

TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB
NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 1986

SAGUARO EAST MEET

Sunday, December 14

Our December meet will be held in SaguaroLand. To get there take Speedway Blvd. east all the way to the end at Douglas Spring Trailhead. The registration area will be clearly marked with control markers.

Course designs will be by Ken Castle. There will be 3 courses from which to choose: basic, intermediate, and advanced. Beginner and refresher clinics will be offered to familiarize newcomers or rusty oldtimers with meet procedures, to answer questions on map and compass use, and to offer tips for effective orienteering. Wear comfortable hiking boots or sturdy running shoes. Long pants will protect your legs from brush and gaiters will keep weed seeds out of your socks. Compasses: bring your own or rent one for \$1.00. Water will be available at the start/finish area and at designated controls on the courses.

Start times will return to the familiar ones of old. Please allow yourself enough time to finish your course by arriving early. Take note that we will also hold our club business meeting on this day in order to attract as much club member input as possible. Feel free to join in.

9:30-12:30	Start times
9:45 & upon demand	Beginner clinics
1:00	Club business meeting
2:00	Controls removed

Entrants may register as individuals or as families and teams, and as competitive (timed entry) or recreational (untimed). Entry fees are as follows:

Individual	\$3.00
Family or Team	\$5.00

(Tucson Orienteering Club Members pay \$1.00 less)

Club membership is \$5.00 per year and entitles you to a discount of \$1.00 on every regular meet. In addition you can be sure of not missing any newsletters, and you will be supporting the growth of orienteering and the clout of our club.

For further information call one of the following contact persons:

Keith Mc Leod or Dennis Orrico	571-1155
John Maier	790-5655

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR EVENTS

January 18	Tucson Mountains
February 15	Catalina State Park
March 15	Old Federal Prison Site

LAST MONTH'S EVENTS

THE ARIZONA CHAMPS (Nov. 16): This event drew a strong turnout of over 90 participants who faced the challenge of tougher than normal courses befitting a championship event. We had a large contingent of people who drove up from Sierra Vista and Ft. Huachuca, several from Phoenix, and Alex Clark from San Manuel. We also had a visitor from the Bay Area O.C.-- Tom Strat--who was in Ft. Huachuca for reserve training. We have many new champions this year. John Maier and Brad Fairall were the only champions returning from last year. John successfully defended his title in the advanced men's category. Brad, who held the intermediate men's title last year, teamed up with Dennis Fairall to win the intermediate team category this year. Ft. Huachuca/Sierra Vista entrants made a strong showing. The Mark Browning/John Rovegno team, which has been doing well all year long, improved on their 2nd place finish of last year to take the advanced team title this year. Patrick McDermott took the intermediate men's title. And from Buena High School (Sierra Vista) the ROTC team composed of Scott Ritchey, Miguel Solomon, Charles Aubean, and Mihui Hayes captured the basic team category. The rest of the categories were taken by Tucsonans. Terri Welsh, who is proving to be one of our strongest women competitors, turned in a fine time on a tough intermediate course to take the women's title in that category. Two newcomers who also got in on the action were Corrie Clerx and Daniel Hibbert who took titles in the women's and men's basic categories respectively.

THE RELAY: Five teams were fielded for this event which followed the Arizona Champs. Unfortunately there were two problems which marred this event. Firstly, it took too much time to reset the controls so the event didn't actually get underway until nearly 3:30. In the future we need to have more controls so relay controls may be placed while other course controls are still in place or else hold the relay as a special event all by itself. We will have another relay in early 1987. The second problem was a small error with major repercussions. Maps for each team were put in the sequence to be run and then placed face down on the ground at the start point, a separate pile of three for each team. Team members had their own scorecards but were not allowed to see their maps in advance of the start. At the mass start signal, first leg competitors grabbed the top maps and off they went, in theory. In actuality, one or two did exactly that; most, however, spent some time looking over their maps before moving. Not a bad idea to decide where you are going before you set off! But some, unknown to the meet director, were not satisfied with the top map, and took a different one. This is not allowed, of course. It wasn't until some first-leggers didn't return after a normal length of time that an analysis was forthcoming. Terri Welsh, the first first-legger to return, volunteered that she had not taken the top map. She had looked at it, recognized it to be the wrong map, and then took the correct map which was at the bottom of the pile. What had in fact happened was that in putting the maps face down at the start line, the order was reversed. First-leggers, except those engaging in the illegal search for the correct map, went off with control cards for the first leg and maps for the third leg. Since most legs had the same number of controls, there was no immediate way for a competitor to size up the situation except by studying the map. It wasn't until people were trying to match first leg control codes with third leg controls that the evidence began to surface. Since some contestants had picked through the map pile and did the correct leg but others were doing the wrong leg, there was no fair way to measure one team against another. Results were voided although it must be mentioned that some very

fine individual and team performances did come out of it despite all. The last seen of meet director John Maier was his running away, ducking behind bushes as the relay contestants discussed whether stringing him up by his toes and throwing rotten tomatoes at him would be too good a punishment.

Sometimes it is good to have a small turnout. It gives you a chance to work the bugs out of the system. As a result of this, I think the next relay-0 will be one you won't want to miss. People did get a feel for the excitement that surrounds a relay, albeit on a small scale. Look forward to another one soon. In recognition of the fine performances of all and to salute their courageousness in participating again on the same day as the tough championship courses, hats off to the following teams, pioneers in the premier Tucson Relay-0 event:

Team 51:	Mike Kessler	Bernice Little	Ed Rawl
Team 62:	Dale Bruder	Tom Strat	John Little
Team 73:	Terri Welsh	Kelly Cook	Dale Cole
Team 84:	Paul Wendee	Keith McLeod	Richard Felix
Team 95:	Rudy Drahovzal	Steve Krieski	Bob Kelley

VOLUNTEERS: Many people pitched in to make the November double-header event a success. Keith McLeod, as meet director of the Arizona Champs, was assisted by Mike Kessler (starter, timer), Dennis Orrico (control placement), and John Maier (registration). For the relay event, John Maier received help from Keith McLeod and Dale Cole in resetting controls. Many others assisted in retrieving controls at the end of a long day. This was much appreciated.

One of the big jobs which we've neglected to give credit for is work on the newsletter. John Maier, as acting editor for the last two issues as well as this one, has received much assistance from The Business Centre, the domain of Keith McLeod and Dennis Orrico. Those names should already be familiar to you as people who have given more than their fair share to the sport of orienteering and to our club. But we should also recognize their secretaries who have had to endure a more hectic work schedule in doing much of the club typing, labelling, and stamping of newsletters to see that they get out on time. These secretaries who have helped out are: Kirsten Deffenbaugh and Tori Larson. The essential tasks which they've performed are of the unglamorous nuts-and-bolts type that are absolutely crucial to the success of our club. We must not take that for granted. In the future we need to reduce the burden that has been placed on The Business Centre to tolerable proportions in fairness to all concerned. So, dear readers, now is your chance. Would anyone out there like to help out with the typing or mailing of newsletters? I'm sure that Kirsten would be happy to teach you the ropes. Please let us know.

JESSE OWERS PARK NIGHT-0 (Nov. 25): A very light turnout of seven showed up for this night-0, score-0 event. Due to a late start, the training session was deferred to a later date. Those who did attend got a chance to take part in locating our new night-0 markers which are pieces of clothes rod 3" long painted white with a band of red reflective tape around the middle. Evidently they aren't too difficult to find if you're on the right side of the tree they are hung from. One was taken hostage by a souvenir hunter but we haven't received a ransom note as yet. A time limit of 20 minutes was allowed. Controls were worth one point each and one point was subtracted for every 2 minutes (or fraction thereof) overtime. Only Keith McLeod scored a perfect 17 but everyone else was hot on his heels.

Results of Orienteering Meet
Arizona State Championships
Catalina State Park
November 16, 1986

Basic Course 3.0 km, 7 controls

Men		Team	
Daniel Hibbert	51:20	Scott Ritchey Team	46:36
Larry Vance	53:42	P. Vetter/M. Brown	50:54
Hoover Lee	54:41	Bryce Pitts Team	52:45
Dan Enslin	71:00	J. and B. Welsh	59:55
Tom Farrer	105:20	Dave and Pam Buckley	64:14
		N. and C. Kondrat	65:30
		David Anderson Team	71:05
		S. Reff/B. Holben	82:10
		William Ferguson Team	87:05
		Daphne and Karen Lee	91:15
		Susan Orrico Team	105:50
		Recreational	
		Four Fools	
Women			
Corrie Clerx	42:13		
Susan Maline	46:25		
Marilyn Cleavinger	47:10		
Rete Simons	77:18		
Bernice Little	108:07		

Intermediate Course 5.1 km, 11 controls

Men		Team	
Patrick McDermott	108:50	B. and D. Fairall	79:45
John Rickel	110:15	The Waltons	132:15
Dennis Orrico	126:50	Larowe Men's Team	158:50
Steve Vierck	147:00	Felix Team	173:00
Larry Stephenson	159:10	P. and R. Wendee	192:00
Dale Bruder	165:56	B. Kelley/S. Krieski	199:30
Eric Weber	190:00	Larowe Women's Team	205:30
Rudy Drahovzal	194:30	Hendrix Team	DNF
Larry Vance	DNF	Brown/Vetter	DNF
		Recreational	
Women			
Terri Welsh	131:15	Cathie Connors	
Corrie Clerx	176:40	Cheryl Houser	
Roxanne Malone	DNF	Hoover Lee	
		Ginger Drake/Martin Pokorny	
		Barb Grandstaff/J. Khalsa	

Advanced Course 7.4 km, 14 controls

Men		Women	
John Maier	114:50	Toni Allison	DNF
Tom Strat (BAOC)	136:20		
Ed Rawl	140:30	Team	
Robert Wade	188:10		
Alex Clark	205:35	M. Browning/J. Rovegno	188:10
Ken Castle	DNF	Pollard/Hickey/J. Little	203:50

JESSE OWENS NIGHT-0

Men:		Women:	
1. Keith McLeod	17 (15:07)	1. Terri Welsh	15 (19:29)
2. John Little	16 (15:05)		
3. Rudy Drahovzal	16 (19:35)	Teams:	
4. Dale Bruder	15 (21:40)	1. Bernice Little/Becky Deatherage	16 (20:31)

SPECIAL NOTES

BUDGETING: Wouldn't it be nice if we could accumulate the savings necessary to produce better maps? Think of what it would be like to compete on a map which had contour intervals of 3 to 5 meters instead of 13 meters. All our current maps except the Tucson Mountains map have contour intervals of 40 feet (approx. 13 meters). With a shorter contour interval, the map would give a better "picture" of the terrain and allow for more accurate orienteering as well as having more possibilities for control placements. This would be one of the biggest improvements our club could make. With careful attention to budgeting we could begin getting maps of this quality in six months time. But it does require strict vigilance with respect to the budget. Prior to the last meet our treasury was flat broke. In an effort to stem the tide we must analyze where our money goes, what it is paying for. Then we must decide on our priorities in determining where we want our money to go, and finally, take decisive action to make that happen. It's up to us.

NEWSLETTER: We are in the process of overhauling our mailing list. The newsletter is our single most costly item in the budget. No other expense comes close. Last month we spent approximately \$140. to send out 350 newsletters. That's 40¢ per newsletter. It includes printing and mailing costs but all work in producing it is volunteer. Of those 350 recipients, fewer than half competed even once during the last year and many others have not competed in the last 6 months. Some non-participants we want to keep; for example, we mail to other "O" clubs and individuals or groups who do a lot to promote orienteering. But many are names which have not been dropped simply due to lack of manpower, lack of volunteers to get the job done. For this newsletter we have dropped approximately 150 names while adding new people from the last meet. We will be sending out about 210 newsletters this issue. That is a net savings of about \$60. over last month. Multiply that out over the whole year and you get a big number. But we can still do more to trim down the costs. Therefore, be forewarned: if you have not competed recently and are not a current member you will likely be dropped from the mailing list in the near future. Our club cannot afford the luxury of subsidizing people to read the newsletter who do not in return support orienteering. The newsletter is sent out as a courtesy to non-members who promote orienteering through participation or other ways. If you have competed in the previous 3 months or are a current member you will receive a newsletter. If you are subsequently dropped from the mailing list you can still receive information. We put flyers in the following stores prior to each regular meet: Summit Hut (all 3 stores), Bob's Bargain Barn, and South Rim Outfitters. We also send news releases to the major newspapers in town. In addition you can always call one of the club contacts listed earlier in this newsletter. Jot those numbers down in your address/phone book so you will have them at a later date when you may need them. If you know someone who's been dropped from our list, please pass this information along to them.

MEMBERSHIP: Our membership list has been down until recently for the same reason the mailing list was in a poor state. There just has not been enough manpower (volunteers) to see to all club matters. This is changing. Last month we gained 10 new memberships and the total number of members now stands near 40. Many of you simply did not realize your membership had expired. That's understandable. Renewal notices have not been sent out lately. To let you know your current status, the membership list will be posted at registration for each regular meet. In addition we will soon be printing your expiration date on your mailing label so you will be aware of your

renewal date. The expiration date will be given by month and year and is the last month for which your membership is valid. If you became a member last month at the Nov. regular meet or before it, your expiration date will be 10/87 (Nov. 86 - Oct. 87). If you joined after the Nov. meet, your expiration date will be 11/87 (Dec. 86 - Nov. 87). If you are a current member renewing, 12 months are added to your expiration date. In the coming year your club will be doing more than ever before. In addition to the regular monthly meets there will be more night-0's, relay-0's, and pot lucks. We will also be having some training sessions for those who want to work towards improving. If you are not already a member, why not show your support and join?

CLUB MEETINGS: Our last club meeting drew only 3 people: Keith McLeod, John Little, and John Maier. It's really difficult to act as a club when so few people show interest. In an effort to gain more input, our next meeting will be held at the meet. The agenda appears elsewhere in this newsletter. If you have items for the agenda, submit them to John Maier (790-5655) for inclusion in the newsletter. Other items may be placed on the agenda, but greater input is possible if people know about them beforehand.

OFFICERS AND CHAIRS: Do we need officers? At our last meeting none were present. The presidency is a vacant post and the other officers have kept such a low profile that nobody seems to know who they are! To the best of anyone's knowledge, our recent club meeting was the first one in over six months. That lack of interest and leadership is the reason no meets were held over the summer and why some people feared the club had become defunct. The newsletter editor thinks the offices of president, secretary, and treasurer should be consolidated into one position. The post of vice-president should be eliminated (has it ever been used even once in the history of our club?). What the club really needs are chairmanships (or is that chair-personships?) to oversee the vital functions of our club. Suggested offices and chairs follow:

Co-ordinator (President, Secretary, Treasurer) - Chairs meetings, sets agenda, presents financial balance sheet, reports meeting to Newsletter Editor, provides club leadership.

Membership Chair - Records memberships and meet participation, updates mailing list monthly.

Newsletter Editor - Puts newsletter together, publishes it, gets it out on time.

Mapping Chair - Co-ordinates all mapping efforts, standardizes and updates existing maps, selects new areas for mapping, makes timetable and cost projections for future maps.

Activities Chair - Co-ordinates all meets and related activities, obtains permits, assigns volunteers for meet tasks, co-ordinates publicity efforts, ascertains sufficient quantities of equipment and supplies are on hand for every event.

These are the most important areas that need attention but there are many others yet to be developed. A few examples are: competition and training, social activities, fundraising, youth program, club history and records, and photojournalism.

"0" INSTRUCTION: John Maier will be teaching a 4-week class in orienteering through the Pima College Community Education Program. It will have a Thursday evening class and a Saturday morning field trip each week. Beginning date: Jan.22, 1987. This class is designed for beginners or those with limited experience. See a catalog for details or call John at 790-5655.

On December 13, the day before our December meet, John will lead an instructional orienteering session in the Tucson Mountains for the Southern Arizona Hiking Club. This is also for beginners. You need not be a member to attend. We'll meet at Fry's shopping center (NW corner of Grant Rd. & First Ave.) on the west side of Bob's restaurant. Meeting time is 9:00 AM; we'll be back by 1:00 PM.

T-SHIRT: Unfortunately there was not enough time to produce any designs in time for last month's meet. But we do want club input on this vital concern. Your ideas can make this a hot selling item that everyone will want to wear which will in turn bring sorely needed dollars into our club treasury for projects we are unable to fund at present. We are working on a design at present. Keith McLeod collaborated with Al Smith (SLOC) in originating this design. Al's wife Edie transformed the ideas into a rough sketch and forwarded it to us. Keith and John (Maier) discussed some modifications of the design and John carried the design a step further incorporating most of these ideas. John's comments: I've gone the simplicity route in this most recent stage of the evolution of the design because I think it makes the strongest statement. The saguaro is primary, the control secondary, and everything else is ornamentation. The snake's head needs some work; there is near total dissatisfaction with the buzzard. As I see it, anything in the design except the saguaro and control are expendable. I think the buzzard belittles the saguaro. Consider throwing it out and maybe instead adding a roadrunner on the ground or an owl on one of the saguaro's arms. Another animal worth consideration is a rabbit. How many rabbits do you scare up when you run in the desert? They're everywhere! But it's important, I think, not to clutter up the design too much. Keep it a simple, forceful design. No more than 2 or 3 ornaments. In addition to design, consider color of T-shirt and color of design. What colors do you like most; which are most objectionable? Bring your ideas to the next club meeting (at the Dec. meet) or bring your drawing of the design carried a step further. We'd like to finalize the design and get it sent off to the Smiths before Christmas so we can have OUR T-shirts back soon. Speak your mind on this subject; we're listening.

IN MEMORIAM

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN HOSTETTER

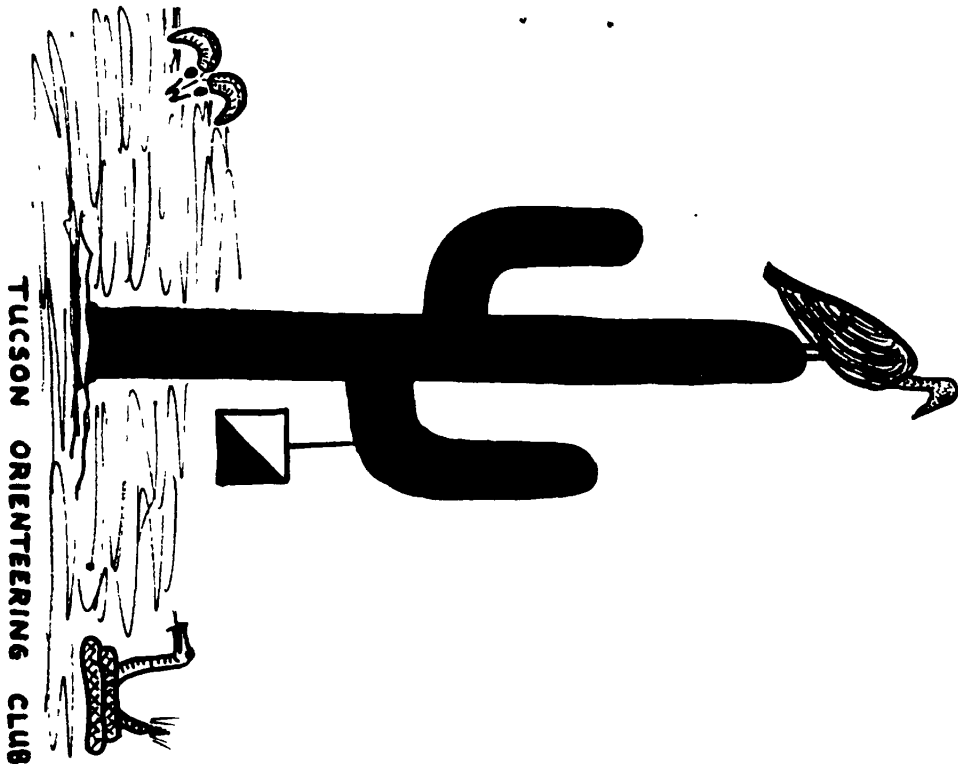
With great sorrow we note the recent passing of John Hostetter due to a tragedy which took his life. John has been with the club since its earliest days and was responsible for introducing many new people to orienteering. He also provided the impetus behind our recent initiation of the recreational category. He possessed many unique qualities rare in humans today. Our hearts go out to John's family and friends. John, we will miss you.

DECEMBER CLUB MEETING AGENDA

Dec. 14 at 1:00 at meet site

1. Membership - proposal to clarify membership and set rates.
2. Mapping - proposal to create a mapping fund
3. Treasury - proposal to record balance sheet each month by publishing it in the newsletter.
4. Officers and Chairs - proposal that identifies posts; acceptance of nominations.
5. T-shirt - finalizing the design; deciding color, quantities, and how to finance it.

Another step in the evolution of
our T-shirt design:



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