



SMOC BEARINGS

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Spring 2006 Meet Schedule

Day and Date	Map and Location	Directions (see below)	Meet Director
Sunday April 23	Pond Lily Lookout Waterloo Recreation Area Standard O-Meet	A	Alex Izzo oharrys@yahoo.com 734-995-4783 Laurent Hammerling-Fournier Laurentfournier2003@yahoo.com 734-975-1114
Sunday May 7	Silver Lake Pinckney Recreation Area "Michi-Goat"* and White and Yellow courses	B	Mark Fochesato fochdog@chartermi.net 517-518-0979
Sunday May 14	Huron Meadows (new map!!) Huron Meadows Metropark Standard O-Meet	C	Bill Luitje luitje@acm.org 734-769-7820 Catherine Roberts
Saturday May 20 or Sunday May 21	Pontiac Lake Pontiac Lake Recreation Area Standard O-Meet Check web site for date	D	Bill Pelletier bill.pelletier@eds.com 248-362-2694 H
Sunday June 4	Peach Mountain Stinchfield Woods Standard O-Meet	E	Mark Voit voit@pa.msu.edu Catherine Roberts
Sunday June 11	Mill Lake Waterloo Recreation Area "Score-O"* and White course	F	Jess Franklin drjessf@comcast.net 734-429-1057

* See page 4 for a definition of "Goat" events and details of the "Michi-Goat", and page 5 for a definition of "Score-O" events

Directions:

- A. Pond Lily Lookout – Take I-94 west of Ann Arbor or east of Jackson to exit 153, Clear Lake Road. Go north 2 miles on Clear Lake Road and turn right (east) on Green Road. Follow orienteering signs. State park daily or annual vehicle pass needed.

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Spring 2006 Meet Directions, cont'd

- B. Silver Lake - Take US-23 north from Ann Arbor or south from Brighton to the North Territorial Road exit, and go west 11 miles to Dexter-Townhall Road. Turn right (north) and go about 1 mile, turn left at park entrance. Follow orienteering signs. State park daily or annual vehicle pass needed.
- C. Huron Meadows - Take US-23 north from Ann Arbor or south from Brighton to exit 55, onto Silver Lake Road west. Immediately turn left (south) onto Whitmore Lake Rd. and right (west) on to Winans Lake Road. Proceed one half mile to Rickett Road and turn right (north), then one mile to Hammel Road and turn left (northwest). Proceed one half mile to park entrance on left and follow orienteering signs. Metropark daily or annual vehicle pass needed.
- D. Pontiac Lake – **Select One** Located north of M-59, about halfway between US-23 and I-75 (Pontiac). From M-59, take Teggerdine Road north about 2 miles. Turn right (east) at park entrance and follow orange and white orienteering signs.
- E. Peach Mountain - Take US-23 north from Ann Arbor or south from Brighton to the North Territorial Road exit, and go west about 8 miles to Dexter-Pinckney Road. About ¼ mile west of this intersection you will see a parking lot on the left (south) with a sign that says "Professional Building". You should also see orienteering signs directing you to park here.
- F. Mill Lake - Take I-94 west of Ann Arbor or east of Jackson to exit 157, Pierce Road. Drive north on Pierce Road to the end, turn left, and follow orienteering signs. State park daily or annual vehicle pass needed.

Feb 12, 2006 SMOC Annual General Membership Meeting NotesPersonnel:

Linda Burke is still volunteering to run the newsletter. Bill Luitje will email membership looking for a webmaster. Mark Voit will cover if no one else can.

Non Profit Status:

SMOC needs to fix NON PROFIT STATUS or risk not being insured. Chuck Newman volunteered himself and his legal counsel. This is driven by USOF.

A-Meet:

A member of the US National team called Bill Luitje expressing interest in running Pontiac Lake in spring of 2007. Most present at the meeting expressed interest in hosting. However, the Pontiac Lake managers continue to be an issue.

Bill Luitje will call USOF and make sure they are really interested. If so, Bill Pelletier, Al and Chuck Newman agreed to work and move this forward.

Political Action Committee:

Since SMOC have had only limited success in dealing with Pontiac Lake and other park management to gain access to these parks for our meets, it's been suggested we leverage state politicians, where possible, to achieve our goal of SMOC low impact use of DNR land. We formed the following working team to develop contacts and draft a position paper:

Al and Chuck Newman, and Bill Pelletier: (personal or professional political contacts); Rick Waldo, Pat Murad, Dennis Elston, John Snyder (position paper)

In addition, it was mentioned we routinely have many boy-scout troops at our meets, and that no state senator would want to side with a Park manager, who, in effect, is keeping the scouts out of the parks.

Meets

Ideas to Have More Meets – Alex Izzo and others:
 Post newsletter on campus
 Hire USOF team members to run meet
 Separate meet director from course setter
 Mentoring program

Action:

- Mark Fochesato volunteered to take USOF meet directors documents and make them SMOC specific.
- Mark also volunteered to run one or two training events this year, and will announce them on Yahoo groups.

Maps

Great news! Bird Hills is back on the list of available sites due to the OUTSTANDING efforts of Roddy Wares. Bill would like to hire Yefim to update the Bird Hills map, with input from Chuck Newman. *Of course, if anyone is interested in running a meet at Bird Hills or one of our other sites, contact David Ives at 734-812-6744 to make arrangements. We have open dates this spring.*

More great news! We now have a new map of Huron Meadows Metropark, which is just south of Brighton, and west of US-23. Bill Luitje and Catherine Roberts have already signed up to run a meet there on May 14.

Bill is working on aerial maps of Brighton (Brighton State Recreation Area). Once this is done we can hire mapping of this area.

We've been contacted about Holly State Recreation Area. Dave Bailey and Al Newman have looked at it, and found it suitable for orienteering. An aerial map is required here as well. The good news is they WANT us there. Holly is located in the northern metro area, about 10 miles north of Pontiac Lake.

We have opportunities at Maybury State Park (8 mile and Beck). The biggest need is housing for our mapper. Mark Fochesato volunteered to investigate housing opportunities.

Finance

Carrie Serfass handed out the annual treasurer's report and reported no major issues. We agreed to keep a \$2k balance in the SMOC checking account. With current finances, we projected mapping expenditures can continue at the current rate for another year to 18 months.

Miscellaneous:

Dennis Elston volunteered to procure a new SMOC banner.

Thanks to Al Newman and Roddy Wares for hosting the meeting!

Yankee Springs

October 2, 2005

Mike Keating, Meet Director

Paul Shank, Assistant Meet Director

In spite of a beautiful, warm day, the turnout was somewhat low - possibly due to Yankee Springs being on the west side of the state. 31 people signed in, but some of these went out as teams. Those who participated felt that the courses were good yet challenging.

Rick Waldo finished first on red, followed in order by Mark Voit, Alex Izzo, and Mark Fochesato. Megan Donahue finished first on green followed by Paul Shank. Tom Trout, an adventure racer, came to his first orienteering meet and did the white, yellow, and orange courses finishing first in each category. Second place on orange went to the team of Amity Binkert and Mike Nye. Second place on yellow went to another adventure racing team calling themselves C2 (Colin Mitchell and Cheryl Lazon - also doing their first orienteering meet). Second place on white went to Kevin Fitzgerald, still another adventure racer doing his first orienteering meet.

Megan Donahue and Mark Voit assisted a young girl scout group (12 girls and 2 adult scout masters) out for their first

orienteering experience. After instruction, the girl scouts divided into 3 groups to do the White Course. The Wiggins Group was the first of the girl scout finishers with a time of 31:45, followed by the Voit Group (43:15) and then the Dean Group 48:40. The Wiggins group did include Michaela Voit, who has some previous orienteering experience.

We were thankful for the adventure racers and the scouts, since the actual number of SMOC members to show up was only 9 plus the meet director and assistant meet director

Paul Shank assisted on the day of the meet, and was especially helpful in providing instruction for the first time orienteers. Mary Jean Keating registered the participants, helped keep things orderly at the start/finish point, and picked up the white controls. Rick Waldo, Alex Izzo, Paul Shank, and Mark Voit all helped pick up controls. My thanks to all the helpers.

Results:

RED	6.70 K	14 controls
1	Rick Waldo	73:30
2	Mark Voit	80:17
3	Alex Izzo	100:58
4	Mark Fochesato	112:43
	Team C2	OE

YELLOW	2.62 K	9 controls
1	Tom Trout	27:58
2	Team C2	46:15
3	Kevin Fitzgerald	46:56
4	Andrew Callender & Carson Maynard	50:19

GREEN	5.42 K	12 controls
1	Megan Donahue	90:41
2	Paul Shank	99:11
3	Mel's Tool Box Team	173:00

WHITE	1.83 K	6 controls
1	Tom Trout	15:03
2	Kevin Fitzgerald	24:20
3	Wiggins Group (girl scouts)	31:35
4	Voit Group (girl scouts)	43:15
5	Dean Group (girl scouts)	48:40

ORANGE	4.84 K	11 controls
1	Tom Trout	110:50
2	Amy Binkert & Mike Nye	116:00
3	Rick Matthei	146:00
4	Kevin Fitzgerald	147:00
	Bernie Camp	OE
	Robert Messer & Jillian Carney	OE
	William Hudson	OE

START			
1	23		NE Edge - Vegetation Boundary
2	56		Trail Crossing
3	49		Center - Boulder Cluster
4	34		Earth Wall
5	30		Ruin
6	110		Boulder
7	GO		Boulder

Has Your Membership Expired?

Check the date on your mailing label – if it's circled in red, your membership has expired and this is the last newsletter you will receive until you renew. A membership renewal form is included on page 5 for your convenience – please fill it out and mail it in today! Or renew your membership at any SMOC meet. Just ask for a membership form when you register for the meet. Pay your membership dues and get member rates on meet fees at the same time!

SMOC Club Championships
Spring Mill, Highland Recreation Area
October 23, 2005
Meet Director – Mark Voit
Assistant Meet Director – Amity Binkert

Results:**White**

1	Pack 342	43:24
2	Chris O'Connor	58:14
3	Finn Group	65:12

Yellow

1	Pam & Steve	60:10
2	Dale Waldo Group	64:58
3	Carter Group	67:39
4	Mary Joscelyn	68:49
5	Jim & Margaret Weise	77:38
6	Bukovac Group	81:34
7	Rich Ralston Group	95:55
8	Aman & Kathy	105:39
9	David Wiltse	118:36
10	Lori Dunaway Group	153:00

Orange

1	Jess Franklin & Carl	73:35
2	Bruce & Todd	90:28
3	Alan Baljeu	96:10
4	Caleb Mitchell	100:26
5	Bill Girardin	117:36
6	Briarbusters	118:59
7	Nick Irish	154:22
8	Ken Jones	156:00
9	Tim Schmidt	175:46
	Richard Cohen	OE
	Mike & Pat Villemure	OE
	Weldon	OE
	Robert Messer & Gillian	OE
	Natalie Jewell	OE
	Heather Guzik & Britnea Sage	OE

Green

1	Pat Murad	107:28
2	Al Newman	108:26
3	Bill Luitje	108:59
4	Brian Crowe	173:55
	Mike Keating	OE
	Gordon Seeley	OE
	Scott Dunaway Group	OE
	Ken Schlotthauer Group	OE
	Angry Dragons	OE
	Brian Slane	OE
	Blazing DSPs	OE
	Dennis Elston	OE

Red

1	Rick Waldo	107:52
2	Mark Fochesato	146:04
3	Alex Izzo	166:00
4	Mike Hamchett	166:19
5	Greg Lukas	169:39
6	Andy Yaksic	176:35
	Tom Lee	OE
	Andy Fulton & Greg Barger	OE
	Lori Smith & Marc Spencer	OE
	CNC Motion	OE
	Dave Mielock	OE
	Rich Matthei	OE
	Nate Binkert	OE
	Gordon Davis	OE

What's a "Goat"?

In orienteering, a "goat" is typically a mass start, long-course event, where following is allowed and one or more controls are optional.

Mark Voit presents the "Michi-Goat" and the Mini-Michi-Goat" events on Sunday, May 7, 2006 on the Silver Lake map at the Pinckney Recreation Area. The specific details of these events will be presented prior to the 12:30 pm mass start.

The Michi-Goat will be 12-15 km in length, and will feature 20-25 controls. The Mini-Michi-Goat will be 6-8 km in length, and will feature 10-15 controls. Pre-registration is required by May 1. Contact Mark Voit by e-mail (see schedule, page 1, for e-mail address) to pre-register.

Traditional White and Yellow courses, and beginner's instruction, will also be available at this meet. Pre-registration is not required for these courses.

Mill Lake
November 6, 2005
Meet Director: Jess Franklin

The weather was a little wet and very windy. Many leaves fell overnight, making the woods clear and the trails almost invisible. The weather also kept hunters away, and no mishaps reported from this heavily hunted area. This might be a safer spring location. Course maps were preprinted to avoid map copying in the rain without shelter.

Control #2 for both green and red was incorrectly placed- it was on the wrong hill in a swamp. There was a certain amount of frustration and wasted time searching, finding or skipping this control.

Results: see next page

Mill Lake Meet Results, cont'd

White- 8 controls 1.5 km		
1	Urban Decost	33.30
2	Reno Wyatt	57.35
3	Kreiling	70.30
Yellow 12 controls, 3K		
1	Dale and Don	51.33
2	Bill Girardin	54.39
3	Urban Decost	65.12
4	Peter and Pam	65.45
5	Gill, Bob, Juan	68.30
6	Deb and Jarrod	72.00
7	Frank and Ed	94.30
8	Cherri and Justin	96.57
	Sanelma Juha	DNF (first part only)
Orange 10 controls 3.9k		
1	Mike, Tone, Joel	44.30
2	Laurent Fournier	53.54
3	Chuck Newman	59.13
4	Jim and Joann	66.22
5	Mike Ryan	73.13
6	Mike and Pat	91.00
7	Heather Guzick	104.10
8	Brian and Nick	116.22
9	Doug and Brendan	116.22
10	Comedian Navy	116.29
11	The Trunk Monkeys	127.02
	Tom Jamison	87.17 DNF (no control 10)
	Sauder	112.22 (DNF)

Green 5.5K 13 controls		
1	Tina, Joe, Mike	151.00
2	Rich Matthei	178.44
3	Brian and Matt	184.43
4	Gordon	189.58
5	Kathy Firek	190.42
6	Jeff and Teresa	191.00
	Matt Johnson	no start time
	Wyatt and Barbara	DNF (first part only)
Red 7 km 17 controls		
1	Mark Fochesato	80.48
2	Rick Waldo	93.58 (control 10?)
3	Alex Izzo	128.08
4	Mike Hanchett	146.50
5	Bees	168.29
6	Greg Lucas	170.40
7	Dick West	186.22

What's a "Score-O"?

A "Score-O" orienteering event features a time limit in which to find as many controls as possible in any order. Sometimes controls are assigned point values - more difficult controls, or those farther from the start, are assigned more points than easier controls and those closer to home.

Finishers are scored by an often-complicated formula based on the number of controls found, the time taken, and the point value of the controls. The Meet Director is tasked with the responsibility of coming up with the scoring formula.

Score-O events are fun and challenging for beginners and advanced orienteers alike - the experience can be tailored to the skill and comfort level of the individual orienteer, who selects how many controls to visit and how far from the start area to travel.

Southern Michigan Orienteering Club Membership Application – Memberships expired December 31!!

SMOC would love to have you as a member. Membership perks include a newsletter (published 3-4 times per year), membership in our Yahoo! Group http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SMOC_Orienteer (e-mailed updates and reminders for meets and meetings), and discounts at all local meets. Dues are \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families or groups. All memberships begin January 1 and expire December 31 of the current year.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Check as appropriate:

- New member
- Renewal
- Address Change
- Individual \$15
- Family \$25
- Troop \$25

Contribution to Map Fund: \$ _____ Total Amount Submitted \$ _____

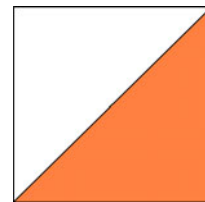
I am interested in volunteering to help with club activities. (No experience needed!)

Are you a member of USOF? Yes No

Send the completed application and check payable to "SMOC" to: SMOC Treasurer, 401 Tanahill, Dearborn, MI 48124

General Meet Information:

All meets hosted by SMOC are held rain or shine! Meets start at 12 noon, with the last start time at 2 pm unless otherwise noted. "O-Signs" at the parks (pictured at right) will direct you to the start. Free instruction is available at all meets - just ask when you sign in. Compasses are available to rent. At "Standard O-Meets" there are usually four courses: beginner (white), advanced beginner (yellow), intermediate (orange), and advanced (red). Color maps are \$5 for SMOC members, and \$10 for non-members. The time limit for each meet is 3 hours, and you must check in with the Meet Director after you come back, even if you did not finish your course! Control flags will be removed starting at 3 pm.

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