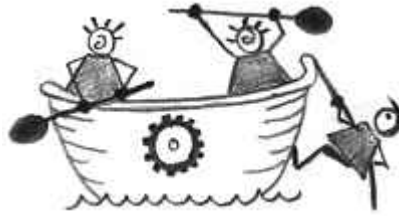


# The BARK

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Sharing adventure  
in the outdoors  
*a.k.a*  
"Getting Lost Together"

## Team Have'n Fun Has Fun Winning SnowBerry

There was sun; there was snow; there was Cup-O-Soup. The First Annual Wild SnowBerry had it all. Six hardy teams converged on Edison Sno-Park at 8am on February 22 to spend the day finding checkpoints in the snow. After plotting the CPs on their maps, teams faced their first challenge—deciding on the best gear for the race. Some chose snowshoes, some chose skis. For the winners, Team Have'n Fun/Pine Mountain Sports it was a split decision. Captain Aaron Lish traveled on skis while teammate Tracy Bahr used snowshoes.



*Team Have'n Fun liv'n up to its name*



The Wild SnowBerry featured a surprise guest, Raid Gauloises Winner Patrick Harper of Team Montrail. BARK "raffled off" an opportunity to compete in the SnowBerry on Patrick's team based on the best essay received. Hildie Oliver was the lucky winner:

I should be on Patrick's team because I am totally unprepared, having just returned from Aconcagua (that's in Argentina where it's summer and not so ungodly cold as it is here) and although I didn't make the summit I spent 10+days without a shower, survived horrible headaches and nausea and reached 21,500 ft with very dirty hair. Also, neither Dave nor Tom have emailed me, so I assume they don't want me on their teams, or they are not participating (hard to believe), and all my athletic friends are out of town doing other races. Let me know as soon as possible, so I know how much to drink on Saturday night.

Sincerely,  
Hildie Oliver



*Patrick Harper at the Wild SnowBerry*

Besides being one of the best adventure racers in the world, Patrick is also the course designer for the Raid Series Adventure Race coming to Bend this summer. After the SnowBerry he shared some

hints about the June event. Aaah, the home field advantage!

As the SnowBerry started, teams scattered because they were allowed to find the first three checkpoints in any order. One particularly fun CP was on top of a nearby butte, while CP4 featured hot apple cider at the Edison Shelter. Most teams found the checkpoints especially hard to locate in the snow-covered, somewhat featureless topography that was criss-crossed with ski, snowshoe and snowmobile trails. Following someone else's tracks was not always such a good strategy!

It was a close race, determined in the final checkpoints. Team Have'n Fun and Team Band Aid utilized their orienteering expertise to find all of the checkpoints, finishing one-two and finally dethroning Team Weenie as Berry Champions.

- Pam Stevenson

## Join Team BARK for the 2004 Race Season

Team BARK is excited as ever about adventure racing and we are looking for new sponsors and racers now! Contact Team Captain Dave Schneider at 536-5617 if you are interested, especially the first race of the season, the Cal Eco 24-hour race at Lake San Antonio, California April 17-18.

New BARK members are always welcome! Please encourage your friends and other crazy people you know to join BARK. No experience required, just an inability to lie on the couch eating Cheese Whiz while watching Baywatch reruns.



PICK UP YOUR BARK CARD AT PINE MT TODAY!

## WILD SNOWBERRY RESULTS

#	NAME	CP4	FINISH TIME
1	Team Have'n Fun Aaron Lish Tracy Bahr	3:46	5:32
2	Team Band Aid Chuck Thomas Robert Uetrecht	4:37	6:19
3	Team Weenie Max King Kenyon Neumann Dave Clark	3:25	6:20 (no CP5) (10 minute penalty- mandatory gear!)
4	Team Footzone Joel McNamara Joanne Stevens Cynthia Engel Matt Millar	3:44	6:23 (no CP5) (10 minute penalty for using radios!)
5	Team Montrail Patrick Harper Hildie Oliver	3:54	5:40 (no CP5, CP6)
6	Team Feeling Groovy John Kelly Jon Markey Toby Bayard	6:55	7:55 (no CP1A, CP1B, CP5, CP6)

## Navigation Class Offered by BARK's Chuck Thomas

Adventure Racing skills are now a part of COCC's Continuing Education program. The following class is being offered May 4 to May 11 for \$45:

Has your GPS ever failed in the wilderness...at night? Do you want to feel more confident bushwhacking in the forest? Or perhaps you are an aspiring sport Adventure Racer, or want to compete in an orienteering race. This class will help you become proficient with a map and compass and gain the confidence to travel in the backcountry under all types of conditions and situations. Instructor is the team navigator for Team TIMEX Adventure Racing. Classroom session and two field (day & evening) sessions. Bring a compass. Instructor is Charles Thomas.

Says Chuck: "My class is 9 hours long in 3 sessions. May 4th is a 3-hour classroom workshop from 6:00-9:00pm. This covers map/compass, UTM, basics of navigation, etc. May 8th is a 4-hour field session from 8:30am-12:30pm to learn skills in the field and then try some orienteer courses. May 11th is a 2-hour session that will be at night in the field. This is to let people try night navigation and possibly simulate poor weather conditions, low visibility, etc."

You can register at [www.cocc.edu](http://www.cocc.edu).