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## 7WRC 2006 Sydney

*“the ultimate challenge in navigation and endurance sports”*

Plans for the 7<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships are progressing with the event being publicized on international websites.

The NSWRA website has been updated <http://www.nswrogaining.org/WRC7/WRC7.htm>

WRC terminology: at the request of the organizers of the 7<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships, there has been a discussion and then resolution regarding the naming protocol for this event. A short-form of the name will be continued mostly for internal rogaining usage

## 7WRC 2006 Sydney

with the more formal version for external use including T-shirts and publicity information:

**7<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships  
13-14<sup>th</sup> October 2006  
(regional location – optional) Sydney  
Australia  
Include rogaining logo  
Not to include organizations (e.g. IRF, ARA, NSWRA)**

The IRF is considering a similar protocol for other major rogaines.

## Environmental awareness

Recent stories help to illustrate the huge contribution being made by rogaining to educating its members about our environmental responsibilities to the community.

At the recent Western Australian rogainer, a forest area was used which was a Dieback Rust Area (tree disease). All competitors were asked to take special precautions not to spread the disease and to clean their boots thoroughly in disinfectant. It is an indication of the high regard that the authorities held rogainers in WA that they even contemplated permitting a rogainer in this area (and reflected the long and positive association between government and WARA).

When one surveys any typical picnic area open to the public and sees the usual mess of papers and containers, it is refreshing to look at any rogainer hash house site one week after a few hundred people have used it as their home for a weekend. Invariably the hash house site is clean with minimal signs of the intense activity.

As a ranger was heard to say, "I would prefer to give permission to three hundred rogainers using this forest responsibly under the control of the \* Rogaining Association than to one messy family who cares little about our environment. The Association does the job for me of educating their members about how to respect the countryside."

### Australian Rogaining Championships

Results for all the 26 Australian Rogaining Championships have been compiled and are available (thanks to the efforts of David Rowlands) on:

<http://rogaine.asn.au/ara/results/results.htm>

1ARC: David Church, David Rowlands  
2ARC: David Church, Neil Phillips, Rod Phillips  
3ARC: John Berwick, Graham Foley, Craig Olsen  
4ARC: David Church, David Rowlands  
5ARC: Ken Miller, David Rowlands  
6ARC: Richard Matthews, David Muir  
7ARC: David Church, David Rowlands  
8ARC: Jim Russell, Michael Walters  
9ARC: Jim Russell, Michael Walters  
10ARC: Ron Lockley, Vince Harding  
11ARC: Chris Benn, David Rowlands  
12ARC: Andrew McComb, Peter McComb  
13ARC: Jim Russell, Michael Walters  
14ARC: David Rowlands, Michael Walters  
15ARC: Mal Grimmett, David Rowlands  
16ARC: Anthony Darr, Shane Trotter  
17ARC: Darryl Smith, Bernard Walker  
18ARC: Andrew McComb, David Rowlands  
19ARC: John Jacoby, David Rowlands  
20ARC: David Baldwin, Adrian Shepherd, David Singleton  
21ARC: Mike Hotchkis, Rob Vincent  
22ARC: Nigel Aylott, John Jacoby  
23ARC: Nigel Aylott, Kevin Humphrey  
24ARC: Tom Landon-Smith, Alina McMaster  
25ARC: David Baldwin, Adrian Shepherd, Trevor Jacobs  
26ARC: Mike Hotchkis, David Rowlands.

With a win in May, David Rowland has won the Australian Championships a total of ten times from 1979 to 2005. Congratulations.

### T'Walk (24hr walk) – 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Twalk is one of our longest running 24 hour events. Last month, over 250 brave souls rose to the challenge set by David Bones and his helpers. **The Flintstones**, with Chris Forne, Julian Maclaren, Penny Kane, Jamie Stewart, Eloise Watson, Michael Smithson,

Rachel Smith, won the event with 50 checkpoints. Second was **Bridgedale Socks** (Quenton Johnston, Murray Thomas, Sally Pearson, Tim Pearson) on 41 checkpoints. See <http://www.cutc.canterbury.ac.nz/twalk/>.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> European Rogaining Championships

11-12<sup>th</sup> June 2005

Estonia

Results : <http://www.orion.ee/rogain/en/>

These Championships attracted a strong European contingent made up of: Estonia (47 teams, 109 participants), Latvia (16, 36), Russia (8, 16), Finland (7, 16), Czech Republic (5, 10), Denmark (3, 6), Lithuania (3, 6) and Great Britain (3, 6). Total (90, 201).

Key organizers included: Arne Kivistik (course setter, mapping fieldwork), and Andres Kaar course vetter and overall organizer).

IRF Observer for Russia, Sergey Yaschenko, reported:

"I have returned from Estonia where I participated in the European Rogaining Championships as a member of Polar Team Moscow team in M class. Our team took 6th place. I would like to thank the event organizers; the Championship was organized perfectly:

- the terrain was very interesting and picturesque;
- the map was detailed and precise;
- fair conditions were obeyed;
- the atmosphere of the event was friendly;
- all of the event organizers were very helpful and made a great job (Thank you very much, Andres and your team!)

Just one drawback: it had been clear to the strongest teams before start that it would be necessary to visit all the 60 checkpoints in order to win the event, and the winner will be selected by the fastest time. It happened exactly that way: 3 teams in M class and 1 team in X class managed to visit all the locations and gain the same maximum score of 270; and the best team completed the course faster than 22 hours."

Under Andres Kaar's leadership, Estonia has progressively built their rogaining experience from its first rogaine in 1999 then several other rogaines, its first 24 hour rogaine in 2003, and now a European Championships. Well done.