

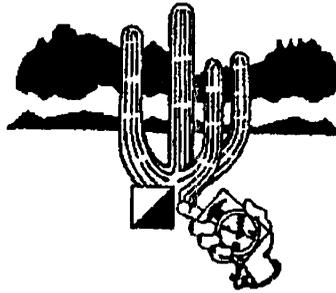
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# TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB

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**MAY 1996**

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## *Cave Creek in May*

**--Wilkey Richardson**

Sunday, May 19, we will be having our meet at Cave Creek in the Santa Rita Mountains. This site is around 5000 feet, so even if the weather continues hot, the temperatures at the site should still be fairly pleasant. I will be setting the White, Orange, and Red courses, with John Maier setting the Yellow and Green courses. The Problem Control will make a return appearance (but not as a Problem!!!).

As always, help is needed to run the event. If you can help, please call meet directors Jim DeVeny and Maureen Jamieson at 323-0936. Camping is available at the site, but no facilities. **Directions:** From Tucson, take I-10 to Exit 281 (SR 83). Drive south approximately 18 miles on 83, to the signed junction with Gardner Canyon Road (FS 92). Turn west (right) here; follow FS 92 and the "Orienteering" signs to the meet site. **NOTE:** The Cave Creek crossing may cause problems for cars with low clearance.

**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.

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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.

## Day-O at Slavin

—Ann Haber

Picture perfect conditions prevailed April 21 for the participants at Slavin Gulch. Because of its lower elevation, this can sometimes be a hot spot. Not so this time. The day was sunny and cool.. So cool, in fact, that while the runners were entirely comfortable out on the courses, my helpers were freezing to death in the shade, which I had meticulously sought out in case it was too hot!

We had our choice of five expertly set courses provided by Jeff Brucker and Robin Staples. Thanks to both of you for the time and effort it took to set these up.

Thanks also to the other folks who helped the meet run smoothly: **Roy Parker** for vetting the courses; **Peg Davis** and **Roger Sperline** for Mega Beginners' Clinics; **Brian, Carol, and Greg Starr**, **Keith McLeod**, and **Pat Penn** for registration; **Clark Lohr**, **John Maler**, and **Helen Deluga** for finish/results; **Keith McLeod**, **John Maler**, **Mike Huckaby**, **Pat Penn**, and **Ron Gardner** for control retrieval.

A special thanks to the Baby Bovine Rescue Committee (you know who you are!). Just so that you know, "Junior" was last seen safely and comfortably tucked into a corral on a nearby ranch. All's well that ends well!

### White

1T The Away Team	81:24
Denise Byrnes, Young/Chabot, Aim High, O-O's, Jokers	Rec.

### Yellow

1T O'May	62:07
1W Chris Kraft	64:32
Young/Chabot, Laura Denton, Laurel Zigler, Clark Lohr, Rockettes, Bev & Fran	Rec.

### Orange

1M Stephan Schulz	55:27
2M Dave Graser	56:00
3M John Jamieson	70:20
1T Beauty and ...	79:26
2T Catalina Javelinas	93:27
4M Jason Luurs	96:15
5M Rudy Drahovzal*	111:42
1W Maureen Jamieson*	145:10
3T Holy Ghost Milk Wafers	155:28
Ann Haber	DNF

\*These entrants deserve a handicap. The master map which they used was incorrectly drawn, which affected their times. We apologize to them for this error.

<b>Green</b>		4T Polo	199:10
1M Mike Huckaby	75:14	Randy Bennett	DSQ
1W Pat Penn	81:22	Unimaginative	DNF
2M Keith McLeod	84:23	Pete & Judy	Rec.
2W Peg Davis	88:23	<b>Red</b>	
3M Michal Lebl	88:32	1M John Maier	63:55
1T Explorers	130:19	2M Max Suter	70:15
2T Dra-Goons	137:14	3M Mark Parsons	74:56
3T Moeller/Longcore	154:12	4M Roger Sperline	76:00
		5M Jim DeVeny	199:58

## *President's Corner*

—Wilkey Richardson

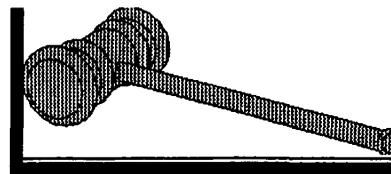
Well, now that I am officially the President, it's time to discuss my plans for this year. There are two things I wish to concentrate on.

First, I think that our big priority this year should be in low elevation site development. We have lost Bajada Loop, Sabino Canyon, Saguaro East, and Helvetia over the last few years, and the Brown Mountain site can't be used due to lack of parking. Potential site areas have been identified northwest of town, and it looks like we will be able to get at least one, and maybe up to three, sites out of this.

The second priority item is the 1997 North American ROGAINE Championships. While this will be much easier to put on than the A meet, diligence will be required to make sure things aren't allowed to slide until the last minute.

I think we can finally drive the stake into the heart of our A meet. In this issue, sordid matters of finance are discussed. It seems that the advice given by the San Diego Orienteering Club and the Bay Area Orienteering Club was correct: The A meet was not a financial success. We lost about \$750. At this rate, we can entertain the notion of an A meet at a new site very infrequently; but if we used Chimney Rock again, we could do so quite easily, since there would be no mapmaking expenses (over \$4000!). The USOF fees were also a big expense (\$805), since they are calculated at \$1.50 per entry per day *plus* \$3 per entry per day for anyone who is not a member of the U.S. Orienteering Federation or another international orienteering federation. See the financial report on page 5 for details.

Other than that, my attitude is "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." The one thing that does need fixing is our current shortage of officers. We need a Membership Chair, a Vice President, and, now, a Publicity Chair. Mike Huckaby has resigned as Publicity Chair due to a move out of town. I would like to thank Mike for all the hard work he put in as V.P. and for the A meet last year. We'll miss him. If you would like to volunteer for one of the offices, call me, or one of the current officers. Our numbers are listed elsewhere in this bulletin.



## Slavin Gulch Night-O

—Mark Parsons

The April 20 cookout was fun, and the Night-O spectacularly successful. We were able to see the comet setting, off to the west, shortly after all dark had arrived at about 8.

Three point-to-point courses were hung, each with seven controls. Sixteen people participated with five-minute start intervals, and only one person missed one control at the meet. Pat Penn had the fastest time over all others (all men) on the intermediate course, and John Maier was *beaten* by all on the advanced! No injuries were reported. Results are non-gender designated.

Basic Course, 7 controls, 1400M, 20M  
 Rec. Cochise team 38:00

Intermediate, 2600M, 50M  
 1st Pat Penn 39:10  
 2nd Lost in Space 42:40  
 3rd Pete's 50:55  
 Keith McLeod 55:54

Mike Huckaby 78:45  
 DNF Rudy Drahovzal (missed one) 73:23

Advanced, 3600M, 80M  
 1st Jeff Brucker 54:40  
 2nd Roger Sperline 64:20  
 3rd Mike & George Lebl 71:48  
 John Maier 74:35

## Sun★Fest Financial Report

—Lois Kimminau, Finance Chair

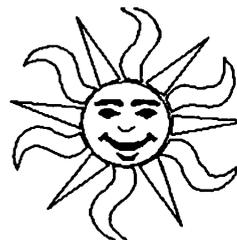
At long last, I am able to give you the report on the Sun★Fest meet finances. Many expenditures are needed to wind up the affairs of such a large meet (such as returning borrowed equipment, sending T-shirts or copies of the results list to competitors) and other expenses can't be paid until the bills are received. As far as I know, all bills have now been received and have been paid.

As the following statement shows, the maps were by far the largest expense involved. The updated Redington map had been planned long before the Sun★Fest meet became a possibility, and some of the expenses included for the map will be allocated to the Club map fund. With this reallocation, we will come very close to a balanced budget.

Some areas did actually make a little money: we took in \$322 more for the dinner than it cost; T-shirt sales brought in \$419 more than the expense; and of course the \$590 from our wonderful sponsors was pure profit.

Although babysitting had been planned in the budget, there was no requirement for any babysitters, and therefore no income or expense.

The map loan was a no-interest loan from USOF and has been repaid, so the loan and the repayment expense were a wash.



**Sun\*Fest Orienteering Meet, February 19-20, 1996**  
**Statement of Income and Expenses**

**INCOME:**

Map Loan	\$ 2,700.00
Entry Fees	4,888.00
Advertising/Sponsor	590.00
Dinner Receipts	1,859.00
T-Shirt Sales	1,580.00
Camping Fees	1,100.00
Training Map	<u>280.00</u>

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$12,897.00**

**EXPENSES:**

Preparation/Pre-Meet Costs	\$ 726.50
Maps/Course Setters	4,486.88
Dinner	1,536.83
T-Shirts	1,160.63
Camp Adventure	1,080.36
Meet Supplies	622.65
Emergency Services	527.10
Permits & Fees	804.50
Repay Map Loan	<u>2,700.00</u>

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **13,645.45**

**NET INCOME/LOSS** **\$ (748.45)**

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**LOST  
AND  
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).

## ***Searching for Altitude, Searching for Water, Searching for Cool***

—John Maler

Without a doubt, finding good summer sites for orienteering is our club's greatest mapping challenge. Although we have numerous island peaks that break 9000 feet in southeast Arizona, there are few feasible sites from which to choose. The traditional obstacle is steepness; at high altitude, that's exactly what you do not want.

We've depleted all the feasible sites that Forest Service will let us use in the Catalinas. There are exactly two: Bear Wallow and Palisades. Both maps could use a lot of improvement. The only other high elevation site we use is Carr Canyon in the Huachucas, but it's quite a bit further from Tucson.

Nothing else at high elevation will be closer. Neither the Rincons nor the Santa Ritas offer any sites. The Rincons have no access; the Santa Ritas have nothing but steep terrain. The next closest high elevation ranges are the Grahams and the Chiricahuas. Both offer limited possibilities. After that, it's the Mogollon Rim or Flagstaff area, both of which offer numerous delightful possibilities if you don't mind the distance. Using any distant site should dictate that it be used for a two-day event.

If we don't go high, we could go wet. We could seek out lake sites for canoe-O or related water events. But on almost any lake in southeast Arizona, you would be fighting hordes of users when it's hot.

There are other options for us as a club. Two that we've done in the past are the early-O and the night-O, avoiding the worst of the heat by the timing of the event. Another option would be for the club to just go dormant over the summer months.

Which of all these options do you prefer? At our May and June events, please take part in the "Summer Sites Poll" and tell us what you think.



### ***Is Your Tetanus Shot Up To Date?***

Just a reminder—if it's been 10 years since you had one, it is recommended that you see your doctor to get a booster. Barbed wire, rusty nails, jagged sticks, *lots* of cactus and catclaw are just lurking out there to give you a nasty puncture or scratch. Better safe than sorry.

TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB MAY 1996						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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.

**May 10 Business/Planning Meeting, 7-9 p.m.**, at home of Helen Deluga. All TSN Club members invited and eligible to vote.

**May 19 Cave Creek, Santa Rita Mountains Meet** Courses: Wilkey Richardson (529-1105) and John Maier (Benson, 586,7300)  
Directors: Maureen Jamieson and Jim DeVeny (323-0936)

**May 27 June Newsletter Deadline**  
Mail: 9055 Calle Bogota, 85715  
Phone: 296-2108, FAX: 290-8071

**June 16 Carr Canyon, Huachuca Mtns. Meet** Courses: ??  
Directors: ??

**June 24 July Newsletter Deadline**

**July 20-21 Sixth Annual Arizona ROGAINE**  
Mogollon Rim, near Flagstaff:  
Meet 6-, 12-, 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.  
Course Designer: John Maier (Benson, 586-7300)  
Directors: ??

**Aug. 18** Palisades Ridge, Santa Catalina  
**Meet** Mountains, with Showers Point  
 group campsite reserved 1 p.m.  
 Saturday to noon Sunday.  
 Courses: Jim Stamm (575-0830)  
 Directors: ??

**Sept. 15** Rosemont Junction, Santa Rita  
**Meet** Mountains  
 Courses: ??  
 Director: Ann Haber (293-0262)

**Oct.19-** 1996 Arizona State Championships  
**20** organized by Phoenix O Club.  
**Meet** Sites being considered near Florence  
 or near Superior.

**Nov. 17** Chimney Rock, Redington Pass  
**Meet** Courses: John Maier (Benson  
 586-7300)

Directors: ??

**Dec. 15** Cat Mountain, Tucson Mountains  
**Meet** Courses: ??  
 Directors: ??

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**Jan. 19** Catalina State Park

**Meet** Courses: ??

Directors: ??

**March** North American ROGAINE

**1-2** Championships, Empire Ranch,  
**Meet** organized by TSN O Club.

Course Designers: Wilkey

Richardson and Roger Sperline

Director: Wilkey Richardson

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.

## *Course Setting Clinic to Be Offered This Fall*

—John Maier

Are you interested in becoming a course setter? If so, we want you. The clinic we'll be offering this fall will teach you what you need to know to do the job and do it well.

Do you qualify? There are certain requirements which you must meet before being allowed to take this class. First of all, you must be a decent orienteer. You must be able to find a place on the map by yourself. We will not teach you that. Secondly, you must have orienteered repeatedly and successfully at the intermediate (orange) or advanced (green or red) level. Although intermediate level orienteers do not qualify to set advanced level courses, they certainly can qualify for setting courses up to the intermediate level, including night-O's and score-O's. Thirdly, you must have the time to devote to learning and executing this important skill. If you do not have adequate time, your course setting will be compromised and quality will suffer. It's a fact that nearly every one of our problem events can be traced back to lack of sufficient time to accomplish the task or rushing to get everything ready on time.

There is a price of admission to this clinic. It is not a dollar sum. Rather, you must (1) attend all classes and field sessions, (2) set the November event at Chimney Rock along with your fellow students, and (3) course set or assist a course setter at an event during the following six months.

There are strong reasons for these requirements. Learning to course set is similar to learning a language. All parts must be learned to perform correctly, and your performance level will be proportional to how quickly and how frequently you use your newly acquired skill. Don't use it, you'll lose it.

We are making a commitment of time and energy because we want and need more good course setters. It is only fair to ask the same in return. If you just want an academic understanding of course setting, go to the Club library. (The same is true for "O" skills. It's all there in many good books in our library.) But if you want to become a successful course setter, you need to get out there, to be willing to get your hands dirty, and to hike some miles. To that end, we are more than willing to see you through the ropes, to follow up with you after the clinic has ended, to help you reach success and not have both our efforts wasted.

Dates for the clinic are not firm as yet. The weekend field session will be either October 26-27 or November 2-3 at Redington Pass (Chimney Rock map), to be preceded by one or two evening classes during the week before. If you have a preference for weekend dates or evening class day(s), let me know before June 17, when I will submit them for the July newsletter.

I will be the instructor for this clinic; others are welcome to assist. You may reach me at (520) 586-7300, or P. O. Box 1418, Benson 85602, or at the May or June events.



#### Reasons to Learn Mapping

You will be a better orienteer. You'll learn all of the map symbols really well. You will become one of the revered members of your club. If you meet people walking in the woods while you're field-checking, and they ask what you're doing, you can say, offhandedly, "Oh, I'm making a map," and show them your field notes. (Guaranteed, they'll be impressed.) You'll have terrific decorations for the walls of your den. Just think, a map you've created! With your very own name in the corner! And the best reason of all—you'll have a right to complain! If you've been to orienteering meets and the map was terrible, and you said so, you heard, "Well, if you're so smart, maybe you think you could do better." If you've learned mapping, you can say, "Yeah, I think I can do better than this." Complain all you like—but then if you're a mapper you probably won't get so lost that you need to blame it on a poor map anyway. And besides all these good reasons, **MAPPERS ARE TOTALLY COOL!**

**S T E P   O F F   T H E  
B E A T E N   P A T H**  
The Art of Land Navigation—A Class  
October 12-14, 1996

Experience the freedom of travel off the beaten path. Master the use of compass and topographic map to plan your trip and to travel in the wilderness with skill and confidence.

This three-day class will teach you the skills to:

- use your compass to draw, shoot, and walk an azimuth.
- read topographic maps
- prepare a navigation plan
- find the best route
- use night navigation
- walk contour lines
- find water
- Care for map and tools
- develop an escape plan
- aim-off
- use handrails
- use catch features
- get unlost
- teach land navigation to others and make it a fun experience

Students will hike with daypacks from one camp site to another while learning and practicing navigation skills. Hearty vegetarian breakfast, lunch, and dinners will be prepared by a master dutch oven cook. Students provide their own camping gear and snacks on the trail. Vehicles will transport your personal camping equipment. Students must be able to hike 4-6 miles daily.

The \$230 tuition includes a map, field notebook, course materials, and nine meals. Sylva Ranger, type 15CL, 360 degree compass may be purchased for \$50 or rented for \$10. Pick-up time is 8:30 p.m. Friday, October 11 near Roosevelt Lake, return Monday 6 p.m.

To register, send a \$50 deposit to The Phoenix Orienteering Club, c/o Fred Padgett, 2232 E. Pinchot #9, Phoenix, AZ 85016, (602) 956-7522.

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## *Ask the Expert*

**Answers to all your orienteering questions from an acclaimed expert\***

- Q. How can I make sure I'm holding my map right side up?  
 A. The right side has the funny drawings on it. The other side is blank.
- Q. What is a "control"?  
 A. A control is something a meet director loses about 9:15 at a 9:00 meet.
- Q. What is a reentrant?  
 A. It's the opposite of a reexit.
- Q. How can I run faster?  
 A. Give up orienteering.
- Q. I've been orienteering as a team with my partner for several years. Now he keeps telling me to "get lost." What do you think this means?  
 A. This is somewhat similar to actors beginning a performance telling each other "Break a leg." It's sort of reverse psychology on Lady Luck.

\*Not necessarily an orienteering expert.

### 1996-97 TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB OFFICERS

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Month of May  
The Orienteering Club

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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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