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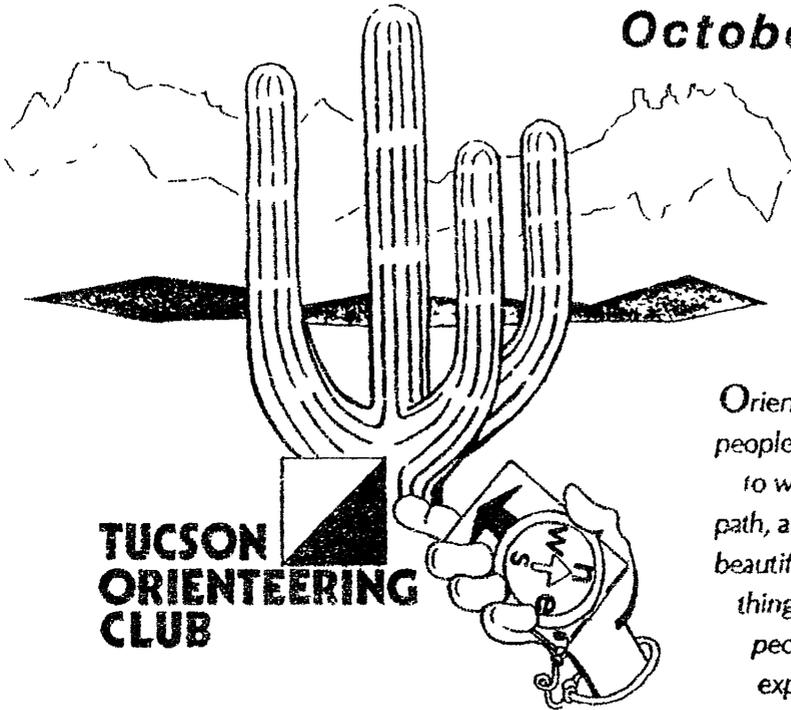
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*Orienteering gives
people the courage
to walk off the
path, and to see the
beautiful places and
things that most
people never
experience.*

April's results from the Palisades in September

What a beautiful day up on the mountain! The elevation and partly cloudy skies helped to cool the competitors. Thanks to the Girl Scouts, we had a very nice Start/Finish area with picnic tables, large pine trees, and other welcome facilities.

We had the largest number of participants at a meet so far this year. Almost one hundred people ran the courses divided into fifty-three entries, one-half of which were teams. Our course setters, Warren Kossmann (Basic and Intermediate) and Keith McLeod (Advanced), received many compliments on their well-thought out courses. The Basic course was 2.2 km long with a 280 foot climb; the Intermediate course was 3.6 km long with a 640 foot climb; the Advanced course was 4.2 km long with an 800 foot climb.

The fastest time on the Basic course was turned in by a woman, but the top three Basic teams were less than two minutes behind her.

We had several individuals and a team who challenged themselves to try the Intermediate course after successfully completing Basic. The Intermediate course had twenty competitive entries, most of them individual men or teams. The Advanced competition also attracted mostly men. Although there was a wide time spread between the top finishers and others in each class, almost all of the entrants completed their chosen course. We tried out a new system to post results which showed who was participating and their times as soon as the results were in.

Many people helped to keep the flow of people moving smoothly and helped newcomers learn the basics of our sport. Over twenty-five people attended the beginner's clinic taught by Dale Bruder. Helen Deluga, Eileen Dennett, and Beverly Burwell worked the tables, while Warren, Keith, and Tim Fahlberg picked up controls and otherwise contributed to this well-attended event.

April Bahl, Meet Director

Basic Team

1. Poland Team	45:33
2. Fimbres/Kristensen	46:41
3. Olson Team	47:34
4. Ramirez/Servantez	53:45
5. Hamilton Family	1:04:50
6. Hackman Team	1:05:41
7. The Hills	1:09:03
8. Lost&Found	1:50:19
9. Abramson/Cole	1:55:38

Basic Men

1. Marcus Coltrin	53:40
2. Andrew Coltrin	1:00:08
3. Charlie Spaulding	1:37:50

Basic Women

1. Beverly Burwell	43:37
2. JoAnne Striker	1:20:29

Basic Recreational

Hanshaw Team
 Dick Toups
 Ellen Landa
 Hiller/Kern
 Hammond Family
 Charles Moore
 Stephanie Frederick
 Wildcats
 Renshaw Team

Intermediate Men

1. Mike Coltrin	1:13:48
2. Tim Vidra	1:26:17
3. Dean Hebert	1:28:49
4. Jesse LaPlante	1:47:00
5. Julian Spittlehouse	1:53:48
6. Ralph Prince	2:11:17
7. Lawrence Howard	2:16:17

Intermediate Team

1. Jansma Team	1:42:19
2. The Lemoneers	1:44:48
3. Sweet/Miller	1:55:55
4. Blurby Kids	1:57:23
5. Britton Family	2:02:49
6. Mackstallar/Dadwill	2:03:15
7. Smurfs	2:05:12
8. The Whistlers	2:09:07
9. F-Team	2:20:54
10. Kelley Team	3:10:00
11. Cleavinger/Olding	DNF

Intermediate Women

1. Helen Deluga	1:28:23
2. Terri Welsh	1:46:24

Intermediate Recreational

John Clark
 Personette Team

Advanced Team

1. Clark Team	3:05:16
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Advanced Men

1. Dan Cobbledick	1:16:19
2. John Little	1:23:41
3. Dale Cole	1:29:56
4. Ed Rawl	1:41:06
5. Dale Bruder	3:18:47
6. Tim Fahlberg	3:26:20

Advanced Women

Peg Davis	DNF
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The History of the Tu

One of the riches of my life has been Orienteering. Its training has kept me in shape, and its meets have introduced me to some extraordinary people. Tucson has been no different.

Visiting Tucson in March of 1983, I attended two meets. The ROTC at the U of A held a SCORE meet on the 26th at Old Prison Campground on Mt. Lemmon. I won the event and talked to the meet organizer. He informed me that the ROTC had just started organizing a few meets. The following day, someone named John Maier ran what he called the First Tucson Orienteering Meet. I selected the long course: five miles and nine controls. The short course was three miles long. After six hours, unable to find control number nine, I came in. It was a come down for the champion from the day before. Quite frankly, I was terrified. It was my first experience with the desert pavement. I imagined rattlesnakes every step along the way. Each control, as I recall, was manned. The cardboard controls we use for directions today were mounted on stakes. I talked to John afterwards, making some suggestions for future meets.

In the fall of 1983, I made a permanent move to Tucson. The next meet I attended was April 21, 1984. I bet Dennis Orrico and the guy we worked for that I could beat them by one half-hour. I gave them a head start of fifteen minutes, caught them on control six, was followed for the next two controls, broke away on the remaining ones and was able to win my five dollar bet. Our boss was unhappy about losing; however, Dennis was hooked. He helped in a major way over the next three years.

John Maier, who set the course in April, planned to have a meet in November for the Arthritis Foundation. The Foundation would promote the event. All attending would be sponsored by individuals donating cash for each control that the participants visited. John was leaving for the summer, as he does each year, and I was worried about running a successful meet for the Arthritis Foundation. The solution was to run a number of meets so local orienteers could get experience. I contacted all those interested in Orienteering.

On Thursday evening, May 24, 1984, we gathered and formed the Tucson Orienteering Club. In order to get workers, I assigned a lot of titles. Dennis was treasurer, Barb Grandstaff was Vice President and the President's name escapes me. After making him president, we never saw him again. He wasn't missed. Barb and others carried the load.

We held meets about once a month with club meetings at my office between meets and started using my nylon control bags at the August meet (shipped from Wisconsin by my son). The first couple of years, only two courses were offered: a long and a short. When John Maier wasn't around, I set all the courses, issued a newsletter, and trained others about running a meet. You can believe I was happy to see John when he returned in November. To cut my work load and being uncertain about how many would attend each meet, I introduced the master map concept in October. Now, each participant would copy their course on their maps.

On November 18th, we hosted the Arthritis Foundation Score Meet. They did all the publicity. Unfortunately, we had a small crowd. Nevertheless, they were enthusiastic. Our club was formed so we could put on the Foundation's Meet. Our success surpassed

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the Meet and continues today.

During 1985, we continued with monthly meets and instituted the third Sunday of the month schedule. In February, over 100 participated. Ed Severson, from the morning paper, attended and did a story that appeared in his March 3rd edition. Also, during February, John Maier taught Orienteering classes to bolster attendance.

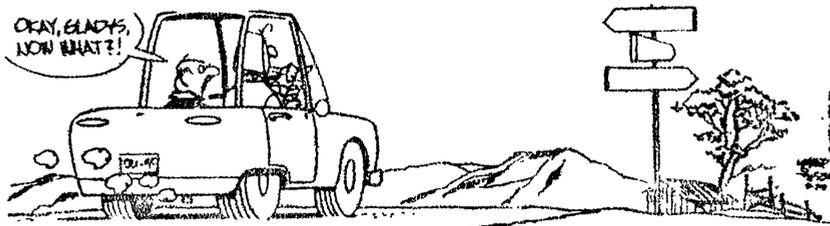
In April, the three networks, Channels 4, 9, and 13 filmed our event. Channel 4 returned for a story at our October meet. During May, I worked with the city of Tucson. Two years later my efforts culminated with the Trim (permanent) Course at Greasewood Park. In August I hosted a young man named Rolf from Sweden. He field checked and improved the Bear Wallow map we use today. November 1986 introduced the first night orienteering meet and the first Arizona Championship held. The championship was a one day affair, but featured two events. The second was a relay course...a good idea, but too much for one day. Thereafter we adopted the two day total time competition. This is similar to national meets. Also during this year the newsletter mailings totaled as high as 300 each month.

From 1987 to the present, monthly meets continued but expanded from two to three courses: basic, intermediate, and advanced. There have been many other changes and improvements. There have been some great newsletter editors: Dale Bruder, John Maier, Peg Davis who does it now, and perhaps the most notorious - Steve and his Big Brother Bob.

Dale Bruder designed a T-shirt, and we've built an inventory of maps. Our source of Orienteering equipment comes from Al and Edie Smith in St. Louis. Over the years, many orienteers have pitched in and done more than their fair share. At the risk of overlooking a few, thanks should be given to Dennis Orrico, Kelly Cook, Barb Grandstaff, Rete Simons, Dale Cole, Dale Bruder, Bob Kelly and Steve, John and Bernice Little, Lee North, Terri Welsh, Bill Hamilton, Pat Geranis, Dan and Rachel, Peg and Warren, Tim, Marty and Char, April, Marilyn, and most of all, the one who lives Orienteering, John Maier.

Finally, thanks to all of you who have contributed to Orienteering in Tucson. If I've overlooked an event, contribution, or name, it is my fault. I owe it all to old age and senility. I invite others to share their observations and contributions. In that way, we will get a clearer picture - more building blocks to the foundation of our sport here in Southern Arizona.

Keith McLeod





Old Prison Camp Orienteering Event Sunday, October 15, 1989

Our final meet in the Catalina's for 1989 is a return to the Old Prison Camp. The last time I recall using this site was May 1987. Shin diggers, the hoodlum members of the Agave family, stick in my old prison camp memory.

Fear not, Fellow Orienteers, course setters Dan Cobbledick and Helen Deluga promise courses avoiding the stinging stabbers. All you have to do is chose the routes they chose covering this high desert terrain.

I'm meet director for this one. The usual contingent of meet volunteers refuse to work for me, so I'm going to need some help. The duties are painless and you'll have time to do the course. Six people will cover it. Call me at 323-7028 and hop on board for this one.
Dale Bruder

How To Get There

Drive up Catalina Highway about 0.5 miles past Milepost 7. On the right is the turnoff for the Bug Spring Trailhead. Park there (Saturday night camping, too). Walk across the highway - please look both ways, it's curvy there - and down the road a bit to register and start. The orange and white orienteering signs will be out to guide you.

Times: 9:00 AM- Beginner's Clinic (also available whenever requested)

9:30 AM- Courses open

12:00 Noon- Last start time

2:00 PM- Courses close, all still on course must return

Fees: \$4 for individuals, \$6 for teams (\$1 discount for Tucson Orienteering Club members). Compasses are available for rental for \$1.

Courses: Basic, intermediate, and advanced courses will be available.

Orienteering event held rain or shine!

TRY ORIENTEERING ON PAPER

Look at the map below and read the comments to get an idea of what an orienteering course is like.

POINT 1 (Bend in the trail): The triangle marks the starting point. You follow the large trail to the first fork. Turn right to the second fork and right again. Go down the trail to the sharp bend to find your first orange and white control. You check your code and punch your card.

POINT 2 (HILL): Follow the trail South, go right at the junction, left at the second junction, then set your compass to go from the cemetery to the hilltop.

POINT 3 (Stream Junction): Go North to the trail and West to the stream. You are upstream from your control. Follow the stream to the junction.

POINT 4 (Large boulder, west side): Follow the stream Southwest past 2 boulders. At the third boulder go East to the larger boulder.

POINT 5 (Fork in the ditch): Directly South is a trail. Follow the trail uphill to the junction and turn right. After approximately 100 meters you will come to forked ditch.

POINT 6 (Clearing West Corner): Run around the trail to the clearing or set the compass and head directly to it. Route choice problems are the essence of orienteering. Trails can be run up to 50% faster than cross country.

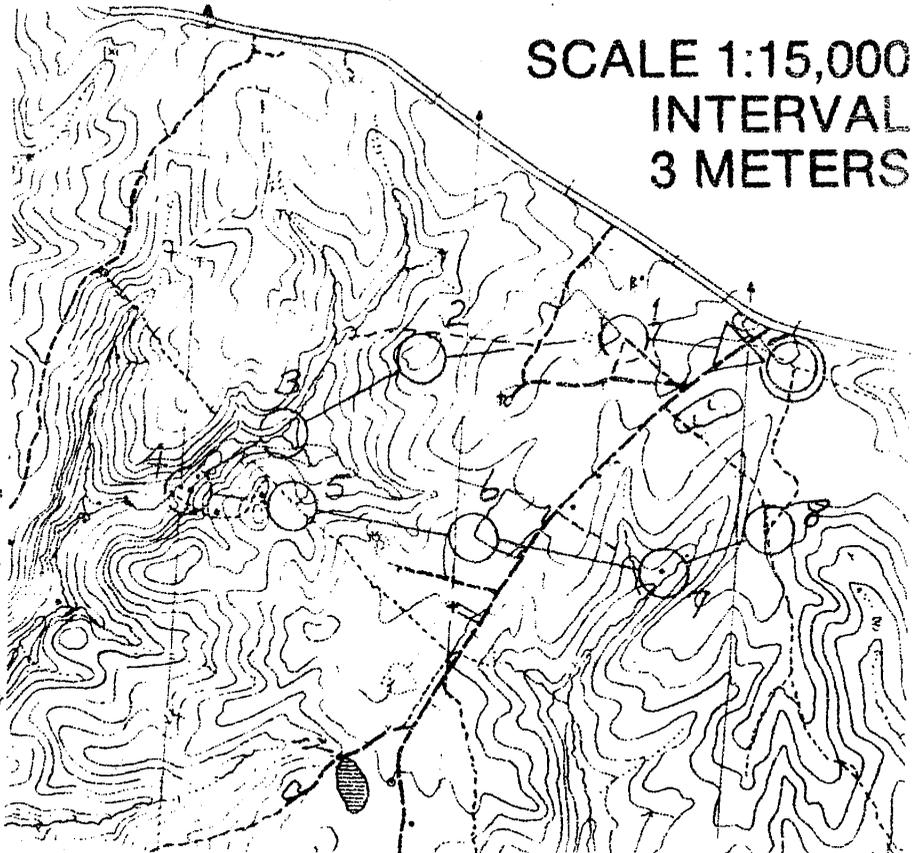
POINT 7 (Knoll): Cross the clearing to the large trail and go North to the junction, then follow the side trail to the end. Set your compass and note you cross a stream. The knoll is on the side of the spur above a second stream.

POINT 8 (Trail Junction): Set your compass to hit the trail South of the junction, that way you know your control is to your left and you can follow the trail to the junction.

The finish is the double circle. Everyone checks in at the finish as the meet organizers must account for all people who go out to insure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time. Compare your routes with others and pick up navigational tips while you make friends and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing you successfully completed your course.

LEGEND

L	LOGGED AREA
o	STONE PILE
•••	BOULDER
•••••	BUILDING
v	DEPRESSION
o	WELL
•••••	SPRING
•••••	RUIN
o	PLATFORM
- - - - -	FENCE
+	CEMETARY
o	HALF LINE
•	KNOLL - HIGH POINT
•••••	TELEPHONE LINE
v	DRY DITCH
x	ABANDONED CAR
	LAKE
	DAM
	UNCROSSABLE STREAM
	WATER LOCK
	STREAM WATER HOLE
	INTERMITTENT STREAM
	UNCROSSABLE MARSH
	MARSH AREA
	OPEN AREA
	DISTINCT BOUNDARY
	SEMIOPEN AREA
	INDISTINCT BOUNDARY
	VEGETATION CHANGE
	MAIN ROAD
	IMPROVED DIRT ROAD
	CART TRACK
	DISTINCT TRAIL
	INDISTINCT TRAIL





It's time for another business meeting! This month's topics will include approving the meet director's handbook and scheduling future meet locations and dates. The fun begins at 7 PM, Tuesday, October 24th at Dan Cobbledick/Rachel Gelbin's at 3013 N. Richey. We will eat while we meet, so bring finger foods (and lots of those eclairs for me, OK, Eileen and Julian?). All members and others interested in orienteering are invited. Officers are especially encouraged to attend.

Look at our latest development

While you're at the Old Prison Camp meet, please look over the draft of the new Meet Director's handbook which has been developed over the last few weeks. Any suggestions and comments will be appreciated.



Looking forward to the next newsletter already? Anticipate the adventures of the TOC contingent at the California State Championships!

Attention: New Members

Did you become a registered member at the Palisades meet in September? If so, please call April Bahl at 529-2140 after 6PM to make sure your registration form was added to the membership list. Sorry for the inconvenience.



Comments, questions, and additions to the newsletter are welcomed by Peg Davis, 1229 e. 13th Street, Tucson AZ 85719 -- 628-8985.



Upcoming meets... November 19th - Saguaro Monument East
December 17th - Catalina State Park
January 21st - Tucson Mountains