

Tucson Orienteering Club



Newsletter Submittals

The deadline for newsletter items is shown in the monthly calendar. Please try to meet the deadline or call the editor if there is a problem. All members are invited and encouraged to send informational or opinion articles on any orienteering topic.

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—Lois Kimmitt

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Spring at Slavin Gulch

—Mark Parsons

On March 20-21, we will celebrate the arrival of Spring in the Dragoons at our most beautiful site, with a full slate of events. On Saturday, we will offer mountain bike orienteering and a single, long field course, seven controls over seven kilometers. That evening we will have a Night-O. On Sunday, we will host a regular-style full slate of courses, from short/easy to long/advanced.

The elevation is 4200 feet, and it could be hot. Occasionally it rains here, and it could be cold. Come prepared!

The terrain and vegetation are generally fast and runnable. The area has numerous rock formations and isolated boulders, with many sandy washes and very good, bicyclable cow paths. The area features heavy stands of blue oak and mesquite and numerous low hills covered only with low shrubs.

I have been field-checking new sections of this area, mostly north and west of the area we have used before. The unimproved camp areas are very good. Some of the best boulder and rock climbing to be found anywhere is on our map. It is an extremely friendly place to just hike around! Tombstone is the closest town. Call me at (520) 432-3013 if you have any questions.

Our meet director will be Garey Cash. Please call him at 325-1344 if you can volunteer for an hour or so. Remember, you can help out and get your name in the paper, and still have time to compete!

Directions: Head east towards El Paso on I-10 to Exit 303. It is marked Benson Douglas, Route 80. Stay on Route 80 for about 20 miles to Middle March Road, which is just south of Milepost 315. Take Middle March Road east for about 10 miles, crossing seven cattleguards. It is a very fast dirt road that is too easy to spin out on. Be careful, slow down and enjoy the view of Sheephead Rock. Turn left at the Coronado Forest boundary where a sign says "West Stronghold 8". After your turn, the road is poorly marked as #687. Follow the "O" signs. It is one mile to Saturday's start area, two miles to the site of Sunday's events. (This meet is not at the site of previous Slavin Gulch meets.)

Fees: \$8/individual, \$10/team, \$5 discount for TSN, PHX, USOF, or SAHC members. \$1 for each map, when color maps are used. Compasses rent for \$1. Safety whistles sell for \$1. *Every person all courses all meets* is required to carry some type of safety whistle.

Schedule: *Saturday:* courses open at noon or thereabouts. Night event is at dark. *Sunday:*

9:00 a.m. Registration opens
Beginners' clinic starts
9:30 a.m. Courses open
12:00 noon. Last time to start a course
12 noon-2 p.m. Route choice reviews
2:00 p.m. Courses close. Begin control retrieval—good orienteering practice, lots of help always needed. Volunteer before 2 p.m. with the meet director.

Check-In: To insure that all are safe *everyone whether finished with the course or not*, must check in formally at Start/Finish before leaving the meet site.

Newcomers: Go directly to Registration. Ask for instructions and introductory information. To attend the beginners' clinic, arrive between 8:45 and 9 a.m.

Route-Choice Reviews: Between noon and 2 p.m., the course setter or an advanced orienteer will discuss route choices with returning participants probably near Start/Finish area.

COME &
JOIN US!

Notes from the President

—Peg Davis

Saints of O: Setters and Directors for 1998: I'd like to take one last look back at 1998 and thank the setters and directors for all the meets. I'm pleased to find that while some people took the reins more than once, 21 different people headed a meet. Remember that horrible year when Wilkey and I seemed to be holding down the fort every other month? Spreading the load leaves no one exhausted, so congratulations to those who set and directed for the first time and thanks again, oldtimers.

Esteemed course setters: Jeff Brucker (2 meets!), Jim Stamm, Mark Parsons, John Little, Carol Smythe, John Andrews, John Maier, Dan Coombs, Wilkey Richardson, Marilyn Cleavinger.

Honored meet directors: Ann Haber (2 meets!), Chris Kraft, Keith McLeod, Jim DeVeney, Maureen Jamieson, Mike Huckaby, Pat Penn, Margrit McIntosh.

Set and directed: Peg Davis (1 and 2), Marley Beard (1 and 1), Garey Cash (1 and 1).

Are you a member of the Tucson Orienteering Club? The \$5 member discount for each entry at an event was designed to encourage joining. The form is included in most newsletters and is at each meet. Being a member guarantees you will be mailed a newsletter whether you attend a meet or not. Nonmembers are deleted regularly.

Next time you work at registration, please point this out to nonmember entries. And there's no need to reiterate the chic, cool suavity of simply being a member, is there?



"Ask and ye shall receive....."

Thanks to **John Maier** for donating a backpack to the Club to be used for packing equipment for transport to meets. All who have directed meets agree that this is the easiest and most efficient way to get everything needed to the meet site!

Lost & Found



Personal belongings left behind at a meet are collected with club equipment and brought to later meets. If you're missing something, check the Lost/Found basket near Registration. Between meets, call the equipment chair, Mary English, 881-4786.

USOF Pacific Region Elections

The Pacific Region will hold its election for the USOF Board of Directors and Alternate on Saturday, June 12, 1999, at the LAOC Mt. Pinos A meet, time and meeting place to be posted at event registration. You are eligible to vote if you were a USOF member of a USOF Chartered Club in the Pacific Region as of December 31, 1998, or an at-large member of USOF residing in that region. (Family memberships with USOF membership numbers beginning with "2" are entitled to two votes.) The following have indicated their willingness to stand for election for positions as indicated: Clare Durand (LAOC) for Representative, Gary Kraght (BAOC) for Representative.

If you care to run for either representative or alternate, or to nominate someone, please contact Evan Custer, Pacific Regional Nominating Committee Representative, at (925) 254-5628, evancuster@home.com, or 18 Bobolink Road, Orinda, CA 94563. Deadline for nominations to be included on the ballot is Monday, May 10.

Ballots will be mailed to all eligible Pacific Region USOF members in late May. You may vote at the election at Mt. Pinos on June 12, give your proxy to another eligible voter to vote for you at the election, or mail your ballot to Evan Custer (address above) by June 7.



Cat(claw) Mountain, February 21, 1999

—Greg & Carol Starr

A number of us were sitting around the timing area and kept commenting on the number of competitors with scratched legs. Several people suggested this was a result of the Catclaw Acacia on the course, so we decided to unofficially rename the site as Cat(claw) Mountain.

In spite of the scraped legs, we had a great turnout. There were 56 entries comprised of 99 competitors, and no wonder: beautiful weather and enticing courses are very popular with orienteers.

This is always a challenging meet to direct because of the distance from parking to start, but with the help of many people we were able to put on the meet even with the map disaster. Everyone involved felt there were plenty of maps, but alas, these things happen.

We thought there were some incredibly fast times on some of the courses, but this terrain lends itself to running and running fast. We did not get to run a course, but Greg picked up controls and got to sample some of the running. His legs were dead, but he felt the area was ideal for many levels of competitors. We would also like to congratulate the group of orienteers from El Paso. They all ran either the Green or the Red course and were still very cheerful at the conclusion of the meet.

We would like to thank the many volunteers who helped with all aspects of the meet. In no particular order we would like to recognize (take a deep breath) **Yuri Beregovski and Mike Thompson** (registration table); **Christie Frahm, Eugene McDougall, Ann Haber, Dave Sam, and Liz Bruce** (timing table); **Keith McLeod and Mark Parsons** (equipment toting & control retrieval); **Jim and Maureen DeVeney** (equipment toting); **Jeff Brodsky, Mike Huckaby, and Roger Sperline** (map resurrection); and **Roy Parker and David Barfield** (control retrieval). Many thanks to **Dan Coombs and Kevin Gross** for setting the courses. If you have ever directed a meet, you know what a great job **Mary English** does with organizing the equipment, and this month was no exception. Everybody should seek out Mary at the next meet and applaud her tireless work in keeping the equipment well organized.

Anybody who left a Levi jacket behind can rest assured that it was too small for Greg or Mark, and it is residing in the lost and found. Call Mary English to identify and claim the jacket.

Now let us get to what everyone has been waiting for, *the results*.

WHITE			3T	Bowie Team C	121:00	RED		
Rec.	Mylo Groen		1W	Maureen DeVeney	125:04	1M	Roy Parker	81:00
				Crash	134:07	2M	Alexandre Savine	81:46
				Team SI	148:50		(so close)	
YELLOW			Rec.	John Couleur, Patrice		3M	Dan Fallis	126:10
1M	John Couliur	32:18		Barkley, Silver, Rim		1W	Peg Davis	164:06
1T	Rim Runners	43:56		Runners		Rec.	Fred Padgett	
2T	The Evil Mendu	46:07						
3T	All Mighties	49:52						
	The Patetics	53:50	GREEN					
	Nite Lizards	56:23	1M	John Little	60:00			
	Pathway Deviants	68:40	2M	Mike Huckaby	85:40			
	Wanderers	78:40	3M	Riga	99:44			
2M	David Barfield	87:50		Jeff Brodsky	106:30			
	Go Girls	90:22	1T	Beauty & ...	106:51			
	Webelos Den 1	98:35	1W	Pat Penn	108:08			
Rec.	Oreos, Patrice Barkley,			Jim Stamm	111:57			
	Oliver Starkey, Banana Slugs,			Larry Lamb	114:09			
	Molina			Keith McLeod	130:30			
			2W	Margrit McIntosh	170:28			
ORANGE			2T	Malo	208:25			
1T	Stargazers	84:12	Rec.	Larrington				
2T	Bozos	97:37						
1M	Andre Lehovich	119:40						



Ribbons for first, second, and third place winners in each category will be available at the next meet (Slavin Gulch, March 21). Please pick yours up in the Registration area.

Are There Rules for Orienteering?

—Peg Davis

What if you're out on a course, punch what you think is the right control, and then the results say that you're MSP (mispunch). Well, you've probably found a control close to yours and punched without checking the control code. Unfortunately, this spoils a competitive run.

What if you're out on a course, just can't find a control, and then go on to complete the rest of the course? Unfortunately, that skipped punch on an otherwise completed course will result in a DSQ (disqualified).

What if you're out on a course and just can't find a control, though you're positive you're in the right place? Sadly enough, sometimes controls are misplaced by the setter. You may want to enter a course challenge. The location will be checked by a panel of judges and its accuracy determined.

If you want to challenge a course, you must do so before the end of the meet. Once the controls are picked up, nothing can be verified. If the control is determined to be misplaced, that course will be voided. No one's time can be used for awards or ranking.

In the sake of fairness, only the first course run during the day is competitive. Controls are often used for more than one course, so finding that control a second time is going to be a lot easier.

Our Tucson club is unusual for having so many teams at meets. Teams are a great way to orienteer, but there are some rules that apply to them. The bottom line is: you go out together, you stay together. Teams must be in voice or visual contact for the entire course and must visit each control together. This does not include screaming or using whistles.

Several years ago we had a team that did very well while completely missing the point of being a team. One person would run for the first control while the other ran for the second, located it, ran back to meet the person coming from the first control, grabbed the card and punched the second control while the first person went for the third control, etc.

At this last meet, I saw two teams widely separated on several instances. When there's a ridge between you and your teammate, or the first member of the team arrives at the control three minutes before the last does, this does not qualify as a team event. Yeah, you'll probably get away with it. I didn't name the teams when I got back from my course, but I am writing this article to ask people to be more scrupulous.

Mt. Pinos A Meet

The Los Angeles Orienteering Club will be holding their first-ever USOF-sanctioned two-day meet at Mt. Pinos on June 12 and 13. The results from sanctioned meets are used to determine national rankings. Wilkey and I ran on this map last year and we thought it was wonderful. The map is very high quality, the terrain (at about 7500 ft.) is interesting, and those LAOCers are doggone nice people.

All levels of courses will be set. Even if you've just started orienteering or plan on staying on Orange courses forever, a big meet like this is for you. True, the O elite will be there and it's really educational to listen to the course reviews at the end of the day. Going to an "A" meet lets you get an overview of

the sport and the different ways it can be practiced. This can give you insight into the sport that hearing my tired old beginners' clinics and the same guys' course post-mortems never will.

And, holey guacamole, is this ever fun! You get to orienteer twice, camp out, and have dinner on Saturday at a Girl Scout camp. Look for details on the LAOC website at http://www.geocities.com/yosemite/trails/6320/A_meet.html, or get an entry form at us.orienteering.org. (Ed. Note: I think I'll go just for the t-shirt!! It looks great.)

How to get there? I'll be arranging a carpool (628-8985). Another idea is to watch for one of Southwest Airlines \$30 fares to LA and rent a car to get to the site. Let's go!

Bidding for the WRC 2002

The Tucson Orienteering Club has entered a bid with the World Rogaine Committee for the 2002 World Rogaine Championships. Have we bit off more than we can chew? While the thought of hosting the world championship of anything is doggone daunting, we have a strong history to fall back on.

After seven rogaines with no misplaced controls, many international visitors, increasing course lengths, and the challenging but successful 1997 North American Championships, we think we're ready. The bedrock of the bid is John Maier's offer to set the course on his beloved Mogollon Rim. His reputation paired with that beautiful and well-received terrain could be our ticket to WORLD DOMINATION—at least for running that meet that year. Stay tuned as our offer wends its way through the rogaining world.

Club Calendar

March 10, Business/Planning Meeting, 7 p.m.

Home of Peg Davis 2441 East Parkway Terrace (From Broadway turn south on Tucson Boulevard past church and school west on Arroyo Chico one long block in circle at end) Call Peg at 628-8985 for information All members are invited and encouraged to attend club meetings and are eligible to vote

March 20-21, Slavin Gulch, Dragoon Mountains

Course Setter Mark Parsons (520-423-3013)
Course Vetter VACANT
Meet Director Garey Cash (325-1344)

March 29, Newsletter Deadline

See submittal information in box on page 1

April 18, Cave Creek, Santa Rita Mountains

Course Setter John Maier (520-586-7300)
Course Vetter VACANT
Meet Director VACANT

May 16, Palisades/Showers Point, Mt. Lemmon

Course Setter VACANT
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June 5-6, Lake Mary Near Flagstaff

Map-checking weekend

June 12-13, Mt. Pinos, Near Los Angeles

Los Angeles Orienteering Club A-Meet

June 20, Greasewood City Park Early-O

Course Setter VACANT
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July 17-18, State Championships, Lake Mary, near Flagstaff

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August 15, Lincoln City Park Early-O

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September 19, Slavin Gulch, Dragoon Mountains

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October 17, Greasewood City Park, Beginner Meet

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October 23-24, Arizona ROGAINE, site to be determined

Course Setter Dan Coombs & Jeff Brucker
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Meet Director VACANT

November 21, Cottonwood Windmill at Empire Ranch

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Tucson Orienteering Club meets are held regularly
on the third Sunday of the month, year-round.

Experienced course setters are usually happy (with advance notice of about a month) to work with apprentices who want to learn to set courses. If there is enough interest, separate training for course setting can be organized.

Directing a meet consists essentially of setting up and supervising the Registration and Timing areas, with help from other volunteers. Teams of two are encouraged.

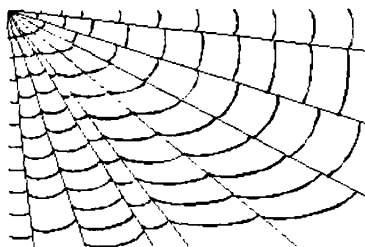
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Check out the Tucson Orienteering Club web site!
<http://www.cloudbow.com/sites/toc/>

Also, for links to all the West Coast club sites, go to
<http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/4040>

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Check one: New Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Date on label _____

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Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Can you help staff a club meet? ☐ Yes, call me. E-mail: _____

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and receive a \$5 discount per meet. Make checks payable to Tucson Orienteering Club,
and send to P.O. Box 13012, Tucson, AZ 85732.