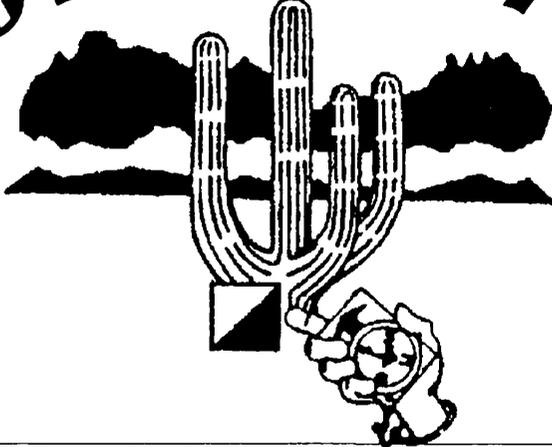

Tucson Orienteering Club



November 1997

Redington Pass in November

—Dan Coombs

This month's event will be on November 16 at Chimney Rock, Redington Pass. This is predominantly rough, open land with a lot of spikes and thorns. Dress accordingly.

The map, which was prepared for the SunFest A-meet last year, is excellent throughout. It is certainly our best map at the moment.

The usual courses will be offered: White, Yellow, Orange, Green, and Red. ALSO, after doing your usual course there will be a short (2-3 km) training course set up, suitable for Orange, Red, or Green orienteers to hone their skills. This great opportunity is provided FREE! AND Peg Davis will be leading a map walk of the Green course at 2 p.m. A great opportunity for all beginners/improvers to see an expert in action!

Call meet director Ann Haber (293-0262) if you can help with registration and timing. Volunteers are always needed. You can run the course before or after working, so no one has to miss out on the fun.

As usual the White, Yellow, and Orange courses will begin near the parking area. (The training course will also begin at this start point.) HOWEVER, Green and Red courses will begin at a remote start point. This is about a 45-minute walk from the parking area, OR a 15-minute warm-up jog, OR a 10-minute drive by high-clearance vehicle. Car-pooling is encouraged (and will probably be necessary to retrieve your vehicle after you run!). MAKE SURE YOU ARRIVE IN TIME TO GET TO THE START!

All courses will finish at a common point near the main parking area.

Please offer to help collect controls after you run. Help is always needed and appreciated.

Directions: Follow Tanque Verde Road east out of Tucson. As you leave the city, the pavement changes to a dirt road and you begin to wind up the hill towards Redington Pass. Continue along the road for seven bumpy miles until you see the old corral on the left hand side of the road. Look for orienteering signs directing you to park by a small pond on the left side of the road. The dirt road is primitive but passable with normal cars, provided care is taken.

Fees: \$8/individual, \$10/team; \$5 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.

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Schedule:

- 9:00 a.m. Registration opens.
 9:30 a.m. Courses open. Beginners' clinic starts.
 12 noon. Last time to start a course.
 12 noon-2 p.m. Route choice reviews.
 1:00 p.m. Last time to start the training course (untimed).
 2:00 p.m. Map walk of Green course with Peg Davis.
 2:00 p.m. Courses close. Begin control retrieval—good orienteering practice, lots of help always needed. Volunteer before 2 p.m. with the meet director.

Check-In: 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: Go directly to Registration. Ask for instructions and introductory information. To allow time to register before attending the beginners' clinic, 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 Start/Finish area.

NOTICE

The next business meeting will be on Monday, December 8th. We're starting the meeting promptly at 6:30 p.m. at 2241 East Parkway Terrace (Casa Peg Davis). Call 628-8985 if you need directions. All members are welcome and eligible to vote.

Board members not in attendance will be hunted down by the animal causing the greatest allergic reaction. Feel free to bring a dessert; this usually helps to get your motions passed.

NEW FEE STRUCTURE

The Tucson Orienteering Club's financial profile has been slowly lowering. In an effort to keep it above the horizon, a new fee structure was adopted by the board of directors at the September 30 business meeting.

This is the first time membership fees have been raised since 1990, and entry fees haven't been raised since 1993.

Why does the Club need money? We pay for the insurance and permits to use the areas in which we orienteer, we have a wonderful newsletter, we buy equipment and supplies, and, most importantly, we develop maps. The specialized maps that orienteering requires are a very expensive process.

Please note that entry fees for meets where black-and-white maps are used do not change for members, or others who receive the member discount.

Membership

One-year individual membership: \$10

One-year household membership: \$15

Gold card membership (includes newsletter and individual fees for all Club meets and ROGAINES for one year and a gold card with your name on it: \$100. No more going back to your car for your wallet or dragging that pesky change with you as you speed your way around the course. A perfect Christmas present, eh, Keith? If entering as part of a team, the individual cost will be subtracted from the total team entry fee.

Meet Entry Fees

Meets using a black-and-white map:

Member individual entry: \$3

Member team entry: \$5

Nonmember individual entry: \$8

Nonmember team entry: \$10

Meets using a color map:

For each color map given out, add \$1. Examples: Individual member cost would be \$4. A nonmember six-person team entry would be \$16.

What if you are attending a meet for the first time and don't know if you're even going to like the sport, but then come back from a course and simply have to join because you love it so much? If you do this all the day of that meet, you will be charged a total representing the membership fee and the cost of a member entry: \$10 + \$3, instead of \$10 + \$8. If you've already paid your \$8 to run a course, it will only cost you another \$5 to join for a year!



Arizona State Champs 1997

—Peg Davis

"I like three things about the State Champs: orienteering twice in one weekend, camping, and Porta-Potties." —*faithful TOC member.*

At the Arizona State Champs meet on October 18-19, 1997, the elite men's category had enough entries to make the results really interesting. There is an amazing consistency between the contestants' times on Day 1 and Day 2. This tells me that luck or "bingo controls" did not have an effect, that the difficulty of the courses was amazingly consistent between the two days, and that the skills of the orienteers could really show in the results. Or maybe Dan Coombs' refusal to carry the change from his entry fee while on the course, only picking it up after completing the course, really did turn the tide. The Men's Veteran and Women's Elite categories produced winners from a small field, but none of the people you'd expect to see duking it out on the Women's Veteran course managed to run both days on Orange. If you three plan your schedules a little better next year, this could be an intriguing category.

One result you see a lot of this month is DNF (did not finish). Course setter Marilyn Cleavinger was sincerely not trying to catch anyone with tricky control placements, and all the controls were in the right place, so what happened? My theory is that we all suffered from the courses' LACK of climb. A 40-foot contour-interval map of a fairly flat area provides little information and even fewer places to relocate when something goes wrong. But the map couldn't have been newer—**Roger Sperline, Sue Roberts, and Wilkey Richardson** did some field checking in the month before the meet, with Marilyn filling in details.

And who else helped at this meet? A better question is "Who didn't?" A tremendous amount of help came from **Marley Beard, Rachel Gelbin, Keith McLeod and Pam Michalowski** for working both days. Also at the tables were **Pat Penn, Max Suter, Kelly Soma, Dick and Diane Imig, Jim Stamm, and Ted Norris. Mike Huckaby and Garey Cash** were Marilyn's control hangers and retrievers for the five courses set each day and the Night-O. **Jeff Brucker** set and administered the Night-O. **Sue Hermann** turned out beautiful acacia medallions for the champs—and so many that we're set for next year, too. I took the precaution of writing my name on the women's champ 1998, so just stay home next year, Pat.

Thanks to all of you. The greatest thanks go to **Marilyn Cleavinger** for taking on the hardest job in town: course setting. And a special thanks from Marilyn and all of us to **Dan Cobbledick** for vetting the courses. I heard the highlight of Marilyn's experience was getting thrown out of Kinko's at 2 a.m. for trying to get the map photocopied. Even though her name was on it, the clerk was still worried about violating the copyright. Marilyn is now on a two-week recuperative stay on Aruba, where she is being fanned with peacock feathers by bronzed beach princes chanting mantras. I'm joining her this weekend, and, hey, maybe we'll call when we get back.



Men's Elite Champ - Dan Coombs
Men's Veteran Champ - John Little
Women's Elite Champ - Pat Penn



	Saturday	Sunday	Total		Saturday	Sunday	Total
Red Course	6.2 km, 100 m	6.7 km, 145 m		Red Course (Continued)			
Dan Coombs	54:06	48:33	104:39	Jeff Brucker	82:26	82:21	164:47
Max Suter	53:55	53:35	107:30	Tim England	85:29	90:01	175:30
John Maier	58:12	58:56	117:08	M&M Fochesato	REC	—	—
Roger Sperline	58:21	65:16	123:37	Mark Parsons	—	61:15	----
Don Fallis	77:33	67:48	145:21	Mark Fochesato		63:50	----

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	Saturday	Sunday	Total		Saturday	Sunday	Total
Green Course:	4.9 km, 80 m	5.8 km, 100 m		Yellow Course:	2.5 km, 18 m	3.2 km, 42 m	
John Little	79 51	52 27	132 18	GeeGee Larrington	54 53		----
Pat Penn	73 51	79 39	153 30	Monica Mueller	REC		----
Team Opel	69 55	99 07	169 02	The Segovias	REC		----
Beauty and	83 44	127 52	211 36	Chris Suter	DNF		----
Margrit McIntosh	97 00	118 22	215 22	Ron Ingram		48 01	----
Keith McLeod	121 03	110 36	231 39	Ted Norris		DNF	----
Bruce Bowman	91 23	222 12	313 35	Melissa Fochesato		REC	----
Peg Davis	141 21	DNF	----	Carol Smythe		REC	----
Jay Underwood	DNF	DNF	----				
Sue Roberts	DNF	104 39	----	White Course	2.4 km, 18 m	2.4 km, 24 m	
Pam Michalowski	DNF	DNF	----	Chris Suter	34 14	39 52	74 06
Rick Hudson		115 03	----	Monica Mueller	46 28		----
Wilkey Richardson		99 00	----	The Segovias	65 12		----
Rachel Gelbin		REC	----	Ian Irwine	85 04		----
				Carol Smythe		REC	----
Orange Course	4.2 km, 42 m	4.4 km, 48 m		Helen Henderson		188 09	----
Kay Mathiessen	112 52	87 00	199 52				
Allen Lea	163 50		----				
Mary English	DNF		----				
GeeGee Larrington		REC	----				
Mary Horvath		142 56	----				
Aaron & Andy		REC	----				
Sue Hermann		114 33	----				
Lois Kimminau		138 15	----				
Chris Kraft		154 36	----				
English & Lea		223 00	----				
Tamarack Little Club		REC	----				

*Congratulations to
everyone who took part.
GOOD SHOW!*

It's Not Too Soon To Think About It....

It will soon be that time of year when we all spend more money than we ever intended on gifts for all our friends and family. This year, get them something they won't even think of returning.

A recent survey of the Club T-shirt collection revealed that we have a pretty good color and size selection. But there's one little gap: the much-loved long-sleeved T-shirt. An order for long-sleeved T-shirts will be placed on December 1. Send your order by November 25 to Tucson Orienteering Club, P.O. Box 13012, Tucson, AZ 85732. Include size, color, and a check for \$15 for each shirt (hint: the logo looks great on yellow or aqua). Or, for \$12, you can order a short-sleeved shirt. These could be fabulous holiday gifts. Custom-ordered shirts will be available at the December meet. You can also choose from the existing collection, which is always available at the meets, but you may not get that special color you intended to order.

At the November meet, you can look at—maybe even get a copy of—the latest catalog from A & E Orienteering. A & E offers all kinds of orienteering-related items: orienteering suits and gaiters; textbooks, workbooks, videos, even a computer program, to teach yourself or others all about orienteering; compasses of all types and price ranges, including thumb compasses; other accessories; and many fun items with the orienteering logo.

And when you're doing your shopping, don't forget to check out Tucson Map and Flag Center. In addition to flags of most countries and maps of places everywhere in the world, they have guide books for many places of special interest to the bird watcher, botanist, historian, or ghost-town buff. They also have a variety of compasses and GPS equipment.

Cave Creek, September 21

—Chris Kraft and Peg Davis

Chris: The day of our September meet at Cave Creek dawned with thunderstorms in Tucson. I headed south through more intermittent storms to arrive at the meet site, which was totally in sunshine. What a relief! Peg Davis and I co-directed the meet so I could learn the ropes.

It was a great meet and ran smoothly thanks to **Jon Baker, Wendy Hudson, Pam Michalowski,** and **Bitsy Weintraub** who manned the registration table, and **Clark Lohr** who taught the beginners' clinic. **Rachel Gelbin** and **Audrey Brooks** presided over the timing table, with **GeeGee Larrington** picking up the slack. Control-retrieval thanks go to **Jim DeVeny, Max and Chris Suter, Pam Michalowski,** and **Jay Underwood.**

After everything was under control, Pam Michalowski and I decided to run the Orange course together, and Bryan Lee from the *Tucson Citizen* joined us to make a threesome. We talked enthusiastically about orienteering while showing him all the aspects of the sport along the way. I was trying to get the hang of using my compass, without much success, and we ended up not finishing the course because we couldn't find control 7 (my fault!). Did you see the article in the October 3 Outdoors section?

In conclusion, I would like to say thanks to our equipment chair, **Mary English.** I did not realize until now how much work goes into that job and what great care she takes in making sure everything is in the right place and in plentiful supply. Thanks, Mary, and thanks to all the volunteers who make this club successful!

Peg: Many hands make light work and Chris seems to have a lot of hands. If you've been feeling a bit nervous about directing a meet, try doing it with a buddy. Since Chris is everyone's buddy, try doing it with her in January. She loves company!

After the sad scenery of last year's drought, the Santa Ritas were spectacularly beautiful—green and lush with babbling brooks. A special thank-you to **Pat Penn** for shepherding **Margrit McIntosh** through her first course-setting experience on White, Yellow, and Orange. Everything was in the right place. **Dan Coombs** set a Score-O for advanced runners. No one hit all the controls in the 75-minute time limit, and most said they would have liked to spend longer on the course. Dan also set a course with four controls, each about a kilometer apart. This uses very different orienteering skills. I really enjoyed it.

Dan's been pretty busy lately setting courses in September and November, taking October off to win the State Champs. Thanks and congratulations, toots.

White Course

2.2k, 160m climb, 6 controls

1M	Chris Suter	25:09
1T	Bitou	36:51
2T	The Kennedys	47:46
3T	Hiking Scorpions	57:10
4T	Heffs	83:36

Yellow Course

3k, 320m climb, 9 controls

Dogs, VIPS, Bitou Rec

Orange Course

4k, 520m climb, 9 controls

1W	Rachel Gelbin	79:47
1T	Canine Rescue Assoc Patrol	115:55
2T	Pavlov's Puppies	135:14

Orange Course (Continued)

3T	Wrong Turn	152:20
	Just For Fun	DNF
	Kay Mathiesen	DSQ
	Gee Gee Larrington, Thomas,	Rec
	Ted Norris	

Long-O Special Event on Saturday, September 20, Set by Dan Coombs

1M	Chuck Richard	97:03
1W	Peg Davis	100:30
2M	Don Fallis	102:45
1T	Slothmeisters	131:50
2T	Age Before Beauty	165:20
	The Dogs	DNF
	Bitsy Weintraub	DNF

Green/Red Course Score-O

75 minute time limit; 10 points per control;
3 points deducted for each minute overtime

1M	Don Fallis	90 points	73:33
2M	Max Suter	85 points	80:10
3M	John Little	70 points	75:00
4M	A. Savine	66 points	83:40
1W	Peg Davis	50 points	63:30
2W	Pat Penn	50 points	74:06
1T	Fast Frogs	47 points	75:19
2T	Disoriented	43 points	84:04
3W	Margrit McIntosh	40 points	68:20
4W	Helen Deluga	30 points	59:19
3T	Acme	30 points	85:15
5M	Jeff Brodsky	7 points	75:32
6M	Jim DeVeny	0 points	95:36

Putting the Tears in Orienteering

—*Peg Davis*

I did a miserable job of orienteering at the State Champs. The first day, I spent an hour looking for Green control #2 for a total time of 2.5 hours out on the course. The second day, I once again hung up on Green control #2 and gave up after not finding it in an hour. As some of you may have noticed by my trembling lower lip, I was mightily upset by this.

Reading the latest issue of *Orienteering North America* cheered me up immensely, because misery really does love company. Here are some highlights of others' low spots.

At the 1997 World Orienteering Cup in Norway—you know, Scandinavia, home of the sport—the last three controls on a course were retrieved while a slower runner was still out. Some relay teams were not informed when a runner was coming in from a leg, even though they couldn't see the finish area from the waiting area. (It seems that only non-Scandinavian teams were not announced...hmmm.)

And what about individual misery? While competing, one orienteer broke her nail on her thumb compass and bled all over it. Another was so thirsty she couldn't concentrate at all. One simply couldn't keep his mind focused on the task, "a deathly mistake." And looking for control #10: "Fatigue and heat setting in; lost contact on transport leg and attacked early—twice; with sinking heart and escalating frustration, relocated on #11. Lost 8 minutes. In tears."

Though I'll still probably have a hissy fit the next time I really boof a course, problems are inevitably part of a sport as difficult and complicated as orienteering. No one seems to have quit the sport or canceled an event in the face of these far more serious complications. And I'm not either.

Newsletter Deadlines

—*Lois Kimminau, Editor*

The alternating mini- and full-size newsletters appear to meet the needs of the Club. If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to write or e-mail me, call one of the board members, or come to the Business Meeting on December 8 and present your opinions.

The December "mini" newsletter will have the December meet announcement and a calendar of events. Therefore, the only person who needs to meet the November 24 deadline is the course setter. However, if possible, the meet director for the November meet should send me the results (but not the write-up), so that ribbons can be prepared and available at the December meet.

For the January newsletter, the results and write-up for the past two meets (November and December) and the announcement for the January meet, and any other articles that should appear in the full-size newsletter, will be due by December 29.

*Into each
life, some
rain must
fall.*



Canyon Ranch Cuts a Check

—*Pat Penn*

This may win the prize for most unique revenue source for the Club. Tucson Orienteering Club (via Pat) receives a frantic call for help: guests are getting lost on the grounds of Canyon Ranch! We are asked if we would like to consult. So I call Master Mapper Roger Sperline to assist. We go out and spend a morning looking at their maps and signs with the very congenial spa director, nurse, and chief engineer (all women!). Yes, they did need help.

Among the problems were having incorrect and poorly drawn maps, having several different versions of that incorrect map being used, and signs that were illegible or facing the wrong way.

We had a blast and learned a lot. They very generously agreed to pay the Club \$150 and two massages. Roger and I volunteered to lay our bodies down for the Club, but we haven't gotten that part of the payment yet.

Club Calendar

November 16, Chimney Rock, Redington Pass
Course Setter: Dan Coombs (792-3910)
Meet Director: Ann Haber (293-0262)

December 29, Newsletter Deadline
See submittal information below and article concerning the newsletter on page 6.

November 24, Newsletter Deadline
See submittal information below and article concerning the newsletter on page 6.

January 18, 1998, Catalina State Park
Course Setter: Jim Stamm (575-0830)
Meet Director: Chris Kraft (885-1735)

December 8, Business/Planning Meeting
See Notice, page 2

February 15, 1998, Cat Mountain, Tucson Mtns.
Course Setter: Keith McLeod (577-0570 or 529-1808)

December 21, Silverbells (new site, new map)
Course Setter: Wilkey Richardson (529-1105)
Meet Director: Sasha Savine (299-4540)

Meet Director: VACANT

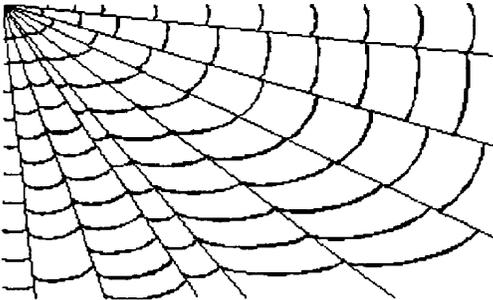


TSN Club meets are held regularly on the third Sunday of the month, year-round.

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.

Please call Peg Davis at 628-8985 if you can help with any of these meets.



Check out the Tucson Orienteering Club Web site!
<http://www.bayside.net/users/cbsites/toc/>
Or, for more comments and stories about ROGAINEs,
take a look at the ROGAINE home page
<http://florawww.eeb.uconn.edu.rogaine/rogaine.htm>

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Newsletter Submittals

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—Lois Kimminau, Editor

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<i>Nov 9</i>	<i>Nov 10</i>	<i>Nov 11</i>  Veterans Day	<i>Nov 12</i>	<i>Nov 13</i>	<i>Nov 14</i>	<i>Nov 15</i>
<i>Nov 16</i> Chimney Rock Meet	<i>Nov 17</i>	<i>Nov 18</i>	<i>Nov 19</i>	<i>Nov 20</i>	<i>Nov 21</i>	<i>Nov 22</i>
<i>Nov 23</i>	<i>Nov 24</i> Newsletter Deadline	<i>Nov 25</i>	<i>Nov 26</i>	<i>Nov 27</i> Thanksgiving Day	<i>Nov 28</i>	<i>Nov 29</i>
<i>Nov 30</i>	<i>Dec 1</i>	<i>Dec 2</i>	<i>Dec 3</i>	<i>Dec 4</i>	<i>Dec 5</i>	<i>Dec 6</i>
<i>Dec 7</i>	<i>Dec 8</i> Business/Planning Meeting	<i>Dec 9</i>	<i>Dec 10</i>	<i>Dec 11</i>	<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>Dec 13</i>

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