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DVOA President Ralph Tolbert was ready to O when he stood in what he thought was a start triangle on top of Stone Mountain, Georgia, at last year's Navigator Cup

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DCNR charts future with new action plan

More than 1,500 people provided feedback, assistance in shaping agency's first-ever action plan

HARRISBURG: Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Michael DiBerardinis announced today that DCNR's action plan, which outlines future priorities for the agency ranging from outdoor recreation to sustainable communities, is now available for public comment and review.

"After almost a year of travel, meetings, discussions, writing and feedback involving more than 1,500 staff and stakeholders, DCNR is embarking on a new beginning with its first-ever action plan that builds on our strong foundation and pushes toward the future like never before," Secretary DiBerardinis said.

The draft action plan identifies four key action areas for the agency: Improving Stewardship of State Parks and Forests; Promoting Statewide Land Conservation; Creating Outdoor Experiences for Citizens and Visitors; and Building and Maintaining Sustainable and Attractive Communities. Each area has identified policies and priorities.

"With this action plan and the additional support that can be gained through Governor Rendell's Growing Greener initiative, we are all well-positioned to help improve the quality of life for the citizens of this Commonwealth," said Secretary DiBerardinis. "We have a tremendous opportunity to reach more people with our programs and expertise; promote tourism and economic growth; and help to build livable communities."

The Secretary said that hundreds of staff, citizens, government officials, legislators and representatives of more than 100 organizations and sister agencies attended meetings, provided feedback and helped to craft the early documents that lead up to the formation of the plan.

According to the Secretary, DCNR already is moving ahead on some priorities that emerged from the planning process such as a Governor's task force on elk and nature tourism that is using public assets in northcentral Pennsylvania to promote stewardship of natural resources, enhance tourism opportunities and create economic development. An outdoor recreation program will be launched this spring in western Pennsylvania's state parks and forests to provide guided recreational experiences.

The action plan is posted on DCNR's web site:

www.dcnr.state.pa.us <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us>



Reminder: Your DVOA membership expired at the end of 2003. Get the new year off to a good start; fill out the enclosed membership renewal form and send it in with your annual membership fee.

Feel even better: add a little extra contribution to the DVOA mapping fund, so that we can continue to update our current maps as well as commission maps of new areas.

Some good news for Pennsylvania's state parks

On Feb. 3, 2004, Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell unveiled his fiscal 2004-05 proposed budget, which builds on his Plan for a New Pennsylvania to jump-start the economy and place Pennsylvania on a path to a brighter future.

This budget includes a specific environmental initiative that focuses on creating healthy, sustainable communities where people want to live and businesses want to locate. It uses the conservation of the state's natural resources to stimulate economic growth and create vibrant communities.

I am very excited about how DCNR benefits from this budget. One-third of the funding for this environmental initiative goes to DCNR to administer programs and services on behalf of all Pennsylvanians. It will help put us on the path of accomplishing the priorities outlined in our action plan, currently under development.

Over the next four years, DCNR will invest an additional \$260 million from this initiative in:

- * restoring and enhancing state parks;
- * revitalizing communities through recreation and conservation; and
- * protecting open space and threatened lands.

More details on this exciting budget proposal can be found on DCNR's website.

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/info/0405budget/index.aspx>

We look forward to working with you on this important funding initiative.

Michael DiBerardinis
Secretary
Department of Conservation
and Natural Resources

Something's a-foot: the USOF Foot-O Standing Team

The following orienteers have either automatically qualified or have been selected for the 2004 USOF Foot-O Standing Team. The selections are mostly made based on the USOF Rankings and U.S. Championship results in accordance with guidelines at <http://www.us.orienteering.org/USTeam/Criteria.html>

The list is now tentative. A final list will be published after March 15.

WOMEN A: Pavlina Brautigam, Kristin Hall, Erin Olafsen, Karen Williams, Sandra Zurcher

WOMEN B: Suzanne Armstrong, Peggy Dickison

WOMEN C: Sharon Crawford, Janice Huebner, Maiya Kraus, Angelica Riley, Samantha Saeger

MEN A: Eric Bone, Brian May, Sergei Zhyk

MEN B: Eddie Bergeron, Boris Granovskiy, Mikell Platt, Syd Reader, James Scarborough, Ken Walker Jr.

MEN C: Gregory Balter, Joe Brautigam, Randy Hall, Wyatt Riley, Ross Smith, Dan Stoll-Hadaya, Sergey Velichko, Mihai Veres

Don Davis
Chair, USOF Foot-O Standing Team Selection Committee

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to another great year of orienteering! It began with our annual Winter meeting. Thanks to everyone who brought a covered dish to share; I don't think anyone went home hungry. After dinner we held a general meeting; the agenda included directors' reports and announcement of the club champions for last year.

(Look for the details on the club champions in a related article in this edition.) We also elected club officers as part of the meeting. If you haven't heard about the results or glanced at the inside cover, it will probably come as no surprise that Mary Frank will continue in her roll as club secretary and treasurer. I'm sure you will agree we can count on her to continue doing an excellent job. John DeWolf was elected vice president. I look forward to working with John; he will bring lots of great ideas and enthusiasm to the position. I've replaced Ed Scott as president. Ed served as president for two terms and did a great job of leading the club. The next time you see Ed at an event, please take a moment and personally thank him for serving as DVOA's president.

Those in attendance at the meeting heard that our club is very strong financially, but our membership numbers declined for the first time in several years. This is a concern. Along with putting on great events, creating great maps and having a great membership, DVOA prides itself in being the largest O-club in the US. Clearly, in order to grow the sport, we want to maintain this position.

In February, a follow-up meeting was held at the Franks to develop ideas on increasing our membership. The group came up with several initiatives we hope to implement during the coming months; look for more in future issues. More importantly, the club will need everyone's help. Be sure and read Eric Weyman's article in this edition. A key take-away for me: make sure we involve others at events. You can read the rest.

Continuing with the membership theme, I'll throw out an idea. I challenge all current club members to introduce one new person (or family) to orienteering this year. Begin by inviting someone you know to an event. At the event, walk them through the registration process and help get them started on the course. After they finish, ask them how it went, what they liked or disliked about the course. Follow-up with e-mail or a phone call and ask what event they are going to next. Become an "O-mentor" to someone new to the sport and a potential new club member.

This promises to be another great year for orienteering. I hope to see you all in the woods!

Ralph Tolbert

From the A Meet to Future Growth

By Eric Weyman

In the Dec. 2003 *Briar Patch*, Valerie Meyer and Sandy Fillebrown wrote fine summaries of last autumn's "Return to the Water Gap" A-event. I have some additional observations and comments to offer.

I was particularly impressed with the club's solid professional performance for an event that could easily have been a letdown. In my mind this event did not have an upside. There was no way to improve on the debut A event at this location, which featured the excitement level of the US Championships, the unveiling of this new, well-received terrain and maps, along with great meet organization. Expectations for the "Return" event were already high, and the best we could do was to match expectations, but in the end I think we did just that, which is no small achievement. This was accomplished despite encountering some additional challenges along the way.

First the course setters were handed some environmental constraints in addition to the expected challenge of designing courses that didn't repeat too much of the "first choice" courses. Still, the course setting was good, and we did some environmental documentation that might gain us some future good will.

Secondly, our veteran Start chief had to bow out at the last minute for family reasons. But the word got out, and many experienced people (some non-DVOA) pitched in to conduct a flawless start (at least, as far as I heard).

On Saturday we had some serious missing runner concerns (overtime and medical issues), but search procedures were organized appropriately and partially implemented when the subjects turned up safe, thankfully.

As Valerie mentioned, one of Sunday's controls suffered a shotgun blast, but this was caught in the early morning existence check and quickly replaced, again just the way the system is supposed to work.

Aside from these irregularities, all the routine operations seemed to be well done, with all positions staffed with many experienced people.

But now the A-meet is a fading memory, and these comments are less relevant as a wrap-up or back patting, but I believe they are more relevant to the club's future. As good as we can feel about our A-meet accomplishments, we cannot afford to become overconfident or complacent, because we have some serious challenges at the local meet level.

First we just finished a year with actual negative growth as measured by memberships. Secondly, our "Schedulemaster" Ed Scott has been having difficulty filling the schedule with staffing for local events. I believe these two issues are related, and that a significant part of the solution lies in passing on our skills to more and new people.

It is difficult to know why members don't renew or why novices don't return, but one thing we can control is how we conduct our local events, and speaking at least for myself, I believe there is room for improvement, mostly in consistency. Our best events are good, but other events could be better, and I think simply getting more workers per event would be a big help.

I think it is safe to say that growth is built on the foundation of our skilled workers, and orienteering, by its nature, is very labor intensive. We will always lose some key contributors due to location changes, burnout, tragedies, or otherwise moving on. We need more skilled people not just as replacements for future A-events but to address the immediate need for quantity and quality of work for our ambitious local-event schedule. We need our veterans to pass on their A-meet honed skills to more and new people. This means recruiting, teaching, mentoring, seeking

Training Tips

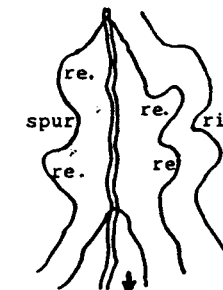
What on earth is a reentrant?

(Extracted from *The Ups and Downs of Orienteering* by Olive Kearney, as printed in The Tucson Orienteering Club's March 2003 newsletter)

Hillsides just smooth, gentle slopes? Dream on! They have valleys and ridges and knolls and other landforms, which orienteers call **reentrants** and **spurs**. These last two are very useful for navigating, if we can tell them apart on the map! So pull out an O map, and we'll see if we can master them.

What on earth is a reentrant? When describing the places that water would collect in and run down when it rains, orienteers use the term "reentrant." These reentrants can have steep sides or just be gentle dips; they can be long, running from top to bottom of a hill, or short, spanning just one or two contours. They may never see rain! As long as water would flow down it, be it a bucket-full or a torrent, it is a reentrant. Little reentrants usually run into each other (at a "reentrant junction"), and then a bigger reentrant goes further down the hillside and so on, out to sea. Look at the map and locate some of these.

Why call them reentrants? Believe me, there is a reason for such a strange word. Try to find a large hill on your map, or better yet, a long hillside with parallel contours. You will notice at some places the contour lines jog a little, that is, "go back into" or "re=enter" the hillside. Simple explanation for an intimidating word. Another, perhaps easier to remember explanation: a reentrant is where the water "reenters" the water table. Maybe we should go with that. Some water courses are not reentrants. A short, very steep-side erosion feature is called a **gully**, and a **ditch** has been dug. I'm glad you are no longer confused, so let us go on and study spurs.



Spur onwards! Look at the map again. See if you can find contours "going out" of the hillside. These are **spurs**, areas where the land juts out a bit. Spurs are more evident around a hill or mountain, rather than on a long hillside. But like reentrants, they too can be of any size, anywhere, as long as the land falls away on three sides. There are even spurs more correctly called **ribs**; these are very narrow and often long. A wide, round spur may have a flat area (a wider space) between the shoulders called a **terrace**. But we will stick to spurs and reentrants for now and find out how to tell which is which on the map while you are tired, bruised and far from home and when the mosquitos are biting.

Which is **up**? Does your map sometimes confuse you? On a USGS topographic map, the contours are labeled with their elevation. You can see the number "4000," then "4100," and it is obvious which way is up. But orienteering maps don't help us this way, and we must be very careful to work out which way is **up**. Search for a hilltop. That closed circle will be the high point; contours spreading out from it are going downhill. Be careful again; if the contour circle has hash (or "tic") marks in it, it is a depression, which may or may not be at the top of a hill.

Recognizing reentrants and spurs on the map is an orienteering skills we all want to master, because:

Reentrants point **up**-hill, and **spurs** point **down**-hill.

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9 Paul Ort	M15	DVOA	100.30	2 Wyatt Riley	M21 DVOA/BAOC	69.05
10 Kent Shaw	M55	DVOA	103.39	3 Clem McGrath	M21 DVOA	71.49
11 Udaya Bollineni	M30	DVOA	103.43	4 Vadim Masalkov	M35 DVOA	80.43
12 Bill Shannon	M65 HVO/DVOA		109.20	5 Florin Tencariu	M21 DVOA	81.24
13 Bob Burg	M55	DVOA	111.47	6 Patrick Shannon	M21 HVO/DVOA	83.54
14 Mikhail Matveev	M45	QOC	112.02	7 Tom Overbaugh	M40 DVOA	84.01
15 Rob Wilkison	M50	DVOA	112.13	8 Steve Nagy	M40 DVOA	86.48
16 Daria Babushok	F21	DVOA	118.24	9 Brian Supplee	M45 DVOA	93.37
17 Matthew Sargent	M21	DVOA	119.14	10 Mark Cornish	M45 DVOA	98.22
18 Bob Fink	M50	DVOA	120.19	11 Karl Ahlswede	M40 DVOA	99.44
19 Kevin Frankowski	M21		126.09	12 Hugh MacMullan	M60 DVOA	103.08
20 Steven Getz	M40	DVOA	144.18	13 Don Davis	M60 QOC	104.19
21 George Teaney		DVOA	150.00	14 Jim Rayburn	M40 SVO/DVOA	116.32
22 Tom Perry		SVO	160.13	15 Ben Summers	M40 DVOA	119.18
23 Jeff Hanlon		DVOA	166.55	16 Shane Nachin	M40 DVOA	133.13
24 Roger Martin	M60	DVOA	169.22	17 Carl Swartz	M40 DVOA	180.36
				18 Parker/Reed	G2 DVOA	193.43
RED 8.3 Km, 340 M climb, 11 Controls						
1 Randy Hall	M21	DVOA	66.27			

Introduction to Orienteering at Brandywine State Park - 3/13/2004 Event Director: Ralph Tolbert

Seasonal winter temperatures didn't keep more than 60 participants of all ages from coming out to Brandywine Creek State Park, Delaware, for an introduction to orienteering. The park's newly renovated nature center has a great meeting room with all the amenities to do indoor training. The park staff let us make full use of the audiovisual equipment. After the indoor training all participants eagerly went out to apply their newly acquired knowledge on a White course.

Special thanks to Nancy Sharp for helping me put on this program. Also thanks to Barbara Woodford and the staff at Brandywine for use of the facilities and helping get everyone out on the course.

White: 1.8 k, 45 m climb, 9 controls

Pl	Name	Class	Club	Time				
1	Csaba Tisztakto	G3	HVO	15:30	13 Judy Alexander	G2	none	34:13
2	John Ahrens	G1	none	17:05	14 Mighty Cheyenne 3	?	Y Guides	33:12
3	Kurt and Sam Olsen	G2	none	24:05	15 Peter Gbur	G2	none	40:00
4	Shane And Patricia Hickey	G2	none	24:10	16 Maureen Bonnes	G4	none	41:05
5	Mark Lucera	G1	none	25:45	17 Billy Mock		BSA	42:16
6	The Coles	G5	none	27:30	18 Mike & Em Gabbert	G2	none	46:25
7	Patrick Haynes	G2	DVOA	29:07	19 Tina Jones	G1	none	57:05
8	Ed and JR Schmitt	G2	none	30:00	20 The Bernstein's	G3	none	58:20
9	Payne	G5	none	30:46	21 Georgia Rose Young-Dale	G2	none	58:20
10	Bill Kochanik	G3	none	33:25	Jim Kepley	G4	none	DNF
11	Paul Liang	G2	none	32:06	Deb Jones	G3	none	??
12	Amy Reed	G3	none	32:25				

out apprentices, or simply recommending others to appropriate club leaders, event directors, or skill leaders.

Among orienteers (myself included), "people" skills always seem to be in short supply. But social interaction is the key to welcoming and bonding with new people. Not everybody is cut out to be a "greeter" but simply working together on orienteering is usually a comfortable setting, and in the end is probably the most productive social relationship possible.

So the challenge I'm posing to our veterans is not to volunteer more often, but when we do volunteer, to spread out the work and pass on the knowledge. Many hands will not only help our events run smoother, but working together is the best form of extending ourselves to prospective club members and grooming future leaders.

Mark Frank has a good suggestion: introduce yourself to one person you don't know. If they've completed the course, ask them which course they ran, what they liked about it and what they didn't.

These thoughts were among the topics of discussion at the recent Mark Frank-convened "growth" meeting. Many other subjects were broached as well and many proposals were made. I expect our new president, Ralph Tolbert, will work from these ideas, talking and writing about the specific strategies, programs, procedures that we can implement to continue DVOA's tradition of growth.

Cryptic Features

There are several types of cryptic crossword clues. Those based on anagrams are typically constructed of the following elements:

- a definition placed at the beginning or the end of the clue
- the anagram "fodder" – the actual letters to be rearranged
- an anagram "indicator" – a word that indicates this rearrangement
- The number in parentheses gives the number of letters in the answer.

Sometimes there are additional connector words, such as with, and, in, from.

For example: Unfortunate diners pose in sadness (10)

- unfortunate = *anagram indicator*
- diners pose = *fodder or letters to be rearranged*
- in = *connector*
- sadness = *definition*

The solution is depression

The solutions to all of the following clues are orienteering features.

Burnt area where arch cat and floor-lamp tangled (8,8)

Disoriented, enter tarn in gully (9)

Raggedy sock to rot in dead tree (9)

Doleful bride collapsed in rocky situation (7,5)

At the border, get orientated, buy van, go wandering (10,8)

Drunk needs sip or goes into despondency (10)

Brush the tick off (7)

If you wish, you may email your solution to opuzzle@ksclick.com. The solution and the names of the solvers will be published in the next issue of the **Briar Patch**.

Help wanted: Registration table worker

By Mary Frank

Wanted: man or woman with patience. No other experience necessary.

The Registration table is the first stage of the orienteering event, and, as you know some days it's quite busy and can be confusing not only to the Registrar but to participants as well. This is often the first place where people new to the sport interface with us.

If you've considered volunteering but aren't sure where to help, this is a good place to start.

Here are some tips so you know what's expected:

- Have at least **three clipboards** with **registration forms** on the table. With three clipboards, people can keep filling out their information while you're helping someone else
- The event director may have preassigned the **map numbers** to the registration forms, but in case they didn't, here's what you do: Have at least four forms per clipboard. Blank forms are kept in the file box that's part of the event director's kit. Start the map numbers at 300 (so as not to duplicate the permanently assigned numbers on the Express list; more on this later). Make sure to assign a different numbers to the forms on each clipboard.
- Don't forget to **collect the money**, which covers the cost of the maps. We charge for each map, not for each person. The fees are \$4 for members, \$5 for members of other clubs or youth oriented groups like Scouts, \$7 for nonmembers. If someone wants to rent/borrow a compass, the fee is \$1 plus a deposit: car keys or drivers license are things people usually come back for.
- A good tip is when the person hands you their money, you hand them a **pink card** (the form used to record control punches).
- Try to fill out newcomers' pink cards for them. They really don't have any idea what everyone is doing running around, let alone why we ask them for their car information; throwing a pink card at them to fill out just adds to the confusion. Make sure you print the name(s) clearly, especially on the short end of the pink card, because this is the information used later to record results.
- The **Express list** is a list of DVOA members who attended at least four DVOA events the previous year. The Express list is a shortcut; it already has the member's car information, so all the member has to do is sign their name.
- If you remember, **ask if people need instructions**. Many newcomers are quite relieved we aren't going to send them off into the wilderness without having given them some last-minute instructions. Instructors are hidden in the background - meaning we have many people who are almost always willing to share their knowledge with others. So if the Event Director doesn't have anyone designated to do the instructions, ask around. Many (like Mark Frank) would never say no to giving someone instructions.
- If you think about it and see one of the newcomers after they've finished, ask how they did and how they liked it.
- Oh and **about the car**: The reason we ask for information about participants' cars is in case they don't check in at finish, we have a way of checking that they have or haven't left the park. We don't leave anyone in the woods. Newcomers are often relieved to know we won't just leave



Back to Susquehanna - 3/7/2004

Event Director: Ralph Tolbert; Course Design: Mihai Veres

Beautiful weather for late winter with temperatures pushing into the 50s made for a perfect day of orienteering. We had an excellent turnout for the first event in 2004 that offered a full slate of courses. (It was a better turnout than we had for the last Susquehanna event, which was scheduled for December 14 but was one of the few events we've had to cancel on account of bad weather.)

Thanks to great course design by Mihai Vires, who had drawn the courses that weren't used in December, participants got to see the best terrain offered at Maryland's Susquehanna State Park. I heard a lot of positive feedback about the course from finishers.

Turnout was higher than usual on the Orange and Brown courses, which called for more maps to be drawn. This venue also attracted orienteers from Quantico.

The results showed some close finishes; on the Red course, two competitors were separated by just seven seconds. The Green course also produced several close races, and this trend continued on the Brown and Orange courses. Overall, it was a great way to start another year of orienteering.

As always, the help of others made the event possible. Thanks to the following who helped at this event...

Registration: Nancy Sharp

Start: Mark Frank

Finish: Tom Overbaugh and Mark Frank

Map Drawing: The Fishers, Mike Metzger,

Control Pick-up: Mark Cornish, Eric Weyman, Rob Favorite, Vadim Masalkov

WHITE 3.1 Km, 90m climb, 7 controls

1 Anthony Knarr	G2	DVOA	47.44
2 Whitney	G3	DVOA	61.30

YELLOW 3.9 Km 105 M climb, 7 Controls

1 Greg Ahlswede	M14	DVOA	36.48
2 Don Dunkers group	G3		58.11
3 Brenda Harder	F60	DVOA	69.01
4 Keough Group	G3	DVOA	72.12
5 Wenz group	G3	SVO	83.55
6 Rebecca Meyer	F13	DVOA	100.58
7 Patrick Merchak group	G5		113.47

ORANGE 4.4 Km, 120 M climb, 8 Controls

1 William Kelsey	M21		45.52
2 Chris Brennan	M21		50.16
3 John Gregory	M18		53.07
4 Andy Howell	M21	FSU	62.29
5 Dave Luber	G3		72.15
6 Karen Ort	F50	DVOA	89.50
7 Callahan group	G3		94.39
8 Bill and Tyler Mebane	G2	DVOA	95.32
9 Scott Webber	G3	DVOA	101.49
10 Maryann Cassidy	F50	DVOA	104.27
11 Timothy Gilpatrick	M40	DVOA	107.07
12 Ray Ritchie	G2		155.09
13 Cecilia Landers		DVOA	170.37
14 Tim Ward			170.37

BROWN 4.2 Km, 150 M climb, 7 Controls

1 Jody Landers		DVOA	54.58
2 John Landers		QOC	61.39
3 Kris Gregory	F18	FSU	62.51
4 Tim Walsh	M55	DVOA	65.43
5 Jean O'Conor	F55	DVOA	73.56
6 Rick Whiffen	M50	DVOA	77.01
7 Marit Davis	F	QOC	81.15
8 Patrick Nelson	G2		84.03
9 Evgenia Matveeva	F45	QOC	85.46
10 Sandy McMahan	F21	DVOA	89.09
11 Michael Metzger	G2	DVOA	89.14
12 Deb Samans	F50	DVOA	98.49
13 Donna Terefenko	F50	DVOA	100.58
14 Skip Myler	M70	Adirondack	
15 K&G Kohler	G2	DVOA	129.18

GREEN 6.7 Km, 240 M climb, 8 Controls

1 Mark Frank	M45	DVOA	80.29
2 Ron Bortz	M50	DVOA	83.11
3 William Kelsey (2nd run)	M21		86.09
4 Rob Favorite	M50	DVOA	86.21
5 Angelica Riley	F21	DVOA	87.00
6 Sandy Fillebrown	F50	DVOA	94.56
7 Andy Green	M35	DVOA	95.32
8 Bob Meyer	M50	DVOA	96.21

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Valley Goat results (continued from page 17)

32 Timothy Gilpatrick	M40	DVOA	189:12	28 Joyce/Marie Vollmer	G2	121:30
33 John & Deb Barcalow	G2		192:19	29 Zador	G2	DVOA 191:50
Kent Shaw	M55	DVOA	DNS			
Stacey Karen	G2		DNF			

Short Course

1 Angelica Riley	F21	DVOA	48:32	Clive Allen	M	
2 Patrick Shannon	M	HVO/DVOA	53:32	Mitchell Brown/Jane Nocera	G3	DVOA
3 Csada Tisztartó	M35	HVO	53:52	Robert Connelly	M	
4 Ralph Tolbert	M50	DVOA	54:50	Cornish Group	G4	DVOA
5 Audra Supplee	F45	DVOA	60:47	David Dadd	G4	
6 Kate OShea	F27	DVOA	62:08	Kirk DeLisle/Susan Keenan	G2	
7 Masayo Abe		HVO	62:29	Robert Frank	M	DVOA
8 Steve Aronson	M45	DVOA	63:31	Mark Golden	G2	DVOA
9 Ron Mavus	M45	DVOA	64:35	Tara Gruss/Elena Tkacz	G2	
10 Nancy Sharp	F	DVOA	64:53	Hottenstein	G5	
11 Lauren Terefenko	F20	DVOA	65:13	Lou Iozzi	G2	
12 Charles Robinson	M50	DVOA	65:45	Zach Kratsas	G2	
13 Steven Getz	M40	DVOA	65:55	Logan	G2	
14 Jean O'Connor	F55	DVOA	66:17	Pam Maurer	G2	
15 Bill Shannon	M65	HVO/DVOA	66:53	Rebecca Meyer	F12	DVOA
16 Jim Browne	M75	SVO	72:24	Cheri Mitchell	G2	
17 Donna Terefenko	F50	DVOA	72:44	Trish Nodolski	G4	
18 Sharon Siegler	F55	DVOA	73:00	Aniko Otthol		
19 Michael Metger	M40	DVOA	78:52	Carolyn Sellars	G2	
20 Peg Edwards	F65	DVOA	79:54	Martin Sellers	G2	
21 Diane Johnson	F		81:45	Linda Stephens	G6	
22 Robert Smith	M	DVOA	83:50	Chris Toporski	G2	
23 Larry Geiss	M50	DVOA	84:10	Judy Vose	G2	DVOA
24 Bob & Dawn Ross	G2		85:50	Whitney Group	G3	DVOA
25 John Furlong	M		88:23	Christopher Young-Dahl	G2	
26 Deb Samans	F50	DVOA	94:41	Donna Zador	G3	DVOA
27 Maryann Cassidy	F50	DVOA	119:57			

White Course Participants

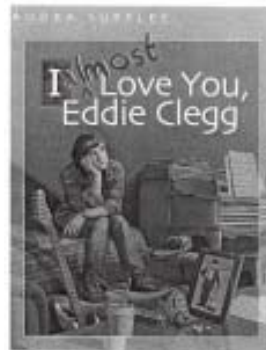
Due to timing problems the times for the White course are not available. White course participants are listed in alphabetical order.

DVOA's grapevine



If you have any news of interest to DVOA members—birth of a baby, a new address, a son or daughter off to college, an engagement or wedding, a milestone anniversary—we'll gladly print whatever space permits. Send the information to the **Briar Patch** editor, Nancy Sharp, 3439 Fairfield St, Laureldale, PA 19605, or by e-mail to nisharp@aol.com

Longtime DVOA member Audra Supplee would like to announce a new arrival: her preteen novel, *I Almost Love You, Eddie Clegg*, is being published by Peachtree Publishers and is scheduled to be in bookstores this April. The book is already listed on Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com for pre-orders. The book is described by the publisher as "a funny, sensitive portrait of the complex problems of adolescence that will resonate with preteen readers." Unfortunately for us, Audra says the book does not have an orienteering theme. (Maybe the next one will!) Audra is also the author of another young-adult novel, *Standing Ovation*, published under her maiden name, Audra Spotts.



them out there. You can remind them to check in, even if they don't finish, so we don't go looking for them.

The main thing to remember when people are being introduced to the sport is to try to remain calm and be informative. Orienteering is a great sport, and DVOA has a lot of great members who are willing to help; I hope you'll be one of them. Don't wait for someone to ask; please consider volunteering to help out at registration for an hour at the next event you attend.

How to fill out a pink card

Editor's note: It may seem self-evident, but from the wide variations our statistician has received, it bears repeating. Remember, these pink cards are the official source of start and finish information for your efforts.

It is especially important that you fill out the short stub of the card, which is turned in at Start.

1. Please print.
2. In the map number box, put the map number that is shown in the MAP NUMBER field on the registration sheet or on the express list.
3. Please print legibly.
4. In the name box, print your first and last name.
5. Please print neatly.
6. In the course box, use the first letter of the course you are going to run: W=White, Y=Yellow, O=Orange, Br=Brown, G=Green, R=Red, B=Blue. If in doubt, spell it out.
7. Please print clearly.
8. In the class box:
 - **Individual:** put M for male or F for female, as appropriate, followed by your age category. If you are not sure, just put your age.

M/F-10 - ages 10-11	M/F-21 - ages 21-34	M/F-55 - ages 55-59
M/F-12 - ages 12-13	M/F-35 - ages 35-39	M/F-60 - ages 60-64
M/F-14 - ages 14-15	M/F-40 - ages 40-44	M/F-65 - ages 65-69
M/F-16 - ages 15-17	M/F-45 - ages 45-49	M/F-70 - ages 70+
M/F-18 - ages 18-20	M/F-50 - ages 50-54	
 - **Group:** If you are in a group, use G followed by the number of people in your group.
9. Please print slowly.
10. If the club box, put the name of the orienteering club of which you are a member. If you belong to more than one club, you can enter all of them. Reminder: even if you did write it on the registration form, your affiliation won't be shown in course results if you don't write it on the pink card.
11. Remember, now, print!

Service Awards



In 1993 Kent and Caroline Ringo established an annual award to honor outstanding service to our club. Speed and orienteering prowess are not the criteria; the intent is to honor some of those who, by their dedication, inspiration and hard work, have contributed to the growth of DVOA.

Bob Gross

Bob Gross has been a member of DVOA since 1990. Bob first heard of orienteering through a newspaper article, and he and his son stopped by a local meet to see what it was all about. Bob's son, Chris, quickly attracted everyone's attention by bypassing White and Yellow courses appropriate for his young age and successfully going out on Green. For many years, Bob was known as "Chris's Dad." We assumed that Dad had something to do with Chris's orienteering success.

Bob soon made a reputation for himself by designing a wildly popular T-shirt for one of our A events. That started the tradition: if Bob designs the T-shirt, they will come. So far he has created eight, and all have become collector's items. In addition, Bob has been event director at many local events and helps however needed at local and national events. He is currently serving as a DVOA trustee.

Bob, his wife Deni, and their fat, happy barn cats live in Birdsboro, PA. Besides orienteering, Bob lists his hobbies as gardening, hiking, photography and music. He is a self-employed designer/commercial artist and teaches graphics classes at a local business school.



Valerie Meyer

Valerie lives in Arlington, Virginia, and her primary membership is with the Quantico Orienteering Club, our neighbor to the south. Fortunately for us, she has also been a member of DVOA for several years. She has served as Results crew chief and shared her expertise in electronic punching results at several of our A events. Last year, as some of you may remember, she was here at our winter meeting helping with the afternoon workshop on e-punching results. She has also worked with Kent Shaw to improve the on-line registration process for A events by writing software to translate the web-based registration data to the e-punch format.

Valerie has many interests, one of which is quilting. In addition to winning awards for her quilting, she used her needlework skills to decorate the ribbons on the stuffed bears given as awards last fall at DVOA's A-Event at the Delaware Water Gap.

Valerie use to be a race walker and now does long-distance runs. She is employed as a records manager at a school district in Virginia. She is married to Roger and has a daughter, Sarah, who just graduated from the University of Maryland College Park and is teaching eleventh-grade English.



Valley Goat

Valley Forge National Park - Mt: Joy - Feb 29, 2004 (Leap Day)

I think I've got this straight: thanks to Bob Burg for suggesting a special-format orienteering event to mark Leap Year and Leap Day falling on a Sunday. (He remembered participating in a special event the last time leap year was here.) Thanks, too, to Randy Hall for designing the leap courses. And thanks to John DeWolf, who served as event director, and more thanks to everyone else who chipped in and helped.

The weather was unbelievably warm for February, which probably contributed to a great turnout.

The format was in keeping with the day: runners could opt to skip, or leap over, one of the controls on their courses. Which one they picked was up to them.

Hopefully, someone will remember this format and replicate it next leap year.

Long Course

1	Sergei Zhyk	M21	DVOA	65:17
2	Alexey Azarov	M21	HVO	66:00
3	John Fredrickson	M18	HVO	66:19
4	Boris Granovsky	M	CSU	72:52
5	Mihai Veres	M40	DVOA	73:00
6	Wyatt Riley	M21	DVOA	73:00
7	Vadim Masalkov	M35	DVOA	74:27
8	Chuck Crabb	M45	DVOA	74:42
9	Greg Balter	M40	DVOA	76:52
10	David Pruden	M	QOC	81:47
11	Florin Tencariu	M21	DVOA	90:22
12	Johnny WrongWay	M40	DVOA	90:27
13	Mark Cornish	M40	DVOA	90:40
14	Clinton Morse	M	WCOC	94:51
15	Jim Eagleton	M50	DVOA	95:06
16	Pete Yeomans	M35	DVOA	95:53
17	Mike Bertram	M55	DVOA	99:43
18	Bernie Breton	M21	HVO	104:42
19	Ury Backiev	M40	CAOC	111:50
20	Shane Nachin	M		118:15
21	Hugh MacMullan	M60	DVOA	135:24
22	Francis Hogle	M60	QOC	144:06
23	Swartz/White	G2		181:08
24	Sachin Hejaji	M		182:17
25	Philip Salen	M	DVOA	192:00
	Ryan	M		DNF
	Healy	Gr	JROTC	DNF
	Snow	Gr	JROTC	DNF
	Esperanza	Gr	JROTC	DNF
	Dixon	Gr	JROTC	DNF
	Galinat	Gr	JROTC	DNF
	Hylkema	Gr	JROTC	DNF
	DaGrossa	Gr	JROTC	DNF
	Ragunan	Gr	JROTC	DNF
	Greathouse	Gr	JROTC	DNF
	Bates	Gr	JROTC	DNF
	Lawrence	Gr	JROTC	DNF
	Costello	Gr	JROTC	DNF
	White	Gr	JROTC	DNF
	Grimes	Gr	JROTC	DNF
	Hayden	Gr	JROTC	DNF
	Hughs	Gr	JROTC	DNF
	Palmer	Gr	JROTC	DNF

Varol	Gr	JROTC	DNF
Wilson	Gr	JROTC	DNF
Macken	Gr	JROTC	DNF
Dabla	Gr	JROTC	DNF
Price	Gr	JROTC	DNF
Vansciver	Gr	JROTC	DNF
Schnider	Gr	JROTC	DNF
Cronburger	Gr	JROTC	DNF
Stackhouse	Gr	JROTC	DNF

Medium Course

1	Andras Revesz	M40	DVOA	44:29
2	Clem McGrath	M21	DVOA	45:34
3	Tom Overbaugh	M40	DVOA	49:12
4	Hunter Cornish	M16	DVOA	55:09
5	Istvan Nagy	M40	DVOA	55:26
6	Brian Supplee	M45	DVOA	58:29
7	Ben Summers	M40	DVOA	60:21
8	Rob Favorite	M50	DVOA	61:47
9	Brian Berg	M35	DVOA	63:34
10	Ron Bortz	M50	DVOA	63:55
11	Bob Meyer	M50	DVOA	63:58
12	Ekaterina Overkhova	F18		65:48
13	Tom Waniewski	M35	DVOA	69:23
14	Daria Babushok	F21	DVOA	71:29
15	Udaya Bollineri	M30	DVOA	71:32
16	Rob Wilkinson	M50	DVOA	72:25
17	Dave Darrah	M55	DVOA	73:14
18	Ray Rosenbaum	M35	HVO	79:11
19	Erik Eddy	M16	DVOA	82:10
20	Samantha Glazier/Linda Godfrey	G2	DVOA	83:02
21	Bob Burg	M55	DVOA	84:00
22	Charley Parker	M50	DVOA	87:41
23	JR Edwards	M65	DVOA	88:06
24	Arthur Bond	M40	DVOA	112:56
25	Scott Webber	M	DVOA	113:26
26	Anthony Cloudhy	M		121:28
27	Lisa Richardson	F		121:28
28	Joseph Ward	M40	DVOA	126:45
29	Rick Whiffen	M50	DVOA	127:49
30	Suzanne Panettieri	F		173:14
31	Andy Vose	G3	DVOA	186:00

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O'mazing results

For my last "President's Cup" event, I wanted to do something different.... Well, not entirely different since Bob Putnam had done something similar on Mother's Day in 1984, but I suspected that most of the 22 folks that were there that day watching me gasping for air as I attempted to run while smoking my pipe would not appear at Boone.

The controls were all relatively simple. Only a couple approached orange in difficulty, but each control was marked to allow passage to only a limited number of other controls. The game was to find the route through the maze of controls that would allow one to go to "GO" and thus to finish. No mispunching or extra punches were allowed, so guessing the proper sequence was not a good option.

There was one way to cut the time and distance, and Bob Meyer had it figured out... if only he hadn't lost his pink card, requiring a return to start for a new one.

Twenty-one people were ready for the mass start at noon. The times were a bit longer than I expected but were within reason. Without snow cover I am sure most everyone would have been 10 or 15 minutes faster.

This was my fourth President's cup and all have been in the snow. (Valley Forge Fatlands, French Creek West, French Creek Central, and now Boone) The real test will be next year, when I have the choice of being out in the cold or home with a warm fire in the woodstove. Thanks to the huge event crew (at least huge to me since I had sprained my ankle and was not very mobile): Flag hanging and registration, Mary Frank; courses, maps, start, finish, flag hanging, me; control pickup, Steve Getz, Mark Cornish, me.....

Ed Scott

Place	Name	Time			Time
1	Randy Hall	55:36	11	Ron Bortz	92:29
2	Ury Backiev	67:17	12	Bob Gross	93:45
3	Mark Cornish	69:51	13	Ralph Tolbert	105:09
4	Greg Ahlswede	75:57	14	Kent & Jean	107:19
5	Karl Ahlswede	75:57	15	Roger Broome	114:10
6	Bob Meyer	76:31	16	Deb Samans	123:40
7	Rob Wilkison	83:23	17	Steven Getz	124:47
8	Steve Aronson	83:55	18	Larry Geist	140:00
9	Sandy McMahan	86:53	19	Sharon Siegler	MSP
10	Robert Buraczynski	88:02	20	Mike Bertram	MSP

Speaking of something different ...

If you're not helping at the Scout Orienteering Championships, and you're looking for a different kind of outdoor race, read on.

The Keystone Canoe Club and the American Red Cross with help from WEEU are sponsoring the 34th Annual Schuylkill River Regatta. This 12-mile race from Berne Bridge to Stoudt's Ferry Bridge Road (north of Reading) will be held Saturday, May 1. Its purpose is to promote canoe (and kayak) safety. However, most contestants are known to have fun, too.

The first 75 registrants (guaranteed to all preregistrants) receive T-shirts, and trophies are awarded to at least 33 percent of the field. Boats are divided into classes, so paddlers will be competing on equal footing.

The entry fee is \$15 per paddler registered by April 27. The cost after that is \$17. For information and preregistration, call Mitch or Donna Zimmer 610/779-8817.



Gerry Smith

Gerry has been a member of DVOA since 1995. Although he had previously done map and compass navigation with scouts, Gerry says that he first encountered our style of orienteering at a National Wildlife Federation Summit summer camp in New Hampshire. The leader of that workshop was Dave Linthicum, whom many of you know as the force behind the successful annual Scout event in the Baltimore area. Gerry became involved with our club when Rick Slater did an orienteering program for his Scout council.



Gerry assisted Rick Slater with the annual New Jersey Scout event for several years before taking over as director. Attendance is increasing so much that last year the park had to set a maximum for attendance. Gerry promises to continue this popular event in future years. Gerry did the map and clue sheet vetting for the US Short Course Championships at Iron Hill a few years ago and helped with printing and bagging maps. He has also helped Bob Rycharski with various Scout events.

Gerry lives near the shore in Ocean Township, NJ and works for Avaya, an AT&T/Lucent spin-off telephone equipment maker, as a technical manager. He and his wife, Cathy, have two sons, Kenneth and Alan, both in college. The boys were also involved with both scouting and orienteering, and Alan did a permanent course at Holmdel as a Scout project.

Gerry lists Scouting, leatherwork and carving as hobbies, and he also plays the trumpet.

Helping to spread the O word: DVOA's new publicity director

As the person now helping to promote DVOA and orienteering in our region, I will do my best to get information about our events into the local and regional media. Since DVOA covers such a wide area, club members can assist me by sharing their local knowledge. If you live near one of the parks that we have mapped, please let me know the name of the park and also one local paper and/or radio station that you think would reach the majority of people in that area.

Also, if you happen to see or hear one of our notices, please let me know. That way, I can weed out the nonproductive media outlets and make good use of the productive ones.

Thanks to all of you, and special thanks to Caroline Ringo, Mary Frank, Sherri Meyer (who had previously handled publicity), Jason Tong, Nancy Sharp and Julie Keim, who have gotten me off to a good start.



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2003 Year in Review

2003 Champions 2003 Overall Leaders

Men

Pl	Name	Class	Score
1	Mihai Veres	M40	915.57
2	Clem McGrath	M21	999.84
3	Randy Hall	M35	1033.46
4	Wyatt Riley	M21	1039.86
5	Gregory Balter	M21	1070.39

Women

Pl	Name	Class	Score
1	Karen Williams	F21	1208.47
2	Angelica Riley	F21	1381.91
3	Sandy Fillebrown	F45	1385.45
4	Elitsa Healy	F21	1450.86
5	Susan Dumler	F21	1486.33

Age 14-17 Champions

Men

Pl	Name	Class	Score
1	Hunter Cornish	M16	1326.99
2	Paul Ort	M16	1338.05
3	Patrick Pomian	M14	1341.64
4	Addison Cole	M16	1341.83
5	Greg Ahlswede	M14	1546.90

Women

1	Jamie Hill	F14	1912.06
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Under 14 Champions

Men

1	Robert Frank	M10	2027.36
2	Jonathan DeWolf	M12	2197.05
3	Dayne Thatcher	M10	2972.08

Women

1	Alison Campbell	F12	1635.57
2	Rebecca Meyer	F12	2110.44
3	Susan Cornish	F12	2877.56

Club Totals

Category	Total
Total Events	46
Total Orienteers	5236
Total Time (hh:mm:ss)	7003:34:32
Total Distance (km)	22511.53
Total Climb (m)	616390.00m
Total Controls	55212

Course Totals

Course	Number of times offered	Number of runners
White	42	455
Yellow	38	622
Orange	36	588
Brown	24	377
Green	34	1023
Red	32	633
Blue	10	143

Top 10 List 2003

Most Distance Orienteered

Pl	Name	Class	Club	Distance
1	Brian Supplee	M45	DVOA	205.78
2	Vadim Masalkov	M21	DVOA	157.67
3	Karl Ahlswede	M40	DVOA	147.70
4	Clem McGrath	M21	DVOA	143.71
5	Mihai Veres	M40	DVOA	143.49
6	Mark Cornish	M45	DVOA	142.72
7	Tom Overbaugh	M40	DVOA	136.54
8	Michael Metzger	M40	DVOA	130.93
9	Florin Tencariu	M21	DVOA	126.65
10	Rob Favorite	M50	DVOA	121.57

Greatest Climb

1	Brian Supplee	M45	DVOA	5751.0
2	Clem McGrath	M21	DVOA	4444.0
3	Vadim Masalkov	M21	DVOA	4377.0
4	Karl Ahlswede	M40	DVOA	4252.0
5	Mihai Veres	M40	DVOA	3806.0
6	Michael Metzger	M40	DVOA	3734.0
7	Florin Tencariu	M21	DVOA	3640.0
8	Tom Overbaugh	M40	DVOA	3605.0
9	Mark Cornish	M45	DVOA	3467.0
10	Ron Bortz	M50	DVOA	3429.0

Most Controls Punched

1	Brian Supplee	M45	DVOA	417
2	Tom Overbaugh	M40	DVOA	299
3	Karl Ahlswede	M40	DVOA	296
4	Mark Cornish	M45	DVOA	293
5	Michael Metzger	M40	DVOA	284
6	Rob Favorite	M50	DVOA	272
7	Clem McGrath	M21	DVOA	265
8	Vadim Masalkov	M21	DVOA	265
9	Chuck Crabb	M45	DVOA	256
10	Bob Burg	M55	DVOA	254

Fastest Pace (based on minimum 4 events)

Pl	Name	Class	Club	Pace#	Event
1	Sergei Zhyk	M21	DVOA	6:40	4
2	Mihai Veres	M40	DVOA	7:22	17
3	Martin Ward	M35		8:02	7
4	Wyatt Riley	M21	DVOA	8:26	15
5	Randy Hall	M35	DVOA	8:29	14
6	Gregory Balter	M21	DVOA	8:39	4
7	Sergei Paziewski	M35	HVO	8:47	4
8	Eddie Bergeron	M21	SVO	8:58	5
9	Clem McGrath	M21	DVOA	9:12	17
10	Brad Whitmore	M45	DVOA	9:29	5



Scenes from... Valley Goat



Bob Burg runs into finish



A group walks into finish



Mark Frank (left) reads the finish time as Rob Favorite, sitting on the ground, recuperates from his run.



DVOA veteran Hugh MacMullan sprints across an open field as he completed the long course

After running the medium course, Joe Ward heads to the finish line



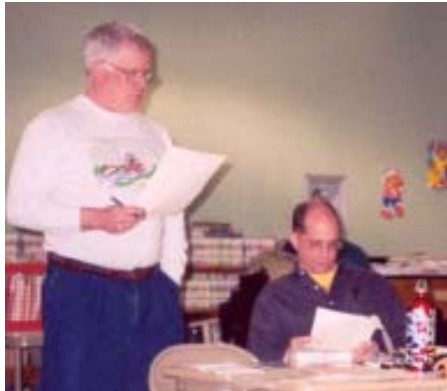


Scenes from... DVOA's winter meeting

DVOA's leaders

Standing (left to right): Trustee Mark Cornish, Trustee Bob Meyer, Trustee Ron Bortz, President Ralph Tolbert, Technical Director Tom Overbaugh, Trustee Clem McGrath, Vice President John DeWolf

Seated (left to right): Trustee Bob Gross, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Frank



Outgoing DVOA president Ed Scott conducts the business meeting as former Vice President and Incoming President Ralph Tolbert listens attentively

Several of the club's junior champs are pictured below: Robert Frank, Rebecca Meyer, Alison Campbell and Hunter Cornish



Club statistician Kent Shaw reads some of the statistics he tracked in 2003



2003 Club Rankings

Before we get into the rankings, here's a word of thanks to club statistician and webmaster, Kent Shaw, for setting up and maintaining the on-line system that let's us easily keep track of our club rankings.

Not everyone wants to keep track of their ranking. One of the great things about the sport of orienteering is that you can be as competitive or noncompetitive as you want. Whether or not you're competitive, you might be interested in how the club rankings are calculated.

First, there are some general non-math related rules:

1. You must participate in at least four events to be included in the rankings.
2. For every five events in which you participate, the worst score will be discarded. Participate in ten events and two will be discarded, etc.
3. Running as part of a group does not count.
4. If you run more than one course at an event, only the most difficult course for that event will count.
5. Must be a member of DVOA, SVO or POC in order to be listed in the rankings.
6. Must be a member of DVOA in order to win.
7. DNFs do not count in the rankings, but they are counted as a worst score and will be included in the list of scores that are discarded. (See rule #2).

Now for the math:

- Each finish time is converted to total seconds. All calculations are based on total seconds.
- The average time of the top three finishers on each course is calculated. The top three times are used, regardless of whether or not they were posted by club members, nonmembers or groups. No correction factor is used when calculating this average.
- Each finisher's time is multiplied by a time factor based on the course difficulty level:
 - Blue 0.95 , Red 1.0 (1.05 if there is a blue course for that event), Green 1.3, Brown 1.4, Orange 1.5, Yellow 1.7, White 1.9
- Each adjusted time is divided into the top-three-average time for that course.
- The result of the above is a ratio that typically is a very small number, so it is multiplied by 1000 simply to scale it to a bigger number. For example, 1415 is easier to deal with than 1.415.

Rank/Name	Class	Club	Score						
1 Alison Campbell	F12	DVOA	1635.57	7	Kathleen Geist	F45	DVOA	2410.15	
2 Rebecca Meyer	F12	DVOA	2110.44	8	Julie Robinson	F45	DVOA	2530.40	
3 Susan Cornish	F12	DVOA	2877.56	9	Sherri Meyer	F45	DVOA	2644.13	
				10	Marilee Ball	F45	DVOA	2748.95	
1 Jamie Hill	F14	DVOA	1912.06	1	Jane Nocera	F50	DVOA	2207.06	
1 Karen Williams	F21	DVOA	1208.47	2	Kathy King	F50	DVOA	2342.27	
2 Angelica Riley	F21	DVOA	1381.91	3	Donna Terefenko	F50	DVOA	2432.93	
3 Elitsa Healy	F21	DVOA	1450.86	4	Maryann Cassidy	F50	DVOA	2503.65	
4 Susan Dumler	F21	DVOA	1486.33	5	Karen Ort	F50	DVOA	2646.21	
5 Kerry Shannon	F21	DVOA	1776.99	6	Deb Samans	F50	DVOA	3019.12	
6 Daria Babushok	F21	DVOA	1908.46	7	Janet Porter	F50	DVOA	3725.21	
7 Sandy McMahan	F21	DVOA	1914.84	1	Jean OConor	F55	DVOA	1656.03	
8 Julie Keim	F21	DVOA	1918.77	2	Tory Lingg	F55	DVOA	2351.53	
9 Dawn Britton	F21	DVOA	2116.02	3	Sharon Siegler	F55	DVOA	2830.22	
10 Samantha Glazier	F21	DVOA	2514.29						
1 Billie Jo Miraski	F35	DVOA	2084.13	1	Peg Edwards	F60	DVOA	2070.45	
2 Pat Burton	F35	DVOA	2655.04	2	Brenda Harder	F60	DVOA	2909.88	
				1	Caroline Ringo	F75	DVOA	3041.97	
1 Mary Frank	F40	DVOA	1704.63	1	Robert Frank	M10	DVOA	2027.36	
2 Leslie Scroble	F40	DVOA	3479.18	2	Dayne Thatcher	M10	DVOA	2972.08	
1 Sandy Fillebrown	F45	DVOA	1385.45	1	Jonathan DeWolf	M12	DVOA	2197.05	
2 Valerie Meyer	F45	DVOA	1899.04						
3 Audra Supplee	F45	DVOA	2111.55	1	Patrick Pomian	M14	DVOA	1341.64	
4 Karen Graffman	F45	DVOA	2126.10	2	Greg Ahlswede	M14	DVOA	1546.90	
5 Nancy Sharp	F45	DVOA	2134.44						
6 Anne Bullitt	F45	DVOA	2174.17	1	Hunter Cornish	M16	DVOA	1326.99	

2	Paul Ort	M16	DVOA	1338.05	8	Brian Supplee	M45	DVOA	1397.37
3	Addison Cole	M16	DVOA	1341.83	9	Bob Meyer	M45	DVOA	1421.38
4	Erik Eddy	M16	DVOA	1576.23	10	Dale Parson	M45	DVOA	1452.89
					11	Jim Eagleton	M45	DVOA	1482.44
1	Patrick Wilshire	M18	DVOA	1916.15	12	Johny WrongWay	M45	DVOA	1538.14
2	Ben Ahlswede	M18	DVOA	2025.33	13	Joseph Maglaty	M45	DVOA	1576.24
					14	Guy Olsen	M45	DVOA	1593.11
1	Clem McGrath	M21	DVOA	999.84	15	Brian Hill	M45	DVOA	1667.05
2	Wyatt Riley	M21	DVOA	1039.86	16	Bob Gross	M45	DVOA	1680.69
3	Eddie Bergeron	M21	SVO	1049.77	17	Robert Buraczynski	M45	DVOA	1680.86
4	Gregory Balter	M21	DVOA	1070.39	18	Dennis Porter	M45	DVOA	1748.12
5	Florin Tencariu	M21	DVOA	1143.31	19	Ron Cook	M45	DVOA	1818.98
6	Vadim Masalov	M21	DVOA	1259.48	20	Dave Kline	M45	DVOA	1858.37
7	Patrick Shannon	M21	DVOA	1348.36	21	Mike Ahern	M45	DVOA	1991.67
8	Chris Steere	M21	DVOA	1355.39	22	Joe Hamer	M45	DVOA	2014.22
9	Matthew Sargent	M21	DVOA	1697.68	23	Dick Eddy	M45	DVOA	2029.35
10	Udaya Bollineni	M21	DVOA	1837.43	24	Phil Bird	M45	DVOA	2062.02
					25	Robert Rosenberger	M45	DVOA	2453.63

1	Randy Hall	M35	DVOA	1033.46	1	Ron Bortz	M50	DVOA	1206.64
2	Hugh MacMullan IV	M35	DVOA	1313.11	2	Rob Favorite	M50	DVOA	1504.31
3	Peter Yeomans	M35	DVOA	1376.43	3	Mike Ball	M50	DVOA	1589.72
4	Sergey Osinsky	M35	DVOA	1459.53	4	Mike Bertram	M50	DVOA	1590.90
5	Brian D Berg	M35	DVOA	1727.85	5	Ralph Tolbert	M50	DVOA	1592.55
6	Dan Shourds	M35	DVOA	1845.03	6	Rob Wilkison	M50	DVOA	1595.66
7	Steven Getz	M35	DVOA	1857.46	7	John Ort	M50	DVOA	1699.36
8	Bob Burton	M35	DVOA	1972.48	8	Bob Fink	M50	DVOA	1755.96
9	John Kalicki	M35	DVOA	2873.32	9	Fred Kruesi	M50	DVOA	1886.95
10	Philip Salen	M35	DVOA	3785.39	10	Tim Walsh	M50	DVOA	1971.46

1	Mihai Veres	M40	DVOA	915.57	11	Howard Frysinger	M50	DVOA	1995.27
2	Tom Overbaugh	M40	DVOA	1084.80	12	Charles Robinson	M50	DVOA	2080.87
3	Andras Revesz	M40	DVOA	1109.82	13	Charley Parker	M50	DVOA	2095.33
4	Istvan Nagy	M40	DVOA	1264.51	14	Ed Niemann	M50	DVOA	2149.83
5	Karl Ahlswede	M40	DVOA	1313.90	15	Bob Fischer	M50	DVOA	2151.76
6	Blake Stoffers	M40	DVOA	1430.27	16	Ken Miraski	M50	DVOA	2166.66
7	Ben Summers	M40	DVOA	1597.90	17	Rick Whiffen	M50	DVOA	2210.45
8	Jim Rayburn	M40	DVOA	1627.89	18	Rick Wiffen	M50	DVOA	2390.34
9	John DeWolf	M40	DVOA	1709.31	19	Larry Geist	M50	DVOA	2581.96
10	Jay Wilshire	M40	DVOA	1730.00					

11	Bob Rycharski	M40	DVOA	1773.38	1	Bob Burg	M55	DVOA	1476.83
12	Steve Aronson	M40	DVOA	1803.33	2	Dave Darrah	M55	DVOA	1552.60
13	Kim Pelle	M40	DVOA	1829.67	3	Ed Scott	M55	DVOA	1598.87
14	Carlos Menendez	M40	DVOA	1849.08	4	Francis Hogle	M55	DVOA	1601.25
15	Roger Broome	M40	DVOA	1930.42	5	Kent Shaw	M55	DVOA	1793.27
16	Jed Clear	M40	DVOA	1983.38	6	Alan Lopez	M55	DVOA	1822.83
17	Michael Metzger	M40	DVOA	2012.82	7	Michael Forbes	M55	DVOA	2088.33
18	Scott Thatcher	M40	DVOA	2017.80	8	David Holmes	M55	DVOA	2159.16
19	Ed Hause	M40	DVOA	2161.33	9	Barry Landis	M55	DVOA	2500.33
20	James Bullitt	M40	DVOA	2252.72	10	Roger Martin	M55	DVOA	2821.63

21	Robert Smith	M40	DVOA	2297.67	1	Hugh MacMullan III	M60	DVOA	1386.67
22	Joseph Ward	M40	DVOA	2310.37	2	Bill Shannon	M60	DVOA	1726.49
23	Jim Puzo	M40	DVOA	2345.05	3	Bruce Zeidman	M60	DVOA	1754.74
24	David Cramer	M40	DVOA	2415.46	4	Ron Wood	M60	DVOA	1965.36
25	Tim Gilpatrick	M40	DVOA	2453.89	5	John Williams	M60	DVOA	2175.91
26	Art Bond	M40	DVOA	2629.67	6	Paul Kusko	M60	DVOA	2177.01
					7	Craig Kennerly	M60	DVOA	2671.47

1	Eric Weyman	M45	DVOA	1112.38	1	John Edwards	M65	DVOA	1822.89
2	Chuck Crabb	M45	DVOA	1143.04	2	Sandy Heath	M65	DVOA	2050.64
3	Brad Whitmore	M45	DVOA	1147.51					
4	John Campbell	M45	DVOA	1210.46					
5	Ron Mavus	M45	DVOA	1252.33	1	Jim Browne	M75	DVOA	2280.37
6	Mark Cornish	M45	DVOA	1278.06					
7	Mark Frank	M45	DVOA	1281.76					

1	Kent Ringo	M85	DVOA	3048.76
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Events: Where we were in 2003

(events listed in alphabetical order by map name)

Map Name	Date	Director/Co-Director	Course Designer/Co-Designer	Orienteers
Assunpink	Nov 23, 2003	Bob Burg	Rick Slater	171
Camp Horseshoe	Sep 14, 2003	Ed/Judy Scott, Mark/Mary Frank	Mike Bertram	67
Colliers Mills	Mar 16, 2003	Theo Zharia	Theo Zharia	59
Core Creek	May 10, 2003	The Ringos	Jim Eagleton	32
Elk Neck	Jun 01, 2003	Ron Wood/Ralph Tolbert	Ron Wood/Ralph Tolbert	61
Evansburg	May 17, 2003	John Swaren	Chuck Crabb	38
Evansburg	Oct 04, 2003	Rick Whitten & Udaya Bollineni	Rick Whiffen & Udaya Bollineni	43
Fairmount Pk	Sep 27, 2003	Jim Browne	Jim Browne	3
FC Central	May 04, 2003	Ed Scott	Ed Scott	118
FC East	Apr 19, 2003	Mark Cornish	Mark Cornish	115
FC East	Sep 28, 2003	Charlie Robinson	Charlie Robinson	84
FC North	Apr 06, 2003	Bob & Chris Gross	Bob & Chris Gross	137
FC North	Aug 31, 2003	Mary Frank	Mark Frank	146
FC West	Jul 20, 2003	Steve Aronson/Sharon Seigler	Dale Parson(R,BI) Steve Aronson	147
FC West	Oct 05, 2003	Mihai Veres	Mihai Veres	103
Ft. Washington	May 31, 2003	Karl Ahlswede/Sandy McMahon	Karl Ahlswede/Greg Ahlswede	58
Green Lane	May 25, 2003	Janet Porter	Janet Porter	121
Hawk Mountain	Mar 16, 2003	Dave Prine	Mark Cornish	72
Hibernia	Mar 23, 2003	Ralph Tolbert	Ralph Tolbert	98
Hibernia	Jun 29, 2003	Karl Ahlswede/Sandy McMahon	Karl Ahlswede	99
Hibernia	Nov 30, 2003	Bob Gross	Chris Gross	122
Hickory Run	Aug 17, 2003	Rob Wilkison	Rob Wilkison	53
Hickory Run	Sep 21, 2003	Janet Porter	Fred Kruesi	104
Holmdel	Sep 21, 2003	Bob Rycharski/Jerry Smith	Bob Rycharski (O) / Alan Smith (W)	11
Mid Atlantic	Dec 07, 2003	Francis Hogle	Francis Hogle	103
Mt Penn	Mar 30, 2003	Erik Eddy - Nancy Sharp	Erik Eddy	36
Mt Penn	Jun 15, 2003	Ralph Tolbert & Nancy Sharp	Ralph Tolbert	28
Mt Penn	Oct 12, 2003	Ron & Alice Bortz	Ron Bortz	71
Myrick	Mar 15, 2003	Mary Frank	Mary Frank	15
Nockamixon	Nov 16, 2003	The Porters	The Porters	125
Nolde	Feb 01, 2003	Mary/Mark Frank	Mary Frank	12
Nolde	Mar 01, 2003	Mark/Mary Frank	Mary Frank	9
Pakim Pond	Jun 08, 2003	Bob Burg & Rob Favorite	Bob Burg	59
Quail Hill	Oct 19, 2003	Bob Rycharski & Jerry Smith	Bob Rycharski & Dean Hakim	96
Quail Hill	Oct 19, 2003	Bob Rycharski & Jerry Smith	Bob Rycharski & Dean Hakim	15
Ridley	Apr 13, 2003	Mary Frank	Mark Frank	117
Spackman Creek	Nov 02, 2003	Sandy Fillebrown	Tom Overbaugh	275
Spackman Creek	Nov 02, 2003	Sandy Fillebrown	Tom Overbaugh	33
Stucky Pond	Nov 01, 2003	Sandy Fillebrown	Mark Cornish	279
Stucky Pond	Nov 01, 2003	Sandy Fillebrown	Mark Cornish	33
VF - Mt Joy	May 11, 2003	Mike Bertram & Kathy King	Mike Bertram & Kathy King	113
VF Fatlands	Aug 03, 2003	Bob Meyer	Bob Meyer	122
Warwick	Mar 30, 2003	Mary Frank	Mary Frank	13
Washington Xing	Oct 26, 2003	Jerry Smith	Jerry Smith	88
Washington Xing	Oct 26, 2003	Jerry Smith	Jerry Smith	4
White Clay	Nov 09, 2003	Mary Frank, Ralph Tolbert, Nancy Sharp	Wyatt Riley	133

FC = French Creek, VF = Valley Forge