

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

### *The Moraine For Life ADVENTURE RELAY*

#### Creating a Major Annual Fundraiser

For ORTA to continue operations beyond 2009 at the scale anticipated in The Strategic Plan required substantial ongoing funding. It became clear that the best option would be corporate sponsorship. *Your Charity Village* drafted a Request for Proposals to interested Public Event organisers. Of six respondents that from *Life Adventures* was by far the most detailed and formed the basis of a 2006 request to ORMF for seed monies to establish an *Adventure Relay* across the Oak Ridges Trail. It was anticipated to generate in excess of \$100,000 annually through sponsorships and that participating teams would raise pledges covering costs.

The ORMF Board offered seed monies of \$250,000 on condition corporate funding materialized; the initial event to be managed by a joint committee.<sup>1</sup> ORTA Members were briefed on the proposed format and the need for volunteers to staff check points at the AGM in April 2006: the date was set for the weekend of September 9 - 10. Positive corporate responses to the prospectus sent out by *Life Adventures* were not forthcoming and this date was cancelled.

Early 2007 a potential corporate sponsor offered to fund a demonstration run of the ambitious *Adventure Relay*. The committee resurrected plans; it was realized it would be more practicable to hold the event around the longest day of the year. *Life Adventures* knew the calendar for sport based fundraising events and the weekend of June 16 – 17, 2007 was announced. Sadly the potential sponsor didn't follow through on a verbal promise of \$100,000. The committee, remaining confident of the event's appeal, decided to go with perhaps just two teams to demonstrate its practicability. One of *Life Adventures* partners was engaged on another project and couldn't participate in detail planning. Harold Sellers intimate knowledge of the trail facilitated detailing the fourteen stages, with relay maps and instructions, and preparation of the checkpoints. **Just days before the planned date seven teams registered. The rest, as they say, is history.**

<sup>1</sup> ORMF Executive Director Michael Scott and Program Manager Kim Gavine; ORTA Executive Director Harold Sellers plus three Directors; and the *Life Adventures* partners Steve Menzie and Stacie Smith.

#### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In this report I'm concentrating on two exciting events held this past June. Of course the first is The Moraine For Life Adventure Relay, something you've read about in various issues of Trail Talk over the past couple of years.

After many months of planning, the Adventure Relay took place on the weekend of June 16 and 17.

Seven teams took part, with 3 to 15 participants each - 71 participants in all. From a 10:00 am Saturday start, the winning team covered the 160 km course in 12 hours and 16 minutes. The final team arrived at the Gate House ORTA office at King City at about 4:30 am Sunday. The teams represented the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, the Ontario Heritage Trust, Running Free's Markham store, Mynextrace.com, Smith Communications and a team comprised of members of the Shaw family. Olympic rowing medalist, Marnie McBean, was a member of the Smith Communications team.

Supporting these teams were 37 ORTA members and friends, staffing 14 checkpoints from Gores Landing to King City. Checkpoint volunteers had to record the in and out times of relay racers, as well as provide any needed assistance, from understanding course maps to supplying extra water. Volunteers were often on duty for many hours, particularly as the teams spread out across the course. Those at western checkpoints were often there during darkness hours.

For each checkpoint there was a corresponding stage of the 160 kilometer course. The first stage was an 8 km canoe route on Rice Lake, between Gores Landing and Bewdley. From there, it was running or biking the rest of the way. There were seven running stages ranging from 6 to 11 km each and six biking stages, 10-19 km in length.

Teams and volunteers alike had lots of praise and encouragement, along with many tips and suggestions for next year. The Relay Steering Committee is now hard at work, arranging for the financing and support for 2008.

#### The First ADVENTURE RELAY June 16 - 17, 2007

*Opposite: Harold's Relay Recap report from Summer Trail Talk.*

"All of us who were present have great memories of the event. As President I offered my role should be to greet the brave runners at the finish line at the Gatehouse.

Earlier in the day I called at a number of checkpoints. On the next page is the official event report by Life Adventures. I was there as Stacie and Martin's 2 year old took off as if to run a leg herself. Then there was the eleven year old participant from the Shaw Family Team – she came storming up the incline from the Hwy 115/35 Underpass.

By the time I got home from the finish it was almost daybreak on Sunday!"

*Stan Butcher*

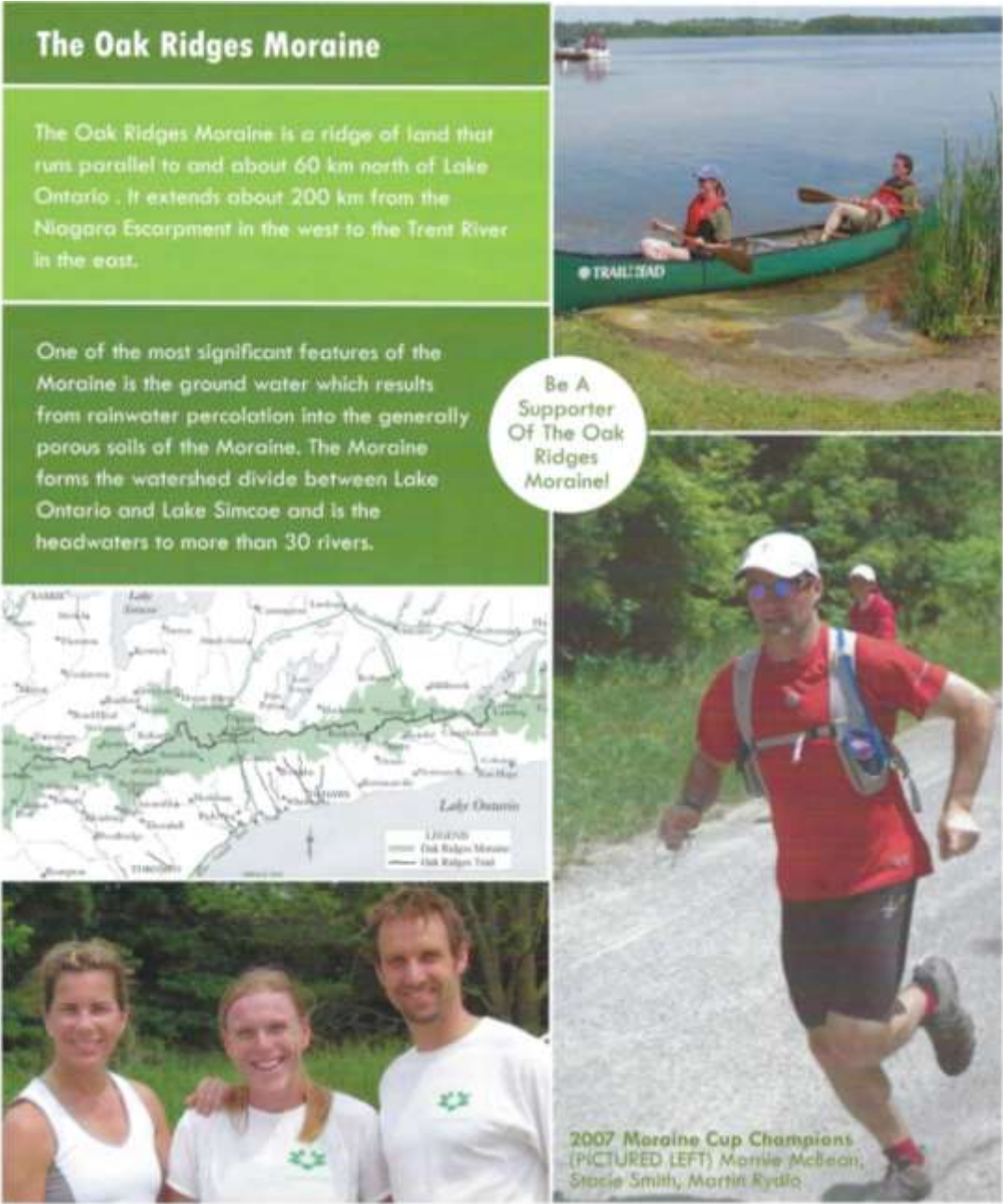
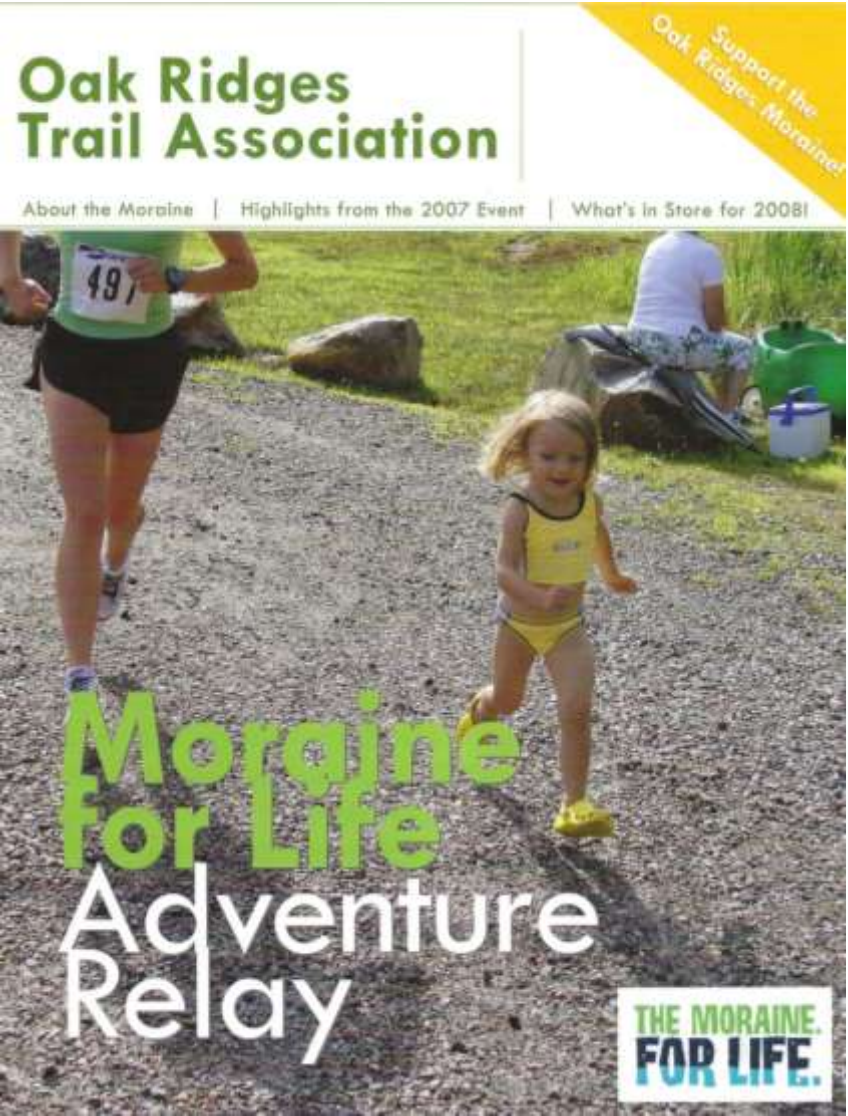
#### ORTA'S Signature Event

The Adventure Relay has become our "Signature Event" engaging at least 100 volunteers each year. Planning for the next year starts immediately after each relay; and detail work in the spring leading up to the mid-June date.

Some reviewers have questioned whether the monies raised are commensurate with the hours put in by staff and volunteers. But the association knows it gains much more than finance as so many members and friends come together and enjoy the day.



**The table of Checkpoint Start and Finish times for this First Adventure Relay is in Appendix 11.** From these the intervals between arrivals and departures are discounted to compute the net overall time for each team. The Table of the Relay Stages and Estimated Checkpoint Timings is based on the Start Time of 8.00 a.m. and the system of Default Start Times adopted in future years





# Be a Part | of the 2008 Moraine for Life Adventure Relay.



The **2008 Moraine for Life Relay** is getting underway and we are excited about what's in store for this coming year!

More teams - and the addition of an elite division

- Another great course
- More media coverage
- Bigger Prizes!

To get involved in the 2008 event as a volunteer, participant or even as a spectator, please go to [www.moraineadventure.com](http://www.moraineadventure.com). This site will be the source for up-to-date information on the June 14th, 2008 event.

Interested in sponsorship? Please visit [www.moraineadventure.com/sponsorship](http://www.moraineadventure.com/sponsorship) and find out how your company can be involved in next year's event.

And, coming in October '07, log on and participate in the Moraine Games, an online scavenger hunt for nature lovers who also love to 'surf'. [www.morainegames.com](http://www.morainegames.com).

### Moraine for Life Adventure Relay

The first annual Moraine for Life Adventure Relay was a huge success. Thank you to our participants, sponsors and volunteers.

On Saturday June 16th, 2007 seven teams raced across the Oak Ridges Moraine in the first ever Moraine for Life Adventure Relay. Taking teams all the way from Rice Lake to King City, the trail lead participants through the 14-stage relay by canoe, bike and on foot. The event was a huge success and we look forward to an even greater race in 2008.

### How You Can Support the Moraine

- Sponsor the 2008 Event
- Become a Volunteer
- Make a Donation
- Enter Your Team in the June 14th, 2008 Relay!

[www.moraineadventure.com](http://www.moraineadventure.com)

**Oak Ridges Trail Association**

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...we look forward to an even greater race in 2008."

This chapter continues with an account of how ORTA plans successive Adventure Relays run entirely by an in-house committee, the results over the years, and illustrates the excitement generated by the event with a collection of photos following the event stage by stage.

### A Successful Demonstration

The demonstration by seven teams in 2007 convinced everyone involved that the event was practicable, enjoyable and - most important - unique. Thus it should meet all three objectives year over year: attracting media attention and raising public awareness across the moraine; attracting teams interested in a challenging event; and, raising substantial funds. But the complex logistics would make thirty or so teams a reasonable limit. Thus, based on participants' entry fees and privately raised supporters' pledges the event could only yield a small financial surplus. Sponsorship would be essential.

Annual fundraisers for major concerns, such as Run for the Cure, were 'no brainers' advertised on TV and attracting significant corporate sponsorship in addition to monies raised by the crowds participating in high population areas such as the GTA. "Big name" corporations were paying large sums to get their names on such events, arenas and professional sports franchises.



*The Moraine. For Life. Adventure Relay* was by comparison small fry. Along the moraine communities most local businesses were smaller; sponsorship was not an option for them. So, as noted earlier, despite best efforts having been made, the responses from the corporate sector had fallen far short of those projected in the proposal.

*Life Adventures* responsibilities were limited to the first annual event. The intellectual property would then belong to ORTA. For example: logos and designs such as posters, registration and pledge forms, were handed over in a format which would allow them to be updated by ORTA in house each year.

An associated virtual reality *Scavenger Hunt* had to be abandoned as, after the successful composition of the first element and a draft second, it was realised this ahead-of-its-time concept required production of a volume of code beyond the proponent's code writer volunteers.

### Development of the Adventure Relay

The most exciting development just a short time before the first Adventure Relay came when the MacDonalds offered to have the event start from their private dock and in later years they also provided safety boats.

At a final meeting of the organizing committee less than two weeks before the demonstration as we learnt there would be seven teams it was realised the teams would be treating it as "a race" rather than "orienteering." Participants were required to have headlamps for the hours of darkness and lighting would be needed at checkpoints and key locations. Even so, in the hours of darkness the standard blazes would not be readily seen by runners or cyclists. At the last minute the lawn signs were designed and produced.

Considering how many components had to be implemented remarkably few minor adjustments were needed. Lessons learnt in 2007 included: the start should be at 8 o'clock rather than 10; arrows were needed on the lawn signs; and a Default Start Time should be used to set the next person off on the next stage if the incoming team member is delayed. The 14 stages and the means of traversing could continue as originally conceived; the marked-up Trail Maps and instructions draw up by Harold would only require to be tweaked to accommodate trail developments



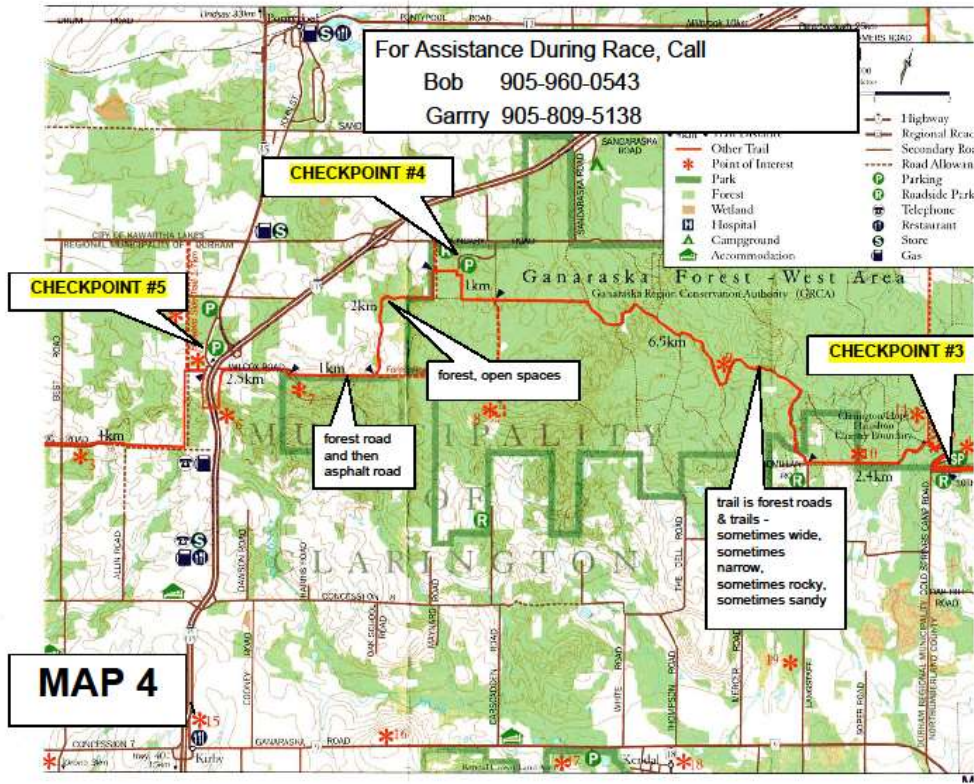
Larger teams of checkpoint volunteers would be required to handle the hoped-for 30 or so teams. ORTA's Office Manager would play a key role in handling enquiries, registrations and the expeditious distribution of team packages. An effective planning committee was required with the Checkpoint Volunteer Co-ordinator a vital role. In the lead up to the relay in subsequent years briefing sessions for volunteers were held at YRF's Hollidge Tract and at Port Perry.



### Documentation for Future Relays

As noted above, even the demonstration relay would not have succeeded without Harold Seller's selection of checkpoint locations and documentation instructing the teams on route details. A separate Adventure Relay website was developed so that competitors could appreciate the details ahead of time. It is important for each team's captain to download the instructions and brief all the team – especially those providing logistical support.

Trail maps from the Guidebook were marked up – below a typical section. Few modifications have been required to Harold's originals; again these are done by the relay team, for example when there are trail changes.



This original design of poster has been updated each year.

Similarly the Participants' Pledge and Entry Forms



Racer:

Team:

Address:

Email:

Tel.:

**PLEDGE** a participant. Your donation will extend and preserve the moraine trail network.

**CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP** Become an event sponsor or name a team after your business!

FIRST NAME LAST NAME	STREET ADDRESS CITY, PROVINCE, POSTAL CODE	EMAIL ADDRESS	PLEDGE (\$)	SUBMITTED (\$)

TOTAL \$:

Registered charity # 89297-8164-RR0001

**TAX RECEIPT INFORMATION:** Receipts will be automatically issued for donations of \$10 or more. Donor's name and full address must be complete to receive a tax receipt. NOTE: It is the donor's responsibility to be in compliance with the Income Tax Act and policies of Canada Revenue Agency.

After 12,000 years of preparation,  
the Oak Ridges Moraine is ready.

Are you ready?

for it!

Corporate Sponsorship and Team Building

ORTA's Executive Director and some Members continued to explore sponsorship possibilities. In 2008 negotiations led by Allan Turner resulted in the Tanenbaum Foundation, through Jay-M Holdings Limited, becoming lead sponsor for three years (2009 – 2011) with annual contributions of \$35,000.



The ORMF continued to support the event as effective publicity. Supporting sponsorships were obtained some years from Magna and LaFarge – see the 2010 banners above.

Thanks to an initiative by ORTA Member Bill Yeung, in 2013 Keen Boots donated \$5,000 - and a certificate for a pair of boots to some key ORTA organizers.



The potential for the event to be used for team building was explored. In 2010 the engineering firm Golder Associates was the first company to enter a Corporate Team in the relay; paying a higher registration fee than private teams. They were joined in 2014 by teams from local Mercedes-Benz and Mazda dealerships.

Sponsorships and the entry fees paid by corporate teams have made the event a valuable revenue source as ORTA returned to its volunteer based roots after 2009 without which we might not afford a permanent office.



### Preparing for an Adventure Relay

Posting the full results on the ORTA website [oakridgestrail.org/adventure-relay](http://oakridgestrail.org/adventure-relay) within hours helps to sustain interest while folk have their current experience in mind. The date for next year is announced at the Finish. Preparations for the next year's relay commence immediately with the appointment of the Organizing Committee and booking of the Finish location.

The event was a fixture on the Saturday before Fathers' Day 2007 – 201X; from 201Y it has been moved a week earlier to avoid a clash with other events. For 2018 a "Half-Relay" – 80 km from Purple Woods is being planned.

The Adventure Relay organization is heavily dependent on the website. All the documents and maps for participants are there together with the results and picture galleries from recent years. Potentially interested new teams learn get to see the challenge and fun of this unique event.



Training sessions are held each year at two locations. The volunteer Checkpoint Teams' most important responsibility is, of course, recording the arrival time of each incoming participant and the departure time of the person starting the next stage on the Checkpoint Sheet.

In the month before each relay ORTA's Office Manager plays a key role chasing up potential teams to confirm their participation and ensuring payment of entry fees – in addition to fielding a lot of questions from new entrants.

Equally important is recruiting and training over 100 Checkpoint Volunteers, although many have returned year after year.



### Computing the Results

The winning team is not necessarily the one whose runner arrives first at THE FINISH.

At THE START the canoeists are set off in three waves at fifteen minute intervals. Breaks are permitted between stages and the impact of any use of Default Start Times must be taken into account to compute the cumulative actual running time for each team. Timing is by cell phones which must be synchronised between all checkpoints. But this can only be correct to within a minute or so.

In the first few years collecting the

Checkpoint Time Sheets and entering data in a spreadsheet to compute the results made for a busy weekend. The pressure was on to get verified results on the website on Sunday. Now the times are transmitted by phone and cloud computing to a temporary office set-up at the Finish. Results are available immediately.



The participating teams are divided into Recreational, Corporate and Elite categories. The Elite teams take the event quite seriously; they are set off as the final wave to leave Gore's Landing but are frequently the earliest arrivals at Bewdley.

In 2012 the runners from three Elite teams arrived at THE FINISH over a period of more than 30 minutes. However, each had taken different length breaks at the checkpoints. When the results were computed the net times, allowing for the relatively inaccurate timing method, were so close that they were eventually declared joint winners. Since then they are not allowed breaks; thus the actual winner in the Elite Division is the first to break the Finish Tape.

## APPENDIX 11.1

## The First ADVENTURE RELAY Recruiting Leaflet

**THE MORaine. FOR LIFE. adventure relay.**

After 12,000 years of preparation, the Oak Ridges Moraine is ready.  
**Are you ready for it?**

**It's NATURAL TO GIVE BACK.**  
 A food-raiser for the ORTA

Discover the beauty of this environmentally significant landscape in a human-powered adventure like no other.

**REGISTER TODAY!**

**Categories**

- ☺ Open
- ☺ Co-ed
- ☺ Youth (schools and clubs, Under 18)

**Team Entry Fee: \$750.00**  
 plus, fundraising target of \$150 per person

**INCLUDES:**  
 Long sleeve shirt for each participant  
 Draw prizes for teams and participants

**Teams of up to 15 adventurers will tackle the 15 relay stages by canoe, bike and on foot. It's non-stop excitement, around the clock, in pursuit of the first annual Moraine Cup.**

**NO RACING OR ORIENTEERING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**  
 The well-marked route is a chain of trails, country roads, and forest tracks with no extreme terrain. All abilities welcome.

Course details, rules and registration at  
**[moraineadventure.com](http://moraineadventure.com)**

**START**  
 Gores Landing

**FINISH**  
 King City

The point-to-point course stretches 160km from Gores Landing westward to Seneca College in King City.

Map locations: Newmarket, Ballantrac, Goodwood, Burketon, Kirby, Bewdley, Richmond Hill, Aurora.



**GET INVOLVED!**

- Join a team. Make a team.
- Sponsor a team.
- Pledge a participant. Your donation will extend, and preserve, the moraine trail network.
- Volunteer to enjoy a day outside helping.

**Corporate Sponsorship**  
Become an event sponsor or name a Team after your business! sponsor@moraineadventure.com for details

go to [moraineadventure.com](http://moraineadventure.com)

Proceeds go to the Oak Ridges Trail Association to help protect the Moraine's vibrant, healthy ecosystem and heritage, while expanding the Oak Ridges Trail and encouraging responsible land use.

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**THE MORaine.  
FOR LIFE.**

# adventure relay

**JUNE  
16-17**

traversing the Oak Ridges Moraine

**JOIN  
+ PROTECT  
THE MORaine**

**160km  
24hrs  
point-to-point**

Run, hike, bike, paddle.  
All abilities welcome.  
Up to 15 people per team.

In support of the  
Oak Ridges Trail Association

[moraineadventure.com](http://moraineadventure.com)

**THE FIRST ADVENTURE RELAY Saturday June 16 – Sunday June 17, 2007 Consolidated Times From Checkpoint Time Sheets**

Stage	Team 1 Shaw Connection	Team 2 Team Trails Open	Team 3 All Sports Marketing	Team 4 Runningfree.com	Team 5 Only 160K?	Team 6 Outdoor Recreational Maniacs	Team 7 Team 7Systems
Start to Checkpoint #2	10:16-11:30 am (1 hr 14 min)	10:16-11:22 am (1 hr 6 min)	10:16-11:33 am (1 hr 17 min)	10:16-11:13 am (57 min)	10:16-11:18 am (1 hr 2 min)	10:16-11:27 am (1 hr 11 min)	10:16-11:08 am (52 min)
Checkpoints #2 to #3	11:30-2:23 pm (2 hr 53 min)	11:24-3:00 pm (3 hr 36 min)	11:33-1:12 pm (1 hr 39 min)	11:18-12:35 pm (1 hr 17 min)	11:18-1:30 pm (2 hr 12 min)	11:27-12:46 pm (1 hr 19 min)	11:08-12:08 pm (1 hr 0 min)
Checkpoints #3 to #4	1:46-3:12 pm (1 hr 26 min)	1:54-3:08 pm (1 hr 14 min)	1:12-2:14 pm (1 hr 2 min)	12:37-1:28 pm (51 min)	1:30-2:54 pm (1 hr 24 min)	12:46-1:51 pm (1 hr 5 min)	12:08-1:24 pm (1 hr 16 min)
Checkpoints #4 to #5	3:12-4:02 (50 min)	3:08-4:30 (1 hr 22 min)	2:17-3:06 (49 min)	1:30-2:15 (45 min)	2:54-4:05 (1 hr 11 min)	1:51-3:17 (1 hr 26 min)	1:24-2:05 (41 min)
Checkpoints #5 to #6	4:02-6:15 (2 hrs 13 min)	4:30-6:30 (2 hrs 0 min)	3:06-4:15 (2 hrs 9 min)	2:17-3:04 (47 min)	4:05-5:16 (1 hr 11 min)	3:17-5:25 (2 hrs 8 min)	2:07-2:55 (48 min)
Checkpoints #6 to #7	5:32-6:34 (1 hr 2 min)	5:35-6:35 (1 hr 0 min)	4:15-5:23 (1 hr 8 min)	3:05-3:50 (45 min)	5:16-6:16 (1 hr 0 min)	5:26-6:35 (1 hr 9 min)	2:55-3:35 (40 min)
Checkpoints #7 to #8	6:34-7:47 (1 hr 13 min)	6:37-8:36 (1 hr 59 min)	5:24-7:00 (1 hr 36 min)	3:52-5:26 (1 hr 34 min)	6:17-7:59 (1 hr 42 min)	6:35-7:58 (1 hr 23 min)	3:36-4:43 (1 hr 7 min)
Checkpoints #8 to #9	7:49-8:44 (1 hr 55 min)	8:37-9:45 (1 hr 8 min)	7:00-7:46 (46 min)	5:39-6:37 (58 min)	8:00-9:09 (1 hr 9 min)	7:59-9:08 (1 hr 9 min)	4:48-6:00 (1 hr 12 min)
Checkpoints #9 to #10	8:44-10:14 (1 hr 30 min)	9:45-10:47 (1 hr 2 min)	7:50-8:45 (55 min)	6:41-7:31 (50 min)	9:10-10:25 (1 hr 15 min)	9:08-10:22 (1 hr 14 min)	6:02-6:42 (40 min)
Checkpoints #10 to #11	10:14-11:32 (1 hr 18 min)	10:35-11:32 (57 min)	8:45-10:23 (1 hr 38 min)	7:36-8:29 (53 min)	10:26-11:31 (1 hr 5 min)	10:22-11:30 (1 hr 8 min)	6:42-7:24 (42 min)
Checkpoints #11 to #12	11:15-12:11 am (56 min)	11:15-12:11 am (56 min)	10:30-11:18 (48 min)	8:30-9:03 (33 min)	11:34-12:15 (41 min)	11:30-12:28 (58 min)	7:24-8:00 (36 min)
Checkpoints #12 to #13	12:20-1:10 (50 min)	12:35-2:13 (1 hr 38 min)	11:25-12:52 am (1 hr 27 min)	9:08-9:54 (46 min)	12:20-1:10 am (50 min)	12:28-1:55 am (1 hr 27 min)	8:00-8:39 (39 min)
Checkpoints #13 to #14	1:10-2:07 (57 min)	2:13-2:59 (46 min)	12:52-1:20 (28 min)	10:00-10:45 (45 min)	1:10-2:09 (59 min)	1:55-2:55 (1 hr 0 min)	8:47-9:40 (53 min)
Checkpoints #14 to Finish	2:06-DNF	2:59-4:15 am (1 hr 16 min)	1:22-2:35 am (1 hr 13 min)	11:00-12:20 am (1 hr 20 min)	2:26-3:47 am (1 hr 21 min)	2:55-3:52 am (57 min)	9:40-10:32 pm (52 min)
Overall Course Time	Did Not Finish	17 hrs 59 min	16 hrs 19 min	14 hrs 4 min	17 hrs 31 min	17 hrs 36 min	12 hrs 16 min

**Overall Net Times****20:00****15:55****13:01****17:02****17:34****11:58**



**Notes on this Demonstration First ADVENTURE RELAY and some lessons learned for the future.**

**The green boxes** highlight the fastest team for each stage. Team 3's times for the Bike Stages 8 and 13 were inexplicably brief.

**Line below the table.** The net time for each stage is shown in the table in parenthesis. To obtain the Overall Net Time these were added up, thus excluding the breaks between stages.

Team #1 Shaw Connection was doing OK until the runner of the last stage took a wrong turn around the streets in Aurora. Otherwise they would have probably finished with an Overall Net Time under 20 hours. Note the very creditable time for Stage 4 run by the eleven year old young lady.

A Default Start Time was hastily arranged by the Race Marshals when a participant failed to arrive in a reasonable time. For example:  
Teams 1 and 2 for Stage 2 to Checkpoint 3. *Better signage with directional arrows would have to be provided in the future.*

Team #7 comprised just 3 people. Stacie Smith, a Partner in Life Adventures who devised the event, her husband Martin Rydlo, a Triathlon Champion and Marnie McBean the Olympic Sculler. They had hoped to complete the relay in an Overall Course Time under 12 hours. But note when the short breaks are omitted their Overall Net Time was 11 hours and 58 minutes!

**The Adventure Relay had been successfully demonstrated - no changes were required to the format or stages.**

The most important lesson learned was that the START should be at 8.00 a.m. even though this would require an early start from home for competitors and checkpoint volunteers. Some teams and volunteers now choose to stay at resorts east of Bewdley on the Friday evening.

The table on the next page shows the range of Estimated Arrival Times at each stage. Default Start Times for the Stages are arranged with the intention that the last arrivals at The Finish are before Midnight.

**APPENDIX 11.2 ADVENTURE RELAY RESULTS 2008 - 2017****The Second MORaine FOR LIFE ADVENTURE RELAY - June 14, 2008**

It was a great success with over 300 competitors in 22 teams. ORTA's Office Manager Judy Reda provided a vital contribution prior to the event this year, and subsequently, handling many phone enquiries and the registrations.

68 volunteers staffed the check points. The lesson learned from last year to start at 8.00 a.m. worked well even though it meant an early drive to Gore's Landing for participants. Last year the weather had been dry making running and cycling difficult in some stages. This year there was light rain in the morning, packing sand down, making times faster especially through Ganaraska Forest. In fact the first runner arrived ahead of the Checkpoint Volunteers at one location. Stan Butcher, who was driving around to monitor progress, got there just in time to record the arrival and departure times. The Elite 7 Systems team came home in 10 hours 41 minutes and the last team to finish took 16 hours and 25 minutes - so the organizers all got home at a more respectable hour than last year.

2008 MORaine FOR LIFE ADVENTURE RELAY: FINAL RESULTS			
Rank	Team	Time	Category
1 <sup>st</sup>	Team 6: 7 Systems	10 hrs 41 mins	Elite
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Team 8: The Ridge Racers	12 hrs 30 mins	Recreational Mixed
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Team 2: Millbrook Masters	13 hrs 1 min	Recreational Masters
4 <sup>th</sup>	Team 1: mynextrace.com	13 hrs 16 mins	Elite
5 <sup>th</sup>	Team 19: Bone Crushers	13 hrs 50 mins	Recreational Mixed
6 <sup>th</sup>	Team 11: Run Like the Dengue	13 hrs 52 mins	Corporate
7 <sup>th</sup>	Team 22: Team King	13 hrs 59 mins	Recreational Mixed
8 <sup>th</sup>	Team 3: We Do It Outdoors	14 hrs 24 mins	Recreational Mixed
9 <sup>th</sup>	Team 12: Team Points North	14 hrs 44 mins	Recreational Mixed
10 <sup>th</sup>	Team 16: Poisoned O.A.K.S.	15 hrs 11 mins	Recreational Mixed
11 <sup>th</sup>	Team 7: The Erratic Flashes	15 hrs 13 mins	Recreational Mixed
12 <sup>th</sup>	Team 18: Aurora High School	15 hrs 23 mins	Recreational Mixed
13 <sup>th</sup>	Team 10: Ecoholics	15 hrs 30 mins	Recreational Mixed
13 <sup>th</sup>	Team 9: The Sand Spinners	15 hrs 30 mins	Recreational Masters
14 <sup>th</sup>	Team 17: CLOCA'nuts	15 hrs 44 mins	Recreational Mixed
15 <sup>th</sup>	Team 4: Moraine Marauders	15 hrs 48 mins	Recreational Mixed
16 <sup>th</sup>	Team 20: Ontario Heritage Trust	15 hrs 49 mins	Recreational Mixed
17 <sup>th</sup>	Team 5: Team TOFU	15 hrs 54 mins	Recreational Mixed
18 <sup>th</sup>	Team 13: Gators	15 hrs 59 mins	Recreational Mixed
19 <sup>th</sup>	Team 14: Motley Morainers	16 hrs 25 mins	Recreational Mixed
DNF	Team 15: York EMS Emus	16 hrs 31 mins	Recreational Mixed
DNF	Team 21: Indies Adventurers	13 hrs 59 mins	Recreational Mixed

DNF (Did Not Finish) - Not all stages were completed.

**The Third MORaine FOR LIFE ADVENTURE RELAY - June 20, 2009**

Event documentation provided by *Life Adventures* included templates so that, for example, the Pledge Forms and publicity materials for the website simply required to be updated each year.

As planning commenced in Fall 2008 Harold Sellers announced his "retirement" at the end of July. Thus, in addition to bringing a number of projects to completion, he was busy briefing enthusiastic ORTA Volunteers who wanted the event to go ahead. Brian and Wilma Millage were co-chairs of this committee which ensured the Third Adventure Relay on Saturday June 20th was a great success.

New entrants, Durham Mountain Bike Association almost achieved their target time of 10 hours even.

Place	Team	Course Time
1	#21 DMBA Trail Blazers	10 hrs. 2 min.
2	#26 mynextrace.com	11 hrs. 0 min.
3	#5 Team King	11 hrs. 58 min.
4	#23 Team Cadbury	12 hrs. 10 min.
5	#16 My Name's Not Sweetheart	12 hrs. 22 min.
6	#10 CLOCA'Nuts	12 hrs. 50 min.
7	#2 Ridge Racers	13 hrs. 19 min.
8	#11 Moraine Adventurers	13 hrs. 35 min.
9	#1 Only 1 Mike	13 hrs. 42 min.
10	#22 ORMF The Erratic Flashes	13 hrs. 49 min.
11	#13 ORM'd & Dangerous	13 hrs. 50 min.
12	#8 The Morainiacs	14 hrs. 0 min.
13	#17 We Think We Can!	14 hrs. 1 min.
14	#15 We Do It Outdoors - RED	14 hrs. 5 min.
15	#14 We Do It Outdoors - BLUE	14 hrs. 10 min.
16	#25 Breathe Magazine	14 hrs. 16 min.
17	#4 The Fab 5	14 hrs. 21 min.
18	#12 Moraine Marauders	14 hrs. 28 min.
19	#9 York Region Green Team	14 hrs. 50 min.
20	#20 The Vultures	15 hrs. 45 min.
21	#3 Sand Spinners	15 hrs. 48 min.
22	#7 Team TOFU	16 hrs. 3 min.
23	#18 Awesome Squad	16 hrs. 16 min.
DNF	#19 Team EVLC	14 hrs. 33 min.
DNF	#24 Ontario Heritage Trust	14 hrs. 42 min.

[DNF = Did Not Finish. Stage(s) not attempted or racer dis-qualified]

The relay had become ORTA's Signature Event and Fundraiser for years to come.



**The Fourth THE MORaine. FOR LIFE. ADVENTURE RELAY - June 19, 2010**

ORTA's 4th Annual Adventure Relay was an unqualified success! 32 teams of canoeists, cyclists and trail runners explored the Oak Ridges Trail between Rice Lake and the Gatehouse at Seneca College, King Campus. On Saturday, June 19 over 450 competitors challenged the trails of the Oak Ridges Moraine, monitored, cheered and guided by 100 ORTA volunteers.

The early morning start was magical at the lakefront property of Bill and Maria MacDonald on the shore of Rice Lake as the bag-piper led the parade of canoe teams to the dock. They were off! Ten hours and forty minutes later the first team runner crossed the finish line at the Gatehouse. For the second straight year it was the Durham Mountain Bike Trail Blazers who led the pack in the Elite Division. Golder and Associates won the Corporate Division and are hoping to have more companies challenge them next year. The Kiwinadians took top honours in the Recreational Division.... However, everyone in the event was a winner! as they travelled trails for the day.

SANDSPINNERS  
BREATHLESS WONDERS  
CLOCA'NUTS  
RETURN OF THE AWESOME SQUAD  
OUTDOOR RECREATION MANIACS  
DUCK POWER  
MYNEXTRACE.COM  
THE DYSFUNCTIONAL SPEED BEAST  
THE WILD TURKEY BRIGADE  
ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

Here's the list of participants, all of whom finished. The complete list of Rankings is not to be found:

*DURHAM MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION*  
*GOLDER ASSOCIATES*  
*KIWINADIANS*  
DONE BEFORE DAWN  
TRCA 1 - BANDITOS RED  
TRCA 2 - BANDITOS BLUE  
TRCA 3 - BANDITOS BLACK  
TEAM KING  
RIDGE RACERS  
YORK REGION FORESTRY  
TEAM TOFU  
SENSATIONAL SIX  
THE ERRATIC FLASHES  
WE THINK WE CAN  
DRACULA'S SHTAFENGERS  
TRAIL PYTHONS  
MORaine MISFITS  
HOT PEPPERS  
MORaine ADVENTURERS  
THE REJECTS  
MO'RAINE MO'PROBLEM  
ORM'd and DANGEROUS

**The Fifth MORaine FOR LIFE ADVENTURE RELAY - June 18, 2011**

This year the event attracted 30 teams comprising over 450 participants. Teams came from across southern Ontario including three from Sarnia who had stayed overnight at Golden Beach Resort.

The 2011 Organizing Committee: Co-Chairs Brian and Wilma Millage; Bob and Judy Comfort, Corie Bonnaffon - Checkpoint Volunteers Co-ordinator, Michele Donnelly - Office Manager, Barb Muirhead, Garry Niece and Kim Aagaard.

Team #	Team Name	Time	Rank
1	DMBA TRAIL BLAZERS	9:54	1
2	TRCA RACERS	10:32	2
3	TRCA UNDERDOGS	13:38	20
4	TEAM KING	11:09	3
5	RIDGE RACERS	11:13	4
6	TEAM 7 SYSTEMS	Withdraw	
7	YORK REGION FORESTRY	13:23	17
8	TEAM TOFU	15:30	28
9	MY NEXTRACE.COM	12:07	10
10	SENSATIONAL SIX	12:33	14
11	SANDSPINNERS	14:02	22
12	THE ERRATIC FLASHES	12:22	13
13	STOUFFVILLE YACHT CLUB	13:42	21
14	FAB A	14:40	25
15	FAB B	14:39	24
16	CLOCA'NUTS	11:23	6
17	DRACULA'S SHTAFENGERS	12:00	9
18	BLOOD ON THE TRAIL	11:28	7
19	REVENGE OF THE AWESOME SQUAD	15:12	27
20	OUTDOOR RECREATION MANIACS	14:45	26
21	GOLDER ASSOCIATES	13:32	19
22	THE DYSFUNCTIONAL SPEED BEASTS	11:22	5
23	THE WILD TURKEY BRIGADE	12:42	15
24	DOPAMINE FLYERS	13:25	18
25	FOMA #1	16:36	30
26	FOMA #2	16:31	29
27	RELATIVE INSANITY	12:46	16
28	HONEY BADGERS	12:13	12
29	HOT PEPPERS	11:55	8
30	MORaine MIGRANES	14:20	23
31	STATE FARM	Withdraw	
32	ORM'd and DANGEROUS	12:09	11

For the third year in succession the Durham Mountain Bike Association were in First Place with a record breaking time of 9 hours 45 minutes.

Mike Bender of TRCA Racers notched a best ever personal time for the final leg; his twin sons Eric and Neil were in the team.

### The Sixth MORaine FOR LIFE ADVENTURE RELAY - June 16, 2012

Records were set with over 500 competitors in 34 teams, including a team of Aurora High School Students, Corporate teams from Golder Associates and Toron Investments and two teams brought by Olympic Rower Chris Jarvis – *I Challenge Diabetes* and *I Challenge U* - proving that diabetes doesn't have to limit you in competition. \$23,125.00 was raised.

Team #	Team Name	Time	Rank
1	SENSATIONAL SIX	11:58	13
2	www.maxrevolution.ca	11:45	12
3	T.O.F.U.	14:04	29
4	TRCA RACERS	9:50	2
5	BLOOD OF THE RIDGE	9:52	3
6	THE ERRATIC FLASHES	12:43	16
7	THE MORaine THE BETTER	13:24	25
8	SANDSPINNERS	13:13	22
9	DMBA TRAIL BLAZERS	11:16	9
10	STOUFFVILLAINS	13:05	21
11	DRACULA'S SHTAFENGERS	11:00	6
12	TEAM KING	11:03	7
13	PERPETUAL MOTION SQUAD	11:19	10
14	ORIDGEINALS	12:15	14
15	AWESOME SQUAD	15:09	31
16	THE STOUFFVILLE YACHT CLUB	12:50	18
17	UNDERDOGS	13:28	26
18	GOLDER ASSOCIATES	12:37	15
19	OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL MANIACS	13:39	27
20	FLYING SQUIRRELS	10:54	5
21	PAIN ON THE MORaine	12:44	17
22	TORON TORONADOS	did not finish	
23	FAB A	14:29	30
24	FAB B	15:37	32
25	CLOCA'NUTS	11:38	11
26	RIDGE RACERS	10:31	4
27	BAD NEWS	13:16	23
28	MORE BAD NEWS	13:19	24
29	YORK REGION FORESTRY	12:53	19
30	ICHALLENGEU	13:01	20
31	ICHALLENGEDIABETES	13:44	28
32	HOT PEPPERS	11:13	8
33	ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST	16:07	33
34	DMBA TRAIL RACERS	9:49	1

The Elite teams take the event seriously; they are set off from Gore's Landing as the final wave. In 2012 the runners from three Elite teams arrived over a period of more than 30 minutes. However, each had taken different breaks at the checkpoints. When the results were computed the net times, see opposite, allowing for the relatively inaccurate timing method, were so close that they were eventually declared joint winners.

### The Seventh MORaine FOR LIFE ADVENTURE RELAY - June 15, 2013

Since we no longer had our office at the Gatehouse, Seneca College generously allowed us to relocate The Finish, Checkpoint #15, to the Log Cabin. This provided a spectacular run-in to the finish.

A non-stop format was introduced for the Elite category - they were no longer allowed breaks between stages. Thus the actual "winner" is the first to break the Finish Tape. TRCA Racers came in with the new record time of 8 hrs 51 mins.



*This year's relay will be especially remembered for the two person – husband and wife "Team Connini" - they placed Fifth in the Elite Division.*



Keen  
Footwear  
president  
Lindsey

Elliot presented the association with a cheque for \$5,000.







Team #	Team Name	Time	Rank
1	TEAM CONNINI	11:52	5
2	TRCA RACERS	8:51	1
3	RIDGE RACERS	10:48	4
4	PERPETUAL MOTION SQUAD	10:37	3
5	MY PACE OR YOURS	13:02	7
6	DMBA-APTC TRAIL BLAZERS	9:35	2
7	WTF? (WHERE'S THE FINISH?)	12:11	6
8	FLEMING FIRE	DNF	
ABOVE ELITE TEAMS; BELOW RECREATIONAL TEAMS			
10	GOLDER ASSOCIATES	12:21	11
11	DURHAM HOUSEWIVES	14:13	18
12	SENSATIONAL SIX	11:17	4
13	SANDSPINNERS	12:48	14
14	STOUFFVILLAINS	12:56	15
15	UNDERDOGS	14:09	17
16	ERRATIC FLASHES	12:06	10
17	CMBA: ADVENTURE TEAM	11:30	6
18	ORIDGEINALS	11:10	3
19	TREK	16:33	20
20	AWESOME SQUAD	14:45	19
21	DRACULAS SHTAFENGERS	11:07	2
22	CANBEDONE	12:02	9
23	THE GALLIVANTERS	DNF	
24	PAIN ON THE MORaine	12:23	12
25	DIRT SQUIRRELS	11:50	7
26	TRAIL DIVAS	11:50	7
27	BAD NEWS	11:29	5
28	MORE BAD NEWS	12:31	13
29	ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST	13:38	16
30	TEAM KING	11:04	1

Note: "DNF – did not finish" means one or two stages were not completed and thus an overall time could not be computed

### The Eighth MORaine ADVENTURE RELAY - June 14, 2014

Team #	Team Name	Time	Rank
1	TRCA RACERS	9:24	1
2	DMBA / APTC TRAIL BLAZERS	9:41	2
3	PERPETUAL MOTION SQUAD	10:52	4
4	FOUR GUYS WALK INTO A BAR	10:32	3
5	FLEMING AND THE MISFITS	12:14	5
ABOVE ELITE TEAMS; BELOW RECREATIONAL TEAMS			
11	MERCEDES BENZ CANADA	12:45	13
12	MAZDA	15:54	27
13	GOLDER ASSOCIATES	13:50	19
14	THE GREEN TEAM	12:44	12
15	SUPER SEVEN	11:58	5
16	ARE WE THERE YET?	14:57	25
17	SAND SPINNERS	13:27	16
18	TEAM TERRAIN-ED IN VAIN	11:24	1
19	STOUFFVILLAINS	12:39	10
20	LA CHUSMA	14:28	22
21	TREK WARRIORS	14:43	23
22	TEAM CHINADA	12:22	8
23	THE MORaine THE BETTER	12:15	7
24	TEAM 160	11:48	3
25	DRACULAS SHTAFENGERS	11:36	2
26	HUFFNPUFF	DNF	
27	DURHAM HOUSEWIVES	13:39	18
28	TRCA UNDERDOGS	13:36	17
29	ALOS	DNF	
30	AWESOME SQUAD THE NEXT	14:45	24
31	CANBEDONE	12:37	9
32	MY PACE OR YOURS?	13:10	15
33	DURHAM DIVAS	DNF	
34	PODIUM PERFORMANCE CENTRE	14:18	21
35	PAIN ON THE MORaine	13:09	14
36	DIRT SQUIRRELS	12:02	6
37	GLACIAL SPEED DEMONS	15:49	26
38	THE GALLIVANTERS	14:12	20
39	TEAM CHOTA	12:43	11
40	BAD NEWS	11:51	4

When planning got underway for the Eighth Moraine Adventure Relay Pat Ward joined Brian Millage as Co-chair of the relay committee. ORTA met another technical milestone with the launch of *Pay Pal* on the Adventure Relay website on April 24, 2014. This made handling of registrations and finances much easier.

The Adventure Relay on June 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 was another great success with the record number of 35 teams participating. A head wind created choppy waters across Rice Lake and kept the Safety Boats occupied, once again provided by the Herati and McDonald families. It has never been necessary to move the event to the default date of the Sunday due to really bad weather – this came close!



Live Time reporting of checkpoint data initiated by Bob Comfort and Patricia Ward enabled Michele Donnelly's team - based inside the Log Cabin - to update the current team positions throughout.

Thus for the first time verified results were announced at the Finish.

One team leader personally delivered a "Thank You" note to every checkpoint! East of Uxbridge ORTA

has relatively few Members but many miles of trail to care for. The Adventure Relay Committee has always been able to elicit enthusiastic volunteers to prepare the trail and staff the checkpoints through this region.

Thanks to local businesses whose donations enabled the Adventure Relay Committee to provide a gift card or merchandise to reward participants who raised more than \$100 for ORTA and to reward some of the winning racers:

Blue Heron Books Uxbridge, Canadian Tire Uxbridge, East of 48 Stouffville, Keen Footwear Toronto, Monika Rothman-Wynn Fitness, Mountain Equipment Coop (Toronto) Oak Ridge Outfitters-The Oaks Aurora, Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust, Rhino's Roadhouse-Bewdley, Scrambles Restaurant-Foxbridge Golf Club Uxbridge, Sheena's Kitchen-Schomberg, Starlight Books Newmarket, Swiss Chalet Uxbridge, Tim Horton's Uxbridge, Treetop Trekking Ganaraska, WalMart Uxbridge, Zehrs Uxbridge.

**The Ninth MORaine ADVENTURE RELAY - June 13, 2015**

Instead of the day before Fathers' Day, the event was held a week earlier to avoid clashing with other fundraisers. This has continued in subsequent years.

Team #	Team Name	Time	Rank
ELITE TEAMS			
1	TRCA Racers	8:52	1
2	1 Runner, 1 Biker	12:47	5
3	Perpetual Motion Squad	10:20	3
4	Pricilla Queen of the Moraine	did not finish	
5	DMBA Trail Racers	9:33	2
6	Fleming Fire	12:00	4
CORPORATE TEAMS			
11	Mazda	15:20	21
12	Golder Associates	13:19	17
13	Mercedes-Benz Canada	11:45	9
RECREATIONAL TEAMS			
14	WTF? (Where's The Finish?)	12:17	13
15	Are We There Yet?	12:47	15
16	Sensational Six	11:02	2
17	Can Be Done	11:34	5
18	Awesome Squad – A Fist Full of Awe	15:30	22
19	Dracula's Shtafengers	10:41	1
20	Team Chinada	11:36	7
21	Stouffvillains	12:07	11
22	Hot Peppers	11:05	3
23	Sandspinnners	13:17	16
24	Start Your Engine-ers	12:36	14
25	Underdogs	did not finish	
26	Plumb Nellie	12:15	12
27	Bad News	11:53	10
28	My Pace or Yours?	11:34	5
29	Durham Diva's	13:26	19
30	Team 160	11:23	4
31	Team Hardass	14:13	20
32	Trek Warriors	13:21	18
33	CLOCA Nuts	11:43	8
34	It Just Doesn't Matter	did not finish	
35	Lost ... But Not Last	16:02	23

See lots of great pix and more information on the Adventure Relay website.



George and Denise Jones, new owners of the Gore's Landing property where the race starts, had readily agreed to continue the tradition especially when they realized the thousands of volunteer hours contributed each year by ORTA Members to environmentally sustainable causes. Their neighbours Mike and Sarah Herati continued their support. Again a good number of local businesses were successfully solicited for supporting donations.

*This Year's TEAM SPIRIT AWARD goes to TEAM CHINADA! A member of Team #19 "Dracula's Shtafengers" nominated "Team Chinada" for the "Team Spirit Award." Team Chinada, Team #20, showed enthusiasm throughout the race not only for their team members but for EVERY OTHER RACER that was on course. Great Cheerleading !!*

**The Tenth Annual MORaine ADVENTURE RELAY - June 11, 2016.**

Two temporary changes to the route were arranged months in advance. In Aurora reconstruction of Vandorf Side-road between Leslie Street and Bayview Avenue required a re-route to Sheppard's Bush along Wellington Street. Seneca College, King Campus, was unable to accommodate the Finish due to improvements to the parking lot between the Gate House and Log Cabin. Thanks to the Country Day School for use of their facilities, further south off Dufferin Street, for the Finish.



*New T-shirts for the Volunteers sponsored by Second Wedge Brewery of Uxbridge and Viper Advertising.*



*Awaiting Chinada's runner*



*ORTA's Team the Sand Spinners*



*Team Mazda took first place in the Corporate category.*



Team #	Team Names	Time	Rank
ELITE TEAMS			
1	TRCA Racers	8:59	1
2	DMBA Trail Blazers	10:10	2
3	Dracula's Shtafengers	11:54	3
5	Fleming Fire September Class	13:31	4
CORPORATE TEAMS			
10	Mazda Canada	12:42	8
11	Cole Engineering Group Ltd.	14:49	22
12	Mercedes-Benz Canada	did not finish	
RECREATIONAL TEAMS			
16	Running Free Lancers	13:54	19
17	Hardass 2.0	13:49	18
18	The Burly Trail Runners	13:22	16
19	WTF? (Where's The Finish?)	12:05	5
20	Team Chinada	11:28	2
21	T2	11:37	3
22	THM	13:07	12
23	RB All Blacks	12:55	11
24	RB All Reds	13:35	17
25	Sand Spinners	14:33	21
26	My Pace or Yours?	11:56	4
27	TRCA Underdogs	13:11	14
29	Start Your Engine-ers	12:49	10
30	Stouffvillains	12:30	7
31	Again The Awesome Squad!?	14:52	23
32	Hooters & Tooters	12:20	6
33	Beer Milers	13:10	13
34	Lost...But Not Last!	16:21	24
35	Happy Pace	13:13	15
36	Hot Peppers	11:21	1
37	Trek Warriors	14:25	20
38	Durham Diva's	12:45	9

*Relay Committee Chair Brian Millage presents the trophy to TRCA Racers who led the Elite Category for the fourth successive year.*

### APPENDIX 11.3 ADVENTURE RELAY SCENES FROM START TO FINISH

We can only include some of the significant happenings, participants or checkpoint volunteers. No event in ORTA's history has resulted in participants, friends and members taking so many photos. Most of those below have been taken by the relay's "Official Photographers:" Jurgen Friederich, Gary Conway, Bill Patterson and Robert Allsop. Each year a selection has been posted on the website.

#### THE START at Gore's Landing

Linda Tindall as ORTA Treasurer was appropriately Checkpoint Captain at the Registration Desk; a role she continues to fill. Co-Chairs Wilma and Brian



Millage welcome participants and thank the Heratis for the use of their facility.

*Below left: a Piper leads the competitors*



*to their positions for the start.*

*Harold sets a flotilla of paddlers on their way with a blast of an air horn*

With some 30 teams participating, paddlers are set off in three waves at fifteen minute intervals.

Typical timings for each stage are



based on an anticipated start time of 8.00 a.m. for the first wave.

*But it's not always easy paddling.*

*In 2014 the Safety Boats had to make three rescues.*





STAGE 1

Gore's Landing to Bewdley Waterfront  
Canoe 8km

CHECKPOINT 2

Anticipated arrivals between 0900 & 0950



Looking out for paddlers approaching



Adventure Relay T-shirts distinguish Checkpoint Volunteers from the large crowds of waiting supporters



STAGE 2

Bewdley Waterfront to Ganaraska Forest Centre  
(Cold Springs Camp Rd. & 10<sup>th</sup> Line.)  
Mountain Bike 18 km

CHECKPOINT 3

Arrivals between 0950 & 1100



Cyclists set off from here on the paved road at speed - but entering Ganaraska Forest at Tom's Town find the going tough on the sandy trail.





**STAGE 3**     **Ganaraska Forest Centre to  
Boundary Road Parking Lot**  
**Run/Hike 10 km**

**CHECKPOINT 4**  
Arrivals between 1030 & 1230

It's not an easy run through the forest due to the sandy soil; better times were made on days when it was wet!

*This run is off road and is not easy to service. The "marshals" have been called upon on several occasions to find runners lost in the forest . . . despite the many signs.*

*There have not been any significant problems requiring other than minor First Aid.*

*Water is the most important item freely available at each Checkpoint. Checkpoint 4's enthusiastic team of Volunteers has returned year after year with an attractive set-up and lots of goodies.*



**STAGE 4**     **Boundary Road Parking Lot to  
Junction of Highways 35 & 115**  
**Run/Hike 6 km**

**CHECKPOINT 5**  
Arrivals between 1100 & 1330

Emerging from the quiet of the Ganaraska Forest the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail encounters the busy highway.

Fortunately there is a culvert under the highway. The downhill run into the culvert is followed by an exhausting run up a rough rocky track to the Checkpoint.



*Young runners seem to make easy work of it! They are of course accompanied by an adult team member.*



*Participants' friends assisting with logistics and folk who just come to observe make for crowds and parking problems at this location.*







**STAGE 7** Long Sault Conservation Area to  
Purple Woods Conservation Area.  
**Mountain Bike 19 km.**

**CHECKPOINT 8**  
Arrivals between 1230 - 1630



Each Checkpoint seems to have developed a character of its own. To the mandatory water supplies volunteers generously add fresh fruit and home baked goodies which are enjoyed by the participants and their support teams as well as the volunteers. Generally fine days have been enjoyed but a little rain never dampened spirits of volunteers . . . and moisture helped runners in sandy areas



**STAGE 8** Purple Woods Conservation Area to  
Houston Rd. & Conc. 7, Uxbridge Township  
**Hybrid/Mountain Bike 17.5 km**

**CHECKPOINT 9**  
Arrivals between 1310 & 1730



Purple Woods Conservation Area offers great views to the south, but it's at the crest of the hill up busy Highway 2. The start time for STAGE 8 is recorded after the riders have made a safe crossing of the highway.





STAGE 9

Houston Road & Conc. 7, Uxbridge Township to  
Secord Conservation Area  
Run/Hike 11.5 km

CHECKPOINT 10

Arrivals between 1400 - 1845



Below:  
the 2008  
Checkpoint 10  
Volunteers  
resplendent in  
their T-shirts



STAGE 10

Secord Conservation Area to  
Bloomington Rd. & 10<sup>th</sup> Line  
Run/Hike 8 km.

CHECKPOINT 11

Arriving between 1500 & 2045





**STAGE 11**    **Bloomington Road & 10<sup>th</sup> Line to**  
**YRF Hollidge Tract off Highway 48**                      **CHECKPOINT 12**  
**Mountain Bike**        **12 km.**                      Arriving between 1530 – 2100



**STAGE 12**    **YRF Hollidge Tract Highway 48 to McCowan Road and Jesse**  
**Thompson Road, Stouffville**                      **CHECKPOINT 13**  
**Run/Hike**        **6.5 km**                      Arriving between 1600 & 2130



*Right: ORMF  
Executive  
Director  
Kim Gavine  
has been an  
enthusiastic  
participant in  
the Adventure  
Relay*



The difference between the estimated arrival time of faster and slower teams is wider at later checkpoints. This checkpoint may have to be open for over 5 hours; so two shifts of volunteers are scheduled. The second shift will be working long after sunset . . . when all incoming runners have been accounted for they still have to dismantle and clear up the location.

In this case, if the incoming cyclist doesn't by 2130, the team's runner will be set off on the next stage at the Default Start Time of 2130.

According to overall progress on the day earlier Default Start Times may be reset by the Race Marshals.





**STAGE 13    McCowan Road and Jesse Thompson Road to Sheppard's Bush Conservation Area    CHECKPOINT 14**  
**Hybrid/Mountain Bike 15 km    Arriving between 1630 & 2230**



*Team members who move equipment from stage to stage play a vital part*



**STAGE 14    Sheppard's Bush Conservation Area, Aurora to THE FINISH**  
**Run    10.5 km    Arriving between 1700 & 2330**



As runners leave Sheppard's Bush their information is relayed by phone to our office in the Gatehouse - their impending arrival at the Finish is displayed on charts for the benefit of supporters waiting to cheer them in.



**THE FINISH 2007-2012    Outside ORTA’s Office, The Gatehouse  
Seneca College, King City**

2007: The final approach was along the Gatehouse Side Trail. A spotter about 200 meters back announced the impending arrival of a runner using a school bell. The Finish was marked by a simple rope between the shed and a tree.



2009: The Finish was located on the other side of the shed with streamers to make a more attractive setting.



2012: After Seneca repainted the shed it made a good backdrop for team photos.

2008: Brighter lighting attracted mosquitoes.

Refreshments attracted a crowd.





**THE FINISH 2013-2015 & 2017 The Log Cabin, Seneca College, King City**

2013 As ORTA no longer had its Office at The Gatehouse, Seneca College, which has always been very supportive of the Adventure Relay, allowed the Log Cabin to be the base for The FINISH. We were able to construct a spectacular run across the field to the finish tape.



Seneca loaned tables and allowed the Results Computing Team to use the Cabin



**THE FINISH 2016 The Country Day School, King City**

In 2016 the FINISH was relocated during reconstruction of Seneca’s Parking Lot

