

Orienteering Spring 2001

Everyone should be looking forward to getting outdoors after the longest winter Buffalo has seen. Our Spring schedule starts at Emery Park on May 6 for National Orienteering Day. Bring a friend as instruction will be available. There are events on most weekends through June. Golden Horseshoe Orienteering Club located in the Niagara Region of Canada has some intriguing offerings. I was curious to try the "Bush Bash" or the Niagara Wine-O Classic. Further info is on the website listed in the schedule.

Annual Meeting Report

About a dozen members met in February to plan the coming year. Of note:

Andy Grupp is our New President.

Dave Cady is our new Membership Data Keeper.

Phil Wolfling stays on to coordinate Map Hike and Secretary duties.

Mike Gasiewicz stays on as treasurer.

A web site is planned for the club this year. Phil and Jon Sundquist were going to work on this. It was felt that a website would help publicize the meets.

In addition we decided to pursue participation with Club Days at EMS on April 26 at the Tonawanda Store. Drop by EMS to see your friends and shop the discounts. Keith Weilacher is leading this effort.

Mapping Camp Schoellkopf was readdressed with renewed determination. Ya Gotta Believe!

Map Hike

Once again MapHikes will be produced for Emery Park, Chestnut Ridge Park and Sardinia Forest.

Phil hopes to have the Map Hike packets ready for the first meet on May 5. They will be available at meets and at Hyatt's Art Supply Stores.

The winners of the 2000 Map Hike are:

1-binoculars-Joan Funke

2-compass-Ralph Green

3-candle holder-Matt Lanthier

4-candle holder-P. Lyons

5-compass/thermometer-Greg Hyatt

6-compass/thermometer-Fred Gordon

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*From the Buffalo
Orienteering Club*

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WNY Orienteering Spring 2001

DATE	Location	Info
April 21	Highland Park and Cobbs Hill Park, Rochester	Start from noon to 1:30 ROC Hotline 377-5650
May 6	Emery Park near East Aurora	Start 11:00 - 12:30 National Orienteering Day Special Instructional session available Dave Cady 837-3737 Mike Gasiewicz 896-8597
May 6	Powder Mill Park, Rochester	Start noon-1:30 ROC Hotline 377-5650
May 12&13	Winona State Forest Central New York, N of Syracuse	US Champs, all age groups 2 day A meet Preregistration required, recreational courses do not require preregistration Info 607-849-3101
May 19	Erie County Forest, Sardinia	Start 11:00-12:30 Wightmans 652-1326
May 20	Letchworth State Park West Side	Start noon-1:30 ROC Hotline 377-5650
May 27	Brock University St. Catharines	Niagara Wine-O Classic Ontario Score-O Champs www.orienteeering .ca
June 2	Mendon Ponds Park South of Rochester	Adventure-O, Paddle, Pedal and Run Call ROC Hotline 716-377-5650 for starting time and details
June 9	Chestnut Ridge Park	Start 11:00- 12:30 Jon Sundquist 655-5130
June 17	Milton, Ontario	"Bush Bash" www.orienteeering.ca Golden Horseshoe Orienteering Club GHO
July 21-22	Winona State Forest	CNYO Rogaine Mark Dominie 607-849-3101
All Summer	Map Hike at Emery, Chestnut Ridge, and Erie County Forest	Permanent courses available for hiking any time. Info Phil Wolfling 832-9758

Web Sites of Interest

www.us.orienteeering.org

info about orienteeering all over the US
Buffalo does not yet have a site but should
by later this year

www.orienteeering.ca Canadian O-site

www.topozone.com

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The Joys of Orienteering in Other Places

Let me tell you about some of the joys associated with going away to orienteer. These joys were apparent when my 15 year old son Adam and I went to the US Orienteering Championships (USOC) back in November.

Joy #1: Lots of People. Local events may have 30 or 40 attendees, the USOC had 575. This is a good thing because you feel like you are a part of something really big and really important. (And you are!)

Joy #2: Lots of Courses and Choices. Just because it was the Championships doesn't mean the average orienteer was neglected. As a 55 year old male I had a choice of 6 courses I could have run on, everything from White to Red.

Joy #3: Excellent Maps, Excellent Terrain. Generally speaking, a club will pick its best terrain or newest maps on which to hold a big event.

Joy #4: Fun. Big meets always arrange for opportunities for people to get together, whether it's a social hour or a banquet. The USOC had its headquarters at a camp so it was possible to sign up for lodging and a meal plan. Meals are a great place to meet old friends and make new acquaintances.

Joy #5: Gear. Ever wonder where you buy compasses, books, bumper stickers, outfits and O-shoes? At big meets vendors bring their wares and set them out for browsers and buyers. It's amazing, for example, how many different kinds of compasses are available.

Joy #6: E-punching. This is the latest thing. Many big meets in the future will have this feature. The USOC did and it is very cool. Instead of carrying a card which you punch at controls you carry a small plastic probe strapped to one finger. When you arrive at a control you insert the probe in a hole in a little box for about a half second until the box beeps and blinks. This records the time of day and the control number in the little probe. Then after you finish, you insert the probe into another box which is connected to a computer. The computer immediately prints your split times for all of your controls and also figures out the results for all of the people on your course and in your category and then prints out everyone's split times.

So with all this joy in mind, why not consider traveling to an out of town meet this year. There are several on the calendar. Here are some possibilities:

Apr 28-29, Great Lakes Challenge, W of Pontiac, Michigan;
May 12-13, U.S. Individual Champs, 50 miles N of Syracuse.
Sep 8-9, Boulder Dash, New Hampshire, 1 hour N of Boston MA
October 20-21 Letchworth State Park
November 3-4 Mt. Penn, Reading Pennsylvania

I'm willing to organize a group to attend one of these events so watch for further announcements. Or, let me know you want to be kept posted by e-mailing me at dcady@wned.org.

- Dave Cady

Addendum - The Late registration fees for CNYO's meet in May are quite high, but I think recreational courses would be day of race registration without a late fee. You could consider calling if at the last minute you decide you might like to go. From the last minute experts, the Sundquists.

BFLO Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Additional Family

Members _____

___ New Member ___ Family \$15

___ Renewal ___ Single \$10

Make Check payable to Buffalo Orienteering Club

Mail to : Dave Cady, 148 Humboldt Pkwy

Buffalo, NY 14214

United States Orienteering Federation Application

Name _____

Address _____

Date _____

Year Born _____

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 30298

Orienteering Glossary

Catching Feature - If you pass the railroad tracks you've gone too far. In this case the tracks are your catching feature. As you build skill you will be able to identify more subtle features on the map, like streams or hills that you can use to keep from going too far.

Handrail - If a stream or fence is running in the same general direction you are headed, you can follow this Handrail, which is faster and easier than using your compass.

Attack Point - If there is an easy to find point that is fairly close to the control you are looking for. It might be faster and easier to find this Attack Point first. Then take a bearing and go to the control quickly. Compass bearings are easier to maintain over a short distance.

Look for orienteering on PBS this year!

Reading Rainbow did a show called "the Secret Shortcut" that is scheduled to air several times this year. It features LeVar Burton and a cadre of fourth graders learning to orienteer in Central Park. Chris Cassone of HVO coordinated the event.

In related news the Sundquist Family did a short Orienteering segment for the Empire Sports Network you may have seen last fall.

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