

# **Badger Club History.**

Hello Everyone!

What I present here will be bits and pieces that I was able to pull together from club archives available to me at this time. I hope you enjoy this and correct me if I am in error. Also, email me so I can update it with more/better information.

Hank Kulesza and Don Brick formed the Milwaukee Orienteering Club in the late(?) 70's. Hank learned orienteering in the Chicago area, and when he moved to Milwaukee started the club with Don. Hank produced some black and white maps at places such as Whitnall, Brown Deer and Minooka in the Milwaukee area. Don handled the administrative end of things and Hank the fieldwork. When Don left, Cathy Yekenewicz took over his duties while Hank continued with his.

My first experience with orienteering in Wisconsin was in the late 1970's through an ROTC course taught at the University of Wisconsin(Madison). At that time Hank Kulesza was running the Milwaukee Orienteering Club. I attended an event at Whitnall park in Milwaukee in the late 70's.

A few years later, I met Maria Miller through badminton and discovered that she and her husband Charles Worringham were creating a university orienteering club. This soon became the Madison Orienteering Club. They created the Picnic Point map and held the club's inaugural event on May 6, 1984. 74 people participated. On May 20, 1984 the Milwaukee and Madison clubs merged to form the Badger Orienteering Club. The first Night-O was held Aug 25, 1984 at Picnic Point. On Mar 28, 1984 there were 10 paid memberships.

Soon Charles and Hank had produced a map of Gov. Dodge S.P.(first used 10/20/84), and plans were being made to hold the first A-meet in Wisconsin. That event was held at Mauthe Lake on May 26, 27, 1985. 170 people participated.

The Mauthe Lake map was produced thanks to the efforts of Peter Ehnwall and Veikko Pohjola of Finland. Working with Hank they completed the Mauthe map in 1984. They were considering mapping Greenbush, but decided it was too technical for the club at that time. USOF almost didn't allow the first national event due to questions about the quality of the Mauthe Lake terrain. But Peter Gagarin(a former USA elite champion) said it was suitable and the meet proceeded using courses he suggested.

Since 1984 the club had been run by Hank, Charles Worringham and Maria Miller. They moved to Michigan sometime after the fall of 1986. By 1986, membership had reached 35. Over the years the treasury had built up a war chest of up to \$121. It was at \$88 in August of 1986. There was an A-meet held in the late 80's. The club's third A-meet was held, Oct 19, 20, 1991.

Jan and Erv Hansen were principally responsible for getting the Kellings Lakes map produced.

At the start of 1992, Jan Hansen and Karen Biesman(now Richardson) took over under joint directorship.

An A-meet was held May 15, 16, 1993 at Kellings Lakes.

In December of 1994, Kevin Teschendorf took charge of club business. His first move was to purchase Ocad software for drafting orienteering maps. At this time, all of the club's 17 maps are drafted. In February of 1997 the Badger Orienteering Homepage was put on-line. The club now holds 8 events a year. Kevin has produced 5 new maps, Ottawa Trails and Lake Kegonsa, 1997, Lapham West in 1998, Magnolia Bluff in 1999 and Mirror Lake State Park in 2000.

In June/July of 2002, Petr Junek, a student from the Czech Republic, mapped Blue Mound State Park. In August/September of 2002, Vlastik Sebesta and Evzen Cigos of the Czech Republic fieldchecked Devil's Lake State Park, east bluff. Evzen is famous in the Czech Republic for having been the first fieldchecker to put lots of details on the maps.

In the fall of 2003, Yefim Stempler returned to Wisconsin to fieldcheck Bong Recreation Area near Kenosha, WI. He also updated the map of Elver Park.

In September of 2004, Peter Eglin(father of Michael) and his wife(Swiss) fieldchecked part of the south bluff of Devil's Lake State Park.

The club held a national event April 24, 25, 2004 at Devil's Lake, East Bluff. This event would not have been possible without the help of Michael Eglin(Swiss). He provided technical assistance with the maps, helped design courses and spent hours of time running around in the woods the weekend of the event.

In the fall of 2005, Kevin started work on a new series of maps in the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest near Greenbush, WI. Upon completion, there should be 3 contiguous maps covering over 10 square kilometers. Currently, there is about 3 square K mapped. Work will expand this in the second half of 2006. Completion of the whole area should happen by spring of 2008.

In 2006, Kevin started work on a map in the Black River State Forest. The first installment is 4.3 square K. If we decide to map the whole area we have a basemap for, we will end up with about 16 square K.

In March of 2008, Ivar Helgesen of Norway came to Wisconsin to work on the area around Greenbush, WI. He completed a little over 5 square K of the Cat Maps. Hepcat and Cat's Pajamas are the two maps he completed. Ivar is known across the world for his work making orienteering basemaps. There is now 1-2 K left to fieldcheck in the greenbush area. I anticipate completing that and refieldchecking the cat's meow and cat's agenda maps in 2009 in preparation for what I hope will be the best orienteering event ever held in Wisconsin.

On October 23-25, 2009 an event was held that included the U.S. Orienteering Championships at Greenbush, WI on the Cat's Meow and Cat's Agenda maps. This event attracted 225 people from across the country. It was the first national championship event hosted by the Badger Club.

In 2011, lidar data with 2 foot contours and orthophotos became available online free of charge. It was the start of a major project to map every usable area in Dane County. By early 2012 7 new maps had been produced. The goal is to have 30 maps within 30 miles of Madison, WI. The hope is this will be achieved by the end of 2012. As of February 2012 there are 19 maps within 30 miles of Madison. I have a list of 12 more areas I hope to complete by the end of 2012.

#### National Events

Place	Date	Year	Participants	meet director
Cat Maps, U.S. Champs	Oct 23-25	2009	225	kevin
Devil's Lake	April 24, 25	2004	150	kevin
Kellings Lakes	May 15, 16	1993		Cathy
Mauthe/Kellings Lakes	October 19, 20	1991		Hank/Cathy
Mauthe Lake	May 16, 17	1987	98	Hank/Cathy/Hansen's
Mauthe Lake	May 26, 27	1985	170	Hank/Charles W.

#### Maps

Year	Map	Size	Mapper
2013	Nashota County Park	1.8K	kevin, USA
2012	Stewart Lake County Park	0.6K	kevin, USA
May, 2012	Monches County Park	1.7K	kevin, USA
2012	Lake Farm	1.2K	kevin, USA
2012	Mazo Sand Barrens	1.8K	kevin, USA
2011	Prairie Moraine	0.7K	kevin, USA
2011	Token Creek	1.7K	kevin, USA
2011	McCarthy Park	1.0K	kevin, USA
2011	Quarry Park	.25K	kevin, USA
2011	Warner Park	1K	kevin, USA
2011	Donald County Park	1.8K	kevin, USA
2010	Wildcat Middle	4.5K	kevin, USA
2010	High Cliff SP	3K	kevin, USA
2010	Olin Park	.5K	kevin, USA
2010	Hoyt Park	.1K	kevin, USA
2010	Garner Park	.2K	kevin, USA
2008	Hepcat	2.2K	Ivar Helgesen, Norway
2008	Cat's Pajamas	3.5K	Ivar Helgesen, Norway

2006	Cat's Agenda	4K	kevin, USA
2006	Wildcat Mound	4.3K	kevin, USA
2005/6	Cat's Meow	3K	kevin, USA
2004	Devil's Lake S.	5K	Peter Eglin, Switzerland
2003	Bong SRA	6K	Yefim Stempler, Ukraine
2003	Elver Park	1K	Yefim Stempler, Ukraine
2002	Devil's Lake E.	10.5K	Vlastik Sebesta, Evzen Cigos, Petr Junek, Czech Rep.
2002	Blue Mound	5.2K	Petr Junek, Czech Rep.
2002	Indian Lake	1.7K	kevin, USA
2001	Glacial Blue Hills	1K	kevin, USA
2000	Mirror Lake	1.6K	kevin, USA
1999	Magnolia Bluff	.5K	kevin, USA
1998	Lapham West	1.6K	kevin, USA
1997	Ottawa Trails	3.2K	kevin, USA
1997	Lake Kegonsa	2K	kevin, USA
1992	Lapham Peak	4K	Yefim Stempler, Voledya Pantsir, Ukraine
1991	Kellings Lakes	5K	Milos Broulik, Jiri FencI, Jan Kaplan, Czech Rep.
1991	Gov. Nelson	1.2K	Milos Broulik, Jan Kaplan, Czech Rep.
1991	Elver Park	1K	Milos Broulik, Jan Kaplan, Czech Rep.
1991	Goose Lake	5K	Tim Guetersloh, USA
1987	Glacial Blue Hills	.5K	Jerome Zeigler, USA
1986	Indian Lake	1.7K	Paul LoBue, USA
1984	Mauthe Lake	6.9K	Hank Kulesza, Peter Ehnwall, Veikko Pohjola, USA, Finland
1984	Picnic Point	1.4K	Charles Worringham, Maria Miller, England, USA
1984	Gov. Dodge	5.8K	Charles Worringham, Maria Miller, England, USA

Maps made:

**Nashota** by kevin, USA, 1.8K<sup>2</sup>, May 2013,

**Hepcat** by Ivar Helgesen, Norway, 2.2K<sup>2</sup>, March 2008,

**Cat's Pajamas** by Ivar Helgesen, Norway, 3.5K<sup>2</sup>, March 2008,

**Wildcat Mound** by kevin, USA, 4.3K<sup>2</sup>, Summer 2006,

**Cat's Meow expanded** by kevin, USA, 2K<sup>2</sup>, January 2006,

**Cat's Meow** by kevin, USA, 1K<sup>2</sup>, Fall 2005,

**Devil's Lake South** by Peter Eglin, Switzerland, 5K<sup>2</sup>, Fall 2004,

**Bong Rec. Area** by Yefim Stempler, Ukraine, 6K<sup>2</sup>, Fall 2003,

**Devil's Lake** by Vlastik Sebesta, Evzen Cigos and Petr Junek, Czech Republic, 10.5K<sup>2</sup>, Summer 2002,

**Blue Mound** by Petr Junek, Czech Republic, 5.2K<sup>2</sup>, Summer 2002,

**New Indian Lake** by kevin teschendorf, Spring 2002,

**Blue Mound State Park** by kevin teschendorf, 5.2K<sup>2</sup>, Spring/Summer 2001,

**Glacial Blue Hills** by kevin teschendorf, 200 acres, Spring 2001

**Mirror Lake State Park** by kevin teschendorf, July 2000

**Magnolia Bluff County Park** by kevin teschendorf, 1/2K(120acres), November 1999

**Lapham West** by kevin teschendorf, 1998

**Ottawa Trails and Lake Kegonsa** by kevin teschendorf, 1997

**Lapham Peak** by Yefim Shtempler, Voledya Pantsir, Ukraine, 1992

**Kellings Lakes** by Milos Broulik, Jiri Fencel and Jan Kaplan, all Czech mappers, 1991

**Gov. Nelson and Elver Park** by Milos Broulik and Jan Kaplan in 1991

**Goose Lake** by Tim Guetersloh, 1991

**Glacial Blue Hills** by Jerome Zeigler, 1987

**Indian Lake** by Paul LoBue, 1986

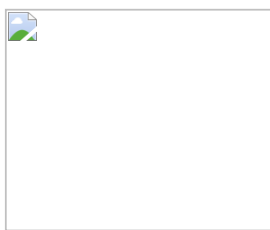
**Mauthe Lake** by Hank Kulesza, Peter Ehnwall, Veikko Pohjola, 1984

**Picnic Point and Gov. Dodge** by Charles Worringham and Maria Miller, 1984

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The birth of a new orienteering club--Badger Orienteering Club--covering the southern Wisconsin area around Madison and Milwaukee originated 20 May 84 in Whitnall Park where a small meet was held southwest of Milwaukee with distinct international flavor. Representatives of Finland-- Veikko and Leila Pohjola and their sons Pasi and Mikko, Peter Ehnwall, Carola Storgard-Envall, England--Charles Worringham, Maria Miller, New Zealand--Ken Marsh, USA--Hank Kulesza, Cathy Yekenevicz, and many others. Linda Anderson was also one of the charter members.

The club logo was designed by Veikko Pohjola of Appleton with his MacIntosh computer. It shows the Badger against the background of a control marker.



**This is a reprint from the first Badger Orienteering Club newsletter.**

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BGR gave these numbers of club members as of December of the year:

**Badger Orienteering Hall of Fame**

<b>Year</b>	<b># of members</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>State Champion</b>	<b>Night-O Champ</b>	<b>Scout Champ</b>	<b>U.S. Champ</b>
2013		kevin	kevin		Troop 349	
2012		kevin	kevin		Troop 349	
2011		kevin	kevin			
2010		kevin	kevin			
2009		kevin	kevin			
2008		kevin	Ioana S.			kevin(Ultra Long, M50)
2007		kevin	kevin			
2006		kevin	kevin	kevin	Pack 302	
2005	50	kevin	Ryan J.	kevin	Troop 5, 4 Lakes	
2004		kevin	kevin	none	Troop 5, 4 Lakes	kevin(M45)
2003	50	kevin	kevin	Charlie S.	Troop 104/122, 4 Lakes	

2002	40	kevin	Charlie S.	Alan H.	Troop 5, 4 Lakes	kevin(M40)
2001	29	kevin	Charlie S.	Lee T./Alan H. (tie)	Troop 5, 4 Lakes	
2000	26	kevin	kevin	Janne M.	Troop ???	
1999	21	kevin	Aleksander B.	Charlie Shahbazian	Troop ???	
1998	33	kevin	Janne M.	Alan Holtan		
1997	40	kevin	Dom Duelli	Alan Holtan		
1996	34	kevin		Charlie Shahbazian		
1995	31	kevin		Dan T.		
1994	43					
1993	62					
1992	40	Karen Biesman/Jan Hansen				
1991	47					
1990	52	Cathy Yekenewicz/Karen Biesman				
1989	47	Hank K.				
1988	42	Hank K.				Corinne G.(F16)
1987	30	Hank K.				Corinne G.(F16)
1986	35	Hank K.				Corinne G.(F14)
1985	19	Charles Worringham/Hank Kulesza				
1984	40	Hank Kulesza/Charles Worringham				

BGR initial charter 5/20/84 -- 24

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### **Membership**


<b>Year</b>	<b># of members</b>
1980	20
1979	20
1978	40

Have undated initial charter with no number of members but signed by Hank Kulesza, probably in 1977.

### **Course Records(Min/K)**

<b>Map</b>	<b>Min/K</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>
Blue Mound	8:19	kevin	2005
Bong	6:06	Mike E.	2005
Cat's Agenda	6:43	William H.	2009
Cat's Meow	6:51	William H.	2009
Cat's Pajamas	10:37	Anna S.	2008
Devil's Lake E.	7:23	Brian M.	2004
Devil's Lake S.	8:25	kevin	2006
Gov. Dodge			
Eagle Heights	9:15	kevin	2005
Elver	8:38	Svein M.	2003
Glacial Blue	7:51	Mike E.	2004

Goose Lake			
Hepcat	6:12	Ross S.	2009
Indian Lake			
Kellings Lakes	8:15	kevin	2003
Lake Kegonsa	5:06	Mike E.	2004
Lapham Peak	7:53	kevin	2009
Magnolia Bluff			
Mauthe Lake	8:14	kevin	2004
Mirror Lake			
Gov. Nelson	6:34	kevin	2003
Ottawa Trails	9:33	Mike E.	2005
Wildcat Mound	8:51	Carl S.	2009

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