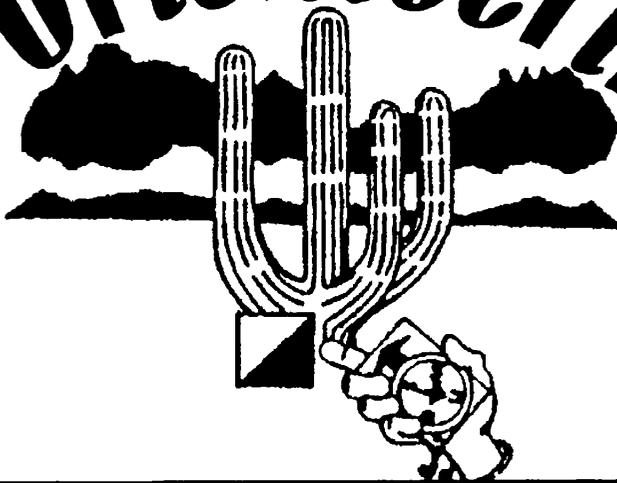


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# Thompson Orienteering Club



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January 2000

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## Catalina State Park in January

—Jim Stamm

Start the year (and century, and millennium) right with camping and orienteering on the weekend of January 15-16. The Club has reserved the large group camp site for Saturday and Sunday, so bring the family and visit the ruins, take the nature walk, or just relax and warm up for the Sunday meet. Camping charge at the gate will be \$10 per vehicle.

There will be five traditional courses (White, Yellow, and Orange at 1:10,000 scale; and Green and Red at 1:15,000 scale). The White and Yellow courses are planned so that novices can complete them and then attack the next higher level that same afternoon. There will be about 15 controls set for the Orange course (others will have 10 or less).

I have attempted to offer multiple route choices, especially for the Red and Green courses. It will be advantageous to know which of your orienteering skills are strongest.

If I receive enough input and variety during the review session, I will publish either the Red or Green course map and runner's analysis on our Club's web page.

The Meet Director is Mike Thompson, and you can call him at 743-9687 to offer your services. Facilities at the park are good, making this an easy place to help. Even if you have no experience whatsoever, it will be easy to put in one-half hour at Registration or Timing. This is also the best way to meet and get to know other club members.

**Directions:** The entrance to Catalina State Park is located on Oracle Road (Arizona 77), six miles north of the intersection of Oracle Road with Ina Road. If you come on I-10, take Exit 248 and drive east on Ina for five miles to its intersection with Oracle. Visitors from Phoenix, take the Pinal Parkway to Oracle Junction, from where it is approximately 10 miles southbound on Arizona 77 to the park entrance. The State Park day-use fee is \$3 per car.

**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.

12:00 noon. Last time to start a course.

12 noon-2 p.m. Route choice reviews

2:00 p.m. Courses close. Begin con-

trol 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.

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# Cat Mountain Results

—Peg Davis

December in Tucson is a beautiful thing, and Cat Mountain on December 29 was the perfect place to enjoy it. The 67 people participating must have agreed. Our Start point was a 10-minute walk from parking, putting us in a bowl of desert that seemed peacefully far from town. The sun was warm, the breezes light, and all the controls were in the right places.

Max Suter ("Mr. Perfect") set White and Yellow classic courses and a farflung Score-O course without a vetter. Score-O controls were hung at an Orange skill level, but flung all over the map. I especially enjoyed the control stuffed in a crack at the top of a hill at the far edge of the map—quite a hike, but worth 4 points.

No one found all the controls, even on the 90-minute course. Several people paid the Score-O penalty and lost hard-won points by coming back late. This course was a challenge in desert running: how fast were you willing to blast through the cactus to collect just one more control?

I'd like to thank my two volunteers this meet: Mike Thompson for Meet Director training, and Ron Hudson for teaching the Beginners' Clinic. Yes! They offered to do a job without being asked! I'd like to thank my two requestees (I called them and they said yes), Carol and Greg Starr for running the tables for the first 90 minutes of the meet. I'd like to thank my draftees (they were walking by and I begged them): Jill Luttmann, Keith McLeod, Sue Wenberg, Jim DeVeny, David Barfield, Jeff Brucker, Greg Starr again, and especially Marilyn Cleavinger for taking over Timing after noon, which allowed me to run a course. And Michelle helped drag equipment to the Start point on her way to the Beginners' Clinic, thereby helping at a meet before she'd even been to one.

## 90-Minute Score-O

Place	Name	(# on team)	Minutes	Penalty Points	Total Points
1.	Ron Hudson		89	0	35
2.	Sasha Savine		85	0	27
3.	Ford Team	(3)	89	0	27
4.	Trailing Dick		83	0	25
5.	Jeff Brucker		90	-1	20
6.	Jeff Brodsky		82	0	17
7.	Peg Davis		84	0	17
8.	Leif Lundquist		108	-7	14
9.	Team Si	(4)	99	-4	12
10.	Keith McLeod		117	-10	11
11.	Paul Hoyt		88	0	10
12.	Grimace	(2)	91	-1	10
13.	Age Before Beauty	(2)	82	0	8
14.	Margrit McIntosh		90	0	7
15.	Jeff Berringer		101	-4	7
16.	Mike High		92	-1	6
17.	Mike Thompson		99	-4	2
18.	Coyote		121	-8	-3

## 60-Minute Score-O

1.	Jim DeVeny		59	0	11
2.	Pat Penn		57	0	9
3.	Explorers	(2)	89	0	1
4.	Team Trauma	(2)	92	-11	-6

## Recreational Score-O

Claudia Krushek, Team Opel (3), Larry Lamb, Banana Slugs (2), Susan Wenberg

## White Course

1T Long Lost (2) 71:37  
2T Coffee Dogs 80:20  
3T Clueless Psychos (2) 148:00

Recreational: Shrinking Trailmates (2), Cathy DeSimone, Team Trauma (2), Jerry Sims, Michele Anderson, Valery Thompson, Pat Pringle & Susan, MFE

## Yellow Course

1M Jeff Berringer 67:00  
1T Desert Lovers (2) 93:03  
2T Durham (3) 106:56  
3T Mountain Leopards (2) 116:36



# The Goat Comes to Chimney Rock

## February 5 (Saturday)

—John Maier

Unless you've run Red or Blue at this site, your course has never taken you to the most beautiful part of the Chimney Rock map in the extreme northern reaches. This is where you'll find all those massive rock outcrops, one of which is the namesake of the map. The Goat courses on February 5 will take you there. But do be ready for it.

The Goat is a long-distance event designed such that 80 percent of the field will finish within 3-1/2 hours. All who make this deadline will receive an award; one second past, no award. That's just the way it is.

Being in condition will make your experience more enjoyable. The long version of the Goat will be in the neighborhood of 12 kilometers; the short version will be closer to 8 kilometers. Choose whichever is appropriate to your fitness and skill level. The Goat is not for beginners. You should have successfully run Orange or above before attempting the Goat. We'll have a special easy Score-O for those who are new to orienteering or who normally run the White or Yellow courses.

The Goat employs a mass start. It is a point-to-point course with participants receiving their pre-marked color maps at the word "GO." **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO RECEIVE A PRE-MARKED MAP.** Call Vicki Hervert at 743-7934 no later than February 1 and specify long or short Goat course.

Anyone forgetting to pre-register will need to copy from a master map after the "GO" signal, while the rest of the field is off and running for #1. Anyone deciding to change Goat courses (long vs. short) must copy the changes onto their map after the start. It is to your definite advantage to plan ahead and pre-register. Goat participants must register as individuals, though on the course you may run with whatever crowd you please.

In contrast to normal orienteering rules, following is allowed in the Goat. In fact, following can be a significant part of the strategy, providing you know who to follow. But you'd better keep track of your location on the map, just in case the one you are watching gives you the slip.

Two other features of the Goat to complicate life are (1) the forked control and (2) the skipped control. Somewhere along the course will be a split control where you must choose the right or left option. Additionally, you may skip any one control on your course. Choosing well may gain you competitive advantage. Also, just so you know, both long and short versions will share the same controls. The only difference is that the short version will short-circuit the loop at some point in time.

Beginners and those who normally run White or Yellow will have a Score-O with a two-hour time limit. Controls may be visited in any order, the object being to visit as many as possible in the two-hour time limit. Don't forget your watch for this event. Score-O participants may begin the course any time between 9:30 and noon. Recreational entrees will not be subject to the two-hour time limit. No need to pre-register for the Score-O.

Vicki Hervert will be making her debut as Meet Director for this event. Please call her at 743-7934 if you can volunteer an hour or two of your time.

Please take note that this event is scheduled for a Saturday. Also, all Goat participants should arrive well in advance of the 10:00 Mass Start to allow for the walk to the Start and briefing.

**Directions:** Follow Tanque Verde Road east out of Tucson.

The name changes to Redington Road and the pavement changes to dirt. Continue up the dirt road until you see the rustic wooden corral, about seven miles past the end of pavement. Parking is 0.2 mile beyond this on the north side of the road. Normal clearance passenger cars will have no problem, but drive slowly.

**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 GOAT.

12:00 noon. Last time to start a course.

12 noon-2 p.m. Route choice reviews

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.

## December Business Meeting

—Peg Davis

At the last business meeting, the Board did a beautiful job of designing the 2000 schedule. Locations were picked for weather suitability and course setter preference. My thanks to the setters for volunteering so generously—especially my favorite maniac, John Maier, with five days of events! I nominate him as the first person the human race needs to clone.

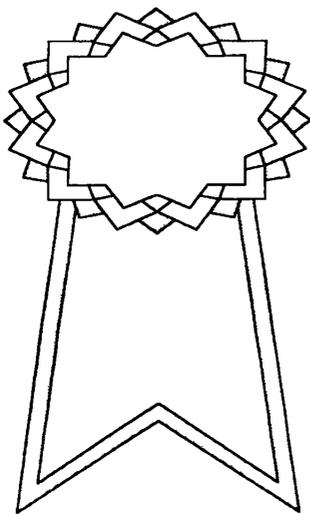
The only slots left available to set are Greasewood in May, Lincoln in August, and one or both days of the State Champs in October. Grab your slot soon or be restless in 2000.

Bag hangers are needed for some meets set by out-of-town volunteers. If you don't feel up to designing and setting courses, consider bag hanging as a way to ease into it. You'd be hanging controls from a master map written by the course setter. Many of the locations will be marked with flagging tape.

While many of our course setters have had to work without veters (someone who checks that controls are hung exactly where they are marked on the map and does quality control on course design), this is a poor policy. If you're going to be out of town (or maybe directing?) the day of the meet, consider volunteering to vet.

Course setters are wonderful. But, as for meet directing, the noble Vicky Hervert and Mike Thompson are our only meet directors so far. Please pick your favorite location or setter or month, then volunteer to direct. If we would each set or direct just once a year, no one would be overloaded. My New Year's resolution is to not direct any meets in 2000. Meets without director volunteers one month in advance will be canceled. Contact Peg at 628-8985 to stake down your slot.

See the Club Calendar, page 6, for the 2000 schedule.



## Ribbons

Don't forget that the award ribbons are now do-it-yourself. If you like to have a tangible reminder of the meets you really enjoyed (BECAUSE YOU WON!), go to the big red folder marked "RIBBONS" near the Registration table at meets, find the Results page for the meet, and fill out the meet information on the appropriate ribbon for yourself.

We have discontinued mailing the ribbons, due to cost, so if you would like to have one, it's up to you.



## ROGAINE '99 Revisited

I forgot to give some credit to some volunteers who helped with the ROGAINE map. Roger Sperline took a lot of time during the summer to convert the USGS base maps to OCAD. (OCAD is a nifty computer program for creating orienteering maps which can be easily updated and reprinted on a home computer.) This process took the better part of two weeks. In addition, he took the time to instruct Dan Coombs and me on the use of OCAD.

Also, thanks to Jim DeVeny, John Little, Wilkey Richardson, Jim Stamm, and Paul Hoyt for helping with the field-checking, and Wilkey for additional help with OCAD.

—Jim Stamm

### Lost and Found:

*Found:* One green and black glove  
Two white stacking chairs

*Lost:* Brown garbage can with beige lid

Rogaine controls!! Might anyone have a few tucked away? When Wilkey Richardson and I went out to retrieve the last 10 sunbaked controls, three were missing. The control codes are: TA, TB, and TC. Controls should be returned to Ma. English, Equipment Chair, 881-4786.

—Peg Davis (628-8985)

# Empire Ranch Results

—Jackie Ciccola

The Empire Ranch, with its magnificent distant horizons and beautiful rolling grasslands, was the setting of the meet on November 20-21. The blustery weather didn't deter the sixty-six participants who attended. It may even have been appreciated, as it whipped the controls about making them easier to spot. Several individuals new to orienteering attended the meet; as a result, the Club wishes to welcome seven new members to its organization this month. Following are the results of this meet.

Special thanks to Helen Deluga, Rachel Gelbin, John Maier, Gary Thomas, and Pat Penn for their help with Registration, Timing, and control retrieval.

Extra special thanks to Peg Davis, for teaching the beginner's clinic; to Ted Norris who showed up and "saved my bacon" by helping register, score, and account for all participants returning; to Ron Hudson (bacon saver #2) who jumped in and gave two hours of his time to help with Registration; to Mark Parsons for taking charge of control retrieval assignments including himself; to Keith McLeod for manning the finish table and for helping to haul the equipment; to Carl Moore for course design; to Don Fallis for hanging controls; and finally, perhaps most of all, to Mary English, who houses two carloads of equipment which she hauls out and replaces each and every month so that we may all have our fun in the wilderness.

## Saturday Score O

1W	Peg Davis	26
1M	Ron Hudson	23
1T	HH Hashers	23

## Sunday Courses

### White

1T	Fighting Frogs	40:38
2T	Illegal Aliens	42:49

### Yellow

Rec.	Fighting Frogs	56:45
Rec.	Illegal Aliens	62:33

### Orange

1W	Helen Deluga	71:40
1T	Eddice/Johnny	73:14
2T	DSQ'd	74:42
Rec.	Rachel Gelbin	52:00

### Red

1W	Pat Penn	78:13
2W	Peg Davis	92:41
1M	Trailing Dick	53:43
2M	Mark Parsons	54:17
3M	Ron Hudson	55:40
1T	HH Hashers	66:48

### Blue

1M	Mark Everett	71:58
2M	John Maier	89:08
1T	Savine Family	145:21

## On being meet director...

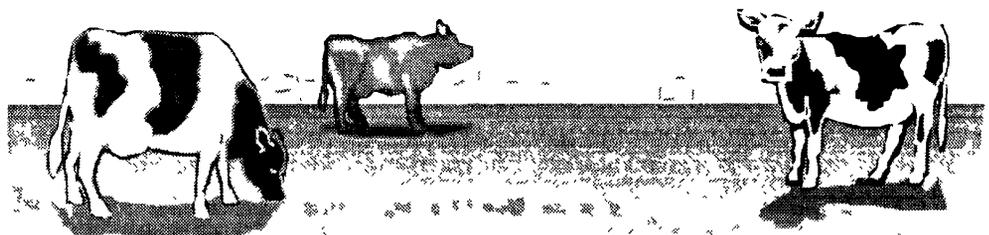
The Empire Ranch Meet on November 20-21 was my first experience at meet directing.

As a novice to all aspects of orienteering, this was a tremendous learning experience. My thoughts on that experience might best be shared by prioritizing what was learned:

- 1.) Tucson O members are a wonderful lot, willing to step up and help out.
- 2.) Never get lost before, during, or after a Tucson meet—it's expensive.
- 3.) Recruit a sufficient number of volunteers (recommended minimum = 4).
- 4.) Find out, before you agree to direct, if the plan is for a split start.
- 5.) If a split start is planned, add  $2 + 4 = 6$  volunteers.
- 6.) A great effort is necessary to prepare, present, complete, and report even a small meet.

7.) Volunteers are vital to the continued success of the Tucson O Club.

Since first being introduced to the sport of orienteering and meeting the people of the Tucson O Club back in May, I continue to be impressed by the caliber of individual that this club and this sport attract. Any of you who plan to direct a meet in the future (an experience I recommend), feel free to call on me for help. I feel my debt to the Tucson O Club, for search and rescue efforts, has not been fully paid yet.



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## CLUB CALENDAR

**January 16, Catalina State Park**

Course Setter: Jim Stamm (575-0830)

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Director: Mike Thompson (743-9687)

**January 24, Newsletter Deadline**

See back page for submittal information.

**February 5 (Saturday), Arizona Goat,  
Chimney Rock**

Course Setter: John Maier (520-586-7300)

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Director: Vicky Hervert (743-7934)

**February 20, Silver Bell Mountains**

Course Setter: Wilkey Richardson (529-1105)

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Director: Vacant

**March 19 (and maybe 18), Puertocito Wash**

Course Setter: Bill Bryant (899-0456)

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Director: Vacant

**April 15-16, Chimney Rock**

Course Setters: 4/15—Bill Bryant (899-0456);

4/16—Mark Everett (318-1217)

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Director: Vacant

**May 6 (Saturday), Greasewood City Park****National Orienteering Day**

Course Setter: Vacant

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Director: Vacant

**May 13-14, Arizona ROGAINE,  
Mogollon Rim**

Course Setter: John Maier (520-586-7300)

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Director: Vacant

**June 18 (and maybe 17), Palisades on  
Mt. Lemmon**

Course Setter: Jeff Brucker (886-2528)

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Director: Vacant

**July 16 (and maybe 15), Bear Wallow on  
Mt. Lemmon**

Course Setter: Ron Hudson (388-2809)

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Director: Vacant

**August 20, Lincoln City Park**

Course Setter: Vacant

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Director: Vacant

**September 16-17, Mogollon Rim  
Special Event**

Course Setter: John Maier (520-586-7300)

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Director: Vacant

**October 14-15, State Champs, Down Route 83**

Course Setter: Vacant

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Director: Vacant

**November 19 (& maybe 18), Silver Bell  
Mountains**

Course Setter: Dan Coombs (322-9758)

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Director: Vacant

**December 17, Cat Mountain**

Course Setter: Jeff Brucker (886-2528)

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Director: Vacant

## A Month Without a Meet Is Like . . . . .

Coffee without cream? Cookies with chocolate chips? Hot dogs without mustard?

I don't know about the rest of you, but when I have to miss a meet, I really *miss* it. And if I could have gone to a meet, but there wasn't one, because it had been canceled, I'd *really* be upset.

What is so difficult about volunteering to direct one meet a year? Actually if everyone would do his/her share, it would work out to one every three or four years.

We have about 120 members. Ten or fifteen are involved with setting courses and keeping our maps updated. Our equipment chair spends several full days a month keeping everything in good condition and putting together whatever is needed for the meet, then packing it away again. I myself average eight hours a month doing this newsletter. The other board members put in time every month on publicity, getting permits, keeping the membership and finance records and minutes up-to-date. Our president spends many hours on all of the above, plus many, many hours on the telephone trying to get volunteers lined up. Couldn't YOU put in about eight hours a YEAR?

Talk to some members who have directed a meet. I think you'll find that it's really not that difficult! Yes, it does take a commitment of time for that one month. But any person of average intelligence and physical strength can do it. You don't need to be a champion orienteerer, and you don't need months of training. Directions are clearly written out, and there are many people willing to answer any questions you may have, and to give you any help you may need.

Don't just *think* about it doing it this year; **DO IT!** Pick out your month and call Peg Davis at 628-8985.

# Volunteers!



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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# SEE YOU AT CATALINA JANUARY 16



## 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*

## Tucson Orienteering Club Membership Application

Check one	New Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date on label	_____
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Name	_____				Telephone	_____
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	Can you help staff a club meet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, call me			

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