

Event Results

Ironwood Training Event Results - 3/22/09



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Details

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We had a nice turnout and the weather was great on this fine Sunday morning! The top finishers were Jonathan Rickel (white), Art Cantrell (short orange), and Claudia Rickel (short green).

Control Retrievers:

Peg Davis
 Lois Kimminau
 Mike King
 Leif Lundquist
 Keith McLeod
 Rob Morden
 Mark Parsons

Setters/Director:

Ludwig Hill (SO, SG, director)
 Leif Lundquist (W)

White (1.7 km):

1M Jonathan Rickel	16:03
Jeff Brucker	REC
Jonus (w/ Brucker)	REC
Lyra (w/ Brucker)	REC
Degan (w/ Brucker)	REC
Felix Larsson	REC
Jaret Rickel	REC

Short Orange (3.5 km)

1T Art Cantrell	1:19:38
1T Kelly Morales	1:19:38
1F Kay Mathiesen	1:26:24
2F GeeGee Larrington	1:28:32
1M Keith McLeod	1:33:33
Lois Kimminau	DNF

Mike Thompson	DNF
Melissa Trout	DNF
Dave Barfield	REC

Short Green (4.4 km):

1F Claudia Rickel	1:23:14
1M Don Fallis	1:39:59
2M Mark Parsons	1:43:06
Peg Davis	DNF
Mike King	DNF
Shelby King	DNF
Mike Koenig	DNF
Nick Koenig	DNF
Cristina Luis	DNF
Leif Lundquist	DNF
Margrit McIntosh	DNF
Rob Morden	DNF
Bill Dennis	DNS

Wow, look at all the DNF's! That's not something the course setter likes to hear after he thinks he's set some pretty good courses. Many of those DNF'ers couldn't find Short Green CP #2, and most of them became totally lost while looking for it and while en route to it. Peg Davis graciously offered to verify the control marker placement after the event. With the aid of knowing the exact location of a short orange control that she could then use as a strong attack point, she found the vexing control (Short Green CP #2) exactly where it was shown on the map, but she mentioned that it was hung only 6" above the ground. Her point is well taken and one I hope to be respectful of in my course setting: i.e. making sure that the control marker is equally visible for all reasonable approaches, that it can be spotted immediately when at the proper control feature as shown on the map and in the clues, and that there is no unfair advantage for a person seeing a competitor punching the control versus another person seeing only the control marker by itself. Having said that, I also believe that the DNF'ing parties can take home some good lessons from having had to confront a challenging advanced-level leg that was both long (>700 m in this instance) and required vigilant navigation throughout its entire length and that had neither close, obvious attack points nor nearby catching or bailout features. For those individuals who found CP #2 through skillful attentiveness and orienteering deftness, job well done!