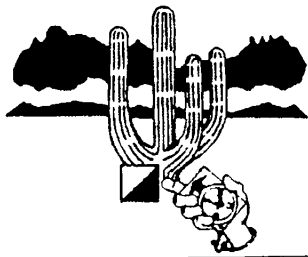


Tucson Orienteering Club



Newsletter Submittals
The deadline for items for the September newsletter is August 23. 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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Lincoln Park Early-O, August 15

—Emily Lane

Languishing in Tucson during the long hot summer? Worried those orienteering muscles will have atrophied away by the time the ROGAINE hits? Feel the need to get up-close and personal with some catclaw acacia?

Don't Despair! Early-O is here!

Yes, folks, mark it on your calendar and make sure you're up bright and early on Sunday, August 15, for the 1999 Lincoln Park Early-O. There will be several courses, a White for beginners, an Orange/Green with fewer features on the map to help you navigate than there usually are, and (for those of you who really want to test out how your neurons are firing (*how* early in the morning?)), there will be a Memory-O type event.

For more information or inquiries, contact me at 325-1277 (Just make sure the questions aren't too hard—I'm new at this game.) As usual, volunteers are always needed and appreciated to help with Registration, Timing, and control retrieval.

Hope to see you there, and remember—**bring lots of water!**

Directions: From Kolb Road and 22nd Street, go east about 3/4 mile to Pantano Road (*not* Pantano Parkway). Turn south and continue about 2 miles. You will see Santa Rita High School on the southeast corner of Pantano Road and Escalante. Just past the school grounds, turn left into the park entrance.

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:

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| 6:30 a.m. | Registration opens. Beginners' clinic starts. |
| 7:00 a.m. | Courses open. |
| 9:00 a.m. | Last time to start a course. |
| 10:00 a.m. | Courses close. (We can all go home and escape from the heat.) Begin control retrieval—good orienteering practice, lots of help always needed. Volunteer before 9 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 attend the beginners' clinic, arrive before 6:30 a.m.

August Business and Planning Meeting

There will be a business/planning meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 1999, at 6:30 p.m., at the home of Roger Sperline and Sue Roberts. It will be a potluck and swim party also, so bring some really yummy food to share and a bathing suit. Come, splash, socialize, eat—and maybe even participate in some O biz. Call Roger or Sue at 577-8519 for directions or other information. All members are invited, welcome, and eligible to vote.

Will the Real AZ State Champs Meet Please Step Forward?

Yes, it will—on the weekend of September 18-19, 1999, at Slavin Gulch in the Dragoon Mountains. Hold the weekend open and look for further information in the September newsletter. Read John Maier's article below for an explanation of "wha' happen" to the Lake Mary meet in July that was supposed to have been the state champs meet.

The Lower Lake Mary Map

—John Maier

Since I could not be around for the State Champs event, I volunteered to set the courses. The map looked great—enough linear features for the easier courses and lots of point features for the advanced courses. I had orienteered on this map in the early days when just a few fences had been added, little else. I also participated in a weekend mapping clinic in 1994, which was shortchanged by lack of sufficient time (in my opinion).

Waking up that first morning in the woods of the mapped terrain was a wonderful transition from southern Arizona. The woods were beautiful. I've always enjoyed Ponderosa pine forests with the semi-shade and open under-story they offer.

Soon I was ready to go. Had to first verify that my White and Yellow courses would work out, since these dictate where the Start and Finish will be. You can't do it the other way around (advanced first, then beginner) without risking a split start which places an additional burden on the event director and volunteers. Immediately I encountered problems with the map. Many of the point features along the trails were incorrect, even the linear features were poorly mapped in places. In one place, it seemed obvious that a stream/trail intersection was used as a reference point for mapping the point features in the area. All were off by over 100 meters, eliminating their use as control points. Perhaps by flagging some legs, this problem section could be avoided.

I went on to research some intermediate and advanced control placements. Within two hours, the verdict was in: Cancel the Arizona Champs. There was no way any meaningful course design could be done on a map having two-thirds of the point features wrong! I threw my courses out.

My first inclination at this discouraging development was to place a sign at the camping area: "Champs canceled, party instead." Needing something more, I settled on setting points to be used as a Score-O. In the end, I flagged 29 points, recorded no fewer than 60 map errors, and made suggestions. Let those coming to the event decide how best to use them. Personally, I still feel any "O" event using this map is going to be frustrating for many. Having a party would be better. Visit some local attractions, climb the peaks, explore the lava tube nearby, visit Wupatki NM, or Walnut Creek. Do Wet Beaver Creek, anything but "O." (Continued in September issue.)

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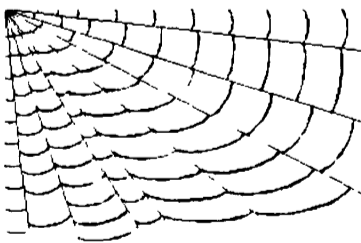
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Can you help staff a club meet? Yes, call me. E-mail: _____

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Check out the Tucson Orienteering Club web site!
<http://www.cloudbow.com/sites/toc/>
Also, for links to all the Western area club sites, just type
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Orienteering Obsession

For those of you who would rather orienteer than you-know-what, you could follow up our July "Practice" Arizona State Champs with The Rocky Mountain 1000 Day, August 13-22, 1999 (yeah, we know, that's not quite 1000 days), then use the *real* Arizona State Champs meet September 18-19 to warm up for the 1999 Classic Distance US Orienteering Championships, September 25-26, 1999. And don't forget our Arizona ROGAINE on October 23-24! The ROGAINE flyer was in the July issue and the State Champs information will be in the September issue.

The Rocky Mountain meet will be held in Laramie, Wyoming. For information on this you can go to "<http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Stadium/7418/>" (without the quotes), or e-mail meet director Mikell Platt at mikell@sprynet.com.

The Classic Distance meet is being presented by the Bay Area Orienteering Club at Lake Tahoe-Nevada State Park at Spooner Lake. (Doesn't that sound wonderful, especially right now with us at 105°?) You can find information on this at "<http://www.baoc.org/sched/s990925.html>" (without the quotes).