

Suunnistus-MÄNKIJÄ 11 2026



Samu's silver was the club's first and only individual Finnish Championship medal in the men's open class this season. Photo: Raija.

Silver for Samu

Suunnistusmänkijä is the newsletter of the orienteering club Turun Metsänkävijät, which is distributed by email almost on the first Monday of every month. It can be read on the club's website under "Jäsenille". Send announcements, tips, pictures and reports about your competitions, training, trips. The deadline is always at the end of the month. Contact kari.vainio@tume.fi.



After more than 25 kilometres and almost three hours of racing, the leading trio battled for the medals in a finishing sprint. Samu was the second fastest. Photos: Juho-Veikko Hytönen, Touhu Häkkinen and Tapani Huovila.

Two silver medals at the Ultra-Long

Samu and Hatman both won silver medals at the Finnish Ultra-Long Distance Championships in Jyväskylä. Samu took silver in the men's open class and Hatman in M40. Lergo also earned a plaque by finishing sixth in M65. A total of 13 TuMe competitors took part, both runners and walkers.



Hatman had an impressive autumn, winning a medal in all four championships.





Danny finished 17th in the men's open class.

Patu was TuMe's second-fastest runner in M65, behind Lergo.



The final meeting to review and present the Jukola bid was held at Kolo in late October. Fifteen volunteers from the three clubs who had agreed to take on organising roles attended, including seven from TuMe. Photo: Häiskä.

Three clubs submit Jukola bid

Turun Metsänkävijät, Liedon Parma and Mynämäen Suunnistajat -52 submitted their joint bid to host the 2032 Jukola Relay in Nousiainen during the last week of October, as planned. A decision is expected no earlier than late winter or early spring. It is also possible that we could be awarded the event for either 2031 or 2033.

The application itself runs to around 30 pages, accompanied by dozens of appendices and statements from external parties, including authorities, service providers and municipalities.

The application names and introduces the key people in the proposed organising committee. Altogether, 23 people are listed, no fewer than ten of them from TuMe. Club chairman Knuble would serve as the event director.

The other TuMe members who have already agreed to take part at this stage are Juha H, Lergo, Skärde, Palo and Häiskä, along with Mika Virtanen, Jarno Laine, Markus Salminen and Antti Viitanen, who are better known for their involvement in scouting.

But don't worry – there will be plenty of work for everyone, sooner or later, as we build up a team of 1,500 volunteers!

Once Kaukametsäläiset has made its decision – assuming it is a positive one – we will organise a more detailed information session and begin recruiting volunteers in earnest.



Hatman on the podium, with former TuMe member Antti Parjanne on the left. Photos: Ella Yli-Sipilä.

Tappi 15th and Hatman third at Night

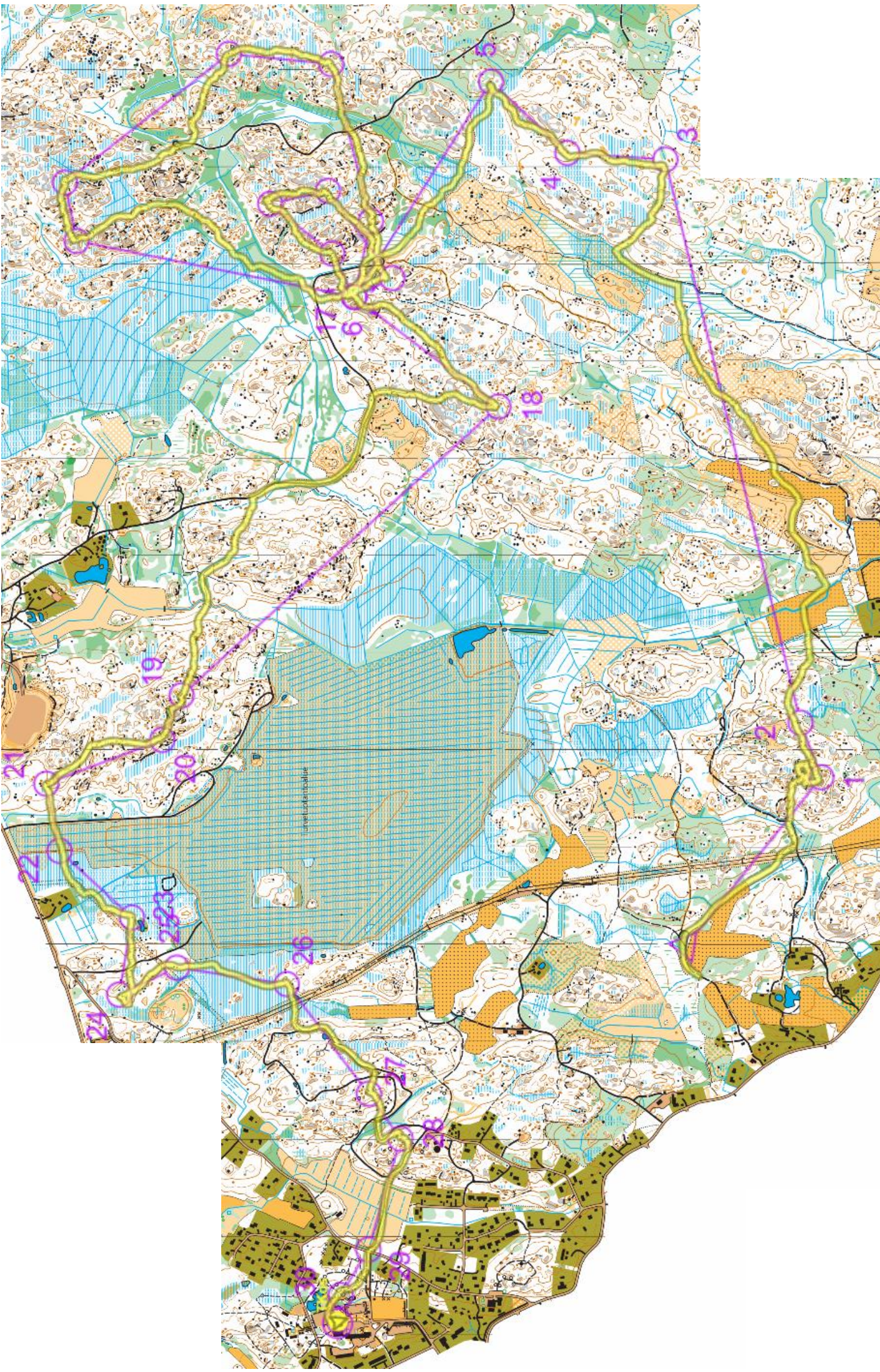
Tappi delivered TuMe's best performance in the men's open class at the Finnish Night Orienteering Championships, finishing 15th on the 12.9-kilometre course. Hatman was back on the podium again, taking bronze in M40. A total of 23 TuMe orienteers took part.





Tippi finished 39th in M70 and Eija 24th in W60.

Tappi’s Night Adventure in Yläne





The TuMe duo side by side at the start, wearing numbers 8 and 23. Photos: Janis Parums.

Cross-country gold for Uldis

Uldis won the Latvian Cross-Country Championship, completing the eight-kilometre course in 27:29. A year ago, he finished fourth in the same race.

Sale finished eighth, just over two minutes behind Uldis. The M45 class was won by former TuMe member Janis Ozolins, now 54 years old.





Uldis dominated the race but had to push hard all the way to the finish. His winning margin was just two seconds. On the right, M45 winner Janis Ozolins runs alongside the leading group in the women's open class.







Hisci and Simo have sorted out and refurbished the Street-O equipment, which is now ready in the storage building. The maps will be supplied by Sporttinappi, with a black box at Oppipojankuja 1 in Kaarina serving as the collection point. The ten-event ticket booklet has been replaced by a card, which the organiser punches at each event.

Street-O kicks off on Wednesday

Just a couple of days to go until the start of the Turku Street-O season! As usual, the opening event will be organised by Juha, starting from Kolo.

The arrangements will follow the familiar routine, with the details fine-tuned in the organisers' WhatsApp group. One occasional bottleneck has been the lack of a key to the storage building. However, seven club members have a key, so there should always be someone in the WhatsApp group willing to open the door. If you're not yet in the group, ask Tappi, the group administrator, to add your number.

We are still missing one course setter for the spring, and there are plenty of volunteer tasks available.

STREET-O 2026-2027

Nro	Päivämäärä	Toivottu paikka/alue	Ratamestari	Kartan hoitaa	Keskus	Apuvoimiksi tarjokkaita
1	4-marras-2026	Kolo/Keskusta	Juha	Juha	Kolo	Iiris
2	11-marras-2026	Masku Humikkala	Jouko L., Rale, Simo, Anne	Juha	Tammenahjon koulu	
3	18-marras-2026	Ihala	Rale	Tapani	Ihalan koulu tai kenttä?	Jouko L.
4	25-marras-2026	Iso-Heikkilä - Kirstinpuisto	Piia + Kimmo	Tapani		
5	2-joulu-2026	Uittamo-Katariina-Ilpoinen	Vesa + Karhunen	Tapani		
6	9-joulu-2026	Raision keskusta	Tapani	Tapani	Kerttulan urh.keskus	Jouko K.
7	16-joulu-2026	Raadelma-Runko, Piikkiö	Ville H	Juha		
8	30-joulu-2026	2 tuntia jossain	Tippi	Tippi		Matti S
9	6-tammi-2027	Tuomiokirkolta	Rale		Tuomiokirkontori?	
10	13-tammi-2027	Lauste-Skanssi	Ilkka, Pirjo, Pekka	Tippi		
11	20-tammi-2027	Kakola-Martti	Villiam, Joni			
12	27-tammi-2027	Piispanristi	Häiskä	Tippi?		Patu?
13	3-helmi-2027	Naantali keskusta	Anna, Lotta, Jussi	Tapani		
14	10-helmi-2027	Kupittaa	Max + Vesa	Juha		
15	17-helmi-2027	Suikkila	Ari ja Heikki	Tapani		
16	24-helmi-2027	Varissuo				
17	3-maalis-2027	Impivaara-Runosmäki	Timbe	Tapani		
18	10-maalis-2027	Hirvensalo	Riku	Tapani	Laskettelurinteen parkkipaikka?	Tatu
19	17-maalis-2027	Lieto	Juha	Juha	Liedon kaupungintalo	
20	24-maalis-2027	Koroinen-Räntämäki-Oriketo	Taneli	Tippi?	Linnasmäen opisto?	Tatu



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Gold WRE victory for Yannick

Yannick claimed his first Gold WRE victory in China in late October, securing the win with a strong finish.

A total of four Gold WRE races were held in China. Yannick's victory came in the second race. He finished third in the opening race, ninth in the third and seventh in the final race, where he was in contention for a podium place for much of the course.

Uldis and Ökö also took part in the China tour. Uldis finished 7th, 13th, 10th and 11th, while Ökö placed 10th, 11th, 16th and 13th.

The races took place amid China's rich cultural heritage. The third race was held around the Leshan Giant Buddha, a massive 71-metre-high stone statue carved into a cliff during the Tang Dynasty. There, the competitors had their hands full dodging groups of tourists. The final race took place at the foot of Mount Emei, one of China's four sacred Buddhist mountains.

Earlier in October, Yannick, Jossu and Ökö competed in two Park World Tour sprint races at an altitude of 3,000 metres in Tibet. Yannick finished second in both races, with Tomáš Křivda taking both victories. In the park sprint, Jossu finished third and Ökö ninth. The tables turned in the forest sprint, where Ökö placed fourth and Jossu ninth.



Ökö caught up with Jossu in the Park World Tour forest sprint.