

The Morgan Arboretum — March 13, 2011				
Ski—Orienteering				
			O-Club	Time
SKI - LONG (2 Courses: 7.6 + 6.6) 14.2 km (probable best route) 17 controls				
1	Francis	Falardeau	Ramblers	(1st : 0:45) 1:33:00
2	Bruce	Glen	Ramblers	1:59:46
3	Eric	Lillie	Ramblers	2:14:55
4	John	Dennett		2:38:20
5	Elaine	S	Ramblers	2:54:20
SHORT 7.6 km (probable best route) (8 controls)				
1	Glen	Wight	Ramblers	1:08:01
2	Vlad	Gavrilov	Ramblers	1:19:14
3	Lina	Gavrilova	Ramblers	DNF
SNOWSHOE—Orienteering				
LONG 7.35 km (probable best route) (10 controls)				
1	Jennifer	O'Connell		1:24:40
2	Michel	Daoust		1:31:00
3	Andrei	Pavlov		1:43:43
4	Joanna & Alex	Eyquem		2:23:30
5	Penny	Fulleriger		2:31:30
6	Jean et Dominique	Barbès		DSQ - omis #7
SHORT 5.75 km (probable best route) (9 controls)				
1	Mike	Bole	Ramblers	0:44:58
2	Thomas	Nosal &		
	Aleksiina	Chapman		1:44:32
3	Florent et Beatrice	Vilotte + Celia (4½ ans)	Ramblers	1:53:42
4	Tania	Montpetit		DNF
			8 Skiers	
			14 Snowshoers	
			18 Starts / 22 participants+ enfant (4½)	
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Ski- & Snowshoe-Orienteering Event in the **Morgan Arboretum – March 13, 2011**

With the temperature just above freezing and the sky overcast, we didn't really expect a big turnout at this end-of-season event...and unfortunately, we had assumed correctly. A few days earlier, when we hung the flags, new snow had been wonderfully fluffy, the air was crisp and a bright sun had been shining down on us. The Arboretum was showing her glorious best. But, winter can be very fickle and her moods can change quickly.

Separate courses were set for skiing and for snowshoeing. The Ski event consisted of two different loops – the first (7.6 km) was printed on everyone's map with red circles and red numbers; the second (6.6 km) with blue ones. Each circuit had about the same degree of difficulty. The snowshoe event was done using a single course of 7.35 km that could be easily shortened to 5.75 km.

The weather and snow conditions had been a factor for weeks before the meet. We moved the date from the 6th to the 13th to try to avoid rain and possibly icy conditions. In the end, the snow for the 'Shoeing event was quite good. For the Ski-O it was satisfactory for some and passable for others. There was good snow coverage but waxing was definitely a problem. Those with the right wax – or with waxless skis – did well.

Results:

Among the Skiers... **Francis Falardeau** finished the 14.2 km (best-route) LONG Ski-O in 1:33:00; **Bruce Glen** was 2nd (1:49:46) and **Eric Lillie** 3rd (2:14:55). **Glen Wight** took the 7.6 km Ski-O in 1:08:01; **Vlad Gavrilov** was just 11 minutes back.

In the SNOWSHOE event... **Jennifer O'Connell's** time for the 7.35 km was a commendable 1:24:40. **Michel Daoust** was 2nd in 1:31:00 and Dawson College student, **Andrei Pavlov**, was 3rd in 1:43:43. All three are new, or almost new to Orienteering. The SHORT course was led by **Michael Bole** with a swift 0:44:58.

Thanks to those who participated and **THANKS** to those who helped organize the meet: **Anthony Berkers** took care of registration and timing, and on the day before the meet he checked all the controls that had been previously put in place. **Elaine, Gloria** and I took advantage of a sunny day two days later to retrieve our flags.

Special thanks also go to the **Morgan Arboretum** for allowing us to hold our event in this fine location as well as for the use of the Arboretum's Conservation Centre.