

Spring is Here!

**O Season Opens May 4
at Sardinia**



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ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The Buffalo Orienteering Club's Annual Meeting was held on February 1, 1997 on the campus of Medaille College. Seventeen club members and an unspecified number of their offspring were in attendance. After a dinner of pizza and veggies, the business meeting was called to order.

During the meeting it was decided to proceed with a map of Sprague Brook Park. At the same time the club will contact the Boy Scouts with the idea of working cooperatively with them on a revision of the map of Camp Schoellkopf.

In an open discussion session, Jon Sundquist suggested that we should be thinking about a ROGAINE in Allegany State Park. He wasn't sure how soon we could pull it off but he wanted to plant the idea in people's minds.

Ann Grupp asked about the possibility of having activities for kids at the club's events. Several others thought that was a good idea and a few specifics were discussed. Janet Sundquist plans on organizing a String-O for the first meet at Sardinia. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

Rachel Mavis volunteered to help with publicity and Mary Lang volunteered to help with a brochure.

It should also be noted that the officers from 1996 were re-elected. They are David Cady, President; Phil Wolfling, Secretary; and David Staszak, Treasurer.

Following the meeting, several spirited rounds of Bing-O were played. Other members concentrated on polishing off the pop and brownies.

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*From the Buffalo Orienteering
Club*

SPRING SCHEDULE 1997

DATE	LOCATION	INFO
Sunday May 4	Sardinia Forest Erie County Forest Genesee Road	Start 11:00-12:30, 3 Courses plus String-O for kids Jon Sundquist 655-5130
Sunday May 4	Durand Eastman Park Rochester	12-1:30, 377-5650
Saturday May 17	Emery Park Near East Aurora	Start 11:00-12:30 Info Charlie Wightman 652-6299
Saturday May 17	Training Session at Letchworth State Park Rochester Orienteering Club	Noon - 2pm, Kathy Bannister 493-2219 Meet at Trailside Lodge
Sunday May 18	Rockcliffe Park, Ontario	Info- Orienteering Ontario 416-426-7115
Saturday May 31	Mendon Ponds Park South of Rochester	Start 12-1:30, 377-5650 for info
Sunday June 1	Chestnut Ridge Park	Score -O, Start 11:00 am Mike Gasiewicz , Phil Wolfling 832-9758
Saturday June 7	Green Lakes State Park Near Syracuse	Empire State Senior Games Must be 50+ to compete Contact Barb Sleight 315-458-6406 for info
Saturday June 21	Rotary Sunshine Camp New Rochester Map	Start 12-1:30 377-5650 for info
August 2 and 3	Danby and Shindagin Hollow State Forests	CNYO Annual Rogaine 6, 12, and 24 hour teams Director- Eric Smith 607-347-4844
September 20-21	Highland Forest South of Syracuse	USOF Sanctioned A -Meet Put on by CNYO Ask Dave Cady for Details

Meet Fees:

Members \$3
Nonmembers \$5

Officers:

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

1996 FINANCIAL REPORT

The club finished 1996 with a bank balance of \$2923. This was down \$509 from the previous year due mainly to the cost of producing two new maps during the year. The largest single source of income was from dues at \$634. Not far behind, Map Hikes generated \$454 while meet fees added \$434 to the coffers.

The single biggest expense was \$1376 for mapping. Next in line was the \$268 we were assessed for our U.S.O.F. charter.

A detailed financial report is available to any club member who requests it from Dave Staszak, Treasurer, 4941 Burlbrook Drive, Orchard Park, NY 14127

ROAD TRIP!

"A" meets are a lot of fun to attend because they draw a large number of participants from all over the country. They are well-organized and feature such amenities as computerized results, a banquet, and vendors selling gear. Also they have a wider range of courses and classes to choose from.

In an effort to encourage more members to travel to nearby areas to orienteer, an out-of-town meet this fall has been designated as an official club "road trip." The meet so designated is CNYO's "A" meet on the weekend of September 20 and 21 at Highland Forest south of Syracuse.

We'll organize a caravan at least, and possibly even a car pool. Furthermore, we'll arrange some sort of accommodations, whether it's camping or motel rooms or both.

More information will be available in future newsletters. If you'd like to get on a list to be sent more information, let Dave Cady know.

OATMEAL STARTS WITH "O"

Our sport made the breakfast big-time once again. Not since Peter Gagarin graced a Wheaties box in the 70's have we reached such heights. And, it's another

breakfast cereal! An astute observer discovered our sport written up on a packet of Instant Quaker Oatmeal. Under the heading "Sport Stories" was the following notation: "The sport of orienteering was invented in Sweden in 1918. It is a form of cross-country racing in which each participant must find their (sic) way from start to finish with only a map and a compass."

Congratulations to the clever U.S.O.F. publicity department for a job well done.

SO WHERE DO YOU BUY THIS STUFF?

You can't just hop over to the mall when you need orienteering equipment. Someday perhaps, but not yet. Until that happy day your only options are buying stuff from vendors at big meets or buying through catalogs.

There are two main orienteering mail order firms operating in the U.S. Both are reputable and reliable. They both have their catalogs bound into occasional issues of "Orienteering North America." If you aren't a U.S.O.F. member in addition to being a BfIO member and therefore don't get the magazine, there is still hope. I have a supply of catalogs from A&E Orienteering, Inc. If you send me a #10 stamped self-addressed envelope with 55¢ postage, I will send you one

Send to Dave Cady, 148 W. Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14214-2609.

I also try to remember to bring the catalogs to meets as well.

Summer Fun

Not an O-fficial O-vent but sounds like fun. Dave Staszak is organizing a weekend at Star Lake in the Adirondacks on June 27-29. This is a group camp with heated cabins and a main lodge where meals are served. Numerous outdoor activities are available including swimming, hiking and biking. Canoes are available as well.

Dave's family has been enjoying Star Lake for years, and if you are interested please give him a call for further info and prices. You can reach him at 883-7917 Ext 666 on M-F 8 - 4:30 or evenings and weekends at 648-7819.

United States Orienteering Federation**Application**

Name _____

Address _____

Date _____

Birthdate _____

Phone _____ Primary Club - BFLO

Category ☐ Student \$10, 21 or under☐ Individual \$25☐ Family \$30

List other family members and ages on reverse

Make Check Payable to USOF

Mail to : USOF, Box 1444, Forest Park, GA 30051

BFLO Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Additional Family

Members _____

☐ New Member ☐ Family \$10☐ Renewal ☐ Single \$6

Make Check payable to Buffalo Orienteering Club

Mail to : David Staszak, 4941 Burlbrook Drive

Orchard Park, NY 14127

MAP HIKE 97

Phil Wofling plans to expand Map Hike to three parks this year. Andy Grupp will be helping set courses as well. Permanent courses are to be set at Chestnut Ridge, Sardinia, and for the first time at Emery Park. Map Hikes will be available in May at the meets and at Hyatts Art Stores. Other retail outlets remain to be determined. If you have a contact who may be interested in selling them, please give Phil Wofling a call.

DID YOU RENEW?

Don't forget to renew your Buffalo Orienteering Club Membership. Our prices remain untouched by inflation! Still only \$6 for individuals or \$10 for families. You can bring one of the application forms at left to a meet or mail it in directly to Dave Staszak. The address is right on the form.

If you chose to join USOF, the United States Orienteering Federation, you get discounts at A meets and a years subscription to Orienteering North America. This magazine covers orienteering events in the US and Canada. Ask Dave Cady or the Sundquists if you'd like to see a copy.

Ski Onews Flash - Congrats to Scott Pleban and Jon Sundquist for coming in first and second place at the US Ski-O champs this winter.