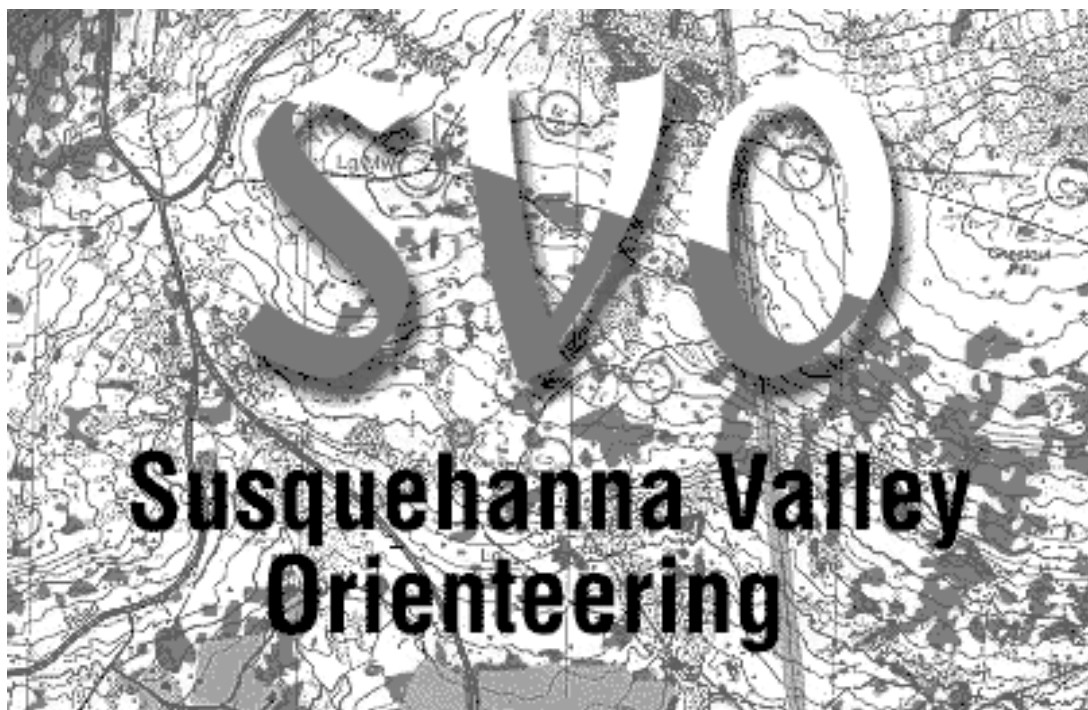


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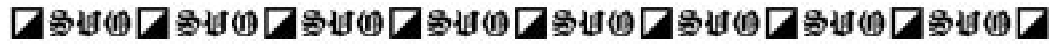
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Don't forget your whistle....



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**From the Editor**

Its been a busy fall here in the Valley - Lots of local and not-so-local meets to attend. Not to mention meets to put on! Just a reminder to everyone as you look through this issue, which is mostly meet results, notice the lists of helpers. Putting on a meet is a huge volunteer effort, and involves lots of work by lots of people. There's more to an event than just hanging bags in the woods. Courses have to be designed and control locations chosen and checked for suitability by going out to the site days or even weeks ahead of time. Then of course there are all those beautifully hand-drawn maps. The event director has to make sure there is staffing for the registration, star/finish tables and control pick-up, and punch cards and other materials have to make it to the site. And of course the results must be collected and a report written up for the newsletter. All this, rain or shine...

So please, if you are interested in helping out at the meets in *\*any\** capacity at all, let myself or Brad know, or contact the meet director directly. SVO may be hosting one or two A-meet events this coming spring in conjunction with the USOF Convention that DVOA is hosting, and we'll need all the help we can get. Money raised from big events like this help up fund our future mapping projects and educational activities.

-Eddie

**REMINDER**

If your membership is due to expire (if your membership expiration date is highlighted on the mailing label of this newsletter) then you should renew before the end of the year, as the membership dues will be increasing after Jan 1. Current rates:

\$10 - Individual      \$15 - Family

After Jan. 1:

\$15 - Individual      \$20 - Family

Use the SVO registration/renewal form at the back of this newsletter.

Also, don't forget about the upcoming meet at Pine Grove Furnace State Park on Sunday, November 23rd. This is SVO's last event of the fall season.

*See you there!!!!*

- Eddie

## Kings Gap Environmental Center

Kings Gap Environmental Center, Carlisle, PA, September 13, 1997

Workers: Mike Ball and David Levine

The weather was great and the number of participants was more manageable than last spring (when nearly 100 people showed up). This time 34 people received an introduction to the sport of orienteering and some basic map reading instruction before heading out on the White course designed by Mark Frank over a decade ago.

For the first time at this event, two orienteers got seriously lost. They headed the wrong direction leaving the second control and continued over and down the hill quite some ways before they realized their error. At that point, they attempted to use the Escape Bearing printed on the map and continued until they found a dirt road. When the dirt road met a paved road, they turned right (away from the center!) and began walking. The first phases of a search were nearly complete when they were found by the Bishop family five and a half miles from the start. Although this story has a happy ending, it points out the care which we must all show when we are in the woods. After their initial mistake, the group did well to get out to the road, but after that they should have stayed put to make the search easier. If the Bishops hadn't recognized the orienteers, it might have been another hour or more before they were found and the search would have begun to involve many more people.

Our thanks go out to Scott Hackenburg of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for his help with the event in general and the search in particular. We hope to see the lost-and-found orienteers in the woods in the future, but perhaps showing a bit more restraint than when they took off to the third control this time.

### White Course 2.3Km 90m climb

Brian Robertson	43:05	Ray's Webeloes (4)	68:03
Debbie Barnes	45:28	Brett Shaffer (3)	73:28
Natalie Bishop	51:57	Wendy Huffman (7)	68:42-87:08
Cassie Bishop	52:57	Vicky Kinsey (2)	126:40
Joe Krull	53:15	Anonymous (2)	DNF
Laura Bishop	54:38		
Rob Schwartz	63:51		
John Owad (5)	65:02		
Chris' Webeloes (4)	65:03		

## Camp Mack Scout Camp

Camp Mack, Brickerville, PA, October 10, 1997

Event Director: Jim Browne

Assistant Event Director: Dean Novosat

Course Setter: Mihai Veres

Helpers: Mike Ball, Eddie Bergeron, Sandi Veres, Brad Whitmore, Paul

Grubbs, Reid Smalley, Roy Ferguson, David Levine, Libby Milliron,

Natalie Borozny, Christine Ritchie, Diane Gilmore

A beautiful sunny day in the 60's made for perfect orienteering. The courses were a bit long (and steep) which lead to some interesting conversations about strategies after the event.

### White 2.25Km 120m

Joe Haines Group	SVO	52:40
Libby Milliron Group	SVO	58:16
Peterson Group		75:10
Wendy Grubbs	SVO	124:32
Voit/Donahue Group	SVO	DNF

### Yellow 2.30Km 140m

Wolf Group		70:05
Roy Ferguson	SVO	71:25
Joe Evans		111:18
Joseph F. Krull Jr.		122:56
Kirby Group		126:06
Gibson Group	SVO	DNF

### Orange 3.35Km 160m

John McKee	IUPOC	67:14
Mark & Sidnie Burton		72:52
Rebecca Stake	POC	109:47
Sandi Veres	SVO	115:47
Richard March	SVO	115:56
Crawford Group	SVO	125:06
David Pistner		133:55
Diane Gilmore	SVO	134:57
Natalie Borozny	SVO	SPW**
Gibson Group	SVO	SPW**

\*\*SPW=Sportsman's Withdraw due to a misplaced control early in the event

### Green 5.25Km 220m

Rob Wilmison	DVOA/POC	81:48
Jim Wolfe	IUPOC	101:09
Tom Payne		126:00
Robert Schoenberger	SVO	145:50
Scott Fitzpatrick	SVO	169:09
Christine Ritchie	SVO	181:20
Russ Laucks	SVO	181:50
Reid Smalley	SVO	205:52
Jess Newell	SVO	218:36
Tom Payne		250:40
Paparo Group	SVO	287:40
Ronald Skrabut	SVO	DNF

### Red 6.80Km 370m

Eddie Bergeron	SVO	80:57
Brad Whitmore	SVO	87:26**
Mark Voit	SVO	89:24
David Levine	SVO	117:02
Mike Ball	SVO	124:02
Tim Gilbert	IUPOC	145:20

\*\*Also performed course maintenance during run (claims several minutes credit)

## Rocky Ridge County Park

Rocky Ridge County Park, York PA. Oct 18, 1997

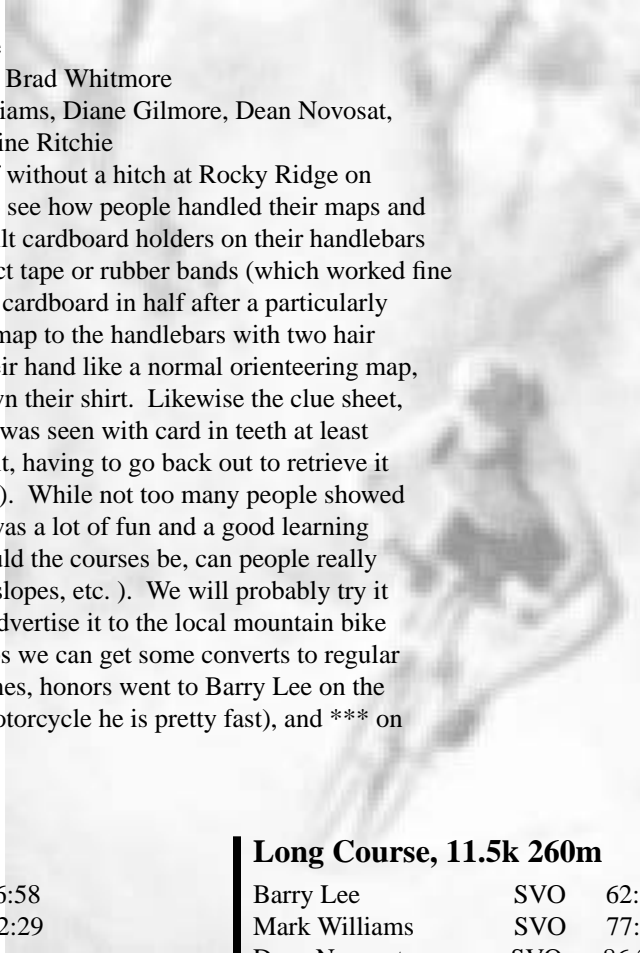
### Bike-O

Meet Director: Brad Whitmore

Course setter: Eddie Bergeron, Brad Whitmore

Helpers: Barry Lee, Mark Williams, Diane Gilmore, Dean Novosat, Dave and Sarah Levine, Christine Ritchie

The first SVO Bike-O went off without a hitch at Rocky Ridge on October 8. It was interesting to see how people handled their maps and control cards. Some people built cardboard holders on their handlebars with the map held down by duct tape or rubber bands (which worked fine until the rubber bands bent the cardboard in half after a particularly big bump), some attached the map to the handlebars with two hair clips, some wadded it up in their hand like a normal orienteering map, and some simply stuffed it down their shirt. Likewise the clue sheet, where one enterprising person was seen with card in teeth at least twice (then how did she loose it, having to go back out to retrieve it before getting an official finish). While not too many people showed up for this inaugural event, it was a lot of fun and a good learning experience (i.e., how long should the courses be, can people really ride up and down the steepest slopes, etc. ). We will probably try it again next year and this time advertise it to the local mountain bike enthusiast a little more (perhaps we can get some converts to regular orienteering). As far as the times, honors went to Barry Lee on the long course (even without a motorcycle he is pretty fast), and \*\*\* on the short course.



#### Short Course, 4.1k 85m

Harry Payne	SVO	26:58
Bryan Hopkins,		32:29
Andy Ruth		
Diane Gilmore	SVO	44:22
Steve Payne	SVO	53:28
Sarah Levine	SVO	88:44 (on-foot and horse)

#### Long Course, 11.5k 260m

Barry Lee	SVO	62:14
Mark Williams	SVO	77:10
Dean Novosat	SVO	86:20
Keith Davis	SVO	87:18
Ken Lapikockij,		100:37
Terry Yiengst		
Tom & Matt Payne	SVO	101:11
Christine Ritchie	SVO	172:29 (on-foot)
James Smith & son	OVT	(on-foot)
Brad Whitmore	SVO	60:14 (unofficial)

## Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships

Rocky Ridge County Park, York, PA, October 26, 1997

Meet Director/Course Setter: Brad Whitmore

Relay Course Setter: Francis Hogle

Helpers: Marilee Ball, Mike Ball, Eddie Bergeron, Jim Brown, Nathalie Borozny, Meghan Donahue, Diane Gilmore, Francis Hogle, Dave Levine, Jess Newell, Harry Payne, Ananda Ranashinghe, Christine Ritchie, Paul Tucker, Mihai Veres, Mark Voit

The storm that dumped 2 feet of snow in Colorado arrived at Rocky Ridge County Park at 10:00 AM, just as the first starters went out. Constant rain and 50 degree temperatures didn't seem to affect the number of participants much, however, with 115 competitors this year compared with the 107 last year in perfect weather. I believe this is a testament to the growing interest in the Mid-Atlantic Championships (and the quality of SVO events ?), and predict that if we can get some decent weather next year and a relatively central location (I plan on suggesting the new Gifford Pinchot map that should be done this Spring) we might get 200.

The meet itself went quite well with IUPOC taking an early lead based on participation points, and Quantico showing their strength in both the individual results (6 of 6 first place finishes !) and the relay. IUPOC held on to take 2nd with SVO finishing 3rd based on 11 different people that scored 37 individual points [Mihai Veres (8 pts) and Harry Payne (7 pts) were the top SVO point getters]. DVOA was a surprisingly weak 4th place, perhaps because they were preparing for an A-meet the next week. The highlight for them was Robert Buraczynski who ran all 3 legs of the relay and earned 10 points for DVOA. Several members of the Navy Orienteering team showed up and competed for Quantico, including Benetis Vytėnis who took 1st on the blue course and anchored the QOC relay team. Its great to see another strong military team get started; I look forward to some interesting Army-Navy contests at the national level. Hopefully next year Navy will have enough members to compete as their own team at the Mid-Atlantic. Might make things pretty interesting.

Can QOC make it a 3-peat next year or will DVOA get serious about the Mid-Atlantic Championship and show up in big numbers? With the scoring the way it is, SVO and the other small clubs have a chance too (witness the IUPOC 2nd place this year). With a little luck I think SVO can win the relay and make a real run for the championship.

**Tune in next year!**

Final Score

	<b>People</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Relay</b>	<b>Total</b>
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QOC	40/23/18	92	65	175
IUPOC	6/100/79	21	0	100
SVO	35/29/23	37	25	85
DVOA	26/7/6	45	10	61
POC	4/31/24	0	0	24

*NOTE: People score is:  
participants/distance-adjusted-percentage-of-club/points-earned*

**White 2.3 km 65 m (N=13)**

Keith Rush	QOC	25:50
Chris Rhine	IUP	26:26
Debbie Barnes		32:15
Shank	SVO	36:40
Andy/Karen Strat	QOC	40:30
Kallos Group	SVO	44:41
Miller Group		47:14
Baughner Group		50:25
Omdertt Group		52:54
Robert Frank	DVOA	56:17
Pearce Group		56:22
Lawrence Group scouts		58:05
Addison Cole	DVOA	130:06

**Yellow 2.4 km 70 m (N=17)**

Richard Fray	QOC	24:16
Audra Supplee	DVOA	36:31
Hurshel Shank	SVO	49:20
Roy Ferguson	DVOA	49:36
Ron Skrabut	SVO	51:06
Trish Strat	QOC	53:37
Greg Webb		55:29
Glen Boyer		55:54
Caroline Ringo	DVOA	59:44
Lee Pedersen	POC	60:11
Dave McGaughey	IUP	64:34
Nathalie Borozny	SVO	65:45
Kallos Group	SVO	76:32
Seth/Corey Tucker	SVO	92:42
Ken Heck	SVO	106:02
Katz + O'Donnell	QOC	184:00
Ruslander Group	DVOA	DNF

**Orange 4.5 km 95 m (N=20)**

Jeff Haskell	QOC	49:24
Harry Payne	SVO	54:02
Ed Webb	DVOA	55:27
John McKee	IUP	55:54
Valerie Meyer	QOC	56:03
Tom Payne	SVO	57:38
Richard Fray	QOC	59:48
Kathy Weber	QOC	61:14
Julie Keim	SVO	71:20
Johnson Group	QOC	71:43
Jess Newell	SVO	71:58
John Uselman	IUP	72:08
Charley Parker	DVOA	76:36
Russ Laucks	SVO	77:28
Jeff Stoyer	SVO	82:52
James Taylor	QOC	98:46
Steven Payne	SVO	102:37
Amber Shawl		108:57
Marmie Schuster-Walker	QOC	116:43
Karen Shane Stegen	POC/DVOA/SVO	124:18

**Green 4.3 km 160 m (N= 35)**

Ken Walker, Sr. QOC	47:32
Jim Wolfe IUP	60:29
Ed Scott DVOA	61:03
Greg Walker QOC	61:54
Rob Wilkison DVOA	62:53
Mark Frank DVOA	62:59
John Organec QOC	65:51
Mary Frank DVOA	66:13
Larry Pedersen POC	67:30
Russ Hray QOC	68:00
Keg Good QOC	68:44
Sandy Fillebrown DVOA	72:05
Drew Richardson SVO	74:48
David Holmes DVOA	74:51
Al Dotts DVOA	78:00
Bob Gross DVOA	82:10
Greg Lennon QOC	82:41
Valery Roy DVOA	82:45
Jim Brown SVO	83:41
Joe Haines SVO	85:31
Dale Parson DVOA	86:17
Street Thoma QOC	86:32
Van Anthony QOC	91:20
Ed Niemann SVO	92:37
Ananda Ranasinghe SVO	101:02
Pattison Group QOC	112:55
Kent Ringo DVOA	114:50
Christine Ritchie SVO	134:09
Dane Jenson QOC	139:26
Reid Smalley SVO	149:02
Richard March SVO	207:41
Suzanne Izzo QOC	DNF
Scott Fitzpatrick SVO	DNF
Pat Zerfas Potomac Valley	DNF
Mike Brooks QOC	DNF

**Red 6.3 km 220 m (N=18)**

Peter Thompson QOC	74:41
Tom Strat QOC	82:10
Bob Rush QOC	82:25
Chris Gross DVOA	82:34
David Levine SVO	85:06
Michael Warlter QOC	95:06
Sam Listwalk QOC	96:28
Mike Ball SVO	100:07
John Vierow QOC	103:02
George Hart POC	105:25
Benjamin Summers DVOA	115:18
Brian Supplee DVOA	118:29
Jonathan Newmark COC/SVO	129:15
Tom Cannon SVO	145:06
Jim Egenrieder QOC	181:10
Mike Burbach	DNF
Bill Felo SVO	DNF
Tim Gilbert IUP	DNF

**Blue 8.2 km 330 m (N=12)**

Nick Duca Romania	66:51
Benetis Vytenis QOC	68:06
Mihai Veres SVO	69:19
Istvan Nagy DVOA	76:44
Clem McGrath DVOA	78:00
Eddie Bergeron SVO	85:48
Ted Good QOC	88:02
Peggy Dickison QOC	92:55
Mark Voit SVO	95:05
Ed White DVOA	103:27
Tim Good QOC	112:36
Francis Hogle QOC	118:54

**RELAY**

- Leg 1 2.1 km 50 m
- Leg 2 2.5 km 100 m
- Leg 3 2.5 km 60 m

1/2	SVO (12:50)	QOC-A (12:57)	QOC-B (13:12)	DVOA (13:20)
1	QOC-A (19:20)	QOC-B (19:26)	SVO (24:50)	DVOA (24:53)
1 1/2	QOC-A (35:56)	QOC-B (39:08)	SVO (42:52)	DVOA (47:42)
2	QOC-A (41:18)	QOC-B (45:47)	SVO (48:32)	DVOA (56:03)
2 1/2	QOC-A (56:03)	SVO (59:24)	QOC-B (59:26)	DVOA (75:49)
3	QOC-A (61:34)	SVO (66:09)	QOC-B (73:51)	DVOA (86:42)

### Longs Park

Longs Park, Lancaster, PA, November 8, 1997

Meet Director: Jim Browne

Course Setter: Jim Browne

Helpers: Merle, Greg and Chris Crawford, Marny Schultz and Paul Willcox.

It was a dark and stormy night - well, a dark and drizzly morning, and it turned out to be one of the more unusual events I've been to. The controls were carefully hung and direction signs put in place by 9AM, and fifteen minutes later two of the controls were missing as well as one of the direction signs. And the park seemed deserted. I started scouting all the trash cans, but no luck, so I replaced the missing items and sat down to wait for the helpers and participants.

The helpers arrived - the Crawfords (Merle, Greg and Chris), Marny Schultz, and Paul Willcox. Lots of dead time till some Boy Scouts arrived. They were registered, instructed, and sent off. To their great credit, they got to the 1st control, found no flag there, but were unfazed and went on to find all the rest. They were followed by Chris Crawford going out for the first time on his own. Then Sarah Levine arrived with Dave, and after lots of Duck and Geese conversation, off they went on the course.

Then following a burst of intuition, Marny and I went to the park headquarters, inquired, and found that a maintenance person had picked up the missing equipment while making early rounds. We got them back, and the event instantly went from a money loser to a slight winner.

Everyone finished the course well, went home reasonably dry, and the results are noted below.

### Course 1.2km; 18m climb

Worley BS troop	Pretty fast time
Scott BS troop	Equally fast time
Chris Crawford	Really fast time
Sarah/David Levine	Smoked the course