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Annual Meeting Set For March 20th

12:00pm at Stohrer's Lodge, Emery Park

Our Buffalo Orienteering Club will hold its Annual Meeting at Stohrer's Lodge in Emery Park again this year. We will start at noon again, but instead of having a catered lunch, we are asking participants to bring appetizers, main dishes, salads, or desserts to provide a pot luck lunch. We will have hot dogs available (our official club food) and we will be testing our new club grill. We will have some drinks provided, but feel free to bring a beverage of your choice.

It will help us plan if you would send Linc an e-mail at linc43@roadrunner.com stating that you can or cannot make the meeting. If you don't get a chance to respond, come anyway!

Following lunch, there will be a brief state of the club message by Linc, the presentation of map hike awards and service awards, 2010-2012 officer and board elections, requests for volunteers for various events and services, and a request for feedback on which small parks to map in the near future. After small group sessions during which club members will give input on training new orienteers, the meeting will finish off with an outdoor orienteering activity involving all members who wish to participate.

Map Hikes to be Ready April 1

Four Parks Now Featured

Map hikes are orienteering courses that can be completed at your own pace. This year, there will be courses available at Chestnut Ridge, Emery, Sprague Brook, and Hunter's Creek parks. All courses are completely new each year and feature 25 controls of varying difficulty.

Packets can be purchased at all club events, Hyatt's stores, hyatts.com, or with the order form on page 6. When ordered through the club, a discount is now available when purchasing all four map hikes.

Map hikes will remain in place from April 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011.

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2010/2011 Buffalo Orienteering Club Schedule

Date	Location	Event Type/Start Times	Director
March 20 Saturday	Emery Park <i>Stohrer Lodge</i>	Annual Meeting 12:00pm	Linc Blaisdell
April 24 Saturday	Chestnut Ridge Park <i>Casino</i>	Learn & Practice/10:30am Sprint, Score-O/11:00am, 12:00pm	Jackie Novkov Andy Grupp
May 16 Sunday	Hunter's Creek Park	4-Course Meet 11:00am-12:00pm	Greg Hyatt
June 13 Sunday	Sprague Brook Park	4-Course Meet 11:00am-12:00pm	Henry Davis
July 8 Thursday	Hunter's Creek Park	Sprint/6:00pm Score-O/7:00 pm	Patty Lyons
July 15 Thursday	Chestnut Ridge Park <i>Newton Road parking lot</i>	Trail Run 7:00pm	Patty Lyons
August 12 Thursday	Chestnut Ridge Park <i>Casino</i>	Picnic 6:00pm	Linc Blaisdell
September 18 Saturday	Chestnut Ridge Park <i>Shelter 18</i>	National Orienteering Day Learn & Practice/11:00am	Linc Blaisdell
September 26 Sunday	Ellicottville <i>Holiday Valley Upper</i>	Mini ROGAINE 12:00pm	Jackie Novkov
October 2 Saturday	Schoellkopf Scout Camp	4-Course Meet 11:00am-12:00pm	Phil Wolfling
October 12 Tuesday	Niagara Falls State Park <i>Goat Island</i>	Sprint/3:00pm-4:00pm Night Sprint/7:00pm-8:00pm	David Cady
October 23 Saturday	Emery Park	Sprint/11:00am Score-O/12:00pm	Charlie Wightman
January 30 Sunday	Byrncliff Resort	Ski-O 10:30am-11:00am	Patty Lyons

Check website for updates, registration times, fees, and directions.

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Volunteers are needed at all events for registration, start/finish, and flag pickup.

Contact meet director for details.

2010-2011 Rochester Orienteering Club Schedule

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

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

Date	Time	Location	Event Type
April 25	12:00-2:00pm	Webster Park	Ice Breaker Meet
May 15	12:00-2:00pm	Mendon Ponds Park	Regular Meet
May 23	10:00am	Ellison Wetlands	Canoe-O
June 5	12:00-2:00pm	Oatka Creek Park	Regular Meet
June 20	1:00-2:00pm	Mendon Ponds Park	White, Score-O, Sprint
July 14	6:00-7:00pm	Cobbs Hill Park	White, Score-O, Sprint
July 24	10:00-11:0am	Durand Eastman Park	White, Score-O, Sprint
August 11	6:00-7:00pm	Black Creek Park	White, Score-O, Sprint
August 21	10:00-11:00am	Powder Mills Park	White, Score-O, Sprint
September 12	12:00-2:00PM	Rattlesnake Hill	Regular Meet
October 3	12:00-2:00pm	Mendon Ponds Park	Regular Meet
October 24	12:00-2:00	Rotary Sunshine Camp	Regular Meet
November 6	8:00am, 6:00pm	Mendon Ponds Park	Trail Run, Night-O
December 5	5:00pm	Camp Eastman	Annual Meeting & Scrooge-O
January 16	TBD	Mendon Ponds Park	Ski-O
February 6	TBD	Mendon Ponds Park	Ski-O

Park Profile: Emery

The old Emery Inn and the nearby barn are remnants of the original Josiah Emery Farmstead. The Emery family lived on and worked on this land for over one hundred years, beginning in the early 1800's. In 1925, the Parks Commission of Erie County purchased the land from Helen B. Emery, forming Emery Park. Many of the original park structures built by Works Progress Administration crews in the late 1920's and early 1930's still remain. The historic Emery home was converted to a museum and restaurant after 1926, and in more recent years has fallen into disrepair. It now sits vacant.

Today, Emery Park is notable for its ski slope, ravines, and the Richardson Cottage picnic area.

Meet Results

Location: **Byrnclyff Resort**Type: **Ski-O**Date: **January 31, 2010**Meet Director: **Patty Lyons**Weather: **cold, sunny/cloudy**Volunteers: **Dave Cady, Walt Lyons, Linc Blaisdell, Christine Lyons, Jackie Novkov**Courses: **Long—7k, 15 cntrls
Middle—5.5k, 12 cntrls**

Female Open

Place	Competitor	Time
1	Stina Bridgeman	1:16:34
2	Jackie Novkov	1:28:40

Master Female

Place	Competitor	Time
1	Dayle Lavine	1:32:17
2	Sandi Wilsey	2:17:00

Men Open

Place	Competitor	Time
1	Georg Nadorff	42:52
2	Segei Dobretsov	46:45
3	Pavel Kornilev	47:00
4	Jon Sundquist	47:10
5	Nate Lyons	1:00:45
6	Will Hawkins	1:08:43
7	Eric Smith	1:17:50
8	Evan Losh	1:29:55

Master Male

Place	Competitor	Time
1	Jim Pamper	1:06:35
2	Dave Levine	1:17:25
3	Gary Maslanka	1:31:55
	Mark Wolfling	DNF

Grandmaster Male

Place	Competitor	Time
1	Jim Russell	1:09:35
2	Rick Lavine	1:46:27
3	Ed Deller	2:08:35
	Charles Huff	DNF

Scholastic

Place	Competitor	Time
1	Zach Lyons	1:34:10

Middle Open

Place	Competitor	Time
1	Colleen, Jane, Sue	2:29:00
2	Andy Grupp & Spaeths	2:46:05
	Robert Reeves	DNF



President's Message

By Lincoln Blaisdell

Greetings and happy 2010 to the members of the BFLO O-Club!



Although our orienteering club is small, we have been thriving. The highlight of last year was the highly successful A-Meet that was made possible through the efforts of a very active Board of Directors and a wonderful cadre of volunteers who responded to the call for help.

The 2010 season features some efforts in new directions to expand orienteering in Western New York. If you look at our web site, you will see that again we have the usual program: three early summer meets, one summer evening meet, a National Orienteering Day event, three fall meets, and a ski-O. However, we will also hold a Trail Run event to serve as a source of revenue for our mapmaking plans. And for orienteers, we are scheduling two Sprint events on Goat Island, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, on Tuesday, Oct. 12. Also, when our regularly scheduled events are Score-O's rather than point-to-point events, we will hold a Sprint event before the Score-O.

The club will also expand the Map Hikes from three to four, adding Hunter's Creek to Chestnut Ridge, Emery Park, and Sprague Brook parks. The Map Hike markers will stay up from April 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011. During the 2010 season, we will explore the idea of creating permanent map hikes in such locations as Beaver Meadows, the area near Ellicottville, and Allegany State Park.

During the last few seasons our Buffalo club has tried to increase participation at meets and expand our membership through such means as offering Learn & Practice sessions before meets, emphasizing the social nature of the sport by offering food at the events to encourage participants to linger, and making the Annual Meeting more entertaining. The Board has decided to continue these activities, but also we have begun brainstorming some new ideas to increase participation. During 2010 we will start to consider holding small events for people new to orienteering at some of the parks closer to Buffalo, often at smaller parks that would not lend themselves to our normal four three or four course meets. Eventually, there may be more than a couple of hundred people in Western New York who know what orienteering is!

All of the efforts of the Board of Directors and a few faithful longtime members of the club will not be enough to help our sport reach new levels of participation. Volunteers from a large number of the nearly 100 members of the club are essential. The corps of volunteers has been growing, but rather slowly.

We need volunteers at all of our regular meets. We need greeters to make new people feel welcome. We need teachers to explain very basic ideas to new participants who show up at event for the first time (you do not by any means have to be an expert to serve in this role). We need people to register participants and to help with start and finish. We need people to cook hot dogs! None of these ways of helping will prevent the volunteer from also participating in the event. Try especially hard to be available to help at the opening meet at Chestnut Ridge because we have so many activities going on at that meet. You can volunteer by getting in touch with me or the meet directors listed for each event in the schedule.

See **President's Message** continued on Page 7

2009 Map Hike Results

Prizes to be Awarded at Annual Meeting on March 20th

Sprague Brook Park

*Corey Beres Family
 *Judi Geer & Charlie Wightman
 *Mike Kennedy
 *Mike Lance
 *Mike Schlicht
 *Lana Tibbets
 *Ken Vail
 Katy Carrier
 Joan Funke
 Katy O'Connor-Mullen & Mark Mullen
 Sandy Voss & Jeff Storch
 Larry Kruecker

Chestnut Ridge Park

*Corey Beres Family
 *Judi Geer & Charlie Wightman
 *Mike Kennedy
 *Mike Lance
 *Mike Schlicht
 *Katy O'Connor-Mullen & Mark Mullen
 *Sandy Voss & Jeff Storch
 *Al Booth, Linda Brooks, & Christian Corres
 Jane Brennan
 Joan Funke
 Katy Carrier

Emery Park

*Corey Beres Family
 *Judi Geer & Charlie Wightman
 *Mike Kennedy
 *Mike Lance
 *Mike Schlicht
 *Rebecca Wightman
 Joan Funke
 Sand Voss & Jeff Storch
 Jane Brennan
 Katy Carrier
 Dora & Wayne Maul

* denotes completed course (25 controls)

2010 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:
 Phillip Wolfling
 263 Morris AVE, Buffalo, NY 14214*

Qty.	Map Hikes	Each	Total
	Chestnut Ridge	\$7.00	
	Emery	\$7.00	
	Hunter's Creek	\$7.00	
	Sprague Brook	\$7.00	
	All 4 Map Hikes	\$24.00	
Qty.	Map Only	Each	Total
	Allegany	\$8.00	
Shipping (1-19 items)			\$2.00
Shipping (20 or more items)			Free
Total Order			

Membership Information

Club memberships expire at the end of the calendar year. Expiration dates appear above the newsletter address label. If you have not yet renewed for 2010, please complete and mail the form below along with your payment. Discounts are now available for three-year individual and family memberships. Membership benefits include:

- Fee discounts at Buffalo and Rochester Orienteering Club meets and events
- Three yearly issues of the BFLOrienteer newsletter
- E-mail updates on club events
- Discounts at Eastern Mountain Sports Club Days
- Voting rights at the annual meeting
- Helping to support club expenses and future mapping projects

Buffalo Orienteering Club Membership Application / Renewal Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

For family memberships list additional family members _____

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

New Member

Renewal

\$15 Individual—1 Year

\$40 Individual—3 Years

\$20 Family—1 Year

\$50 Family—3 Years

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We need volunteers to help in other ways as well. We need one or two people to sit at an orienteering information table at Beaver Meadows on Earth Day—April 17, 2010 from 10 to 4. We need the same service from volunteers during the Eastern Mountain Sports Club Days on April 23 and 24. We have many attractive tri-fold publicity pamphlets left over from a couple of years ago. We need people to use a pen to correct the website address and the membership dues which have changed since they were printed. Finally, we need people to come to the Annual Meeting on March 20th to get to know each other and to become enthusiastic about becoming very active in the Buffalo Orienteering Club during our 2010 season. I hope to see you there!

If you ever have any questions about the club or about an event, please feel free to get in touch with me. Contact information is included in this issue.

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