

The JPL Running Club's

2nd Biennial

MAY MADNESS

MEDLEY MATCH RACE TOURNAMENT

Date: Thursday, May 30, 1985 -- Women and Senior(45+) Divisions
Friday, May 31, 1985 -- Open Division

Time: 12:00 sharp*

Distance: 3 miles total, but see below

Place: Arroyo Seco Canyon (extended Green Dot Course)

The May Madness tournament is an unusual competition we first tried two years ago. It's three races in one! First, you run a tough 1-mile uphill race, then an easy 1.5 miles mostly downhill, and, for a finale, a half mile slightly downhill. And you race against different people in each of the three races!

The whole idea is to conduct a three-round tournament of 'match' races, with only a handful of runners (2, 3, or 4, depending on turnout) contesting each race. First-round matchups are determined randomly, and matchups in succeeding rounds are determined by the outcomes of the earlier races (winners run against other winners, losers against losers, etc.). Everyone runs three races, and overall rankings are determined tournament-style.* Each race begins as soon as possible after the previous round's race is over, so nobody gets much rest between rounds.

This year there are three divisions: Women, Senior (age 45 and over), and Open (anyone). The three divisions are contested separately on two successive days. There is an absolute requirement for at least 8 runners per division,* so women and senior men should make a special effort to race on Thursday to keep their whole division from falling apart.

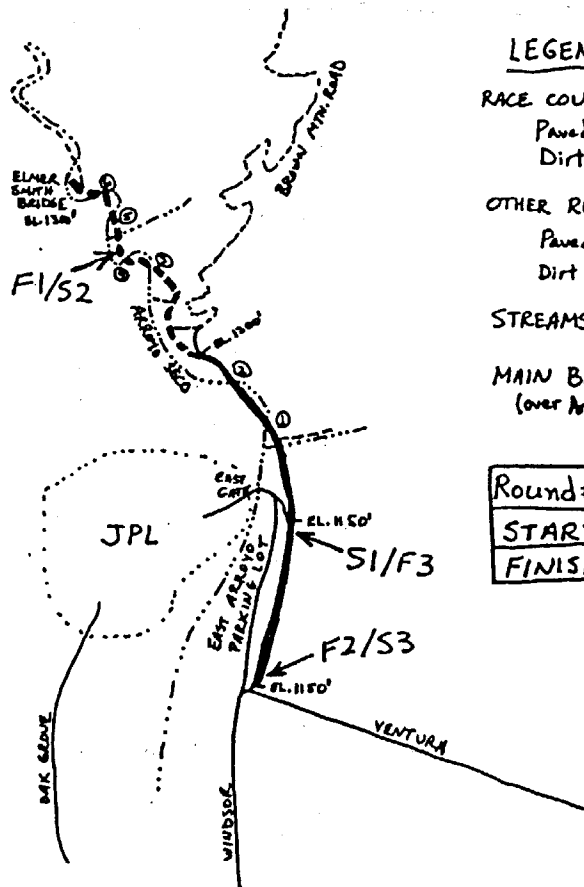
Everybody is encouraged to show up both days, even though you'll probably only compete once (note: women and senior men are technically eligible to compete both days). Your friends in other divisions will appreciate a cheering section. Besides, we need plenty of race officials, because this is a very complicated race. Open Division competitors should volunteer to help officiate on Thursday, and women and seniors should reciprocate by helping out on Friday. Please contact Sam Dolinar (238-420, X8161) if you wish to volunteer.

* SEE IMPORTANT NOTES ON REVERSE SIDE.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Because of the three-round tournament format, there must be a minimum of 8 entrants in each division. IF ANY DIVISION HAS FEWER THAN 8 ENTRANTS, THE DIVISION WILL BE COMBINED WITH THE OPEN DIVISION.
2. Each division can accommodate a maximum of 64 competitors. Entrants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, except that first preference will be given to all runners who help officiate at another division's races.
3. For this race, you must be prompt. Due to the complexity of scheduling all the different matches, LATECOMERS CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED IN ANY WAY.
4. Every runner will wear a scorecard throughout the race, on which race officials will record the race outcomes. PLEASE WEAR AN APPROPRIATE SHIRT TO WHICH YOUR SCORECARD CAN BE PINNED.
5. The race starts on the Green Dot Course at the middle double dot (see S1 on map). The 1st-round course goes 1 mile up Arroyo Seco Canyon, past the end of the Green Dot Course and ending at Teddy's Outpost picnic area (F1 on map). The 2nd-round course retraces the 1st-round course down the Canyon and continues another half-mile to the gate at Windsor and Ventura streets (F2 on map). The 3rd-round course retraces the last half-mile of the 2nd-round course, ending at the original start.

6. Overall rankings within each division are determined as follows:
 - (1) the tournament champion
 - (2) all double winners
 - (3) all single winners
 - (4) all non-winners
 Within each category, relative rankings are computed according to the regular single-elimination tournament conventions (all 1st-round winners ahead of all 1st-round losers, etc.). Double winners are runners who win two of their three matches. The tournament champion is the only runner within the division who wins three matches.



LEGEND

RACE COURSE
 Paved ———
 Dirt - - - -

OTHER ROADS
 Paved ———
 Dirt - - - -

STREAMS - - - -

MAIN BRIDGES ① ② ③
 (over Arroyo Seco) ④ ⑤ ⑥

Round#	1	2	3
START	S1	S2	S3
FINISH	F1	F2	F3