



SMOC BEARINGS

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SMOC to Become Not-for-Profit Organization

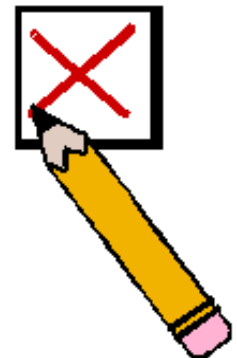
We need your vote!

Two years ago, the United States Orienteering Federation (USOF), SMOC's parent organization, started requiring orienteering clubs to become not-for-profit organizations as defined by section 501(c)3 of the IRS tax code. This change was brought about as a result of a change in our liability insurance carrier.

While this means more work for us – formally incorporating as an organization, preparing a few legal documents, filing a tax form each year – it also means a huge benefit. Once the paperwork is final, donations to SMOC's map fund will be tax-deductible, just as any other charitable donation!

Paul Vandeventer and Carrie Serfass have already completed the most difficult task – they have prepared our *Articles of Incorporation* and our *By-Laws*. Think of these documents as the club's "constitution". To finalize these documents, we need you, our members, to read them through and vote your approval or disapproval. **Discussion, question and answers, and the vote will be held at the Annual General Meeting** (see accompanying notice).

The documents are available to read or download at our website www.MichiganO.org. If you do not have access to the Internet, and/or **if you cannot make it the Annual General Meeting to vote, please send a written request to Bill Luitje** at 2677 Wayside Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Bill will send you a printed copy of the Articles and By-Laws and will make arrangements for you to **vote by mail**. But do it soon - - **all votes must be received by February 11, 2007**.



SMOC Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Sunday, February 11, 2007 at 3:00 pm at Al Newman and Roddy Wares' home (the usual place) at 2577 Newport Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Non-members and guests are welcome. Members are especially encouraged to attend, since we will be discussing and voting on our proposed *Articles of Incorporation* and *By-Laws* (see above).

We will also discuss the A-Meet we are co-hosting in May, in addition to the usual club business. If you have a topic you would add to the agenda, please contact Bill Luitje.

As usual, we will have a pizza and potluck dinner after the business meeting, so bring a dish to pass. Please RSVP to Roddy at 734-761-6980.

SMOC to Co-Host "A"-Meet

SMOC has been sanctioned to host the US Team Trials and an "A"-Meet on May 4-6, 2007. The meet consists of a sprint event Friday at Spring Mills, a short event Saturday at Peach Mountain, and a classic event Sunday at Pontiac Lake.

Al Newman is the Meet Director; Rick Waldo, Al Newman, and Mark Voit are the course setters. The event is co-hosted by the US Orienteering Team, which is handling registration.

For those who aren't familiar with the term, an "A"-meet is a competitive orienteering meet with a formal start and finish (rather than the casual format at our local meets). Pre-registration is required, and the results are forwarded to USOF to be counted toward national rankings.

We need volunteers to make this meet a success! If you are willing to help, please contact Al at anewman@newman.com or 734-761-6980. Technical orienteering skills are not needed for many volunteer activities.

Haven Hill September 17, 2006

Meet Director: Mike Keating

September 17 was National Orienteering Day. It was a beautiful sunny day, although a little humid. The turn-out was light (perhaps because of the short notice time before the

meet). Feedback was that the courses were very fun yet challenging. The closest 1-2 finish was between the two Koptelov teenagers on the Orange course. The youngest lone competitor was Sebastian Voit on the White course. I believe everyone had a good time – whether they were going for speed or just enjoying the woods. Thanks to Alex Izzo and Bill Luitje for helping pick up controls.

Results:

Red		
1.	Mark Voit	1:24:52
2.	Andrej Studen	1:36:09
3.	Al Newman	1:41:51
4.	Alex Izzo	2:30:03
5.	Mike Hanchett	2:44:54
	Mark Fochesato	DNF

Green		
1.	Bill Luitje	1:41:44
2.	Roddy Wares	1:50:27
3.	Oleg Koptelov	1:53:08
4.	Megan Donahue	2:18:52
5.	Jess & Carl Franklin	2:51:02
6.	Alan Baljeu	3:21:00
	Tina Coughluy	DNF

Orange		
1.	Andrej Koptelov	2:14:05
2.	Polina Koptelov	2:20:13
3.	Ken Jones	3:43:00
	Paul Vandever & son John	OE

Yellow		
1.	Mary Joscelyn, Cath Roberts, and Diane Cook	1:02:04
2.	Rioux Family	1:41:34
3.	Carolyn & Harry Miller	2:19:50

White		
1.	Andrew Callender & Carson Maynard	0:37:36
2.	Sebastian Voit	0:51:58
3.	Wendy & Percy Lewis	1:28:50
4.	Lisa DeShanu & Julie Browne	1:34:40
5.	Mary Spencer & Dan Webster	2:15:32

Southern Michigan Orienteering Club Membership Application – Memberships expire 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: _____

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

Check as appropriate:

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

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

Peach Mountain September 24, 2006

Meet Director: Chuck Newman

With the woods still having their full foliage, the Peach Mountain venue proved to be a navigational challenge despite having numerous trails for all but our most experienced orienteers. The rain earlier in the day left the woods slippery in spots and probably caused the turnout to be a bit on the low side. Most participants said that they enjoyed solving the puzzles presented by the courses.

Results:

Red

1.	Andrej Stuelen	1:11
2.	Mark Fochesato	1:17
3.	Mark Voit	1:18
4.	Juha Heinonen	1:19
5.	Mike Hanchett	2:35
6.	Tom Lee	2:41
	Gordon Seeley	OE
	Bill Luitje	OE
	Rich Matthei	OE

Green

1.	Lorent Fournier	1:32
2.	Team Alex	1:48
3.	Todd & Moreen	1:49
4.	Lew Kidder	1:52
5.	Mike Ryan	1:55
6.	Mike Keating	2:08
7.	Dave Wiechman	2:42

Orange

	Steve and Pam	OE
	Sonja Talwalker	OE
	Mike and Pat Yurick	DNF

Mill Lake, Waterloo Recreation Area June 11, 2006 Score-O

Meet Director: Jess Franklin

Weather was perfect – no rain, mostly sunny, approximately 70 degrees. In June the woods are very green, and there is a lot

Results:

White- 7 controls 1.6 km

1.	Sebastian Voit	32.13
2.	Yosef and Natan	34.45
3.	Wyatt	55.17
	Janice Kessler	DNF

Special recognition goes out to Sebastian Voit who had the fastest time of the day. As a prize, and in recognition of the fact that the following day was his 9th birthday, he was given the huge jar containing the remaining animal crackers. Additional recognition should be given to Andrej, who won the challenging Red course in 1:11, just ahead of several elite competitors.

Dave Ives and Mary Joscelyn were of invaluable help in setting out the controls and helping the day of the meet. Additional thanks to Rich Matthei, Bill Luitje, Al Newman, and Roddy Wares for their help as well.

Yellow

1.	Andrew and Carson	1:15
2.	Diane Cook	1:25:20
2.	Benzie family	1:25:30
4.	Mike, Trish and Maisey	1:32
5.	Angela and Lowell	1:36
5.	Gillian and Robert	1:36
7.	Cath Roberts	1:43
8.	Mike, Pat, Doug & Angella	1:46
9.	Ehli	2:05
10.	Natan, Oren, Yossi, Rifko	2:29

White

1.	Sebastian Voit	0:59
2.	Dave and Wendy	1:20
3.	Caroline and Pat	1:21
4.	Spencer and Webster	1:35
5.	Heinonen and Smith	1:39

of poison ivy, so the courses tended to use trails and the control flags were hung high. 31 controls were given points ranging from 2 to 5, for a maximum total of 94 points. Starters were encouraged to use up to 90 minutes without time penalty, with a 1 point per minute penalty for over 90 minutes. A map measured "best course" was about 8.2 km. Also available was a 1.6km white. Maps were preprinted with 31 controls marked on the map.

For Score-O Results: see page 5

Silver Lake October 15, 2006

Meet Director: David Ives

Silver Lake and SE Michigan featured full fall color, sunny skies, light wind, and temperatures in the fifties for near-perfect orienteering conditions this day. With great conditions, and the Tigers having just won the ALCS, I saw more smiles than usual all day long before and after runs.

Mark Voit polished off the red course in just under an hour with a few other elite runners right behind him on a fairly hilly and long course. Lew Kidder finished Green, a little shorter but just as difficult course, in just over an hour, with Mike Keating around ten minutes behind. I think Mike wins the award for most improved orienteer this year. He's cut his time in about half over the last few years.

By the way, one of the ways to improve orienteering times is to be a meet director. Mike is doing this, and the results speak for themselves. We are looking for meet directors for next

spring, so if you want to volunteer please call me at 734-812-6744.

On the Orange course, Eric Bacon showed the way at 48:20, with Art Ostaszewski a couple minutes back. This course challenged runners with a few controls being shared with green and red.

The yellow and white courses generally ran to the north and west with the Patrick McNeal group leading yellow and Andy, Caleb, and Mitchell Wershing leading white. We also had a well-managed Scout Troop 1634 which finished the white course in four different groups, and I know these guys had a great time.

Thanks to Rick Waldo, Joel Billau, and John and Joan Walker for picking up controls, and my son Michael for helping put controls out. Also my wife and daughter, Kim and Allison, for checking people in during the rush from noon to two pm. This one was a lot of fun with the great weather and fall colors. Be sure not to miss John and Joan's 'Nite-'O' in two weeks also at Silver Lake!

Results:

White - 3.2 KM, 8 controls

1	Wershing Group	28.40
2	Scout Troup 1634 #4	32.30
3	Scout Troup 1634 #1	32.50
4	Voit Family	37.20
5	Scout Troup 1634 #2	40.20
6	Spencer Group	65.10
7	Scout Troup 1634 #3	81.40
8	Heinonen Family	97.00

Yellow - 4.0 KM, 10 controls

1	Patrick McNeal Group	62.10
2	Mary Joscelyn and Catherine Roberts	66.40
3	Sherry and Cheng	72.00
4	Pat Steadman	72.10
5	Finley Group	124.00

Orange - 4.2 KM, 10 controls

1	Eric Bacon	48.20
2	Art Ostaszewski	50.10
3	Jess Franklin	52.20
4	Brian Halliwell	53.00
5	David Wiechman	72.30
6	Lowell and Angela	79.40
7	Gillian Carney and Robert Messer	94.15
8	Mike and Pat Villemore	97.00
9	Julie Simms and Brad	105.50
10	John Satchwell	115.15
11	Alan Baljeu	127.20
12	Doug, Angela, and Lynn	132.20
13	Kittel Family	137.20
	Brian Hermit	DNF

Orange (cont'd)

	Sonya Talwalker	DNF
	Wyatt and Reno	DNF
	Oates Group	DNF

Green - 5.4 KM, 9 controls

1	Lew Kidder	63.10
2	Mike Keating	70.20
3	Greg Lucas	71.20
4	Mike Ryan	73.45
5	Roddy Wares	89.50
6	Laurent Fournier	93.30
7	Mark and Mike Cripe	113.00
8	Megan Donahue	117.40
9	Rich and Jeremy Matthei	120.30
10	Chuck and Jill Kovack	127.20
11	Hughes Group	184.00

Red - 7.6 KM, 13 controls

1	Mark Voit	54.20
2	Juha Heinonen	60.20
3	Joel Billau	61.50
4	Rick Waldo	64.50
5	Finn Knudsen	84.30
6	Al Newman	84.40
7	Alan Opersol	86.10
8	Alex Izzo	98.30
9	Mike and Kristal Coronado	109.00
10	Caleb and Andy	200.00
11	Gordon Seeley	217.15
12	Chuck and Sara (Red and Orange Combined)	226.00
	Harrington Group	DNF

Silver Lake Night-O Score-O October 28, 2006

Meet Director: John and Joan Walker

After a couple of rainy and cold days, Saturday evening transformed into a beautiful starry night that was perfect for night orienteering! Unfortunately, three flags that were put up Friday blew down during a very strong early Saturday morning windstorm. That did create a few problems until they were

found and replaced. Thanks to Dave Ives and Bill Luitje for that!

I do offer apologies to Rick Waldo, Al Newman, David Ives, and anyone else who went to the far north area of the map as there were two misplaced flags and a blown down flag, one right after the other. No excuse other than carelessness!

Thanks to Brian, Pam, and Sue for helping to take down some of the checkpoints after everything was finished. And thanks to Jess Franklin for taking down some of the farthest checkpoints.

Results:

Name	Time	Points	Points w/Penalty*
3 hour time limit			
Rick Waldo	2:44	320	320
Joel and Shannon Billau	2:57	270	270
Reno Nye	2:43	265	265
Pat Oats	2:40	260	260
Chuck Kavik	2:40	260	260
Bill Luitje	3:08	275	259
Chris and Dave Johnson	2:54	245	245
Mike Yurick and son	2:54	210	210
Dave Ives	2:29	205	205
Chris Westra	2:46	190	190
Doran Duckworth and family	2:53	90	90
Greg Lukas	2:19	80	80
Paul Johnson	2:57		
2 hour time limit			
Laurent Fournier	1:56	245	245
Brian, Pam, and Sue	1:57	105	105
Doug Cook	1:42	90	90
Dennis Elston	1:13	25	25
Andrew Callendar and Carson Manyard	1:47		
1 hour time limit			
Al Newman	1:00	140	140
Chuck Newman	0:58	80	80
Bill Girardin	0:57	45	45

* Penalty = 2 points per minute over time limit

Mill Lake, Score-O June 11, 2006 Score-O Results:

Score-O - 8.2k, 31 controls				
	Orienteer	Points	Time	Penalty
1.	Mark Voit	94	72:50	
2.	Andre	94	89:52	
3.	Chad Lambert	86		4.0
4.	Bill Luitje	81	87:15	
5.	Al Newman	79	89:45	
6.	Chuck Newman	69.2		1.8
7.	Mike Ryan	69	87:16	
8.	Tom Lee	68.1		1.9
9.	Sweat and Tears	67	86:30	
10.	Alex Izzo	63.4		5.6
11.	Art Ostaszewski	58.75		4.25
12.	Greg Lucas	57	87:36	
13.	Mark and Mike Cripe	56	89:29	
14.	Gordon Seeley	49	78:13	
15.	Angela and Lowell	49	87:00	
16.	Chris and Paul	49	88:35	
17.	Patricia Steudeman	48	87:35	
18.	Alan Baljeh	47		3.0
19.	Pam and Steve	45	85:10	

Huron Meadows Metropark November 5, 2006

Meet Directors: Jess Franklin and Karl Johnson

The weather was terrific. The runners enjoyed the new map and location, and they also enjoyed not having to cross the Huron River. (River fording was suggested by Bill Luitje for Red last May.) Please note the Koptelov family placed first in each of Green, Orange, and Yellow.

Results:

Red: 7.43 km, 20 controls

1. Juha Heinonen	60:45
2. Mark Voit	64:27
3. Rick Waldo	70:29
4. Alan Oprsal	74:37
5. Al Newman	80:37
6. Finn Knudsen	91:28
7. Alex Izzo	95:13
8. Lew Kidder	95:27
9. Casey Hughes	97:18
10. David Ives	98:10
11. Paul Johnson	118:26
12. Scott Eveningred	131:35
13. Dave and Chris	151:06
14. Gary and Marsha Harrington	157:02
15. Steve Kaczor	161:20
16. Doran Duckworth	176:03

Green: 5.37 km, 14 controls

1. Oleg Koptelov	75:39
2. Megan Donhue	77:49
3. Mike Keating	86:11
4. Chuck Newman	88:53
5. Mike Ryan	91:20
6. Brian Halliwill	94:30
7. Rich Matthei	153:29
8. Oleg Koptelov	

Orange: 4.33 km, 11 controls

1. Andre Koptelov	42:12
2. Ochampaugh	55:23
3. Angela and Lowell	66:33
4. Sweat and Tears	68:38
5. Bob and Erin Waddell	70:49
6. Diane Cook	81:45
7. Robert Messer	90:18
8. Pat and Mike	91:48

Special thanks to Huron Clinton Metroparks for the use of Huron Meadows Metropark. The golf tournament room is an ideal location for the start/finish in cool weather, and the park is a "no-hunting" area. The golf staff were friendly and welcoming for the Orienteer Runners.

Special thanks too to Bill Luitje for providing copies of the park map, to Mary Joscelyn for start sign in, to Mark Fochesato for course check Sunday morning, and to Rick Waldo, David Ives, and Rich Matthei for control pick up. Rick Waldo was able to leave at 5pm with his car full of all the equipment for the November 12 meet at Spring Mill.

Orange (cont'd)

9. Art and Brook Ostaszewski	98:33
10. Susan Douglas	98:45
11. Pam Kittel and Peter Stine	103:55
12. Jeff Cunningham	113:46
13. Sonya Talwalker	120:00
14. Cook Family	124:27
Richard Cohen	DNF
Pam Bower	DNF

Yellow: 3.21 km, 12 controls

1. Polina Koptelova	36:38
2. Bill Girardin	52:23
3. Andrew and Carson	62:58
4. Shannon and Sandy	66:13
5. Steve and Shara Cherniack	67:43
6. Ginny Hughes	73:40
7. Vanserf	81:42
8. Team Foch	84:03
9. Bob Climie	85:00
10. Troop 2001	85:00
11. Veronica and Marina	96:45
12. Mary, Dan, Jane	102:59
13. Claire Grebb	124:53

White: 2.94 km, 11 controls

1. Troop 1634 group 3	29:41
2. Troop 1634 group 2	37:34
3. Troop 1634 group 5	42:15
4. Kevin Sweet	46:28
5. Troop 1634 group 1	49:00
6. Troop 1634 dads	49:20
7. White team	59:00
8. Pat Oaks	68:03
9. Triple A	68:56
10. Peek	75:52
Sutton	DNF

Spring Mill November 12, 2006

Meet Director: Rick Waldo

Juha Heinonen came back in an astounding 67+ minutes on the 7.7k Red course to take the club championship. I guess he wasn't fazed at all by the prairie meadows (some of the runners said the novelty of it made for a little hesitancy). "Comeback Kid of the Year" Lew Kidder had an outstanding time on the Green course.

Results:

Red: 7.7 km	
1. Juha Heinonen	67:43
2. Alan Oprsal	92:48
3. Al Newman	103:17
4. Finn Knudsen	107:42
5. Mark Fochesato	111:39
6. Alex Izzo	135:28
7. Mike Hanchett and Kristel Coronado	150:45
8. Doran Duckworth	181:05
9. Dave and Chris	210:20
10. Gary and Marsha Harrington	217:55
Mike Juric and Rob Roy	OE
Dick West and Maria	OE

Green: 5.3 km	
1. Lew Kidder	69:58
2. Pat Murad	89:32
3. Mike Keating	90:15
4. Dave Mielock	103:32
5. Mike Ryan	104:51
6. Chuck Newman	118:33
7. Dennis Elston	142:34
8. Rich Matthei	150:06
Sonya Talwalker	OE
Jess Franklin and Karl Johnson	OE

There were no female solo finishers above the yellow course. That was a little disappointing, as was the relatively light turnout (about 65). I wonder if we have to think of a different name for the club championships event so as not to scare off non-club members, even though the website indicated "all welcome".

Thanks to all who helped out. My wife Mary Beth and son Daniel helped at registration. Mark Fochesato, Pat Murad, Dennis Elston, Jess Franklin, and Karl Johnson picked up controls. Especially noteworthy – Linda Aimee, first time orienteer (who went out on both White and Yellow courses), helped pick up several controls.

Orange: 4.5 km	
1. Pam and Steve	81:37
2. Steve Bognar	91:20
3. Robert Messer	95:10
4. Troop 547 #4	102:37
5. Mike and Pat	114:10
6. Mark and Michelle	124:40
7. Troop 547 #3	129:09
8. Bob Climie	129:50
9. Troop 547 #2	177:12
10. Troop 547 #1	204:55
Steve Major	OE

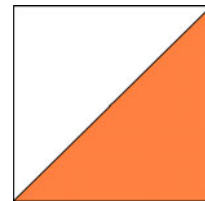
Yellow: 3.5 km	
1. Bill Girardin	57:35
2. Team Foch	59:12
3. Cathy Roberts and Mary Joscelyn	59:25
4. Andrew and Carson	75:47
5. Nicholas Hein	85:18
6. Team Williston	94:04
7. Renee Sheriff	119:23
8. LeAnnais	121:35
Linda Aimee	OE

White: 3.1 km	
1. Carrie and John	66:38
2. Team Ehli	83:00
3. Linda Aimee	89:50

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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