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Vale: Andres Käär

Lauri Leppik:
We have lost one of the trailblazers of European rogaining. Andres Käär has passed away. Andres was the course-setter and the

mapper of the first TAOK rogaines in Estonia. He has developed the rogaining mapping style that is currently in use in several European countries. He was the key person behind the 2005 European Rogaining Championships held in Nõva, Estonia. The 2005 European championships were a key event in many respects as they drew into 24-hour rogaining several Estonian and Latvian teams. For these achievements, Andres was awarded in 2005 the Geoduck Award, being the only European rogainer who has received this award. Andres was also the first Estonian observer to the IRF and later a member of the Council. We are grateful for his contributions to rogaining.

Bob Reddick:

I was most pleased to present the Geoduck award to Andres Käär at the Hat Creek Valley Rogaine NARC in British Columbia on August 3, 2005. His reputation and activities then were well known to all.

9th WRC: New Zealand

Report by Bill Kennedy

The World Championships in the Cheviot region over the weekend of 20-21 November 2011 was a great success due in no small measure to a willing and happy band of volunteers who pitched in to help. NZRA thanks all those volunteers who made the event such a pleasant experience for all participants.

We enjoyed amazing cooperation from over 70 landowners. The Cheviot Area School opened their complete facilities to us and the School and Home Association provided continuous meals during the rogain as well as the post-event meal. Many people commented

on how they enjoyed those meals. The Cheviot Lions fed us on Friday evening. And we need to give a big thank you to the whole Cheviot Community. Visitors from overseas remarked on how welcome they felt.

521 competitors in 251 teams from 22 countries fronted on the day. Kiwis Chris Forne and Marcel Hagener won by a remarkable 850 points with a total of 4365. (Marcel is of German origin but has lived in NZ for many years). Second place on 3515 points went to Nicholas Mulder and Ryno Griesel from South Africa, and third was the team of Tonu Lille laid, Karli Lambot and Rait Pallo from Estonia on 3345 points.

Detailed results are available at <http://wrc2010.org.nz>. There you will find a results breakdown with distance and time splits for every team. A plot of every team's route is provided via Google Earth and there are many pictures.

Rogaine on the Couch: ROGO

Competitors at the World Championships were introduced to ROGO, a puzzle which has its roots in Rogaining. The puzzle was developed by Christchurch rogainers Nicola Petty and Shane Dye. You too can ROGO - see the website, <http://www.rogopuzzle.com/>, for introductory games and more information. An app for iPhone, iPad and iPod touch is available.

Model course

Pete Squires of NZRA organised a model course in the few days leading up to 9WRC, and this is the first WRC model course we have had since 1992 in Victoria. Fifty teams took part in the course including from Russia, Latvia, France, Japan, Estonia and USA. It was an opportunity to become familiar with New Zealand terrain similar to 9WRC, to fences, farmland, local weather and map features. The area chosen for the model course was 50km south of Cheviot on the logical route from Christchurch to the 9WRC site, and around Mt Vulcan and Omih.

10th World Rogaining Championships

The next World Championships are planned for 31 August – 1 September 2012, and will be held near Karlovy Vary, west of Prague. The successful bidders and organising team for the World Rogaining Championships was established in 1996: <http://www.rogaining.cz>, and they have organised the Czech Rogaining Championships every year since 1997. The 2012 World Championships will be a 24 hour team event held in accordance with the international Rules of Rogaining published at www.rogaining.com. Organisers are expecting 500 elite cross-country navigators from over twenty countries and all continents. Czech Association of Rogaining and Mountain Orienteering (CAR).

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World Rogaining Championships

1WRC - 1992: Beechworth, Australia

Jim Russell & Mike Walters

2WRC - 1996: Mt Singleton, Australia

Jim Russell & David Rowlands

3WRC – 1998: Kamloops, Canada

Nigel Aylott & Iiro Kakko

4WRC – 2000: Waiiau, New Zealand

David Rowlands & Greg Barbour

5WRC – 2002: Lesna, Czech Rep.

David Rowlands & Greg Barbour

6WRC – 2004: Arizona, USA

Mike Kloser & Michael Tobin

7WRC – 2006: Warrumbungles, Australia

Chris Forne & Dennis De Monchy

8WRC – 2008: Karula, Estonia

Evgeny Dombrovskiy & Pavel Shestakov

9WRC – 2010: Cheviot, New Zealand

Chris Forne & Marcel Hagener

10WRC – 2012: Karlovy Vary, Czech Rep.