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Annual Meeting At Chestnut Ridge

All Members Invited on March 15, 2008, 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Join us at the 2008 Buffalo Orienteering Club Annual Meeting. The event will take place at the Chestnut Ridge Park Casino. All members are encouraged to attend and guests are welcome. RSVP to Greg Hyatt at (716) 480-1713. The program will include:

Catered Lunch

Bylaw Changes Vote

Officer & Board Elections

2007 Map Hike Participant Recognition

Special Presentation

(From Mexico To Canada on the Pacific Crest Trail)

President's Awards

Upcoming Events

Name the A-Meet Contest

Door Prizes

2008 Map Hikes Available Soon

3 Parks Featured

Map hikes are summer long orienteering courses that can be completed at your own pace. This year, there will be courses at Chestnut Ridge, Emery, and Sprague Brook.

The Chestnut Ridge and Emery courses will be available in April. Sprague Brook will be available at the meet on May 17.

Map hike packets can be purchased at all club events, Hyatt's stores, hyatts.com, or with the form on page 7.

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The Joys of Getting Away

by *Dave Cady*

It's a lot of fun to travel to other parts of the country to participate in orienteering. Even if it's only a short trip down the Thruway to Rochester or Syracuse, the combination of new forests and new people is especially stimulating. Also, if the orienteering isn't enough, these trips can easily be combined with other sightseeing in the area of the event.

The abundance of information on the web makes it easy to find out about other clubs' events and most of the time all you have to do is show up. The one exception is events that are classified as A-meets. For these you have to do a little planning in advance but the effort is well worth it because these events are larger and better organized and more exciting.

There is an added reason to consider traveling to A-meets this year, because it will help us prepare for the A-meet that we will be hosting in May of 2009. Seeing how other clubs organize their big events will help us in planning our own. In this regard we are lucky because in 2008 both the Rochester club (see schedule on page 4) and the Central NY club are holding A-meets.

As an attendee, the big difference between local meets and A-meets is that you have to register in advance for A-meets. Part of the advance registration involves deciding ahead of time which class to enter. Your class then determines the course that you will run. You still have the option to run on any course in the "open" class. This can be confusing the first time but help is available. I'll be happy not only to answer questions about getting involved at "away" events, but also to serve as a de facto travel agent and tour guide. Here are some trips worth making:

May 3-4 – West Point A-meet.

There's a special atmosphere at this annual event organized by the cadets at West Point. Their terrain is incredibly rugged. You will be only about an hour and sixteen minutes north of Times Square so a side trip into the city is very doable. Entry deadline is April 18.

September 26-28 – North American Championships A-meet, hosted by Central New York Orienteering

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2008 Buffalo Orienteering Club Schedule

Regular Meet Fee \$4 Members, \$8 Non-Members / Learn & Practice \$2

| Date / Time | Location | Event Type | Meet Directors |
|--|---|--|---|
| Thursday, April 17 6:00 pm | Chestnut Ridge Park <i>Casino</i> | Learn & Practice | Jacky Novkov |
| Thursday, May 1 6:00 pm | Chestnut Ridge Park <i>Casino</i> | Learn & Practice | Jacky Novkov |
| Sunday, May 4 10:30-11:45 am | Chestnut Ridge Park | 3-Course Meet <i>Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced</i> | Lincoln Blaisdell Andy Grupp |
| Saturday, May 17 10:30-11:45 am | Sprague Brook Park <i>New Map!</i> | 3-Course Meet <i>Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced</i> | Henry Davis David Cady |
| Saturday, June 7 10:30-11:45 am | Little Rock City <i>CCC Base Camp</i> | Mini-ROGAINE <i>90-Minute, 3-Hour, 5-Hour</i> | Jacky Novkov Doug Kennedy |
| Saturday, June 14 11:00 am | Allegany State Park <i>Camp Allegany</i> | ROGAINE <i>6-Hour, 12-Hour, 24-Hour</i> | Buffalo & Rochester Orienteering Clubs |
| Tuesday, August 12 5:00-6:00 pm | Emery Park | Sprint 60-Minute Score-O | Patty Lyons Walt Lyons |
| Saturday, September 13 11:00 am | Chestnut Ridge Park <i>Casino</i> | Learn & Practice National Orienteering Day | Lincoln Blaisdell Jacky Novkov |
| Sunday, September 21 10:30-11:45 am | Hunter's Creek Park <i>New Map!</i> | 3-Course Meet <i>Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced</i> | Mike Lance Robert Reeves |
| Saturday, October 4 10:30-11:45 am | Emery Park | 90-Minute Score-O | Charlie Wightman |
| Saturday, October 18 10:30-11:45 am | Camp Schoellkopf <i>Scouts \$4</i> | 3-Course Meet <i>Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced</i> | Phillip Wolfling |
| Sunday, January 11, 2009 | Hunter's Creek Park | Ski-O | Patty Lyons |

Welcome New Members

The following individuals and families have joined the Buffalo Orienteering Club since the last issue:

Michele Maybach, Dr. Douglas Quick, Kathy O'Connor-Mullen, Joann Welland, Sandra & Raul Mercado, John Siegel, Paul Skelton

2008 Rochester Orienteering Club Schedule

Hotline: (585) 377-56750 Website: roc.us.orienteering.org

Regular Meet Fee \$3 Members (Buffalo & Rochester Clubs), \$6 Non-Members

| Date | Time | Location | Event Type |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Saturday, March 29 | 12:00-2:00 pm | Powder Mills Park | Ice Breaker |
| April 19-20 | 10:00 am | Letchworth / Mendon Ponds | A-Meet |
| Sunday, April 27 | 12:00-2:00 pm | Oatka Creek Park | Regular, Sprint |
| Sunday, May 11 | 12:00-2:00 pm | Mendon Ponds Park | Regular, Sprint |
| Sunday, May 18 | 12:00-2:00 pm | Irondequoit Bay Park West | Regular |
| Saturday, May 31 | 12:00-2:00 pm | Durand Eastman Park | Regular |
| Sunday, July 6 | 1:00 pm | Black Creek Park | Score-O, White |
| Wednesday, July 23 | 6:00 pm | Webster Park | Score-O, Sprint, White |
| Saturday, August 2 | 10:00 am | Genesee Valley Park | Score-O, Sprint, White |
| Saturday, August 23 | 6:00-7:30 pm | Camp Eastman | Sprint, Night-O |
| Thursday, September 25 | 6:00 pm | TBD | Score-O |
| Sunday, October 5 | 12:00-2:00 pm | Mendon Ponds Park | Regular |
| Saturday, October 18 | 12:00-2:00 pm | Dryer Road Park | Regular |
| Sunday, November 2 | 12:00-2:00 pm | Camp Pinewood | Regular |
| Saturday, November 8 | 8:00 am | Mendon Ponds Park | Trail Run |

Editor's Notes

Items of Interest From Around the Club

- In the summer of 1965, Bob Dylan plugged in and “went electric.” In 2008, the Buffalo Ori-enteer will do the same! Beginning with this issue, you may choose to **receive your newsletter via e-mail**. This will help save money for the club and reduce our impact on the environ-ment. To sign up, contact me at ninjarob3000@yahoo.com.
- You may have noticed that our **website address has changed**. This was necessitated by a change in service providers. Please change your bookmarks to the new address, www.buffalo-orienteering.org.
- If you have not **renewed your membership for 2008**, this will be your last issue. Please complete the form on page 7 and return it right away. Or, you can bring it the annual meeting.

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The Big Event

by Dave Cady

Our club has made a commitment to host a major orienteering event in the spring of 2009. This event will be larger and more complex than any we have organized before. Also known as an “A-Meet”, it will attract orienteers from across the Northeast U.S. and from Southern Ontario. We expect about 300 participants to attend.

The event will consist of races on three days. A sprint will be held on Friday, May 15, 2009 at Sprague Brook Park. A middle distance event is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th at Hunter’s Creek Park. The weekend will conclude back at Sprague Brook with a long distance event on Sunday the 17th.

For the middle and long distance events we will set 9 different courses each day in order to accommodate participants in 39 classes. Needless to say, this will require a huge amount of effort on the part of club members. There will be many opportunities for volunteers.

The sorts of things that need to be done include babysitting, parking hundreds of cars and maybe organizing a shuttle bus system, staffing the start line and the finish line, producing a brochure, printing all the maps with the courses on them, sealing the maps in plastic bags, researching accommodations, maintaining a website for the event, promotion, supervising registration, providing first aid, arranging for food and water at the meet sites, designing a t-shirt or whatever merchandise we decide to sell or give away, and organizing a banquet or other social events. And that’s all in addition to making sure hundreds of control markers are placed in the woods in exactly the right locations on each day – and then picked up afterwards.

So far I’ve been assigned to be meet director, Valentin Vladimirov is the course designer, Jackie Novkov is the course setter, Greg Hyatt is handling registration, Dave Levine is the vetter, Steve Lakomy is the safety officer, and Phil Wolfling is the map coordinator. Linc Blaisdell, Doug Kennedy and I are functioning as an executive triumvirate. If you have suggestions or questions or want to offer yourself, please contact one of us.

Help Name the Baby

You can play a part in choosing the name for our A-meet to be held next year. Sure, we could simply call it The Buffalo A-Meet but that wouldn’t be very imaginative, would it? So, at the Annual Meeting on March 15, we’ll vote to choose one of the following names:

- Buffalo Orienteering Festival
- Buffalo Spring Festival
- Buffalo Wings
- Buffalo Spring Challenge
- Spring Into Summer
- WNY Spring Meet – Where the Buffalo Roam
- Spring Break

And if these leave you cold, be prepared with something better in case we take a couple of suggestions from the floor. —D.C.

Map Hike Participants to be Recognized

Prizes Awarded at Annual Meeting

29 map hike cards were received from 11 participants in 2007. First place awards will consist of a complete set of 2008 map hikes. Second place awards will be a 2008 map hike of your choice. All entrants will receive participation certificates.

First Place: Mike Lance, Mike Schlicht, Ken Vail

Second Place: Ken Belote, Scott Heiligenthaler, Howard Krause, Charles Wightman & Judy Geer

Chestnut Ridge Park

Mike Lance
Mike Schlicht
Ken Vail
Scott Heiligenthaler
Ken Belote
David Stroud
Diane Stroud
A. Giamberdino
Al Booth
The Kelly's
Kathy O'Connor-Mullen
J. Borowicz

Emery Park

Mike Lance
Mike Schlicht
Ken Vail
Scott Heiligenthaler
Ken Belote
Charles Wightman &
Judy Geer
Howard Kraus
Jane Brennan

Sardinia Forest

Mike Lance
Mike Schlicht
Ken Vail
Howard Kraus
Charles Wightman &
Judy Geer
Joan Funke
Kate Carrier
Fred Gordon

Editor's Notes (continued from page 4)

- The membership will be voting on **proposed club bylaw changes** at the 2008 annual meeting. The main item to be considered deals with increasing the terms of office for officers and directors from one to two years. The complete bylaws, including the proposed changes, can be viewed under the "News & Results" section of the website.
- Also at the annual meeting, the **nominating slate will be voted on for 2008/2009 officers and directors** (pending bylaw approval). The nominating slate is: Lincoln Blaisdell, president; Phillip Wolfling, secretary; David Cady, treasurer; Jacky Novkov, Henry Davis, Patty Lyons, Greg Hyatt, directors. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting.
- As we begin the new orienteering season, let's all make a resolution to **invite a friend or family member** to participate in a club event this year.

—Robert Reeves

Buffalo Orienteering Club Membership Application / Renewal Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

For family memberships list additional family members _____

New Member

Renewal

Single \$15

Family \$20

*Make check payable to "Buffalo Orienteering Club"
Mail to: David Cady, 148 W Humboldt PKWY, Buffalo, NY 14214*

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Buffalo Orienteering Club Map / Map Hike Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

*Quantity discounts available on orders of 20 or more
Contact Phillip Wolfling for details at (716) 832-9758*

*Make check payable to:
Buffalo Orienteering Club
Mail to:
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| Qty. | Map Hikes | Each | Total |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------|--------|
| | Chestnut Ridge | \$5.00 | |
| | Emery | \$5.00 | |
| | Sprague Brook | \$5.00 | |
| Qty. | Maps Only | Each | Total |
| | Chestnut Ridge | \$2.00 | |
| | Emery | \$2.00 | |
| | Sardinia | \$2.00 | |
| | Hunter's Creek | \$2.00 | |
| | Sprague Brook | \$2.00 | |
| | Allegany | \$8.00 | |
| | Ellicottville | \$5.00 | |
| Shipping (1-19 items) | | | \$2.00 |
| Shipping (20 or more items) | | | Free |
| Total Order | | | |



The Club hosted its first Ski-O in several years on Sunday, March 2 at Chestnut Ridge. The weather was perfect and a good time was had by all. Results will appear in the next issue. Special thanks to Patty and Walt Lyons.



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