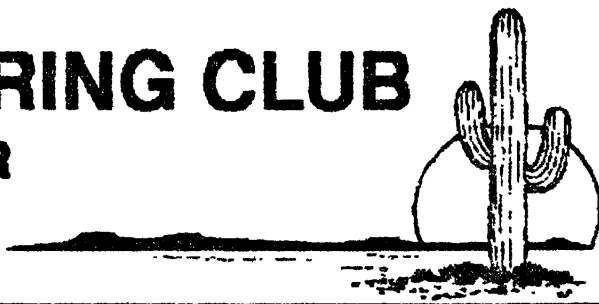


TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

JUNE, 1991



IF IT'S JUNE IT MUST BE BEAR WALLOW

by Beverly Burwell

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1991

Nobody asked me to the prom so I decided to be Meet Director for this event. The lady at the dress shop said if I took up the hem I could wear the dress anywhere so I'll be the one in lilac taffeta. Marilyn Cleavinger, Pat Penn and Tom Worthen have designed Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Courses for all of you looking forward to the cool weather and the "kinder, gentler" green vegetation of Mount Lemmon.

John Maier is leading an acclimation hike on Saturday with the SAHC (for

further information see "It's Training Time".)

Please join us for camping on Saturday night. We will be at the Start site OR there will be posted "O" signs to get you to an alternate location (in the same vicinity). There will be low key around the campfire type activities (or around the lantern activities if fires are prohibited). Remember it gets chilly at night. Registration and Start times from 9:30 AM until Noon. Courses close at 2:00 PM. Beginner's Clinic is held at 9:00 AM.

Cost: \$4.00 for Individuals, \$6.00 for

Teams (\$1.00 discount for TOC and SAHC members). Compasses are available for rent (\$1.00). Bring your whistle or purchase one for \$1.00. Directions: Go North on Mt. Lemmon Highway. Turn right onto a dirt road approximately one-half mile north of milepost 22. About one-half mile up the road it makes a sharp bend to the right; park along the road before the bend. Registration will be in the meadow.

Need more information? Call Beverly at 322-6361 (Tucson).

THE COMPETITIVE EDGE

by John Maier

Whenever I design courses I try to include options for a person to make parallel errors. Most often it is not your speed but your errors which determine how well you place at an event. The parallel error is the mistaking of one terrain feature for another similar one in the same general vicinity. What can you do to avoid these traps which the course designer sets for you? Above all don't move faster than you can interpret the terrain. Map read ahead so as to anticipate what you'll be seeing before you get there. Keep checking your map frequently (5-6 times a minute is not too often in difficult sections). If you see something in the terrain you didn't anticipate, identify it on your map. And DON'T let your feet get ahead of your brain (one of the most common errors in orienteering) or you'll surely be in trouble.

You should expect some parallel error traps on intermediate; you should expect more on advanced. One of the best ways to avoid the parallel error is to identify areas where it may occur and then be on guard. You'll need to use pace counting to estimate distance and precision compass work to distinguish between slightly different linear features. Are these skills you are confident using? If not, practice until you are and/or seek help from a more experienced orienteer who can show you how to use them effectively.

If, after all is said and done, you find yourself at the control site but, alas and stack, no control, collect your wits. Your first thought should be: "Damn, I screwed up" and not: "It's been stolen" or "The course setter hung it in the wrong place." Don't let yourself become frustrated or your

overall game plan may start to unravel. This is when the good orienteer limits time lost. Often (s)he will quickly assess the situation realizing that (s)he has made an error, analyzing what went wrong, and deciding what must be done to correct it. If parallel features exist, these should be a prime suspect as to cause of error. Carefully read your map and interpret the terrain with the assumption that you are NOT where you thought but instead this other place or that one. Would being there fit your present situation? Does the map agree if that were your location? After you've completed this analysis for the one or two spots which might conceivably be, follow up by heading for the control or another obvious landmark which you should see in getting the control.

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THE COTTONWOOD WASH MOTALA

by Peg Davis

MOTALA RESULTS

BASIC

Carol Russell
Coyotes
Desert Avengers
Solar Arizona
Dweebettes DNF

INTERMEDIATE

RECREATIONAL

Jacki Knapman
Julie Zapolski
Karen Kraenow Waterman

WOMEN

Rachel Gelbin 69:40
April Bahl 100:59
Sue Roberts 133:20
Joanne Striker DNF

MEN

Karl Broberg 65:17
Keith McLeod 68:57
John Edwards DSG

TEAMS

Cochrans 79:32
Javelinas 96:10

ADVANCED

WOMEN

Marilyn Cleavinger 96:37
Pat Penn 114:29

MEN

Mark Parsons 59:32
Roger Sperline 65:27
Benjamin Victor DNF

The motala on Sunday, May 19th was a new experience for many attendees, including the meet director. John Maier finished setting out the last controls at 9 AM, at which time I began making the 13 different master maps for all the competitors. The start time was supposed to be 9:30! The most amazing aspect of the meet was the extreme politeness and patience of the orienteers waiting at the start point, 0.75 miles down in the wash. With John giving thorough directions on how to do a motala, and John and Warren Kossmann guiding the map exchanges, the meet went amazingly smoothly. Since this meet went so well and people seemed pretty happy with it, I suggest others consider using the motala format for future meets. It uses a small space well and

adds a different kind of strategy and excitement for the competitors. We had a great bunch of beginners - not only were they enthusiastic, they did quite well on the courses. Y'all come back! My thanks for help at these meets go to April Bahl for her successful beginner's clinics, Carol Russell, Warren and John, Roger Sperline, Sue Roberts, Keith McLeod, Mark Parsons, and John Edwards who collected controls at his very first meet. He must have taken Rachel's article quite seriously. Chris Hannum and Jim Walsh win the orienteering economically award for picking up the night controls instead of running the motala on Sunday morning. Just think of it as a chance to run another orienteering event without a registration fee

MOONLIGHT FOR THE NIGHT-O

by Peg Davis

The Crescent Moon Night-O on May 18th managed to provide what the last two full moon night-o's have been lacking: MOONLIGHT! Accompanied by the perfect balmy temperature and a light breeze, less than a quarter moon rose high at just the right time to help us find our way to 27 controls. Even Mark Parsons with his custom taped-together red and white light flashlights and custom glued-together clip compass couldn't withstand the pace set by Dale Cole. Dale scored 265 of the possible 415 points available, proving that he hasn't forgotten anything. We were allowed to copy the controls onto our maps early enough to do a little strategic planning before the start. Everyone made it back by the deadline, so the horror of having points subtracted from one's score was avoided. Afterwards, John Maier, coursesetter and landowner, showed slides of his latest trip to the slot canyons of Navajoland. Some of us were glad John took such wonderful pictures

because we didn't feel up to the rappelling and jumaring he had to do to get in there. The crowd of campers included some first time orienteers. (NIGHT-O Results on Page Three)

IT'S TRAINING TIME

****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. There will be lots of time for lounging around at various pools since a typical hiker covers 2 miles/hour and we've got 9 hours to cover 11 miles. Maybe a paperback for reading would be a good idea. Return to the cars before sunset in time to party with the other orienteers camping out at Bear

Wallow. 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. Hikers may also meet the group at the trailhead at the end of Summerhaven Road. Expect to meet up there between 8.45-9.00 AM.
****JUNE 16--**at 1:00 PM--Analysis of problem controls on YOUR course. What were the hard legs? Why were they difficult? What could have been done differently?
****JULY--**TBA (probably something at the site)
For more information call John Maier at 586-7300 (Benson)

VARIATIONS ON ORIENTEERING

by Karl Broberg

It's Sunday afternoon on May 19 and I just returned from the Cottonwood Wash event near Benson. This was my third orienteering venture, each one a different format. My first two were team efforts on the Basic course; today I soloed the Intermediate course. As always, I found the event to be both enjoyable and challenging, though I wish I could run faster and hadn't run through so much underbrush while wearing shorts!

I have been involved in a similar sport for some time which I think would interest most orienteers. For the past 25 years the Southern Arizona Sports Car Club has been putting on monthly car rallies in which teams of driver and navigator must not only locate controls (sound familiar?), but stay on a timed schedule as well. The route instructions each car receives describe the course to follow (such as by "Left at Stop) as well as instructed speeds to drive. Controls are encountered along the route at which cars are timed and

compared to precalculated "perfect" times. The object is to finish each leg as closely as possible to these perfect times without being too early or late.

A typical rally lasts about two and a half hours, has five to eight controls, and finishes at a pizza place for food, drink, and trophy presentation. As this is not a race, contestants are never required to drive over the speed limit.

While rallies take place during the day most of the year, they are held in the evening in June, July, August and September. Events start at the Randolph Park Tennis Courts parking lot at Broadway and Alvernon and will be held on the second Saturday of the month for these four months. Registration is at 6:00 PM with the first car beginning the rally at 7:00 PM. Entry fee is currently \$5.00 per car; beginners are welcome and encouraged!

For further information, call me, Karl Broberg, at 744-6057 (Tucson). See you on June 8, July 13, August 10 or September 14!

IMPORTANT DATES

- 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 Palisades
- Sept. ?—Night-O, Lincoln Park
- Oct. 20—Catalina State Park
- Nov. 17—Bajada Loop
- Dec. 22—Sabino Canyon

PHOENIX O CLUB EVENTS

- 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 (Home), (602) 273-3338 (Work) (Phoenix)

BUSINESS MEETING

- JUNE 10— at Marilyn Cleavinger's, 2926 E. Seneca, Tucson
 - 6:30 PotLuck—Bring a presidential presentation
 - 7:00 Meeting
 - 8:15 Map Development Presentation and Discussion
- ALL TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB MEMBERS ARE INVITED!!**

NIGHT-O RESULTS

1st Men	Dale Cole	265
1st Team	Davis/Kossmann	235
2nd Men	Mark Parsons	220
1st Women	Marilyn Cleavinger	210
2nd Team	Roberts/Sperline	200
3rd Men	Kelly Cook	175
2nd Women	April Bahl	135
3rd Women	Rachel Gelbin	115
Rec. Team	Edwards/Knapman	

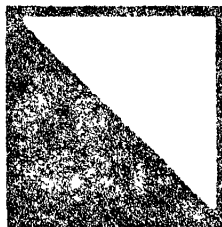
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Having made an error, be extremely cautious map reading until you get back on track. Be sure that what you're seeing matches what your map tells you should be there. Regain your confidence and get back in the ball game by wise analysis and decision making, not by running faster. Let your brain dictate, not your legs!

After you've finished, check with other orienteers to see if they had problems with your difficult controls. How did those who had no problems tackle this control? What skills did they use? What did they do differently?

MAP DEVELOPMENT

Following the Business Meeting on June 10, Dan Cobbleclik will give a presentation on map development. Five new sites will be discussed. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. The discussion should begin between 8:15 and 8:30 PM. For location, see "Business Meeting" article.



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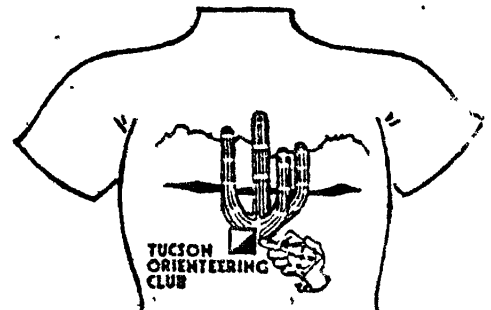
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