



# SMOC BEARINGS

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**Spring 2009 Schedule**

Day and Date	Map and Location	Directions	Meet Director(s)
<b>Saturday</b> , April 11	<b>Pond Lily Lookout</b> Waterloo Recreation Area Standard O-Meet	A	Lew Kidder 734-662-1000 <a href="mailto:LewKidder@comcast.net">LewKidder@comcast.net</a>
<b>Saturday</b> , April 18	<b>Yankee Springs</b> Yankee Springs Recreation Area Standard O-Meet	B	Joe Burkhead and Mike Keating 231-796-0737 (Mike) <a href="mailto:awrpwr41@yahoo.com">awrpwr41@yahoo.com</a> and <a href="mailto:KeatingM@ferris.edu">KeatingM@ferris.edu</a>
Sunday, April 26	<b>Sugarloaf Hill</b> Park Headquarters ( <b>new location!</b> ) 16345 McClure Road Waterloo Recreation Area Standard O-Meet	C	Jess Franklin 734-429-1057 <a href="mailto:DrJessF@comcast.net">DrJessF@comcast.net</a>
Sunday, May 3	<b>Silver Lake</b> Pinckney Recreation Area Standard O-Meet	D	Igor Guskov 734-834-2201 <a href="mailto:Igor.Guskov@gmail.com">Igor.Guskov@gmail.com</a>
Sunday, May 10	<b>Spring Mill</b> Highland Recreation Area Standard O-Meet	E	Dennis Elston 810-767-5899 <a href="mailto:Three_Drops_Indian@yahoo.com">Three_Drops_Indian@yahoo.com</a>
Sunday, May 17	<b>Pontiac Lake</b> Pontiac Lake Recreation Area Standard O-Meet	F	Bill Pelletier 248-362-2694 <a href="mailto:WmPltr@gmail.com">WmPltr@gmail.com</a>

**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.
- B. Yankee Springs – Take US-131 north from I-94 or south from Grand Rapids to Bradley/Hopkins exit 61. Go east 7.5 miles, turn right onto Gun Lake Road, then go 2 miles to the Gun Lake Outdoor Center on the left. State park daily or annual vehicle pass needed.
- C. Sugarloaf Hill – Take I-94 west of Ann Arbor or east of Jackson to exit 153, Clear Lake Road. Go north 1 mile on Clear Lake Road, turn right (east) on Harvey Road. Go 1 mile and turn left (north) on Loveland Road (sign to the south says Notten Road). Go about 2 miles to McClure Road and turn right. Follow orienteering signs to Park Headquarters. State park daily or annual vehicle pass needed.
- D. Silver Lake – Take US-23 north from Ann Arbor or south from Brighton to North Territorial Road (exit 49). Go 10.6 miles west to Dexter-Townhall Road. Turn right and go north 1.6 miles. Turn right at park entrance. Follow orienteering signs. State park daily or annual vehicle pass needed.
- E. Spring Mill – Located south of M-59, about halfway between US-23 and I-75 (Pontiac). Turn south from M-59 onto Duck Lake Road (just west of main park entrance). Turn right (west) on Livingston road, and follow orienteering signs. State park daily or annual vehicle pass needed.
- F. Pontiac Lake – Located north of M-59, halfway between US-23 and I-75 (Pontiac), between Teggerdine Road and Williams Lake Road. Specific meet location within the park to be determined – please check the schedule on our Web site, [www.MichiganO.org](http://www.MichiganO.org), or contact the meet director one week before the day of the meet.

**Fall Meet Results****Meet location: Peach Mountain****Date: October 5, 2008****Director: Chuck Newman**

Thanks to the help of Yossi Zekic, Igor Gruskov, and Allan Newman, who finished setting out the controls when the meet director broke his ankle while setting out controls, we had a very successful meet. There was some confusion when a control was moved on the Orange course, but for the most part, the last-minute volunteers saved the day. Also thanks to Jim Mathews, Lew Kidder, Bill Luitje, Gabe Svobodny, and Mike Keating who picked up controls and signs and to Mary Joscelyn who did her usual great job with registration.

Over 90 orienteers enjoyed a beautiful early fall day, and the club took into over \$600 in fees. A new location was selected for the start and finish to provide some new challenges and to avoid the long, wasted run with no orienteering required at the start and

finish of the traditional location. Also, it was possible to include the WUOM radio tower as a control which surprisingly wasn't easy to spot given the foliage on the trees. With the leaves still on the trees limiting visibility, the courses were deceptively difficult. The orienteers who heeded the meet director's advice to run an easier-than-usual course seemed to appreciate the advice. Many of those who didn't had the opportunity to spend more time enjoying the beautiful weather.

There were some great runs, especially considering the challenge of having the foliage limiting visibility. The top finishers on the Red course all did a great of navigating at speed.

Thanks also to Norihiko Uchida who distributed orienteering maps from Japan where he was an active orienteer. We look forward to seeing him and many of the others new to our club at future events.

Red: 7.4 km, 14 controls		
1	Gabe Svobodny	1:07:30
2	Mark Voit	1:08:10
3	Serge Preobrozhenky	1:18:30
4	Boris Audeev	1:25:20
5	Alan Oprsal	1:34:15
6	Lew Kidder	1:57:30
7	Chris Westra & Patty McTigue	2:37:00
	Mark & Jen Todd	OT
	Chris Cataldo	DNF
	Anas Orfali	DNF
	Laura & Steve Smith	DNF
	Dan Emmert	DNF
	Carl, Dave, & Doug	DNF
	Tom Suobodny	DNF

Green: 5.7 km, 11 controls		
1	Dave Morris	1:41:20
2	Pat Murad	1:42:00
3	Megan Donahue	1:50:00
4	Bill Luitje	1:51:30
5	Alex	2:16:00
6	Karl & Heather Guzick	2:27:00
7	Ken Nieman	2:28:00

8	Tim & Sue Mielock	2:36:00
9	Mike Keating	2:37:00
10	Jeff & Jenifer McWilliams	2:42:00
11	Allan Baljeu	2:44:00
12	Jessie & Wyatt	2:52:00
	Laurent Fournier	DNF
	Pam & Bruce	DNF
	Jason	DNF

Orange: 4.6 km, 10 controls		
1	Steve Benzie	1:28:00
2	Norihiko Uchida	1:53:00
3	Mike Ryan	1:55:30
4	Brian Halliwill	2:11:30
5	Jim Mathews	2:14:00
6	Jess & Karl	2:20:00
7	Gordon Seeley	2:20:30
	Robert & Zhenhua	OT
	Brian & Julie	DNF
	Gary Harrington	DNF
	GLAC	DNF
	Zoe & John	DNF
	Wendy	DNF
	Joseph	DNF
	Mike & Pat Villemure	DNF
	Brian Flanagan	DNF
	Pete & Tamie	DNF
	Dick & Jennifer	DNF

Yellow: 3.2 km, 9 controls		
1	John Bellew	1:29:00
2	Bill Girardin	1:30:00
3	Sebastian Voit	1:37:00
4	Jim Pouillon	1:41:00
5	Anna	1:48:00
6	The Story	2:07:20
	Joanne Kent & Barb Whitus	DNF
	Morans	DNF
	Sandy Logan	DNF
	Heidi	DNF

White: 2.8 km, 7 controls		
1	Scott & Liz	0:43:00
2	Angela Voit	1:00:30
3	Elena Audeev	1:05:40
4	Jessica Roberts	1:10:00
5	Amber's group	1:55:00
6	Ballard family	2:04:00
7	Nicholas, Matthew, & Melissa Benzie	2:08:50
8	Tom & Ruth Piesik	2:10:00
	Matt & Jamie Johnson	DNF
	Garwood family	DNF

**Meet location: Yankee Springs****Date: October 12, 2008****Director: Mike Keating**

It was a spectacularly beautiful, sunny day with brilliant fall leaf colors. There were reports that some of the controls were hard to spot against the reds, oranges, and yellows of the background foliage. The turnout was quite good for the West Michigan Yankee Springs meet site. The numbers were bolstered by a 30 plus group of kids (and adult supervisors) that came from Mona

Shores School in Muskegon for their first orienteering experience. The Mona Shores group was organized by Blake Greonhout. Good job Blake!

A very special thanks to Linda Burke, Megan Donahue, Paul Shank, and Mark Voit for providing compass and map reading instructions to the Mona Shores group and some other first-time orienteers. Thanks to Mikala Rioux (one of my daughters), Paul Shank, and Alan Oprsal for helping pickup controls. Also thank to my wife, Mary Jean Keating, for doing the registration and for

general assistance both on Saturday and Sunday, and thanks to Linda Burke for helping with the registration with the Mona Shores group arrived in a big bunch.

To provide some additional course variability, the start was one mile east of the normal starting location for Yankee Springs, and the Red, Green, and Orange courses had lots of controls on the south side of Gun Lake Road. The tightest 1-2 finish (52 seconds) was on White. The tightest 1-2-3 finish was on Yellow (just over a 3 minute spread). Orange had a 3.5 minute spread between the first and second finishers. The Green course had the least takers with Tom Lee finishing in 85 minutes, 26 seconds. Mark Voit described the Red course as challenging and finished in 85 minutes, 18 seconds. There was just over a 7 minute spread between the second, third, and fourth finishers on Red.

Andy and Michelle Davis got all the Orange controls with Andy carrying their baby River in a backpack—although their time was over 3 hours for an OT. The Mona Shores kids divided into nine groups. After instruction, four of the groups successfully completed the White course. The White course's most challenging point was an area that had multiple trails leaving in different directions—a good compass and map reading challenge there. Even though it was their first orienteering experience, one of the Mona Shores groups went cross country instead of staying on the trails—true orienteers at heart!

For an orienteering experience (OE), several people went out late on some courses with the intent to find part of the controls as opposed to doing the whole course. Some of these people had already completed easier courses.

Red: 7.5 km		
1	Mark Voit	1:25:18
2	Al Newman	1:47:24
3	Thurston Miller	1:51:09
4	Lew Kidder	1:54:34
5	Chris Bachman	2:55:22
	Alan Oprsal	OT
	Matt Ross	DNF

Green: 5.60 km		
1	Tom Lee	1:35:26
2	Mark Lennart	DNF

Orange: 4.71 km		
1	Megan Donahue	1:40:00
2	Paul Shank	1:43:30
3	Mark Ware	2:30:19
4	Brent Davenport & Tony Scott	2:40:00
5	Sarah Davenport	2:45:55
	Michelle, Andy, & River Davis	OT
	Andy Weeks	DNF
	Bryan Ross	DNF
	Steve Garrison	OE
	Pam Shank	OE

Yellow: 2.86 km		
1	David Erickson	51:15
2	Bulten Family (5)	54:10
3	Darcy & Laura Shank	54:43
4	Mikala & Johnny Rioux	1:13:56
5	Gale Perkins	1:17:15
6	Steve Garrison	1:24:51
7	Sebastian Voit	1:35:00
8	Jeremy & Rachel Myers	1:36:34
9	Darren Cebulla	1:56:40
	Judy Ross	DNF
	Blake & Karen	OE
	Al & Ross	OE

White: 2.44 km		
1	Angela Voit	45:54
2	Gail Perkins	46:46
3	Jermey & Rachel Myers	55:05
4	Jordon, Fred, & Evan	56:50
5	Chris & Bobbie	1:02:30
6	Cougars	1:04:30
7	Cody Taylor & Dakota Sells	1:08:45
	MSSH Cheerleaders	DNF
	Megan's Team 1	DNF
	Megan's Team 2	DNF
	Phishes	DNF
	Nathan & Grant	DNF
	Cullen James & Carissa Inmannmes	OE

### Meet location: Huron Meadows

**Date: October 19, 2008**

**Director: Bill Luitje**

A club member who had not been able to participate the last time I had a meet at Huron Meadows had asked me to create another course that would make use of the beautiful and extremely complex kettle moraine on the south side of the Huron River and I was happy to oblige. This means either getting wet crossing the river at least once or else taking a long detour to the nearest bridge on Pickens Road. There was no near flood this fall as there had been last time but, though sunny, the day was chilly. Ten people visited controls on the south side and all but one of

them made the river crossing. It seems daunting before you try it but it is scarcely worse than crossing a mucky marsh. You really had to cross the river to do well as 40% of the points were there. The highest total you could get without crossing the river was 560, which was achieved by Lew Kidder and the Mielocks. Finding all the controls was worth 910 points and that was achieved by Rick Waldo and Jessica Yaksic. Rick nabbed first place by finishing in a blazing 95 minutes, a mere 7 minutes faster than Jessica. On White, Chuck Newman led the winning team despite the cast on his leg occasioned by breaking his ankle while setting up his meet earlier in the fall. Also on White, Karen Smith led a contingent of young Finns around the course.

Place	Name	Raw Score	Time	Penalty	Adj Score
1	Rick Waldo	910	1:34:59		910
2	Jessica Yaksic	910	1:42:00		910
3	Igor Guskov	820	1:42:10		820
4	Boris Avdeev	760	1:46:00		760
5	Laurent Fournier	690	1:59:28		690
6	Mike Keating	650	1:57:00		650
7	Ryan McGee	610	1:59:00		610
8	Tom Lee	590	1:54:01		590
9	Greg Gibbard	580	1:56:09		580
10	Lew Kidder	560	1:13:42		560
11	Tim & Dave Mielock	560	1:17:40		560
12	Mike Ryan	530	1:45:20		530
13	Fiddlesticks Team	500	1:09:00		500
14	Palmer & Ross	490	2:01:00	10	480
15	Alan Oprsal	570	2:09:00	90	480
16	Dick & Jennifer	460	2:00:00		460
17	Bryan Flannigan	460	1:59:00		460
18	Bob Tarabula	450	1:53:05		450
19	Heidi Snyder	430	1:48:20		430
20	Matt Johns	420	1:42:45		420
21	Diane Dangelis	400	1:59:00		400
22	Jim Pouillon Family	340	1:44:37		340
23	Tom Jameson	330	1:49:00		330

Place	Name	Raw Score	Time	Penalty	Adj Score
24	So What If . . .	280	2:00:00		280
25	Bill Girardin	275	1:05:29		275
26	Allan Baljeu	450	2:23:00	230	220
27	Storey Group	200	1:53:00		200
28	Bryan & Brad	470	2:28:36	290	180
29	Gail Perkins	180	1:30:00		180
30	Darren Don	180			180
31	Kit & Nancy Moran	170	1:07:25		170
32	Sanelma Heinon	120	0:52:47		120
33	Pablo Balau	100			100
34	John Duquette	90			90

White: 2.44 km		
1	Kid & Cripple	0:39:22
2	Jackie & Mark Ewbank	0:42:39
3	Rossio Group	0:35:15
4	Lisa & Pablo	0:43:53
5	Guzick Family	0:46:20
6	Tom & Ruth Piesik	0:46:25
7	Ben Keller	1:02:20
8	Karen Smith	1:17:00

**Meet location: Haven Hill****Date: October 25, 2008****Director: Rick Waldo**

Weather for the Night-O looked iffy in the day or two before the event, with forecasts strongly indicating rain. I got pretty soaked walking through the fields and undergrowth in the Friday afternoon rain while putting out some of the controls. In the event, however, the weather was ideal, with temps about 50, moderate breeze, and thin overcast. No rain fell and the woods were dry.

There were many comments about the beautiful conditions for night orienteering. Although it was a new moon, the thin overcast reflected city lights from the nearby towns of Milford, Commerce, and White Lake making for a not quite pitch-dark evening. I was out a couple days later when the skies were clear, and surprisingly, the skies were actually darker due to the lack of city light reflection off the clouds. It's too bad that there is so little concern about the terrible light pollution in these semi-rural areas.

Except for the team of Barb and Scott which had to leave early, all the teams made use of nearly the entire 3 hours. I was sitting in the dark at the start with only 20 minutes to go and no one had returned or was even in sight. At that point I wondered to myself if I forgot to tell everyone that the time limit was 3 hours, and that maybe some people thought "Night-O" meant all night! Well, the first teams finally came in at 2:47 followed by a surge of finishers. No one was OT except for a trio of young scouts who ventured into the night on their own and returned a few minutes past the cutoff. Kudos to them; few young people in this day of indoor recreation (video games, aargh!) have the self-confidence for such an endeavor.

I had the participants add their scores for a preliminary ranking. This showed Brian, Chris, and Patty edging out Paul, Greg, and Pam by only 14 points. When I reviewed the scorecards, however, I found Paul's team made an addition error not in their favor. The corrected scores showed Paul's team edging out Brian's team by only 6 points. Brian Ross turned in an outstanding solo score of 1649 points. Thanks to all who came out and for your kind comments about the race.

Place	Team	Time	Score
1	Paul Piorkowski, Greg Gibbard, & Pam Riehl	2:56:20	1861
2	Brian Slane, Chris Westra, & Patty	2:56:15	1855
3	Brian Ross (solo)	2:56:30	1649
4	Bill Luitje (solo)	2:53:15	1295
5	Darrin Soukup & Ed Broadbear	2:52:40	1289
6	Chuck Kovic & Reno Nye	2:55:00	1103
7	5M's and a J*	2:51:53	1028
8	Dick West (solo)	2:46:58	1014
9	Marsha & Gary Harrington	2:47:27	937

Place	Team	Time	Score
10	Matt & Paul Johnson	2:58:33	924
11	Ken Cook (solo)	2:57:40	910
12	Mike Keating (solo)	2:53:59	895
13	Tom Lee (solo)	2:56:45	861
14	Dave Verschoor & Chris	2:58:33	610
15	Barb & Scott	1:13:30	434
16	Troop 547 Red Team (Jim & Frank)	3:24:00	358
17	Troop 547 Blue Team (Herbie, Kelsey, & Matt)	3:24:00	194

**Meet location: Haven Hill****Date: October 26, 2008****Director: Rick Waldo**

The Haven Hill Sunday meet used the controls from the previous evening's Night-O. Most of the controls for the White, Yellow, and Orange courses used locations directly from the Night-O, but all the Green and Red course controls were moved from their easier "night" location to nearby more technical locations. For example, I moved hilltop controls to perhaps a depression or reentrant. The Night-O and Red and Green courses used a section of the map open to hunting. When I put the controls out on Friday and even on Saturday, there were no hunters in the woods. However, on Sunday morning, there were quite a few hunters in the area I had wanted to use. The sheer number of hunters was very discouraging to me, so I decided on the spot to re-route Red and Green to avoid the hunting area. I just did not figure into my calculations that many hunters. I was quite happy with my original course design, but the changes necessary were not satisfactory to me, with a couple legs being essentially trail legs, so somewhat uninteresting for a runner.

Linda Burke graciously offered to help me on Sunday morning, and pretty much ran the show at registration until I finished with the controls replacements. Igor Guskov helped move some controls. Because of the course changes, this turned out to be critical to getting this chore done on time.

There were a few sprinkles in the 11 o'clock hour, with some ominous signs of heavier rain to come. Sure enough, right at 11:55 when the first runners were checking in with the starter, a cold, driving, heavy downpour came over. I still had a couple controls to move (at the end of the Red and Green courses, so plenty of time), and I thought, "It's going to be one heck of a wet run for those guys". We should have been looking back over our shoulder toward the northwest, however, because the rain passed over quickly, and within minutes clear skies enveloped the area and pretty much lasted the rest of the afternoon. There was a moderate breeze through the afternoon, and the temperature was in the low 50's.

About 1 o'clock a small thunderstorm passed a couple miles to the south and threw off a rogue lighting bolt. Al Newman, not wanting to tempt fate to live through another lightning strike, abandoned the course. But no harm was done, and the rest of the event went smoothly.

I want to especially thank Linda Burke and Igor Guskov for the help at registration and in moving controls. The Kinne Group, Robert Messer, Dennis Elston, Pat Murad, Bryan Ross, Laurent Fournier, and Nick Irish helped pick up controls. (Sorry if I forgot anyone.)

Red: 6.6 km, 14 controls		
1	Mark Voit	69:24
2	Igor Guskov	84:38
3	Alan Oprsal	98:39
4	Dick & Dave	169:00
5	Mark Ware	280:55
	Al Newman	DNF

Green: 5.4 km, 11 controls		
1	Matt Ross	73:41
2	Bryan Ross	85:31
3	Pat Murad	87:51
4	Laurent Fournier	101:00
5	Steve Benzie	107:04
6	Liberty Partridge	168:12
	Roddy Wares	DNF

Orange: 4.3 km, 13 controls		
1	Mike Ryan	76:12
2	Eamonn Dwyer	81:16
3	Jason Culbert	95:30
4	Bob Tarabula	96:46
5	Robert Messer	106:41
6	Gordon Seeley	114:30
7	Pat & Mike	116:15
	Kinne Group	DNF

Yellow: 3.4 km, 12 controls		
1	Bill Girardin	74:12
2	Ruth & Tom Piesik	115:12
3	Sandy & Cheryl	150:40
4	Wheldon Group (5)	152:10
5	Pat Collins	170:20
	Tom DeSantos	DNF
	Jess & Carl	DNF

White: 2.3 km, 8 controls		
1	Kalish Group	44:41
2	Sebastian Voit	45:32
3	Anne Waldo, Orson, & Asia Dog	53:29
4	Melissa, Nicholas, & Matthew Benzie	78:30
5	Jim, Megan, Chase, & Gus	85:10

**Meet location: Crooked Lake****Date: November 2, 2008****Directors: Laurent and Diane Fournier**

More than fifty orienteers and several hundred horse riders enjoyed the woods of Waterloo Recreation Area last Sunday, proving that intelligent and good willing people (only one or two bow hunters did not enter into this category) can actually share public land without any conflict. The race was held on the north side of the Pond Lily Lookout map.

Conditions were a little bit worse than expected, with temperature in the low 50's and a few drops or rain between 1pm and 2pm. The sun only showed up at the end of the race. Thanks for Rick Waldo, Mark Voit, Alan Oprsal, and Boris Ardeev for picking up the controls after the race.

All race levels were highly competitive. Kalish group won the White course by a mere 2 minutes, while Peterson and Garrisons shared the win in Yellow (they actually raced together). On the Orange race, Art Ostaszewski won pretty easily. On the Green race, Mielock also won easily, but Bill Luitje took a risky option on the last stretch (crossing directly the marsh from the last control to the finish) to win the second place over Mike Keating by only 10 seconds. On the Red course, Rick Waldo mentioned a technical problem on his favorite compass (the needle got blocked for a while) that cost him "about 1 minute" between control 7 and 8. This problem turned out to be costly, as he lost the race by less than 30 seconds!!!

Red		
1	Igor Guskov	1:04:43
2	Rick Waldo	1:05:20
3	Boris Ardeev	1:10:40
4	Al Newman	1:11:35
5	Alan Oprey	1:45:10
7	Wecks	2:25:10
8	Steve Kaczor	2:28:00
	Heide Scheider	OEO

Green		
1	Mielock	1:02:10
2	Bill Luitje	1:18:40
3	Mike Keating	1:18:50
4	Orfali	1:22:20
5	Mark & Todd	1:25:20
6	Gutsy (2)	1:39:00
7	Patner Ross	1:41:20
8	Norihiko Uchida	1:41:30
9	Alan Baljeu	1:56:58
10	Bob Tarabula	2:02:45
11	Fiddlesticks	2:07:30
12	Robert Messer	2:59:25
	Ken Cook	OEO

Orange		
1	Art Ostaszinski	0:54:07
2	Liberty Partridge	1:02:30
3	Eamann Dwyet	1:18:30
4	Zoe	1:25:00
5	Matt Jones	1:26:00
6	Angela Lowell	1:28:30
7	Jones	1:33:46
8	Jess Carl	1:41:46
9	Rich & Mark Dewald	1:42:30
10	Carla Kavdson	1:58:20
11	Dick & Jennifer	2:12:00
	Michel Green	OEO
	Palic (2)	OEO

Yellow		
1	Peterson	0:40:00
1	Garrisons (2)	0:40:00
3	Tom Jameson	0:44:00
4	Bill Girardin	0:48:10
5	Jim Pouillon	0:52:10
6	Team Riaux	1:10:00
7	Toam & Ruth Piesik	1:16:30

White		
1	Kalish	0:37:50
2	Rich & Mark Dewald	0:40:10
3	Heather Kuttelohohl & Dimitri	0:43:52
4	Eli	1:03:00
5	Billick (2)	1:14:05
6	Ruth & Serine Partridge	1:14:40
7	Jim Matthews	1:16:00

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS****Meet location: Silver Lake****Date: November 9, 2008****Directors: Mark Voit**

It really was beautiful in the woods for the last SMOC meet of 2008, if you didn't mind a little snow. Runners on all courses got to enjoy the first-class marshlands around Silver Lake. One or two runners, including the meet director, ended up going a little deeper into the marshes than they counted on. Sometimes a marsh that looks like a little bit of mud covered with leaves is just that, but every once in a while the leaves are actually covering 3 to 4 feet of muddy water. The message here is to give a wide berth to marshes marked on the map as uncrossable.

Boris Avdeev, first-place runner on the Red course, won the Club Championship in 97:49, just 43 seconds faster than Igor Guskov. Mike Keating was first on Green, which didn't have any solo female runners, leaving the women's Club Championship

unclaimed. Runners on the advanced courses enjoyed discussing the various route-choice options after they they had finished.

Brian Flannagan was the top Orange runner. Mike Lavaque-Manty and Feng Yi Chew teamed up for first on Yellow, while Natan and the Cripple (aka Chuck Newman) took top place on the White course.

Special thanks go to the volunteers who helped out on a chilly autumn day. Megan Donahue (who would have been a contender for the women's championship on Green if she hadn't been recovering from the New York Marathon) and Angela Voit (who enthusiastically put maps in bags and handed them out) were invaluable registration assistants. Tom Lee, Alan Oprsal, Megan Donahue, and Igov Guskov picked up controls, which is especially helpful at this time of year, when the Sun starts setting around 5 pm. Apologies go to Team Fiddlesticks and Alan Baljeau who found that the last two Orange controls had been picked up before they arrived at those locations.

Red		
1	Boris Avdeev	97:29
2	Igor Guskov	98:12
3	Alan Oprsal	102:58
4	Rick Waldo	107:05
5	Greg Gibbard	126:12
6	Al Newman	126:57
7	Lew Kidder	137:35
8	Tom Lee	138:54
9	Gordon Seely	164:53
10	Ryan McGee	165:12
	Rogue Penguin	OE
	Chris & Patty	OE
	Laurent Fournier	OE
	Brian Ross	OE
	Jim Pouillon	OE

Green		
1	Mike Keating	80:47
2	Anas Orfali	88:15
3	Todd & Katie	97:30
4	Art Ostaszewski & Rich Conforti	109:15
5	Bob Tarabula	143:38
6	Diane DeAngelis	159:35
	Brian Ross	OE

Orange		
1	Brian Flannagan	106:56
2	Alan Baljeau	109:37
3	Brian Tarabula	121:38
4	Jim Matthews	138:45
5	Kit Moran	146:40
6	Robert Messer	155:52
	Dick & Jennifer	OE

	Eamon & Wanda Dwyer	OE
	Heather Kottelhorn & Dmitri	OE
	Mark Tarabula	OE
	Team Fiddlesticks	OE

Yellow		
1	Mike Lavaque-Manty & Feng Yi Chew	63:40
2	Luis Medina	73:56
3	Tom & Ruth Piesik	114:31

White		
1	Natan & the Cripple	54:10
2	Kim Kalish & kids	66:54
3	Jesse Hatton (2)	69:37
4	Troop 426	107:56
	George Payne Group (7)	OE

### Welcome to New SMOC Club President!

At our Annual General Membership Meeting on February 22, 2009, Bill Luitje announced his retirement as club president to allow him more time to pursue other interests. The Board of Directors elected Mark Voit as our new president. Bill will remain an active club member, and will serve as our Mapping Chair. Mark's contact information can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

### Southern Michigan Orienteering Club Membership Application

SMOC would love to have you as a member! Membership perks include this newsletter (published 3-4 times per year), membership in our Yahoo! Group [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SMOC\\_Orienteer](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 / scout troops. SMOC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and your membership dues and donations are tax-deductable to the extent allowed by law. All memberships begin January 1 and expire December 31 of the current year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip / Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual - \$15     Family - \$25     Group / Troop - \$25    Donation to Map Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering to help with club activities (no experience needed)

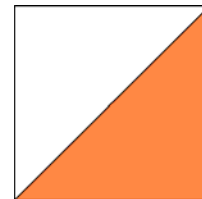
New member     Renewal     Address change     I am a member of USOF

Mail the completed application and check payable to "SMOC" to SMOC Treasurer, 401 Tannahill, 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 a minimum of 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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