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## 7<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships

Message from Alan Mansfield of the New South Wales Rogaining Association, and coordinator of 7WRC.

“I am chief course setter, and will have assistance from Trevor Gollan, George Collins and others. Julian Ledger will take care of promotion and sponsorship. Alan has a draft timeline for organization. Trevor and I have a shortlist of locations. We have already been looking at sites for 7WRC. Location is very important and we will continue to discuss with a number of experienced rogainers as we are committed to making this the best and most challenging WRC yet. We will try out course plans before absolutely finalizing the location. The final location will be kept secret. Event logo and artwork being drafted. When finalized, the publicity will start in earnest. We have

offers for hash house and administration organizers. We will be involving many of the old hands from around NSW rogaining -- everyone I speak to is keen to help with this event.”

This is a very strong team with a wealth of competition and organizational experience committed to an excellent WRC.

## World Rogaining Championships

The IRF has identified six factors that are critical for successful WRCs:

### From the Strategic Plan

The focus of a World Rogaining Championship is on:

- a) enjoyable terrain (typical of local events),
- b) an accurately set course, that is fair and challenging,
- c) friendly atmosphere of the Hash House,
- d) professional organization,
- e) a wide cross section of participants,
- f) elite and other levels of competition.

In practical terms, this means that a group organizing the World Rogaining Championships should be running a rogaine typical of their local championship events. High priority needs to go to the course and controls, hash house including food and water, and attraction of a high class field of competitors. Back-to-back cross-country navigation events can be used very effectively to attract participants.

## **North American Rogaining Championships**

1st Western Hemisphere 1993 Washington  
1NARC 1994 British Columbia  
2NARC 1995 Washington  
3NARC 1996 New York  
4NARC 1997 Arizona  
5NARC 1999 Nova Scotia  
6NARC 2001 Arizona  
7NARC 2002 British Columbia  
8NARC 2005 British Columbia

## **Northern Territory Rogaining Association**

The 2005 NTRA Championships will be held near Adelaide River south of Darwin. The date has been strategically chosen to be back-to-back with a warm-up event and two orienteering events to provide a memorable week in the Top End.

In 2007, NTRA organize the Australian Rogaining Championships 1000km south of Darwin in the picturesque East Macdonald Ranges close to the centre of Australia. This will provide some spectacular desert scenery and is easily combined with a trip to Ayers Rock and Alice Springs <http://nt.rogaine.asn.au> for details.

## **Twalk and MUMC Anniversary: Origins of Rogaining**

This year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Melbourne University Mountaineering Club which is credited as the originator of the twenty-four hour walks that developed into the sport of Rogaining. The first twenty-four hour walk was held in 1947 with 5 entrants in two teams. (One of the entrants became a partial member of both teams by swapping between teams whenever they met). The MUMC twenty-four hour walk was an annual affair until the mid 1980s.

In 1967, Greg Martin moved from Melbourne to Canterbury University in Christchurch, New Zealand to study for a Masters degree in Electrical Engineering and quickly decided that Canterbury students were crazy enough to relish such an event. Hence T'walk was born and the event has run annually ever since. If you haven't already read it, see "Reminiscences on

T'Walk" in the News Items section of the NZRA website. This describes the difficulty of the first Twalk on Mt Thomas, the debates about how checkpoints should be placed, and a summary of cross-country conditions in New Zealand that have influenced the development of Twalk. <http://www.rogaine.org.nz>

For further information on the history of twenty-four hour walks and their evolution to Rogaining see the IRF website at [http://www.rogaining.com/p2\\_history\\_det.html](http://www.rogaining.com/p2_history_det.html)

## **New Zealand Championships 2005**

The Nenthorn Nemesis Rogaine attracted 103 participants in 44 teams on 26-27<sup>th</sup> February 2005. In setting the course, permission was necessary from 17 different sets of landowners.

Coming event: Mt Vulcan 3hr rogaine near Christchurch, New Zealand, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2005.

## **Rogaining in America**

The American Bushwhacking Club is devoted solely to rogaining. Under the guidance of Brad Hunt, the club has produced 11 events since 2001 and is a driving force for rogaining in the United States. Its sister organization, Ambush Adventure Sports, produces over 15 adventure races each year, and almost every one of them features a "rogaine-style finish". Brad has asked me to relay to all of our Aussie and Kiwi friends that should you wish to try one of these events, they will be happy to put you up and show you some Yankee hospitality.

More information about The American Bushwhacking Club can be found at <http://americanbushwhackingclub.org/> <http://americanbushwhackingclub.org> or contact Brad at [bradhunt@americanbushwhackingclub.org](mailto:bradhunt@americanbushwhackingclub.org) Information about other rogaines on the American calendar can be found at the North American Rogaine Calendar at <http://florawww.eeb.uconn.edu/rogaine/calendar.htm>