any normal FLO event, in groups or as a family.

The only difference here is that you have the option of pre-registering so as to compete on an individual basis or to simply register the day of the event and hike, as you always would, the courses after the competitors have started.

We are, as I said, immensely excited to be hosting the Class A USOF-Sanctioned event for all sorts of reasons. For one, it's a rare opportunity to hold one of those precious few USOF sanctioned events right here in Florida. Class A events are about as important as Orienteering gets in this country.

But this one is even bigger than usual. For one thing, this will be the single biggest fundraising event of the year for the US Team, the best of our elites who represent the US annually in the World Orienteering Championships.

Furthermore, on Saturday, the Men's Blue and the Women's Red courses will be a World Ranking Event, allowing the best elites from around the world the chance to rack up points in their annual World Ranking competitions and allowing our US Team members to race them head to head on "home ground".

Some very big names, perhaps even a World Champion or two, should be on hand to lend a special air to the proceedings. And if that weren't enough, the Friday event format is unique: a special Sprint race, also a sanctioned USOF event allowing national ranking points.

Coupled with the Class A event hosted by Georgia Orienteering (GAOC) the previous weekend, these elements combine to attract even more orienteers from Europe, due to this cluster of top-notch US events.

You'll want to be a part of this! I'm going to bring my camera and a Sharpie pen for autographs - I'll use my map and make them all sign it in various places.

Plans and assignments are being made. The specialized stuff that only USOF veterans know how to do, is all being taken care of by the Team. FLO has to assemble a corps for Start and another for Finish. We have a few folks who have attended Class A events and know how it works, so they will likely volunteer to head up those groups but they will need help.

Please consider volunteering. Each group needs at least two shifts to allow volunteers to compete as well. Formative steps will take place at the Winter Annual Meeting - December 30th (see notice below) but even if you can't make it to the WAM, there will be another planning meeting for those groups sometime during January or early February.

Contact FLO Prez Derek Bohn for details and to let him know of your availability: ctnyfl@cfl.rr.com

Be sure to be clear about the days and times you will be able to help. Keep watching the FLO web site (and maybe subscribe to the Yahoo Group "FloridaOrienteering") to keep abreast of developments as we approach the event.

And if you were ever thinking of persuading a friend to come out to try orienteering, this will be a fabulous way to introduce them. Mark your calendars!.

December 30: POTLUCK DINNER & FLO WINTER ANNUAL MEETING

Plan Now To Attend. All FLO Members, "regulars" and interested parties are welcome.

When: December 30, Friday Evening at 6:00pm sharp.

**Where: Andy Canelos' house:
1208 Clinging Vine Place
Winter Springs**

(off Red Bug Lake Road, 1/4 mile East of Tuskawilla Rd or 2 miles West of SR 417).

As in years past, it will be a Pot-Luck dinner. Bring your favorite dish to share. No planning whatever is involved regarding whether to bring appetizers, main dishes, or desserts. It makes for an exciting evening, but we've never yet had a problem with too much of any one thing.

FLO will provide soft drinks, ice, cups, plastic ware, plates & napkins. Feel free to bring your beverage of choice, perhaps enough to share.

Arrive promptly at 6:00, so that eating can begin promptly at 6:15 or as soon as we can get it organized.

Sometime between 7:00 and 7:30 the FLO annual business meeting will begin. The agenda will consist of The State-of-the-Club Report by your panel of officers, Attendance, Finances, Non-Profit Status, Mapping Report, Future Events, Access-to-Venues Issues, and will wrap up with the formative meeting of the February Class A Event, consisting of status reports and some selected Crew Chief assignments.

No Officer elections this year. Everyone has 2-year terms expiring December 31 2006.

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☑ UPCOMING EVENTS, continued

The meetings don't run too long, so we should finish by 9:30 or 10:00 pm, and then you're welcome to stay longer and shoot pool or play darts on the electronic dart board.

Copious supplies of old and used Orienteering maps from around the world and the US will be available for you to inspect and discuss and each is welcome to take one home as a souvenir.

**Please RSVP to Andy Canelos
andrea.canelos@siemens.com**

So we'll at least have a rough idea of how many to expect.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – PLEASE CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR BELOW AND CARVE OUT A COUPLE OF HOURS FOR FLO – THANKS

Audubon Christmas Bird Count & Training Session

The 2005 Audubon Christmas bird count for the Wekiva basin will be held Saturday, December 17. The Audubon Christmas bird count has been conducted for more than 100 years, and it is one of the best guide lines on trends in North American bird populations.

If you have not participated in the past, but would like to join **The Friends of the Wekiva River** this year, please contact Jay Exum, FOWR president: jexum@glatting.com (407) 804-1331, or Kathy Hale, volunteer coordinator, (407) 843-0615.

For novice birders, Friends of the Wekiva is hosting a bird identification training session December 3, for all new participants in the count.

A training session will be held December 3 from 7:30 am until 11:00 am. Meet at the parking lot of the Winn-Dixie at the NW corner of Lake Mary Blvd. and I-4 at 7am on Dec. 3.

This is great opportunity to participate and learn. For more info on the group: <http://members.aol.com/fowr/>

FLO CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Dec. 10, 2005 Saturday	Kelly Park, Apopka Courses WYOBGR	2005 Annual Florida Championships CS: Bob Putnam EC: Ray Bruneau
Dec. 30, 2005 Friday 6 PM sharp	FLO Annual Meeting and Holiday pot-luck PLEASE RSVP to Andy Canelos andrea.canelos@siemens.com	Where: Andy Canelos' home: 1208 Clinging Vine Place Winter Springs
Jan. 14, 2006 Saturday	Withlacoochee, Croom Tract, Brooksville Courses: WYOBGR	CS: Bob Putnam EC: Volunteer Needed
Feb. 18/19, 2006 Weekend	USOF Sanctioned Class A Event hosted by the Georgia Orienteering Club, GAOC See their website for details: http://www.gaorienteering.org/	
Feb. 25 - 27, 2006 3-day event	USOF Sanctioned Class A Event. Ocala National Forest, Woodpecker Hill. Courses: Individual Competitors, both days: W,Y,O,Br,G,R,Bl. Individual Non-Competitors & All Groups, both days: WYO.	CS/EC: US Team
Mar 11, 2006 Saturday	Moss park/Split Oak Forest	CS / EC: Volunteer Needed
Apr 8, 2006 Saturday	Rock Springs Run State Reserve	CS / EC: Volunteer Needed
May 6, 2006 Saturday	Ocala National Forest	CS /EC: Volunteer Needed
Jun 3, 2006 Saturday	Little Big Econ, Oviedo	CS / EC: Volunteer Needed

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

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Send material to Marilu Dempsey: news@FloridaOrienteering.org or 655 Little Wekiva Rd, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat – Dec 10	Kelly Park, Apopka Courses: W Y O B G R	2005 Annual Florida Championships EC: Ray Bruneau, CS: Bob Putnam
<p>From I-4 exit 92, follow SR 436 West 6.5 miles & merge into US 441. Continue North (west) for 0.7 miles to center of Apopka. Turn right on 435 (Rock Springs Road) at Walgreens. Follow 435 North 5 miles to T-junction, turn right. The park entrance is 0.2 miles. Entry Fee: \$1/person</p>		
Sat – Jan 14	Croom, Withlacoochee State Forest, near Brooksville Courses: W Y O B G R	EC: VOLUNTEER NEEDED, CS: Bob Putnam
<p>Take SR 50 west 3 miles past US 301 to Croom-Rital Rd (just past pedestrian overpass). Turn right (north) on Croom-Rital Road / CR39. Go approx 6 miles. About 100 yards past trailhead parking area #1, keep left at the “Y” road intersection. Continue another five miles (past Parking Area #2 at intersection of FR 7) to the Tucker Hill Fire Tower. (Parking Area #3 is on the Left). Entry Fee: \$1/person – Honor system</p>		
Feb. 25 to 27	Woodpecker Hill, Ocala National Forest Courses: W Y O Br G R BI	USOF Sanctioned Class A Event. EC/CS: US Orienteering Team
<p>Go west from Deland on CR 44 about 5 miles to junction with CR 42. Turn right and go 18 miles to US 19. Turn right on 19 (north) and go 5 miles to CR 445. Turn right on CR 445 and go 2 to 4 miles. Look for FLO staging area marked by signs. Entry Fee: None</p>		

All dates are tentative. Please check hotline (407) 672-7070 or Web Site: <http://www.floridaorienteering.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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