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4th WRC: Pete Squires
6th WRC: Peg Davis

German Schestakov

We are saddened to learn that German Schestakov died in Russia on 20th September 2008. German was the founder of rogaining in Russia, a leader of rogaining in the Perm region, and has been an IRF Observer for Russia since 2001. For many in the

international rogaining community, German will be fondly remembered for his efforts at the age of 70 bringing a large Russian contingent to the 5th World Rogaining Championships in Prague, and the considerable challenge that group had travelling by train from Perm. He leaves behind a wonderful legacy of rogaining activity in Russia.

World Rogaining Championships

The World Rogaining Championships in Estonia are over, and their outstanding success is a credit to Lauri Leppik and his whole organizing team. It was no small challenge managing 800 people for the weekend.

The whole WRC festival in Estonia has really been a number of activities for many people:

- a chance for Volunteers to network with other Volunteers, and learn of new trends
- the forum for an IRF meeting involving world leaders of rogaining
- opportunity for Rogainers from different countries to meet, and potentially arrange to attend one another's rogaines
- a chance for technical exchange as the sport evolves
- the platform from which some build a more extended holiday in a new land
- opportunity to rogaine in a new terrain
- and most importantly, elite competition involving the best cross-country navigators in the world, on similar competition terms.

Peter Taylor, IRF Executive

Peter had expressed his intention to resign from the IRF Executive at the completion of

8WRC in Estonia. We thank him sincerely for his contribution over the last three years to the IRF Executive, and especially his role collaborating with Lauri Leppik and the IRF team during preparations for 8WRC. Peter served as President of the South Australian Rogaining Association for some time before becoming President of the Australian Rogaining Association for six years. His considerable service to rogaining was acknowledged in Estonia with the Geoduck Award.

Geoduck Awards 2008

Peter Taylor, and Peter Squires (see #140) were recognized for their contributions to rogaining as winners of 2008 Geoduck Awards. Both have had distinguished careers leading rogaining associations, are outstanding competitors, and have played leading roles in course setting of championship rogaines.

Geoduck Awardees:

1993 Bob Reddick (USA)
1994 Carl Moore (USA)
1995 Keg Good (USA)
1996 Eric Smith (USA)
1997 Wilkey Richardson (USA)
1998 Murray Foubister (Canada)
1999 Michael Haynes (Canada)
2000 Michael Wood (New Zealand)
2001 Peg Davis (USA)
2002 Neil Phillips (Australia)
2003 Rod Phillips (Australia)
2004 John Maier (USA)
2005 Andres Käär (Estonia)
2006 Mal Harding (USA)
2006 Alan Mansfield (Australia)
2006 Mike Sheridan (New Zealand)
2007 Francis Falardeau (Canada)
2008: Peter Squires (New Zealand)
2008: Peter Taylor (Australia).

Rogaining in Brazil

The first rogaine in Mato Grosso do Sul and second in Brazil and Latin America was held on 15th June near the city of Bonito. (The first rogaine in Brazil was held in January 2006 in the city of Caçapava South in Rio Grande do Sul). There was a 1:11,500 A3 map. Heavy rain fell at the start but did not decrease the

emotional and determination of 90 athletes.
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Schools Rogaining Championships

In the mid-1990s, the Victorian Rogaining Association recognized an aging trend amongst its membership, as every year the average age of its members was increasing and there were very few teenage and 20-year olds joining the sport. A concerted campaign to target two young audiences has had great success over intervening years. John Gavens and Heather Leslie focused on the Scouting organization, and John and Jenny Sheahan concentrated on schools. From a small start in which 20-40 juniors came, the 2008 Victorian Schools and Scouts Rogaining Championships attracted over 250 young rogainers. Within that group are a number of school groups led by enthusiastic teachers who return each year with a bus load of teams. The proponents designed five courses where there was open forest, several transecting roads and easy access, and rotate these courses each year so juniors always see a new championship course.

Minnesota Rogaine, USA

MNOC, USA 6 hour Rogaine August 16th
Jay Cooke State Park, Duluth, Minnesota
<http://mnoc.org/news/2008/rogaine/>

Stockholm Rogaine, Sweden

November 15th 2008
www.stockholmrogaining.se

Congratulations to our IRF Member for Russia Evgeny Dombrovskiy who teamed with Pavel Shestokov to win the 8th World Rogaining Championships. Sergey Yashchenko (3rd) and Miroslav Seidl (6th) were also in the top ten. Volunteer leadership and elite participation DO mix!