

Event Results

Fort Lowell Park Results -- 6/10/11



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Details

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When I returned from hanging controls to the ramada where we would begin assembling shortly for the 3rd in a series of night-O's put on by the club, there were but two people there. I was unsure how well received using a park with no current map would prove to be. Any concerns I may have had about turnout were soon to be dispelled as one after another the orienteers began arriving. The final count was 30 and we came close to running out of maps. Kids for free: 2. Friends for free: 1.

If you look closely at the aerial photo which subbed for a map, you can actually see people on the tennis courts which means the vegetation also shows up well even if other detail may be hidden by overhead trees. A bit of challenge is introduced here, both to the course setter in choosing reasonable points and to the orienteer in sifting through what he or she sees on the photo. Certainly an orienteering map of this park would be a bonus, making it a lot easier to use. Actually a map does exist, two versions, both black and white, which were used back in the mid 80's, but many changes have occurred since that time, rendering it obsolete though certainly of historical value to the club.

We had fun with the resources available. Getting permits for city parks is simple and easy and can be done on relatively short notice. Here's how the event was run. Due to the smaller size of this park than say Greasewood or even Reid Park, I used two maps of the park with most of the controls on the first. For the first 15 minutes of the 45 minute event only the first was available but at anytime after that the orienteer could return to copy the additional controls onto his/her map. In the end we had 3 perfect scores out of 30 participants. Although I neglected to mention point values, all controls were worth 100 points as in the past 2 night-O events and there was a penalty of 100 points for each minute late. Ties were broken by order of finish although I didn't record actual times except for the first two finishers (it just gets too hectic when the masses return). It was important to punch the correct square on the scorecard. The most popular mispunch was mistaking control #17 for #9, two similar controls located 50 meters apart but which can be readily distinguished from one another by the surrounding vegetation. I showed no mercy for mispunches, and none was asked.

As you can see from the results Cristina was tops overall and Ludwig was slightly longer. What you cannot see is that Cristina got all controls on the first map in less than 15 minutes, the only one to do so, and was forced to wait, one might say impatiently, for the second map to be available for copying. Also what you cannot see is we had a third perfect score and even though running recreational I think credit should be given to her. Congratulations, Ann, on cleaning the course.

After the orienteering, participants hung around to socialize and those who wished looked through the telescope to get some awe inspiring views of the moon as well as seeing Saturn and its largest moon Titan.

Thanks to Peg for leading the beginner's clinic and to Helen for rescuing me from the task of registering so

many people by myself. We were short-handed on control retrieval with Ludwig collecting the lion's share and Helen and myself getting the remainder. Thanks to Gee Gee for taking the equipment off my hands, saving me a trip to storage. Be sure not to miss the street-O she is setting for the club event next weekend on the 19th. The next night-O will be held on July 8 at Cat Mountain.

Thanks to all who turned out for this event and made it the success it was.

RESULTS

Women	Points
1. Cristina Luis	1800 (27:25)
2. Pat Penn	1200
3. Peg Davis	1000
4. Paula Morrison	800 (4 minutes late)
5. Helen Deluga	700

Men	Points
1. Ludwig Hill	1800 (30:05)
2. Jeff Berringer	1300

Teams	Points
1. Gregg & Pat Townsend	1500 (8th finisher)
2. KAS	1500 (12th finisher, 1 minute late)
3. The Kings	1200

Recreational (in order of registration)

Coyote
 Wilkey Richardson
 Dos Perros
 Ann Revill
 Walter Picket
 Jim Stamm
 Lost & Found
 GeeGee Larrington
 Susan Mast
 Susan Wenberg