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Update on rogaining in Wikipedia

Lauri Leppik

There is now a Czech language article on rogaining. Omitted from the last Wikipedia article was the German entry; so rogaining is now represented in 16 languages.

9th European Rogaining Championships

9ERC was held in the eastern part of Lithuania near Moletai. 170 teams with 370 participants from 11 countries took part in the ERC event, and another 90 participants opted for the concurrent 6-hour rogaine.

The terrain included part of Labanoras Regional Park and featured mainly open pine forests with middle relief forms, intercepted by many lakes and smaller marshes. The terrain offered some very enjoyable springtime rogaining and received many positive comments from participants. Croaking frogs on lakeshores at full moon, and bird concert at sunrise added some unforgettable emotions. The location of controls was well chosen and presented some of the best features of the terrain, and the checkpoints were fairly set. The map was generally good and sufficiently accurate, though its readability could have been improved by retaining only the 5 metre contours and hiding the 2.5 m intermediate contour lines.

The open forest and dense track network made the terrain fast and pushed up the speed of top teams. As a result, 14 top teams cleaned up the map by visiting all controls. The overall winners, Armo Hiie and Lauri Lahtmäe from Estonia, covered a distance of over 125 km in slightly less than 18 hours, exceeding the former European champions and World Championship medal winners Evgeny

Dombrovsky and Oleg Kalinin (Russia) by 50 minutes. There was some drama though. European champions from 2011, brothers Silver and Rain Eensaar (Estonia) finished the course in 17 hours and 8 minutes, being by far the fastest team of the day. However, they missed a punch on one of the two SportIdent cards from one of the controls, leaving them out of the podium finish.

The mixed category was won by a very experienced Latvian team Valters Kaminskis and Anita Liepina, and silver medals in XO category went to a Polish team Sabina Gielzak and Marcin Krasuski, bringing Poland among the medal-winning countries at ERCs. The top women's team was Marina Galkina and Nina Mikheeva from Russia. Overall, despite some minor issues, the event was perceived positively by most of the participants. Thanks and congratulations to Gediminas Trimakas and his team for organising this event. We hope that the event strong gives positive impetus to the development of rogaining in Lithuania.

Moonlight on Mahinerangi

24hr and 7hr, Otago, New Zealand
24th - 25th November

Prepare yourselves for this classic event in Otago within a 35min drive of Dunedin airport! Planning for the only annual 24hr rogaine in New Zealand is well under way with Bob Cunninghame as organiser-in-chief. There is a 7hr option as well. See the event website, <http://www.rogaine.org.nz/nzchamps2012/>

10th European Rogaining Championships 26th & 27th January 2013 Saturday Sunday 2013.

The 5th Wild Boar Rogaine will be near La Lacuna, Catalunya, Spain.

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37th Victorian Rogaining Championships

Avenel - Strathbogie Ranges, central
Victoria; 22-23 September 2012

The Strathbogie granite plateau is the birthplace of Rogaining – as the site of the first Victorian Rogaining Championships in 1976, several other Victorian Championships and multiple Australian Rogaining Championships. It is the Strathbogie plateau where the sport moved to a fully public score event appealing to many organisations and different levels of skill. This 37th Victorian Championships event gives a taste of some classic rogaining country with open farmland, minimal undergrowth, some subtle geographic features, and then some steeper hills. During a fine day much of the course will appear easy, but at night navigating on the plateau can become very challenging. The base camp is accessible by sealed road 100 km north from Melbourne. Over 99% of the course is private property, with many landholders recalling previous rogaines in the 1980s and thereafter.

11WRC 2013 Russia (27-28 July 2013 Pskov). <http://wrc2013.com/>.

12WRC 2014 USA (16-17 August 2014 Black Hills, South Dakota).