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4th European Rogaining Championships

The European Rogaining Championships are in the north of Latvia on 28-29 July 2007. The co-ordinator is Guntars Mankus who recently attended the 7th World Rogaining Championships. Guntars was in the winning mixed team, and took the opportunity at 7WRC to discuss many aspects of rogaining and major event organization with 7WRC and IRF organizers. More details: www.rogaining.lv.

Order of the Geoduck Awards

This award is made annually to individuals who have served the sport of rogaining particularly in the area of international rogaining events. This award was instigated by Bob Reddick who has been the driving force behind this form of recognition for volunteers.

Two awards were made at 7WRC:

- Mike Sheridan for his services to rogaining in New Zealand and particularly the success of new format rogaines.
- Alan Mansfield of Australia for his service to Australian rogaining, his leadership of the New South Wales Rogaining Association and especially his leadership role as co-ordinator of the 7th World Rogaining Championships.

Membership of IRF

The IRF Constitution has a detailed and democratic process of seeking representatives from various rogaining countries. Now that we have concluded the strategic planning process and 7WRC, we are focused on an update of representation at IRF Member level.

Representatives from countries with a national rogaining association are chosen by that association. This applies to Czech and New Zealand (USOF had been invited to nominate representatives for USA).

In countries without a national association, rogainers in that country choose their representative. The USA is an example of how this works. Over a period of several months, the IRF Secretary worked with rogaining leaders in the USA to identify all those with current or previous leadership experience including those running regular rogaining events. A group of approximately 25 rogainers was identified by this process and

that group selected the two USA Representatives on the IRF. A similar process is being used in other active rogaining countries.

Outcomes of this process in USA and Canada:

IRF Members representing USA:

Eric Smith and Bob Reddick

Brad Hunt (as IRF Executive member)

IRF Member representing Canada:

Murray Foubister

IRF Observers representing Canada:

Alan Stradeski and Francis Falardeau.

Rogaining in South Africa

The first rogaine in South Africa was held in 2003, and Pieter Mulder was the pioneer who introduced the sport to this country. There have been four rogaines since this time mostly in the area near Johannesburg and to the east.

The 2006 South African Rogaine was held at the Berlin Plantation at Kaapschehoop, some 12 km E of Ngodwana and 35 km W of Nelspruit on 28-29 October. There were rogainers, adventure racers, orienteers, mountain bikers and hikers present.

The scenery was described as stunning and it was possible to run, walk, cycle and generally enjoy one of the most beautiful and historically significant parts of the country. The sights include the remnants of gold diggings, steep cliffs and deep valleys, antelopes and cats and, of course, the company of some 300 roaming wild horses. The sounds include those of streams and waterfalls and a rich birdlife. Near the course is the quaint town of Kaapschehoop. www.roc.org.za
<http://www.ar.co.za>

Of the four rogaining events held annually this was certainly the best in terms of strategy and difficulty. Teams barely saw one another the whole time because the route options were not clear and defined. So, only when you got to the end could you find out where people had gone and how you'd done.

Two South Africans participated in the 7th World Rogaining Championships in Australia recently, and described the event as *awesome*, well run and executed in some tough terrain. They noted the 33°C degree heat and lack of natural water took its toll especially on the internationals. They found all the

checkpoints they looked for and finished with a creditable 48th place with a total of 1540 points. They described the 24 hours on foot as long, even by adventure racing standards, and concluded that strategy and consistency would be the name of the game when they come back for more!"

Costigan's Manual on Organizing a Rogaine

The IRF, in consultation with Rod Costigan, has decided to make *Organizing a rogaine* available in pdf form as a free download. Go to the rogaining site at www.rogaining.com.

John Berwick

John Berwick has announced his intention to resign from the IRF team at the end of 2006. John has a distinguished rogaining career both as a competitor and leader of the sport. He is a former Australian Rogaining Champion, and a course setter for many of the early Victorian Rogaining Association events and those of the Surrey Thomas Rovers in the 1970-80s. He was one of the four founders of the Victorian Rogaining Association in 1976, and an original member of the International Rogaining Federation when it incorporated in 2000. He has the distinction of being the lead course setter at the very first rogaine 30 years ago. He has assisted the IRF in a number of ways since 2000 including the strategic plan, elections, and his strong support for the volunteers who run the sport at all levels.

Large entry at Estonian rogaine

The recent rogaine in Estonia had 357 teams with 914 participants. It was held on 7th October 2006, near Kolga, Harjumaa, east of Tallinn. Mapping was by TA OK led by Laurie Leppik.

Rogaine <http://www.rogain.ee/eng/result.htm>

Ukraine rogaine

International *Cup of Bukovina 2007* (24 hours) planned for August 2007.