



DVOA 2021 Winter Meeting

Agenda



- State of the Club [John G]
- High level financial report (Where we spend our money) John G, John O]
- Membership report [Mary F]
- Equipment status and report [Ron B]
- Mapping Committee Report and Priorities [Tom O]
- Permanent Courses Report [Bob A]
- Education Report [Mark F]
- Spring & Fall Schedule [John G]
- A-Event Status and Discussion [John G]

State of the Club



- Events picking back up; out of club attendees at events
- Membership is down but projected to pick up
- Mapping continues despite COVID/low income
- Equipment is in good condition
- Training is progressing
- Permanent courses are in demand but in need of maintenance
- We are returning to hosting A Events
- We are in a recovery year

Initiatives



- **Secure** and **Updated** Website [Bob Gross]
- Amazon Smile Donation to the Club
- Youth Protection Policy

Treasurer's Report

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Membership



- Decrease of 131 since 2012
- Do we need to have member only events?
- How do we reinforce the value in being a member?
- Should we be having a mailing twice a year to remind people to join?

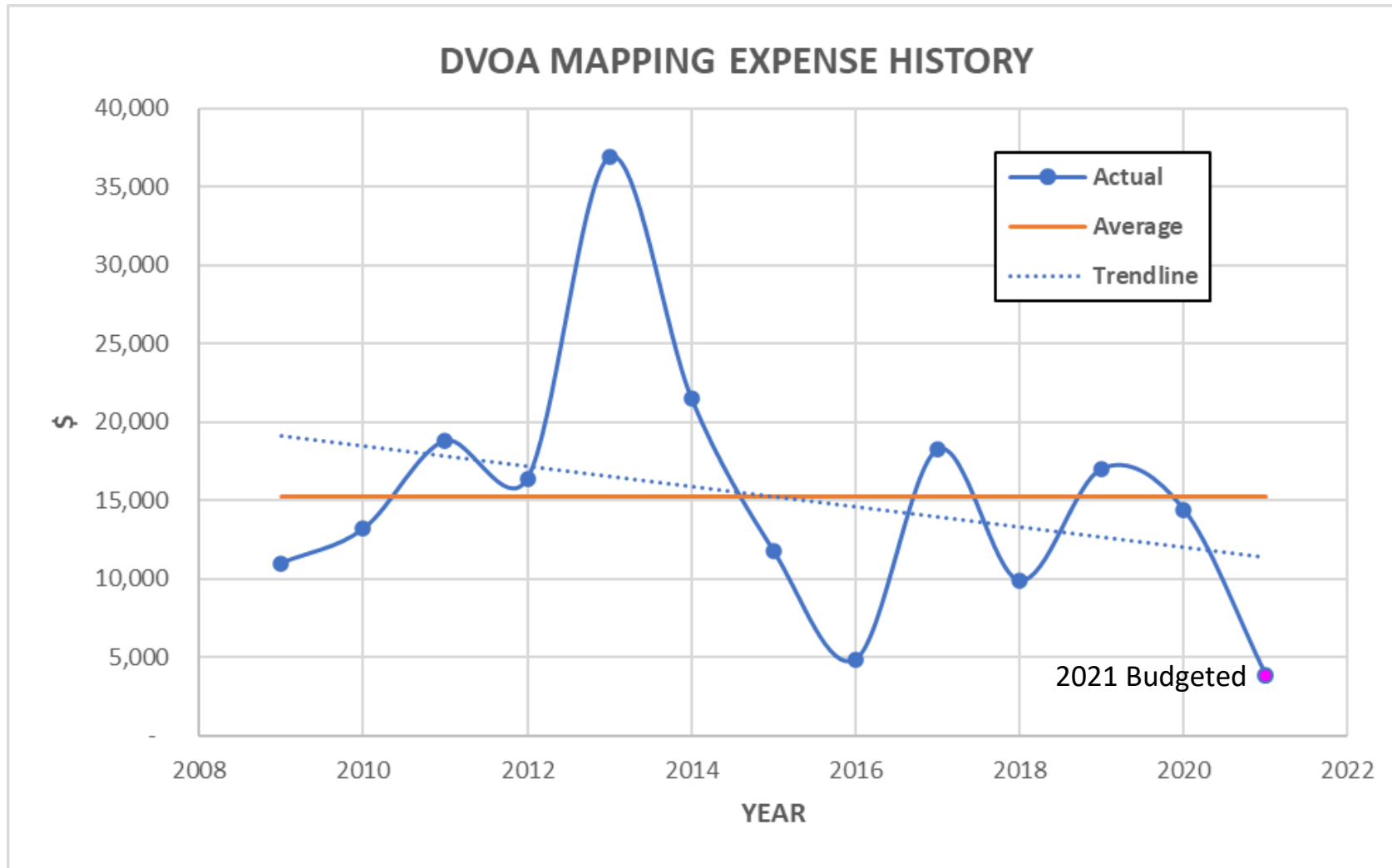
| Year | Totals |
|------|--------|
| 2020 | 280 |
| 2019 | 311 |
| 2018 | 321 |
| 2017 | 365 |
| 2016 | 388 |
| 2015 | 444 |
| 2014 | 439 |
| 2013 | 441 |
| 2012 | 411 |

Equipment Status



- Kits in good condition (Red, Blue, Green & Training)
- Some Battery issues with SI Boxes
- Purchased new computer this year
- Equipment inventory following events is a **MUST**
- E-punch donation to start-up club

MAPPING - HISTORICAL



Mapping expenditures are typically ~35% of total revenue

MAPPING PROJECTS 2019-2020



| Venue | State | Mapper |
|---|---------|-----------|
| Rutgers Environmental Preserve | NJ | Burg |
| Four Mile Circle Update | NJ | Burg |
| Bellevue / Bringham Woods / Rockwood | DE | Zherdev |
| Core Creek | PA | Zherdev |
| Tohickon / Ralph Stover / Ockanickon | PA | Zherdev |
| Coventry Woods Update | PA | Weyman |
| French Creek North Update | PA | Weyman |
| Iron Hill Update | PA | Weyman |
| Minsi Lake | PA | Hartman |
| Willows | PA | Riley |
| LIDAR Base Maps | Various | Hartman |
| Bellevue / Bringham Woods / Rockwood Update | DE | Overbaugh |

NEW MAPPING 2021



| Venue | State | Mapper |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Core Creek completion | PA | Burg |
| Blue Marsh | PA | Frank |
| Green Valleys Association | PA | Frank |
| Haverford Reserve | PA | ? |
| Minsi Lake | PA | Hartman |
| Myrick Center BVA Update | PA | Barron |
| Paradise Farm Camps | PA | ? |
| Tanamend Park | PA | Kolins |
| Willows | PA | Riley |
| Fair Hill Mason-Dixon Update | MD | Overbaugh |

Total funds authorized for above work: ~\$4000

MAPPING COMMITTEE



Petr Hartman

Vadim Masalkov

Wyatt Riley

Tom Overbaugh

The Committee maintains an evergreen list of potential mapping projects/priorities. Input is always welcome.

Permanent Courses



| | DVOA Permanent Courses | Location State / County | Checked in 2020 | Needs Repair | Under Const | Complete | Overprint Map | Trifold Brochure | PDF Download |
|---|---|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|----------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| → | 1 Brandywine Creek State Park | DE - New Castle | | | | EAGLE | | | |
| | 2 Camp Horseshoe Scout Reservation | PA - Chester | | | | | | | |
| | 3 Core Creek County Park | PA - Bucks | | | | | | | |
| | 4 Daniel Boone Homestead | PA - Berks | | A/B | | | | | |
| | 5 Evansburg State Park | PA - Montgomery | | | | EAGLE | | | |
| | 6 French Creek State Park | PA - Chester | | | | EAGLE | | | |
| → | 7 Fort Washington State Park | PA - Montgomery | | | | EAGLE | | NEW | |
| | 8 Governor Dick / Clarence Schock Memorial Park | PA - Lebanon | | | | EAGLE | | | |
| | 9 Green Lane Park | PA - Montgomery | | | | EAGLE | | | |
| | 10 Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation | PA - Schuylkill | | | | | | | |
| | 11 Hibernia County Park | PA - Chester | | | | | | | |
| | 12 Hickory Run State Park | PA - Carbon | | | | | | | |
| | 13 Locust Lake State Park | PA - Schuylkill | | | | | | | |
| → | 14 Lower Perkiomen / J.J. Audubon | PA - Montgomery | | | | EAGLE | | | |
| | 15 Mount Penn - Antietam | PA - Berks | | | | EAGLE | | NEW | |
| | 16 Norristown Farm Park | PA - Montgomery | | | | | | | |
| | 17 PEEC / Pocono Environmental Education Center | PA - Pike | | | | | | | |
| | 18 Quail Hill Scout Camp | NJ - Monmouth | | | | | | | |
| → | 19 Ridley Creek State Park | PA - Delaware | | | | EAGLE | | | |
| | 20 Willows & Skunk Hollow | PA - Delaware | | | | EAGLE | | | |

2020 was a banner year for Permanent Orienteering Course use!

2021 will focus on Scout Camps & Repair of Core Creek Park and Norristown Farm Park

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DVOA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

FOUNDED IN 1984 BY DENISE MONAGHAN-CARLES, PATTY CAPRIOTTI-HAYNES & MARK FRANK

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Education regarding, and the promotion of, the sport of orienteering, including conducting competitive and recreational orienteering events, instruction, training and educational programs is one of the main purposes of DVOA as set forth in its organizational documents and is a basis for (and crucial to maintaining) DVOA's federal tax exemption. As such, it is important to document programs conducted by the club and its members.

| Examples of Educational Programs | |
|--|--|
| Educational beginner events at Parks | Summer Outdoor Camps |
| Adult Evening Educational Programs | Scout Merit Badge Colleges |
| Park Outdoor Days/Expos | Becoming and Outdoor Woman |
| School Fun & Fitness / Park Field Trips | Senior Games |
| Scout Leadership Training | Sportsman club map reading training |
| Corporate Team Building | Community Library programs/displays |

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The reasons for providing educational programs can be numerous. It allows the organization to gain access to groups which would not normally take advantage of attending an actual local event without some form of introduction. It can act as a recruitment method over and above actual advertising and local events. Members involved in group gain a sense of club pride and become contacts points for new members who become friends. It can also be an additional source of funds for the organization.

2020 DVOA EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS (Covid19) –SUMMARY REPORT

| | Approximate Participants | No of Programs | No Unique Instructors |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| ES programs for 2020 | 504 | 14 | 7 |
| ES Programs for 2019 | 850+ | 25 | 20 |

Under the present OUSA structure an additional DVOA-ES Goal is that all DVOA-ES volunteers that work with juniors be **fully SafeSport™ certified by 12/31/21**

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2020 reported programs



Saturday January 4th - Day 1 of 2 -Instructions for Scouts to earn Orienteering merit badge. – Merit Badge College, Maryland
Instructor/Director : Mary Frank; 50 participants

Saturday February 29TH - Day 2 of 2 -Instructions for Scouts to earn Orienteering merit badge. – Merit Badge College, Maryland
Instructor/Director : Mary Frank; 50 participants

Saturday March 7th – Nolde Environmental – Beginner instruction and course Instructor/Director : Mary Frank, Mitch & Donna Zimmer, Rob Frank - 30 participants

Summer 2020 – 4 day beginner orienteering sessions at Nature Center near Birdsboro, PA Instructor/Director: Ed Scott; 25 kids each day

Summer 2020 – Beginner Orienteering program at Township Park near Birdsboro, PA Instructor/Director: Ed Scott; 20 participants

Tuesday September 8th, Zoom Meeting Glassboro JR ROTC
Instructor/Director: Mary Frank; 12 participants

Saturday September 12th, Broad Creek Leader Scouting Intro to Orienteering program. Instructor/Director: John Gillette, Mary Frank; 30 scout leaders

Saturday October 17th – 2nd Annual Flashlight Night Orienteering Event – C.W. Longer Elementary School, Hollidaysburg, PA
Instructor/Director: Mary & Mark Frank, Kristin (Frank) Cramer; 120 participants

Friday November 6 – Beginners Night O for girl scout troop - King of Prussia, PA Instructor/Director: Chris Hand – 7 participants

Saturday November 21 – Ridley Creek State Park – Devon Scout Troop Instructor/Director: Mary Frank – 50 participants

Saturday November 28 – Beginners Course – Robert’s Elementary School, King of Prussia, PA Instructor/Director: Chris Hand – 35 participants

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Reporting Programs



What is needed when reporting an educational program

1. Date(s) of programs
2. Type of Program: (i.e. Intro to Orienteering, Beginner Event, 3 Day Adult evening class)
3. For what organization: (BSA/GSA troop number; DE Outdoor Women, etc)
4. Where: Location of program of event
5. Instructor(s)/Director(s): full names
6. Number/ ~Number of participants

Send Email with **Subject** “**DVOA PROGRAM**”

Send to Mark Frank at “**Orienteer7@aol.com**”

DVOA-ES Teaching & Promoting Orienteering



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Some Educational & Promotional Resources



- ❖ Thousands of used and new maps for training and giveaways
- ❖ Park Permanent Courses and brochures
- ❖ 2 DVOA Orienteering promotional tents and 2 Blades with 1 indoor setup capability
- ❖ 2 Epunch training kits
 - Each kit contains 12- 14 controls and with Epunch and stands
 - Clear, Start , and Finish Epunchs devices and stands
 - 15 epunch finger sticks
 - Simple printer for downloading and printing individual results (no save capability)
- ❖ Multiple boxes of compasses
- ❖ Classroom training material **(i.e Orienteering terminology, IOF symbols, Promotional slide presentation.)**
- ❖ DVOA Business cards **(update and order)**
- ❖ Educational training books from DVOA's library. **(i.e. Orienteering Instructor's Manual by Gilchrist & Lee)**

High Level Guide on an Introduction to Orienteering



What to teach is generally defined by the program time available. Below is a simple Program Item Overview

| Item # | Item Description | Estimated time | |
|--------|---|----------------|---|
| 1 | Program Setup | 10-45 min. | Local Event Intro: 4,6 |
| 2 | Definition of Orienteering | 1 min. | Program Length ~ 40 Min 2,4,5,6,10,11 |
| 3 | History & Growth of the sport / DVOA | 3 min. | |
| 4 | Hand out Map | 1-3 min. | Program Length ~ 60 Min 2,3,4,5,6,7,10,11 |
| 5 | Introduce the map and how maps are made | 3 min. | |
| 6 | Three important items on a map | 10-15 min | Program Length ~ 90 Min 2,3,4,5,6,7,10,11,8 |
| 7 | Promotional Slides or Video | 10 min | |
| 8 | Simple score event | 30 min. | 9 - Detail Compass introduction After 2+ hours of training |
| 9 | Detailed Compass (2 step method) | 15 min. | |
| 10 | Attending and Orienteering Event | 15 min. | |
| 11 | Wrap-up / Final Program Discussion | 5 min. | |

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Teaching the Compass (2SM)



Handout compasses (club has educational supply)

Using either a Club supplied large Demo compass or a regular baseplate orienteering compass explain the key parts of a compass.

- **Base plate / Housing (turns/rotates) / floating magnetic needle / top, bottom, and sides**
- **Make sure individuals already understand the use of magnetic north lines on the map.**
- **To properly use the compass you must know approximately where you are on the map and where you want to go otherwise it is purely a safety tool to get you back to civilization.**

Before starting, make sure by demonstration that the compass housing (which has the degrees on it) is located so the “N” on the housing lines up with the north arrow on the underlying piece of plastic base plate.

This means that both the major arrowheads on an orienteering type compass will be aligned and pointing in the same direction. It is important to note that you will not have to turn the housing again....EVER!

Schedule



[SEE PDF](#)

DVOA National Events



BIG WOODS National Event

March 18 -20, 2022



BIG WOODS 2022

Schedule



| | | |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Friday March 18, | Model Event FCSP and Packet pickup | |
| Saturday March 19 | Day 1 French Creek North (Revised Map) | Course Setter Glen Tryson |
| Sunday March 20 | Day 2 Coventry Woods (New Map) | Course Setter Petr Hartman |

French Creek North and Coventry Woods are similar terrains, both being classic examples of “French Creek” terrain. This means large hill masses, with few strong contour shapes, but numerous small point features. These two areas are selected because they have the nicest forest in the region, remaining unaffected by multiple invasive species that have plagued other nearby areas.

BIG WOODS March 18-20, 2022

Team Leaders



Event Director: **Mark Frank**

Registrar: **Kathy Moss** registrar@dvoa.org

OUSA Registration system: **Janet Tryson**

OUSA Course Consultant: **Eric Weyman**

OUSA Event Consultant: **Currently Unassigned**

DAY 1 French Creek North Course Setter: **Glen Tryson**

DAY 2 Coventry Woods Course Setter: **Petr Hartman**

Vetting: **Ralph Tolbert**

Results: **Lena Kushleyeva / Sam Kolins**

Recreation Registration: **Corinne Mayland**

Parking: **Bob Fink**

Starts: **Tim Walsh**

Digital Start Clock: **Ed Niemann**

Equipment : **Ron Bortz**

Finish: **Bob Agosta**

Clothing Return: **Rob Frank**

Post Race Food / Refreshments: **Steve Ohrwaschel**

DVOA webpage/logo design: **Bob Gross**

Emergency Services: **Mary Frank**

Park and County Liaison: **Mary Frank**

Awards: **Mary Frank**

Event Photographers: **Julie Keim and Bob Gross**

DVOA Treasurer: **John Ort**

If you are unable to continue as a Team Leader for the event contact Mark at Orienteer7@aol.com

BIG WOODS March 18-20, 2022

Discussion items for organization team



- OUSA COVID19 guidelines
- National requirement changes planned by OUSA
- Finalize Registration Hotel
- Local promotion ideas / Parking for larger turnout
- Other types of National promotion
- T Shirts or event memorabilia
- Saturday Dinner
- Coordination with Chester County
- Event Giveaways – Herr’s Potato chips
- Other Misc:

'A' Event Status (2021)



- November 2021
- Venue
 - Iron Hill (Nov 6)
 - Bellvue State Park (Nov 6) **Sprint**
 - Camp Rodney Scout Reservation (Nov 7)
- Course Setters
 - Iron Hill (Nov 6) - Tom Overbaugh
 - Bellvue State Park (Nov 6)
 - Camp Rodney Scout Reservation (Nov 7) - Wyatt Riley
- Event Director
 - John Gillette (T)
- OUSA has asked if we would host Nationals for this event

Elections



- Executive Board (*2 year Term*)
 - President - John Gillette
 - Vice President - Tom Overbaugh
 - Secretary - Mary Frank
 - Treasurer - John Ort
- Directors
 - 2021: Julie Keim
 - 2022: Janet Porter
 - 2023: Steve Aronson
 - 2024: Katherine Moss
 - 2025: Tim Walsh
 - 2026: Robert Agosta (elected at meeting)

Ringo Award



- Ringo Award History and Overview
- Ringo Award Presentation :

John & Karen Ort

Course Setter & Event Director Awards



- Novice Course Setter: **AJ Riley & Bridget Hall**
 - French Creek West
 - 15 Votes
- Experienced Course Setter: **Sam Kolins**
 - Governor Dick
 - 8 Votes
- Novice Event Director: **Ava Suhocki (2 Events)**
 - Quail Hill & Governor Dick
 - 15 Votes
- Experienced Event Director: **Mary Frank**
 - French Creek Central
 - 6 Votes

- Event Helper: **Dave Morgan**
 - 5 votes

Wrap-up and Conclusion
