

Brecksville Reservation: Slip-Slide O'

Saturday, May 17, 2014

After several days of late October rain that deteriorated into early November rain on event day...
Wait a second...! The gloves, hats and blankets at this event had me fooled momentarily.
We're in Late Spring... that's right.

New start... The dreary rain of late Spring kept attendance low, but spirits were high from those who attended. It was good to see Natalie and Lexi on their own course and Caroline back in the woods and Marcia, from a recent Orienteering for Beginners event, giving the real thing a try on a very challenging day in a very challenging park.

No one completed the Red course and 16 of 27 registrants were DNF (Did Not Finish) –a testament to the daunting nature of the park, the course and the weather. Many participants came back with brown behinds from cheek skiing and leaches from cross-swamp swims that some were mistaking as puddles. But we each rejoiced in the travails we surmounted, a testament to our tenacity and indefatigable zest for life at its fullest –which had to be what brought us out in the first place.

Thanks especially to the volunteers:

Steve Hendrix – Course Design

Control Collectors:

Kathy Jo Rufner – Registrar

**Ken Lappin, KJ Rufner, Todd Pownell,
Phillip Wadsworth, Dave Kostansek,
Howard Montgomery**

Dave Kostansek – Starter

Dr. John Blakemore – Finisher

Todd Pownell – Greeter

Steve and NEOOC would like to offer special thanks to the cold, wet and muddy folks who helped him during the week to set up the course –his sons Greg and Curtis and Boy Scout Troops 575 and 701. Thank you all for once again making orienteering in Northeast Ohio possible.

White Course (2.5 km)

Jeff Perry	34 minutes
Noah Toth	49

Yellow Course (4.0 km)

Rebekah Burden	60.26 minutes
Gary Burden	61.12
Andrew Allen	85.46
Matthew Johnson	91.35

Natalie & Lexi Feaser	91.54	11 controls (DNF)
Richard Toth	115.28	10 controls (DNF)
Tim Simenc	122.32	11 controls (DNF)
Laurie Colon	122.37	11 controls (DNF)
Fran Kern	138.32	10 controls (DNF)
Marcia Mauks (sp?)	139.44	10 controls (DNF)
Jeff Perry	143.21	11 controls (DNF)

Orange Course (5.1 km)

Mark Stypczynski	97.27 minutes	
Tim Feaser	92.56	10 controls (DNF)
Caroline Kilbane	108.47	9 controls (DNF)

Green Course (5.2 km)

Randy Mitchell	75.44 minutes	
Phillip Wadsworth	90.31	
Fred Mailey	120.09	
Neil Dolinger	170.14	10 controls (DNF)
Abby Rushak et all POTJV	161.43	3 controls (DNF)

Red Course (7.1 km)

Todd Pownell	127.42	14 controls (DNF)
Ryan Gillespie	121.48	11 controls (DNF)
Tom Cook	172.20	6 controls (DNF)
Logan Lacourt, et all POTJV	177.24	8 controls (DNF)
Jonah Partridge, et all POTJV	183.11	3 controls (DNF)

Submitted by Howard Montgomery, Event Director