

Event Results

Catalina State Park Results -- 11/17/13



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Details

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While parts of the Northern Hemisphere chilled to the onset of winter, sunny southern Arizona basked in what could only be called glorious weather for our November meet; blue skies, puffy white clouds, pleasant temps, an occasional wisp of cooling wind. In short, it was a perfect day to scramble around the desert in search of orange and white flags tied in trees, hidden behind boulders, and stashed in out-of-the-way places.

Big thanks to **John Pascal**, our non-resident course setter, who spent the previous week poking around Catalina State Park laying out five courses: white (1.99km, 25m, 9 controls); yellow (2.93km, 90m, 9); orange (3.27km, 110m, 8); green (4.72km, 185m, 10); and red (5.90km, 180m, 11).

John's efforts were rewarded in a surprising turn-out that consumed all our yellow and orange course maps (and control descriptions) in quick time. More had to be hand drawn using greens, which were not quite as popular. But at the end of the day few maps of any color remained and many were recycled. We enjoyed several groups: **Scout Troops 100** and **270** and **JROTC from Maryvale High School** in Phoenix.

Our thanks go out to those who helped at registration, timing and control retrieval. **Gregg Townsend** was first into the registration fray, followed by John P's sister, **Gail Ewing**, all the way from New Jersey; **Gail** later assumed the duties of cartographer when she drew yellow and orange courses on spare green maps. **Peg Davis** reprised her oft-repeated (and much appreciated) task of orienting new orienteers with her beginner's class. **Ludwig Hill** led off the timing effort by dispatching the Motala group as the courses opened then joined **Peg** in speeding the process of getting folks out on the courses by answering questions and handing out clue sheets and punch cards in advance to the long waiting line of participants. **Gail's** arrival at registration freed up **Gregg** who generously moved to timing. After the initial crush dissipated all three were able to run their own courses. After the courses closed with all accounted for, **Peg, Ludwig, Jeff Brucker**, and **Dave Follette** and family fanned out over the desert to retrieve controls. **Jeff** further collated the results.

Thanks to all from this dazed Meet Director (**Mike Byers**).

[**Webmaster's Note:** I noticed that an unusually high number of folks competed in, but did not finish ("DNF") the Red course especially on the Motala. This reflects that each course, whether White, Yellow, Orange, Green, or Red is designed with a specific skill level in mind and like any sport activity can present challenges that are beyond the current capabilities of any new participant. The Green and Red courses are typically designed to test advanced elite-level orienteers in world-ranking competitions.

If you are one of those DNFers, then don't feel bad that you didn't find all the controls or had a difficult time navigating the Red course at this event, for it was designed specifically for people with very advanced orienteering skills. When I started orienteering for the first time with an orienteering club I remember that I found the Yellow course (adult beginner) to be a fun challenge even though I had had prior orienteering experience in the military and as an avid off-trail hiker. It took me more than a year to work my way up to

running on advanced orienteering courses. It was worth it though - I seemed to learn so much more by running on courses that presented incremental challenges, and I've never met an orienteering course that I found to be boring.

So if you didn't do well on one of our advanced courses this time, consider coming to our next event and trying an intermediate skill level course. If you feel good about your run after that, then you just might be ready to try a second, more difficult course on the same day (for free at our local events).]

Results

To see the motala results, scroll down further.

White

Name	Rank & Division	Elapsed Time
Team Roadrunners	1 Team	0:29:00
Ellen Shopes	Female	REC
Team Coma	Team	REC
Team Red Hawks 270a	Team	REC
Team Red Hawks 270b	Team	REC
Team Red Hawks 270c	Team	REC
Team Susi & Joe	Team	REC

Yellow

Pam Schlottman	1 Female	0:31:13
Jonathon Rickel	1 Male	0:35:14
Kate Follette	2 Female	0:51:03
Ellen Shopes	Female	REC
Jeanne Walsh	Female	REC
Team Citron	Team	REC
Team E	Team	REC
Team Haley	Team	REC
Team Hawkeye	Team	REC
Team Leo the Ghost Seer	Team	REC
Team Weblos Rock	Team	REC

Orange

Pam Schlottman	1 Female	0:52:40
Bob Shea	1 Male	0:54:35
Kay Mathiesen	2 Female	1:06:15

Team Beauty and....	1 Team	1:30:30
Team Jack Allison	2 Team	1:42:04
Alexis Mills	3 Female	2:13:05
Michael Thompson	2 Male	2:37:14
Team Kimminau	3 Team	2:41:40
Dave Follette	Male	DNF
Randy Park	Male	DNF
Team Godab	Team	REC
Team Old Goats	Team	REC
Team Red Hawks 270a	Team	REC
Team Red Hawks 270b	Team	REC
Team Red Hawks 270c	Team	REC
Team Saber Fang	Team	REC
Team Steve & BJ White	Team	REC
Team Young Goats	Team	REC

Green

Peg Davis	1 Female	1:45:25
Team Alaska	1 Team	2:02:15
Claudia Rickel	Female	REC
Ellen Shopes	Female	REC
GG Larrington	Female	REC

Red

Ludwig Hill	1 Male	1:05:20
Jeff Brucker	2 Male	1:24:21
Don Fallis	3 Male	1:31:00
Jeff Brodsky	4 Male	2:02:38
Team Trunk Monkey	1 Team	2:29:20
Gonzalo Rodriguez	5 Male	3:05:48
Bob Walsh	Male	DNF
Gregg Townsend	Male	DNF

Catalina Motala Results by Course

To see the combined motala results, scroll down further.

Yellow

Name	M/F/T	Elapsed Time
Lyon Norcross	Male	0:25:14
Joseph Morales	Male	0:26:13
Michael Zavala	Male	0:26:56
Daniel Zuniga	Male	0:27:57
Daryl Yost	Male	0:54:04
Team Jane	Team	1:03:00
Team Nack	Team	1:03:25
Jackie de la Torre	Female	1:15:00
Alejandro Torres	Male	DNF
Damian Norcross	Male	DNF

Orange

Lyon Norcross	Male	0:56:20
Joseph Morales	Male	1:23:54
Alejandro Torres	Male	1:26:13
Team Nack	Team	2:29:08
Team Jane	Team	2:30:38
Jackie de la Torre	Female	DNF

Red

Lyon Norcross	Male	1:47:40
Daryl Yost	Male	2:45:29
Jose Mendez	Male	3:47:36
Alejandro Torres	Male	DNF
Damian Norcross	Male	DNF
Daniel Zuniga	Male	DNF
Jackie de la Torre	Female	DNF
Joseph Morales	Male	DNF
Michael Zavala	Male	DNF

Catalina Combined Motala Results

Overall Rank	Name	Overall Score	Yellow Controls	Orange Controls	Red Controls	Overall Time
1	Lyon Norcross	42	9	*	11	3:09:14
2	Daryl Yost	42	9	*	11	3:39:33
3	Jose Mendez	33	*	*	11	3:47:36
4	Joseph Morales	28	9	8	1	3:50:51
5	Team Nack	25	9	8	*	3:48:08
6	Team Jane	25	9	8	*	3:53:38
7	Michael Zavala	18	9	*	3	3:25:56
8	Jackie de la Torre	18	3	*	5	3:27:55
9	Daniel Zuniga	11	8	*	1	3:26:57
10	Alejandro Torres	6	3	*	1	3:50:12
11	Damian Norcross	6	3	*	1	3:51:29

The Motala scoring was calculated by assigning 1 point to each yellow control, 2 points to each orange control, and 3 points to each red control. In the case of a tie score, rank was decided by the better time.

Special note: Asterisk * means no punch card turned in!!! Some of you did not turn in all of your scorecards, so your transition times between courses may not have been recorded properly. If you did not turn in one of your scorecards, or if for any other reason you think your score is in error, email jeffbrucker at hotmail dot com, and I will attempt to correct the error.