

Badger Orienteering Club History

1970's

Hank Kulesza and Don Brick formed the **Milwaukee Area Orienteering Club** in about 1977. 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. Eventually the club dissolved, but Hank kept the maps and held occasional casual events. Hank kept in touch with the USOF.

Kevin Teschendorf's 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. Kevin attended an event at Whitnall Park in Milwaukee in the late 70's.

1984

A few years later, Kevin 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 in full color (including university family housing) and held the club's inaugural event on May 6, 1984. 74 people participated.

On May 20, 1984 Hank, Maria and Charles, Linda Anderson, Cathy Yekenevicz, (and others including Veikko and Leila Pohjola with sons Pasi and Mikko (Finland), Peter Ehnwall and Carola Storgard-Enval (England), Ken Marsh (New Zealand)) met at Whitnall Park and agreed that Milwaukee and Madison orienteers should merge 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. Milwaukee events were held on the b/w maps (cross-hatching included!) produced during the MAOC period. The club logo was designed by Veikko.

Soon Charles and Hank had produced a hand-drawn b/w map of Gov. Dodge State Park (first used 10/20/84). This cliff-studded unglaciated multi-use park with broad open meadows was used for several years until the park's land use no longer matched the map.

Mauthe Lake

The Mauthe Lake map was produced thanks to the efforts of Peter Ehnwall and Veikko Pohjola of Finland, resulting in a five-color hand-drawn map. Working with Hank they completed the Mauthe Lake map in 1984. They were considering mapping Greenbush, but decided it was too technical for the club at that time.

Hank was eager to hold a national (A) meet in Wisconsin. That event was held at Mauthe Lake on May 26-27, 1985. 170 people participated. USOF almost didn't allow the **first national event** due to questions about the quality of the Mauthe Lake terrain. But Peter Gagarin (USA elite

champion, and team leader) said it was suitable and the meet proceeded using courses he suggested. Another A-meet was held on this map May 16-17, 1987. Vegetation changes and logging made it necessary to revise the map for a second printing. In the days when maps were printed in the thousands to keep costs down, there were a lot of maps available! The area is still used for local events and training.

Charles and Maria moved to Michigan sometime after the fall of 1986. By then, paid membership had reached 35, but non-members were always welcome at the meets.

Goose Lake

Tim Guetersloh, who had drafted some championship maps in Missouri, moved to Wisconsin around 1990. He drafted a small b/w map of a drumlin/wetland wildlife area called Goose Lake. Contour detail on the hills was exquisite, lack of trails was challenging! We won't forget that day in May when we braved a heavy wet-snow blizzard to get our cars stuck in the snow in the parking area. **Bob Feuerriegel**, course setter, remarked "I should have worn boots instead of running shoes." Tim eventually moved away from Wisconsin, but did share some of his expertise with Kevin, who had the mapping bug now, too.

Lapham Peak

In 1992, a map was produced through the efforts of visiting **Ukrainian mappers** Yefim Shtempler and Volodya Pantsir. Now a State Park, the area features a lofty moraine, used in the 1800's by meteorology pioneer Increase Lapham to observe weather patterns. Originally hand-drawn, the map has been translated to O-CAD and is sold at the park for use of the permanent courses. Not large enough for A-meets, the map is used annually in conjunction with the Friends' Colorama event. Ski-O and night-O events also used this versatile area. We liked to watch the night-O flashing lights from the top of the observation tower!

At the start of 1992, Jan Hansen and Karen Biesman (now Richardson) took over under joint directorship (Milwaukee/Madison). During this time, BGR had a Junior champion, Corrine Gilchrist.

Kellings Lakes

Jan and Erv (Oyvind) Hansen were principally responsible for getting the Kellings Lakes map produced, the last of the hand-drafted maps. The map was field-checked and drafted by visiting **Czech mappers** Milos Brulik, Jiri Fencel and Jan Kaplan, who were hosted by the Hansens.

A-meets were held in **1991 and 1993 at Kellings Lakes**. Veteran SMOC orienteer Tom Hollowell proclaimed it the best technical map in the Midwest. Local meets have been held there ever since, but logging activities have reduced the runnability of some of the most detailed terrain.

O-CAD Mapping

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 were hand-drafted. In February of 1997 the Badger Orienteering Homepage was put on-line. The club now holds as many as 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. This has been a popular map for the orienteering part of adventure races, with its proximity to the Wisconsin River and web of mountain bike trails. 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.

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

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.

The Cat Maps

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 would be a number of contiguous maps covering over 10 square kilometers. Work continued in the second half of 2006. Completion of the whole area was planned for spring of 2008. Kevin named this set of maps the Cat Maps.

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. Kevin completed fieldchecking of the Cat's Meow and Cat's Agenda maps in 2009 in preparation for what he hoped 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.

Current Mapping

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. The goal is to have 30 maps within 30 miles of Madison, WI. As of February 2012 there are 19 maps within 30 miles of Madison. Kevin has a list of 12 more areas he hopes to complete (or probably has!).

Champions

F14 1986, F16 1987, 1988 - Corinne Gilchrist

M40 2002, M45 2004, M50 Ultralong 2008 – Kevin Teschendorf

Various Events and Years: dual member Charlie Shahbazian

<u>National Events</u>				
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.

<u>Maps</u>			
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 Fencl, 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