



The Tucson Orienteering Club Newsletter

September 1990

Warning: this edition contains no material by John Maier.

Extra Event in September – Score-O in Ft. Huachuca on the 8th

On Saturday, yes, that's Saturday, September 8th, you will have the opportunity to orienteer on the only color map in Arizona. It's Score-O time at Ft. Huachuca. Mike Cordier will be strewing those controls across the Army base for your control punching pleasure. Three options are available: 1 hour, 2 hour, or 3 hour course lengths will be offered. Courses can be started between 9 AM and noon and will close at 2 PM. Ironmen alert: the only catch is that 3 hour contestants must start by 11 AM to allow finishes by 2 PM. Since this will be a score-O, you need to carry a watch along with your compass and whistle. Be ready for a hot, sunny course. Penalty points will be given for late returns. Costs will be the regular \$4 for individual, \$6 for teams, with a \$.1 discount for TOC members and military personnel. The start point will be the same as in April, if you remember that one. If not, take I-10 east to State Road 90 (exit #302), and drive south past John Maier's place and through Sierra Vista to the main gate of Ft. Huachuca. Tell the guard you are here to orienteer and you will be given directions or a map for the long drive through the base to registration.

Palisades Meet to be September 16th

So you say your brain feels a little mushy and your leg muscles are weak? Come out to Palisades on Sunday, September 16th and exercise both! The Score-O format will be used with the usual 9:30 AM through noon start times, with the course closing at 2 PM. Be sure to bring your watch. Beginner's clinics will be at 9 AM and anytime afterwards upon request. Participants costs will be \$4 for individuals and \$6 for teams (bring your friends!) with a \$1 discount for TOC members. To reach the meet site, follow Catalina Highway up Mt. Lemmon to Organization Ridge Road (near milepost

20). Turn left (south) and drive to the end of the road (about 1.25 miles). Genial meet directors Julian Spittlehouse and Eileen Dennett absolutely guarantee that everyone who participates will win one of the following fabulous prizes:

- A. \$50,000 in cash
- B. A 3-week Caribbean cruise
- C. A great time

As always, volunteers are needed to work the registration and timing tables so call Eileen or Julian at 322- 6541 and sign up. If you want to camp with the gang on Saturday night on Mt. Lemmon, call for the gathering spot. And yes, Bo probably does know orienteering. So this September, JUST DO IT.

Phoenix Orienteering Takes Off

On June 7, 1990 the Phoenix Orienteering Club (PHXO) received associate club status with the USOF. The club currently consists of 14 members - two of whom (Fred Padgett and the author) are also members of TOC.

The major effort of PHXO is to identify suitable areas for orienteering, get the areas mapped, and conduct meets. In the past four months, this club has averaged producing one map per month (ed: holy cow! that's about the rate we lose 'em.) with a list of seven more sites to be investigated. Because the skill level of the majority of the PHXO members is at the beginner/intermediate level and of the enormous effort to accelerate map research and development, most of the courses have been set at the intermediate level. Once the members' skill levels advance, green and red courses will be offered regularly. However, if there is enough interest from the advanced orienteers from the Tucson O club, PHXO would consider setting a green and red course preceding the Arizona O championships to help competitors prepare for the meet. Hopefully when a Tucson O-person does come to Phoenix there will be little difference from a Tucson event. This is because PHXO has patterned its organization after the very successful Tucson O club model. We are grateful for the assistance from TOC and feel that together we can make orienteering in Arizona a frequent and challenging opportunity.

We have revised our monthly schedule from the experience gained at our first cross-country meet at Lynx Lake. The meets will be on the first Sunday, not Saturday, of each month to allow the course setter more time to place controls.

Dave Hensley, president PHXO

Any comments and contributions to the newsletter are welcomed by Peg Davis, 1229 E. 13th Street, Tucson AZ, 85719.

Results from the return to Bear Wallow on August 19th

Well, the pack rat, or prairie dog, or whatever it was that amused us in May had abandoned the grassy meet site by the time we returned, leaving it free for us to enjoy a cool, green, rainless day at Bear Wallow. Entertainment was provided this time by Dan Cobbledick, the course setter for this event. We had 45 entries and 85 participants, including many family teams. Peg talked a co-worker into participating, and she liked it! Steve Dentali gave such incredible beginner clinics that three of the teams whizzed through the beginner course, went out again on a far more challenging intermediate course and completed it!

Being meet director, even for the first time, is an easy job when you have lots of experienced, enthusiastic volunteers to run things for you. Thanks go to Rachel Gelbin and Beverly Burwell for handling the registration table, Dan Cobbledick for working the start/finish table (in addition to being course setter), Steve Dentali for giving an exhausting number of beginner clinics (2-1/2 in addition to a few impromptu intermediate-level sessions), Dale Bruder for getting us a SIGN PERMIT and helping with set-up, and Alex Clark, Marilyn Clevinger, Peg Davis, John Little, Pat Penn, Mike Pfeiffer, and Joanne Striker for picking up controls in record time (thanks in part, I'm told, to having the clues put on the retrieval maps - we got 'em all.)

Basic Course 1.8 km, 480 ft. climb, 7 controls

1T	Sunset Coolers	30:28	
2T	Kossmann Team	49:34	(Gaiter Man and Gaiter Boy)
3T	The Cochrans	66:27	
4T	The Harts	68:03	
5T	Deatherage Team	78:44	

Recreational Entries

Renner; Mullen
The Kennedys
The Tumellies
Adventurers
Beth Staats

Intermediate Course 2.6 km. 590 ft. climb. 10 controls

1M	Roger Sperline	60:18	(despite being meet director)
2M	Kelly Cook	71:34	
1W	Terri Welsh	85:41	
2W	Pat Penn	99:54	
1T	Annie's Angels	101:26	
3M	David Steele	115:58	
2T	Merkle; Rico	124:29	
3T	Bourdeau	129:10	
4T	Crawford	130:37	
5T	Dennett/Spittlehouse	131:00	
3W	Joanne Striker	136:58	
4M	Rudy Drahovzal	144:23	
5M	Wilkey Richardson	144:46	
6M	Larry Howard	145:57	
7M	Ralph Prince	155:06	
6T	The Cranes	233:05	
	Beverly Burwell	DNF	
	Sue Roberts	DNF	(well, it didn't work for me)
	1st Timers	DNF	
	The Troopers	DNF	

Recreational Entries

Barbara Soehrlen
The Studmorphs
The Anasazi
The Sunset Coolers (two courses!)
The Cochrans (ditto!)
Renner; Muller (again!)

Advanced Course 4.2 km. 950 ft. climb. 12 controls

1M	John Little	68:27	
2M	Mark Parsons	82:13	
3M	Mike Cordier	82:22	
4M	Steve Dentali	99:47	(after 3 beginner clinics)
5M	Mike Pfeiffer	119:23	
6M	Warren Kossmann	124:27	
7M	Pete Cowgill	134:18	
1W	Marilyn Cleavinger	144:12	
8M	Dale Bruder	149:00	
2W	Peg Davis	170:46	
3W	Helen Deluga	194:40	
1T	Clark Family	208:07	

No recreational entries

B Meet in New Mexico October 6&7

Thirty-three years ago I attended my one and only National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America at the Philmont Ranch in NE New Mexico. I suspect I'm not alone in having been introduced to orienteering at a young age by the BSA and I look forward to a Philmont homecoming. The Rocky Mountain Orienteering Club is holding a 2 day event with colored maps at the aforementioned site on the Columbus Day weekend, October 6 & 7. The contact person is Steve Willman, 710 Sunnywood Place, Woodland Park, CO 80863. Write him as soon as possible for entry forms. Get in touch with me ASAP for a ride. It will be about a 12 hour drive so I believe will we have to use Friday and possibly Monday for travelling - maybe not.

Mark Parsons 432-2507

Dale's SquintOVision Corner

Call for candidates

We like orienteering a lot. Hey! Maybe we're in love. 25% of 120 club members have put on meets this year. A core of around 12 people, especially Dan and Rachel (soon to be very busy changing diapers) participated in putting on almost every event. Over 30 fanatics volunteered to make the 2 day state champs a success.

Monthly meets are celebrations of the big O, that mentally arduous physical sport. Calculating brain can best lumbering brawn; a family can team up for a recreational adventure off the beaten path; individuals can challenge their personal best in exciting locales. All this and more in the span of 2 hours.

How does this all happen once, sometimes twice a month? The Tucson Orienteering Club is how. Yes, a club with a board of directors, standing committees, equipment, maps, a reputation for challenging courses and a collection of diverse personalities sharing and working together.

We rotate duties and responsibilities. The officers are President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Map Chair, Equipment Chair, and Publicity Director. Four months from now a different BOO will take their seats. Nomination notions are forming even now: people we notice with special talents and enthusiasms. There are many projects people are working on. We need a strong board of directors to direct us. Step out and declare yourself. This is an exciting time to be part of the Tucson Orienteering Club.

Dale Bruder, President

AND ANOTHER THING

Dale will be teaching his orienteering class at Pima College during October. Register now for 4 class sessions and 4 field sessions and be a strong intermediate O-person by Halloween. Or send that friend who's always expressed interest. Call 323-7028 for details.

Tucsonan Competes at International Event - Lives to Tell Tale and Report Back to Faithful Newsletter Readers

The APOC festival of orienteering happened between August 3rd and 19th over sites in British Columbia, Alberta, and Washington. With A meets, a Rogaine, and training events, one could orienteer 13 out of 16 days. Tucson was represented by John Maier (for the whole enchilada) and Pat Penn at the opening event - Kamloops, B.C. Pat graciously reported:

I was shocked at how out-of-style the 1100 starters at Kamloops looked. They don't seem to caught on to the new Southwestern style of old-long-sleeve shirts, beer brand t-shirts, baggy pants, and scruffy hats or visors making fashion waves in the Southwest. About 98% were dressed in "orienteering suits" - those nylon pajama things that Mike Cordier wears. I ran (and finished) the Women's 40A courses both days. The color wasn't specified, but the courses were about 5 and 5.2 km long and I was not last either day! Our boy John Maier also finished his courses, but with a slightly higher ranking. The climate was dry and hot with runnable pine and sage brush for vegetation.

At the opening ceremonies, complete with parade of flags, we learned that 1100 competitors were there to represent 22 countries, including New Zealand, Australia, and Japan. These were the Asia-Pacific games, after all. The start the next day went quite smoothly. About 6 runners started at each time interval, with a staged format. Even though one saw people running (not walking) fairly frequently on the course, following wasn't a problem since one couldn't know what course anyone else was on. Controls were grouped - if one wasn't accurate, one had to check all the controls in sight for the correct code letters. The results were computerized, so standings were available 2 hours after finishing. Since the same area was used for both days, maps were not returned. Once again using a color map was pretty difficult for us black-and-white aficionados. The amount of information available, especially concerning vegetation, got to be confusing. The low points were no toilets at the second day start point and paying \$1 for weed control at the parking lot. Some of our California buddies were there - SDO's Karen Bennis and David Irving, and LAOC's Olive Kearney. I realized that I will never be a world class competitor but I'm not sorry I went - for \$35 in fees I got a lot of experience.

THE TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB

Events in Tucson are held the third Sunday of each month, rain or shine. You can begin the course between 9:30 AM and noon and must be off the course at 2 PM. Beginner's clinics are held at 9 AM and any other time on request (just ask at registration). The cost is \$4 for individuals, \$6 for teams, with a \$1 discount for TOC members. Compasses and whistles are available at every meet. For further information on orienteering and the Tucson Orienteering Club, write P.O. Box 13012, Tucson AZ 85732 or call Peg Davis at 602-628-8985.

September 16th - Palisades South. Directions: Follow Catalina Highway up Mt. Lemmon. Turn left (south) on Organization Ridge Road (milepost 20). Drive to the end of the road (about 1.25 miles).

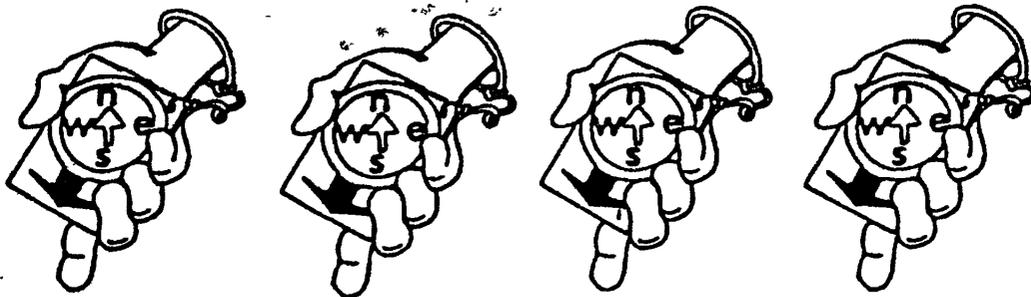
October 21st - Cave Creek. Take I-10 east from Tucson to Hwy. 83. Go right (south) on 83 for 21 miles to Gardner Canyon Road, between mileposts 37 & 38. Turn right and drive about 5 miles. Follow the "O" signs to the site.

November 18th - Helvetia. Go to Sahuarita on I-19 or U.S. 89. Take Sahuarita Road east 0.7 miles, turn right (south) on Santa Rita Road and drive 13.4 miles. Turn left and follow the "O" signs.

December 16th - Bajada Loop. Beautiful site in the Tucson Mountains Saguaro National Monument West. Limited parking requires carpooling from nearby lot. Call for directions.

January 20th - Catalina State Park. Follow Oracle Road (Highway 89) north to milepost 81 and turn right. Park entry fee is \$3 per car, so carpooling is recommended.

Red and white signs will guide you to the start points of events.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

FILL IN APPLICATION, MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB, AND MAIL TO: TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB, P.O. BOX 13012, TUCSON, AZ 85732.

CHECK ONE: _____ NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____
Date on mailing label

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELE. # _____

CHECK ONE: _____ INDIVIDUAL (\$8.00)

_____ FAMILY (\$11.00)

Members receive a monthly newsletter, have voting privileges, and receive a \$1.00 discount per major meet.



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