

Yukon Orienteering Association

30 Sept 2016

Night-O – Wolf Creek Campground

It was a beautiful evening with clear skies – if a little cool – for night-O, the final event of the 2016 season, held at the Wolf Creek Campground. There was a bonfire to keep runners warm before and after their course and hot drinks & snacks to celebrate the end of a successful season.

All the courses had to contend with the campground expansion from the spring which was not shown on the map and a number of non-reflective controls in the campground which are much harder to locate in the dark. It mostly affected the novice course though, which stayed in the campground! Georgi and Phineas Pearson topped the field of 11 with a time of 34:12.

The intermediate course had the largest turnout with 13 on the course and, in addition to the campground controls, went up the steep banks on the east side of the campground. Sabine Schweiger led the intermediate pack with a time of 29:40.

The advanced course also went up the east bank to include some features away from the trails and, depending on route choice, up the west bank of the campground as well. The expert course was the same as the advanced with a few extra longer legs that took runners up and down the steep bank another time in search of the forest controls on the western edge of the map. Philippa McNeil bested the field of two on the advanced course with a time of 34:07 and Forest Pearson was quickest of the runners on the expert course with a time of 37:42.

Thanks to everyone for coming out and a special thanks for Janine Privett for being on (expanded) snack duty and to Sabine Schweiger, Darren Holcombe and Lara Melnik who helped with registration, course set out and clean up. Meet organiser was Dave Hildes. Have a great winter and see you next season!

Novice, 1.5 km - 13 controls	
Georgi and Phineas Pearson	34:12
Kyan Morrison, Janine Privett, Michelle Rigoni, Chris McCarron	37:32
Elvira Knaack and Maura Glenn	51:04
Georgi and Phineas Pearson	34:12
Anais Hildes	DNF

Intermediate, 1.9 km - 14 controls

Sabine Schweiger	29:40
Lara Melnik	33:45
Brent and Stian Langbakk	34:02
Rowena Beckett	38:47
Pat, Kate and Brooke Tobler	44:18
Linda MacKeigan	49:09
Deb Kiemele	49:14
Sabrina Bouayad	52:51
Valerie Theoret	58:08
Melissa Halpenny	58:43

Advanced, 2.3 km - 14 controls

Philippa McNeil	34:07
Craig Brooks	DNF

Expert, 3.2 km - 15 controls

Forest Pearson	37:42
Darren Holcombe	55:38
Jennifer MacKeigan	DNF