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WHAT IT IS

Orienteering is a sport based on the ability to navigate through a beautiful forest by using a very accurate map and a compass. Participants must locate a number of markers whose positions are shown on the map.

"Anyone can orienteer. You start out on very short courses - not longer than around the block a few times. The beginner's course is very simple - all on trails; it's impossible to get lost. You can go in groups. Your family can go together. You really don't even need a compass. The maps are very good - almost like a picture of the ground.

"Most people don't run, they walk, they stop to look at their map, they walk again. Only the hot-shots run - and the ones who wish they were - but they run a lot in the wrong direction. They'd be better off if they walked.

"You go strictly at your own pace. With time you will learn to be confident of your mapreading. It's a real source of accomplishment."

(Joannie Gunther)

CALENDAR

Note: BOC - Buffalo Orienteering Club.
ROC - Rochester Orienteering Club.
HKF - Hamilton (Ontario) Kings Foresters.
NIA - Niagara (Ontario) Orienteering Club.
"A" Meet - Highly organized but courses for all.
"B" Meet - More informal and relaxed.

Sept. 15 (Sat) HKF 15th Anniversary "B" Meet & Party.

Sept. 22 (Sat) ROC Meet at Mendon Ponds.

Sept. 23 (Sun) BOC Local Meet at Chestnut Ridge.

Oct. 14 (Sun) HKF "A" Meet At Dundas Rifle Range.

Oct. 14 (Sun) ROC Meet at Cobbs Hill Park.

Oct. 20 (Sat) BOC Local Meet at Camp Schoellkopf.

Oct. 21 (Sun) ROC Meet at Seneca Park.

Nov. 3 (Sat) NIA Indian Summer "A" Meet, Short Hills.

Nov. 3 (Sat) BOC Night Meet at Goat Island.

Nov. 4 (Sun) HKF "B" Meet at Rock Chapel.

Nov. 11 (Sun) ROC Meet at Durand Eastman Park.

Nov. 18 (Sun) HKF Pre-Winter Tune Up "B" Meet.

DETAILS

Sept. 15 HKF 15th Anniversary "B" Meet & Party at King's Forest Park. Five courses. Fee \$2.50 for adults. Registration at meet site from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Beginner's clinic and compass rental available. Safety whistles required. Directions: From Q.E.W. exit at Hwy. #20, proceed south to King St., east on King to Mount Albion Road,

south on Mt. Albion to meet site (416-549-6795)

Sept. 22 ROC Meet at Mendon Ponds. Follow orange and white signs from visitor center. Start anytime from 11-2. Beginner instruction available. (1-865-2161)

Sept. 23 BOC Local Meet at Chestnut Ridge Park on Rt. 277 south of Orchard Park. Follow signs from entrance. Unfortunately, not on the new 5-color map. Three courses, Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. Registration at the meet site from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. First start at 11 a.m. Fee, \$2 for non-members, \$1 for members of any O-club. (601-3380)

Oct. 14 HKF Rifle Range Run "A" Meet. Start time at 11 a.m. Numerous courses and classes. Fee, \$4 for adults. Registration at site from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Beginner's clinic and compass rental available. Participation limited to first 200 who show up. Safety whistles required. Directions: Take Hwy. 403 from Q.E.W., then Mohawk Rd. west to Ancaster. Left on Hwy. #2 (Wilson St.) to Jerseyville Rd. Turn right and go to Paddy Green's Rd. Follow markers from there. (416-388-8894)

Oct. 14 ROC Meet at Cobbs Hill. Meet at Tay House Lodge. Other information same as Sept. 22.

Oct. 20 BOC Local Meet at Camp Schoellkopf. Five color map. Three courses, Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. Registration at the camp from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. First start at 11 a.m. Fee, \$3 for non-members, \$1.50 for members of any O-club. Directions: From Rt. 20-A, turn left on Burrough Rd. 2.3 miles after entering Wyoming County. Follow to camp. From Rt. 354 (Clinton St.), turn right on Burrough Rd. appx. 2.5 miles after the village of Cowlesville. (873-4046)

Oct. 21 ROC Meet at Seneca Park. Follow orange and white signs from St. Paul Blvd. Otherwise, same details as Sept. 22.

Nov. 3 NIA Indian Summer "A" Meet at Short Hills Provincial Park near St. Catharines. Starts at 11 a.m. Fee, \$4 for adults. Registration at meet site from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. Master maps will be used. Safety whistles required. Directions: Take exit 50 south from Q.E.W. Follow 7th St. (Reg. Rd. 34) to Reg. Rd. 81. Go east to 5th St. Go south to Pelham Rd. Go east to Boy Scout camp entrance. (416-562-5040).

Nov. 3 BOC Night Meet at Goat Island. There was a snowstorm during our first night meet (1982) and a downpour during our second (1983) so this time the weather has to be great. Registration, 5:30 p.m. Start at 6:00 p.m. Fee \$3 non-members, \$1.50 members of any O-club. Two courses: one short, one long. Meet at the souvenir stand near the parking lot nearest the Falls. Map: 5-color; 1:5,000 scale, 1984 edition. (837-3737)

Nov. 4 HKF Meet at Rock Chapel. Start time 10 a.m. (over)

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BUFFALO ORIENTEERING CLUB 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.
Mail to B.O.C. c/o David Staszak, 4941 Burlbrook Drive, Hamburg, NY 14075.

Meet Details Con't.

Four courses. Fee: Adults \$2.50. No beginner's clinic. A safety whistle is mandatory. More information in the next newsletter.

Nov. 11 ROC Meet At Durand Eastman Park. Follow orange and white signs from Lake Shore Blvd. Same other details as Sept. 22.

Nov. 18 HKF Pre-Winter Tune Up "B" Meet at the Dundas Valley Trail Centre. Start at 10 a.m. Registration at the site from 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Four courses. Fee: \$2. for adults. Safety whistle required. Directions: From Q.E.W. get on Hwy. 403 West. Exit at Main Street West and go west on Main Street West. Turn left on Old Hwy. 99 (Follow O-signs from here). (416-274-3745)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our July meets with the Scandinavians turned out to be quite exciting. The competitor turnout was good and the weather stayed warm and dry both days. The meet at Goat Island was one of the most scenic areas I have ever orienteered at. The Scandinavians were very friendly, interesting and proved to be excellent orienteers. The two days turned out to be quite successful thanks to Pat Quinlan and all the BOC members who helped out.

This September will mark the 9th Fall season for the BOC. Meet organization provides a fascinating and sophisticated perspective on orienteering. In our future seasons we will need more people experienced to fill this position. Interested members can contact me for more information.

In the meantime we're ready for another challenging season, trying to improve ourselves over the last one.

(Mark Wolfling)

B.O.C. MEMBERSHIP - 1984

Patrick Allaire, Cl.Cntr.	Ken Margrey, Alden
Moss Aubrey, Buffalo	The Martens, Or.Park
Bev Beaudin, Buffalo	Peggy McGarry, Buffalo
The Belotes, W.Seneca	Lin Michalczak, W.Seneca
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The Cadya, Buffalo	The Quinlans, N.Ton.
The Danns, E. Aurora	Rick Rabin, Tonawanda
Diane DeBacy, Snyder	Tim & Deb Russ, Yngstwn.
The Epsteins, Wmsvl.	The Sandersons, Versailles
The Ferriters, Chktwga.	The Schwabs, Kenmore
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The Kaylors, Gowanda	The Wolflings, Lancaster
Ed Kelly, Buffalo	Phil Wolfling, Alden
Peggy Kulas, W.Seneca	

This year we number 43 members...same as last year.

UPDATE: EMPIRE STATE SKI-O

The following firm dates have been announced for qualifying Ski-O meets for the Empire State Winter Games:

Sat., Jan.19 - Syracuse, Highland Forest.
Sun., Jan.20 - Buffalo, Alpine Recreation Area.
Sat., Feb. 2 - Rochester, Mendon Ponds.

The Ski-O meet at the Empire State Winter Games will take place on Sunday, March 3 in Lake Placid.

Entrants do not have to reside in New York State but in order to qualify they must participate in at least two qualifying meets. Furthermore, they must finish in the top 40 (for open divisions) or top 20 (for scholastic divisions) of all the finishers in all the qualifying meets across the state. A "magic formula" is being used to rank competitors who compete in different qualifying meets under different conditions.

We'll have more information in the November-December newsletter.

SUMMER MEETS FOR SWEDES

Our two Tuesday meets on July 17 and July 24 were a great success. The two groups of visiting Swedes had a wonderful time as did the various Canadians who took part.

The Goat Island meet was fast-fast-fast. In the team competition, the Swedish men took first, the Canadians second, and the U.S. third. In the Women's Competition it was Canada first, Sweden second, and the U.S. third.

The competitors appreciated the spray from the Falls which covered the last control and the run to the finish but the finish line workers didn't.

At Sardinia, on the following Tuesday, it was a thrill to have a bus full of competitors drive up. I wonder how long it'll be until that happens again. Everyone coped with the mosquitos and was back at the finish well before dark.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

On September 4, 1984 the officers of the Buffalo Orienteering Club met to discuss a variety of issues.

It was decided that our club should enter the twentieth century and start using the international symbols for control descriptions. But, we'll ease into it. This year they'll only be used on the longest course. Furthermore, space will be provided for competitors to translate the symbols into English if they wish to do so. The key to the symbols will be posted in a conspicuous location.

It was decided to order more awards ribbons, Silva control cards, and a stapler.

There was a brief discussion of the possibility of a semi-permanent O-course in Sardinia next year from May 1 - November 1. There was also some discussion of standardizing some competition ground rules and of requiring whistles. These discussions will continue at future meetings.

The meeting was attended by Mark Wolfling, Pat Quinlan, David Staszak, Phil Wolfling, Sharon Schwab, and David Cady.

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