



Tucson Orienteering Club

December, 1992

Celebrate the Holidays at Bajada Loop!

Join us December 20

Our December meet will be held Sunday, December 20 at Bajada Loop in Saguaro Monument West. This is a wonderful site Dan Cobbledick found and mapped a few years back. The area is a joy to orienteer in. The map sports 20 foot contour intervals and is wonderfully clear. It'll be a real contrast with last month's meet at Sabino Canyon. (That's part of what's fun about orienteering - the varied terrain we have here.) Pat Penn is the course setter this month, so we'll get a real Presidential Challenge from the courses. What? You say you don't know what a Bajada is? Well, come out and find out. (This is the teaser used in the original newsletter article for the first meet we had at this site.)

The drawback to this site (it seems as if there is always one) is that parking is extremely limited. Please **DO NOT** drive to the site. Park in the big lot at the NW corner of Sandarilo and Picture Rocks Road and wait for the shuttle or arrange yourselves into a carpool. It's extremely important that we not have the same traffic jam we had at this site last year.

For further information or to volunteer to help out at the meet, call the meet director, Jim Wood, at 623-2140. (This is Jim's first stint as meet director. Support from our always cheery and efficient volunteers will help the meet run more smoothly and may even convince Jim to direct another meet.)

Details and Directions are given on p. 3.

Tucson Orienteering Club Calendar

December 8	Business Meeting	1229 E. 13th St
December 20	TOC Meet	Bajada Loop

What is Orienteering? In orienteering you use a map and compass to find your way across unfamiliar terrain. In a typical meet, the organizer places orange and white control markers at various land features found on your map. These markers act as checkpoints along the course. The object of the sport is to use the map and compass to locate the control markers and return to finish. Using your imagination and navigational skills, you try to select the best route to each control. Beware: the best route may not be the direct route. Once there, you punch a score card which verifies that you found the control. There are many versions of orienteering (on foot, bicycle, or skis; at night; in relays) but the idea is essentially the same: the use of a map and compass to find your way across unfamiliar terrain.

What is Tucson Orienteering Club? TOC is a non-profit organization chartered by the United States Orienteering Federation (USOF) and the International Orienteering Federation (IOF). The club holds a dozen or so meets a year, including a ROGAINE, an 8-hour event held each Spring. Membership is open to everyone and includes a subscription to the newsletter and discounted entry fees at meets.

What Equipment do I need? The only requirement is a compass. The best kind is a protractor-type with a clear plastic base so that you can see through it to the map underneath. (You can rent one from the club for \$1. per meet until you buy your own.) The club will supply a map of the area. There is an entry fee. Running shoes or lightweight hiking boots are recommended (depending on the terrain) and old clothes (long pants or gaiters and long-sleeved shirts are recommended.) Wear a watch, since there is always a time deadline. Also, you may want to carry a water bottle. Water is always available on the course, but it never hurts to have some of your own on a hot day.

How do I get more information? Call someone. For general information about orienteering, call the Publicity Chairman Peg Davis. Her number is always listed in the newsletter. If you have a specific question about the upcoming meet that wasn't answered by the newsletter article, call the meet director.

Can I bring my kids, scout troop, ROTC group, etc. to the meet? Sure. You will be required to sign a waiver form for any minors that participate in the meet. We've had scouts, high school ROTC groups, and even a middle-school class come to the meet. If you do expect to bring a group, call the meet director and let us know you're coming en masse.

Bajada Loop - Sunday, December 20, 1992

9:00 AM	Registration opens
9:00 AM	Beginner Clinic. Clinics will be repeated during the morning upon request, so ask if you'd like a brief introduction to navigating with map and compass.
9:30 AM	Courses open
Noon	Last time to start a course
2:00 PM	Courses close: Everyone, finished or not, must check in at the Start/Finish/Timing table; anyone not checked in will be considered LOST.
2:00 PM	Control retrieval begins; volunteers will be joyously welcomed. Get some extra practice. Just hang around the Start/Finish table looking eager.

Cost: \$4./individual; \$6./team; \$1. less for TOC/SAHC members. Compasses rent for \$1; Safety whistles may be purchased for \$1.

Directions: DO NOT drive to the site. Parking is limited. Please carpool from Tucson if possible. Take I-10 north to Ina Road. Exit and drive west on Ina to Wade. Turn left (south) onto Wade which will bend west and turn into Picture Rocks Road. Follow this over the pass for 7.4 miles to Sandario Road. Park in the large lot on the northwest corner of the intersection (the Wagon Wheel). Carpool from there. We'll try to have a shuttle running to the site. If not there will be further instructions posted. Look for the O-signs.

TOC OFFICERS

President:	Pat Penn	326-2339
Vice-President:	Scott Hill	206-4178
Secretary/Treasurer:	Wilkey Richardson	529-1105
Membership Secretary:	Marilyn Clevinger	705-2081
Equipment Chairman:	Mary English	881-4786
Map Chairman:	Roger Sperline	577-8519
Publicity Chairman:	Peg Davis	628-8985
Newsletter Editor:	Sue Roberts	577-8519

The November Shuffle Continues - by Ann Haber

Well, for a while there it looked as though the November meet just wasn't meant to be. First we get bounced out of Ft. Huachuca. Then the property owners at Bear Canyon put up a barricade and hired a secret militia to keep bold orienteers (like Mark Parsons) outta there. Fortunately for us, Mark was undaunted by the situation. He's a man who can think fast, and in the final hour was able to completely alter his original course plans and come up with equally challenging courses beginning at the Sabino Canyon Recreation Area. He's actually pretty psyched about all the new course opportunities this now presents on the old Bear Canyon map.

As I was saying--challenging courses. The terrain and vegetation were described as hostile and brutal. Nothing new for this area. The tip of the day was to use roads and trails. According to Peg Davis, anyone who could fine #6 on the intermediate course should seriously consider moving up to Advanced courses. Any beginners who finished the basic course deserve major back-patting as this was a tough basic course.

The Press came out to film Diana Archangel's favorite hobby and we should get a spot on Arizona Illustrated thanks to some fast campaigning from Peg (who was seen talking to ANOTHER reporter that same day). All in all it looks like it was a profitable and positive experience for most of us.

My thanks for their help goes to: Keith McLeod, Mark Parsons, Peg Davis, Dante and Diana Archangel, Paul and Elizabeth Weintraub, Greg and Carol Starr, the RECS Team and Wilkey Richardson.

Results: Basic Course:

1T	The Bears	30:12
2T	DDT's	46:45
3T	The Colts	48:58
4T	The Bunnies II	51:07
1W	Marley Beard	59:00
5T	Falrail	65:55
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Intermediate Course:

1M	Keith McLeod	77:44
1W	Peg Davis	110:26
1T	Lost Without Tears	128:29
2T	Hefalump Hunters	134:01
3T	M & M's	170:24
4T	The Cranes	254:50
	Joe Pierce	
	Terry Shumaker	
	H & G	

Recreational Entries: H & B, R & L, Ronni Davis, Rlok Emrich, Sue Roberts, Wilkey Richardson, Bill Lemon, The Bunnies I, Robin Staples, Dwarves of Mineholt North, Lyn Salmon, Lost Levins, Thunderbolt, RECS.

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Sabino Canyon Results - continued from p. 4

Advanced Course:

1M	Roy Parker	75:00	1T	Max Pack	181:13
2M	John Little	85:59	2T	Catalina Javelinas	187:36
3M	Thorston Graeve	92:17			
4M	Roger Sperline	98:08	1W	Pat Penn	183:37
5M	Patrick Ward	113:05		Kathy Creath	
6M	Cliff Hathaway	130:45			
7M	Cameron Cragle	153:57			

Are You Missing Your Hard-Earned Ribbons? Our normal policy is to mail ribbons with the next month's newsletters. Occasionally, I am not able to do this and still have enough newsletters to get bulk mail rates. (If you want the gory details of the regulations that make me do this, just ask.) When this happens, the ribbons are not included with the newsletters. Unclaimed ribbons are brought to the next meet though, so stop by at Bajada Loop and pick up your well deserved ribbons. They'll be there.

Next Business Meeting Tuesday, December 8. The next business meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8 at Peg Davis', 1229 E. 13th. Take Highland (one stop light west of Campbell) south from Broadway and turn East on 13th. Look for the fish on the mailbox. The meeting will begin at 7:00. Potluck at 6:30

It's Time to Renew Your Membership. (Check your Label). Many memberships (especially of old-timers) expire in December. Check your mailing label this month. If it says 12/92 or EXPIRE, it's time to renew your membership.

Do you have any pictures for our photo album? The club has obtained a photo album. If you have any pictures to donate to the album, send them to Pat Penn. Please identify dates, sites, and the people in the picture.

TOC gets a writeup in Tucson Lifestyle Magazine. There's a really great article about Orienteering in the December, 1992 Tucson Lifestyle magazine, complete with interviews of Dan Cobbledick and Rachel Gelbin. This is, probably the best article I've seen recently on orienteering and TOC. It's factually correct, humorous, and interesting. And the accompanying drawing is fantastic!

Newsletter Guidelines (Sue gets cranky)

The deadlines below are not flexible if the newsletter is to get out on time. We've had training sessions and meetings unattended because the newsletter was late. I need to be able to type, layout, print, assemble, and mail the newsletter so that it reaches members a week before the event. Please follow these suggestions:

1. Submit articles! I'll print anything anyone sends me. (Well, almost anything. I got too much trash about Helen's Nude-O reference. I won't do that again.) Send in articles about orienteering (John's Competitive Edge series); training tips (Ann's article) or course analyses (Roger's Catalina State Park article). Let's see some articles about Basic or Intermediate courses. Also cartoons or humorous articles are appreciated.
2. Articles for next month's newsletter, including the announcement of the next meet written by the meet director should be submitted the day of the meet. The only exceptions are articles containing meet results or course analyses. These can be submitted up to one week after the meet.
3. If a club meeting, training session, or event is to be held earlier in the month than our regular meet, it needs to be announced in the previous month's newsletter.

Control Clues You Hope You Never See. From CONTOUR LINE, SLOC, October, 1990

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- Middle part of a 100 meter cliff
- The bottom of a deep lake
- On top of a building
- The western part of the middle overgrown thicket
- Between a rock and a hard place
- Control #1 is on top of a 50 meter cliff
- Control #2 is somewhere at the foot of the 50 meter cliff with a first aid station!

1993 Officers: Finally some Volunteers (After some Arm-Twisting)

Well, we finally have a slate of officers for 1993. There won't be a need for elections since we don't have a contest for any position. With four holdovers, a former president, and an interim officer returning, it'll be a veteran group. The folks who'll be on the Board of Directors for next year are:

President	Pat Penn
Vice-President	Scott Hill
Secretary/Treasurer	Laurie Fellows
Membership Chair	Marilyn Clevinger
Equipment Chair	Mary English
Map Chair	Roger Sperline
Newsletter Editor	Sue Roberts
Publicity Chair	Peg Davis

Year End Wrap-up: Thanks for the Help

As I leaf through the past year's newsletters to write this, I'm struck by how much work was done by so few people this last year. John Maier and Mark Parsons alone were responsible, in one way or another, for half of our meets last year and over half of our new mapping activity. I think we owe the Southeastern Arizona contingent LOTS of thanks for their work this past year. Also, when we were really desperate, Peg Davis was always willing to step in and direct yet another meet or get a course set. The honor roll of folks responsible for our meets is below. Thank them again for their work and remember, even if you don't like a course, site, or meet, a lot of work still went into preparing that month's meet.

Course Setters: Roger Sperline/Sue Roberts (Jan.); John Maier (Feb., ROGAINE, State Champs, Sept.), Dale Bruder (April), Dan Cobbledick (May), Mark Parsons (June, Nov.), Peg Davis (July), Peg/Laurie Fellows/Dale Cole (August), Roy Parker (Oct.), and Pat Penn (Dec.).

Meet Directors: Peg Davis (Jan., June), Helen Deluga (Feb.), Mike Kessler (State Champs), Mark Parsons (ROGAINE, Sept.), Scott Hill (April), Thom Wade (May), Wilkey Richardson (July), Mary English (August), Keith McLeod (Oct.), Ann Haber (Nov.) and Jim Wood (Dec.).

New Maps: John Maier (Whetstones, Redington, Dragoons), Dale Bruder (Cat Mountain), Mark Parsons (Carr Canyon, Dragoons). **Revision:** Roger Sperline (Catalina State Park.)



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