



Tucson Orienteering Club

February, 1993

Lots of Orienteering near Tucson this Month

Our Monthly Meet at Cat Mountain, February 21st

"An easy twenty-five minutes from shopping downtown, nestled in beautiful Starr Valley in the Tucson Mountains is "CAT MOUNTAIN!" - Sounds like a commercial for a retirement community, but I really meant to entice everyone to come on out and try some point-to-point orienteering. (First time at this site.) Also, you'll get to try out the new map created using our new OCAD(tm) Orienteering Computer Aided Design, software. Yea, Yea, Yea... So what if the terrain is flat and there are a lot of trails. Take my word for it, they just aid in confusing those people who run too fast!

Kelly Cook is setting the Basic and Intermediate Courses, and Dan Cobbiedick will be taking care of the Advanced Course. The director for this meet is Dale Cole, and for more information, you can call him at 744-0317.

Details and Directions are given on p. 3

The Arizona ROGAINE - March 6, 1993

Registration DUE February 25, 1993.

Information and Registration form included in this newsletter

Tucson Orienteering Club Calendar

February 11	Business Meeting	1229 E. 13th St
February 21	TOC Meet	Cat Mountain
March 6	The Arizona ROGAINE	Tortilita Mountains
March 20	TOC Meet	Whetstone Mountains

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, call the meet director.

Can I bring my kids, scout troop, etc. to the meet? Sure. You will be required to sign a waiver form for any minors that participate in the meet. If you do expect to bring a group, call the meet director and let us know you're coming en masse.

Cat Mountain, Sunday, February 21, 1993

- 9:30 AM** Registration opens adjacent to the Start/Finish table.
Beginners' clinics start for those of you who would like an introduction on how to read a map, use a compass, or the logistics of completing a course.
- 10:00 AM** Courses open. (Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced)
- noon** Last start time for the courses
- 2:00 PM** Courses close. Everyone, finished or not, must check in at the Start/Finish table. Anyone not checked in will be considered LOST.
Control retrieval gets underway. Begging, pleading, blackmail and other methods of "recruiting" volunteers for this task has been approved!

Cost: \$4.00 dollars for individuals; \$6.00 per team; \$1.00 off for TOC and SAHC members. Compass rental is \$1.00. Safety whistles, strongly recommended, can be purchased for \$1.00.

Directions: Take Ajo Way, Arizona Highway 88, West four miles past Mission Road to Kinney Road. Make a right turn onto Kinney Road, and drive 1 mile to Sarasota Boulevard; (right side). Follow Sarasota until it ends, then make a final right turn onto a dirt road. Drive about 1/2 mile and park where the road ends. Like last April, we will have a remote Start/Finish table just inside Starr Valley. After parking, follow the trail northeast for 1/2 mile to get there.

Other Announcements

Next Business Meeting Thursday, February 11. The next business meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11 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

Report from January meeting: At the last business meeting, after socializing over the yummy pot-luck dinner, the tentative schedule for 1993 was set. This will allow us to apply for an Outfitter's Permit for the year, save us some money in permit fees, and save wear-and-tear on our Vice-President (who is responsible for running around and obtaining the permits.) We also voted to spend money to replenish our stock of T-shirts, compasses, and controls.

Newsletter Deadline: Please get material for the March newsletter to me by February 24. THIS IS IMPORTANT! THIS MONTH IS A SHORT ONE. If you can't make this deadline, please let me know by that date that an article will be forthcoming. (Call me at 577-8519.) Announcements of events held before April 15 should appear in the March newsletter. Contributors to the February issue are Dale Cole and Greg & Carol Starr.

Greasewood Park Results - by Greg and Carol Starr

Once again the weather gods looked favorably upon the orienteers at Greasewood Park. We had very ominous looking clouds, but very little rain. The temperature was ideal for running which is what it seemed like virtually everyone did. Ninety four people came out to experience the ingenuity and diversity of the courses set by Roger Sperline and Sue Roberts. The Poker-O was an interesting challenge for all levels. The Star-O was much harder for some than for others. John Maier and Dan Cobbledick blistered this course. You really needed to be able to remember compass directions as well as terrain.

A troop of Boy Scouts and the Sierra Vista High School ROTC added lots of enthusiasm to the gathering. Congratulations to all the recreational entries: Basic course - Wayne & Pat, Blue Team, Johanna Greiner and Rhonda Morris. Poker-O - C&Z, Thunderbolts, Wily Coyote, Runners, Lost Levins, Bunnies 2 and Here's Trouble.

We thank Roger and Sue for making Greasewood challenging and intriguing. Also thanks to Roger for the wonderful new map. O-CAD is a fascinating program that takes map making to new levels. We look forward to more new maps produced using O-CAD.

We should be getting some publicity in Tailwinds the magazine published by the Perimeter Bicycling Association of Arizona. Peg Davis (as usual) was drumming up interest from all sectors of outdoor minded people.

There are many people to thank. Peg for the beginners clinics, Roger and Sue for course setting, Laurie Fellows, Paul and Elizabeth Weintraub, Diana and Dante Archangeli, Jim Wood and Sue Roberts for manning the registration and timing tables. Thanks to Mark Parsons, John Maier and Dominic Oldershaw for retrieving controls. Many thanks to Mary English for organization of equipment. Her attention to detail wins a blue ribbon anytime.

A few notes from the coursesetters: Star-O As usual, we underestimated the abilities of some of our orienteers when setting the course. We were hoping to entice the entries into trying to remember too much and getting confused. We never dreamed anyone would do all 8 controls without returning to look at the map, but Dan Cobbledick and Pat Penn did just that. John Maier almost did it. He found seven and returned (very briefly) to look at the position of the last control. (John's run is more amazing since he used the map intended for competitors already on the course that didn't have control codes on it. He noticed the labels put on the punches to help the control hangers and used them to confirm his position.) Teams seemed to be a disadvantage for this one.

The **Poker-O** seemed successful. We were surprised so few found the winning combination (straight flush, 3-4-5-6-7 of clubs.) It was only found by two teams that used the divide and check out the controls, compare notes, and go punch the good ones strategy (which we hadn't explicitly forbidden.) Peg Davis figured out what the best punches were, but didn't have time to visit one crucial control.

Greasewood Park - Results

Basic Course:

1T	Runners	28:15
2T	Colts	34:39
3T	Eastsidiers	37:12
4T	The Girls	38:15
1M	Hubert Schumi	41:27
1W	Molly Parsons	43:50
5T	Team 2	49:26
6T	Broncos	50:39
7T	Team 1	57:36

Star-O:

1M	John Maier	27:26
2M	Dan Cobbledick	28:36
3M	Mark Parsons	42:33
1T	No Whining	47:59
1W	Pat Penn	56:27
4M	Scott Hill	57:43
5M	David Loehrs	60:20
2T	Hannah's 4 x 4's	88:24
6M	Gary Hinman	89:08
3T	The McLeods	91:15
4T	The Cranes	201:03

Poker-O (75 minute time limit)

1T	No Whining	57:38
2T	D & D	62:50
3T	The Bears	53:26
4T	Hoffalump Hunters	71:45
5T	Panthers	73:00
6T	Bunnies 1	74:40
	GG&B	77:48
	Rainbow Team	122:35
	Eastsidiers	158:00

1M	Keith McLeod	69:40
2M	Dominic Oldershaw	56:15
3M	Paul Wendee	68:05
4M	Jim Wood	70:28

1W	Peg Davis	69:14
2W	Claudia Greiner	34:14

Straight Flush	
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Full House	
Pair of Jacks	
Pair of Aces	
Ace of Diamonds	
Full House	overtime
Full House	overtime
Ace of diamonds	overtime

Full House
flush
Three of a kind
Two pair

Flush (right idea, but never found the five)
Pair of Jacks (but a great time!)

Should we change the club fee structure?

Editors Note: We run thirteen meets a year - State Champs, ROGAINE, ten or eleven regular monthly events, and a night-O somewhere. If our active members would each volunteer to be meet director or course setter once a year, we would be able to run these events with less wear-and-tear on our officers, especially our Vice President. Instead, we find ourselves depending heavily on a few people until they get "burned out" and disappear for a while. We noticed in that Orienteering Louisville has instituted a new membership structure to encourage more volunteers. It was suggested that we consider this approach. What do you think?

(Also, please note that many memberships EXPIRED in December. Check your mailing label. If your membership has expired, PLEASE RENEW NOW, or be prepared to fork over an extra buck at the meets.)

Adapted from Magnetic News, the newsletter of Orienteering Louisville

(They have instituted) three basic tiers of membership. Board members, Volunteers, and Explorers. What type of membership a person has depends only on how much time is spent helping the club. Points are earned based upon time is donated to club activities.

Board members put in 50 points of time and attend 8 board meetings per year.

Volunteers put in 10 points of time per year.

Explorers do not put in any volunteer time. The membership fee for Explorers is \$18/year (this is in Louisville, folks) vs. the \$12 for everyone else.

A new member is assumed to be a volunteer and the fee is just \$12.

A member doesn't have to do much to earn 10 points. Helping at a meet is worth 5 points. Likewise, anyone can be a board member. Be a meet director just once a year and earn 50 points.

How fast O-Lou grows will depend upon the amount of volunteers. If we don't have more volunteers a year from now, we will most likely have to cancel some meets. Nobody likes to see this done, but with some members putting in over 20 hours a week and others putting in none, we have to do something. If people can't donate their time to the club, the Explorer membership still enables them to help out by putting an extra \$6 into the treasury. We hope most people will take the volunteer membership, since help is needed most.

How do you like our Meet Structure? Also in the O-Lou newsletter was an article describing changes to their meet structure. Some things they've changed at are: having two different kinds of meets, recreational (no official results or timing) and competitive; lengthening the basic course at some meets; and adding a map hike on the intermediate course that leaves about noon (so that beginners can do their course first and get a "guided lesson" later on a more difficult course). Are there things you'd like to see changed about the TOC Meets? If so, let the officers know. Tell us at the meets how they can be run better. Or write a letter to the club if you're shy. Or come to a business meeting.

TOC Schedule for 1993

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Course Setter</u>
March 21	Whetstone Mountains	John Maier
April 18	Redington Pass	Bill Hamilton
May 16	Bear Wallow, Catalinas	
June 20	Carr Canyon, Huachuclas	Peg Davis
July 31	Night-O, Sabino	
August 15	Paloades, Catalinas	
September 19	Cave Creek, Santa Fitas	
October 17	Slavin Gulch, Dragoons	Pat Penn
November 13-14	STATE CHAMPS, Catalina State Park	
December 19	Bajada Loop, Saguaro Natl Mon	

Volunteers are needed: meet director for ALL locations and course setters for the open slots.

Phoenix-O Schedule for Spring 1993

- Feb 7 POC map hike in Superior/Globe area.
- Mar 7 POC Meet near Saguaro Lake. Basic and Intermediate Courses.
- Apr 3 POC map and compass clinic at Papago Park in Phoenix. Papago Park contains a permanent orienteering course in the park.

For more information, call Alex Harrison (602) 985-7844

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