

June 1, 2016

The first event of the Yukon Orienteering Championships, a Sprint race, was held under threatening skies on the Takhini sprint map. Despite the occasional water drops, 80 people showed up to try their skills and speed on the course. This map does not present too many opportunities for traps, but there are many ways to present route choices between controls. Competitors had to deal with a few irregularities on the course, such as some trees on the Expert and Advanced courses being turned into stumps! The recommended winning time for a sprint course is 15 minutes, so some of the courses were perhaps a bit long.

The top finisher for the men on the 4.1km Expert course was Colin Abbott in 17:21, followed closely by Leif Blake and Trevor Bray.

Top finishers for the women on the same course were Kerstin Burnett with a time of 22:53, and a tie for second place between Kendra Murray and Pia Blake. Jennifer MacKeigan came in a close third.

Next week, the Middle-distance championships will be held on the brand new Copper Ridge map.

Course setters: Erik Blake and Sabine Schweiger

*Note: Our apologies for missing 2 competitors in the results submitted to the newspapers.

Novice, 1.9km	29 participants
Stian and Brent Langbakk	19:15
Sylvie and Pete Sandiford	20:31
John and Denise Chisholm	22:53
Nicholas Connell and Mike Gladish*	22:58
Ev Pasichnyk	24:24
Kyan Morrison and Janine Privett	24:36
Benjamin Fecteau	26:21
Wyatt Burnett and Erik Blake	28:41
Aurelia Koh	29:01
Annie McNeil and Heidi Rumscheidt	29:03
Iliana and Glenda Koh	29:12
Elvira Knaack and Maura Glenn	34:36
Aven Sheepway & Barbara Scheck	36:07
Reid Sandiford and Deb Higgins	37:44
Phineas Pearson	41:14
Jack, Cody and Katie Young	42:37
Intermediate, 2.5km	22 participants
Kate and Pat Tobler	14:42
Curtis Cash	15:10
Georgi Pearson	18:07
Sabrina Bouayad	19:56
Wendy Nixon	20:41
Melissa Halpenny	21:23

Gabrielle Lizee-Prynne, Laetitia Rattier and Ed Bourcier	23:54
Beth Hawkings	24:25
Kale Dar Neuman and Jenyfer Neumann	25:23
Deb Kiemele	26:06
Ray Holl	26:37
Sidney Maddison	27:11
Anais Hildes	27:48
Darryl Bray	29:15
Amanda Bornhuse, Teena Kuch and Sandra Grabowski	34:41
Nesta Leduc	34:48
Advanced, 3.5km	11 participants
Philippa McNeil	23:11
Justine Scheck	24:00
Sarah Murray	25:20
Heather Milligan and Juliana Scramstad	28:31
Karen McKenna	29:29
Lara Melnik	35:55
Tess Lawrence	41:09
Craig Brooks	46:44
Linda McKeigan	48:57
Rowena Beckett	49:03
Expert, 4.1km	18 participants
Colin Abbott	17:21
Leif Blake	18:31
Trevor Bray	20:12
Caelen McLean	21:37
Kerstin Burnett	22:53
Kendra Murray	23:48
Pia Blake	23:48
Jennifer MacKeigan	24:13
Afan Jones	25:57
Travis Comeau	26:22
Darren Holcombe	27:52
Dave Hildes	29:08
Bob Sagar	34:29
Jim Hawkings	39:41
Joe Bradley	41:31
Sara Nielsen	DNF
Alex Melnik and Greg Grogan	DNF