

DAN'S BLACK SPRUCE BOG and BEAR - O  
31 AUGUST 2005  
SERVICE HIGH SCHOOL

RED COURSE:

Men

Ian Moore	1:01:27
Paul Carson	1:12:42
Cory Smith	1:14:44
Steve Gruhn	1:16:55
Dick Hawkins	1:18:12
Gary Snyder	1:21:00
Jim Green	1:37:03
Dan Baird	DNF

Team

Trond Jensen & Brad Cruz	1:03:00
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GREEN COURSE (4.4 km, 12 controls)

Men

Eric Follett	1:00:03
Dave Evans	1:08:38
Ted Moore	1:23:05
David Snyder	2:38:25
Gunnar Knapp	DNF

Women

Ellyn Brown	1:40:20
Jill Follett	2:18:10
Jen Jolliff	DNF

Team

Kurt Bittlingmeier & Toni Fuerer	2:32:47
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ORANGE COURSE

Men

Richard Hall	2:16:50
Brian Darrell	DNF
Philip Stutzer	DNF

Women

Joyce Buttski	3:08:00
Ginny Moore	DNF
Linda Smith	DNF
Sherry Timmerman	DNF

Team

Tom & Karen Bronga	1:17:55
Josh Yeaton & Eeva Latosvo	1:40:08
Bill Spencer & Ann Spencer	1:27:14
Denise & Stephanie Buttski	DNF

YELLOW COURSE

Men

Mike Furman 1:07:30

Women

Giselle Bergeron 1:05:00

Team

Angie George & Joanna Hubbard	59:20	
One Bruner	1:01:20	
Paul & Julie LaFraura	1:08:00	
Brian, Laura, & Nick Crews	1:16:00	
Two Bruner	1:30:00	
Joel & Unison Hubbard	1:32:15	
Sean Conlon & Dela Grey	1:38:00	
Toby Allen Team		DNF
Spencer, Tucker, Mark, & Julie Jonas		DNF
Brian & Kim Richardson		DNF

WHITE COURSE

Men

Paul LaFrance 22:00

Women

Pam Butch 31:25  
Kathy Farynez 36:03

Team

Bob Jan & Chris Cox	27:14
Blaine & Riley Bronga	29:30
Kevin & Lathi	41:32
Kathy Kelk & Sarah Peters	43:50
David & Lynn Spencer	45:00
Carol Slana & Charlene Howe	46:00
Tazlina & Marley Ireland	1:02:40
Shirley & Logan Follett & Madonald	1:26:00

COURSE-SETTER'S NOTES

YELLOW, ORANGE, GREEN, and RED courses will absolutely get soaked feet. Don't even think about trying to stay dry. Use tennis shoes and change into something later. I'd recommend jumping into a puddle at the start and getting it over with.

The yellow course could benefit greatly by a compass. The trail routes are wetter and longer. If you haven't used one before now is the time. Also - keep your head UP. Most people using a compass a lot forget to look up and around. It will benefit Yellow in particular to keep this in mind.

Sorry the RED course got shorter yesterday. While on the furthest reaches of the course I ran into a brown bear that would probably scare you as much as it scared me. I cut the control since it seemed inclined to guard the area. I didn't feel like walking over and seeing why it wouldn't move until I got within

35 meters when it let out a huge growl and loped off at an angle to me. The closest control to that area is now 500 meters away on the red course. Make noise.

I made huge numbers of map changes - unfortunately not as clean as we might like for vegetation. Generally speaking spruce is better than clearings on outer portions of the green and red courses. The survey lines are getting pretty hazy. I couldn't always follow them at a walk and started taking compass routes which work better with the changed contours (the contours are more accurate now and the features are on contours). The worst of the unmarked vegetation I generalized with areas of "undergrowth fight". Heavy swamp areas are usually better for traversing. That all said I think you'll generally be pleasantly surprised. I enjoyed setting the courses. I hope you enjoy running them.

PS. Usually a few people meet at Moose's tooth afterward to eat, review courses and other widely varying topics. It being so far away it might not happen. Ask around if you've an interest in going or suggest somewhere else.

#### FOLLOW-UP

It's interesting to note that not a single person mentioned during nor after the meet that the light green layer was entirely missing off the maps for all courses. I'd inadvertently left it off while doing a final OCAD update to the map. Late in the evening, after dropping everything at Jill and Eric's, Jill was mentioning that a certain area would have been easier if the light vegetation had been marked. I said that area DID have vegetation marked and then looked at the map and saw it was ALL gone. Ian called me this morning and also hadn't noticed until reviewing the course today. It's really funny. I guess it shows people aren't using vegetation as much as you might expect - and that after all the worry about it being dense in this area.

Jen baled from hearing a bear in the brush ahead of her. Steve thought he saw a black bear disappearing at an angle to his route (a different area than where Jen reported her encounter) and continued. Apparently I my close encounter warned the bears away.

It seems the orange course was more challenging than expected. Most had trouble on the long bluff leg to number 4 and didn't go far enough. From the discussions afterward it appeared one or two people pulled up short and others following were distracted and didn't push on. Everyone I talked with followed the bluff route and didn't try for the longer trail/clearing/survey route. Though not obvious the bluff route was a gradual uphill and soft and probably messed with the pacing over such a long leg. I asked Bill since he and Ann did it late and he didn't notice anything amiss except a misrepresented trail further along on the course.

#### VOLUNTEERS

Eric and Jill helped with registration and matching control cards to registration and Jill brought the food. I spent a few days making map changes, course design, and setting. Jim Green did the printing.

Dan Ellsworth  
Meet Director