

ORIENTEERING NEWS

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CALENDAR

AUG 9 B.O.C. Meet at Chestnut Ridge Park. A demonstration event for the Empire State Games. MAP: Color, 1:10,000 scale, 3 meter contours, 1985 edition. COURSES & CATEGORIES: Open Men (6 km), Open Women (5 km), Scholastic Men (5 km), Scholastic Women (4 km). To qualify for Scholastic courses, the competitor's high school class must not have graduated by August 9. A map-hike will be available for recreational and non-competitive orienteers. REGISTRATION: Pre-registration for competitive classes. Entries must be received by August 2. Pre-marked maps for all those pre-registered. All others will use master maps. For the map-hike, register at the meet site on the day of the event only. Send entries with entry fee to Pat Quinlan, 1084 Bowen Rd, E., North Tonawanda, NY 14120. SCHEDULE: Check-in - 11 am at the Casino in Chestnut Ridge Park. First start 12 noon. Map-hike - Register and start anytime from 11 am to 1 pm. FEES: For competitive classes, \$3. For map-hike, \$2. Extra maps, \$1 each. (No discounts for members.) AWARDS: Medals for first, second, and third place in each competitive category generously donated by Orienteering Unlimited - "The most complete line of Orienteering supplies available in the United States." REFRESHMENTS: Wide variety of food available at the refreshment stand in the Casino. MEET DIRECTOR: Pat Quinlan, 692-4637. NOTE: There is a \$1 parking charge at the park.

SEP 27 "Motala Relay" at Cobbs Hill Park by the Rochester O' Club. From noon until 1:30. For more info call 1-865-2161.

SEP 28 B.O.C. Local Meet at the Sardinia Forest. Starts from 11 am till noon. More info in next newsletter. Until then call Mark Wolfling at 681-3380.

OCT 18 B.O.C. Local Meet at Chestnut Ridge Park. Starts from 11 am till noon. More info in next newsletter. Until then, call Mark Wolfling at 681-3380.

OCT 25 Rochester O' Club meet at Mendon Ponds. Three courses. 12 noon start. Call 1-865-2161.

NOV 10 Rochester O' Club meet at Durand-Eastman Park. Three courses. Start at 12 noon. Call 1-865-2161 for info.

Other meets, particularly in nearby Ontario, will be added to the Calendar in the next issue of the newsletter.

HAMILTON HOSTS WORLD CUP

On the weekend of May 17 and 18 a number of B.O.C. members drove 1½ hours to Hamilton to attend the 2-day meet held in conjunction with the World Cup event. John Miklasz of Hamburg (&R.I.T.) had a good run on Sunday to nail down 3rd in m17-18 after two days of competition. His mom, Linda, was also there. Pat Quinlan was only two minutes out of third in M Open B after day 1. Unfortunately he had only planned to do the one day. Otherwise he would have had an excellent shot at a medal. Dave Cady finished in the middle of the pack in the highly competitive M40 category. Scott Pleban had knee problems which contributed to long time on his first-ever blue course.

The organizers, Hamilton King's Foresters, had an ideal competition center and everything seemed to be organized very well.

The weather was a challenge for the participants. It was hot, in the 70's both days. Once you resigned yourself (adapted?) to the conditions, however, it wasn't so bad. The thundershowers forecast for Sunday never developed, but a nice breeze blew which helped cool you off after finishing.

It was rather nice seeing all of the elite orienteers from Europe who were there to take part in the World Cup. They used the same start and finish areas as the rest of us. As they lounged around waiting for their start times, they looked just like ordinary orienteers getting ready to go for a run in the woods. In fact, the only way you could tell that they were the world's best was by their fancy outfits in their particular country's national colors. (With sponsors names all over them.) The U.S. team looked quite shabby in comparison: no national outfits, only miscellaneous club uniforms or non-descript tops and pants. It looked like a money problem, which I can appreciate, but in events like this where publicity is a primary concern, appearances do count.

Perhaps because we have kids of our own we noticed a lot of children and babies at the meet. The nice weather could also have been responsible for big attendance by the "under-fives." HKF also ran a very nice baby sitting service (which unfortunately was not publicized in advance). The staff was very conscientious and capable.

All in all it was a fine weekend. We in B.O.C. are lucky to have HKF nearby.

--Dave Cady

THINK ABOUT IT

The Canadian Orienteering Federation is conducting a survey of members who let their memberships expire and new members who had just joined. In a recent issue of ORIENTEERING CANADA, Winnie Stott recounts some of the comments she received from the people she talked to.

They felt (that) orienteering is geared for competition, not for a walk in the forest. The events are quite far away and once finishing a course there was no one to talk to. All the pros were busy amongst themselves. The social aspect was nil. On the other hand, these former orienteers liked being outdoors, liked the challenge of map reading and enjoyed the fitness gained from the sport.

The newcomers to orienteering (also) felt left out at the meets. One commented, "After doing a course there's not much going on...I sort of stand there, staring at my shoes." Several felt there weren't any opportunities to learn the skills of the sport.

WIGHTMAN APPOINTED

Jeannette Wightman has agreed to be

B.O.C.'s Publicity Director. In fact, she has been functioning in that capacity since spring. She'd be happy to hear from you if you have ideas on how the club can be promoted. Her address is 4154 Blood Road, Cowlesville, NY 14037 and her phone number is 652-6299. Publicity should be a priority for every club member.

WHEATIES PROMOTES 'O'

Some people want to grow up and be

President, others just want to have their face on a Wheaties box. Following closely on the heels of Mary Lou Retton, well known orienteer Peter Gagarin is the latest to achieve that high distinction.

The last time we looked, Peter was there with his map and compass. If you've met him it's easy to be aghast at the thought; but not to worry, those Hollywood hairdressers have worked magic.

If the gentle citizens who buy the product can get past the bowling promotion on the backside, they'll find a side panel with Pete's bio and a description of the sport. We are all hoping this will mean great things for the popularity of orienteering.

So rush out and buy a box. Keep it as a souvenir.

CADY APPOINTED

Barbara Cady has been appointed by President

Mark Wolfling to be the club's Membership Director. In that capacity she will be responsible for keeping the membership list up-to-date. She will also process applications for membership and suggest ways in which the members can be served better.

A SON IS BORN

On May 28, John Henry was born to B.O.C. members

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kachelmeyer.

BUFFALO ORIENTEERING CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Date _____

Check one: New Member, Renewal.

Fees: \$5 Family, \$3 Individual.

Make check payable to "Buffalo Orienteering Club" and mail to Barbara Cady, Membership Director, 148 Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14214.

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