

PASO PICACHO ORIENTEERING Sunday, 26 September 2010

WHITE COURSE: 2.100 km long, 55 m climb

1. Todd, Kelly & Logan Webb, SDO 1:28:15
2. Jim Hunter and BSA Troop 799 (12) 1:47:06
Bo DuBois SDO (rattlesnake near control) dnf

YELLOW COURSE: 2.550 km long, 95 m climb

1. Don Renfro, SDO 36:12
Tom & Zachary Johnson 1:22:02
John Prior, William Kinaina, Boston Wells, Kaitlin Lytle & Caesar Jao, John Prior, Serra JROTC 1:56:45
Doug Ernst, SDO dnf (- #5)
Chris Poma Jr., Ryan & Jerr Baum, Billi Sopes, Brandon Rivera, JNROTC dnf (- #7)
Chris Poma Sr., Damian Roman, Christian Lopez, Nathan McLaughlan, JNROTC dnf (- # 7)

ORANGE COURSE: 4.190 km long, 210 m climb

1. Darren Hardy, SDO 1:25:45
2. Teri Vyotte 1:49:49
3. Elli Maanpaa 1:50:19
4. Tad Gallispel, SDO 1:58:10
5. Jan Charvat, SDO 2:07:00
7. Cindi Jackson, SDO 2:37:15

BROWN COURSE: 3.810 km long, 155 m climb

1. Michael DuBois, SDO 1:08:47
2. Ian Falcon 1:09:37
3. Liv Klemetssaune, SDO 1:16:50
4. Jeff Jacobs, SDO 1:23:30
5. Edwin Gookin, SDO 1:32:30
7. Taylor McClanahan, SDO 1:32:45
8. Michal Lebl, SDO 1:43:45
9. Donna Gookin, SDO 2:09:00
Polly Lebl, SDO dnf (-1)

RED COURSE: 6.330 km long, 255 m climb

1. Nancy Coker, SDO 2:56:13
2. Peter Eriksson, SDO 2:41:35
Viktoria Brautigam, SDO dnf (-#7)
Allison Johnston dnf (-#7)
Mark Polinkovsky, SDO dnf (-#7)
Mark Binder, SDO dnf (-#7)
Ville Maandaa dnf (-#7)
Zachary Dios dnf (-#7)
Mikas Remeika dnf (-#9-10)

HELP: Greatly appreciated: Michael & Jen DuBois, Darlene & Doug Ernst, Don Renfro, Stan Watson, Jeff Jacobs, Peter Eriksson, Tad Gallistel, Nancy Coker

COURSE SETTER'S NOTES: As the course setter, I am concerned about the setting when people are taking longer than expected even though it was hotter than expected. Don Renfro did really well in the Orange Course and the runners on the Brown Course were reassuring (Thanks!) but I really did poorly on the Red Course; for the conditions, the fast times should have been under ninety minutes and maybe one or two DNF. Seven had to give up on their 7th control and, to make matters even worse, it was a water control!



Meet Director Bill Gookin (right) reviews course features with Scoutmaster Jim Hunter (rear) and other members of Vista's Troop 799.

One of the basic rules of course setting says that you should not have to search for a good feature to be a viable control. If the setter can't find a good, unique feature, go to a better location; when setting the course, I spent more than 20 minutes trying to locate a boulder that stood out and that would answer to at least two or three attack points. Either of these conditions should have waved a red flag ... it was a "bingo" control and depended on luck rather than skill to locate it. Those on the Red Course can probably pick out at least a half-dozen far better control features within 500 meters.

If you were on the ill-fated Red Course and included your e-mail address on your entry, I'll send you a free entrée for any one of the next three SDO meets as a token of amends ... mea culpa!

Bill Gookin

For info about the next events, go to the SDO website:

Saturday, October 16, Wooded Hill, Mount Laguna*

Saturday evening, October 30, UCSD Night Orienteering*

Friday evening, December 17, Holiday Lite Nite-O, North Park*

Friday–Monday, January 14-17, Anza-Borrego Desert O-Fest

*No, I won't be the Setter for these meets