

July 3rd, 2019 – Hidden Lakes B-Meet

Organizer – Darren Holcombe, Controller – Dave Hildes

A total of 85 competitors came out on a warm, albeit smoky evening to take part in the first regular B-Meet after the Yukon Championship series held in June.

Five different courses had competitors explore the trail network and forest features north and east of the Schwatka Lake boat launch off the Chadburn Lake road.

The **Novice** course in part followed trails along the shore of the lake and then through the open forest and finally along a high ridge with views surrounding mountains. Newcomers Bella and Amanda Mouchet topped the results in 1st and 2nd respectively with the duo of Carl Turcotte and Rima Khouri coming in 3rd.

A total of 27 individuals or groups took on the **Intermediate** course. A mix of flat terrain and a few hills combined with a couple of controls on the edge of a complex area made for a challenging course. Jeremy Johnson (26:42) had a great run coming in ahead of 2nd place, youth competitor, Anneke Aasman (34:10) by more than 7 minutes. Glenda Koh (36:12) took 3rd just ahead of Bella Mouchet (37:50) running her second course of the night!

The **Advanced** course took runners into the complex terrain that the intermediate course just touched upon. A relatively long leg led into 4 controls which were close together and required sharp changes in direction. Topping the 17 entries in this course, veteran orienteer Afan Jones (34:28) had the fastest run, clearly recovered from a recent cold. Another veteran, Pippa McNeil (44:52) came in 2nd just a handful of seconds ahead of Martin Slama (45:07). Special mention to Nesta Leduc (119:30) who completed this course just under the time cut. Nesta is a regular participant in the F80+ category at national and international orienteering events.

Competition was fierce in the **Expert** course. 9 runners took part with Forest Pearson (61:44) taking top honours ahead of visiting mapper David Bakker (61:57) and Colin Abbott (62:26). Pearson's expertise showed on the first leg taking a sizable lead right away. He held this advantage up to control 6 when Leif Blake (67:44) took the lead for the next 3 controls. A small mistake by Blake at control 10 ceded the lead over to Abbott for the next two controls with Pearson & Bakker trailing at this point by less than a minute! Going into the home stretch and the longest leg of the course (1.6kms) Pearson chose the fastest route (11:44) and took back the lead from Abbott (12:42) and stayed ahead of a surging Bakker (11:51). The final margin of victory was only 13 seconds.

One individual and one group completed the **Runner's** course. New in 2019, this course combines an Intermediate-type orienteering challenge with a long trail run. The designated 6.2kms is the straight-line distance between checkpoints with the likely best route along trails being significantly longer. Jane Hollenberg (67:54) posted the fastest time even after competing in Sunday's Reckless Raven 80km run where she won the female team category. Alex Milburn and Brittany Potvin (114:07) did well on their first attempt at this type of course to take 2nd!

Meets cannot happen without the help of volunteers. Thank you to Dave for checking courses and control locations, Georgi, Lara and Glenda for registration and map handouts, Georgi again for downloading and keeping track of everyone on course and Afan for setting up and putting out bunting and novice controls. For packing up and collecting controls – thank you Georgi, Finn, Lara, Bob, Afan, Forest, Bryn and Judith.

Novice (16) 2.6 kms 13 controls

1.	Bella Mouchet	18:38
2.	Amanda Mouchet	20:52
3.	Carl Turcotte & Rima Khouri	27:34
4.	Charlotte & Carrie Ariss	31:38
5.	Maria Billingsley	31:39
6.	Lucy & Ester Aasman	31:41
7.	Sarah Aasman	31:59
8.	Marianne Douglas	39:23
9.	Judy Harwood Dabbs	42:36
10.	Eva Benkert	51:35
11.	Bronwyn Hancock	51:41
12.	Adney Karais	57:09
13.	Barbara, Aven & Fischer Scheck	59:09
14.	Maura Glenn	65:47
15.	Carl Embacher	mp
16.	Erik Embacher & Sarah Johnson	mp

Intermediate (27) 2.8kms 9 controls

1.	Jeremy Johnson	26:42
2.	Anneke Aasman	34:10
3.	Glenda Koh	36:12
4.	Bella Mouchet	37:50
5.	Bruce McLean	40:35
6.	Virginia Sarrazin	42:53
7.	Stian Langbakk	48:25
8.	Oscar & Krystal Karais	50:16
9.	Ben Hancock	51:32
10.	Deb Kiemele	52:33
11.	Wendy Nixon	52:53
12.	Lara Melnik	52:42
13.	Milla, Addison & Ella Mercier	52:43
14.	Selena Boothroyd, Scott Williams & Tegryn Williams	53:33
15.	Sylvain Belanger & Caroline Thibault	54:03
16.	Helen Slama	60:37
17.	Krysti Horton	61:39
18.	Kieran Horton	70:06
19.	Peter Embacher	70:08

20.	Jonathan Parker	72:43
21.	Robin Muzzarell	97:50
22.	Karin Keeley-Eriksson	100:22
23.	Ev Pasichnyk	105:29
24.	Amanda Mouchet	DNF
25.	Phineas Pearson	DNF
26.	Beth Malloy & Gwen Hogan	DNF
27.	Sheri Hogeboom	DNF

Advanced (17) 3.2 kms 8 controls

1.	Afan Jones	34:28
2.	Pippa McNeil	44:52
3.	Martin Slama	45:07
4.	Emilie Steward-Jones	59:43
5.	Sabine Schweiger	64:58
6.	Judith van Gulick	73:00
7.	Kristina Gardiner	76:38
8.	Julianna Scramstad	78:35
9.	Grant Abbot	84:05
10.	Pia Blake & Alma Huuskonen	84:48
11.	Craig Brooks	106:43
12.	Nesta Leduc	119:30
13.	Doug Hitch & Chantel Frances	DNF
14.	Karen McKenna	DNF
15.	Lenore Morris	DNF
16.	Bryn Knight	DNF
17.	Pauline Gallinat	mp

Expert (9) 6.9 kms 13 controls

1.	Forest Pearson	61:44
2.	David Bakker	61:57
3.	Colin Abbott	62:26
4.	Brent Langbakk	67:23
5.	Leif Blake	67:44
6.	Benoit Turcotte	73:44
7.	Bob Sagar	108:38
8.	Brian Horton	115:08
9.	Caelan McLean	DNF

Runner's (2) 6.2 km 14 controls

1.	Jane Hollenberg	67:54
2.	Alex Milburn & Brittany Potvin	114:07