

Chipaloppet 2006

The 5th quasi-annual chipaloppet was held on a short five-day notice on Sunday January 8th. Despite the short notice, chipaloppet board of directors were ecstatic to maintain peak participation levels (figure 1) while still continuing to experience exponential growth in the participant fun factor category (figure 2).

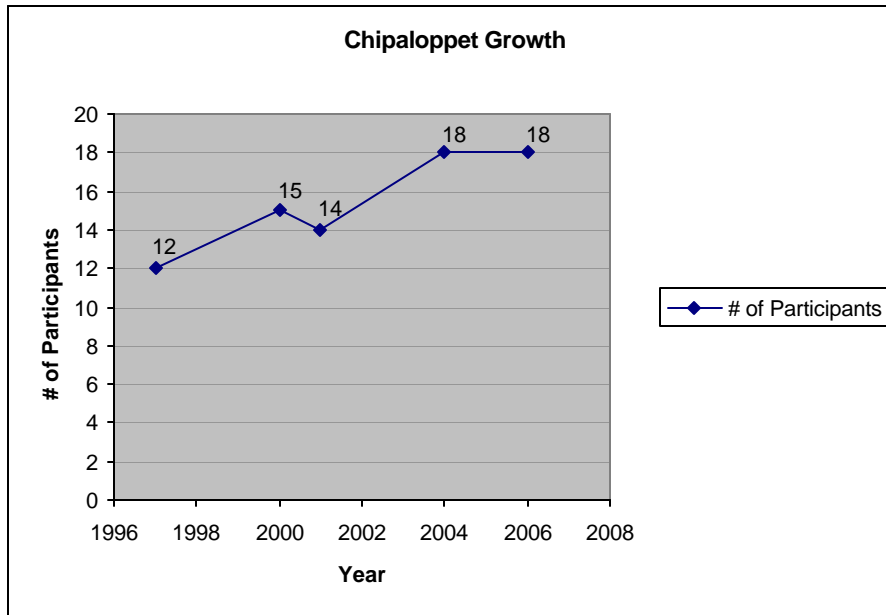


Figure 1. Chipaloppet Growth.

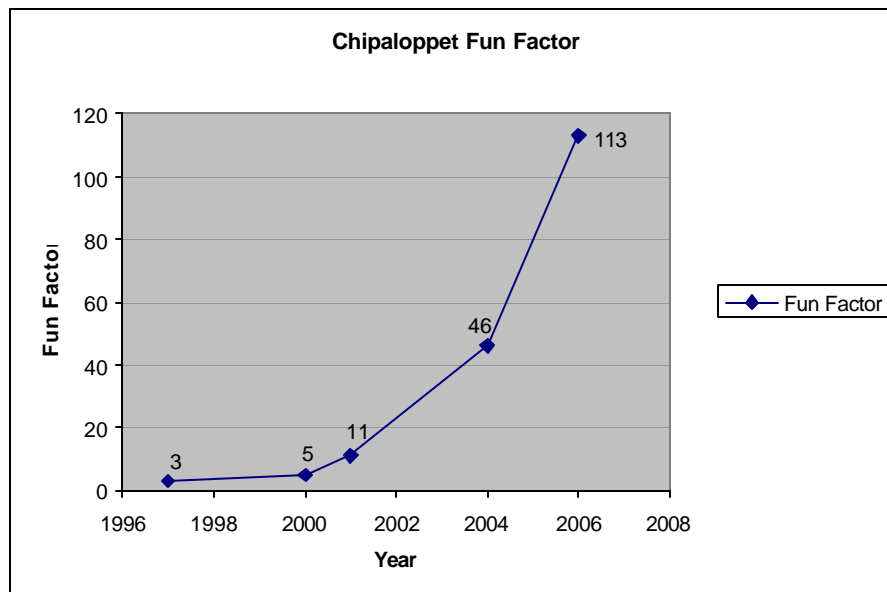


Figure 2. Fun Factor Growth.

Chipaloppet participants were treated to pristine crust skiing conditions on the Island Lake Regional Ski Trail System for the 2-person, 4 x 3 km event (figure 3). The men/women were separated from the boys/girls in a tricky “tunnel” section splattered with road salt, gravel, and other miscellaneous debris from I-694. Kara Bancroft and Luke Skinner teamed up to top the competition with an exhilarating and quite impressive come-from-behind victory that shocked all spectators leaving them breathless. Ole Mersinger took home top honors in the prestigious Most Plaid Apparel category. Winners in the post-relay ski soccer tournament included teams 1, 2, 3, and 4.

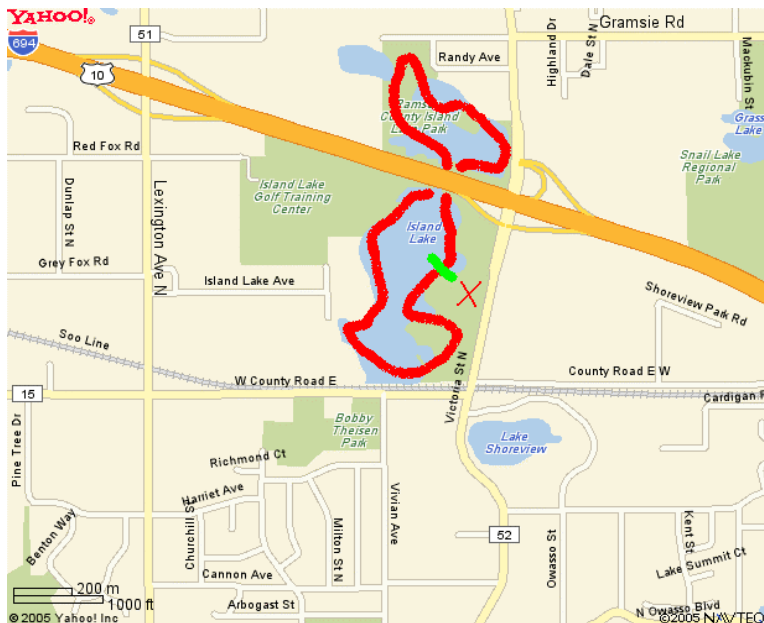


Figure 3. Course Map.

Chipaloppet Official Results:

Team	Time
Kara Bancroft/Luke Skinner	41:23.0
Jayne Schricker/Bill LaFerriere	42:26.0
Chip Tabor/Marty Tabor	42:41.0
Kevin Steinman/Per Nelson	43:41.3
Dave Nelson/Ole Mersinger	43:41.4
Isaac Giesen/Grant Nelson	43:41.5
Brad Anderson/Josie Nelson	44:00.0
Karla Anderson/Margie Nelson	44:26.0
Katie Gyskiewicz/Sonja Bostrom	45:04.0