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Fall Season Ends With a Bang

94 participants attend Sprague Brook meet

The fall orienteering season began with another successful National Orienteering Day event at Chestnut Ridge park on September 17. **Linc Blaisdell** and his team of volunteers conducted 90-minute training sessions for those new to the sport. This was followed by a non-competitive orange course for more experienced orienteers.

Next up was a Score-O on September 25, also at Chestnut Ridge. This meet featured our newly updated map of the park. Thanks to meet directors **Howard Kraus** and **Linc Blaisdell**.

The Mini-ROGAINE in the Ellicottville area featured tough courses set by **Jackie Novkov**, and included the added challenge of miserable weather. Competition was fierce, however, with only 100 points separating the top three finishers on the six-hour course.

The season wrapped up with a well attended four-course meet at Sprague Brook park on October 23. Meet directors **Robert Reeves** and **Linc Blaisdell** welcomed 94 competitors, many of whom were new to the sport. **Thomas Rycroft** earned a rare double win, finishing both the red and orange courses with the lowest time.

Ski-Orienteering at Byrncliff Resort

Club meet serves as an Empire State Games Qualifier

The annual ski-orienteering event will take place on January 29, 2012 at Byrncliff Resort in Varysburg. The meet will feature three courses: Short (2.5km-8 controls), Middle (4.7km-14 controls), and Long (6.5km-15 controls).

The entry fee is \$10. Equipment rentals are also available for an additional \$10. The trails are groomed and most are tracked. Indoor facilities are available for pre and post event gathering. Electronic punching is being used and dibleers are available. Visit byrncliff.com for trail and snow conditions.

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2012 Buffalo/Rochester Winter Orienteering Schedule

Check websites for updates, registration times, fees, and directions
www.buffalo-orienteering.org
roc.us.orienteering.org

Date	Location	Event Type/Start Times	Club/Director
January 15 Sunday	Mendon Ponds Honeoye Falls, NY	Ski-O 12:00-2:00pm	ROC
January 29 Sunday	Byrncliff Resort Varysburg, NY	Ski-O 10:30am-11:00am	BFLO Patty Lyons
February 5 Sunday	Harriet Hollister Dansville, NY	Ski-O 12:00-2:00pm	ROC

Membership Information

Club memberships expire at the end of the calendar year. Expiration dates appear above your newsletter address label. If you have not yet renewed for 2012, please complete and mail the form on page 7 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

Welcome New Member!

The following member has joined the club since the last issue:

Ellen Willard

Meet Results

Location: **Chestnut Ridge Park** Date: **September 25, 2011** Meet Directors: **Howard Kraus/Linc Blaisdell**

Weather: **Summery, mild breeze** Volunteers: **Dave Cady, Greg Hyatt, Phil Wolfling, Jackie Novkov**

Score-O

Place	Competitor	Time	Points
1	Michael Lyons	1:28	770
2	Patricia Lyons	1:28	700
3	Dave Levine	1:30	600
4	Gary Maslanka	1:30	570
5	Zachary Lyons	1:28	490
6	Phil Wolfling	1:23	470
7	Scott Heiligenthaler	1:19	460
8	Adolph Rave	1:27	320
9	Kris Rave	1:25	290
10	Kathy Bannister	1:26	230

Place	Competitor	Time	Points
11	Colleen Hyatt	1:15	220
12	Schneckenberger/Jakiel	1:27	220
13	Walter Lyons	1:27	200
14	Ed Kennedy	1:06	150
15	Borowicz/Bertrus	1:23	140
16	Flying Snakes-Troop 59	1:27	70
17	Chris Bertrus	1:41	0
18	Rob Reeves	1:42	0
19	Kay Sheehan	2:03	0
DNF	Dewar/Wieczorek		

Location:
Holiday Valley/Ellicottville

Date:
October 1, 2011

Meet Director:
Jackie Novkov

Weather: **Rainy & Cold**

Volunteers: **Doug Kennedy, Walt & Patty Lyons, Greg Hyatt, Linc Blaisdell**

3-Hour Mini-ROGAINE

Place	Competitor	Time	Points
1	Galyna Petreko	2:57	920
2	Eugene Mlynczck	2:57	880
3	Rachael Walter	2:58	410
4	Raymund Chung	3:04	410
5	Rainee VanNatter	2:24	210

6-Hour Mini-ROGAINE

Place	Competitor	Time	Points
1	Pavel Korniliev	5:53	1190
2	Tom Roycroft	6:02	1130
3	Dave Ort	5:44	1090
4	Haley Hunter-Zinck	5:51	1030
5	3 Wet Guys	5:42	900
6	Greg Hyatt	5:30	830
7	TOC of Town	5:39	740
8	Rob Cain	5:42	530
9	Lynda Chudy	5:50	250
10	Team Sparty	3:37	240

Meet Results

Location: **Sprague Brook**Date: **October 23, 2011**Weather: **Sunny & Mild**Meet Directors:
Rob Reeves/Linc BlaisdellVolunteers: **Jackie Novkov, Doug Kennedy, Gary Maslanka,
Phil Wolfling, Greg Hyatt, Jen Borowicz & Team, Rod Cameron**

Red--6.2km - 16 controls

Place	Competitor	Time
1	Thomas Rycroft	1:21:15
2	Gary Maslanka	1:21:30
3	Brian Thomas	1:52:30
4	Henry Davis/Steve Lakomy	1:54:00
5	Greg Hyatt	1:55:00
6	David Ort & Team	2:24:00
7	Rick Slattery	2:29:30
DNF	Rachel Walter	

Green--4.7km - 13 controls

Place	Competitor	Time
1	Phil & Simon Wolfling	1:30:00
2	Howard Kraus	1:30:45
3	Rod Cameron	1:50:00
4	R Van Natter	2:13:00
5	Team Coleen	2:19:00

Orange--4.0km - 12 controls

Place	Competitor	Time
1	Thomas Rycroft	37:30
2	The Fehringers	1:03:30
3	Stephen Blacklocks	1:07:00
4	Don Winslow	1:17:00
5	Boy Scout Troop 156/Offwhite	1:33:30
6	Team Finklestein	1:51:00
7	Team Backtrackers	1:54:00
8	Dorthea Wattles	1:54:30
9	Lenore Pawlowski	2:25:30
DQ	Heilgenthaler Team (lost card)	
DNF	Maslanka Squared Team	
DQ	Team Ferrick	

White/Yellow--3.1km - 10 controls

Place	Competitor	Time
1	Team Speedy Platypus	1:03:00
2	Diane & Willow	1:08:30
3	Lynn & Charlene	1:28:00
4	Team BTT	1:30:00
5	Borowicz/Betrus Team	1:43:00
6	Mary Thompson	1:47:30
7	Gdowski Team	1:51:00
8	Cindi Renaldo	1:52:30
9	Team Nyitrai	2:08:30
DNF	Kailey & Chris	
DNF	Murphy Team	
Rec	Wieczorek Team	
Rec	Russell Team	
Rec	Kirsch Team	
Rec	Stidham	

Editor's Notes

News from around the club

- BFLO club board member **Patricia Lyons** was declared US Sprint Champion in the F60 age group at the US Individual Orienteering Championships held at Franklin Park in Boston, MA on October 21. Patty's time of 26:30 was a minute and fourteen seconds faster than the second place finisher. Although she was not happy with her run, as they say in football, "A win is a win."
—*Dave Cady*
- At the same event, BFLO club treasurer **Dave Cady** finished second to the legendary Peter Gagarin in the Sprint and 3rd in the Middle and Long events in the M65 category.
—*Walt Lyons*
- Plan on attending the Buffalo Orienteering Club **annual meeting on March 24** at Emery Park. The 2012 schedule will be available, as well as information on the new Map Hikes. Officers and Board Members will also be elected to new two-year terms. See the next issue for more details.
- Plans are underway to for the club to host an Orienteering-themed Scout Camporee at Sprague Brook park in October of 2012. Club secretary **Phil Wolfling** is heading this up effort in conjunction with the Greater Niagara Frontier Council, Polaris District of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Stay tuned for more information on an upcoming **course-setting workshop**. The club is in need of new volunteer course setters for the 2012 season. The training will cover the many things to consider when creating orienteering courses for different experience levels.

—*R.R.*

Orienteering as Adventure Racing

What's in a name?

Have you ever had trouble describing orienteering to someone unfamiliar with the term? Most of us have been meet with confused looks from our friends and family as we ramble on about maps, compasses, and running in the woods. Despite our best efforts, many people still fail to see the attraction of the sport.

One trick to get around this dilemma is to focus on what you love about orienteering, rather than the mechanics of it. We love spending time in the outdoors, the thrill of the hunt, venturing off-trail, overcoming obstacles, and the challenge of picking the best route—not to mention the great workout. At a recent board meeting, the term "Adventure Racing" came up. While this can mean many things, orienteering seems to fit the bill perfectly. Running across streams, through mud, and up steep terrain is an Adventure indeed.

Golden Horseshoe Orienteering in southern Ontario has been using this term for years to describe their events. Is it time for us to consider rebranding orienteering in Buffalo as Adventure Racing? Can this help us reach a new audience? Send us your thoughts. And check out www.dontgetlost.ca for more information.

International Orienteering Federation Control Symbols

Column C (which one of several)

	upper
	lower
	middle
	most north-eastern

Column D (the control feature)

	earthbank
	quarry
	earth wall
	terrace
	spur
	re-entrant
	gully
	hill
	knoll
	saddle
	depression
	small depression
	pit
	anthill
	platform*
	crag/cliff
	boulder

	rock pillar
	group of boulders
	boulder field
	stony ground
	cave
	narrow passage
	bare rock
	lake
	pond
	waterhole/wet pit
	stream
	ditch*
	dry ditch/small gully
	marsh
	firm ground in marsh
	narrow marsh
	minor water channel
	well
	spring/source
	water tank, water trough
	open land
	semi-open land
	forest corner
	clearing

	vegetation boundary
	thicket
	linear thicket
	distinctive tree
	distinctive tree*
	copse
	copse*
	root stock
	road
	track/path
	ride
	wall
	fence
	telegraph pole
	power line
	footbridge
	building
	ruin
	tower
	crossing point
	shooting platform
	fodder rack
	tunnel
	paved area

	pipeline
	charcoal burning ground
	sculpture
	building pass through
	stairway
	boundary stone/cairn
	broken ground
	special item (meaning will be given)
	special item*

Column E (appearance)

	low
	shallow
	deep
	ruined
	overgrown
	open
	stony
	marshy
	sandy
	coniferous
	deciduous

Column F (dimensions)

	2.5	feature height
	8 x 4	horizontal dimensions
	0.5 / 3.0	height of feature on slope
	2.0 / 3.0	heights of two features with control between them

Column G (marker location)

	NE side
	E edge
	W corner (inside)
	W corner (outside)
	bend
	NW tip
	N part
	S end
	upper part
	lower part
	between
	top
	beneath
	foot (no dir.)
	NE foot

Column H (other information)

	drinks
	radio control
	manned control
	first aid

Columns D-F or D-G may also contain, for example:

	road junction
	track/stream crossing
	between hill and knoll
	between boulders

Compass directions are mentioned in some of the above descriptions. Similar symbols exist for directions not shown.

*non-IOF symbol.

2011 Buffalo Orienteering Club Map / Map Hike Order Form

Name _____
 Address _____

 Phone _____
 E-Mail _____

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
	Ellicottville Trails	\$5.00	
	Allegany	\$8.00	
Shipping (1-19 items)			\$2.00
Shipping (20 or more items)			Free
Total Order			

*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*

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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: Jane Brennan
 118 Colby St
 Cheektowaga, NY 14206*

<input type="checkbox"/>	New Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal
\$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual—1 Year
\$40	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual—3 Years
\$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Family—1 Year
\$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Family—3 Years

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