

YOA – Copper Ridge Event – August 23, 2023

The orienteering event that took place on the southwest corner of Copper Ridge on August 23 was a great success. The temperature was very warm, especially for late August, but the forest was quite enjoyable, with very few mosquitoes and black flies. Participants could appreciate that a number of trees had fallen during the late-July thunderstorm, and this affected the speed of several participants on technical portions of the advanced and expert courses. Fortunately, all trails had been recently maintained and no fallen trees impacted the intermediate and novice courses.

At course closure, at 8:30 pm, there had been a total of 56 registrations. This included 8 participants on the novice Course, 23 on the intermediate course, 13 on the advanced course, and 12 on the expert course.

On the expert course (more than 3.4 km) Colin Abbott was the fastest runner, with an Olympic time of 29 min 16 sec, followed by Forest Pearson (34 min 45 sec) and Leif Blake (37 min 47 sec). On the advanced course, Carl Turcotte (junior, 42 min 14 sec) made it just before Philippa McNeil (44 min 22 sec) and Phineas Pearson completed the podium (junior, 58 min 7 sec). On the intermediate course, Daniel Dreiseitl was the fastest participant (37 min 20 sec), followed by Declan Wise (junior, 37 min 57 sec), and Ian Turcotte (junior, 43 min, 5 sec). Finally, on the novice course Nelia Turcotte (junior, 32 min 25 sec) was first to complete the 2.5 km course, then Hugo Horton (junior) and Erin Neufeld came second with a time of 38 min 38 sec, and the third position went to Coralie (junior), Opal (junior) and Gina Anderson (43 min 16 seconds).

The organizers would like to thank all participants for their enthusiasm and feedback. Great discussions took place as the sun was setting behind Haeckle Hill.

Results:

Novice:

1.	Nelia Turcotte	00:32:25
2.	Hugo Horton	00:38:38
3.	Erin Neufeld	00:38:38
4.	Coralie Anderson	00:43:16
5.	Opal Anderson	00:43:16
6.	Gina Anderson	00:43:16
7.	Miya Nishikawa	00:57:13
8.	Madeleine Williams	00:57:13

Intermediate:

1.	Daniel Dreiseitl	00:37:20
2.	Declan Wise	00:37:57
3.	Ian Turcotte	00:43:05
4.	Hector Horton	00:44:46
5.	Finlay Horton	00:46:46
6.	Stephen Horton	00:46:46
7.	Midori Nishikawa	00:46:46
8.	Jennifer MacKeigan	00:46:46

9.	Karin Keeley-Eriksson	00:47:11
10.	Wendy Nixon	00:48:36
11.	Debbie Kiemele	00:52:49
12.	Joan Stanton	00:53:03
13.	Bob Nishikawa	00:53:03
14.	Martin Nishikawa	00:53:03
15.	Atticus Mitchell-Richards	01:05:06
16.	Wendy Tailer	01:05:06
17.	Leonore Morris	01:07:55
18.	Nesta Leduc	01:16:11
19.	Mark Budd	01:22:50
20.	Angela Mackenna	01:22:50
21.	Ev Pasichnyk	01:48:34
22.	Gwen Hogan	01:48:49
23.	Karen Archbell	01:48:51

Advanced:

1.	Carl Turcotte	00:42:14
2.	Philippa McNeil	00:44:22
3.	Phineas Pearson	00:58:07
4.	Barbara Scheck	00:58:51
5.	Lara Melnik	01:03:36
6.	Judith van Gulick	01:12:46
7.	Grant Abbott	01:16:18
8.	Glenda Koh	01:30:44
9.	Rachel Moser	01:31:56
10.	Craig Brooks	DNF
11.	Bob Murkett	DNF
12.	Elizabeth Bradley	DNF
13.	Doug Hitch	DNF

Expert:

1.	Colin Abbott	00:29:16
2.	Forest Pearson	00:34:45
3.	Leif Blake	00:37:47
4.	Afan Jones	00:46:34
5.	Dave Hildes	00:50:56
6.	Darren Holcombe	00:51:03
7.	Pia Blake	00:51:05
8.	Jeremy Johnson	00:51:21
9.	Erik Blake	00:54:33
10.	Emilie Stewart-Jones	01:07:30
11.	Bob Sagar	01:23:15
12.	Sabine Schweiger	01:29:52