

June 07. 2023 War Eagle meet
Course Setter and Event Planner

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Course notes: The first of the Yukon Champs series took place on the War Eagle map. A sunny evening greeted novice and intermediates who went north on scenic ridge courses and advanced and experts who went into the very technical terrain of boulders and knolls (and bouldery knolls).

The two Embacher brothers Erik and Carl led the way for Juniors on the novice course followed by Ari Morphet.

Leena Tran (who was with juniors Ayla and Jaxon Keobke) followed by Cheylsea Mitchell and Wendy Tayler (who were with junior Atticus Mitchell-Richards) were the first three novice course finishers on the adult side.

On the intermediate course the top three women (also the top three overall) were Rima Khouri, Lara Melnik and Deb Kiemele.

Although there were no juniors on the intermediate course, juniors Carl Turcotte, Sitka Land-Gillis and Phineas Pearson challenged themselves on the advanced course. On the adult side, Dahria Beatty (with Micheal Hunter), Emilie Stewart-Jones and Philippa McNeil were the top three women (and again the top three overall).

For the expert course - which was the same difficulty as the advanced but longer - Caelan McLean took top prize followed by Forest Pearson and then Colin Abbott. There were no women on the expert course.

Thanks to the many people who stepped in last minute to help the unorganized organizer get the last touches done and the registration desk up and running!

Next event is the Yukon Champs sprint in Porter Creek.

Novice course (juniors) - 2.2 km

Erik Embacher	0:15:59	1
Carl Embacher	0:20:32	2
Ari Morphet	0:24:38	3
Nelia Turcotte	0:31:14	4
Ayla Keobke	0:38:12	5
Jaxon Keobke	0:38:12	5
Atticus Mitchell-Richards	0:42:58	7

Novice course (adults) - 2.2 km

Leena Tran	0:38:12	1
Cheylsea Mitchell	0:42:58	2
Wendy Tayler	0:42:58	2
Karin Keeley-Eriksson	1:13:40	4
Leah Svob	1:13:40	4

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Intermediate course (adults) - 3.0 km

Rima Khouri	0:38:22	1
Lara Melnik	0:46:38	2
Deb Kiemele	0:59:31	3
Connie Gleason	1:08:23	4
Susanne Wirth	1:08:42	5
Gwen Hogan	1:49:38	6
Ev Pasichnyk	1:49:41	7
Craig Brooks	DNF	8

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Advanced course (juniors) - 3.0 km

Carl Turcotte	0:55:29	1
Sitka Land-Gillis	1:07:38	2
Phineas Pearson	1:07:59	3

Advanced course (adults) - 3.0 km

Dahria Beatty & Michael Hunter	0:41:52	1
Emilie Stewart-Jones	0:46:07	2
Philippa McNeil	0:46:49	3
Barbara Scheck	1:05:16	4

Bob Sagar	1:06:14	5	
Judith van Gulick	1:15:48	6	
Sara Nielsen	1:15:48	6	
Karen McKenna	1:21:49	8	
Mac Clohan	1:47:43	9	
Grant Abbott	1:58:12	10	
Doug Hitch	DNF	11	
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<u>Expert course (adults) - 4.0 km</u>			
Calean McLean	0:43:19	1	
Forest Pearson	0:50:42	2	
Colin Abbott	0:53:31	3	
Benoit Turcotte	0:56:57	4	
Jeremy Johnson	1:29:11	5	
Darren Holcombe	1:32:25	6	6
	Total		41