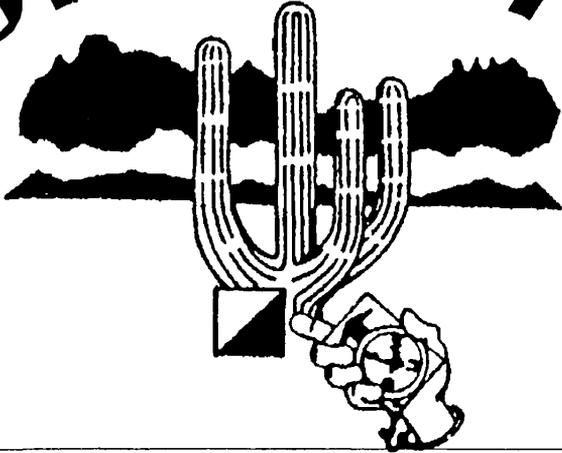

Tucson Orienteering Club



August 1997

Early Rise at Greasewood Park

—*Francisco Luttmann*

Rise up early and join us on August 17. Enjoy the morning cool at Greasewood Park, and have fun running the courses. I will design White, Yellow, and Orange courses for this meet, and will also conduct a beginners' clinic at 6:45 a.m., followed by a guided map walk on a White course level. Invite your friends! This is a great chance to get potential new members initiated!

Courses open at 6:30 a.m. [Note: the park gates open at 6 a.m.] The last start time is 9 a.m., and Courses will close at 11 a.m. *Note that any participant checked in for a course must check out no later than the closing time, whether finished with the course or not.* Remember that to check out all you have to do is return your course card to the Start/Finish table. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us account for everybody out there running courses.

Jill Luttmann will be directing the meet. To volunteer to help, call Jill or Francisco at 577-6970. One or two hours of assistance at either the Registration or the Start/Finish tables would be greatly appreciated.

Directions: Take Speedway west to the intersection with Greasewood Road (there is a stoplight there). Turn south (left) on Greasewood Road and turn right at the park entrance (about 500 yards from the intersection). Look for the orienteering sign!

Fees: \$4 for nonmembers; \$2 for TSN, PHX, USOF, or SAHC members. (No team rate.) 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:

6:15 a.m. Registration opens.
6:30 a.m. Courses open.
6:45 a.m. Beginners' clinic starts.
7:00 a.m. Guided map walk.
9:00 a.m. Last time to start a course.
11:00 a.m. Courses close. Begin control retrieval—good orienteering practice, lots of help always needed. Volunteer before 11 a.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 6 and 6:15 a.m.

Come, and bring a friend!



Colorado Report

—Peg Davis



I didn't get to go out 1000 times at the Colorado 1000 day event, but the 8 times in 9 days I did run were well worth the trip. By mid-week, I noticed that the same name kept turning up every day at the top of my category: Janet Tryson.

Who was this woman and why was she whupping not only me, but every other 40- to 44-year-old woman on the Green course? I hunted her down and pumped her for the secrets of orienteering success. Since beginning orienteering in 1990, Janet has also been running—usually four miles a couple of times a week. She's competed 10 times this year before coming to Colorado.

What has she done that most improved her orienteering? A few years ago, she went to O-camp (usually a 3-day event, unfortunately on the East Coast) and did an exercise running on a map with only contour lines; no other features were mapped. This keyed her in to staying in contact with the map purely by the shape of the land. Interestingly, she never pace counts.

Why does she wear an O suit (those nylon jammie-type outfits)? It's for publicity reasons! Her club, EMPO, in central New York, is small enough that her family's suits are often the only club representation at the big East Coast meets and she wants people to be aware of EMPO's existence.

How does she plan on improving her orienteering skills from here? More orienteering, just plain doing it more.

Talking with Janet was pretty much representative of life at the 1000 day. People were very unaffected and helpful. Since anyone there was crazy about orienteering, they were willing to talk about any aspect of it at any time. I had a lot of fun with the women—they were a very friendly, fun-loving bunch. (What a change from only having that cranky Pat Penn to compete with! Did I mention that I beat her two out of three days? We cheered each other on and tried to beat each other with the same vigor.)

My orienteering skills zoomed up over the course of the week. I truly stunk at the beginning of the week, but by the last day I was running while reading my highly detailed, full-color map.

Next year's meet will be moving west in Colorado and Wyoming to a new set of maps. I had about as much fun as I could stand in a week this year. With a year of training, maybe next year that ole Janet Tryson will be looking at the back of my special Tucson O-suit as I streak up the finish chute.....

Loose Ends

—John Maier

I'm trying not to forget anything as my departure hour rapidly approaches. I'll be absent for the next three months. In leaving, I've turned over the presidential duties to VACANT.

There are really a lot of you out there who are eminently more qualified than VACANT for this opening on the board. You see, VACANT has never been anything better than totally irresponsible, derelict in his duties, and in all regards except one (namely, doing nothing) an abject failure.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, we have all you highly motivated, purposeful individuals with a responsible and caring attitude towards our sport. So it's really a crying shame to see someone like VACANT step in and grab the power of the office.

There's really not too much that needs to be done in this office other than to chair the meetings once a month in the presence of all the other congenial officers on the board. Not a rotten apple amongst them, save VACANT.

It worries me, the negative vibes that VACANT could pass along. I mean, you know what happens when you put one rotten apple in a barrel of good ones.

If you could even chair one or two meetings, the board would rise in jubilation and cast VACANT out on his ear. So couldn't just one of you step in to help us out in our time of need? Please? Contact Peg Davis (628-8985) if you can help in any way.

Showers at Showers Point!

—*Jim DeVeny and Maureen Jamieson*

The July 20 meet at Showers Point started with a great campout Saturday night (tall pines, cool, sweet air, full moon....you get the picture). Sunday dawned cloudy, and as the meet began, so did the showers, a gentle rain that kept the day nice and cool. (*Unlike the pouring rain, thunder, and lightning last year!*) The rain did not deter 73 adults and youngsters who took to the courses with vim and vigor. (*Hey, some people have had enough of the dry heat below!*) Everyone seemed to enjoy the meet, and no one really complained. Several ran more than one course. The large covered ramadas were a big hit.

There were lots of beginners and new faces (and more creative team names!). We welcome six new members: **Eileen Stamer, Jon Baker, Wendy Hudson, Don Fallis, Kay Mathiesen, and Chuck Richards**. Special thanks to **Eileen, Jon, and Wendy**, who also volunteered to help at future meets.

We want to thank everyone for their patience with the delay at the start and with the substandard map. We also apologize for any controls that may not have been exactly where *we* think they should have been. (*Word has it that there is one boulder that's out of place on the Red Course!*) We all agree, the map needs updating....any volunteers? How about a map *critiquing* meet?

As usual, this meet could not have been run without the volunteers. Special thanks to **Jeff Brucker** and **Clark Lohr** who, with little forewarning, agreed to set the courses. (For the uninitiated, course-setting takes time. Jeff alone spent over 100 hours.) Thanks also to **Carol Smythe** and **Jim DeVeny** (course "vetters"—is that really a word?) and **Wilkey Richardson**, who came up just to run the beginners' clinic (we heard that Peg Davis got off course and wound up in Aravaipa!). Thanks to **GeeGee Larrington** (impromptu beginners' clinics for late arrivals); **Eileen Stamer** and **Laura Rubacava** (who, along with Jim and Maureen, showed you can run the Registration and Timing tables with only four people....but we don't recommend it). Other help came from **Francisco Luttmann** (he and his wife Jill are doing **both** course setting and meet directing in August). An extra special thanks to those who stuck around in the rain for control retrieval: **Jeff Brucker, Carol Smythe, Pat Penn, Margrit McIntosh, Francisco Luttmann, and Jim DeVeny**, and to everyone who helped keep the area nice and clean. Thanks also to **Mary English's** unrelenting care and storing of all the equipment and to the club officers who continually work long and hard.

We also want to thank the Forest Service and, in particular, **Jean Miller**, the wonderful Showers Point Camp Hostess, who was extremely helpful and pleasant. *We hope you're back next year, Jean.*

Showers Point.....a very special place

Red Course (11 controls)

1M Roger Sperline	66:30
2M Mark Fochesato	79:00
3M Alexandre Savine	84:55
Dave Askey	89:35
Don Fallis	98:37
DNF Michael Collins	

Green Course (8 controls)

1T Which Way Did He Go?	70:42
2T Slothmeisters	85:38
1W Pat Penn	98:53
1M Lamb	115:35
3T Beauty and	165:20
Rec. Richards	

Orange Course (12 controls)

1T Team Opel	43:10
1M Thomas	44:07
2M Francisco Luttmann	46:08
2T Pathfinders	51:24
3M Richards	58:58
1W Margrit McIntosh	61:00
3T Los Perdidos	65:41
DNF Heather Collins	
Rec. Roberts, Wildcats, Mike Treeful, Larrington, Disoriented	

Yellow Course (11 controls)

1T Disoriented	34:08
2T Slobbering Wet Dogs	55:50
3T Forest Funkies	66:00

(Yellow Course, continued)

1M Baumgartner	75:55
Cake Mix	98:38
Rec. Golden Bears, Rain Birds, Ken Greco, Mike Koenig, King, Charles Wilma, The Bears, Thomas, Chatty Gals, Pathfinders	

White Course (8 controls)

1M Ken Greco	18:55
2M Mike Treeful	(tie) 19:08
2M Charles Wilma	(tie) 19:08
1T The Bears	23:02
2T King	29:47
DNF Chatty Gals	
DSQ Night Lizards	
Rec. Koenig, Hunley, Pathfinders	

Minutes of Business/Planning Meeting

—GeeGee Larrington

Meeting was held July 16, 1997, at the home of Peg Davis, John Maier presiding. Present were John Maier, Peg Davis, Wilkey Richardson, Roger Sperline, Marilyn Cleavinger, Sue Roberts, Clark Lohr, and GeeGee Larrington.

Peg Davis will be acting president through November while John Maier is out of town.

Events

■ State Meet in October

- Marilyn Cleavinger will replace Mark Parsons as course setter.
- A new meet director must be found.
- A volunteer is needed to prepare wood medallions for awards. Roger Sperline has information on what needs to be done.

■ New Ideas From Peg Davis' Trip to Colorado

- Peg posted an ad at the Colorado meet for course setters to come to Tucson to set events. She offered free room and board. Two and possibly three setters expressed interest for 1998.
- The Board approved sending packets of information to prospective course setters from other clubs.
- Street-O. It does not require course setting or controls so less drain on volunteer pool. Need a neighborhood not laid out on a grid for more interesting terrain and route choices. Good event to attract new club members.

√ **Board approved Peg Davis to work on a Street-O event.**

- Use small color maps (about control card size), which is less expensive. Requires highly detailed map.

Permits/Insurance

- Insurance is in place for all 1997 events.
- All permits have been received or applied for (BLM) all 1997 events.
- John Maier advises that a sample of each of our maps needs to be marked with Section numbers so that information is readily available to identify all relevant areas when requesting permits.
- The notebook of permits for the last five years needs to be weeded out keeping one sample of each along with the sample letter or request.

√ **Board approved.**

Maps

- Peg Davis reported that Sierra Club has approved designation of a portion of the Reddington area for Off-Road Vehicle travel, which may impact the Club's Chimney Rock map.
 - Roger Sperline presented information about Ortho Photo Quarter Quad maps of the western United States.
 - 1992 photos have the advantage of all distortion being removed at the edges.
 - 1996 photos have the advantage of being more recent.
- √ **Motion made and passed to spend up to \$200 on photo maps that include the Club's maps for: Slavin Gulch, Silverbell (1996 due to 1993 flooding), Empire Ranch, and Catalina (1996 due to burn).**
- There was some discussion about photos that have had contour lines added. Roger is to use his judgment on acquiring what is most useful to the Club.
 - Maps, many with contour lines added, are available at the Farm Service Bureau in the County Building.

Newsletter and Membership

- A motion was made for e-mail addresses for all Board members to be published in the newsletter. If an individual does not want his/her e-mail address published, it may be omitted. All present found it acceptable to have theirs published.
 - √ Board accepted.
- The Board will ask Membership Chair (Chris Kraft) if an e-mail field can be added to the membership list.
- Discussion ensued about how to reduce the monthly newsletter's duplicating costs.
 - Alternate months with a postcard in between could work only if every event was adequately planned and manned ahead of time.
 - Future discussions should have the Newsletter Editor present.
 - No action will be taken at this time because the newsletter is our best public relations tool.

Secretary/Treasurer

- Bank balances in both accounts were noted.
- The Board wants two notebooks of minutes to be maintained: one with the Secretary and one with the President. Many decisions are being forgotten and unnecessarily duplicated.
- The Board also directed that a summary of all motions (from the Minutes) be made at the end of each year.

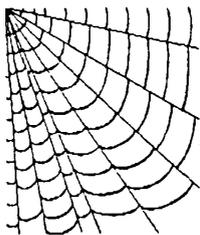
Other

- Peg Davis plans to go to the L.A. ROGAINE and has forms if others are interested.
- The Orienteering Nike World Games will be in Portland, Oregon, in August 1998.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on August 25, 1997, at 7 p.m., at the home of Lois Kimminau, 9055 Calle Bogota. Directions: East on Wrightstown Road, past Camino Seco. Turn right (south) on the east side of Avenida Ricardo Small (a divided road with a concrete wash in the middle and Wrightstown Elementary School on the southwest corner of the intersection). Turn left at the first street; go to the house on the left at the end of the street. Call Lois at 296-2108 if you have any questions.
- A major topic of discussion at this meeting will be ways to reduce the expense of producing and mailing a monthly newsletter. All members are invited, welcome, and entitled to vote. If you have opinions, suggestions, or any new ideas you would like to bring forward, please join us; or, if you are unable to attend, please call one of the board members to present your views.

The Web



Attention, orienteering-and-computer nerds! There are lots of orienteering-related web sites available with information on various clubs, both national and international, their web sites, orienteering events, and orienteering in general.

<http://www.yahoo.com/recreation/outdoors/orienteering>—This link connects you to the world of orienteering on the Internet (clubs, events, software, and other products, etc.).

<http://www2.aos.princeton.edu/rdslater/orienteering>—Among other things, you will find a map with the location of the U.S. orienteering clubs and links to their web sites (including the Tucson site).

(Above two sites, thanks to Max Suter.)

<http://www.bayside.net/users/cbsites/toc/>—This is our very own TSN web site, which was designed and is maintained by member Beverly Parks.

<http://florawww.eeb.uconn.edu.rogaine/rogaine.htm>—A ROGAINE home page.

I'm sure there are many more. If some of you have found one you particularly like, please let us know.

Comments From Our Members



Who Missed What?

—John Maier

I would like to respond to our "Missed Opportunity" (July issue). Actually, isn't it Mile High who missed the opportunity? Fortunately, there are many other opportunities in the year ahead. Just look at our schedule!

We welcome newcomers to try out our sport and meet our members. Our events are scheduled a year in advance and published 4 to 6 months in advance in our newsletter. We'll send a complimentary newsletter to anyone who requests it, and you'll stay on the mailing list for as long as you continue to come to events. At each scheduled event, first-timers will get special attention at our beginners' clinic. If you can't make a particular event, it's not the end of the world. There are 11 more opportunities in the year!

I learned of Mile High's interest at the eleventh hour and was unsuccessful in attempts to reach either Keith McLeod or Rachel Gelbin prior to the club business meeting. As a result, we were handicapped by "missing information." Therefore, we attempted to formulate a broader policy, one to guide us in the future as well. Actually, I think what we came up with is damn good. Certain things should be made crystal clear:

- 1) No club member or officer has the right to volunteer club equipment, services, or sponsorship without club approval. Come to a board meeting if you have a proposal.
- 2) The additional red tape (permit and insurance) and logistics (administration, course-setting, equipment) must be borne by the group or individual unless Tucson Orienteering Club (TSN) sponsors the event.
- 3) The use of club equipment is free so long as the event is open to the public; otherwise a rental charge applies.
- 4) Plans and proposals should be communicated well in advance (2-3 months) so the board has the opportunity to make an informed decision. If it's your proposal, you *need* to be at the meeting. Questions always arise that need answering.

Now I'd like to offer a few insights and make some suggestions concerning additional non-club events. Over the years, we've received a number of requests to provide orienteering services to outside groups. The sad truth is that the return on our investment of time and energy has been very disappointing. This is especially true when we have been asked to do something "just for them." I think the reason for this is that the most important ingredient, namely us, is missing. By excluding us, they miss the boat, and we don't see them a second time. On the other hand, the best return for our efforts has come from bringing a friend to one of our events and sharing the total orienteering experience with them. That includes meeting other orienteers—wonderful diverse group that we are. We are the selling point for orienteering. The control bags just don't have a good spiel and the punches can utter only a muted click.

Private "O" events can be set up by anyone. You don't need fancy equipment. Milk jugs make fine controls and colored pencils can be substituted for punches. You can introduce friends or family to our sport at their own homes. Just make a simplified map of their yard or house. If the yard is too simple, try it with smaller controls or after dark. If you use a public site, Greasewood Park has a permanent course and you can get maps from the club. Other public sites require advance permission, sometimes easy to get, sometimes not. City parks are easiest, Forest Service lands are the hardest.

Ribbons

—Lois Kimminau



Have you won a first, second, or third place ribbon that you have never received? If you would like to have it, please call me at 296-2108 and let me know the date, location of the meet, and your name or team name.

If you were on a team, I may not have your name or your address. In addition, we must have a minimum of 200 newsletters each month to qualify for bulk rate mailing. If I enclose the ribbon, it must be sent first class; therefore, if the mailing is below or near the 200 count, I may not send the ribbons that month. In this case, I try to send them the following month.

If you *don't* want to receive ribbons, please let me know (fax, phone, and e-mail addresses are at the bottom of page 7). If you don't have an I-Love-Me wall or bulletin board and don't keep the ribbons, you can save the club some money (and me some work) by telling me to put you on the No Ribbons List.

Carpool?

Peg Davis would like to find others planning to go to the Los Angeles ROGAINE on September 13-14, to form a carpool. Please call her at 628-8985 if interested.

Club Calendar

August 17, Greasewood (City) Park

Course Setter: Francisco Luttmann (577-6970)

Meet Director: Jill Luttmann (577-6970)

August 25, Business/Planning Meeting

Lois Kimminau's home, 9055 Calle Bogota, 7 p.m.

See **Business/Planning Meeting**, page 4, for directions.

August 25, Newsletter Deadline

See submittal information below.

September 21, Cave Creek, Santa Rita Mountains

Course Setter: Open

Meet Director: Open

Help!

October 18-19, Empire Ranch

AZ State Champs (two days)

Course Setters: Marilyn Cleavinger

Meet Director: Open

Help!



November 16, Chimney Rock, Redington Pass

Course Setter: Dan Coombs (792-3910)

Meet Director: Open

December 21, Silverbells

Course Setter: Wilkey Richardson (529-1105)

Meet Director: Open

January 18, 1998, Catalina State Park

Course Setter: Jim Stamm (575-0830)

Meet Director: Open

February 15, 1998, Cat Mountain, Tucson Mountains

Course Setter: Keith McLeod (577-0570)

Meet Director: Open

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.

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Newsletter Submittals

The deadline for newsletter items is shown in the monthly calendar. Please try to meet the deadline, or call the editor if there is a problem. All members are invited and encouraged to send informational or opinion articles on any orienteering topic.

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—Lois Kimminau, Editor

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