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APRIL MEET NOT HELD

The threat of miserable weather was enough to cancel the meet scheduled for April 4.

The forecast for Saturday indicated 10" of snow was on its way so the owner of the property told callers that he was closed and the meet was off.

Confused potential participants then called Pat Quinlan who tried to straighten things out.

The owner was adamant, saying his roads weren't plowed and he didn't have insurance coverage for skiers. So that was it.

Apparently, most of the people who would have gone to the meet called Pat and learned of the cancellation. At least no one called him after the date to wonder what had happened.

Thus the adage that meets go on despite the weather becomes a myth.

Postscript: The 10" of snow never materialized. By 11 a.m. the wet snow had changed to rain and high winds.

APRIL MEET RESCHEDULED

The event at Three Valley Campground has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 30. See the Calendar for details.

NEWS FROM UP NORTH

The orienteering club in Hamilton, Ontario, known as the Hamilton King's Foresters, has a track record of innovative approaches to promotion and club development.

Their latest idea is the formation of a score orienteering league. The club members will divide up into five teams. Ten local events will be held, one per week. At each event, one team organizes and the other four teams compete. Team standings will be kept like in any league sport. The events are held on alternate Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Sounds like more fun than softball.

The next issue of the newsletter will be published on July 1.

For information on orienteering, contact any of the Event Directors listed in the Calendar on the other side of this page.

HELP CELEBRATE THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORIENTEERING IN CANADA

How? By attending an "A" meet and related activities on Saturday, May 23 at the Trail Center near Hamilton, Ontario.

The schedule is as follows:

- 11:30 a.m. - "A" meet.
- 5:00 p.m. - Displays & bar open.
- 6:00 p.m. - Supper.
- 7:00 p.m. - Program.

For information on the meet, etc., call Ron Lowry at 416-627-5380, or Russ Evans at 416-547-7162.

Then, on Sunday the 24th, a related event is the Sass Peepre Provincial Score-0 Championships at the same location. Jack Lee is organizing that event. Call him at 416-549-6795 for information.

NEWS FROM GREAT FALLS

Great Falls, Virginia was the site of an "A" meet on the weekend of April 4 & 5. The meet was significant because Great Falls is only 20 minutes from downtown Washington, D.C. and because the park is administered by the National Park Service. It may have been the first time the Feds hosted a major orienteering meet.

The park is so popular that on some summer weekends it is filled to capacity by 11 a.m. and then has to close its gates. On the weekend of the meet, however, the threat of rain kept most of the non-orienteers at home.

One innovation employed by the organizers was the use of waterproof/tear-proof control cards. They were made of some sort of paper-like synthetic material which could be written on and flexed like paper but which was very strong.

The smart thing to do was pin the card to the front of your O-suit and punch with it still attached. Because of the nature of the material it would make a satisfying "snap" when punching. Also, the map would stay perfectly dry in its sealed map case.

This is one idea worth adopting.

ORIENTEERS RUN THE COUNTRY!

CALENDAR

MAY 16 (Sat.) B.O.C. Local Event at Chestnut Ridge Park. A variety of courses will be offered. For advanced orienteers a 5-6 km competitive "orange" course will be available. Two shorter courses will be geared toward practice and skill building. These will be non-competitive. Finally, a self-directed "map-hike" will also be on the menu. Start time is 11 a.m. First-timers should come at 10:15 a.m. Fees: \$3 for non-members, \$1.50 for members. Event director: David Staszak, 648-7819.

MAY 23 (Sat.) HKF "A" Meet at the Trail Center near Hamilton, Ontario to celebrate 20 years of orienteering in Canada. Extra activities as well (see article).

MAY 24 (Sun.) Sass Peepre Provincial Score-0 Championships at the Trail Center by HKF. Jack Lee, 416-549-6795.

MAY 30 (Sat.) B.O.C. Local Event at Three Valley Campground. Score-0 format with "second chance". Mass start at 10:00 a.m. (Note!) Two categories: Beginner and Intermediate. The score-0 will last from 10 - 11. Then instructors will be avail-

able to help you find the "tough ones". Fees: The 0-fee is \$2 for non-members and \$1 for members. Three Valley will charge everyone an additional \$2 for a day pass. Event Director: Pat Quinlan, 692-7592.

JUN 14 (Sun.) B.O.C. Local Event at Sardinia Forest. Start time at 11 a.m. Registration at 10:30 a.m. Non-competitive. Participants may visit controls on their own in any order. Also available: Instruction for beginning and intermediate orienteers & training for advanced orienteers. String course for kids and others. Map hike for walkers. If a few orienteers want to be timed and compete with each other that can be arranged too. Fee: \$3 for non-members, \$1.50 for members. To get there go south on Route 219. Take the Genesee Road exit & turn left (east) on Genesee Road. Go 7.2 miles to the Forest. Event Director: David Cady, 837-3737.

AUG 1-2 New York State Orienteering Championships two day "A" Meet including Saturday Night-0. Highland Forest County Park, south of Syracuse. Meet Director: Mark Dominie, 607-849-3101. (More details in next newsletter.)

BUFFALO ORIENTEERING CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Check one: New Member, Renewal.

Address _____

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

Phone # _____ Date _____

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

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