



CRAWFORD PARK PREVIEW

On Valentines Day NTOA will host an event at Samuel Crawford Park in southeast Dallas. This event will be easy to get to, so a big crowd is expected. Because it is a Jenner Meet, a Green course will be offered along with the Brown and Red advanced courses so that more Jenner points will be available.

The course setters for this event will be Malin Peterson and Mathias Persson, our talented Swedish club members. Expect some very interesting courses from these two. The Meet Directors are Debra Dryburgh and Betsy Jackson.

Crawford Park is a little jewel of a park. It is not very large, but the terrain, in some areas, is ideal for orienteering. There are two intricate re-entrant systems that have sandy soil and very little ground vegetation. A large uncrossable creek separates the northern part of the park, but to the south, this creek is crossable in spots and it has some interesting limestone cliffs along the banks. Fortunately, after a lot of effort to convince them, the city of Dallas decided that it was inappropriate to allow motorcycles and ATVs in this park and this should improve the terrain even more over time.

Look forward to a great day at a really super venue. Bring your Valentine with you to the meet and get them out on a course. Don't forget to read the course setter notes on the web site, and register before Thursday noon on the 12th. You can look forward to a really fun orienteering experience.

Miki Snell ▀

UPCOMING ORIENTEERING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 14, 10:00 a.m., SAMUEL CRAWFORD PARK, DALLAS

Courses: White, Yellow, Orange, Brown, Green, Red

For information: Debra Dryburgh, troopdoop@hotmail.com

FEBRUARY 21/22, HOC, STUBBLEFIELD B MEET, NEW WAVERLY, TX

Courses: White, Yellow, Orange, Green, Red

For information: John Crowther, 713 464-8292, hoc.us.orienteering.org

MARCH 6, ALTOS, SPRING O, BISTINEAU S P, DOYLINE, LA

Courses: White, Yellow, Orange, Brown, Red

For information: Jim Huggins, jimh@softdisk.com, 318 949-36001

Register on-line before noon Thursday before any NTOA event!



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TANDY HILLS REPORT

Despite the ominous weather of the previous day, 388 orienteers came to Tandy Hills Park on Saturday, January 17, and were rewarded with a beautiful, sunny day of orienteering. Twelve schools attended, along with a number of Scout troops and families. There were plenty of first-timers as well as experienced route-finders.

Course setters **Sheila Doyle** (White & Yellow) and **Tom Carr** (Orange, Brown & Red) set challenging courses that made the most of Tandy Hills' terrain. The park has had a bad reputation for thorniness and general orneriness. But the advanced courses, in particular, demonstrated that the park is actually very runnable and enjoyable if approached in the right way.

This meet requires a bit of logistical juggling as the land we use belongs to three parties: the City of Fort Worth Parks, NBC Channel 5 (KXAS) and a local church. By working with all three ahead of time, we were able to design an event layout that worked for everyone. As meet director, I'd like to thank all participants for following instructions and keeping clear of the Channel 5 facilities. They are happy to have us hold the meet at Tandy, but asked us to keep a bit of distance because of increased security concerns. No complaints this time at all. They even sent a reporter out to shoot some footage for the evening news.

Peter Snell and Tom tried a new start process that worked pretty well and made getting start times easier, although it still needs a few tweaks. We also tried a new way of turning out results, but that one's definitely a work in progress. Apologies to those who missed the earlier-than-usual awards ceremony or didn't get an award that was due them. Medals will be sent to commanders of Sandra Diaz, WF 14-15, North Mesquite (gold); Jesus Rocha, WM 14-15, Woodrow Wilson (bronze); and Nathan Brown, YM -15, Mesquite (bronze).

Tom, Sheila and I have many people to thank for their help. First, we'd like to thank **Galen Stutzman** and **Joshua High School**, and **Tom Greenwood** and **Burleson High School**, for the excellent assistance their crews provided at Registration, Start and Finish, as well as with bag pick-up and all the other jobs large and small they were asked to do. **Tatyana Svistun** helped Tom and Sheila with map improvements. **Dave Worsham** and **Carl Bridges** handled e-punch registration and results, with all the attendant drama. **Ralph Courtney** was up before dawn to deliver all the equipment, plus held the Beginners Clinics. He bugged out early to bag some deer in South Texas. Sorry to hear they got away this time.

See you at Crawford!

■ Lisa Carr



LISA CARR - MEET DIRECTOR



TOM CARR - COURSE SETTER



SHIELA DOYLE - COURSE SETTER



FROM THE TOWER AREA, TANDY GIVES A WONDERFUL VIEW OF DOWNTOWN FT WORTH

WHITE

WM -13

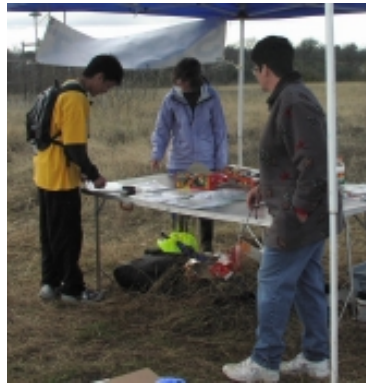
Doug Alexander Grand Prairie ??

WM 14-15

Klayton Benbrook N Mesquite 20.20
 Juan Diaz N Mesquite 21.21
 Jesus Rocha Wood. Wilson 31.50
 Bryan Arvesu Irving 33.05
 Edgar Bocanegra Grand Prairie 38.11
 Vincent Causey Western Hills 39.27
 Miguel Barrera Plano East 42.35
 James Crowder Joshua 42.51
 Michael Oluera Western Hills 44.40
 Jessie Davis Mesquite 44.43
 Hector Castillo Summit 45.31
 Fabian Alvarado Grand Prairie 45.38
 Cameron Beall Joshua 45.51
 Pierce Justin Grand Prairie 46.57
 Levi Hornsby N Mesquite 47.26
 Justin Highland Summit 51.38
 John Lopez ?? 51.39
 William Chevez Grand Prairie 52.23
 Jon Garcia Plano east 51.53
 Vincent Mora ?? 55.31
 Cody Abbott Joshua 56.41
 Jarod Bullard Joshua 60.24
 Jose Tostado Grand Prairie 62.03
 Andres Castillo Summit 62.40
 Answer Campbell Western Hills 76.40
 Steve Wofford Summit 98.53
 Marcus Alexander Summit 99.50
 Johnathon Campbell Mesquite 104.19
 Trent Lloyd S Grd Prairie 109.27
 Clinton Dempsey Mesquite 111.54
 Jesus Marino Grand Prairie 113.11
 Robert Turner Mesquite 120.08
 Esteban Delgado Channelview DQ
 Donald Johnson Joshua DQ
 John Girton HOC DQ
 Ryan Harris Western Hills DQ
 Pablo Espana ?? DQ

WM 16+

Johnny Seale Other 29.13
 Tyler Ryiey Irving 30.16
 Rodney Williams Irving 33.15
 Arturo Guitierrez Wood. Wilson 33.17
 Jose Cena Wood. Wilson 33.28
 Juan Leyva Irving 34.46
 Phillips Causey Western Hills 34.53
 Nicholas Bergren Horn 36.37
 Stephen Nichols Horn 41.27
 Michael Frenzel Grand Prairie 48.16
 Nestor Arevalo Grand Prairie 49.01
 Teryn Kennedy Horn 49.57
 Cordera Walker Mesquite 50.12
 Erin Cox Burlison 52.00
 Mark Dider Horn 55.00
 Hector Walters Grand Prairie 58.16



THE MAP DRAW TABLE



A BIG EFFORT ON THE "RUN IN"

David Rico Grand Prairie 58.29
 Jose Espinoza Mesquite 59.16
 Donald Bacha S Grd Prairie 60.52
 Joel Cadena Grand Prairie 72.38
 Anthony Chianese Burlison 82.31
 Trent Moore Summit 100.45
 Chris Johnson Grand Prairie 103.06
 Michael Bazilewich S Grd Prairie 109.15
 Deota Roberts Grand Prairie 112.42
 Jerome Cipriano Irving 118.29
 Thomas Bass Wood. Wilson 127.25
 Gilbert Ramos Grand Prairie 136.34
 Brian Reid Grand Prairie 145.03
 George Sanchez Grand Prairie DQ
 Emmanuel Olivo Grand Prairie DQ

WF 14-15

Sandra Diaz N Mesquite 27.00
 Laura Stringer Irving 46.43
 Latricia Austin ?? 48.06
 Kelly Escobar ?? 50.44
 Ashley Page Irving 60.11
 Desiree Guadian Western Hills 64.12
 Venesa Gomez N Mesquite 65.57
 Zephra Hawthorne Summit 93.56
 Nicholle Simic Summit DQ
 Kristina Norwood N Mesquite DQ

WF 16+

Mackinzie Lloyd Plano East 41.02
 Jessica Ford Western Hills 42.30
 Ana Bastian N Mesquite 45.59
 Mary Jones Mesquite 50.07
 Helen Engal Irving 61.17
 Chandra Bryce Joshua 80.24
 Nancy Sanchez Wood. Wilson 83.51
 Norma Rodriguez Grand Prairie 84.44
 Caille Muhlbauer Summit DQ
 Heather Rusk Joshua DQ



A CROWD APPROACHES THE FINISH LINE

YELLOW

YM-15

John Vasquez	Grand Prairie	62.02
Stephen Garrison	Burleson	65.55
Nathan Brown	Mesquite	77.16
Gerson Vazquez	Mesquite	79.46
Steven Rockstad	Joshua	80.00
Daniel Rockstad	Joshua	82.59
James Cox	Summit	84.33
Dean Northcutt	HOC	86.08
Alex Donovan	??	93.01
Phillip Kelly	Burleson	111.51
Bradley Pierce	N Mesquite	112.17
Kenneth Davis	Mesquite	117.04
Billy Mills	S Grd Prairie	122.25
Kyle Chavez	S Grd Prairie	122.26
Natividad Vazquez	Channelview	125.34
Thomas Pollard	Western Hills	143.48
Justin Turner	Joshua	154.21
Andres Marroquin	Joshua	157.25
Thomas Garza	Channelview	162.21
Sterling Dodd	Summit	188.32
Lauro Gallegos	Channelview	DQ
Drexel Armstrong	Summit	DQ
Kelsey Becker	Mesquite	DQ
Walter Everett	AJ Moore	DQ
Juan Maldonado	AJ Moore	DQ
Keynon Wells	Burleson	DQ
Eric Martinez	AJ Moore	DQ
Daniel Turner	AJ Moore	DQ

YM 16-18

Daniel Westcott	Joshua	41.04
Christopher Mathis	Joshua	52.49
Kenneth Hatfield	Plano East	54.39
Gustavo Paredes	Channelview	54.56
Justin Mitchell	N Mesquite	57.20
Jared Morykwas	Irving	58.13
Chad Mellott	Joshua	62.40
Lance Stahnke	Grand Prairie	67.57
Jamil Brown	??	70.01
Andy Selgestad	AJ Moore	72.18
Josh Lemons	Mesquite	74.16
Donald Bolte	Joshua	76.57
Scott Davis	Colony	80.08
Maurice Thomas	Western Hills	80.21
Pham Linh	Colony	85.30
Richard Ramos	Summit	85.35
Daniel Earl	Summit	98.54
Logan Rogers	Channelview	112.29
Jonathan Willard	Joshua	112.39
Victor Zepeda	AJ Moore	127.53
Ryan Simmons	N Mesquite	134.40
James Zamarripa	S Grd Prairie	141.49
Jorge Gauzin	Mesquite	156.58
Tim Hazlewood	Mesquite	201.24
Brian Carlson	Summit	DQ
Jowell McFarland	Joshua	DQ
Tyler Robinson	Joshua	DQ
Donald Waggoner	N Mesquite	DQ



RESULTS STRINGS



MANUEL SANCHEZ



**TOM CARR AND SHIELA DOYLE
INSTRUCTING**



KENNETH HATFIELD

Sean Walters	Burleson	DQ
James Shguit	HG Spruce	DQ
Daryl Sidney	Summit	DQ
Chris Lambert	Mesquite	DQ

YM19+

Eric Holmes	Other	69.39
Manuel Sanchez	Summit	77.12
Darrell Whitney	Mansfield	79.22
Gary Thies	HOC	81.28
Warren Ludwig	Other	107.46
Paul Ritmuller	HG Spruce	DQ

YM -15

Iliana Aldana	N Mesquite	92.07
Jesica Zaldivar	N Mesquite	99.51
Christina Salinas	Channelview	112.37
Kimberly Anderson	Colony	115.02
Stacey Bernal	Channelview	121.18
Karen Cisneros	N Mesquite	140.25
Jasmeen Chatha	N Mesquite	141.02
Cecily Wells	Burleson	156.36
Crystal Grund	S Grd Prairie	163.06
Anna York	AJ Moore	172.52
Kathryn Brand	Horn	176.39
Erica Saenz	HG Spruce	OT
Julie Nguyen	Horn	OT
Alex Velez	NTOA	DQ
Tia Meruska	Mesquite	DQ
Salia Ybarra	AJ Moore	DQ
Josefina Marin	Channelview	DQ

YF 16-18

Amy Velasquez	Western Hills	95.10
Koaleen Sheneman	Western Hills	96.56
Jessica Garcia	Channelview	107.36
Rebecca Stevener	Colony	116.01
Nikki Zulfur	Western Hills	125.19
Alexa Barrera	Plano East	125.36
Sesaly Henderson	Burleson	166.04
Raquel Rascon	Horn	172.14
Shaina Jones	Horn	174.49
Shelli Sanchez	AJ Moore	DQ
Jermine Escamilla	Channelview	DQ
Jennifer Eardley	Summit	DQ
Brittany Loveless	Mesquite	DQ

YF 19+

Kari Kennedy	Other	166.20
Kendra Caldwell	Horn	DQ

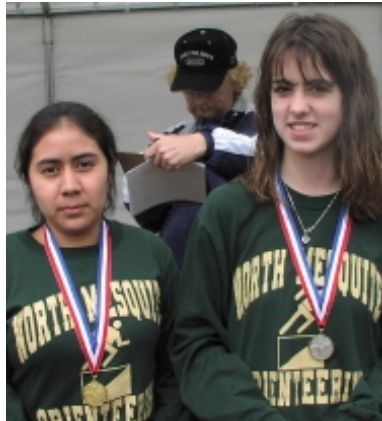


TWELVE SCHOOLS ATTENDED THE MEET!

ORANGE

OM -18

Jose Gonzalez	Channelview	93.07
Jacob George	Colony	96.27
Charles Pollard	Western Hills	107.10
Keith Hathaway	Mesquite	109.31
Joseph Polsky	Plano East	110.15
Cesar Ordonez	Western Hills	111.14
Jorge Ortuno	Channelview	115.32
Salvador Lepe	Irving	124.10
Jon Cuyler	Colony	130.14
Johnny Avalos	N Mesquite	140.55
Iggy Cirnigliro	HOC	144.02
Dennis McDonald	N Mesquite	145.16
Anthony Aguirre	Channelview	168.51
Jacob Conner	AJ Moore	177.26
Martin Perrusquia	AJ Moore	174.59
Patrick Howard	Mesquite	179.15
Bruce Blocker	AJ Moore	OT
Delfino Perez	AJ Moore	DQ
Jonathan Castillo	AJ Moore	DQ
Chris McFall	Mesquite	DQ
Matthew Vanderpool	NTOA	DQ
Romeo Espana	S Grd Prairie	DQ
Joel Brand	Horn	DQ
Marc Gomez	S Grd Prairie	DQ
Michael Norris	HOC	DQ
Scheaffer Harris	Other	DQ
John York	AJ Moore	DQ
James Gunnels	Channelview	DQ
Adrian Ziegler	Joshua	DQ
Donald Spencer	Mesquite	DQ



YESICA GARCIA, SUZANNE NORWOOD



NIKKI WILSON

OM 19-34

Christopher Jahnke	??	81.15
Steven Nelson	Plano East	90.11
David Smith	Other	97.15

OM 35+

Tony Bergerson	Other	93.34
Scott Simmons	Troop 67	100.01
Jay Franklin	Other	147.51
Ricky Ray	Troop 67	OT

OF -18

Yesica Garcia	N Mesquite	85.16
Nikki Wilson	N Mesquite	86.04
Suzanne Norwood	N Mesquite	89.40
Mercedes Irwin	Colony	97.32
Jessica Montgomery	Colony	100.59
Jessina Zavalia	Colony	110.56
Lauren Arriola	Colony	127.07
Jackeline Gomez		167.02
Cassandra Niz	N Mesquite	DQ

OF 19-44

Debra Dryburgh	NTOA	171.00
JoAnn Murray	Horn	DQ

OF 45+

Dawn Shutter	Other	148.19
Martha Davis	Other	170.28

Note. Medals in three classes were distributed in error. Medals will be sent to commanders of Sandra Diaz, WF 14-15, North Mesquite (gold); Jesus Rocha, WM 14-15, Wood. Wilson (bronze); and Nathan Brown, YM -15, Mesquite (bronze).



ANDREW SELGESTAD IN THE CHUTE



THE FINISH TENT



DAVE SMITH

GREG SIEK

DOUG DRAPER

BROWN

PI	Name	Club	Time
BF-18			
1	Carmen Gomez	N Mesquite	96.46
2	Tisinger Kristine	N Mesquite	101.57
3	Tamara Brown	N Mesquite	106.04
4	Tiffany Wellman	Colony	109.54
5	Beatriz Francisco	Other	113.05
6	Veronica Rascon	Horn	154.59
7	Richmond Christi	Plano E	163.06
	Melissa Sweezy	HOC	mp

BF19-44			
1	Malin Peterson	NTOA	70.45
2	Laura Jones	NTOA	142.23
3	Nicol Rodgers	Other	157.06

BF45+			
1	Miki Snell	NTOA	126.11
2	Mary Lynn Genovesi	NTOA	141.15

BM-18			
1	Rob De Leon	HOC	71.46
2	John Nottingham	Colony	76.42
3	Josh Clifford	N Mesquite	79.08
4	Michael Bell	N Mesquite	82.42
5	Clint Tully	HOC	94.05
6	CJ White	Colony	101.12
7	Blake Dunkle	Colony	105.31
8	Demetrio Granados	Other	105.48
9	Tyler Rinehart	Horn	125.02
10	AJ Weaver	Colony	145.50
11	Dane Patterson	Horn	167.27
12	Brandon Klutey	Mesquite	177.21
	Curtis Adams	NTOA	mp



MALIN PETERSON



JOHN NOTTINGHAM



DON WINN PREPARES TO START



PETER SNELL WORKING ON AWARDS LIST

BM19-44			
1	Tom Howard	NTOA	87.10
2	John Schultz	Other	96.33
3	Nathan Schroeder	Plano E	97.33
4	Eric Hutton	N Mesquite	101.42
5	Greg Siek	NTOA	104.13
6	Steve Crossman	NTOA	111.57
7	Richard Walters	NTOA	114.53
8	Mark Cichonski	Other	124.35
9	Brian Briggman	NTOA	132.28
10	Kelly Gossett	Other	137.09
11	Mike Johnson	Other	138.07
	Douglas Draper	Other	mp

BM45+			
1	Don Winn	NTOA	74.45
2	Stan Darnell	NTOA	78.33
3	Duane Adams	NTOA	98.18
4	Lee Torbett	Other	101.08
5	Darrell Crews	Plano E	114.00
6	Peter Snell	NTOA	116.49
7	Jimmy Harris	NTOA	118.19
8	Kliff Black	Other	119.08
9	Ed Grzanowicz	NTOA	124.22
	Roger Hahn	NTOA	mp
	Steven Vanderpool	NTOA	mp



A SCENIC VIEW OF BEAUTIFUL TANDY HILLS PARK

RED

RF-21+

1	Tatyana Svistun	NTOA	81.26
2	Shania Bridges	NTOA	167.45
	Julie Bryant	NTOA	mp

RM-18

1	Robbie Paddock	Colony	63.30
2	Jonathan Burnham	ALTOS	72.31
3	Jay Vidinha	HOC	83.10
4	Lane Avery	Mesquite	95.46
5	Dylan Thies	HOC	100.45
6	Jordan Patterson	Mesquite	103.30
7	Dwight Theriot	NTOA	112.36
8	Wade Davidson	Mesquite	115.10
9	Curtis Martinez	Other	134.36
10	Tony Bowers	Other	139.58
11	Kyle Bouska	Other	141.57
12	Dustin Vincent	Mesquite	145.20

RM19-44

1	Mathias Persson	NTOA	58.32
2	Ralf Willecke	NTOA	72.51
3	Micheal Durham	NTOA	73.10
4	Jason Bell	Pathfinders	89.58
5	Jim Wilson	NTOA	105.50
6	Ian Connerty	Other	109.53
7	Cliff Jones	NTOA	113.56
8	Jim Fleck	NTOA	118.28
9	Phil Domenico	NTOA	124.16
10	Brain Tubbs	Other	134.56
11	Michael Peet	HOC	141.08
12	Alberto Gutierrez	NTOA	200.56
13	Alex Stadthagen	NTOA	201.53

RM45+

1	Ralph Courtney	NTOA	94.55
2	Frederick Martin	N Mesquite	99.54
3	Robert Paddock	NTOA	106.45
4	Serg Svistun	NTOA	111.31
	Gilbert Ledesma	NTOA	mp



**YOUNG ORIENTEERING "HOT SHOTS"!
MICHAEL DURHAM JAY VIDINHA JONATHAN BURNHAM ROBBIE PADDOCK**



RALPH COURTNEY



SERGEI SVISTUN



TATYANA SVISTUN

OLD ORIENTEERING "HOT SHOTS"!



RACING IN THE FINISH CHUTE

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Until recently the roles of Meet Director and NTOA president were daunting positions requiring huge amounts of time to ensure that multiple duties for the successful conduct of large orienteering meets were carried out. In the old days with modest participation, one could get away with a low-key, last minute approach but with 400-500 competitors each month and a virtually A-meet quality event, a solid team of experts has become essential. Fortunately this is now the case and I want to recognize the members who have stepped up and mastered specific roles in meet organization and thereby made my responsibilities and certainly the Meet Director's much more pleasurable.

Mapping

The key to a good orienteering experience is a good map. **Tatyana Svistun** has updated every map in the weeks prior to the event. In the past, course setters were supposed to pick up changes, but more often than not we operated on an out-dated map.

Registration

Probably the most stressful, onerous task on race day. With the departure of Dotty Rowan, **Tom Carr** has stepped in and developed a system that is consistent, efficient and makes life easier for us and the schools which provide 70-80% of the participation.

Equipment

This was always a mish-mash with items stored in the previous meet director's garage. **Ralph Courtney** stepped in and became the equipment guru, providing, transport, storage and maintaining it in good order. Ralph shows up among the earliest at each event and is the last to leave with an hour drive back to Sherman with a truck full of gear.

Electronic punching

While Matthew Lewis was responsible for getting this system off the ground and writing the code for online entries, **Carl Bridges** has taken the epunch responsibilities to a new level of consistency and reliability.

Awards

Providing awards was another time-consuming task that had to be done by each new meet director. Now all that has to be done is to let **Bob Paddock** know how many classes there will be and like magic the awards show up. Bob is currently working on a permanent high-class NTOA medal.

Newsletter

Miki Snell has set a consistently high standard with our monthly newsletter for about 10 years. It is probably the best orienteering club newsletter in the nation. **Terry Coatney** (Mesquite high school), picks up the newsletter from Kinkos and takes care of the distribution.

I have not mentioned course setting because this important (and time-consuming) role is assumed by a different person for each meet. So when you come and enjoy participation in our events, please appreciate the efforts of the individuals above – I certainly do.

Peter Snell ▣

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW SCHEDULE

An attempt to get our next season schedule planned much earlier than usual, is going on now. We will need volunteers for meet directors and course setters. Go to the web site to see the proposed schedule and pick a meet to volunteer for. If you have been toying with trying to do one of these jobs, please pick up the ball now. You will have lots of help and advice from the experienced, so don't be intimidated. The club really needs all to step in and help. If you can do any of these jobs, contact Tom Carr.

E PUNCHES TO BE ORDERED

NTOA will be ordering twenty five e-punches to sell to club members. (This is the little finger stick that you use at the controls and then download at the end.) It will help the club deal with the big demand for e punches at our meets if more people own their personal e punch. To motivate adults who regularly rent the e punch at our events, the rental fee will be increased to \$3.00. At this higher rental fee, it will be possible to recover the cost of owning your own e punch in just one season of events. So, please, take advantage of this easy method of buying your e punch and purchase one at the next meet.

LBJ TRAIL RUN EVENT

Along with the North Texas Trail Runners, NTOA member, Suzi Cope, is heading up the annual LBJ Grasslands Run that will be on March 20th. There will be a 50-mile, a half-marathon, and a 10K walk. For information: Suzi Cope at 4suzi@ix.netcom.com, 817 410-2401.

CLUB HEROS

Tom and Lisa Carr worked really hard to make it possible for NTOA to have the Tandy Hills event. They had to dance around the Ft. Worth Parks Department, Channel 5, and a church to keep everyone happy. A packet containing letters, forms, and other things concerning use of the area had thirty pages in it. The Carrs should really get a big pat on the back for their diplomacy and attention to the issue. Thanks, you guys!

Miki Snell ▣

ATTENTION JUNIORS!

Four \$500.00 travel grants will be given to juniors who have excelled in orienteering during the current season. Please go to the web site to find more information on the grants and to download the forms for applications. April 1, 2004 is the deadline for applications.

The grants are given to promising juniors for travel to A meets. It is necessary to have four A meet competition days in order to receive a U.S. ranking. Students who are aspiring to make a U.S. junior team must have a ranking to be considered. The U.S. Championships will be held in Wisconsin this year, and the grant could be used to travel to this important event.

The Texas Junior Orienteering Camp will be held again this year and plans are in full swing. Application forms will be found on the NTOA web site soon. There will be eighty slots for students, and it is necessary to have completed an Orange level course in order to be considered. Students with the most number of orienteering events attended and the highest finishes at these events will be the first ones to be selected by committee. Selection Committee members are: Ralph Courtney, Nancy Neimann, Jimmy Durham, and Miki Snell plus one JROTC and one Scout rep.

In order to manage TJOC successfully, it will be necessary to be in very good physical shape, so start training now. Those students attending the Interscholastics should maintain the fitness level that they gain with preparation for that important event.

If you are serious about orienteering, don't miss out on applying for these two important orienteering opportunities that are being afforded to our local juniors.

Miki Snell ▣

TEAM TEXAS SCORE

On Saturday January 31, the day before the Superbowl, the Houston Orienteering Club and La Porte High school JROTC Booster Club jointly hosted the TEAM TEXAS SCORE – O at Jones State Forest, The Woodlands. This was designated the Texas JROTC Team Trophy Meet and was also a Jenner Johnson Memorial Trophy Qualifying Meet. It was however not restricted to JROTC competitors, and was open to the public.

It was estimated that there was about 300 competitors, which was more than expected. Recent rains had made the courses soggy, with a lot of standing water and mud to contend with for both competitors and spectators. Final results for all divisions will be posted on the HOC website. In the team competition Female top honors went to LaPorte, with second place The Colony, and in Male teams the results were reversed with first place going to The Colony, and second place to LaPorte. The highest single score was Robbie Paddock with 43 out of a possible 60 points.

Bob Paddock ▣

THE ALTOS ROGAINE

A smallish crowd attended the ROGAINE that was held on January 31st, at the ALERT Academy property near Big Sandy, Texas. Jim Huggins and Bill Mackey began a relationship with the ALERT Academy people, in hopes that we could map their beautiful east Texas property for orienteering. Because they are a group with stringent rules about who can be on their campus, it had to be approached gingerly. Bill and Jim managed to set up the ROGAINE, and map a large section of the property in time for the event. Because there was a conflicting Jenner meet in the Houston area, most of the schools were not in attendance, so the competitors were mainly made up of adult orienteers. Some of our best were there.

I don't have full result information, but the Six Hour ROGAINE was won by Michael Durham and his partner, Jonathan Burnham, who flashed through all of the controls in 2 hours and 52 minutes. Winning the 35+ category and having the second fastest time for the six hour event, was Tom car and his partner, Jerry Young , from the St. Louis O club.

They did 3 hours and 18 minutes. Ralph Courtney partnered with Jimmy Durham, and Jim Fleck and Cliff Jones went together.

In the Three Hour ROGAINE, Matthew Lewis and Stan Darnell were the fastest. Fred and Linda Ayers were next best.

Lisa Carr and Malin Peterson were third, with Ed Gzranowicz and Brent Spurgin, and Miki and Peter Snell following. There was a group of three adventure racers, and a bunch of students from Bird H S, as well as several others, who I can't name here, that filled out the numbers, so there was a good crowd of people that enjoyed the event.

Jim and Bill designed a regular Yellow level course, and those controls were fair game for the Rogainers to get more points. It was a chilly day, but okay for forest running. Everyone had a great time and it was fun to get out and see the beautiful terrain of the academy grounds.

Miki Snell ▣



MATTHEW LEWIS AND PETER SNELL

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

- Scout Troop 690
- Scout Troop 426
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