

Boston Run (CVNP): Twilight O'

Friday, June 20, 2014

Thanks especially to the volunteers:

Bob Boltz – Course Setter

Phillip Wadsworth – Control Collector

Dick Toth – Starter

Holly “Waggle” Wilgus – Registrar

Let's start at the end... the success.

11 Registrants

19 Participants

Event Director's highlight...

At about 7:30 a small girl of about 10 or 12 in floppy rain hat, boots and slicker skipped quickly out from of the dark path, darted an inquiring look to the dubious officials and then gleefully... triumphantly proceeded to the finish stand. A winner! She was the standard bearer this night for the Johnson clan, first year orienteers and graduates of our South Chagrin OFB course (April 12th), participating in their third event. They had completed the first leg (under the restrictive 1hr time limit). Little did they know at the time that their performance would put them on par or would exceed that of seasoned orienteers who have competed favorably at national competitions.

Event Director's highlight Pt. 2...

Fisher's Café & Pub... approximately 8:15. Around the table twelve orienteering enthusiasts raised their glasses of soft drink or lager to toast rain, darkness, spiders, invisible attack points, overly-ambitious course design, being lost... being found –in short, being out in the woods again with friends, doing what we love to do.

The longest day of our year was not enough to keep our Twilight O' from becoming an unscheduled Night O'. Whereas the challenge provided by late day's slanting light was considered by this humble course designer, a pillow-thick afternoon overcast with steady light rain was not. The conditions turned the heavily canopied understory into a low visibility cave-like exploration in some places. The low light compounded the difficulty of a very “green” map with few obvious attack points for some features. So the intended difficulty combined with the unintended difficulty proved “URGGGGG...” for most competitors.

The event was a blind map exchange in three legs with a 60 minute time limit. In competition style, no competitor was allowed to review the map before receiving a start time. There were two versions of the initial leg that contained 4 control points, which

covered 1.5k. These first mini-courses converged on a single leg #2, where a new map was waiting, and which also contained 4 controls covering 1.5k. It was at this point that I (humble course designer) believed that our experienced orienteers would begin to have time trouble. The third and final leg brought competitors back toward the finish and contained 2 controls, covering 1.1k.

The Results:

No one completed all three legs.

No one completed legs one and two within 1hr.

Three competitors completed leg #1 under 1hr

- 1. Mark Stypczynski**
- 2. Kathy Jo Rufner**
- 3. The Johnson Family (see E.D. highlight #1)**

The most controls were captured by

Fred Mailey 6 (but exceeded 60 minutes)

The Other Winners this day were:

Charlotte Chung

Charlie & Sander Kolodzig

Randy Mitchell

Todd Pownell

Ivan Redinger

Sean Scaggs & Co.

Phillip Wadsworth

A final special thanks to Bob Boltz and Phillip Wadsworth. When your humble course designer suffered an injury, Bob stepped in at the last minute and set the entire course. Phillip Wadsworth collected the entire course the following day. Thank you both.

Howard Montgomery – Course Designer, Event Director