



# Tucson Orienteering Club

February 1994

## **SPECIAL SURPRISE FEBRUARY MEET!**

By Peg Davis and John Maier

Here's an orienteering riddle for you:

**Q.** What do you get when you have no meet director and no course setter?

**A.** You get NO MEET.

That's right, our February meet will not happen. All that's happening are map hikes at 10 a.m. for Basic and Intermediate people in Greasewood Park on Sunday, February 20, followed by a "Mystery-O."

This is good news for those people who don't run advanced courses and want to improve their orienteering skills. If you've taken a beginners' clinic during the last couple of months, a map walk is the natural next step, because it offers the chance to try out your own ideas, dare to make mistakes, and clear up concepts that are still fuzzy for you.

You can walk a route of some permanent controls while Kathy Creath or I talk about the skills and decision-making strategies we would use to get there. Learning in the field can be a very effective, quick, and painless way to become a better orienteer. For more information, call Peg Davis at 628-8985.

Those of you who don't want to go on a map walk may well be thinking, "What a rip-off! I want to run a course." I concur entirely. I'd rather be running a course than leading a map walk. However, if you are not one of the eight people who seem to be involved in working on every meet, you may want to think about a new approach to orienteering—a different way of improving your orienteering skills. First time meet directors who have done a perfectly fine job lately include Rich Dekany, Cliff Hathaway, Michael Pagels, Wilkey Richardson, and Elizabeth Weintraub. You could join this illustrious circle. Advice and training will be cheerfully provided. Admittedly, course-setting requires some special expertise besides hard work, but new course setters are given ample guidance from weathered veterans.

My greatest hope is that this paragraph will inspire you to call Scott Hill (really such a nice guy, so easy to talk to, so glad to hear from you) at 296-4178 and say, "What month do you

need a meet director/course setter for?" Then I'll call you and say, "Do you want me to teach beginner's clinics?" It's a great tradition. I hope I'll be calling you soon.

And now let's hear from John! How about a Mystery-O following the map walk? You will be presented with a mystery to solve similar in fashion to a Score-O, you may visit control sites in any order and there will be a time limit (60 minutes). However, instead of receiving points for your efforts, you will receive clues. These clues will lead you to the solution of the mystery. The briefing for this event will coincide with the termination of the map walk (you can do both!). If you are coming only for the Mystery-O, time your arrival for 11 a.m. The briefing will be followed by a mass start. Late comers will incur a penalty of lost time as their time limit will expire at the same instant as all other mass starters. Be sure to bring a watch, your thinking cap, and paper and pencil to write down clues (unless you have a gifted memory). It is also advisable that you carry a protractor-type compass (with degree gradations) in order to limit the guesswork in locating certain clues. Although there will be no formal registration for this event, it is suggested that you demonstrate your appreciation by leaving a donation for the club. The club's favorite type of donation to receive is time volunteered (i.e., name and phone number).

**Cost:** No equipment or supplies will be provided, except maps. Participants will be asked to contribute some small amount to cover copying costs.

**Directions to Site:** Go west on Speedway to intersection with Greasewood Road. The park entrance is on the west side of Greasewood, just a tad south of Speedway. The map walks will leave from the ramada near the parking lot.

## MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

**ATTENTION NEWCOMERS!** Newcomers to T.O.C. meets will be sent a copy of the newsletter for the following month or two. To get on the regular mailing list, you must become a member. There is an application on the back of each issue, or you can join at the next meet when you register.

**LOST & FOUND:** Personal belongings left behind at a meet are collected with club equipment and brought to later meets. If you're missing something, check the Lost/Found basket near Registration (or between meets, call the Equipment Chairman).

**RIBBONS:** Winners' ribbons are usually mailed with the next month's newsletter to first, second, and third place men, women, and team competitive finishers on every course. If you earned a ribbon but didn't receive one, ask about it at Registration at the next meet, or call the Newsletter Editor. (If you don't wish to receive a ribbon every time you win one, be sure to advise the Newsletter Editor.)

## NEW FACES IN THE NEW YEAR

Lincoln Park Meet Results  
by Elizabeth Weintraub, Meet Director

Brilliant skies and warm weather greeted a bumper crop of orienteering novices at the T.O.C.'s January 16th meet at Lincoln Park. Peg Davis' ever-popular Beginners' Clinic was large enough to be a mappable feature! Eventually we were able to get this crowd of eager folks out onto the courses and the fun began! Many of the groups put in fast times on this compact site and went out with increased confidence (and recreational status) on a second course. Lots of ribbons went unclaimed on the Basic course as only 3 of 16 entries registered in the "Competitive" category.

Seven individuals and three teams tackled the challenge of the Memory-O. We applaud their intrepid nature and thank them for preventing a mid-meet dash to copy more maps! Wilkey Richardson's course of controls criss-crossing the park was a little dizzying to look at on the map, but succeeded in making a 4K course fit on a small site. The course was well received except for a sometimes recalcitrant control #13. The occasional encounter with auto carcasses and 'junque' of various kinds prompted stories of the Halloween Night-O held several years back at Lincoln Park, complete with the occasional skeleton hung at controls!

In all, 101 people registered: 23 as individuals, 78 on teams. Many families with children, elementary schools, and scout troops were represented. The largest team, Manzanita, felt finish times should be divided by the number of team members. At 8 strong, that would make them tough to beat! Honorable mention for the youngest orienteer attempting a course goes to 3-year-old Connor Cobbledick of the Anteaters. It won't be too long before his dad, Dan Cobbledick, will have to watch his heels!

Next month a lack of a meet director or course-setter has prompted the T.O.C. to do a map-walk for February. This is a great teaching exercise, especially as a next step beyond the beginner clinic. I'd like to add here that my experience as a meet director was a very positive one. I encourage anyone who has enjoyed the meets provided by the efforts of many club members to try it out! All you need is a big car (read that Truck), a sense of humor, and some willing hands for helping out. A partner helps; sign up with a friend!

Thanks to Marley Beard and Mary English for their stints at the registration table and setting up, Peg Davis for the terrific beginner clinic, Mary Jane Santamaria for T-shirt sales; Mark Parsons, John Maier, Roy Parker, and the Foxtails for control retrieval, and special thanks to my husband Paul, for his unflappable marathon at the timing table. Admirably done in spite of my efforts to "help." You all have my sincere gratitude.

AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

## JANUARY 16 LINCOLN PARK MEET RESULTS

<b>MEMORY-O</b>					
1M	Dan Cobble Dick	25:44	7T	Swansons	89:33
2M	John Maier	37:22	2W	Kathy Creath	91:14
3M	Keith McLeod	45:49	8T	Jim & Marion	106:40
4M	Mark Parsons	50:04	9T	Sloanes	109:08
5M	Roger Sperline	57:43		Skunks, Bunnies, Molly	
1T	Foxtails	79:13		Parsons, Lois Kimminau	DNF
2T	Wilkinson-Gazelas	84:10			
1W	Sue Roberts	93:54		<b>BASIC 1.3K (7 Controls)</b>	
3T	Huckebyrd	127:05	1W	Cathy Gaskins	22:12
	Peg Davis	DNF	2W	Kathy Lynch	33:55
			1T	H & G	34:46
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>					
1M	Craig Kulesa	33:00	<b>RECREATIONAL ENTRIES</b>		
2M	Michael Lebl	38:18	<u>Basic:</u> Rusty Crawford,		
1T	Killer Guinea Pigs	38:29	Kurn/Haslett, Wilsons, Carlson-Rowe, B.		
3M	Richard Dekanu	48:05	Turton, Karen & Amy, Petty, Davis, John		
2T	Catalina Javelinas	50:46	Sova, D.W. Eagles, Troop 583, D & S		
3T	Shinobi	52:02	Larson, the Anteaters		
4M	P. Friedland	63:48	<u>Intermediate:</u> Cathy Gaskins,		
1W	Pat Penn	67:16	Wilsons, Out of Control, Manzanita,		
5M	George Lebl	68:00	Carlson-Rowe, Rogers/ Zimmerman, B.		
4T	Paxtons	69:18	Turton, Kathy Lynch, D.W. Eagles		
6M	Douglas Biskie	70:57			
5T	The Waltons	72:26			
7M	Kelly Cook	76:38			
6T	Hornets	85:43			

## EQUIPMENT SEARCH

We're trying to make the Club's equipment easier for meet directors to transport to meets and more convenient to handle at the site. So we're looking around for a couple of backpacks—used, but in fairly decent condition; free or very reasonably priced; internal or external frame.

For course setters, we need a pack that can accommodate 40 to 50 control flags plus some one-gallon jugs of water. We need another pack for timing table stuff (minimal) plus map boards and signs (rather bulky).

The packs would replace the cardboard boxes we've been using, and they would be more manageable and fairly weatherproof.

Wilkey Richardson has given the club a really fine external-frame pack (one he was no longer using very much) and it now carries all the registration materials just perfectly. (Thanks again, Wilkey.)

If you have or know of such a pack that you'd be willing to donate/sell to T.O.C., please call the Equipment Chairman.

## **JANUARY 9 BUSINESS MEETING REPORT**

Welcomed Kathy Creath as 1994 T.O.C. president. (Hurray!)

Continued the hunt for vice president; and Mark Parsons agreed to take over from Scott Hill sometime during the next few weeks. (Hurray!)

For lack of meet director and course setter for February, decided to offer map walks at Greasewood Park, after Peg Davis and Kathy Creath volunteered to lead them.

Worked out some arrangements for the ROGAINE, including a team to direct the event: Laurie Fellows, Molly Parsons, Keith McLeod.

Revised 1994 meet schedule once again.

Voted to retire Helvetia site, due mainly to complicated land ownership pattern there.

Next Business Meeting: Sunday, February 20, at Kathy Creath's, 4043 E. Quiet Moon Drive (577-8203). Potluck supper at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7. Discussions to continue: ROGAINE arrangements--final details; future meets/sites, with course setters and meet directors to match; and development of new maps and sites. (Directions to meeting place: From Sunrise Drive, between Pontatoc and Campbell, go north on Via Palomita; give your name to the guard and get specific directions.)

## **TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB CALENDAR**

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| February 20 | Map Walks, Greasewood Park. Leaders: Peg Davis, Kathy Creath                           |
|             | Business Meeting, 7 p.m., 4043 E. Quiet Moon Drive                                     |
| February 24 | Arizona ROGAINE entry postmark deadline  |
| March 4     | March newsletter deadline  |
| March 5     | Arizona ROGAINE, Bear Valley, Atascosa Mountains (see registration form in this issue) |

March 20 Meet: Ft. Huachuca, we hope. If not, probably Cave Creek.  
 Courses: Mark Parsons; Meet Director: ??  
 March 27 Business Meeting, details TBA  
 April 17 Meet: Redington Pass  
 Courses: Roy Parker; Meet Director: ??  
 May 15 Meet: Bear Wallow  
 Courses: ??; Meet Director: ??  
 June 18 Meet: Slavin Gulch, Night-O (Saturday)  
 Courses: ??; Meet Director: ??  
 July 16-17 Meet: Palisades, with group campsite reserved  
 Courses: ?; Meet Director: ??  
 August 13-14 Arizona State Championship Meet: Lower Lake Mary, near Flagstaff  
 (Organized jointly by PHXO and TOC)  
 September 18 Meet: Rosemont  
 Courses: ??; Meet Director: ??

<b>TOC OFFICERS</b>		
President	Kathy Creath	577-8203
Vice President	Mark Parsons	432-2507 (Bisbee)
Secretary/Treasurer	Laurie Fellows	790-3652
Membership	Sue Roberts	577-8519
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Maps	Roger Sperline	577-8519
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**What is Orienteering?** You use a map and compass to find your way through unfamiliar terrain. We place orange and white markers (controls) at various places on the map. The object is to visit each control, usually in a prescribed order, in the shortest possible time and return to the finish. You choose the route between controls. Beware: the best route may not be the direct route. Each control has a punch with a distinct pattern of holes. You punch a card to verify that you visited the control location.

**What Equipment do I need?** Very little. A compass is necessary. The best aren't necessarily the fanciest; ask for advice at a meet. You can rent one from the club for \$1. We supply a map. Participants on Intermediate and Advanced Courses are required to carry a whistle for emergency signalling. If you don't have one, we'll sell you one for \$1. Wear running shoes or lightweight hiking boots and old clothes that you don't mind meeting cactus in (long pants and long-sleeved shirts are recommended.) Wear a watch, since there is a time deadline. You may want to carry a water bottle, especially on a hot day. Although water is available on the course, it never hurts to have some of your own.

**How do I get more information?** Call our Publicity Chairman, Peg Davis (phone number in officer's box). If you have a question about the upcoming meet, call the meet director.

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## Irregular Orienteering Verbs

by Bill Teahan

I orienteer. You relocate. He/she gets lost.

I race. You go for a run. He/she barely makes it around.

I win most of the time. You win some of the time. He/she hasn't got a show.

I'm the best. You're the rest. He/she is a crock.

I look ahead. You look behind. He/she looks stuffed.



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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Check One:  Individual \$8.00)  
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