



# INTERNATIONAL ROGAINING FEDERATION Inc.

A0040409P

Newsletter No. 105

Box 3, Central Park, 3145 Australia  
www.rogaining.com  
June 2005

## IRF Team

President: Neil Phillips  
World Rogaining Championships Manager: Gordon Birch  
Promotions and Development: vacant  
Secretary/Treasurer: Rod Phillips

Czech Republic: Jaroslav Vavra, Miroslav Seidl  
Finland: Iiro Kakko  
New Zealand: Pete Squires  
Canada: Alan Stradeski  
United States of America: Eric Smith, Clinton Morse, Bob Reddick  
Australia: Rod Phillips, Gordon Birch, John Berwick, Neil Phillips  
Founders Representative: Bob Reddick

### Observer status

Estonia: Andres Kaar  
Ireland: Sean Hassett  
Latvia: Guntars Mankus  
New Zealand: Michael Wood  
Sweden: Lars-Åke Svenk  
Russia: German Shestakov, Sergey Yaschenko  
South Africa: Pieter Mulder  
Ukraine: Efim Shtempler.  
7<sup>th</sup> WRC: Alan Mansfield

## Strategic Plan for Rogaining

A site has been set up to receive input for the strategic plan for rogaining. A number of people have joined, and comments are starting to be added. Further invitations will follow (contact the IRF if you have not been included yet and wish to contribute).

### Background (February 2005 message)

The IRF is in the process of developing a new strategic plan for rogaining, and two early stages in this planning are now complete. Members were asked to provide details of rogaining activity in their own countries, this information was collated, and the results were then circulated for comment and revision with IRF Newsletter #95 in April 2004. Informal discussions at 6WRC in Arizona built on this

overview. These data then formed the basis of a more detailed summary of rogaining activities by country which was presented in IRF Newsletter #100.

### Next stage: Internal and external analysis of our environment

Members and Observers are being invited now to provide their ideas in a conventional 'swot' analysis that identifies:

Our **STRENGTHS** and our **WEAKNESSES** within Rogaining

The external **OPPORTUNITIES** and **THREATS** to Rogaining

### **Addressing some long term issues: VRA**

After a decade of successful operation, the Victorian Rogaining Association was recognizing a series of trends that were not ideal for its future. Its average age profile was increasing sharply (average of early 20s in mid 1970s, to average of mid 30s in late 1980s), it was not attracting many junior teams, and its clientele was shifting from the traditional championship 24 hour rogain to shorter events such that the 24 hour rogain was at risk of attracting inadequate numbers if the trend did not reverse.

To address the shift away from the 24 hour event format, regular rogainer and committee member Ivana Cichelli completed a project on rogaining for her Master of Business Administration degree. This involved understanding the different views and preferences of younger participants (e.g. Generation X [ed: maybe we need an update for Gen-Y]), and noting trends in other sports and outdoor activities (see IRF Newsletter #48).

A number of people were attending one rogaine and not returning to the sport, so Ben Cebon led an exercise to produce a Starter Pack aimed at people who were new to the sport and wanted to improve their skills and enjoyment level. Later, John Gavens and Heather Leslie initiated a Scouting / Venturers competition, and developed a number of contacts within the Scouting movement in Victoria that has meant this section has grown.

A specific Schools Rogaining competition was started in 1998, and has become the Victorian Schools Rogaining Championship. It is held on a weekend in parallel with a Saturday 6-hour rogaine for the public, a 6-hour rogaine for the public on Sunday, and a 5-hour Schools and Scouts competitions on the Sunday, all using a similar course. A total of 858 people were rogaing with the VRA on this weekend in 2005.

To maintain a connection with schools beyond the tenure of individual enthusiastic students, attempts have been made to closely involve key outdoor staff members at each school. Schools generally pay a VRA membership and cover the entry costs for each student. Before setting off, each team member has their planned route and their equipment checked by experienced rogaing, and receives advice on navigation, safety and planning.

Several areas have been selected as being particularly suitable for the Schools and Scouts rogaine, being close to Melbourne, having a safety net of roads surrounding 'junior friendly forest' with clear checkpoints and a gentle to moderate hills and minimal undergrowth. The School rogaine has progressed since 1998:

1998: 5 schools, 51 students  
1999: 9-25  
2000: 24-68 (13 Scouts additional to 68)  
2001: 27-70 (77)  
2002: 30-77 (52)  
2003: 59-174 (34)  
2004: 71-230 (25)  
2005: 71-198 (44)

In addition, a new cadet section in 2005 attracted 10 participants and is likely to grow.

John and Jenny Sheahan have led the Schools rogaines for the VRA since 1998. There are

significant learnings that have come from running this program over eight years that John and Jenny would be happy to share with other rogaing who want to try similar programs in their own community. [jsheahan@melbpc.org.au](mailto:jsheahan@melbpc.org.au)

### **ARA Rules sub committee**

The IRF has been represented by Andres Kaar, Gordon Birch, Peg Davis, Ann Kennedy and Neil Phillips during the Australian Rogaining Association's recent review of its rules. IRF input into this process has been useful for finding out about different practices in each country, and working towards universal international rules for the sport.

Mike Hotchkis, who is leading the review process for the ARA, advises that no decision was made at the recent ARA meeting to change the rules, and there will be some more discussion before any decision is made.

### **North American Rogaining Championships**

In recent IRF Newsletters we have published the list of overall winners of the World Rogaining Championships (#100) and Australian Rogaining Championships (#104). The list of NARC winners includes the event that started this series, the 1<sup>st</sup> Western Hemisphere Rogaining Championship in 1993.

1993: 1WHRC (Washington State)  
Peter Gagarin & Fred Pilon  
1994: 1NARC (Kamloops, BC)  
Allan Stradeski & Peter Mair  
1995: 2NARC (Washington State) n/a  
1996: 3NARC (New York State) n/a  
1997: 4NARC (Arizona)  
Tom Possert & Adrian Crane  
1999: 5NARC (Nova Scotia) n/a  
2001: 6NARC (Arizona)  
Alar Ruutopold & Ernst Linder  
2002: 7NARC (Kamloops, BC)  
Matt Chamberlain & Mike Wilke  
2005: 8NARC (Kamloops, BC, in August)  
2006: 9NARC (New York State, planned)  
(listed above are the highest scoring teams in each championships)  
n/a: not available yet, assistance completing these details will be appreciated.

**Second Ukrainian Rogaining Championship**  
27-28 August 2005, Chernivtci, Ukraine

**ORGANIZERS**

Orienteering Federation of Chernivtci Region (Ukraine), Orienteering Club MIDIZ, Storozhinets Regional Sport Department

**TERRAIN**

Moderately hilly, difference in elevation is about 200 m, mainly beech woodland, 30% to 40% open terrain, many paths and trails.

**ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION**

Please send entries including participants' names, age, gender and team category to the competition director Efim Shtempler before August 10, 2005:

Postal address: 58000 Shtempler Yefim, Ukrainskaia 12/19, Chernivtci, Ukraine

E-mail: [stempler@chv.ukrpack.net](mailto:stempler@chv.ukrpack.net)

Phone: 38037-2-525520

Additional information will be provided at the following web site:

[www.bukovinaorient.cv.ua](http://www.bukovinaorient.cv.ua)

These Championships follow the international rules of rogaining [www.rogaining.com](http://www.rogaining.com)

**ACCOMMODATION**

Several options will be available for participants upon request: hotel in the city of Chernivtci, motel located not far from the event centre, or field camp near the hash house. Transportation might be arranged. The hash house is located in the centre of the forest area where the rogaine will be held.

Spectators are welcome. Fee is 7 Euro per person and includes boarding in the hash house.

**HOW TO GET TO CHERNIVTSI**

By air to Chernivtci or other cities in the Ukraine (Lviv, Odessa, Kiev). By train to Chernivtci. Directions will be provided later.

Citizens of many countries will require visas to come to Ukraine. Please contact Ukrainian embassy in your country.

**Open Rogaining Championships of Perm**  
24-25 September 2005 Russia

**ORGANIZERS**

Perm regional committee on youth policy.  
Perm Rogaining Association.

The main judge of competitions - the judge of the All-Union category V.S.Gilman

**September, 24** - 10.00 Start

**September, 25** - 10.00 Finish

- 12.00 Awards

**COMPETITION DETAILS**

Map 1:50000. There are 50 check points on the area of 225 square kilometers. Duration 24 hours. Event run according to international rules ([www.rogaining.com](http://www.rogaining.com)). Accommodation of participants in field conditions. Part of Eurasia-2005

**APPLICATIONS**

Registration of participants on a site: **[www.rogaine.permonline.ru](http://www.rogaine.permonline.ru)** or by mail 614077, Perm, Krupskaya St., 71, office 116 by September, 10th 2005.

**Note:** For foreign sportsmen, who require visas, contact the organizers with: full name, date of birth, birthplace, sex and citizenship of the person who should be invited to Perm. The information should be sent to [rogaine@permonline.ru](mailto:rogaine@permonline.ru)