
Orienteering NEWS

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CALENDAR

- Feb. 3 (Wed.) Buffalo Orienteering Club annual meeting at Dave Staszak's home, 4941 Burlbrook Drive in Hamburg. Start time - 7:00 p.m. See article below for more details. Be there!
- 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.

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The Buffalo Orienteering Club's annual meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3rd at 4941 Burlbrook Drive in Hamburg, New York. That's the home of David Staszak. He has graciously offered to be our host.

The annual meeting is the only formal opportunity for members to get together and discuss the direction the club should pursue in the coming year. The schedule of meets is set and officers are elected. Also at the meeting this year we will discuss mapping plans and trim courses. We should also try to find a better name than "trim course." It sounds too much like it has something to do with barber school.

To get to Dave's house, go south on Rt.219 to Rt.20-A. Go west on 20-A to Abbott and turn left. Go one mile and turn right on Burlbrook. #4941 is on the circle at the end of the street. Hope to see you there!

Note: any questions that come to a vote can only be voted on by paid-up members. You may join at the meeting.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Once again it's time for you to consider the benefits of membership in the Buffalo Orienteering Club. Orienteering will only grow and prosper if people like you are willing to support and promote it. One of the most effective ways of

doing that is by being a member of the Buffalo Orienteering Club. We offer you six informative issues of this newsletter each year as well as reduced entry fees at our meets. The newsletter will let you know about all local meets and will carry complete results for those meets. This information is available nowhere else. In addition, in the coming year, we plan to carry many informative articles on all aspects of our fascinating sport.

So clip the coupon from the back page and mail it with your check today. You'll be glad you did and so will we. Thank you very much!

Commentary:
BAD WEATHER AND GOOD WEATHER

The weather gives orienteering an added dimension. Although many amateur sports take place in spite of the weather, there aren't many in which the participants are all alone in the woods at the time. Most experienced orienteers have come to grips with the weather's diversity and have adapted to it. They've learned how to dress for forty degrees and rain and they know the difference between traversing a wet rocky hillside and a dry rocky hillside. Some may even relish "bad" weather in the hopes that it will unnerve their opposition. Orienteering is a sport which puts you into an intimate relationship with the forest environment and the weather is as much a part of that environment as the rocks and the hills.

For most people who live in the city or the suburbs, the forest is an alien place. Those of us who are orienteers have discovered that we can have fun in what for many people is a scary and forbidding locale. This discovery liberates us from a fear that most people are burdened with. Our experience with the weather provides us with another kind of liberation. As we've come to accept its variety in our sport, many of us have come to accept it in our daily lives as well. Much of the population labors under the impression that on the one hand there is "good" weather and on the other there is "bad" weather. They are happy when the weather is good and sad when it is not. Rainy weather, especially, is seen as a monumental inconvenience. A cloudy day is a gloomy day. Of all the things that exist in our lives to make us sad, we certainly don't need to include something as pervasive as the weather. Orienteers who extrapolate from their experience in the woods see changes in the weather as something to be adapted to, not something to get depressed about. One kind of weather requires a particular set of clothing and equipment and a different kind requires a different set.

So the next time you hear someone complaining about the weather, take them orienteering. It could prove to be a liberating experience for them.

--Dave Cady

BUFFALO ORIENTEERING CLUB OFFICERS

President:	Mark Wolfling, 475 Center Street, East Aurora, NY 14052	652-1936.
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MEET REPORT - 1988 ESG SKI-O QUALIFIER - 1/17/88

Fifty-eight skiers assembled at Three Valley Campground near Buffalo, New York for the 2nd ESG 1988 Ski-O qualifier. With the temperature approaching 50°, the competitors were amazed at how much snow was at the site. The whole area was ski-able on 2 - 4 inches of wet packed snow. Pat & Lucy Quinlan organized assisted by Mark & Phil Wolfling.

Competition was especially tight in the Men's Open Division with Canadian team member Ron Lowry just edging out U.S. team member Mike Kohlhas by 23 seconds. Denise Demonte of Canada won the Women's Open Division by a wide margin but the next three finishers were only separated by 43 seconds.

This race marked the twelfth consecutive year for Ski-O organized by the Buffalo Orienteering Club. The race has never been cancelled. 1980 was the poorest snow year while 1979 had the most. The 1985 race was postponed due to bad weather which closed the Thruway and prevented the racers from getting to the site. Over the past twelve years, the race has been alternated between four sites
-- reported by Pat Quinlan

-RESULTS-

<u>MEN OPEN</u>		<u>MEN OPEN, cont'd</u>		<u>WOMEN OPEN</u>	
1.Ron Lowry	41:19	21.Tom Moran	88:46	1.Denise Demonte	40:40
2.Mike Kohlhas	41:44	22.Patrick Lafferty	95:06	2.Michelle Kuipers	47:14
3.Mark Dominie	44:41	23.John Prill	100:00	3.Denise Everitt	47:53
4.Tom Bruce	44:58	24.C. Wightman	100:35	4.L. Collinsworth	47:51
5.Peter Dady	47:31	25.Ray Weeks	102:55	5.Kathy Bannister	85:52
6.John Miklasz	49:50	26.T. Wightman	103:36	6.Carol Moran	92:45
7.George Nadorff	51:25	27.Phil Wolfling	103:43	7.Linda Klein	95:02
8.David Valvo	53:15	28.John Hickey	137:24	8.Ruth Hayes	131:34
9.Bert Spaeth	57:31	29.James Benson	141:26	9.Julie Margrey	146:06
10.Michael Spak	57:48			10.Jill Ann Fisher	DSQ
11.M. Collinsworth	59:36	<u>WOMEN SCHOLASTIC</u>		<u>MEN SCHOLASTIC</u>	
12.Rick Worner	62:09	1.Jennifer Brooks	40:13	1.Ben Tipton	37:00
13.Larry Pederson	75:38	2.Chris Valvo	67:25	2.John Krause	49:29
14.Matthew Riedesel	78:31	3.Bridget H.	97:20	3.Kurt Spaeth	50:43
15.Doug Brook	80:21	4.Laura Kohlhas	105:04	4.Thomas Hinman	111:15
16.Shawn Forney	80:38	<u>GROUPS - YELLOW</u>		5.Rhett Parham	141:00
17.Ken Margrey	81:54	1.Staszak	133:19		
18.Mark Wolfling	82:44	<u>- WHITE</u>			
19.Douglas Powell	85:19	1.Robinson	79:26		
20.Gene McDonald	88:25	2.Tipton/Buchheit	129:00		

RESULTS FROM ROCHESTER ESG SKI-O QUALIFIER - 1/16/88

<u>MEN OPEN 13.2 km</u>		<u>WOMEN SCHOLASTIC 8.5 km</u>		<u>WOMEN OPEN 10.5 km</u>	
1.Mark Dominie	78:12	1.Jennifer Brooks	61:32	1.L. Collinsworth	101:00
2.Peter Dady	86:15	2.Shelly Kuipers	77:00	2.Denise Everitt	104:02
3.John Miklasz	87:11	3.Kathy Sweeney	99:09	3.Dayle Lavine	112:68
4.George Nadorff	94:48	4.Chris Valvo	107:11	4.Linda Klein	126:48
5.Tom Bruce	98:51	5.Emily Pleger	DSQ	5.Ruth Hayes	140:20
6.Jim Tappan	101:05			6.Kathy Bannister	148:23
7.M. Collinsworth	103:01			7.Barb Sleight	150:30
8.Tom Moran	104:33			8.Carol Moran	154:04
9.Hal Carter	111:17	<u>MEN SCHOLASTIC 10.5 km</u>		9.Caroline Broggins	190:50
10.Bob Ireland	112:00	1.Ben Bond	87:12		

(Note: Complete results for the 24 entrants in Men Open will be in next issue.)

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, 148 Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14214.

Phone # _____ Date _____

UNITED STATES ORIENTEERING FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____ Year born _____ The following membership categories are for members of chartered clubs. (Other categories are available.)

Name _____ Club name: BUFFALO O.C.

Address _____ 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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