

Event Results

Lake Mary Results -- 6/26-27/10



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Details

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With the fires burning north of Flagstaff there was concern that the air would be hazy with smoke this weekend. However, the sky currents favored us and so the skies over our Lake Mary course area were a clear, deep blue every day we were camped out there. The only air quality issue we had was fine, powdery dust that came off the road leading into the camp and start area. But everybody was courteous enough to slow down when driving through our area and so the wafting dust was kept to a minimum.

The temperatures were in the 40's at night and 70's during the day -- ideal for orienteering within the large areas of alternating Ponderosa forests and open meadows. The terrain was ideal -- generally rolling, the ground alternately covered with pine needles and short grasses and wildflowers, with small areas of stony ground and a few, low rock outcrops. The runability was quite good, if your lungs were ready to deal with the high 7000' elevation.

This joint Tucson/Phoenix orienteering weekend went smoothly and featured three separate orienteering events. The first event, set skillfully by **Glenn Haselfeld**, with **Dianne Haselfeld** helping with hanging, was a classic set of courses ranging from yellow to red. The winners were **Austin Ringnes** (Orange), **Team Tubac** (Green), and **Ludwig Hill** (Red), with everybody on the Yellow course going recreational. **Erik Ringnes** definitely gets special points while he was out on the red course for hitching a car ride back to the start so he could return his family's dog back to the start area after she followed him without his consent a kilometer through the woods before getting too tired to continue with him. He then hitched his ride back to continue where he left off on the red course.

The night-O event (also set by **Glenn Haselfeld**) was a joy to run, and some of the newer folks mentioned that it was their best experience of the weekend. The winners were **Team Ringnes** (Intermediate) and **Ludwig Hill** (Advanced).

The third event of the weekend was something new -- a re-shuffle-O. On Saturday, after the classic event, each participant was assigned two controls from the former classic courses to relocate a small distance (~100 m or less). The participants decided as a group whether they wanted to do the re-shuffle-O as a set of classic courses (using the same control sequence in reverse order) or to go with a score-O. They decided on the score-O, with each control being worth one point and a 1 point penalty for each minute late past 2 hours. Then everybody went out and relocated controls during the relaxed afternoon while waiting for the sun to set for the night-O. A large-scale map and a large blank clue sheet with control codes alphabetically pre-listed was posted at the start area so that as each "re-shuffler" returned from relocating their controls they could add their changes to the master map and clue sheet. The night-O controls were also discretely added to the master map and clues.

Sunday morning (at sunrise) the participants were allowed to copy the re-shuffle-O map and clues and given

time to plan their routes. A mass start added to the feeling of fun, festivity, and competition. The first place winner was **Ludwig Hill**, who snagged 37 out of 39 possible controls. **Glenn Haselfeld** who bagged 36 for second place and would have easily beat out Ludwig (due to a significantly faster time) had he not missed copying a control onto his map which was close to the start/finish area. **Erik Ringnes** hooked third place with 34 controls. A special recognition should be made to all of the participants who re-shuffled controls because all those controls were spot on! Great job!

Overall this was a hugely successful event with everybody having a wonderful time and a great weekend in the cool, forested hills near Flagstaff.

The Folks Who Made It Happen:

Course Setter: **Glenn Haselfeld**

Assistant Course Setter: **Dianne Haselfeld**

Meet Director: **Ludwig Hill**

Beginner's Class: **Erik Ringnes**

Registration (Classic-O & Night-O): **Glenn Haselfeld & Ludwig Hill**

Timing (Classic-O & Night-O): **Glenn Haselfeld & Ludwig Hill**

Timing (Reshuffle-O): **Forest Brown**

Control Re-shufflers: **Ryan Ekre, Barnaby Fletcher, Glenn Haselfeld, Ludwig Hill, Mike & Shelby King, Tyler Matney, Erik Ringnes, David Wright**

Control Retrievers: **Forest Brown, Pete & Judy Cowgill, Dianne & Glenn Haselfeld, Ludwig Hill, Mike & Shelby King, Brad & Yvonne Poe, Erik & Austin Ringnes**

Day 1 (Classic-O) Results

Yellow (3.4 km, 70 m, 12 controls):

Gary and Andrew	REC
Valerie and Dianne	REC
Shaun Endres	REC
T-Birds	REC

Orange (3.9 km, 115 m, 11 controls):

1M	Austin Ringnes	67:02
1T	Shike	70:55
2T	Beauty and Beast...	107:45
	O'leary	DNF
	Team Brown	DNF
	Gary and Andrew	REC
	Shaun Endres	REC
	Spring Boks	REC

Green (5.4 km, 100 m, 12 controls):

1T	Team Tubac	89:46
	Shike	REC

Red (7.0 km, 150 m, 14 controls):

1M	Ludwig Hill	80:14
2M	Erik Ringnes	99:22*
3M	Rob Morden	131:40
1T	We Follow Topo	161:55

*Erik's total time includes several extra minutes needed to take his dog back to the start after she chased him into the woods.

Day 1 (Night-O) Results**Intermediate Night-O (2.4 km, 70 m, 12 controls):**

1T	Team Ringnes	64:48
2T	Team Brown	85:40
	Dianne Haselfeld	REC

Advanced Night-O (4.1 km, 115 m, 11 controls):

1M	Ludwig Hill	43:36
1T	We Follow Topo	67:21
2T	Team Tubac	72:00
3T	Team Brown	85:40
	Mike and Dave	94:30
	Lunatic Fringe	MSP
	T-Birds	DNF

Day 2 (Reshuffle-O) Results**Re-shuffle-O (2-hr time limit, 39 controls):**

1M	Ludwig Hill	37	112:41
2M	Glenn Haselfeld	36	109:59
3M	Erik Ringnes	34	117:05
1T	Team Tubac	32	117:18
2T	Shike	26	109:40
3T	Beauty and Beast...	21	112:20
	Team Sophie	REC	