

SPRING O'FEST

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This year, the Spring O'Fest moved to the Research Forest. Other than a few sprinkles, the rain held off. The very open forest and extensive trail and road network made for fast times.

Lots of different courses (course 1, course 2, score O, corridor O, Maze O) were offered, with many tackling more than one. We also had more than a dozen new members show up, some taking on the intermediate course!.

On the score O, 11 participants got all controls, with Carl Turcotte, a junior, getting the fastest time, just 61 seconds ahead of Leif Blake. With being busy, hopefully we did not miss anyone.

The MazeO put on by Coach Joseph Lynch was a hit. Mason Jurovich was the fastest on the Novice course in 42 seconds, Pia Blake was the fastest on the Advanced course in 1min 30sec. The most enthusiastic was a family group who each ran the course about 10 times.

Thank you to

- Craig Brooks (Score O, Course 1, Control placement)
- Sabine Schweiger (Course 2, Corridor O, Meet Organizer, Snacks, Puzzles, etc.)
- Joseph Lynch (Maze O, Control pickup)
- Leif Blake (Control pickup)
- Forest Pearson (Start, Finish setup and Control placement)
- Forestry Branch, Energy Mines and Resources, YG (facility donation).
- And a pile of people mentoring, take down and anyone I forgot.

Course 1 – Novice - 27 participants.

Embacher, Carl - 1	21:14
Glynn-Morris, Susan and Mari – 2 ?	22:46
Johansson, Oskar – 1	23:01
Jurovich family (Logan, Kayla, Ash and Mason) - 4	32:49
Heal family (Riley, Quinn and Shari) - 3	35:23
Motoyama, Naoto and family – 4	40:00
Johnson, Bernard – 1	42:59
Quivy family (Jerome, Emi, Jill, Aria) – 4	48:00
McCallum-Rougerie, Sylvie / Booth, Judy – 2	86:40
Knight, Bryn with stroller – 2	No Time
Helton, Janet - 1	No Time
Abbott, Grant and relative – 2	No Time

Course 2 – Intermediate (no shared controls with course 1) – 12 participants

Embacher, Erik	32:13
Glynn-Morris, Lewyn	37:10
Keeley-Eriksson, Karin	41:35
Khouyri, Rima / Turcotte, Neila	43:57
Moore, Connor	50:19
Walsh, Rebecca	50:58
Heal family (Riley, Quinn and Shari) - 3	67:48
Leduc, Nesta	84:18
Markle, Laura	90:08

Corridor O – 8 participants (a new format for YOA)

Turcotte, Benoit	21:42
Hildes, Dave	25:19
Embacher, Peter	29:00
Turcotte, Ian (Junior)	41:04
Scheck, Barbara	50:22
Halpenny, Melissa / Bouayad, Sabrina – 2	57:34
Gardner, Kristina	No time

Score O – max 48 points – 25 participants, maximum one hour

Pearson, Forest (no time, placed controls)	48 pts	34:42*
Turcotte, Carl (Junior)	48 pts	35:54
Blake, Leif	48 pts	36:55
Turcotte, Benoit	48 pts	38:33
Blake, Pia	48 pts	41:41
Jones, Afan	48 pts	46:20
Holcombe, Darren	48 pts	47:28
Scheck, Barbara	48 pts	51:03
Khoury, Rima	48 pts	51:39
Turcotte, Ian (Junior)	48 pts	54:01
Sagar, Bob	48 pts	54:34
Hildes, Dave	46 pts	36:03
Sarrazin, Virginia	41 pts	59:56
Melnik, Lara	36 pts	58:19
Williams, Madeleine / Nishikawa, Midori / Shimizu, Kazuma	36 pts	60:00
Koh, Glenda	34 / 40 pts	66:19
Pearson, Georgi	33 pts	51:39
Nishikawa, Graham and Miya	32 pts	54:09
Keeley-Eriksson, Karin	29 pts	56:08
Willomitzer, Leo and Darcy / Olesen, Darcy	16 pts	43:44