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Yukon Orienteering Association Newsletter

May 2010

President's Note from Bruce McLean

Welcome to our first newsletter of a new and exciting season of orienteering! The snow left early and events so far have been on pretty dry ground. In the weeks ahead there is a full slate of Wednesday fun B meets, the Yukon Championships in June, and great opportunities for training and challenging outdoor fun. Behind the scenes a number of people have been working hard to get things ready for the orienteering season.

Barbara Scheck, who has given so much of her time over the last several years has decided to take a bit of a breather from the executive this year. The rest of us are trying to keep up but still need advice and help from Barbara on (many) occasions. Thanks again Barbara for all your hard work.

In addition to the ongoing events this year, planning is underway for hosting

the Canadian and Orienteering Championships Western Orienteering Championships next July (2011) in Whitehorse. There will be a high level of competition but there should also be lots of great opportunities for local orienteers to try out some new maps.

We have been able to secure Community development funding for mapping in the Carcross and Lewes Lake areas for the 2011 events.

I would invite any interested people to come out to the B meets and the Yukon Championships. Don't be intimidated by the name, anyone can participate.

See the rest of the newsletter for details on the meet schedule and how to join in activities of the YOA.

Bruce McLean

Report on the Junior Program

The Yukon Orienteering Association has a Junior Program for ages 8-14.

Participants are divided into groups based on age and experience. There are practices every second Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 at which participants learn and perfect map and compass skills. In addition, fees include entry to the Yukon Orienteering Association's regular Wednesday night meets held on alternate

Wednesdays to the practices. So program participants have the opportunity to orienteer every Wednesday night from May to September. See the YOA "Junior Program" website for more information.

Unlike past years, this season there will be a Yukon Orienteering Team (YOT) which is completely separate from the

Junior Program. The main difference is that the Orienteering Team is geared towards skill development and physical training with the view to competing. For those not wanting to make such a big commitment, the Junior Program with either a practice or a meet every Wednesday will still be an option for those born in 1996 or later.

The YOT has two groups; orange and red. The orange group works on intermediate level orienteering skills and will be introduced to training. The red group is for advanced level orienteers and includes training aimed at

competing. The YOT is also open to adults wanting to train seriously. Adults need to be running their age category for major championships in order to participate. For a more detailed description of the groups and levels you can check the YOA website.

For the YOT, the cost is \$80 + membership (junior or family). The schedule includes 3 orienteering sessions per week from April 26 – September 17. There is a local meet every second Wednesday, which is included in the price, with practices on the alternate Wednesdays.

| Day | Time | Location | Session Type |
|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Monday | 7:00-8:30pm | Various | Technique |
| Wednesday | a) 6:00-7:30pm b) 7:00-8:30pm | a) Various b) Mt. Mac | a) Meet b) Technique |
| Friday | 7:00-8:30pm | Mt. Mac | Physical |

In addition, there will be a couple of opportunities to travel to training camps/competitions, although there is no obligation to do so:

1. a. July 1-9 North Americans including Junior Training Camp, Cranbrook, BC (may be done on its own or in combination with Westerns below. We will have one team leader flying back after North Americans)
- b. July 9-14 Western Canadians, Whistler, BC
2. August 16-23 Canadian Championships including Junior Training Camp, Ottawa

For more information on the YOT, please contact the coach **Brent Langbakk**.

COCs and Westerns in Yukon 2011

Yukon Orienteering Association is pleased to confirm that we will be hosting the 2011 Western Canadian and Canadian Orienteering Championships.

The dates for this major event will be July 16th to 24th with 6 days of competition over the eight days. A Junior Training Camp would also be incorporated into the week. We are actively seeking volunteers to assist with many different areas, including but not

limited to: finding sponsors, fund raising, Junior Camp organization, competition organization, social events etc. **We are seeking volunteers to assist with finding sponsors, fund raising and organization of the events. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Barbara Scheck at 668-2306 or Afan Jones at 667-6659.**

Important Events

The Junior Team members are organizing the **Yukon Championships Sprint Event** on June 2, and will have a **BBQ and “O” swap table**. Bring a few extra dollars if you would like to take part in the BBQ. Proceeds will go to the Junior Team travel fund. For the “O” swap table, bring any new or used “O” gear that you would like to trade or sell for a small price to fellow orienteers. Consider a donation to the Junior Team travel fund if you use “O” swap table. For information contact Linda MacKeigan at 668-3328.

Level 1 officials course: Thur June 10 - 6 pm to 9 pm, Sat June 12 - 9 am to 4 pm, Wed June 16 - 5 pm to 9 pm. Wax Room at Mt. McIntyre Recreation Centre. Ross Burnett 633-3154

North American Orienteering Championships. July 1-4, Cranbrook, B.C.

Junior Training Camp. July. 5-6, Cranbrook, B.C.

Western Canadian Championships - Barebones 2010. July 9-14, Whistler B.C.

Canadian Championships. Aug 20-22. Ottawa, Ontario

YOA Membership and Event Fees

Membership Fees - includes season Sport Ident (SI)I rental

- Adult: \$30
- Junior (20 & under): \$20
- Family: \$70

Day Membership Fees: \$10 / start

Pre-Paid Event Fees: Now you can pay for all the Wednesday Night Meets and the Yukon Championships at once - Adult: \$40

Current Executive

President: Bruce McLean

Vice-President: vacant

Treasurer: Pam James

Director of Training: Brent Langbakk

Director of Communications: Wendy Nixon

Past President: Barbara Scheck

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EVENTS SUMMER – FALL 2010

| Date | Time | Event | Meeting Point | Map | Contact |
|--|---------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|
| Wed June 2 | 6:00 pm | Yukon Championships - Sprint Distance | Dog Trail parking lot | Mt McIntyre | Brent Langbakk 668-7767 |
| Wed June 9 | 6:00 pm | Yukon Championships - Middle Distance | TBA | MacPherson | Afan Jones Don Reid 667-6659 |
| Wed June 16 | 6:00 pm | Yukon Championships - Long Distance | Wax Room at Mt. McIntyre Recreation Centre | Mt McIntyre | Ross Burnett 633-3154 |
| July 2-14. No events in Yukon. North American Championships, Western Championships. Cranbrook & Whistler, B.C. | | | | | |
| Wed July 7 | 6:00 pm | B Meet | Miles Canyon Road, 100m from Alaska Highway. | Ear Lake | Ev Pasichnyk/ Hilary Wilkinson 633-3675 |
| Wed July 21 | 6:00 pm | B Meet | College | Yukon College | Sabine & Erik 633-4403 |
| Wed Aug 4 | 6:00 pm | B Meet | Canyon City parking lot | Chadburn | Pam James / Joe Bradley 668-3142 |
| Wed Aug 18 | 6:00 pm | B Meet | Dirt Bike Track: Alaska Highway at 1km west of Carcross Cutoff | Golden Horn | Bruce McLean |
| Aug 20-22. No events in Yukon, Canadian Championships, Ottawa, Ontario | | | | | |
| Wed Sept 1 | 6:00 pm | B Meet (relay) | College | Yukon College | Forest Pearson |
| Wed Sept 15 | 6:00 pm | B Meet | Biathlon Ski Trails (Grey Mtn. Road) | Grey Mountain-Magnusson | Charlie Roots 633-6231 |