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Spring Schedule Announced

What's Happening

- April 25 - O-Meet at Chestnut Ridge Park.
- May 16 - O-Meet at Camp Schoellkopf.
- June 19 - O-Meet at Sardinia Forest.
- For complete details see the calendar on page 3.

Once again the snow has melted, the creeks are running, the sun has returned, and it's time to go orienteering.

The season gets underway on Sunday, April 25th at Chestnut Ridge, with a meet organized by Mike Gasiewicz. It will follow the traditional format of Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced courses. To get to the registration area, follow signs from the park entrance.

On Sunday, May 16th the venue shifts east to Camp Schoellkopf on the map that was updated just last year. Phil Wolfling has planned a Score-O event so be sure to be there in plenty of time to register and get ready before the 11:00 mass start. Phil is also planning a point to point beginner's course for the new people that show up.

The final meet this spring

is scheduled for Saturday, June 19th at the Sardinia Reforestation area on Genesee Road in southern Erie County. Greg Hyatt is planning a meet in the traditional format of three courses.

Phone numbers for each of the meet directors are listed in the Calendar on page 3. Please call them if you have any questions whatsoever.

Finally, there are a few out-of-town events that you should consider attending. As a part of their full slate of events, the Rochester club is planning a meet at Letchworth State Park on Sunday, May 23. ROC always puts on a great event so don't miss this one. This year the North American Championships are closer than ever just south of Cleveland. Like all A-Meets in the U.S., there will be courses suitable for



Photo from Irish Orienteering Association

all ages and abilities, including recreational orienteers. The only big difference is that you have to register in advance. Finally, our friends in Central New York are planning their fourteenth annual ROGAINÉ for the weekend of July 17-18. You can be sure that a contingent from BFLO will be going. We'll have more details in the next newsletter.

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Newsletter To Head For Web

If you would be just as happy to read future issues of **BFLORienteer** on-line at the club's website (<http://www.buffalo-orienteering.bfn.org>) then send an email to the editor, Dave Cady at dcady@wned.org. In the

subject line type "newsletter". You will receive email notification when the next newsletter is posted (in PDF format). The newsletter will continue to be published and mailed for those who prefer a physical (rather than

virtual) newsletter. Ultimately this move could save the club money on postage, and would allow for more photos, as well as quicker delivery.

Annual Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2004

Attendees: Robert Maslanka, David Cady (Editor, Membership), Gary Maslanka, Jon Sundquist, Linc Blaisdell, Jackie Novkov, Lorna Wagar, Tom Wagar, Greg Hyatt, Fred Gordon, Michael Gasiewicz (Treasurer), Phil Wolfling (Secretary), Rebecca Wightman

The meeting started at 7:30 pm at Phil Wolfling's residence.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Gasiewicz presented the report for 1/1/2003 through 12/31/2003 (attached). The year-end balance for the First Niagara money market account was \$7,967.12 (12/29/03), and the balance for the certificate of deposit was \$5,165.93 (12/31/03). Phil Wolfling noted that \$771 was made on Map Hike sales in 2003, with expenses of less than \$100.

Old Business: Insurance Costs: We are chartered through the USOF (United States Orienteering Federation). Fees are \$8 per "member" for insurance plus \$0.50 per "member" for club dues plus a \$20 recharter fee for the Club. Our single membership = 1 "member" and our family membership = 2 "members". We have 27 family and 28 single memberships (82 "members"). The total rechartering fee is \$717. We had a total of 91 entrants in meets in 2003 (a group is counted as one entrant).

Officer Elections: Present officers willing to continue are Michael Gasiewicz, Treasurer; Phil Wolfling, Secretary; and Dave Cady, Newsletter Editor and Membership Coordinator. Phil noted that the Club needed a President. Gary Maslanka volunteered to be President while he is in the area. A unanimous vote re-elected the current officers and Gary Maslanka as President.

Newsletter: Dave Cady stressed the importance of meet directors getting results to him. Pub-

lishing dates are March 15, June 15, and August 15, 2004. Dave prints 100 newsletters, with 20 to 30 extras. There was discussion about having the newsletter primarily available via email to save costs. Phil Wolfling noted he doesn't always post the newsletter on the web site until a new newsletter comes out.

ROGAINE: Jon Sundquist said 2000 was the last year our club participated in one (at Allegany State Park (ASP)). For 2004 we could team with the Rochester Club (ROC), who would do all the administrative work (registrations, food, etc.), leaving the "fun stuff" for our club (hanging and picking up controls). The ROC proposed June or September dates. June would be too soon for us, so mid-September was chosen. There was discussion about where the base camp would be because group tent camping is not allowed in ASP. Camp 10 (undergoing renovations) and Camp Allegany (which has barracks rather than cabins, and is about 1 mile from Camp 10) were both considered adequate.

Meet Dates: These dates are tentative, assuming no conflicts with events planned by the ROC, the Scouts, and the County. Phil Wolfling will check.

April 25, Sunday: Chestnut Ridge Park, Mike Gasiewicz

May 16, Sunday: Camp Schoellkopf, Phil Wolfling and Tom Wagar

June 19, Saturday: Sardinia Forest, Mike Lance and Greg Hyatt

Mid-September: Allegany State Park, Jon Sundquist and Dave Levine: ROGAINE

October 10, Sunday: Sardinia Forest, Rob Maslanka

October 24, Sunday: Emery Park, Dave Cady

November 6, Saturday: Chestnut Ridge Park, Jackie Novkov.

Incorporating the Club: We can register as intending to be not-for-profit. Requirements include having a Board of Directors. Benefits include having tax exempt certificates. Mike Gasiewicz volunteered to look through the IRS and State rules. Greg Hyatt volunteered to assist. The will make a recommendation.

Web Site: Phil reminded meet directors that forms in PDF format can be accessed by using a hidden link on the Club's web site. Greg Hyatt will assist Phil Wolfling in maintaining the site.

Mapping Plans: The Club has identified eight areas in Erie County to have aerial photography done. They include Akron Falls Park and Zoar Valley and areas in between. Rob Maslanka proposed Carlton Hill (north of Warsaw) for a future map. Dave Cady has requested a quote from TVGA. Jon Sundquist noted there are three additional steps needed:

1. Photogrammetry (several places are available to do this)
2. Field Checking (will need experienced workers)
3. Drafting (Jon Sundquist volunteered to do)

The Club needs to update present maps, especially Sardinia. It was agreed that a map of Sprague Brook Park would be a priority, however. A committee of Dave Cady (chair), Jon Sundquist, Jackie Novkov, Rob Maslanka, and Tom Wagar was formed to work on the mapping issues.

Map Hikes: Rob Maslanka will do Sardinia Forest, Rebecca Wightman will do Emery Park, and Phil Wolfling will do Chestnut Ridge Park with a GPS option.

Retail Opportunities: It was proposed to work with the Boy Scouts in setting up a permanent

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course for the Scouts at Camp Schoellkopf, using our maps, for a fee. It was also suggested to pursue selling the Map Hikes through their Scout store. Phil Wolfling will investigate.

New Business: Ski-O: Rob Maslanka was interested in running a Ski-O next winter. This will need to be scheduled in early fall.

Map Hike markers: Gary Maslanka suggested new markers be made of corrugated plastic that could be folded to be three-dimensional instead of the flat markers we use now. The Map Hike setters will meet to discuss materials before setting up in the spring.

Old Maps: Phil Wolfling is making archive PDF files of old Map Hikes.

ASP Map Hike: Rob Maslanka suggested making the Allegany State Park ROGAINE map into a Map Hike. It would need to be field checked to bring

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Buffalo Orienteering Club Contacts

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Publication Dates for 2004: January, April, June 15, August 15. Contact the Editor by email to dcady@wned.org or by snail mail to 148 West Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14214.

Calendar

Entry fees for **BFLO** events (listed first) are \$7 for guests and \$5 for members. All are welcome. Events are held rain or shine. Registration starts at 10:30 AM with starts from 11 AM – Noon (exceptions are noted). Informal instruction for beginners is always available. Call the contact person for directions to the site.

Date	Location	Details / Contact
Sunday April 25	Chestnut Ridge Park	Regular event with 3 courses. Mike Gasiewicz, 896-8597.
Sunday May 16	Camp Schoellkopf	Score-O plus a beginner course. Phil Wolfling, 832-9758. 11:00 mass start.
Saturday June 19	Sardinia For- est	Regular event with 3 courses. Greg Hyatt, 839-1605.

Hold these dates for Fall events:
 Sunday, October 10, Sardinia Forest
 Sunday, October 24, Emery Park
 Saturday, November 6, Chestnut Ridge Park

Events hosted by other clubs

Sunday May 23	Letchworth State Park	Rochester O Club. West side of park at Trailside Lodge. Starts from Noon—2:00. 585-377-5650.
May 29-30	Cuyahoga Valley near Cleveland	North American Championships. For more information go to: http://neoc.home.att.net/AMeet/
July 17-18	Pharsalia State Forest Norwich NY	CNYO Rogaine XIV. 6, 12, or 24 hour event. Follow link below for more information.

Tied up on a date when a local event is scheduled? Or are you the type that would rather go off on your own? Then our Map Hike is just for you. Control markers are placed in three Erie County Parks from May 1 to November 9. Map Hike kits are available at all Hyatt's-All Things Creative stores, all local events, or directly from Phil Wolfling at 832-9758. The cost is \$5 per kit. Included in each kit is a five color map with 25 control locations marked on it, a map case, a clue sheet, tips for navigating, and a control card to record the codes at each control. The control card can be returned at the end of the season to be entered in a drawing for prizes.

Web sites of interest

BFLO	http://www.buffalo-orienteeing.bfn.org
USOF	http://www.us.orienteeing.org
ROC	http://members.aol.com/RLShadow/ROCHome.HTM
CNYO	http://cnyo.us.orienteeing.org/cnyo
Ontario	http://www.orienteeing.on.ca

BUFFALO ORIENTEERING CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____

email _____

New Member

Family \$15

Renewal

Single \$10

For Family Memberships, please list additional family members:

Make check payable to Buffalo Orienteering Club
 and mail to Dave Cady, 148 West Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14214.

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it up to the quality of our standard orienteering maps. He and Gary Maslanka will look into this.

Outreach: Linc Blaisdell suggested trying to bring other members into volunteering and to get more people from the community interested in orienteering. The Club does not presently have a Publicity Coordinator.

Map Hike Prizes: Winners were Charles Wightman, Tim Blaisdell, Ken Belote, Bernard Gosset, Linc Blaisdell, and Jeanette Willert. Prizes of a headlamp, compass, safety whistles, and outdoor supplies will be delivered to the winners.

9:50 pm Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca R. Wightman.



Jackie Novkov and Linc Blaisdell at the Annual Meeting.

*Thank you for
renewing your
membership in
the
Buffalo
Orienteering
Club.*

NOTICE

**The ROGAINE mentioned in
the Annual Meeting Minutes
for mid-September will not be
held this year.**