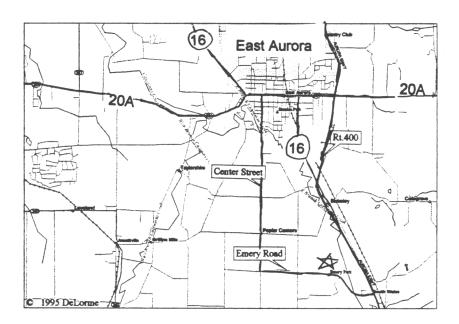
Spring Highlights

New Maps

There is cause for celebration, with the inauguration of two new maps this spring. The Chestnut Ridge and Emery Park maps are both in the final preparation for printing. Meets will be held using these maps this spring. Chestnut Ridge is scheduled for June 1 and Emery Park on June 23.

For those of you new to Emery Park, It is located just South of East Aurora, on Emery Road between Route 16 and Center Street. A simple locator map is printed below. It is a 456 acre county park with excellent facilities, comprised of open and wooded terrain with several streams cutting through it.



A Meet in Central New York

A 2 day A meet will be hosted by the Central New York Orienteering Club on May 4 and 5. Hammond Hill is located in the Finger Lakes Region near Ithaca. If you have never been to an A meet, this might be your chance. Ithaca is about a 2 1/2 - 3 hour drive from Buffalo. There will be many categories to enter so don't be shy. You can select the level of difficulty and compete against others from across the Northeast with similar age and abilities. This is especially nice for young people to compete in their own age category. If you are interested and would like further information contact Dave Cady at 837-3737. Preregistration is required. The Sundquist family is planning on going and you may call them as well.



From the Buffalo Orienteering Club

April 1996

Spring Schedule 96

DATE	LOCATION	INFO
May 4&5	Hammond Hill, near Ithaca, NY	2 day A meet, Full slate of courses for all ages and levels. Info-837-3737
May 11	Erie County Forest Genesee Road, Sardinia	Start 11:00 am,Beginner instruction 10:15, Meet Director Charlie Wightman 652-6299
May 11	Powdermill Park, Rochester	Start 12:00 - 1:30, Meet at Powderhorn Lodge Info: Lary Zygo 716-227-7618
May 18	Letchworth State Park	Start 12:00-1:30, Meet at Trailside Lodge Info 716-377-5650
May 26	Old Welland Canal Niagara Falls, Canada	Info: Frank Fohr (905)-356-6079
June 1	Chestnut Ridge Park	Start 11:00, Beginner instruction 10:15, Meet Director Phil Wolfling 832-9758
June 2	Highland Park , Rochester	Start 12:00-1:30, Dick Detwiler 716-671-2437
June 9	Canoe-O at Buck Pond	Start at noon, Linda Kohn, 716-865-2161
June 15	Durand Eastman Park Rochester	Picnic and Prize-O, 3:00 pm, Mary Long 716-544-9989
June 23	Emery Park, Erie County near East Aurora, NEW MAP!	Start 11:00, Beginner instruction 10:15. Meet Director Jon Sundquist 655-5130
July 20-21	Lost of the Mohicans Rogaine Near Utica, NY	6, 12, or 24 hour large scale meet. Contact Jon Sundquist for info.

BFLO OFFICERS

President -	Dave Cady	837 - 3737
Secretary -	Phil Wolfling	832 - 9758
Treasurer -	Dave Staszak	648 - 7819 .
Newsletter-	Janet Sundquist	655 - 5130

Meet Fees

Members \$3.00 Nonmembers \$5.00

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IMMEDIATELY SO YOU CAN SKIP READING THE FOLLOWING PITIFUL PLEA TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

My dear fellow club members,

Do you know how difficult it is to compose a plea for you to renew your

membership each year? It really is quite a task. One feels like it's all been said before and is really so obvious that it needn't be repeated.

But apparently it must, for we've never seen a spontaneous flurry of renewals without such a reminder. Come to think of it, we don't even get a flurry with one of these reminders.

Perhaps these reminders are irrelevant. Ah, but do we dare test that theory by intentionally not publishing such a renewal reminder? No, we do not. We're chicken and membership renewals are important.

So now that we've gotten to the end of this message, don't you wish you'd followed our advice and sent in your renewal right off the bat so you wouldn't have had to read this?

Well, there's always next year.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Buffalo Orienteering Club's Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, January 20, 1996 on the campus of Medaille College. The meeting was held in an old residence known as the "White House," which served nicely for both the social and business aspects of the evening.

After a pizza, wings, and munchies feast, a short business meeting was held. This was followed by lots of socializing and the debut of "Bing-O", a game loosely based on Bingo but featuring symbols from the symbolic control description sheets. "Cheat sheets" were provided to level the playing field between the more and less experienced orienteers.

In addition to being great fun, the game was a sneaky way to get better acquainted with the symbols. And real prizes were distributed to the winners.

The brief business portion of the evening consisted of the following:

- Last year's officers were re-elected:
 President Dave Cady
 Secretary Phil Wolfling
 Treasurer Dave Staszak
- 2. Dave Staszak passed out a Treasurer's Report that showed a bank balance of \$3434.
- 3. Jon Sundquist reported on the progress of the Emery Park map (it will be ready for late Spring) and the re-draw of the Chestnut Ridge Park map.
- Phil Wolfling and Andy Grupp were appointed to devise a meet schedule for the Spring.

All in all, fourteen adults, two older kids, and four little kids attended. It was nice to see the big turnout which included a bunch of new faces.

Map Hike

Map Hike 96 is in the works. The first course to be placed will be at Sardinia Forest slated for May. The Chestnut Ridge map will follow in June, and with luck, (and hard work by Phil Wolfling) a course may be set at Emery as well.

Maps will cost 5 dollars and will be for sale at club meets, and directly from Phil Wolfling by mail. His address is: 785 Crescent Ave. Buffalo, NY 14216. Hopefully Hyatt's art supply stores and The Great Outdoors will carry the maps this year again as well.

Senior Games

News Flash. The Empire State Senior Games will be taking place this summer in Syracuse. Anyone 50 or older can participate. Orienteering will be a medal sport! Orienteering takes place at noon Saturday June 8 at Green Lakes State Park. A wide range of sports will be available for friendly competition, from bowling to golf to triathlon. Preregistration is required. Entry deadline is May 15. For info and registrationapplications write to:

Empire State Senior Games, New York State Parks Central Region, 6105 East Seneca Turnpike, Jamesville, NY 13078-9516 or call (315) 492-9654 or (315) 492-1756 during normal business hours.

Ski-O Report

This February Scott Pleban competed for the USA and BFLO at the World Ski Orienteering Champs in Lillehammer ,Norway. Scott was the top male US finisher-way to go Scott! He came in 14th out of 24 starters in the relay event. Jeff and Mike Kohlhas also had good meets this year and were US team alternates.

Jon Sundquist, a usual hot shot, was felled by the flu the weekend of the US Team trials- quite a disappointment. Not, however, as bad as Bruce Smith missing the playoffs for the Bills due to the flu. Sorry Jon- just have to keep things in perspective,

1996 Orienteering Round Up

August 17-25 are the dates for the 1996 American O' Roundup in the Hudson Valley Region. This will be a large event featuring 9 days of Orienteering, drawing competitors from across the US and Canada. You don't have to register for the whole event, you can sign up for individual races with the appropriate degree of difficulty(or easiness!). If vacation plans find you in that end of the state, you may want to check it out. You can ask Dave Cady for further details.

Tech Tip of the Month or All Thumbs at Map Reading?

Don't forget to mark your position on the map with your thumb. This simple maneuver holds the map and marks your current position. This saves you time by avoiding constantly relocating your position on the map, and can prevent many errors. Move yor thumb as you move along the course and you'll always know where you're at and where you're headed.



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