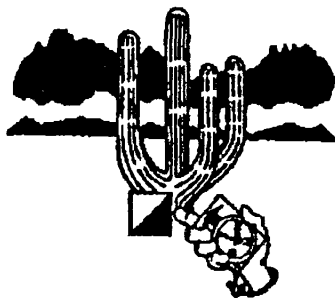

TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB



NOVEMBER 1994

November 20—Orienteer on the Cat (Mountain)

—Greg & Carol Starr

If you haven't been able to make a meet lately, you will not want to miss this one. Besides the fact that it is so close to Tucson, the area is a lot of fun. The site is a big, broad valley on the north side of Cat (or Cat-Back) Mountain. This pass through the Tucson Mountains has been named Starr Pass (no, not in honor of the meet directors) for one of the first travelers through the pass. It is a great place for beginners to work on their skills and experienced runners to go all out.

With the surrounding peaks and prominent trails to guide you, it should be a lot of fun. The vegetation is a mix of acacia, palo verde, and small cactus. The map will show any dense vegetation areas, and these can easily be avoided.

The courses being offered are diverse enough to fit all skill levels. Beginner, intermediate, short advanced, and long advanced courses will be expertly set by Marilyn Cleavinger. The map is an OCAD map created by Roger Sperline. We used this map last December, and it was beautiful. The scale is 1:15,000 with 20-foot contour intervals.

Directions to Site: Exit I-19 at Ajo Way (AZ 86) and drive west to Kinney Road (4 miles west of Mission). Turn right on Kinney. Go north one mile to Sarasota Blvd., and turn right. Sarasota is clearly marked. Follow it east 0.9 mile past the pavement's end, then turn right onto the dirt road. Go south 0.5 mile and find a parking spot. To reach the registration area, go through the wooded gate in the fence and follow the trail through the pass 0.5 mile to the site. The approach may also be made via Gates Pass on West Speedway, turning south on Kinney Road to Sarasota.

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Cost: \$5 US for individuals, \$7 for teams, \$2 off for TOC members. Compass rental is \$1. Safety whistles (now mandatory for all courses at all meets) can be purchased for \$1.

Schedule:

- 9:00 a.m. Registration opens.
- 9:15 a.m. Beginners' clinics start. They can be repeated upon request for those who would like a brief introduction to using a map and compass.
- 9:30 a.m. Courses open
- 12:00 noon Last start time for the courses.
- 2:00 p.m. Courses close. Everyone must check in at the Start/Finish table. Anyone not checked in will be forever looking for that last control.
- 2:00 p.m. Control retrieval gets underway. Any and all volunteers will be put to work.

The meet directors are Greg and Carol Starr (a.k.a. the Catalina Javelinas when accompanied by son, Brian). Please call us at 743-7052 if you would like to volunteer your help or need more information. Remember, if you do not call us to volunteer, we will call you.

*Changes at Sun*Fest*

—John Maier

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there are changes in the works at Sun*Fest headquarters. The Sun*Fest Team wishes to announce an opening for the position of director (or co-director) of the Sun*Fest Event. This is a great opportunity for someone willing to undertake the responsibilities of running our first national-level orienteering event. Similar to meet director but on a grand scale—both the responsibilities and the recognition—your role will be supported by the whole Sun*Fest Team.

If interested, or to learn more about this position, please contact acting director Pat Penn (326-2339) or me (602-586-7300).

The Very Wet Whetstones Meet, October 16

—Mark Parsons

It rained all night and it rained all day. All entries but one were competitive. Of course. Everyone got soaked. It was a rigorous challenge. I loved it. People drove from LA. and Albuquerque for the test. They loved it. The ROTC cadets came from Sierra Vista and Molly had a blast competing against them.

We had a big mesquite fire in the rain. It was a great day to have some respect for mother nature and test your orienteering skills and physical stamina. It was a good day to be tough. Dan Cobbledick, Michal Lebl, Jeff Brucker, LeRoy Kehl, and Greg and Carol Starr helped me collect the controls. My thanks go to them and everyone else who came out that day. It was a good day for soft people to watch television.

[(R) = Recreational Entry]

White Course (Basic)

2500 Meters	<u>Time</u>
1T Mustangs	48:00
2T Studs	49:00
3T Robin Mays Team	50:00
1W Molly Parsons	50:00
1M Sergei Nayakshiu	62:00
(R) Mark Hanna & Judy Cathey	75:00

Green Course (Short Advanced)

5500 meters	<u>Time</u>
1T Law and Disorder	97:45
1M Michal Lebl	104:15
1W Pat Penn	119:51
O'Hara and Engrund	DNF

Red Course (Long Advanced)

7000 meters	<u>Time</u>
1M Dan Cobbledick	86:45
2M Alexandre Savine	106:00
3M Jeff Brucker	108:00

Orange Course (Intermediate)

4000 meters	<u>Time</u>
1M Al Byrd	75:00
1M Bill Moeller	75:00
1T Luginsland	84:30
2T Catalina Javelinas	85:00
1W Peg Davis	89:00
2M Clark Lohr	101:16
3M LeRoy Kehl	112:22
2W Elizabeth Bernstein	124:30
4M Bob Kelley	159:30
3T Cranes	168:00
J. P. Jaing	DNF
Wilkey Richardson	DNF
(R) Robin Mays Team	

4M Eddy Hellebuyck	115:00
Max Suter	DNF

*Sun*Fest Meeting*

There will be a brief meeting (approximately 1/2 hour) of the Sun*Fest Team at our November event around 1 p.m. All are invited. Our primary objectives will be to identify what needs to receive our earliest attention and to choose a time and place to work on them. If you wish to attend but cannot, please contact Pat Penn (326-2339) or John Maier (602-586-7300). Otherwise, see you there!



Notice to Meet Directors and Other Newsletter Contributors: The newsletter deadline is being moved back a few days in an effort to get the newsletters out a little earlier. When the meet has fallen early in the month, the newsletters were sometimes arriving less than a week before the meet, which leaves little time for planning. The meet directors will still have at least one week after the meet to turn in the results. If this is not sufficient, please give me a call.

Tucson Orienteering Club Calendar

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| Nov. 20 | Meet: Cat Mountain, Tucson Mtns.
See details, page 1. | March 4 | Arizona ROGAINE, Parker Canyon Lake (Note recent change of date; no other club meet in March 1995.)
Course Designer: Mark Parsons
Info: Wilkey Richardson, 529-1105
(Many volunteers needed to help staff this event.) |
| Nov. 20 | Sun*Fest Team meeting, 1 p.m. est. | | |
| Nov. 21 | Board Meeting, 7 p.m., see details in Board Report. | | |
| Nov. 28 | December newsletter deadline: mail to 9055 Calle Bogota, 85715, or FAX to 290-8071, <u>but</u> call 296-2108 before sending, to make sure it's on. | Apr. 16 | Meet: Greasewood (City) Park
Courses: <u>??</u>
Director: <u>??</u> |
| Dec. 18 | Meet: Catalina State Park
Courses: Jeff Brucker
Meet Director: <u>??</u>
(This site is a wonderfully easy one for a novice or first-time meet director to manage. Please call Al Byrd, 792-0267, if you can help!) | May 21 | Cave Creek, Santa Rita Mtns. |
| Dec. 19 | Board Meeting | June 18 | Carr Canyon, Huachuca Mtns. |
| Dec. 27 | January newsletter deadline. | July 16 | Bear Wallow, Catalina Mtns. |
| Jan. 15 | Meet: Brown Mountain
Course Setter: Wilkey Richardson
Meet Director: Roger Sperline | Aug. 19-20 | Palisades Ridge, Catalina Mtns.
Probably with group campsite at Showers Point. |
| Feb. 19 | Meet: Rosemont North
Course Setter: Roy Parker | Sep. 16-17 | 1995 Arizona State Championships Meet (organized by TOC)
Rosemont Junction-South, Santa Rita Mtns. |
| | | Oct. 15 | Slavin Gulch, Dragoon Mtns. |
| | | Nov. 19 | Cat Mountain, Tucson Mtns. |
| | | Dec. 17 | Catalina State Park |

Phoenix Orienteering Club Schedule

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| Nov. 6 | First Water, in the Superstitions.
Registration at 8:30 a.m. | 15 | Pleasant (Site 1) |
| Dec. 3 | Hike O/Pot Luck O | Feb. 5 | Lake Pleasant Meet, Site 2
Info: Judy Donaldson, 837 W. Fairmount Avenue, Phoenix 85013-3334; phone 602-956-7522. |
| Jan. 7-8 | Mapping Clinic at Coon Bluff | | |
| Jan. 14- | Course Design Clinic at Lake | | |

October 19 Business Meeting Report

Eight members met at Pat Penn's on October 19th.

- 1995 OFFICERS STILL NEEDED! We still need nominations for Vice President, Publicity/Education, and Map Chair. The duties for each office were described in the October newsletter. Al Byrd (792-0267) is collecting the nominations. Volunteers are what keep our club going, and we'd love to hear from YOU!
- ORIENTEERING SAFETY—EACH PARTICIPANT WILL NOW BE EXPECTED TO CARRY A WHISTLE. (In the past they have been required for red and green courses only.) Also, waiver forms will ask for vehicle ID. This information can help the meet director figure out if someone is still out on a course. We hope it is never necessary to search for anyone, but on

those rare occasions when we miss checking orienteers off the course, it's helpful to know if their vehicle is still around. If it is, we will search for them. If it isn't, we probably missed checking them off the course.

- Southern Arizona Hiking Club can no longer list our meets in their bulletin. To enjoy the discount at our meets, you'll have to belong to TOC!
- We will be using some new software for the ROGAINE to keep track of registration and results, and a laptop computer is needed for use at the meet. If you can help us out with this, call Marilyn Cleavinger (795-2081) with the details.
- Please note that the newsletter deadline will be about one week earlier than in the past. This will help our trusty editor mail it to us sooner.
- Next meeting will be on 11/21/94, 7 p.m. (potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.), at Wilkey Richardson's home, 5755 E. River Road #201 (phone 529-1105).

What's the Low-Down on the Redington Pass Map?

(Answers to Rumblings Gleaned from the Grapevine)

—by John Maier

Some people have been asking questions concerning progress on the Redington Pass Map—the one we'll use for Sun*Fest in February 1996. This is appropriate; we should be in-the-know on the status of this map and the projected plans for completion. I've also heard that some people are interested in perhaps doing some of the field checking for this map. Let's examine these in turn.

Wasn't this map supposed to have been completed by now? Yes, by initial projections, it may be considered overdue. However, there are reasons—some valid, some not so valid—as to why progress has been languishing.

Let me just hit the core underlying reason: The best first use of a high quality five-color map done to USOF standards is for a Class A orienteering meet. The best time to use a new map is ASAP after it is finished. Later on, it will begin to show its age (new trails and obsolete trails in the terrain will not appear on the map as such until the next revision).

To put on an A meet, the event must go through the sanctioning process. The lead time for sanctioning is less than producing a map from scratch, but greater than the time required to produce one once the base map is in hand. Follow? We've had the base map for two years now, but it was only in August of this year that we submitted our sanctioning request. Until we made that commitment there didn't seem to be much point in completing the map, unless we were going to use it for something other than its best first use or were willing to let it gather dust (and begin to show its age) prior to its first use. That then is precisely the *real* reason why there has been foot-dragging by the field checker in this very important project. But now that we have made the commitment to go ahead with the A-Meet, it's full steam ahead.

So what's been done and what remains? Very little has been done to date, perhaps only two weeks. Total field checking time is anticipated to require about eight weeks. We're not talking eight weeks of weekend work while we're not on our other job; we're talking eight solid weeks. Maybe some of you could go out there and field check day-in, day-out and be done in eight weeks. Not this kid. I'd go bonkers.

More realistically, you can expect the field checking to be completed by March-April 1995. Then we need to get the field checker's work drafted and finally print the map. No decision has yet been made as to who will do the drafting and printing. But as for the timetable, we should try to complete drafting by June and printing by July.

As for field-checking help on this map, unless you have a lot of previous experience, you would need to first get some training, and by the time that was complete and you had some experience behind you and were ready, we'd be on our next project. The club commissioned me to do the field checking and that is my intention. If it wishes to make changes, I am open to renegotiating the agreement.

On field checking in general—for any map—you will get the most consistent quality by having one sole field checker. Field checking is an art, much of it is subjective analysis, so quality of effort and interpretation will vary from one checker to another. If more than one is employed for a map, it is important to verify that their subjective evaluations of the terrain are closely aligned. Unless they have consistent and similar styles, the map will suffer.

I do not want to discourage anyone from field checking and am willing to help out at mapping clinics, such as the one we had last June at Lake Mary. We need more field checkers. I'm willing to lead mapping projects on some of our existing maps which are in need of revision. Many are still in their infancy as far as field checking goes. Four of these that could use a lot of work are Bear Wallow, Whetstones, Slavin Gulch, and Cave Creek.

I'd be most willing to discuss any other details concerning the Redington Pass map or other maps which need a lot of work. You can catch me at the next event, or the next club business meeting, or at home: 602-586-7300.

"Will You Be Meet Director?"

—Mary English

Eventually, that question is bound to come up.

Directing a TOC meet is a lot of work, certainly, but it's mostly easy work. Here's a list of all (Honest!) the major tasks.

BEFORE THE MEET

1. Get the meet director's guide and a phone list from the vice president.
2. Get the site permit also from the vice president.
3. Coordinate with the course setter.
4. Send a meet announcement to the newsletter.
5. Get the meet equipment from the equipment chair.
6. Recruit and schedule helpers for the meet day.

THE DAY OF THE MEET

(The asterisks mark the steps you can expect to get lots of help with.)

1. Transport equipment and supplies to the meet site.
2. Set up the various work areas at the site, and keep them staffed as long as necessary.*
3. Handle complaints, problems, emergencies.
4. Pick up controls.*
5. Clean up site.*

AFTER THE MEET

1. Verify competition results.
2. Report results, with a meet summary, to the newsletter.
3. Return equipment to the equipment chair.

That's it. Each step is described in detail in the club's guidebook for meet directors.

A good meet director is usually a well-organized, relatively patient person, and one who doesn't mind working on/thinking about a whole bunch of different things all at one time.

The keys to success are careful planning, and recruiting good helpers and making sure they know what to do. The best training is to help at other meets a few times.

Think it over. Then call a meet director or the TOC vice president to say when you'd like to help.

If every club member did one major job at one meet a year, there would be just about enough jobs to go around.

TOC OFFICERS		
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Vice President	Al Byrd	792-0267
Secretary (Acting)	Marilyn Cleavinger	795-2081
Treasurer (Acting)	Pat Penn	326-2339
Membership	Marilyn Cleavinger	795-2081
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TOC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Check one: New Member Renewal Date on mailing label _____

Check one: Individual (\$8) Household (\$11)

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Can you help staff a club meet? Yes, call me.

Members receive a monthly newsletter, have voting privileges, and receive a \$2 discount per meet. Make checks payable to: Tucson Orienteering Club, and send to P. O. Box 13012, Tucson, AZ 85732.