

# Tucson Orienteering Club



## 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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## THE ARIZONA GOAT ON APRIL 18 by John Maier

The GOAT will be held April 18 at Cave Creek in the foothills of the Santa Rita Mountains. The average elevation is 5500'. The GOAT is a competitive, long-distance event with a mass start (10 AM). Following is allowed and is part of the strategy used by participants. Two other GOAT features are the forked control (choose one of two options) and the skipped control (skip any one control). No extra credit is given for not skipping a control. There will be two courses: long (10 - 12 km) and short (7 - 9 km). The courses will be identical up to the point where the short course splits off to go to the finish. There will likely be at least one spectator control so bystanders can hoot and holler for their favorites. The winning time should be around 2 hours, with 80% of the field finishing in 3 1/2 hours. GOAT competitors will receive pre-marked color maps at the word "GO."

**YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO RECEIVE A PRE-MARKED MAP.**  
CALL PEG DAVIS AT 628-8985 NO LATER THAN THURS., APRIL 15

If not pre-registered, you will receive a blank map and need to copy the course while the rest of the field is running for #1. All GOAT competitors must register as individuals, but people may run together. (This is part of the fun - fast runners can follow those with better orienteering skills around the course.) There will be a briefing 15 minutes prior to the 10 AM mass start at which control cards and descriptions will be disbursed. The GOAT is not appropriate for beginners. GOAT competitors should be able to complete orange courses.

**BEGINNERS** and those not up to the challenge of a long-distance event, we'll have a SCORE-O with a 2-HR time limit. (You can return in less than 2 hrs, but must be back within 2 hours.) Controls will have varying point values. Unlike our usual courses, controls may be taken in any order. More difficult controls will have higher point values. Penalty points will be deducted for late returnees. The goal is to maximize your point value in the 2-hr. period. Beginners will receive more detailed instructions at the beginners clinic.

If you can help out at this event please call PEG DAVIS at 628-8985.

**Directions:** From Tucson take I-10 East to HWY 83 (exit 281). Follow Hwy 83 south about 20 miles to Gardner Canyon Rd. (between Milepost 37 and 38). Then go west on this dirt road (F.S.92) approximately 6 miles to the site. Watch for "O" signs. There is a somewhat difficult wash crossing 1/2 mile before the event center. There is alternate parking just before the descent to the wash. Allow plenty of time to drive, especially if you are participating in the GOAT which has a mass start at 10 AM.

**Fees:** \$8/individual, \$10/team, plus \$1 per map for color maps, when used. \$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.

### Schedule:

- 9:00 a.m. Registration opens. Beginners' clinic starts.
- 9:30 a.m. Courses open.
- 10:00 a.m. Mass Start for the GOAT
- noon. Last time to start a course.
- 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 attend the beginners' clinic, arrive between 8:45 and 9 a.m.

## LOOKING FOR SLAVIN GULCH RESULTS??-

They'll be printed in the next month's newsletter

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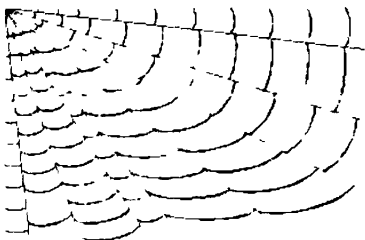
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Can you help staff a club meet?  Yes, call me. E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Members receive a monthly newsletter, have voting privileges and access to Club library, and receive a \$5 discount per meet. Make checks payable to Tucson Orienteering Club, and send to P.O. Box 13012, Tucson, AZ 85732.



**Check out the Tucson Orienteering Club web site!**  
**<http://www.cloudbow.com/sites/toc/>**

**Also, for links to all the West Coast club sites, go to**  
**<http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/4040>**

### Notice!

The meet dates for April-October 1999 in the December newsletter were incorrect. The dates shown were Mondays, not Sundays, and were therefore off by one day.

The correct dates will be in the calendar in next month's newsletter.

Thank you, Fred Padgett and Jeff Brucker, for bringing this to my attention.