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CALENDAR

- Jan. 16 (Sat.) Ski orienteering at Mendon Ponds organized by the Rochester OC. Follow signs from the Visitor Center. Start at 10:00 a.m. \$4 entry fee. Meet Director: Rick Worner, 716-865-2161.
- Jan. 17 (Sun.) Ski orienteering at Three Valley Campground organized by the Buffalo OC. Start at 10:00 a.m. \$2 entry fee plus trail fee. Meet Director: Pat Quinlan, 716-692-7592. Sprint Ski-0 format
- Jan. 23 (Sat.) Ski orienteering at Highland Forest organized by the Syracuse OC. Start at 11:00 a.m. \$4 entry fee. Meet Director: Barb Sleight, 315-655-9351.
- Jan. 24 (Sun.) Ski orienteering at Dusenberry in Dryden, NY organized by the Syracuse OC. Sprint Ski-0 format. Start 9:00 a.m. \$5 entry fee. Meet Director: Mark Dominie, 607-849-3101.
- Feb. 6 (Sat.) Ski orienteering at the Saratoga Biathlon Center in Day, NY organized by the Adirondak OC. Sprint Ski-0 format. \$5 entry fee. Meet Director: Jim Schreiner, 518-696-3961.
- Feb. 7 (Sun.) Ski orienteering at James Baird State Park organized by the Westchester Oc. Start at 10:00 a.m. \$4 entry fee. Meet Directors: Jon Nash (914-941-0896) and Heather Williams (914-473-9041).
- Feb. 26 (Fri.) Empire State Games Opening Ceremonies, 8:00 p.m., Lake Placid Olympic Arena.
- Feb. 28 (Sun.) ESG Ski-0 finals at the Mt. Van Hoevenburg Olympic Biathlon Stadium near Lake Placid. Start at 12:00 noon. Sprint Ski-0 format. By invitation only. Meet Director: Pat Quinlan, 716-692-7592.

Skiers should check conditions with the Meet Director two days before each qualifier and four days before the final in Lake Placid. Contact each Meet Director for travel directions and other information.

All of the above meets are qualifying meets for the ESG Ski-0 Finals. See the article on page 3 for more information about ESG Ski-0.

MEET REPORT - CHESTNUT RIDGE RAMBLE - 9/27/87

The weather cooperated and provided a gorgeous day with mostly sunny skies and temperatures in the 70's. The James Meger Family tried orienteering for the first time and did so well that they joined the club. Tom Kachelmeyer organized a string course for kids and a few of them earned another sticker towards their "Little Troll" patch. Mark Wolfling was the Meet Director. Results on next page

RESULTS - CHESTNUT RIDGE RAMBLE

<u>MEN, Orange course</u>		<u>WOMEN, Orange course</u>		<u>GROUPS, Yellow course</u>	
1.Dave Staszak	74:12	1.B. Kozuchowski	148:53	1.Meger Family	37:30
2.Gregory Hyatt	97:27	2.Linda Miklasz	184:05	2.N&L Pleban	54:05
3.Tom Wightman	112:58				
4.Charles Wightman		<u>WOMEN, Yellow course</u>		<u>GROUPS, White</u>	
		1.Becky Wightman	44:20	1.Renning group	42:35
<u>MEN, Yellow course</u>		2.J. Wightman	57:40		
1.Tom Kachelmeyer	34:50	3.Peggy Kulas	65:36		
2.A1 Booth	51:25				

MEET REPORT - MOONLIGHT MADNESS - 10/3/87

The night was very cool but once the competitors were underway, they generated enough heat to stay warm. The sky was mostly clear. The moon and stars were spectacular. Unfortunately, one control was missing, causing confusion. (Nighttime confusion is worse than daytime confusion.)

-RESULTS-

<u>MEN, Red course</u>		<u>WOMEN, Red course</u>		<u>GROUP, Red Lite (½ Red)</u>	
1.John Miklasz	35:10	1.Linda Miklasz	53:40	1.Freuhauf group	41:30
2.David Cady	38:45	2.Betsy Kozuchowski	72:55	2.Renning group	43:20
3.Mark Belote	61:25	3.Jeannette Wightman	DNF	3.T&J Kachelmeyer	48:20
4.Charles Wightman	68:25				
5.Harry Belote	DNF	<u>GROUP, Red course</u>		<u>WOMEN, Red Lite</u>	
		1.Quinlan Family	74:12	1.Becky Wightman	34:35

MEET REPORT - SCHOELLKOPF SHUFFLE - 10/11/87

Report by Meet Director Phil Wolfling:

"Half inch snow on ground in morning but melted by start time -- partly cloudy -- approximately 40° F. -- brisk wind -- one control for both the White and the Yellow disappeared during the meet -- control later found but punch missing."

-RESULTS-

<u>MEN, Orange course, 5.2 km</u>		<u>MEN, Yellow course 2.9 km</u>		<u>WOMEN, Yellow course 2.9 km</u>	
1.Charles Wightman	107:45	1.Victor Franco, Jr.	40:40	1.Becky Wightman	60:25
2.Mark Wolfling	108:15	2.Tom Wightman	60:45	2.Kathy Bannister	78:57
3.Greg Hyatt	115:20			3. J. Wightman	83:56
		<u>GROUP, Yellow course</u>		<u>GROUP, White course, 2.4 km</u>	
Greg Hyatt also helped		1.Florko & Booth	40:40	1.Markle, Starr,	
Phil with the meet.		2.Meger group	72:45	Jures, & Maines	89:05

O-PROMOTION TIP

Using scissors, cut a piece out of a map so that when folded it fits conveniently in your wallet. Include a part of the map with a piece of a course on it. Then when someone asks the inevitable question, "Orienteering, what's that?", you can pull out the map and show them.

EMPIRE STATE GAMES SKI-O QUALIFICATION RULES

To qualify for the Empire State Games Ski-O, each competitor must successfully complete his or her designated course at a rate of 15 minutes per kilometer or less in any two of the six qualifying meets. If two or more qualifiers are cancelled because of weather conditions, the number of qualifiers required will be reduced to one.

The selection committee will choose the ESG participants by February 14th and the state will notify those racers after that date. To know sooner, a racer may call 716-692-7592 on or after February 14th. The winner in each class at a qualifier automatically qualifies as long as they have done the two required races.

A maximum of 20 scholastic men, 20 scholastic women, 40 open men and 40 open women will be invited to the ESG final in Lake Placid. Each qualifying race will be rated and weighed against the others. If a racer attends more than two qualifiers, his or her best results will be used in the rankings.

Out-of-state racers who meet the qualifying requirements for the final and who call 716-692-7592 before February 14th stating an interest in attending may be given start times at the final but may not qualify for warm-up suits or medals.

VISITOR FROM NORWAY

Back in August, Tom Kachelmeyer and I played host to a visitor from Norway. His name was Njål Vadla and he was visiting relatives in Lewiston. Mr. Vadla started orienteering in the 1950's and has remained active to this day. For some years he was the president of his club in Stavanger. Although his club has only about 200 members, it's in a city with a population of only 100,000 and there are many other clubs in neighboring communities.

It's fascinating to meet and talk with an active orienteer from another country. On the one hand it's an exhilarating experience because you get a much larger perspective on your favorite sport and come to realize that many people in many corners of the globe share your enthusiasm. On the other hand it can be a little discouraging to hear of the much higher level of O-development in countries like Norway. For example, I asked Njål how many mapped areas were within a 30 minute drive of his house. His answer: "Fifteen or twenty." He can go to an event every weekend if he wants to. Also, many of the companies around Stavanger sponsor meets on Wednesday evenings for their employees and for the employees of other companies - much like softball in Buffalo.

Njål felt that the social aspects of a club were very important. He also put a high priority on personal attention to the needs of new members. In his club, new members go through a course of instruction to learn both the basics and the finer points of the sport. Following that, an experienced club member is assigned to the newcomer, sort of like a "big brother", to keep in touch with him, and help him out, and to simply help him feel more welcome for the first couple of years.

Tom and I presented our guest with a set of our maps and a club T-shirt which he appreciated very much. He said to let our club members know that they were always "Welcome to Norway" and to look him up if they should find themselves in Stavanger.

(Postscript: Njål is pronounced very similar to "knoll" in English - a truly fitting name for an orienteer.)

You are invited to join either the Buffalo Orienteering Club alone or both the B.O.C. and the United States Orienteering Federation. B.O.C. membership brings this newsletter six times a year with information about local O-activities. You also receive discounts at local meets. U.S.O.F. membership includes ten issues of the informative magazine ORIENTEERING NORTH AMERICA and discounts at nationally sanctioned meets. By joining either or both organizations you'll be able to more fully enjoy the sport of orienteering.

BUFFALO ORIENTEERING CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Check one: New member, Renewal.
Address _____ Fees: \$5 Family, \$3 Individual.
_____ Make check payable to "Buffalo Orienteering Club" and mail to Barbara Cady,
Phone # _____ Date _____ 148 Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14214.

UNITED STATES ORIENTEERING FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____ Year born _____ The following membership categories are
Name _____ for members of chartered clubs. (Other
Address _____ Club name: BUFFALO O.C.
_____ Junior \$2 (18 or under, non-voting,
no magazine).
_____ Student \$6 (21 or under).
_____ Individual \$15.
Home phone _____ Family \$20.
_____ Lifetime \$250.
If family membership, list
additional persons & year born _____
Make check payable to U.S.O.F. & mail to PO Box 1444, Forest Park, GA 30051.

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