

Buffalo Orienteering Club

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ANNUAL MEETING A BIG SUCCESS

The Buffalo Orienteering Club held its 1981 Annual Meeting on March 20 at the home of David Staszak in Hamburg. The business meeting followed a delicious pot-luck dinner. One of the highlights of the dinner was Harry Stroman's delicious Moo Goo Gai Pan.

Several important things took place at the meeting. The by-laws of the club (printed in the last edition of the NEWSLETTER) were amended to expand the executive committee to five members.

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CALENDAR

- May 2 - 0 meet at Mendon Ponds Park near Rochester. For info call 1-621-5655.
- May 2 - 0 Clinic near Syracuse. For info, call Evan Kurtz 315-656-8012.
- May 3 - HKF "A" Meet near Hamilton, Ontario. Contact John Birchell 416-627-0677.
- May 3 - 0 Meet at Liverpool, NY. For info, call Barb Sleight 315-437-9480.
- May 17 - One man "B" Meet, Ancaster, Ont. Complete details on page 3.
- May 30 - BOC Local Meet at Chestnut Ridge Park. Complete details on page 3.
- May 31 - Canoe-0 Meet, Rochester, New York. Complete details on page 3.
- June 4-7 - USOF Convention and "A" Meet. See "Letter From The President", page 2.
- June 13 - One Man "B" Meet, Ancaster, Ontario. Complete details on page 3.
- June 21 - 0 Meet, Pennelville, NY (near Syr.) Ed Stabler 315-423-4370.
- July 18 - 0 Meet, Cayuga, NY (near Auburn). Peter Chappell, 315-252-5076.
- Oct. 24-25 - 1981 U.S. Orienteering Championship Meet. Hosted by Buffalo OC.

BOC MEMBER MAPS MOUNT ST. HELENS

Phil Wolfling, a member of the Buffalo Orienteering Club, spent two months last fall on Mount St. Helens (yes, the volcano) working with a crew that was helping to map the devastation caused when the top blew off. Phil was working for the Western New York firm of Tallamy, Van Kuren, Gertis, and Thielman which had a contract with the U.S. Geological Survey to map the mountain.

Phil was half of a two-man crew that was establishing elevations (above sea level) of points on the ground. This information would then be used to align the machines that are used to draw the maps from aerial photographs. The project involved ten two-man crews, most of whom were from Western New York.

Most of his time on the mountain was spent on the north side. That's the side that suffered the most damage during the eruption. Trees were blown down and in some areas, completely blown away. Volcanic ash was everywhere. As Phil said, "When the ash was dry, it was like walking on the beach...when it was wet, it was like walking in a quagmire."

The crews worked from sun-up to sundown in all kinds of weather. Helicopters were used to get them from place to place.

How does a guy get a job like that? Well, Phil didn't say whether or not he put orienteering on his resume. He learned surveying while he was getting an Associates Degree in construction technology at Erie Community College. And he had worked for Tallamy, etc. on small jobs in Western New York.

As for the future, Phil is thinking of going back to school to get a degree in Civil Engineering. The construction business in the Buffalo areas has dropped off...and how many times in your life does a volcano come along?

SLIDE SHOW AND SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

If you belong to a club or organization that would like to learn more about orienteering, the club can provide a slide show and speakers to talk about the sport. This might be just the thing to liven up one of your meetings. For information, contact David Cady at 886-2969. There's no charge and we provide a money-back guarantee.

COLLEGE PROF WRITES SONG

The last issue of ORIENTEERING USA, the newsletter of the USOF, contained an article written by Gerry Enscoe. In it he tried to explain why he liked orienteering so much even though it's such a wierd sport. The article is too long to reprint in its entirety, but we will reprint a song that Gerry wrote in an effort to memorialize his feelings about the sport.

"Song Of The Orienteer"

I My compass is ready, my map is in my hand,
The starting signal sounds and off I go;
To start another journey through an
unfamiliar land;
Don't ask me why I do it, I don't know.

Chorus

We wander in the mountains, we flounder
in the streams,
We wonder if the game is worth the goal.
We don't know where we're going, but we sure
know where we've been;
We hope someday we'll find that last control.

II I run alone along the trails of rough and
strange terrain,
Trying to find a feature somewhere near;
My body is all scratched and torn, fatigue
eats at my brain;
I'm not crazy, no, I'm just an orienteer.

Chorus

III It don't matter if it's raining, it don't
matter if it snows,
It don't matter if my vision ain't
too clear.
I keep looking hard for places that the
great course setter knows;
Oh ain't it fine to be an orienteer.

Chorus

--Gerry Enscoe
Delaware Valley OA.

Welcome to Phillip and Allyson Hoare of Amherst, B. Saemisch of Glenwood, Anthony Aufdenkempe of Glenwood, and Peter Schreier of Orchard Park.

BUFFALO ORIENTEERING CLUB OFFICERS

President: Patrick Quinlan, 1084 Bowen Drive,
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Secretary: Judy Loeschke, 2080 River Road,
#135, Niagara Falls, NY 14304
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Hamburg, NY 14075
Member: Harry Stroman, 4870 North Harlem,
Amherst, NY 14226
Member: David Cady, 52 Ardmore Place,
Buffalo, NY 14213

WHO'S DOING WHAT AT THE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

Meet Director.....Patrick Quinlan
Meet Site Coordinator, Day 1.....Patrick Quinlan
Day 2.....John Breckline
Registration.....Lucille Quinlan
Treasurer.....David Staszak
Map Production.....Ted de St. Croix
Course Design..Ted de St. Croix, D.Cady,P.Quinlan
Novice Instruction.....Kevin & Paulette Quinn
Start Areas.....Joe Eisenried
Finish Areas.....Ben Wells
Results & Awards.....Olen & Laurel Ruch
Training.....Ben Wells
Meet Site Refreshments.....Roger Wright
Party & Competition Center.....Harry Stroman
Safety.....Phil Titus
Protest Committee.....David Cady
Traffic.....Andy Roach
Publicity.....David Cady & Judy Loeschke
Course Vetter.....David Cady
Communications.....St. Bonaventure ROTC
Control Placement & Pick-Up.....David Staszak
Day Care.....TBA

If you're not on this list, and no one on the list has called you to help them and you'd like to help (it's a lot of work, but very satisfying) call Pat at 692-7592.

ANNUAL MEETING...continued from page 1

Officers for 1981 were then elected. Patrick Quinlan was re-elected President, David Staszak was elected Treasurer, and Judy Loeschke was elected Secretary. Harry Stroman and Dave Cady were elected to the newly created positions of "members" of the executive committee.

A resolution was passed unanimously to thank Judy Freuhauf for her years of service as club Treasurer. Her final report showed \$177.42 in the coffers.

Several matters relating to the U.S. Championship Meet were also discussed.

The complete minutes of the meeting will be printed in the next newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS

NEWSLETTER STAFF

Editor.....David Cady
Assistant.....Barbara Gardner

The Buffalo Orienteering Club NEWSLETTER is published six times a year. Address all inquiries to the Editor at 52 Ardmore Place, Buffalo, NY 14213. Material to be published in the next issue must be received by June 20.

MEET INFO: ONE MAN "B" MEETS

(Fund raisers for the Canadian National Team.)

DATES: Sunday, May 17 and Saturday, June 13.

PLACE: Ancaster (near Hamilton, Ontario), at the Spring Valley parking lot (near open air swim pool) on Jerseyville Road. (See map below.)

TIME: Register and start between 11 AM and 1 PM.

MAP: Dundas Valley, scale 1:15,000; contours 5m.

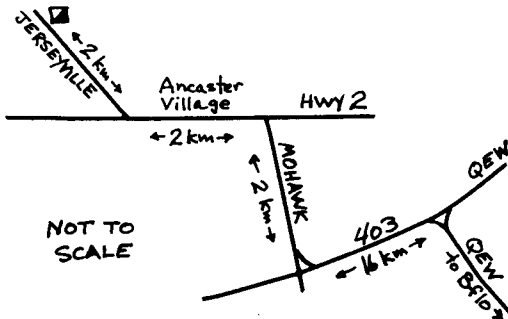
TYPE: Cross-country type orienteering.

COURSES: Long-7.2 to 8.5 km, Shorter-4.5 to 5.5 km, Novice-2.0 to 3.5 km.

CONTACT AND MEET DIRECTOR FOR BOTH MEETS:
Steve Pearson, 416-388-8894.

FEE: \$2 per person.

OTHER DETAILS: Limited compass rental, 50¢. Cold drinks available. Novice course suitable for beginners, long courses will test the most able. Description sheet for novice courses in words and I.O.F. symbols, sheets for other courses in I.O.F. symbols only. Since these are one-man meets, master maps will be used and you register, start, time, and record your own results (they trust you). No prizes, just the satisfaction of participating.



"The intensity of the conviction that a hypothesis is true has no bearing on whether it is true or not." -Peter Medawar, British biologist.

MEET INFO: BOC LOCAL MEET

DATE: Saturday, May 30.

LOCATION: Chestnut Ridge Park. Follow signs from Park entrance.

TIME: Registration 10 AM. Start 11 AM.

COURSES: Two courses. One will be a typical novice course, the other will be a "map memory" course.

MAP: Scale 1:10,000; black and white.

FEES: Adults \$3. Under 16, \$1.50. Members of BOC get a 50% discount.

MEET DIRECTORS: Phil Titus and Bill Brown.

INFORMATION: Pat Quinlan, 692-7592.

MEET INFO: CANOE ORIENTEERING MEET

BY WHOM: Hosted by the Rochester Orienteering Club.

WHAT: Canoeists will be given a map and have 90 minutes to find as many points as possible. Most points will be accessible from the canoe, a few will require that you go on shore. You may go alone or in pairs.

WHERE: Buck Pond in the Town of Greece. The start will be at the site of the old Crescent Beach Hotel. Buck Pond is bordered on the west by Long Pond Road, on the east by Island Cottage Road, and on the south by the Lake Ontario Parkway. The start, parking and launch area are on the north end of the pond about half way between Island Cottage and Long Pond.

WHEN: Sunday, May 31. Registration from 11-11:45 AM. Mass start at noon sharp. Awards around 2 PM.

EQUIPMENT: Coast Guard approved lifejackets, old shoes and clothes that like to get dirty. (No lifejacket, no start.)

COST: Adults \$2. Under 16, \$1.

INFORMATION: Call 1-621-5655.

BOC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Fees: \$3 Single, \$5 Family. Make check payable to BUFFALO ORIENTEERING CLUB.

For family memberships, list the names of your family members.

Check one: New Member, Renewal.

May we list your address and phone in our annual membership directory? Yes, No.
Mail to BOC, c/o David Staszak, 4941 Burlbrook Dr., Hamburg, NY 14075.

MEET REPORT: BOC MEET AT CAMP TI-WA-YA-EE

The overcast skies and low temperatures failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the hardy participants who took part in BOC's first meet of the spring at Camp Ti-Wa-Ya-Ee on April 5th.

The organizers, Mark and Phil Wolfling, and Ken Margray, were originally scheduled to do the May 30 meet but were switched to this meet with just two weeks notice. They did a super job...everything came off without a hitch.

Other than the Ruch's big group from Springville Elementary, there were only 16 participants. Even so, the club picked up at least three new family memberships as a result of the meet.

As for the conditions underfoot, well, there's a good word for it...muddy. In fact you haven't seen mud till you've seen Ti-Wa-Ya-Ee in the spring (sounds like the lyrics to a song). There had been some recent logging so some of the trails were pretty chewed up. Also, route choice decisions sometimes involved deciding whether to go around a felled tree or attempt to clamber over it.

This was the last time that we'll be able to orienteer at the camp. The Boy Scouts sold the property to private interests shortly after the meet was held.

RESULTS

<u>ADVANCED (4.4 km)</u>		<u>INTERMEDIATE (3.1 km)</u>		<u>NOVICE (1.8 km)...MEN</u>	
1. Dave Cady	47:38	1. Hoare Family	47:39	1. Mark Fish	19:35
2. John Breckline	75:22	2. Brandon Schlemmer Fam.	51:18		
3. Harry Belote	84:33	3. Hoffman Family	57:27	<u>NOVICE (1.8 km)...GROUPS</u>	
4. Harry Stroman	95:55	4. Saemisch Family	60:00	1. Peter Schreier Family	27:00
5. Mark Belote	119:39	5. Wright Family	107:11	2. Argeny Family	34:37
Ben Wells	DNF			3. Pat Quinlan Family	45:16
Don Bliersch	DNF				

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT by Pat Quinlan

Believe it or not...there are even orienteering conventions. I went to my first one last spring not knowing what to expect. Joe Eisenried came along hoping to improve his orienteering skills and have some fun. As it turned out, we accomplished both goals!

This year's USOF Convention will be in Indiana, Pennsylvania (near Pittsburgh), from June 4-7. I'm planning to be there from Friday night through Sunday. Saturday morning and afternoon will be comprised of lectures, demonstrations, and clinics on all phases of orienteering including a ski-O clinic coordinated by yours truly. Saturday night will be the USOF general meeting. Sunday will be a one-day class "A" meet.

The old and new friends met plus the new ideas and skills acquired made last year's convention worth repeating. Next month I will have more complete information. Anyone interested in attending should call me.



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