

# Buffalo Orienteering Club

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Calendar below contains significant changes from the listings in the last NEWSLETTER. See accompanying articles for full details.

### CALENDAR

- Mar 10 B.O.C. Annual Meeting and pot-luck supper at Dave Staszak's. See article at right.
- Apr 10-11 Troll Cup "A" Meet, Foxboro, MA. Info: Linda Taylor, 737 Main St., Acton, MA. 01720.
- Apr 17 B.O.C. Local Meet at Camp Schoellkopf. Courses and clinics for all ability levels. See page 3.
- Apr 24-25 West Point "A" Meet. Info: MAJ Laurence Kimmel, O/G & CS, USMA, West Point, NY 10996
- May 2 HKF "A" Meet, Hamilton, Ontario. Info: John Birchell 416-627-0677. Carpool info: Pat Quinlan, 692-7592.
- May 8-9 Allamuchy "A" Meet, Ramapo, NJ. Info: Linda Crane, 172 Carlisle Terrace, Ridgewood, NJ 07450
- May 16 B.O.C. Local Meet at Sardinia Forest. Meet directors: Phil Titus and Bill Brown. Info in next issue.
- May 30 HKF "B" Meet, Hamilton, Ontario. Info: Jack Lee 416-549-6795.
- Jun 6 Blossom Festival "B" Meet, probably near St.Catharines, Ontario. Info: Dick de St.Croix 416-562-5040.
- Oct 16-17 U.S. Championships, French Creek State Park. Info: Caroline Ringo 212 Westover Dr., Cherry Hill, NJ

NOTE: "A" Meets require advance registration. For further info on other meets throughout the U.S. & Canada not listed above, call Dave Cady at 886-2969.

## TWO SWEDES TO VISIT

Peo Svensk and Lars Holmqvist will spend eleven days in Western New York helping the B.O.C. with mapping projects and clinics for members. The two will arrive on April 12th and will stay until the West Point meet on April 24th. It hasn't been officially decided which map they will help draw. That's to be settled at the Annual Meeting on March 10th.

The two Swedes will stay at Quinlan's and Staszak's while they are here. Pat Quinlan has planned a social for the evening of April 13th to welcome them. All club members are invited.

At the B.O.C. local meet on April 17th, Peo and Lars will help organize an advanced clinic for club members who have had some orienteering experience and wish to improve their skills.

## IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE SPRING SCHEDULE

One meet has been cancelled and another has been moved to Saturday instead of Sunday with a different location and a changed format. This leaves two spring meets. The first is on Saturday, April 17th at Camp Schoellkopf. There will be three courses and clinics for novices and advanced orienteers. The meet directors are Dave Cady and Pat Quinlan. Dave will coordinate the novice clinic and the two Swedes will handle the advanced clinic.

The second local meet will take place on May 16th at the Sardinia Forest. Phil Titus and Bill Brown will be the meet directors. Again, there will be three courses which will utilize the area north of Genesee Road.

Both meets will be open for registration at 10 a.m. with first starts at 11 a.m. For full information on the April 17th meet, turn to page 3. The May 16th meet will be previewed in the next issue of the NEWSLETTER.

## DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL MEETING!

This year's annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10th. The agenda includes setting club policy for the year and electing officers. If that doesn't capture your imagination, perhaps the pot-luck dinner that precedes the meeting will.

Call Dave Staszak at 648-7819 for directions and suggestions for a dish to bring. The dinner starts at 7 p.m. and the meeting follows.

THE NIGHT BEFORE SKI-O  
By Patrick Quinlan

'Twas the night before the ski-o meet and all through the park  
the trails were all broken for the next morning's start.  
The nylon control points were all hung with care,  
in hopes that the ski-orienteers would soon be there.

It had been a cold winter with plenty of snow,  
conditions were good and we were ready to go.  
About 8 of us from Buffalo hoped to gather the next morning  
in spite of a week-end winter storm warning.

About 5:30 a.m. there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.  
I ran to the window and looked through the pane,  
in the darkness I saw that it was freezing rain.

Our club had decided to meet in one place,  
then take only two or three cars on to the race.  
By then it was raining and the temperature was climbing,  
of all days for poor weather, it was lousy timing.

We skidded to I-290, the roads were sheets of ice;  
"I don't think we should try it." was my wife's only advice.  
The cars and trucks were parked on it! They could not travel.  
The road crews had not spread any sand, salt, or gravel.

When back home, I called Syracuse President Evan Kurtz;  
he told me his story which was even worse.  
To the west was the ice storm with all its bad luck,  
while in Syracuse and east a blizzard had struck.

Evan didn't make it either, a normal 45 minute drive;  
"I tried for three hours -- I'm lucky to get back alive!"  
They had seventy pre-registered and hoped for another forty,  
but with the poor weather it would be another story.

The roads were all closed - blocked with stuck cars and snow;  
if we had made it that far I still wouldn't have known where to go.  
I-81 and route 80, the roads to the race,  
were scenes of stranded cars all over the place.

But the meet went on with a few hearty skiers,  
with Barb Sleight in the lead to provide encouraging cheers.  
They followed the usual orienteering traditions  
of not cancelling a meet due to weather conditions.

The skiers who made it had come the night before  
or struggled their ways for eight hours or more.  
Rick Worner of Rochester arrived at the site;  
his two hour drive more like a six hour flight.

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ASK OLAF

Olaf answers your orienteering queries...



Dear Olaf,

What, in your expert opinion, is the best compass to use?

Baffled In Buffalo

Dear Baffled,

Compasses are for babies! Personally, I think they're a waste of time. Just look around you at the next meet -- all those people standing around looking at their compasses -- wasting precious minutes. All that time could be put to better use searching for the control. I say wing it!

Dear Olaf,

Would you please explain how to correctly use the "attack point".

Worried In Warsaw

Dear Worried,

Well, what I do is hide behind a big tree. Then when the guy that's in first place runs by, I jump out and attack him!

(Send your questions to Olaf, c/o BOC NEWSLETTER, 52 Ardmore Place, Buffalo, NY 14213)

RIDE BOARD

I will be going to the USMA O-Meet April 24-25. I'm looking for riders to share expenses. Will be leaving Friday a.m.-Bob Kaylor 532-4034.

ANNUAL MEETING SNEAK PREVIEW!!

Cecil B. Belote's Epic Drama -- "THE U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS". In living color! A cast of thousands! DON'T MISS IT!

MEET INFO: B.O.C. LOCAL MEET #1

DATE: Saturday, April 17

LOCATION: Camp Schoellkopf

MAP: 5 color, 1:15,000 scale

SCHEDULE: Registration 10 a.m. First start 11 a.m.

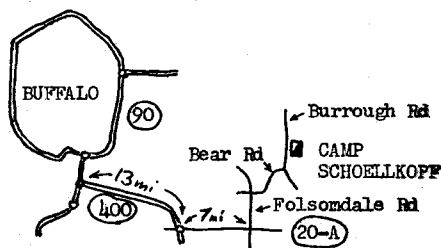
COURSES: Novice, intermediate, advanced

FEES: \$2 for members, \$4 for non-members. 50% off for kids under 16.

CLINICS: A novice clinic and an advanced clinic will be held in conjunction with the meet. There will be no charge for the clinics.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS. Take Rt.400 towards East Aurora. Go East on Rt.20-A. After crossing into Wyoming County, turn left on Folsomdale, right on Bear, and left on Burrough. (Route will be marked from junction of 400 & 20-A).

MEET DIRECTOR: Pat Quinlan 692-7592.



Distances are approximate.  
Not to scale.

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The Hollowells had made it that stormy day by pushing five cars out that were stuck in their way. Pat and Dick de St. Croix were seen before the first start but the poor weather conditions may have caused a change of heart.

Larry Berman started first and had to break his own track soon to be followed by the rest of the pack.

The results are unknown, but one thing is clear; Barb Sleight was heard saying, "See you all again next year!"

BOC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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.

MY TRAVELS AS SEEN THROUGH ORIENTEERING GLASSES

By Dave Southworth (originally published in Jan'82 O-USA.)

Dear Editor:

The world orienteering championships in Switzerland (way back in Sept.) was a special event -- marrying the essential competitive aspects of orienteering with its unique friendly character. Teams from all the developed countries, different languages, dress and O'suits immediately brought home the impression that we live in a world community.

Something that I had seen on a previous O'trip to Europe particularly impressed me. Orienteering gives a unique look at a kind of military awareness and presence in Europe that was something new for me as an American. War has been fought on this soil within the memories of those living now.

Awareness starts innocuously as we are ferried to the start in military vehicles. Organizational support is in the form of army tents, water supplies, latrines. People speak of the military significance of certain areas and passes in Switzerland. And this country is neutral....

When running on various Swiss maps one encounters certain features that aren't mapped despite their size or great numbers. These can variously be objects such as bomb shelters or some sort of anti-tank concrete obstructions on roads or hillsides that are omitted because of their military significance.

I also decided to visit an English O'meet one Sunday in October near Oxford. The organizer couldn't think of anyone I might get a ride with so I bought an Ordnance Survey Map (similar to USGS topo maps) with the coordinates of the start area. I borrowed a well broken in but running bicycle from an Oxford student and set out for the meet.

The Ordnance map showed several multi-kilometer straight roads out in the middle of a pasture area adjacent to a wooded area. This patch of heavy vegetation in the intensely utilized countryside was a nature preserve.

Arriving too late to start a course -- I set out to explore the mapped area on my bike. It was a flat area, mapped with 2.5m contours. There appeared to be some overgrown heavy asphalt roads. I noticed strange elevations on the map parallel to the roads. There were a number of ruins of large buildings. Inspection of these roads and mounds by bicycle revealed the previous existence of a small village or city. The chiefly coniferous vegetation seemed almost uniformly impenetrable despite three shades of runnability.

The meet organizers later explained that this was the site of a large aerodrome during World War II. The large tarmac former runways provide a perfect parking place for many orienteers' cars. The woods provided cover and camouflage for all the support buildings, trucks and supplies. Now they are useful details on an otherwise griddle-like topography.

I am reminded of a large monument on a mound on the famous Turnberry Golf Course on the coast of Scotland and an incongruous huge tarred "parking area" set beside the flat heather and grouse covered course. The Scot in our playing group proudly answers that the former warplane runway is now reserved for members' cars when the British Open is held here. The obelisk is a memorial to the flyers who perished in the war on missions or attempting to land in bad weather.

Modern leisure pursuits such as orienteering and golf turn out to yield a glimpse of the different experience Europeans have had during recent armed conflicts. Hidden from the casual observer are ever-present reminders of the reality of former wars. This provides an interesting backdrop for the current discussion of armament and nuclear buildup in Western Europe to counter the Soviet Bloc's strength.

As an American, I am now able to better understand the caution that is felt here as the various options for defense are necessarily discussed. Orienteering in Europe provides the opportunity to understand the U.S.'s role in the world community as well as being an excellent way to help shave seconds and minutes off of competition times.

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