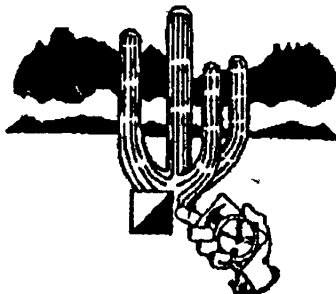

TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB



FEBRUARY 1995

Cool Down at Hot Spot in the Santa Ritas!

February 19, 1995

—Alexandre (Sasha) Savine

New map for Rosemont Junction Event! At last fall season premiere, everyone had a good chance to enjoy this gully-and-spur terrain. A lot of shadow was provided THEN for hot fall weather, and a lot of warm sunny openings will be provided NOW for cold winter. Some areas have quite heavy vegetation, and not only in gullies, but on some saddles also. So, I strongly recommend to leave shorts and T-shirts at home. It will not be TOO hot—there is some snow in shady places. Pleasant camp site is available for ones who like chilly camping at 4,800 feet.

Complete set of courses will be supplied by Roy Parker. Hope everyone will find course for himself—basic, intermediate, short advanced, and long advanced for O-maniacs. Terrain there looks tough—as well as course setter.

As usual, volunteers are welcome for all working positions, including registration, start/finish table, and control pick-up. Call Sasha at 299-4540.

Directions to Site: I-10 east to exit 281 (highway 83), head south towards Sonoita about 10 miles (mile marker 47). After roadside table, turn right to FR231 (sign "Rosemont Junction 3 miles"). Follow O signs to the site—it will take 2.6 miles of dirt road. It looks fine for any type of car (Porsche included) in dry weather, but be careful—this road crosses a wash many times. In case of flooding, an alternative site will be used. Check the first O sign (near Highway 83/FR231 junction), and watch your step!

Cost: \$5 US for individuals, \$7 for teams, \$2 off for TSN 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 and beginners' clinic starts.
 9:30 a.m. Courses open.
 12:00 noon Last time to start a course.
 2:00 p.m. Courses close. Control retrieval gets underway (volunteers needed). Head back to start/finish area if you are still on a course—you have a chance to waste time searching for removed controls!

The President's Corner

—John Maier

WHITE, YELLOW, ORANGE, GREEN,
 RED.....

You may have noticed that results are sometimes reported by color and other times by level of challenge (i.e., basic, intermediate, advanced). This has been at the meet director's discretion. At our January board meeting, we decided to standardize the reporting of results *by color*. If meet directors wish to indicate level of difficulty, please do so in parentheses along with the color of the course, e.g., "Green (short advanced)." In addition to simplifying matters as our course offerings become more numerous, it puts us in step with the USOF system of denoting courses.

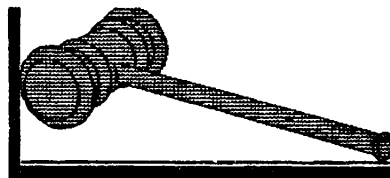
In reporting, it is helpful to include the length, climb, and number of controls on the course. This information is available at the "WHICH COURSE?" board. Some meet directors have been furnishing this information, others have overlooked it.

New course offering? Your club recommends that course setters now include the YELLOW course if it doesn't create too much of a burden upon them. We do not want to lose our valuable course setters, so if this inclusion is the straw that breaks the camel's back, please just do the other courses. It's a *recommendation*, not a *requirement*. Having this addition will enable our new and developing orienteers to make a smoother transition from White (Basic) to Orange (Intermediate).

At the January event, a feedback sheet was put out. The respondees were mostly experienced orienteers, but many of them voiced strong support for the Green course, which does the same thing for intermediates that Yellow will do for our beginning and developing orienteers. The majority of respondents voiced concern about the additional workload for course setters. We concur. That's why setting the Yellow course is a recommendation, not a requirement.

I would suggest another possibility but it is dependent upon number of volunteers. That would be to have two course setters per event, one to do the lower level courses, one to do the higher level courses. This would reduce the workload on each, as well as providing a more nurturing climate for new course setters to get involved. If you'll recall, Roy Parker had two course setters for his event at Redington Pass last April, allowing for the setting of an extra course that was very well received.

Let's take a closer look at Yellow and how it differs from White and Orange. Whereas White should follow easy handrails' the entire way, Yellow may use less obvious handrails and may depart from them briefly. Both use obvious control features; whereas White's will be visible from the



handrail, Yellow's may not be, but must have a good catching feature' very close by. Neither should require the use of a compass, and both should be set in user-friendly terrain. Navigation should be easy and there should be no long legs.

Orange takes the orienteer away from the handrails, provides more route choice, requires compass use, and may use smaller terrain features as controls. But when smaller features are used, 'obvious attack points' must be nearby. Controls should have catching features nearby so the orienteer is not too harshly penalized for his errors. Save the harsh penalties for the advanced courses, Green and Red. These then are some of the highlights that distinguish White from Yellow from Orange.

The club highly recommends that *all* course setters, novice and experienced alike, read the USOF course setting guidelines prior to setting courses. These guidelines will give more thorough information than the points highlighted here, enabling you to set better (more appropriate) courses and have them better received. You may obtain a copy of these guidelines from VP Mike Huckaby (881-0559). As a rough guide to course lengths, USOF standards are:

	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Winner's Time</u>
White	< 3 km.	30 minutes
Yellow	3.5-4.5 km.	40 minutes
Orange	4-5 km.	50 minutes

The winner's time is much more important than the distance. Sometimes terrain dictates shorter lengths. Times assume the average spectrum of attendance.

¹Handrail: a linear feature going in the same direction you are traveling (e.g., trail, wash, ridge).

²Catching feature: a linear feature running perpendicular to or across the direction you are traveling.

³Attack point: an easily identifiable terrain feature close to the control from which you can zero in on the control.

The Joy of Course Setting

—Mark Parsons

I have spent two three-day weekends setting 29 control locations on the 22-square-mile map we are creating for the one-time use of the 1995 Arizona ROGAINE. One more weekend and the 36 points will be set. It is a very challenging and meditative process to consider all the different routes the orienteers can take in their quests to score all of the controls in the Score-O type event. Everything must be equally difficult.

We already have preregistrants from Seattle and Rochester. In the previous four Arizona ROGAINES, no Tucson team has won the men's division. I have had telephone inquiries from several people who have heard of ROGAINEing but not orienteering.

My first orienteering event was a score-O and, for a couple of subsequent club events, I thought it was legal to skip points I did not visit and score them in any order.

The only person to DNF in recent memory was the man in the Cascade Mountains, clubbed by the Sasquatch. Wiley the dog and I have had at least a dozen encounters with the javelinas and she-

is finally afraid of the big ones. We walked within 15 feet of three very large turkeys at dawn yesterday.

Three quarters of the map is oak/juniper forest. The remaining is prairie. There are four major stream drainages. Water is everywhere and the tanks are mostly full. Map making and course setting, like ROGAINEing, are higher activities. If a field is provided, they will come and play.

ROGAINEing has an element of freedom, coupled with the aspect of survival, that makes it an exciting activity. It can snow at 5900 feet in March and the unprepared quite possibly will perish. It snowed on me twice out there and it was fun. Maybe being prepared is a higher sport. I have coffee and doughnuts arranged for the far side of the map, in addition to rescue contingencies. Even people with gear can get lost and unhappy when it rains. Mostly the weather has been warm and sunny while I have been setting the points and this is January.

Find your partner and register soon. Get an event flier at the February meet or call Wilkey at 529-1105 or me at 432-2507. The group feed is going to be an all-you-can-eat taco bar. Please enjoy.

Greasewood Park Hash-O Results

January 15, 1995

—Dan Cobblepick

The world premiere (as far as I know) Hash-Orienteering event was held in Tucson last month. It was a perfect Greasewood day—lotsa folks, nice weather, and silly courses. Competitors on three courses ran from one color-coded mini-map to the next, visiting (or not) hint controls that might (or might not) help them decide which of the two-to-five controls on their current map might be the location of their next map! Though many of the regulars stayed home (purists, no doubt!) to watch the Steelers and Cowboys get stomped, we had lots of the usual Greasewood newcomers, and them what came had fun!

Meet director Rachel Gelbin, convinced my newsletter preview of the event would confuse new- and oldcomers alike, prepared a more elaborate set of instructions in hopes that nobody, but nobody, would have his day spoiled by a lack of understanding. It seems to have worked with only two exceptions, one notable. The Fly Boys started the day with green maps in hand but finished by punching a white one! John Maier, apparently stung by my suggestion that good fortune and cunning on the part of his competitors might possibly compensate for a lack of speed on their part, went all out on the Green course to prove me wrong. He made it back in a stunning 26 minutes, but wound up proving my point by finishing with an Orange map! (Quote of the day: "I kept wondering when the course was going to turn to White!") Remember orienteering rule 4b: Run fast, but save some oxygen for your brain!

From an organizational standpoint, the biggest goof was my choice to handwrite the clue cards that graced each control. It was universally agreed that I had not assimilated the difference between "H" and "N" during my schooling. What I thought was a clue that the next map was "Not by the fence" was taken by 100% of the population to say it was "Hot by the fence." Personally, I don't think that was all that compelling an inducement to visit said fence, but there you go. The good news was that it affected everybody equally and that there was a shortage of weapons handy.

Other highlights included Marilyn Cleavinger's new nickname and seeing Wilkey Richardson run by (when have *any* of us seen Wilkey running?) on his second course of the day saying, "You should have told us how easy it was to cheat!" (Or was it, "You shouldn't have...?") Many chose to forgo the hint controls, some after reading, "What are you doing up here? The controls are all down by the wash!" early in the day. Most of the hints would have been useful if they had been readable. Many tried to guess with me on map placement, but few succeeded. Keith McLeod returned saying, "I went to every single one of those #%&*!! bags!," but he had a fast time anyway (and finished on the same course he started on).

This was a fun meet to put on, but it could only be done at Greasewood—I used 18 bags and 27 of the permanent markers, and I put hints and/or maps at all of them. Fortunately, Rachel organized a great crew to run the meet itself. Start/finish helpers included Tim Ward, Clark Lohr, Marilyn Clueless (néé Cleavinger), Ann Haber, Mike Huckaby, and all the Lebls that showed up. Control retrievers included Garrett Kwakkestein and William Stevens from the Phoenix O-Club, Keith McLeod, Mike Collins, John Maier, and my son Connor. Thanks to all!

Green Course

2.7-4.9 Km, 6-27 controls

	Time
1M Tim Derrick	37:04
2M Roger Sperline	47:00
1W Marilyn "Clueless" Cleavinger	57:46
3M Michael Lebl	62:25
4M Alexandre Savine	62:27
5M Keith McLeod	66:23
1T St. Paulies	75:10
2T Can't Think of One	79:08
6M Garrett Kwakkestein	86:10
7M William Stevens	86:30
3T Huckabyrd	93:22
2W Sue Roberts	116:53
4T Los Cranes	184:58
T Fly Boys	DSQ
M John Maier	DSQ

REC: Wilkey Richardson, Katerina & Co., Rachel Gelbin

Orange Course

2.3-4.0 Km, 6-25 controls

1M Tim Ward	43:20
2M Wilkey Richardson	51:50

1T The Stalkers	57:06
1W Ann Haber	58:03
2T Katerina & Co.	60:44
3M Bud Farmer	75:19
2W Pat Penn	76:36
3T Freak Show	78:18
4T Mark's Harem	102:18
4M Bob Kelley	108:25
M Clark Lohr	DNF

REC: Lost in the Desert, Survivors I, Jamie Moore, Survivors II, David Mackstaller, The Fullers.

White Course

1T Survivors I	48:01
2T Lost in the Desert	54:01
3T Are We There Yet?	85:49
4T The Fullers.....	87:23
1M David Mackstaller	91:28

REC: Survivors II, Sun Dog, Big Dog, Geraldene Larrington

All recreational entries listed in order of their departure. Note that there was only one DNF on the day, and we had sent him out on the wrong course anyway!

Meet Director's Note

—Rachel Gelbin

Mary English, with suggestions from other club members, has organized a meet directors' kit from heaven. I used to meet direct from three huge boxes—everything got dumped out for the meet, and then everything got dumped back in. Now, with the new neatly labeled compartments, I didn't have to go searching for things or take everything out to find just one. They have done an amazing, ingenious job which makes meet directing a cinch. Potential meet directors can be reassured that the job is not the headache it once was—give it a try! With "Mary's M.D. Kit" from Ronco, it's a snap! (No ginsu knives included.)

January Business/Planning Meeting

Eight members met January 17, 1995, at the home of Marilyn Cleavinger; John Maier, president, presiding.

- About 12 people from Phoenix, Tucson, and San Diego attended the Phoenix O-Club Mapping Clinic at Coon Bluff in January.
- In the National news, James Baker of USOF wants to use local events for national rankings. We will use the State Champs in September, which will count as a national event.
- Al Byrd reported that the Brown Mountain April site was currently unusable because of parking lot paving and heavy Easter Sunday usage. We have switched it with Slavin Gulch in October.
- Pat Penn may be able to borrow a GPS (Global Positioning System) Instrument which measures latitude, longitude, and altitude. We would like to see if it could be used to aid our mapping efforts.
- Discussed setting up an express check-in to expedite registration and allow registrars to spend more time with new people.
- Discussed new course offerings, color ratings and descriptions, and course setter guidelines.
- Discussed methods to get more people involved as volunteers.
- NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m. (potluck 6:30), at Peg Davis/Helen Deluga residence, 2241 Parkway Terrace. Phone Helen or Peg at 628-8985 for directions.

Can You Spare a Lantern?

Mark Parsons is looking to borrow four Coleman lanterns to use at the ROGAINE in March. (The map distribution and briefing for the 12-hour event starts at 4:15 a.m.)

If you can lend him a lantern, please call Mark soon (Bisbee, 432-2507).



Tucson Orienteering Club Calendar

FEBRUARY 1995						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Meet	20	21 Board Meeting	22	23	24	25
26	27 Deadline for March newsletter	28	March 1 register for ROGAINE			

- Feb. 19 Meet: Rosemont Junction-North, Santa Rita Mountains
See details in this issue.
- Feb. 21 Business/Planning Meeting, 7 p.m.
All members welcome. See January meeting report in this issue.
- Feb. 27 March newsletter deadline: mail to 9055 Calle Bogota, 85715, or FAX to 290-8071, but call 296-2108 before sending, to make sure it is turned on.
- Mar. 1 Arizona ROGAINE preregistration (postmark) deadline to avoid late fees.
- Mar. 18 **Fifth Annual Arizona ROGAINE, Parker Canyon Lake, Huachuca Mountains**
Course Designer/Meet Director:
Mark Parsons (Bisbee, 432-2507)
Info: Wilkey Richardson (529-1105)
Friday, March 17: Camping opens; registration opens.

- Saturday, March 18: Competition in 12-hour, 8-hour, and 4-hour events.
Sunday, March 19: Control retrieval—volunteers needed.
- Mar. 27 April newsletter deadline.
- Apr. 16 Meet: Slavin Gulch, Dragoon Mountains
Note change of site.
Courses: ??
Director: ??
- May 21 Cave Creek, Santa Rita Mtns.
Courses: ??
Director: ??
- June 18 Carr Canyon, Huachuca Mtns.
Courses: Mark Parsons
Director: ??
- July 16 Bear Wallow, Catalina Mtns.
Courses: ??
Director: ??
- Aug. 19-20 Palisades Ridge, Catalina Mtns.
Group campsite reserved at adjacent Showers Point.

Sep. 16- 1995 Arizona State Championships
 17 Meet (organized by TSN)
 Rosemont Junction-South
 Santa Rita Mtns.

Oct. 15 Meet: tentatively Brown Mountain,
 new site in Tucson Mountains
 Courses:- ??
 Director: ??

Nov. 19 Cat Mountain, Tucson Mtns.
 Courses: ??
 Director: ??

Dec. 17 Catalina State Park
 Courses: ??
 Director: ??

Feb. 17- Arizona Sun*Fest (A Meet)
 18, 1996 Redington Pass
 Director: John Maier (Benson, 586-7300)

If you would be willing to direct a club meet or help staff one for an hour or so, please call Mike Huckaby, vice president, 861-0559.

Report on January Map Clinic (From Phoenix Orienteering Club Newsletter)

John Maier put on a great map clinic last month. Some of the subjects covered included:

- choosing a meet site
- field checking the base map
- mapping symbols (field checking)
- how to create a base map
- mapping symbols (final map)
- different pace counting methods

Working from a colored map of the area reproduced at 1:10,000 scale, and several sheets of mylar, students field-checked and corrected the nearby parking area, as well as a number of rock features found throughout the area.

On the following week, we met at Lake Pleasant and worked on course design techniques. This turnout was not as good, but (the material) was just as educational. Fred Padgett explained the various rules that apply to different orienteering courses. For example, a white course (basic) must be set around handrails so the novice hiker has no real chance of getting lost.

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Phoenix Orienteering Club Schedule

Feb. 5 Lake Pleasant Meet, Site 2
Mar. 5 Picket Post Meet
Apr. 9 Cave Creek Park

Info: Judy Donaldson, 837 W. Fairmount
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602-956-7522.

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

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