

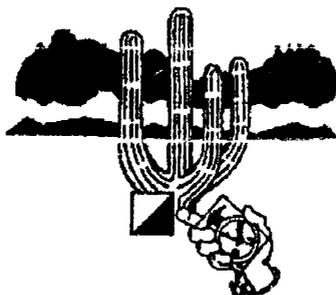
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# TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB

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**MARCH 1996**

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## *Go Green on March 17*

—John Maier

That's right, green will be the color of choice as our St. Patrick's Day festivities take us to Fort Huachuca. Fort personnel will likely outclass us on this special occasion, as green is one of their favorite colors. This event may seem somewhat anticlimactic after the super success of last month's Sun\*Fest, which drew people from beyond the borders of our continent and set an all-time attendance record for TSN.

For March, we will return to our typical laid-back style of doing things. However, be assured that quality will reign. Course setter John Maier, with Mike Huckaby assisting, has decided to forgo the suggestion that we offer only the green course. You will have the option of choosing White, Yellow, Orange, Green, or Red. This corresponds to a challenge level from rank beginner to old pro. Also remember that if you finish your course early, you may go out a second time at no additional charge.

The terrain at this site features rolling savanna grasslands which are partitioned by a road and trail network. Vegetation is about the nicest of any site we use. The map is done in easy-to-read five colors. In addition to coyote and deer, I have sighted pronghorn antelope here. Raptors are also prevalent.

We are hoping for a large component of military personnel to join us this month, the event being in their backyard as it is. As usual, our event cannot happen by itself. It requires your help in pitching in where needed. Please contact meet director ?? at ?? to volunteer. [Editor's Note: That's right. As of February 28, no one had yet offered to direct this meet. Please call Mike Huckaby, 324-0209, if you can come to the rescue.]

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**Important Notice:** To gain access to this site, drivers need to show valid (current) driver's license, registration, insurance, and vehicle license. If any of your papers have expired, be sure to renew in time.

**Directions:** From Tucson, travel about 45 miles east on I-10 to Highway 90 (Exit 302). Follow Highway 90 south about 27 miles. On the northern edge of Sierra Vista (M.P. 317), Highway 90 turns east at a traffic light. **DO NOT TURN HERE.** Instead continue straight 1 ½ miles to the next traffic light, where you will turn right to enter the base. This is the main entrance to the base through which visitors must pass. Personnel at the visitor center will issue your vehicle pass and instruct you how to reach the meet site. (There are other things to see and do at the base, so if you are interested, be sure to ask at the visitor center.) The meet site is about a 20-minute drive beyond the gate. Please drive cautiously.

**Fees:** \$5/individual, \$7/team; \$2 discount for TSN, PHX, USOF, or SAHC members. Compasses rent for \$1. Safety whistles sell for \$1. *Every person, all courses, all meets* is required to carry some type of safety whistle.

**Schedule:**

- 9:00 a.m. Registration opens.
- 9:30 a.m. Courses open. Beginners' clinic starts.
- 12:00 noon Last time to start a course.
- 2:00 p.m. Courses close. Participants aim to check in by this time.
- 2:00 p.m. Control retrieval—good orienteering practice, lots of help always needed. Volunteer before 2 p.m. with the meet director.

To insure that all are safe, *everyone, whether finished with the course or not*, must check in formally at Start/Finish before leaving the meet site.

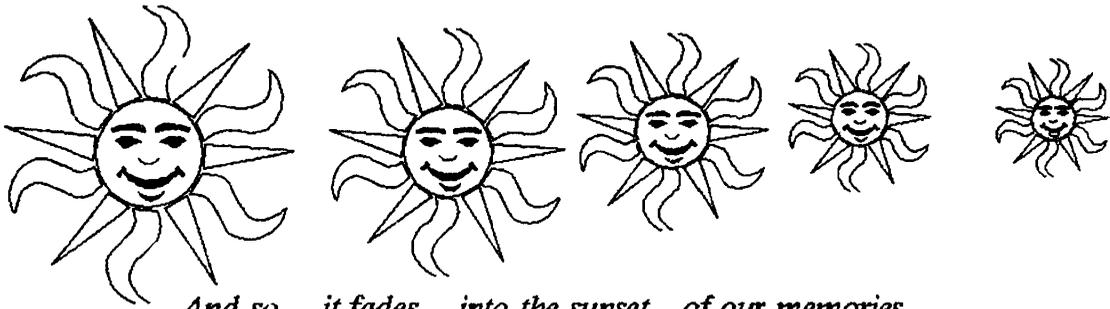
**Newcomers:** Check in at the Registration Table and tell them you are entering for the first time. They will give you additional information. To allow time to register before attending the beginners' clinic, you should arrive between 9 and 9:15 a.m.

**Route-Choice Reviews:** Between noon and 2 p.m., the course setter or an advanced orienteer will discuss route choices with returning participants, probably near Registration or Results area.

**Lost/Found:** Personal belongings left at a meet are collected with club equipment and brought to later meets. Check near registration, if you are missing something from a prior meet. Lots of very good water bottles and some compasses have turned up in the Lost and Found bucket after recent club meets. If they aren't claimed, they'll eventually be given away. To ask about some particular item between meets, call Mary English, equipment chair, 881-4786.



***Bring A Friend!***



*And so.....it fades.....into the sunset.....of our memories...*

### ***Sun★Fest: Views and Thank-Yous***

#### **From Keith McLeod, Meet Director**

It's over. Those that participated are still walking around in the glow of a wonderful, successful meet. No glitches, no problems. We did it. Henry Higgins, we did it! Our competitive guests were awed. Sun★Fest put Tucson on the map as a premium orienteering area. Our experience with a decade of local meets and five years of accomplished ROGAINE meets were the foundation for our triumphant A meet.

The leadership of our chairs, their helpers, and enthusiastic supporters amazed our visitors. They asked if something had to be done to share in the ease and fun the Tucson club was having.

The next time you see the following give them your thanks: **John Andrews**, emergency services; **Marley Beard**, finish; **Marilyn Cleavinger**, registration; **Michael Collins**, results; **Mary English**, meet supplies; **Rachel Gelbin**, meet headquarters, T-shirts, and Saturday night meal; **Mike Huckaby**, signs and meet documents; **Lois Kimminau**, financial; **John Maier**, map and field setting and slides; **Mark Parsons** and **John Little**, courses; **Pat Penn**, awards; **Jane Porter**, nurse; **Sue Roberts**, start; **Roger Sperline**, map production; and **Jim Stamm**, advertising and media. Also a special thanks to **Scott and Shirley Donald** of Rossland, British Columbia, our meet consultants.

We also had six major donors: **Tucson Map and Flag**, for all your map needs; **Rodger Ford** and **David Mackstaller** of Anthem Equity Group, for business office space needs; **Will Aronow** of Credit Reports/Arizona, for employee background checks and screening, and credit report information; and two old friends, **Summit Hut** and **Bob's Bargain Barn**, for orienteering and outdoor supplies. When you use our donor services, tell them thanks for their support.

#### **From John Maier, Map and Field Supervisor**

I want to recognize and thank the following people who took charge of various areas for me: field checking, **Plamen Djambazov**; training map cartography, **Roger Sperline**; String-O, **Michal Lebl**, **Martin Lebl**; course design and vetting, **John Little**, **Mark Parsons**, **Scott Donald**, **Shirley Donald**; event permit: **Mike Huckaby**; pre-runners, **J-J Cote**, **Dave Kreider**, **Steve Shannonhouse**, **Robin Shannonhouse**, **Shirley Donald**, **Scott Donald**, **Jeff Brucker**, **Molly Parsons**; control retrieval, **John Little**, **Jesse LaPlante**, **Paul Wendee**, **David Irving**, **Karen Dennis**, **\*Dick Simpson**, **\*Mike Huckaby**.

\*These last two names deserve a footnote. Not being satisfied that the event was over, they chose to spend an additional eight hours in the field with me on Monday (Feb. 19) retrieving controls. Dick hails from Washington, D.C., and is a member of the Quantico O Club. Mike you'll recognize as our energetic TSN VP. Thanks, guys; it'd have been a long day without your help.

I apologize if I've overlooked anyone. If your name is missing, please let me know. Thanks to EVERYONE for making my job that much easier. Thanks for coming through for TSN. Yup, we done good.

#### From Marilyn Cleavinger, Registrar

I want to express my appreciation to Maureen Jamieson, Jim DeVeney, Dave Kreider, and Maria Call for their help with registration.

#### From Marley Beard, Finish

Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you, each and every one!! Finish crew did a wonderful job—each and every one of you is responsible for a successful Finish arena. I appreciate all of your efforts and the tremendous teamwork. Everything went so well; it could not have happened without all of you. Finish Crew: Kevin Raubenolt, Kacy Hollenback, Nick Emerson, John Koss, Jonas Meyer, Christine Hawkins, Amanda, Gigi Larrington, Jesse LaPlante, Chris Kraft, Jesse LaPlante, Ed Leach, Ann Alexander, Mike Huckaby, Ann Haber, Rick Hudson, Sarah Richardson, Paul Weintraub, Elizabeth Weintraub. (P.S. There were many compliments about the Finish from our worldwide net of runners.)

#### Results

Just a quick mention of our local participants who placed first, second, or third in this meet. Robin Staples, second in F-21-B, Green; Peg Davis, first in F40-A, Green; Pat Penn, first in F45-A Green; Mike Huckaby, second in M35-B, Green; Michal Lebl, first in M45-B, Green; and Polly Kimmminau, second in F Open, Yellow. Thanks to everyone who entered, competitive or map walk. You're *all* winners.

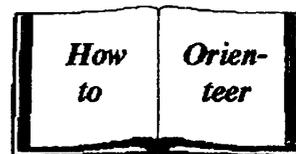
If you would like a complete list of the results, please call (795-2081) or FAX (795-3227) Marilyn Cleavinger, Registrar. There will be a small charge for copying and mailing.

### *Check it Out*

The club's new lending library is now part of the equipment that meet directors bring to regular club meets. There are about a dozen titles, most of which have been provided by John Maier. He has given some of the books to the club outright, and he is lending several others for our use.

The collection has handbooks for experienced competitors as well as for novices, technical guides for mappers and course setters, and teaching manuals with ideas for variations on the point-to-point, cross-country format.

Circulation is limited to current members of the TSN O Club. (Are your dues paid up?) The loan period is one month. Look for the library in a 9x12" file box at the Registration table.



TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB MARCH 1996						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 SUN*FEST STAFF MEETING	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 BUSINESS/ PLANNING MEETING	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 FORT HUACHUCA MEET	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER	26	27	28	29	30
31	1 (Apr.) OFFICERS START NEW TERM					

TSN Club meets are held regularly on the third Sunday of the month, year-round. NOTE: Meet sites are subject to change. The schedule is updated every month in this newsletter.

**Mar. 1 Sun\*Fest Staff Meeting, 6 p.m. at Keith McLeod's office (northeast corner of Kolb and Sunrise). Wrap-up and review.**

**Mar. 8 Business/Planning Meeting, 7-9 p.m. All TSN Club members invited and eligible to vote. See President's Corner, page 7**

**Mar. 17 Fort Huachuca Meet** Courses: John Maier (Benson, 586-7300) and Mike Huckaby (324-0209)  
Directors: ??  
See page 1 for details.

**Mar. 25 April newsletter deadline**  
Mail: 9055 Calle Bogota, 85715  
FAX: evcs 290-8071; days 327-4504

- Apr. 1** TSN O Club Officers Start  
the April 1996-March 1997 term.
- Apr. 21** Slavin Gulch, Dragoon Mountains  
**Meet** Courses: Jeff Brucker (886-2528),  
assisted by Robin Staples  
Director: Ann Haber (293-0262)
- Apr. 29** May newsletter deadline
- May 19** Cave Creek, Santa Rita Mountains  
**Meet** Courses: ??  
Directors: ??
- June 16** Carr Canyon, Huachuca  
**Meet** Mountains  
Courses: ??  
Directors: ??
- July 20-21** Sixth Annual Arizona ROGAINE  
**Meet** Mogollon Rim, near Flagstaff:  
6-hour, 12-hour, and 24-hour  
events. Entry categories (teams  
only): Men, Women, and Mixed,  
plus newly created "Young Punks  
and Old Fogies" for under 25/over  
55 years of age.  
Course Designer: John Maier  
(Benson, 586-7300)  
Directors: ??
- Aug. 18** Palisades Ridge, Santa Catalina  
**Meet** Mountains, with Showers Point  
group campsite reserved for  
August 17-18.  
Courses: Jim Stamm (575-0830)  
Directors: ??
- Sept. 15** Rosemont Junction, Santa Rita  
**Meet** Mountains  
Courses: ??  
Director: Ann Haber (293-0262)
- October** 1996 Arizona State Championships  
**Meet** organized by Phoenix O Club.  
Two days at site near Prescott.
- Nov. 16** (tentative) Course-setting Clinic  
Chimney Rock, new color map,  
Redington Pass. Call John Maier,  
if interested.
- Nov. 17** Chimney Rock, Redington Pass  
**Meet** Courses: John Maier (Benson  
586-7300)  
Directors: ??
- March** North American ROGAINE  
**1-2** Championships, Empire Ranch,  
organized by TSN O Club.

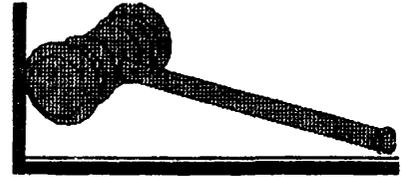
Experienced course setters are usually happy (with advance notice of about a month) to work with apprentices who want to learn to set courses. If there is enough interest, separate training for course setting can be organized.

Directing a meet consists essentially of setting up and supervising the Registration and Timing areas, with help from other volunteers. Teams of two are encouraged.

If you're interested, call Mike Huckaby, vice president, 324-0209.

## *President's Corner*

—John Maier



### ► Sun\*Fest Scores Big

Sun\*Fest is now history. Initially we had our doubters. This is normal in any growth process, or whenever something bold or new is tried. There will be resistance to change. But the courageous among us rolled up our sleeves and set to work. There can be no more doubt. Not only did we succeed at pulling it off, we succeeded beyond our fondest hopes! Feedback from visitors, who came from far and wide, was all positive. There were no flaws; it was a marvelous event. The map got good reviews, the terrain got good reviews (we were told that shindaggers were overrated), and our Sun\*Fest team, those of you who rolled up your sleeves for TSN, it's of you I feel the proudest. It couldn't have happened without your commitment and dedication; you're our courageous pioneers who let TSN shine before the nation. The credit for this success belongs to you.

I'd also like to thank all participants who came and made our big event *really* big. You're part of our success story as well, make no mistake.

The rest of you will have to be content with the coverage we got on Channel 4 or wait till next time around. If you missed out on this happening, it's just too bad. The question is now circulating as to when we'll do it again and will we do the U.S. Champs. For now, we'll take our well deserved rest, but yes, we'll be back. Give us some time, then we'll be back. We've turned a page in our history.

### ► Looking Back

This month will bring an end to my term as club prez. I think we've made good progress.

- ✓ Volunteerism is up but we need to keep working on it. We've increased our activities through the addition of special events, and you can expect more in the year ahead.
- ✓ We're working on improving maps and creating new ones. Our Chimney Rock map sets a new standard for us. My reason for stepping down is to give more time to this important area.
- ✓ You're seeing more course offerings at events and can expect more of the same. The Yellow course was offered in December and February and will also be available this month. This fills a critical void in the transition level for new and developing orienteers.
- ✓ We don't yet have regular training sessions (not enough volunteerism yet), but there will be a couple mapping sessions in the year ahead. If petitioned by 5-10 orienteers, I will make the time to hold some training sessions next fall.
- ✓ Many people have helped make this last year a successful one for the club. The board as a whole has been very strong. I'd like to single out a few people who gave way more than most. These people have played a vital role in the success we have enjoyed this past year.
- ✓ **Lois Kimminau**, as newsletter editor, has brought our lifeblood publication to new heights. Without it, we'd be lost and floundering as a club. It's a big job that must get done every single month, on a deadline, or we fall on our faces. We are fortunate that Lois will be continuing as

editor and newsletter artist. Lois has also made time to serve in an essential role on the Sun\*Fest team.

√ Marilyn Cleavinger has gone well beyond her duties as membership chair. She has made the club a top priority and has put considerable time into important areas where she saw the need. She undertook the demanding role of registrar for Sun\*Fest, and she has continued to fulfill her roles on both the TSN board and the Sun\*Fest team. I am sorry to learn that she will be stepping down from her office. Thank you, Marilyn, for your valuable contributions.

√ The last board member that I'm going to single out is POSITION OPEN, our map chair. Numerous maps have been enhanced under his tutelage. His greatest achievement cannot be measured accurately because the time and effort he put into it went well off the end of the scale. Anyone who participated in Sun\*Fest cannot deny that we have our finest map ever in his Chimney Rock creation. POSITION OPEN is more familiarly known as Roger Sperline at our board meetings, where he is a valuable asset. Additionally, he is a key player on the Sun\*Fest team. POSITION OPEN intends to step down at the end of this term if a replacement can be found.

√ Everyone on the Sun\*Fest team worked their hearts out. I could single out each and every one of them and we'd have a book. But I'm going to limit myself to two of them and keep my comments short.

√ The first is Rachel Gelbin. She believed in our mission from the start and announced her support by assuming responsibility for multiple positions on the Sun\*Fest team. Her leadership brought you Camp Adventure, the Sun\*Fest T-shirt gem, the delicious catered dinner, and more. She didn't need to hear the rhetoric, she knew we had the talent, so she rolled up her sleeves and went at it. Thank you, Rachel, for your courageous commitment early on.

√ The second person I'd like to recognize is our Sun\*Fest meet director. Keith McLeod took over when we needed to focus on direction and getting things done. Keith stepped in, took charge, found crew chiefs for all the essential tasks, and, with their capable help, orchestrated something we can be proud of for the rest of our days. Thank you, Keith, for molding our success story.

#### ▷ Looking Ahead

Our March business meeting will be an important one. We'll be looking at issues which are crucial to club health and growth. We'll focus on publicity and quality control at events. We'll look at those extra events that we want to have in the year ahead. We'll take a look at our mapping priorities. We'll talk about the 1996 Arizona ROGAINE. Hope to see you there.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, March 8, 7 to 9 p.m., at Wilkey Richardson's, 5755 East River Road #201, phone 529-1105. (Enter apartment complex just east of Craycroft Road, north side of River; look soon on left/west for #201 and nearby parking. Buzz at gate to be let in.)

## *Orienteering and Real Life*

—John Little

A couple of years ago, my orienteering experience paid off in a way I'd like to share. A group of us set out to climb Mt. Conness (12,590 ft.) in the Sierra Nevada, a great second-class climb I'd done several times before. Since the climb involved some scary spots, several of our party chose to wait at a scenic spot for the rest of us to return. While waiting, they saw someone (a solo climber) fall down a steep snow chute near our route. They went to help him and found him bleeding from several head wounds, dazed and incoherent.

The rest of us arrived on the scene a bit later, at 4 p.m., and we decided I should go for the helicopter, since I knew the route down and could get down fastest and best describe the terrain. Meanwhile, three of our party helped the injured climber off the steep snow to some large boulders to await rescue. I set off down the hill at speed, jogged to the trailhead, and called for help. An hour later, the helicopter arrived; paramedics and my friends moved the victim, by now almost unconscious and fading, to a spot the chopper could reach and loaded him in. It took off at 7:30 p.m.

Since the site was at 12,000 ft., near the altitude limit of the chopper, my friends couldn't get a ride, but had to hike out in darkness that became nearly complete by the time they reached the trailhead. Clearly, the victim was very lucky to survive, and our party was lucky to make it out unscathed.

I'm firmly convinced that my orienteering experience played a major role in this successful outcome; at the least, I made it out in an hour, perhaps half an hour earlier than I could otherwise have made it. Whether this saved the victim's life I can't say; it certainly saved my friends a cold night out in terrain that was far too difficult and dangerous to consider hiking in the dark.

I think my experience helped, first, in several ways that are common to all sports: ability to stay focused and to concentrate on several different things at the same time; determination to keep going; and the ability to pace myself, knowing the demands of the task at hand. Then there are the skills developed from mountaineering, such as knowing what terrain is safe and what is not, and the importance of staying cool and tough in a tight spot. And finally there are the skills still more specific to orienteering: the ability to make quick and correct route choices on a scale both small and large; ability to visualize the terrain and to remember terrain features (useful at least for local O meets and class A meets on small maps); ability to move quickly across complex and mixed terrain, even to the point of running five steps where possible, when otherwise I had to pick my way carefully.

I'm grateful to the Tucson Orienteering Club, and to the orienteering community at large, for the chance to develop these abilities. I'm glad to be able to apply them to something larger than striving for third place in the Western States Championships in MSOA or whatever. I wonder whether my experience suggests opportunities to spread orienteering by training mountaineers and search/rescue workers.

**Afterword, 1995**

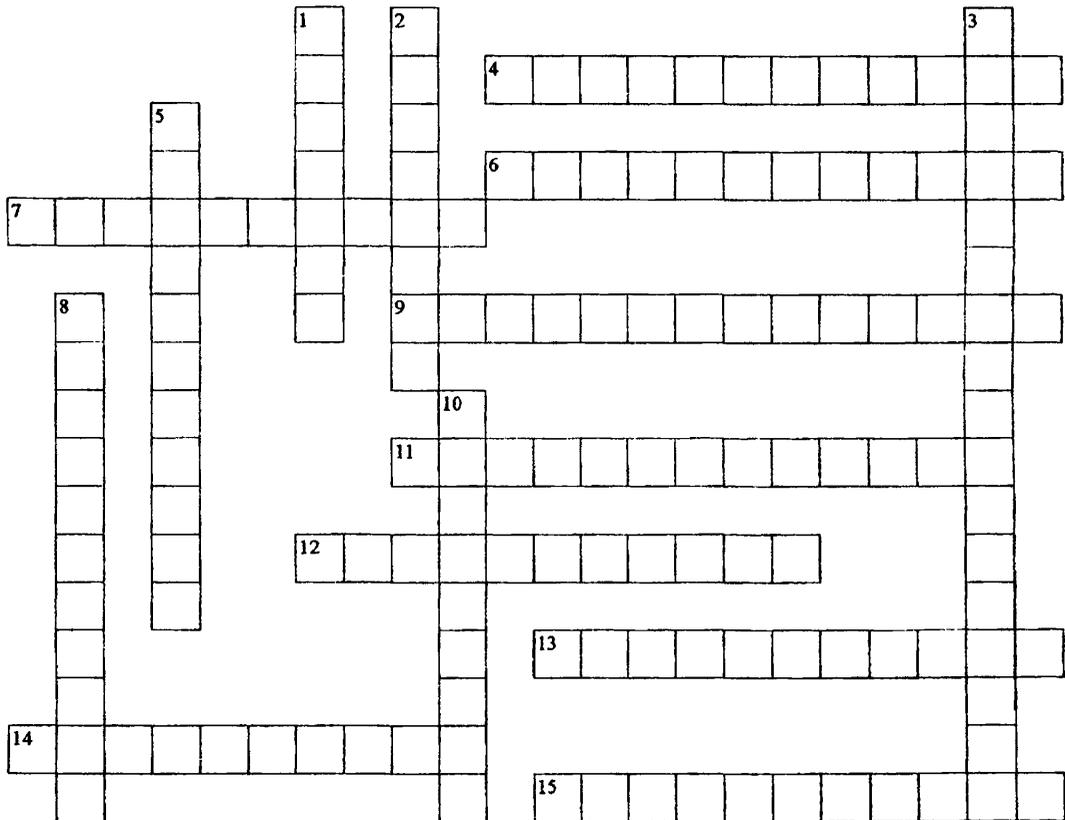
I wrote the above soon after the accident and rescue. Since then, we learned that the climber we rescued had suffered cracked vertebrae in his neck and back in the accident; he later lost an eye; and he had to retire from work because his memory is shot (the legacy of blows to his head). Clearly, he was lucky to make it at all.

In the intervening two years, my ideas about the utility of knowing O skills in such a setting have also changed a bit. This change began the following summer, when we climbed Clouds' Rest, a popular peak near Yosemite Valley. Soon after we got to the top, a woman arrived, set down her pack, whipped out a cellular phone, and began calling all her kids back in civilization, crowing "You'll never guess where I am!" It's unfortunately the shape of things to come in the wilderness. For sure, if we had had a cellular phone on Mt. Conness, we could have saved the hour it took me to get out to call the chopper. My guess is that the Park Service, and similar agencies, will soon begin requiring mountaineers to carry cellular phones—although it may take nice judgment to distinguish desperate cases such as ours from those of people who have blisters or are just tired or bored. Along with new opportunities, change brings new problems.

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*And Who Did YOU Meet at the Sun★Fest?*



**NOTE:** No space has been skipped between first and second names.

**ACROSS**

- 4. Took the money, and ran, too.
- 6. Ms. Hospitality is also an artist.
- 7. When she whistles, you run.
- 9. Just let me run it through the computer.
- 11. OCAD Oracle
- 12. Who ya gonna call, 911?
- 13. And on the First Day, he said, "Let there be an O Course."

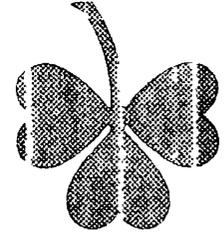
14. Small in name only, of Course.

15. Finis. The end. You're through.

**DOWN**

- 1. Takes the prize—but also shares some.
- 2. He's got Channel 4 in his pocket.
- 3. She's got your number.
- 5. You need it, she'll get it for you (wholesale?).
- 8. Organization is his middle name.
- 10. It was his idea.

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a fine day for  
Orienteering.



March 17

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## TSN 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.

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