

# Buffalo Orienteering Club NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR

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| May 15    | HKF One Man "B" Meet. Ancaster, Ont. Steve Pearson 416-388-8894   |
| May 16    | B.O.C. Local Meet at Sardinia Forest. See info on page 3  |
| May 30    | HKF "A" Meet. Near Hamilton, Ont. Pre-registration advised. Contact David Cady 886-2969                     |
| Jun 6     | N.O.C. Blossom Festival "B" Meet Burgoyne Woods Park, St. Catherines, Ontario. Contact Pat Quinlan 692-7592 |
| Aug 21-22 | North American O Championships. Manitoba, Canada Contact David Cady 886-2969                                |
| Sep 11-12 | Adult training camp at Mansfield, Ontario. More info in future.   |
| Sep 25-26 | New England O Championships. Massachusetts  |
| Oct 9-10  | Ontario O Championships. Waterdown, Ontario   |
| Oct 16-17 | U.S. O Championships. Delaware Valley area.   |

## VISITING SWEDISH MAPPERS

The two travelling Swedish mappers, Peo Svensk and Lars Holmqvist, spent a productive ten days in Western New York on their tour across the U.S. Pat Quinlan and Dave Staszak were hosts to the two while they were in the area.

They made tremendous progress field-checking the new five color Chestnut Ridge map, even though the base map was mediocre. They completely finished the section to the east of Rt. 277 and did half of the western section.

In addition to seeing the sights while they weren't in the woods, they were able to attend the Stallions last regular season home game.

After leaving Buffalo, the pair traveled to the West Point meet where Lars distinguished himself by finishing first in the men's elite class, narrowly beating Eric Weyman.

## ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The Annual Meeting was preceded by a delicious pot-luck dinner consisting of tossed salad, chicken and mushrooms, swedish meatballs, goulash, cupcakes, cold cuts, and potato salad.

Dave Staszak started things off with the Treasurer's report. He announced that the club realized a net gain of \$1224.64 as a result of the championship meet. The treasury also contains \$140.99 in miscellaneous funds.

A motion to donate \$50. to the U.S.O.F. Map fund was proposed by Don Wood. Karen Naab seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A spirited discussion of mapping followed. Don Wood proposed a motion that the next project be Chestnut Ridge Park in 4 or 5 colors. Ben Wells seconded and the motion passed unanimously. It was the intention of all that the visiting Swedes field check this map. If they can check the whole area, this map could be ready for Fall.

The highlight of the meeting was the election of officers. Pat Quinlan was the only nominee for President, so he was declared elected by acclamation. There were two nominees for Secretary, Karen Naab and Harry Belote. On the first ballot they each got five votes. Pandemonium ensued. Some thought a coin should be flipped. Harry himself thought the job should be shared by both. It was decided another ballot was in order. This time Harry was victorious by a one vote margin.

After things calmed down, Dave Staszak was returned to the post of Treasurer (no doubt due in part to the club's healthy bank balance!). Finally, Ben Wells and Karen Naab were the only nominees for "member" so they were declared elected by acclamation.

The next order of business was meet fees. A consensus was arrived at as follows: Meet fees at meets with color maps will be \$2. for members and \$4. for non-members with 50% off for kids under 16. Fees at meets with black and white maps will be \$1.50 and \$3.00. There will be a family maximum of \$4. for members and \$8. for non-members. (In other words, a mother and father and their twelve kids pay only \$8. if they don't belong to B.O.C.) Groups who make arrangements ahead of the meet will be eligible for special rates. A junior (under 16) group of five or more will be charged \$5. plus 50¢ per map used. Senior groups of five or more will be charged \$5. plus \$1. per map. Arrangements have

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TO: New York State Orienteering Clubs

FR: Barb Sleight, Syracuse Orienteering Club, 6805 Collamer Road, Syracuse, NY 13057

1) There has been some talk in the recent past about establishing the New York State Orienteering Championships. I propose that we stop talking and get it underway this year. One of the scheduled "A" meets could be declared the "1982 NEW YORK STATE ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS MEET" and the designation of "New York State Champion" be awarded to the fastest finisher in each competitive category who: A) maintains principle residence in New York State, OR, B) is a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at any educational institution located in New York State during the spring or fall semester in which the meet occurs. Is any club now planning an "A" meet willing to so designate your meet? (All two?) Any other ideas along this line?

2) THIS IS THE BEST PART! At a meeting of the New York State Ski Racers Association/Nordic Division held on February 17, 1982 at Cortland, ski-orienteering was approved to be included as an open competitive activity in the Empire State Winter Games at Lake Placid in March 1983. Since the very first organizing meeting of the NYSRRA/Nordic Division in April 1982 at Syracuse, orienteering has been one of the five nordic sports represented in that body. The others are cross-country, jumping, nordic combined, and biathlon. There is quite an interest among the executive council for ski-orienteering.

The structure of the ski-o event next year would be largely the responsibility of us, the orienteering people, within, of course, the Empire State Games guidelines. The next meeting will be held jointly with the Alpine Division in May, when some of the details can be worked out. I really need your help here! Does this interest any of you? I feel this is a real opportunity for wide exposure of orienteering. So far, the summer games are still closed to orienteering, mainly because of the enormity of the festival already, but maybe if we can show that the sport is authentic and successful for a couple of winters, the summer idea might be approached again. The basic philosophy of the Empire State Games, according to Michael Abernathy, Executive Director, is to increase the level of athletic competition among the population of New York State, both in the number of participants and in the excellence of performance. It will take awhile for orienteering to be included in the Summer Games. Rugby and roller-ski racing are two other sports trying to get recognition in the games. But ski-orienteering is ready to go!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Every season we have to decide how many meets to hold. On one side is a group which endorses three meets per season. On the other is a group which feels that two meets are about all we can support. After our first Spring Meet on April 17th, I have to agree with the "two meet" group.

We had a good map with outstanding course setters and clinics. We had many first-time orienteers as well as interested visitors from Hamilton, Toronto, and Rochester. But where were our club members? We had a few of our "regulars", but not as many as would be expected. We have a program here which is good enough to attract orienteers who are willing to drive two hours or more to our meets. The Schoellkopf map is new for our members and therefore should not be in the same class with the over-used Chestnut Ridge area.

It takes a lot of work by the organizers to hold a meet --- even a small club meet. How can we justify expanding our schedule when the membership isn't responding?

I hope that the May 16th Meet has a better weather forecast, thus encouraging a larger club turnout. Also, don't forget the June 6th Meet in St. Catherines, Ontario.

*-Pat Quinlan*

BUFFALO ORIENTEERING CLUB OFFICERS

- President: Patrick Quinlan, 1084 Bowen Drive East, North Tonawanda, NY 14120.
- Secretary: Harold Belote, 19 Phyllis Drive, West Seneca, NY 14224.
- Treasurer: David Staszak, 4941 Burlbrook Drive, Hamburg, NY 14075.
- "Member": Ben Wells, 8513 Krull Parkway, Niagara Falls, NY 14304.
- "Member": Karen Naab, 213 Main Street, Hamburg, NY 14075.

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to be made with the meet director in advance to qualify for these rates.

It was also decided to offer color maps for sale to the general public at \$1.per map for non-members and 50¢ per map for members.

A few other matters were discussed but because of the late hour and everyone's desire to see Harry Belote's film, no decisions were arrived at. (Quinlan mentioned the possibility of hosting a meet for a group of traveling Swedes. He also proposed organizing a training camp to which orienteers would be invited.)

The final order of business was a screening of Harry Belote's film of the U.S.Championships. It had everything (except perhaps Burt & Goldie). The audience was very responsive. Whenever anyone present was spotted on the screen, a great cheer would go up. Harry was congratulated for doing a super job on the film.

The meeting was adjourned and after gabbing for awhile, everyone went home.

#### ASK OLAF

Olaf answers your orienteering queries....



Dear Olaf,

What type of orienteering shoes do you recommend? Dumbfounded in Depew

Dear Dumbfounded,

Most people waste a lot of money on those flimsy lightweight orienteering shoes. They look like they'll fall apart after a couple of meets or so! I prefer strong, leather ankle-length boots with steel toes if possible. If you run over stones, you won't even feel it -- if you trip over a rock or log, you won't stub your toe. And they last forever! I also carry along a pair of rubber waist-high wading boots. No damp feet when you have to cross one of those dratted swamps. Take it from Olaf, don't bother with those lightweight shoes that could ruin your feet. Get some sturdy boots, the heavier the better!

(Send your queries to Olaf, c/o B.O.C. NEWSLETTER, 52 Ardmore Place, Buffalo, NY 14213

#### MEET INFO: B.O.C. LOCAL MEET #2

DATE: Sunday, May 16

LOCATION: Sardinia Forest

TIMES: Registration, 10 a.m. First start, 11 a.m.

COURSES: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced

MAP: 5 Color, 1:15,000 scale

FEES: \$2. for members, \$4.for non-members. 50% off for kids under 16. Family maximums of \$4.for members and \$8.for non-members. Special group rates by prior arrangement with organizer.

INSTRUCTION: Novice instruction will be available at no charge.

NOTE: Water will not be available at the meet site. Bring your own. And bring a picnic lunch.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS: Take Rt.219 South from Buffalo. Exit at Genesee Rd. and go east to meet site. (3½ miles east of Rt.240.) Or, take Rt.16 South through Chaffee. Turn right on Genesee Rd. and go approximately 4½ miles to the meet site.

MEET DIRECTORS: Phil and Mark Wolfing

INFORMATION: Pat Quinlan, 692-7592

#### MEET INFO: BLOSSOM FESTIVAL "B" MEET

DATE: Sunday, June 6

LOCATION: Burgoyne Woods Park, St.Catharines

MAP: 5 Colors, scale 1:5,000

START TIME: 11:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

COURSES: Short, 1.5 km (easy); Medium, 2.5 km (medium); Long 5 km (difficult)

ENTRY FEE: \$2.

NOTES: Compass rental \$1. Map cases 25¢ Beginner instruction available. Refreshments not available. Master maps will be used prior to starting.

DIRECTIONS: Follow QEW to Ontario St. and take Ontario into St.Catharines. After crossing St.Paul, turn right on Glenridge. Turn left on Edgedale just before the bridge over the C.N.R. tracks. (CONTACT: Dick de St.Croix 416-562-5040.)

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#### B.O.C. 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 B.O.C., c/o David Staszak, 4941 Burlibrook Dr, Hamburg, NY 14075.

REPORT: B.O.C.'S FIRST SPRING MEET

B.O.C.'s first meet of the Spring attracted thirty-four entrants to the rolling hills and muddy bogs of Boy Scout Camp Schoellkopf. The weather was balmy most of the time. When the rain finally came, nobody minded much because the temperature stayed at 70 degrees F.

People came from as far as Rochester, Hamilton, Toronto, and Jamestown to compete.

The organizers were aided by Peo Svensk and Lars Holmqvist, the visiting Swedish mappers, who laid out a challenging "line" course for the experienced orienteers.

Mark Wolfing turned in a fine performance on the line course by finishing third behind two very experienced Canadians, Jim Waddington and Earle Phillips. The meet also attracted a number of novices and the club gained four new members on the spot.

In fact, the only casualties were vehicles owned by club members. Bob Kaylor was in the process of fixing a stuck thermostat as everybody headed for home. We hope he finally got everything back together. Harry Belote got his big sedan stuck in the mud in the middle of the road and a tractor had to be called.

It was a rotten day all around for Mr. Belote. Earlier in the day the soccer team he coaches lost in a "shootout" after two overtimes. Then his son Mark beat him by five minutes on the Yellow Course. Finally, at the Stallions game that evening, the people sitting behind him accidentally dumped a large cup of beer down his back. Some days are like that.

RESULTSRED-Sr.Men

1.Jim Waddington	HKF	77:12
2.Earle Phillips	HKF	88:17
3.Mark Wolfing	BOC	99:28
4.Rich Krogsrud	DVOC	100:28
5.Robert Goodwin	ROC	103:36
6.Richard Detwiler	ROC	117:24
7.Ben Wells	BOC	119:45
8.Jim Sturner	BOC	120:20
9.John Gilbride	ROC	123:22
10.Phil Wolfing	BOC	124:21
11.Bob Kaylor	BOC	140:45
12.David Bauer & David Nowak	-	153:59
13.David Hill	BOC	DNF

RED-Sr.Women

1.W. Krogsrud	NOC	100:53
2.Nina Ljungqvist	-	112:34
3.Wendy Edge	TOC	120:42

RED-Jr.Men

1.Jim Kaylor	-	157:53
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YELLOW-Sr.Men

1.Mark Belote	BOC	33:11
2.Harry Belote	BOC	38:13
3.Doug Sortare	-	43:50
4.David Hill	ROC	46:34

WHITE-Sr.Men

1.Tom Lochner	-	29:28
2.Doug Sortare	-	35:26

WHITE-Sr.Women

1.Lin Michalczak	-	30:20
2.Sharon Schwab	-	44:11

WHITE-Jr.Men

1. Sean Gilbride	ROC	34:21
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YELLOW-Groups

1. Wolfing and Sortino	BOC	69:57
2. Paul Greenberg & Marisol	-	85:42
3. Ray & Kathi Graber	BOC	87:27

WHITE-Groups

1. John & John (Troop 616)	-	30:39
2. Martens	-	34:43
3. Ross	-	34:45
4. B.Ferriter & J.Koval (Troop 616)	-	50:19
5. Cougars (Troop 412)	-	50:19
6. Danny Koval & Dave R. (Troop 616)	-	57:38
7. M. Kaylor	BOC	DNF

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