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What's Happening

- Apr 18 -- Training at Chestnut Ridge Park
 - Apr 25 -- Training at Chestnut Ridge Park
 - Apr 29 -- First BfIO event of the season at Chestnut Ridge Park.
 - May 2 -- Training at Chestnut Ridge Park.
 - May 6 -- BfIO event at Emery Park.
 - May 9 -- Training at Chestnut Ridge Park.
 - and much much more.
- See inside for all the details.

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2006 schedule announced

The Buffalo Orienteering Club has scheduled an expanded slate of activities for 2006. In addition to the three spring and three fall meets, there will be four training evenings in April and May, a summer mid-week evening score-O, and a major festival to celebrate National Orienteering Day.

Also, the club is helping out with the North American Rogaine Championship in Allegany State Park in June.

The first training session is scheduled for April 18th in the evening at Chestnut Ridge Park. There is a related article in this issue of the newsletter with all the details.

The first of three regular spring meets will be held on Saturday, April 29 at Chestnut Ridge Park. Meet Director Gary Maslanka is planning a 90-minute Score-O. Registration will begin at 10:30 AM with a mass start at 11:15 AM and another mass start at 11:45 AM.

Two events are scheduled for May, the first on Saturday, May 6 at Emery Park and the second on Sunday, May 21 at Sardinia Forest. These events will also feature three courses each.

On June 10th and 11th members are encouraged to volunteer to help with the Rogaine at Allegany State Park.

For the first time the club will hold a mid-week evening Score-O on Tuesday July 11th at Chestnut Ridge Park. The Rochester Club has had good success with this format over the years and Patty Lyons has agreed to organize one for us. It's a way to avoid the busy summer weekends.

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Map Hikes back on track

This year the Club is planning a full slate of Map Hikes in three locations in Erie County. You will remember last year there was a lot of uncertainty surrounding the closure of county parks and only one location was offered. The drama seems to have abated this year.

The locations will be Chestnut Ridge, Emery Park, and the Sardinia Forest. Phil Wolfing will be picking the control locations and volunteers have already been assigned to place the markers in the woods. Everything should be set to go by April 18th.

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Training sessions scheduled

The Club will hold training sessions on four Tuesday evenings in April and May in Chestnut Ridge Park. Jackie Novkov will be the organizer and chief instructor.

These sessions will start at 6 PM at the Casino and are expected to last about 90 minutes. The sessions will be designed to accommodate orienteers of all ability levels, including those with no experience at all.

This was tried on a limited basis last year and met with great success. This year the sessions will be held on April 18th and 25th and May 2nd and 9th. There will be a small fee to defray the cost of the maps.

You don't have to be a member of the club to participate so this would be a great way to introduce a friend or family member to the sport.



From the President...

Happy 2006, fellow orienteers! The 2006 season should be an “eventful” one (pun intended) because the Buffalo Orienteering Club is moving forward on several fronts. There are some organizational changes that I’ll address here, some mapping plans, and even more events than we usually sponsor.

The club held its annual meeting at Hyatt’s in downtown Buffalo on Saturday, February 4th. At the meeting the members in attendance approved Bylaws for the club. You can take a look at them by going to our website. Also, following the organizational plans stipulated by the newly-approved Bylaws, the members voted in the new club officers for 2006 AND four additional club members to serve with the officers as a Board of Directors! The officers are actually the same as those in 2005: Linc Blaisdell, president; Phil Wolfing, secretary; and Mike Gasiewicz, treasurer. The new directors, serving a one-year term, are Dave Cady, Greg Hyatt, Patty Lyons, and Jackie Novkov. Check out the Bylaws on the club website to see how we’ve given a more definite structure to the club.

The big club effort in the near future will be directed at updating existing maps and creating new maps so that we’re not doing the same courses over and over. This is especially important for the veteran orienteers who know every stick and stone in Emery Park, Chestnut Ridge, and Sardinia. We have five new areas to develop, and we’re scheduling flyovers, photogrammetry, and field checking so that we will have new maps to print and locations at which to have meets.

Last year some members of the club led by Jackie Novkov held three training sessions at Chestnut Ridge Park for people new to orienteering as well as experienced orienteers. They were very well attended, nearly thirty people per session. This year the club would like to continue to hold training sessions, particularly to draw new people into the sport. The dates for the spring sessions have been established: April 18, April 25, May 2, and May 9; they are all Tuesday evenings, and the sessions will begin at 6:00 in Chestnut Ridge Park. If you are interested in helping to coach beginners at these training sessions, contact me at 479-9431 or Jackie Novkov at 903-1180. There will also be activities to help experienced orienteers hone their skills.

The schedule for this season is listed in this newsletter. You’ll notice that in addition to the usual three spring meets and three fall meets, we are planning two other activities. Patty Lyons has volunteered to be meet director for a Tuesday evening score-O on July 11. It will begin at 6:00 and last only for an hour. Rochester runs several of these evening score-O’s during the July hiatus from regular events, and they are very successful. I think our club will enjoy this activity, too. The other special event will be a celebration of National Orienteering Day on Saturday, September 16. I have volunteered to plan some orienteering training sessions and short courses designed to get new people involved in the sport. We’d like many of our experienced, and even less experienced, club members to come to help out and to enjoy the festivities. If any of you would like to help plan the day, give me a call.

Finally, I would like to make a plea for club members to volunteer to help out with meets during the season. We have a Meet Director for each event, but the Meet Director, while responsible for the meet, needs lots of help. He needs a course setter if he doesn’t do the job himself and he needs people to place the controls in the correct location. These are the tasks requiring very strong orienteering skills and only a handful of our club’s members are qualified to do it. Often the Meet Director will take on one or both of those jobs and will find help for these crucial functions. It would be nice to have experienced orienteers on hand to run brief clinics for newcomers. And, of course, we need help picking up the controls.

However, there are many other ways in which newer and less skilled members of the club can help out. At each meet we need two or three people to share registration duties, two or three people to serve as starters, two or three people to help out at the finish line as runners come in, and a couple of people to compile times and post results. The Rochester club also has a person

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Results

Chestnut Ridge Park, 9/18/2005

Weather: sun, clouds, rain, clouds, sun, rain, sun

Meet Director: Jackie Novkov

ADVANCED, 15 controls, 5.22 km

1 Dave Levine	72:04
2 Ken Belote	82:25
3 Tom Wightman	112:08
Fred Gordon	DNF

MEDIUM, 12 controls, 4.65 km

1 LH Clan	72:04
2 Rebecca Wightman	110:34
3 Mike Lance, Jennifer Neudecker	115:44
4 Wayne Maul, Glenn Priest	134:10
5 Justin & Jim Acker	137:40
6 Al Booth	140:10
Tom Wagar & family	DNF
Brendan White, Maria Chrypinski, & Paul Campana	DNF
Joe Rindfuss, Jeff Neureuter & 7 kids!	DNF

NOVICE, 8 controls, 2.22 km

1 Sandy, Joe, & Timothy Aselin	37:30
2 Dora Maul, Trisha Wirth	53:30
3 Ann Marcotte, Justin Strawther	54:50
4 Jennifer & Suzanne Borowicz	70:20
5 Joseph & Michelle Lasker	84:40
6 Will Wong, Renee Ming	91:35
7 Grant LaDue & family	107:00

Results

Boy Scout Camp Schoellkopf, 10/9/2005

Weather: Mostly sunny, windy, and cool (40's)

Meet Director: Phil Wolfling

ADVANCED, 13 controls, 4.8 km

1 Dave Levine	50:20
2 Mike Lyons (ROC)	55:45
3 Craig Mavis	63:58
4 Greg Hyatt	68:40
5 Rick Lavine (ROC)	72:54
6 Mike Lance	76:58
7 Jackie Novkov	89:08
8 Linc Blaisdell	96:30
9 Dayle Lavine (ROC)	106:20
10 Tom Wightman	110:18
11 Charlie Wightman	135:10
12 A. Marcotte & J Strawther	148:20
13 Robert Reeves	202:30

MEDIUM, 8 controls, 3 km

1 Patricia Lyons	49:45
2 Robert & Joe Maslanka	57:06
3 Walt Lyons	67:45
4 Troop 251	71:10
5 Al Booth	88:10
6 Justin Acker	91:00
7 Troop 93A - KG & MM	94:45
8 F Bertram & Y Lugo	95:00
9 Troop 583 - DT, SM, ZH, & JK	113:15
10 Troop 93C - JG & SP	158:00
11 Fred Gordon	206:00

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Results, continued

Boy Scout Camp Schoellkopf 10/9/2005

NOVICE - A, 7 controls, 2 km

1 Ryan Wolfling	28:30
2 Troop 599 - MDS & BC	34:20
3 Zach Lyons	40:00
4 Troop 599 - LW & AC	43:20
5 Troop 554A - JJ & AS	44:21
6 Troop 554C - MG, NG & AS	50:42
7 Troop 890 - MC, JH,MR, DMC, HJ	51:10
8 Troop 554B - NS & EN	56:05
9 Troop 93A - KG & MM	56:50
10 Troop 630B - J, M, R	57:54
11 Troop 5 - BW & DVO	58:58
12 Troop 630A	59:50
13 Troop 93B - MW, MA, KT, CT	64:21
14 Roger Keeney	66:46
15 Pack 5 - SW, AO	86:38
16 D Samuel, Y Zhuk, W Chong	87:59
17 LaDue family	95:30
18 Weichang Lu	103:50
19 Troop 5 - BS & ZB	109:30
20 Troop 616 - MB, CK, & KG	118:29

NOVICE - B, 7 controls, 2 km

1 Ryan Wolfling	21:05
2 Troop 599 - LW & MDS	24:38
3 Troop 554B - NS & EN	29:30
4 Zach Lyons	33:12
5 Troop 554A - JJ & AS	40:15
6 Troop 890-MC,JH,MR,DMC,HJ	41:50
7 Troop 599 - AC & BC	54:35

Results

Emery Park, 10/29/2005

Weather: sunny and cool, light breeze, (50's)

Meet Director: Mike Gasiewicz/Phil Wolfling

ADVANCED, SCORE-O, 340 maximum points

1 Dave Levine	340
2 Gary Maslanka	340
3 Mike Lance	295
4 Rebecca Wightman	230
5 Craig Mavis	210
6 Thomas Wightman	205
7 Linc Blaisdell	200
8 Charlie Wightman	200
9 Ryan Wolfling	200
10 Troop 599 - LW & MDS	190
11 J Strawther & A Marcotte	185
12 Doug Flewelling	165
13 A LaForce & R Minisci (ROC)	135
14 Backtrackers	115
15 L Burgess & W Maul	105
16 Troop 599 - AC & BC	75
17 Al Booth	65
18 Fred Gordon	55

NOVICE, 9 controls, 2.4 km

1 Dora Maul & MRB	53:22
2 Troop 278	78:52
3 Y Lugo & F Bertram	90:00
4 Weichang Lu	95:55
Roger Keeney	DNF
Chris Reagen	DNF

Calendar

Entry fees for BFLO meets are \$8 for guests and \$4 for members. All are welcome. Meets are held rain or shine. Registration usually begins at 10:30 AM with starts from 11 AM - Noon. Exceptions are noted. Informal instruction for beginners is always available. Call the Meet Director for more information.

Date	Location	Details
Tuesday April 18	Chestnut Ridge Park	Training session #1 for all abilities. 6 PM at the Casino. Jackie Novkov 903-1180. Nominal fee.
Tuesday April 25	Chestnut Ridge Park	Training session #2. Details as above.
Saturday April 29	Chestnut Ridge Park	90-minute Score-O. Mass starts at 11:15 AM and 11:45 AM. Contact: Gary Maslanka 632-9095
Tuesday May 2	Chestnut Ridge Park	Training session #3. See April 18 for details.
Saturday May 6	Emery Park	Regular meet with Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced courses. Charlie Wightman 537-2051.
Tuesday May 9	Chestnut Ridge Park	Training session #4. See April 18 for details.
Sunday May 21	Sardinia Forest	Regular meet with Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced courses. Mike Gasiewicz 896-8597.
Saturday and Sunday June 10-11	Allegany State Park	North American Rogaine Championships. 6, 12, 24 hour courses. Starts at 11 AM Saturday. See article for more information.
Tuesday July 11	Chestnut Ridge Park	90 minute Score-O starting at 6:15 PM. Register from 5-6 PM. Patty Lyons 652-8727

Saturday Sept. 16	Chestnut Ridge Park	National Orienteering Day event. Learn about O and give it a try. Linc Blaisdell 479-9431.
Saturday Sept. 23	Emery Park	90 minute Score-O. Mass start at 11 AM. Greg Hyatt 839-1605.
Sunday Oct. 15	Camp Schoellkopf	Regular meet with 3 courses. Phil Wolfling 832-9758.
Sunday Oct. 29	Chestnut Ridge	Regular meet with 3 courses. Jackie Novkov 903-1180.

Rochester Orienteering Club Events

This is a preliminary list and only selected events are listed. For a complete list see the ROC website <http://roc.us.orienteeing.org>. Information is also available at their hotline 585-377-5650.

Saturday April 22	Letchworth State Park	West Side.
Sunday May 28	Durand Eastman Park	
Sunday June 18	Powder Mills Park	

Other important and/or interesting meets

May 14	Kent, CT	28th Annual Billygoat Run http://www.billygoat.org
August 12-13	Sherburne, NY	CNYO Rogaine at Charles Baker State Forest. Mark Dominic 607-849-3101.
August 19-27	Orangeville, Ontario	Canadian Orienteering Championships Festival http://www.coc2006.ca/
Sept. 23-24	Virgil and Cortland, NY	CNYO A-Meet. Sprint, Middle Distance, Classic Distance. Eric Smith 607-347-4844.
October 6-9	Milton, Ontario	2006 North American Championships http://www.dontgetlost.ca/glof/

Mapping news

The Club has launched a two phase frenzy of mapmaking. The two phases are updates of existing maps and production of new maps. Two of our more popular areas, Chestnut Ridge and Sardinia, will be updated this summer with new field checking and drafting. Dick Detwiler of the Rochester Orienteering Club has been hired for the field checking.

At the same time we have contracted with an aerial photography firm to fly over several locations in Western New York to shoot stereo photos. This flight will take place as soon as the snow melts. The photos will then be sent abroad to a photogrammetry company who will produce base maps ready for field checking. The new areas to be mapped include Sprague Brook Park, Hunter's Creek Park, the Carlton Hill Multiple Use Area, and Rock City. The first of these new maps will be field checked in 2007 for use in 2008.

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The fall schedule gets jumpstarted on September 16th with our National Orienteering Day Celebration at Chestnut Ridge. Instead of a competition, the day's activities will be focused on introducing newcomers to the sport. People will be invited to come out and learn more about it and give it a try without any of the pressure of having to compete. Club members will be available to answer questions and lead informal training sessions.

Finally the season will wrap up with three fall meets – one in September and two more in October. The event on September 23rd is planned as a Score-O while the other two will be regular 3-course meets. More about these in future newsletters.

Rogaine volunteer update

There is still time to volunteer for the vetting and pre-checking of points for the Rogaine in June. People are needed to hike around and visit points in the park to verify that they are good locations for controls and to hang a ribbon so the people placing the controls will know where to hang them. Note that most of the locations under consideration are in pretty remote areas. Jon Sundquist is coordinating this aspect of the work. He can be reached at 655-5130. He will email you a PDF file of the points he wants you to visit.

Time is running out to renew

Check the mailing label on the back of the newsletter. If your membership has expired this could be your last issue. The high cost of postage means that we can only mail newsletters to those who are seriously interested in receiving them.

Clip and mail the renewal form on page 7 or, if you don't want to damage your copy of the newsletter, just mail a check in the correct amount. We'll figure out who you are.

And thanks for your support.

Map Hikes...continued from page 1

In case you are new to orienteering, a Map Hike is like a permanent Score-O course that is available from April to the end of October. You can go and participate whenever it is convenient for you. Twenty-five markers are placed in the woods and you buy a kit that includes a map showing all of the locations. The kit also includes instructions as well as hints and tips for successful navigation.

Map Hike kits will be available at all local meets, at all of the Hyatt's All Things Creative stores (910 Main in Buffalo, 8565 Main in Clarence, 937 Jefferson Road in Rochester) or you can contact Phil by phone at 832-9758 and arrange to send him a check and have him mail you the kit. The cost, not including shipping, is \$5 for each kit. Volume discounts for teachers and group leaders can also be negotiated.

The kit also includes a control card on a postcard that can be mailed back to Phil at the end of the season. The cards are then entered in a drawing for fabulous prizes.

Meet Directors and Education Committee planning to meet

Members interested in organizing educational outreach sessions for the general public and planning the April training sessions will meet at Linc Blaisdell's house on Monday, April 10 at 7 PM.

Meet Directors and prospective meet directors will meet on Tuesday April 11 at 7:30 PM at the Amherst Community Church on Washington Highway in Amherst.

Call Linc at 479-9431 for more information.

BUFFALO ORIENTEERING CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Name _____

Address _____

Date _____

Phone _____

 New Member Family \$15

email _____

 Renewal Single \$10

For Family Memberships,
please list additional family members: _____

Make check payable to "Buffalo Orienteering Club"
and mail to David Cady, 148 W Humboldt Pkwy, Buffalo, NY 14214.

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who serves as a greeter and another who brings the refreshments (which the club pays for). At the Buffalo meets we have had too few people available for these "unskilled" jobs and that means the people who do these jobs are over-worked and things become more chaotic. This also makes it difficult for the volunteers for these jobs to run the course themselves. So, if you would take a look at the dates and offer your services to the Meet Director (or to me), that will help make this a successful season. Even if you can't pick specific dates at this time, if you call me or e-mail me to have me add your name to a list of people that we could call when we're looking for volunteers, that would be an enormous help. A small number of people do a great deal for the club, and your modest support could make their lives much easier.

Thanks for participating with the Buffalo Orienteering Club. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our events this season.

-Linc

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Next newsletter is due out in June. Submissions from club members are always welcome.

Links

BfIO www.buffalo-orienteeing.bfn.orgUSOF www.us.orienteeing.orgJuniors www.thewaterstop.orgTraining logs and
general discussion www.attackpoint.orgGolden Horseshoe Orienteering (Niagara/Hamilton
region) www.dontgetlost.ca/ghoROC <http://roc.us.orienteeing.org>CNYO <http://cnyo.us.orienteeing.org>

Local Adventure

Racing group www.adventureheads.org

Quiz-O

Who is the young woman pictured in the center and what is her claim to fame?

For extra credit: Name the countries, left to right.

Email your answer to davidcady@gmail.com.



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At the British Championships at Penhale, Cornwall, April 2005. Photo by Chris Branford - from <http://flickr.com/photos/owls-count/>