

# TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB NEWSLETTER

MAY 1991

## THE CRESCENT MOON NIGHT-O AND CAMP OUT AT COTTONWOOD WASH SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1991

We'll use the Score-O format with a double mass start so everyone finishes about the same time. You'll have two courses to choose from: 50 minutes or 75 minutes. You should endeavor to reach the site by 7:00 P.M. to give yourself time to register and copy controls from the master map. Earlier is better if you'd like to set up a camp spot before the event (i.e. -in the daylight). Road signs will be posted by 5 P.M. The event will be followed by a 45 minute slide presentation on Navajoland-hidden canyons carved in sandstone. If the group is still restless continued partying and tall tale swapping around the campfire will be encouraged.

7:00 P.M.-Registration  
opens-\$2.00/head

7:15 P.M.-Beginners Clinic

7:45 P.M.-Long Course Mass Start  
(9:00 P.M. finish)

7:55 P.M.-Short Course Mass Start  
(8:45 P.M. finish)

9:15 P.M.-Slide Presentation  
10:00 P.M.-Your choice

**DON'T FORGET: FLASHLIGHT  
(WITH SPARE BATTERIES AND  
BULB) AND A WATCH!!**

Directions: From Tucson take I-10 East to Hwy 90 (Exit 302). Go South 1 1/2 miles turning East at the top of the hill (just past milepost 291). Follow signs from there to start about 2 miles away. Allow about an hour to reach the site from Tucson, more if you live far from the freeway.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: MEETS ARE  
HELD REGARDLESS OF THE  
WEATHER, RAIN OR SHINE**

## IT'S TRAINING TIME

\*May---None

\*June 15--Acclimation hike with SAHC. This is an 11 mile hike with 2000' elevation gain. We'll go to LEMMON POOLS from the end of the road thru SUMMERHAVEN. The interesting part starts at the pools as we'll go downstream another half mile or so negotiating numerous mega boulders and pools en route to a neat little grotto with a waterfall called the KEYHOLE. Return to the cars before sunset in time to party with the other orienteers camping out at Bear Willow. Carpooling place for this hike is the shopping center parking lot on the NW corner of Tanque Verde and Sabino Canyon Rds, behind the Security Pacific Bank at 7:30 A.M. We'll leave promptly.

For more information call John Maier at 586-7300 (Benson).

## WHAT'S A MOTALA ?

### FIND OUT AT COTTONWOOD WASH--SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1991

Everyone's heard about the ROGANE. Now we've got a Motala. It's nearly at the opposite end of the orienteering spectrum. Whereas a ROGANE requires large tracts of land, the motala thrives on small sites such as Cottonwood Wash or city parks. The best definition of a motala is that it's a single person relay. How can that be? Read on.

A motala is composed of a series of loops, each of which returns to a

common point. At this common point a participant drops the map (s)he's been using and picks up another one for a new loop./ Depending on your course, you'll have anywhere from 3 to 5 loops, each containing 2-4 controls. The distance to complete all your loops corresponds to the course length you normally do. Your scorecard specifies the order in which you must do the loops. Everyone's order is randomly assigned but if

you don't follow the order, your punches will not match the punch key and you'll be DSQ (nobody wants to be DSQ). To add excitement and confusion, a motala uses a mass start and the last loop is identical for everyone in your category. Going into the home stretch you'll have the chance to catch & pass someone just ahead, or maybe someone will catch & pass you!

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# THE ARIZONA ROGAINE

by John Maier

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The Southwest's first ROGAINE is now history and it was a resounding success. Never before have I received so many compliments for a club event. The enthusiasm of the participants seemed to be universal. Barely half of the entries were local people and a number of those were newcomers. Most of the rest came from the Phoenix area or California. Only a handful had ever done a ROGAINE before; many had been orienteering less than a year. Thirty controls spread over 75 square kilometers of terrain were worth a total possible 1000 points. Two teams scored 710 points but in separate categories. Competition was very close in both the mens and mixed categories with several ties broken by order of finish. Only one of the 21 teams returned late—only a minute late at that— as the stiff penalty of -10 points per minute late was a strong deterrent.

Why did so many people praise the event? Was it because an all-day event is more fun, because Rogaining is more like hiking and less like jogging, because hiking in pairs is more of a social activity, or what? Over 50% of the participants filled out an event

critique form. Some specifics that they liked were the color map, the terrain and desert vegetation, control points being right on, abundance of water everywhere, and a breeze (on a rather warm day). My favorite comment received was in response to the question "Which control was the most enjoyable?" The reply: "#63. We never found it, but we had fun!"

Many people credit me with handling the whole event almost singlehandedly. This is not true. Feedback from my vetters was most valuable and resulted in many improvements in the course design which would not otherwise have been made. In particular Pat Penn deserves a hearty round of applause for her 3-4 trips to field check points. Others who devoted a day or more to the effort were Maynard Schweigert, Mark Harkness and Paula Meeks. The event would have fallen flat without the publicity efforts of Peg Davis including articles in O/NA and Desert Skies and advance publicity to neighboring southwestern "O" clubs. Registration and awards were handled by Beverly Burwell. Many last minute details were handled by Pat Penn and Warren Koesmann. Dan Cobblepick did the unlovable job

of hauling the stinkhole up the mountain, a bigger job than one might imagine, but well appreciated. Volunteers (wo)manning the registration/start/finish area during the event were Pat Penn, Ann Haber, Sue Roberts and Helen Deluga. Since it took me 16 hours to place controls, I certainly appreciated all the help in retrieving them on Sunday. Bag collectors were Peg Davis, Dale Bruder, Mark Parsons, David Hensley & Tim England from PHXO and Bob Letson & Julius Javellana from SDO. Hope I haven't forgotten anyone. So this event was certainly not a singlehanded effort by any stretch of the imagination. But the people who should take the biggest bow for the success of this event are the participants. For without you, all would be for nought. Thank you for your support and thank you for your feedback on the critique form. The overwhelming majority (80%) want to see another 8-hour event—as opposed to a longer or shorter event—and most people prefer the Tucson area. So be it. As a matter of fact, at the last business meeting the tentative date and site were already picked: April 4, 1992 in the Santa Rita foothills. See you there!

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## A PLEASANT DAY AT ROSEMONT JUNCTION

by Ann Haber

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A blustery, cool and sunny day met the fifty or so folks who went down to Rosemont Junction for the April Orienteering Meet. The courses, expertly set by Mark and Molly Parsons and vetted by John Maier, were beautiful and challenging. The challenges were to avoid the cat-claw on all courses, and to avoid getting shot on the Advanced Course. Happily, all participants except Dan (loose ligaments) Cobblepick came through unscathed.

My unending gratitude and thanks go to all of those who helped with this meet. My apologies if I forget to mention those of you who worked while I was out on the course. Thanks to: Mark and Molly Parsons and John Maier; Dale Bruder—Beginner's Clinic; Mark Harkness and Becky Deatherage—Registration; Helen Deluga, Jim Deatherage, Pat Penn, Keith McLeod and Mark Parsons—Start/Finish Table; Molly Parsons, Marilyn Cleavinger, Pat

Penn, Mark Parsons, Tom Worthen, The Cochrans, Mark Harkness, John Little, Ron Gardner and Lisa Eldor for picking up controls.

REMEMBER: Meets can't be run without volunteers. If you generously donate 30-60 minutes of your time on meet day, the event will run more smoothly and we can avoid burnout of those who give more than their share of time!

## MOTALA

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Why are we doing a motala?

Several reasons. Of course we like to try new things such as the ROGAINE, the BIKE-O, and now this MOTALA. But stronger reasons are the heat and the location. May can get quite hot at 4000' elevation if you don't start early. So the early mass start will get everyone on the course quickly which avoids the unfairness of some having to start late. Cottonwood Wash is a very small but good site. It's difficult to design the longer courses on such a map without crossing over or map exchanges, but for a motala it's perfect.

8:30-9:15 Registration

9:00 Beginner's Clinic

9:20 Event Briefing

9:30 Mass Start

1200 Control Retrieval

If you are non-competitive or a beginner do not be put off by the above jargon which sounds kind of like high pressure competition. It's whatever you wish it to be. And it is not for individuals only. Teams or families who do this as a group are equally welcome. If you miss the mass start you can still go out on the course but controls will be removed at 12:00. Registration will be the same as all our regular events: Basic, Intermediate and Advanced. Fees: \$4.00/individual, \$6.00/team, club members receive a \$1.00 discount.

Directions: From Tucson take I-10 East to Hwy 90 (Exit 302). Go South 1 1/2 miles turning East at the top of the hill (just past milepost 291). Follow signs from there to start about 2 miles away. Allow about an hour to reach the site from Tucson, more if you live far from the freeway.

If after all is said and done this sounds too high-tech confusing for

you, consider being a witness and volunteer to help keep this event running smoothly by manning the map exchange site, etc.

For further information or to volunteer call John Maler at 586-7300 (Benson) or Warren Kossmann at 528-8985 (Tucson).

## THE COMPETITIVE EDGE

The Competitive Edge is on vacation.

## RESULTS FROM THE ARIZONA ROGAINE

### MIXED TEAMS

Ron Hudson/ Hannah North	(BAOC)	710
John Little/ Jennifer Hesketh	(TSN)	560
Marilyn Cleavinger/ Bill Hamilton	(TSN)	550
Peg Davis/ Roger Sperline	(TSN)	420
Wilkey Richardson/ Donna Gookin	(TSN-SDO)	420
David Irving/ Karen Dennis	(SDO)	350
Steve & Nancy Klump Schaefer	(SDO)	260
Jim & Becky Deatherage *	(TSN)	40

\* in 1-1/2 hrs

### MENS TEAMS

Edwin Gookin/ Anton Kniebugal	(SDO)	710
Dan Cobbleback/ Mark Parsons	(TSN)	650
David Hensley/ Tim England	(PHXO)	550
Kim Nikrasch/ Carl Beyerhelm	(AZ)	550
Eric Lehtonen/ Ron Grayson	(SDO)	540
Warren Kossmann/ Keith McLeod	(TSN)	510
Bob Letson/ Julius Javellana	(SDO)	310
Fred Padgett/ John Goodson	(PHXO)	290
Lewis Westover/ David Burton	(TSN)	160

### WOMENS TEAMS

Beverly Burwell/ April Bahl	(TSN)	210
The Cranes	(TSN)	60

### RECREATIONAL ENTRIES

Jim Glose/ George Cuen	(AZ)	
Mike and Linda Simpson	(AZ)	

## RESULTS FROM ROSEMONT JUNCTION

### BASIC

#### WOMEN

Chris Harnum 50:20  
Molly Parsons DNF

#### TEAM

Trail Blazers 27:00  
Herbert Team 29:45  
Coyotes 68:05  
Green Poodles 73:00  
The Lost 78:25  
Steer Plops DNF

### ADVANCED

#### MEN

John Little 83:03  
Roger Sperline 100:00  
Mark Harkness 135:00  
Dale Bruder 190:45  
Dan Cobblecick DNF  
(Sprained Ankle)

### INTERMEDIATE

#### WOMEN

Rachel Gelbin 71:00  
April Bahl 94:15  
Becky Deatherage 141:15  
Peg Davis DNF

#### MEN

Keith McLeod 65:05  
Tony Ciantano 88:30

#### TEAM

Voyager 112:45  
Montezuma's Revenge 119:00  
Bob & Luke Gentala 150:30  
Quazars DNF  
Two Point Seven DNF

### ADVANCED

#### WOMEN

Pat Penn 127:33  
Marilyn Cleavinger 164:55

### RECREATIONAL

#### WOMEN

Sue Sperline  
Graves  
Knapman  
Ann Haber

#### MEN

Edwards  
Terry Shumaker

#### TEAM

Wayward Wind  
Surefeet  
D Squared  
Ann Vecher Team  
Jim Gillis Team  
The Grays  
Bisbee Somethings

## THE STRENUOUS, BUT FUN, BIKE-O

by Mark Parsons

On April 20, eight intrepid riders participated in our first ever mountain bike orienteering meet. The 8500 m course took participants from two to three hours and it was suggested in a discussion following the event that a person could have thrown down his bike at the start and won the event by running instead. The twelve controls were close to the roads

although not close enough and they should have been more visible. None of the riders had a map holder and all agreed that map reading was inconvenient. The course was strenuous, but everyone did admit that it was fun and challenging. All voiced optimism that a similar event could be held in the future. I want to thank all eight who came

out for the event and also my daughter, Molly, who helped me on event day. Some others rode on Sunday. It was suggested to me on Sunday that a Bike-O should be held at the same time as our regular meet. Perhaps a bike event could be held as part of our joint activity with the Phoenix club this summer. Lets talk about it.

### RESULTS OF THE BIKE-O

Dustbusters	143:23	1 T
David Butterfield	144:45	1 M
Helen Deluga	145:00	1 W
Mark Harkness	157:56	2 M
Pat Penn	181:00	2 W
Jack de Pagter	DNF	
Dale Bruder	App 2 hrs.	unoff.

#### SUNDAY BIKE-O

Holy Goatmilk Wafers

### EDITOR'S NOTES

Contributions to the Newsletter are most welcome. If you have something to contribute or a topic which you would like to see discussed, please call me at 529-2140.

Check your mailing label today. If there is a date on it, and that date has passed, our records show that your membership has expired. If you think that the date is incorrect please let us know.

Many thanks to Beverly Burwell and Peg Davis who always help to get the newsletter out to you. Beverly also compiles all of the information concerning dates of meets and meetings.

## TOC SCHEDULE

May 18—Night-O at Cottonwood Wash (see Page 1)  
May 19—Motala at Cottonwood Wash (see Page 1)  
June 16—Meet at Bear Wallow  
July 21—Early-O at Greasewood Park (Beginner and Intermediate Courses only)  
July 27,28—Joint Meet with Phoenix O Club, In the Mormon Lake area which will include a Short Course on Saturday, a Night-O Saturday Night and a Long Course on Sunday  
August 18—Meet at Fallsades\*

Tentative Schedule for the rest of the year:

Sept. 15—Helvetia\*\*  
Oct. 20—Catalina State Park\*\*  
Nov. 17—Bajada Loop\*\*  
Dec. 22—Sabino Canyon\*\*

\* Needs a Meet Director  
\*\* Needs a Meet Director and a Course Setter

Volunteers for these positions, or to vet a course or to volunteer for a short time at any event should call Warren Kossmann at 628-8985 (Tucson)

## OTHER ROGAINES

June 22—Hickory Run, Pennsylvania—6 hrs.  
July 20,21—Dormmon Island, Michigan—24 hrs.  
July 27,28—Finger Lakes, New York—6, 12, and 24 hrs.  
Aug.31, Sept 1—Colorado Springs, CO—12 and 24 hrs.

For more information on any of these Rogaines, call Peg Davis at 628-8985 (Tucson)

## PHOENIX O CLUB EVENTS

June 2—Orienteering Event at Thumb Butte, Prescott—see article at right for more information  
July 6—Map Hike, Payson Area  
July 27,28—Orienteering Retreat, Mormon Lake Area (see description under TOC Events, above)  
Sept. 6—Map Hike, Bear Canyon Lake to Knoll Lake  
Oct 6—Orienteering Event, Prescott Area

For more information on any of the Phoenix' Club events, contact David Hensley, (602) 275-5385

## BUSINESS MEETINGS

May 14—at Roger Sperline's, 4600 N. Avenida del Cazador, Tucson—call Roger at 577-8519 for directions. Bring your swimming suit if you want to swim after the meeting.

6:30 PotLuck—Bring a dish worthy of a State Champion  
7:00 Meeting

June 10—at Marilyn Cleavinger's, 2926 E. Seneca, Tucson

6:30 PotLuck—Bring a presidential presentation  
7:00 Meeting

ALL TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB MEMBERS ARE INVITED!! You can vote! Even on important issues such as port-a-potty placement!

## TOC OFFICERS

Marilyn Cleavinger	President	795-2081
Warren Kossmann	Vice President	628-8985
Beverly Burwell	Secretary	322-6351
Pat Penn	Treasurer	326-2339
Steve Personett	Membership Chairperson	887-1 633
Rachel Gelbin	Equipment Chairperson	326-7504
Dan Cobble Dick	Map Chairperson	326-7504
Peg Davis	Publicity Chairperson	628-8985
April Bahl	Newsletter Editor	529-21 40

## HAVE YOU SEEN?

Missing since the State Champs—the little TIMING CLOCK that is used for Start/Finish

Missing since Rosemont—a THUMB COMPASS

Call Rachel Gelbin at 326-7504

## MORE INFO ON THUMB BUTTE

On June 2 the PHX O Club will have a String-O for kids as well as Basic, Intermediate and (if enough people pre-register with D. Hensley by 5/14/91) an Advanced Course. Enjoy the pines, family oriented orienteering and picnicing. Camping and motels are available in and around Prescott. Start times 9:30-Noon, Courses close at 2:00 PM. Fees \$6.00 Individual, \$8.00 Team (PHX O members-\$1.00 Discount). Picnic Games, grills and charcoal will be available (bring your own grub). For directions and more information contact David Hensley (phone numbers given under Phoenix O Club Events).



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# MEMBERSHIP FORM

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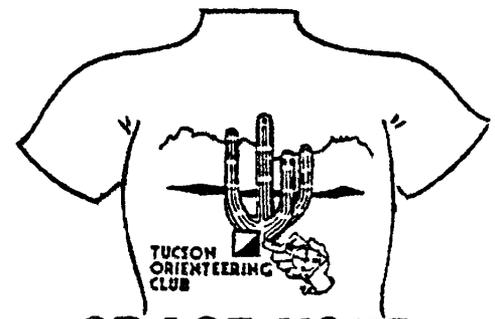
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Check One:  Individual \$8.00  
 Family \$11.00

Members receive a monthly newsletter, have voting privileges, and receive a \$1.00 discount per major meet. Make checks payable to : Tucson Orienteering Club, and send to P.O. Box: 13012, Tucson, AZ 85732.



## GRACE YOUR BODY \$8.

