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October 2000

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## Arizona State Champs 2000

—Peg Davis

The 2000 Arizona State Championship Meet will be held on the weekend of October 14 and 15 at Empire Ranch. This is a Pacific Region Ranking Event, and, as a two-day meet, it will fulfill one-half of the requirement for ranking.

Dan Coombs will set the usual five courses: White, Yellow, Orange, Green, and Red. On Saturday, there will be a remote Start/Finish area requiring a 20-minute walk. On Sunday, course leaders will begin a chase start at 9 a.m. The last chase start will be at 9:30 a.m.; thereafter, people will be started at two-minute intervals in the order of their finish on Saturday. Times will be computed by simply adding the two days together. If people show up for Sunday only, they can start between 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Onsite camping (no facilities, bring your own water) will be available free Friday and Saturday nights. While the courses feature far less hostile vegetation than many, they have been known to sport massive quantities of invasive grass seeds. Socks beware!

PRE-REGISTRATION BY OCTOBER 11TH IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE A PREMARKED MAP. However, all it takes to pre-register is to email [pegdavis@u.arizona.edu](mailto:pegdavis@u.arizona.edu) or phone (520) 628-8985 and announce (1) your name, (2) your course, and (3) what days you'll be participating. Everyone else will be copying their control locations on the clock.

I will be (reluctantly!) directing this two-day meet and will need a lot of volunteers to help. Please call 628-8985 or email [pegdavis@u.arizona.edu](mailto:pegdavis@u.arizona.edu) if you can donate an hour.

**Directions:** The meet site is approximately an hour southeast of Tucson on part of the map used for the 1997 Arizona Rogaine (Empire Ranch Airport). Take I10 east from Tucson to exit 281 (Highway 83); head south toward Sonoita for about 16 miles. (The turnoff is 100 m south of Milepost 40.) You will turn left onto a dirt road into the Empire-Cienega Ranch and drive about 5 miles more. Look for the O signs. If you see the turnoff for Gardner Canyon, you've gone too far.

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

8:30 a.m. Beginners' clinic.  
9:00 a.m. Courses open.  
11:00 a.m. Last time to start a course.  
1:00 p.m. Courses close. Begin control retrieval—good orienteering prac-

tice, lots of help always needed. Volunteer before noon 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 8:15 and 8:30 a.m.

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## Discovering Orienteering

—Keith McLeod

On Saturday, September 9, Women in the Outdoors held an outdoors skills workshop on Mt. Lemmon. Featured were Basic Archery and Bow Hunting, Fly Fishing, Shotgun Class, Basic Automobile Knowledge, Dutch Oven Cooking, Basic Camping, Landscaping for Wildlife, and Map/Compass Reading/Orienteering.

I taught the last course to the ladies—a three-hour Score Orienteering course in the morning, and another in the afternoon. All had a grand time. They were challenged, and all succeeded. One commented the course alone was worth the workshop's \$50 fee. Another said that she will no longer wait by the truck when her husband goes off hunting. One of these remarkable ladies helped pick up controls after our program was over. It was empowering for them, and what better activity is there for women who like the outdoors?

The Tucson Orienteering Club will benefit by having 18-20 of the participants wanting to receive our newsletter and show up for our meets. Thanks are in order: **Jackie Ciccolo** who helped me put on the course; the **Phoenix Orienteering Club** for the use of their controls; and **Jeff Brucker** who shared his notes, control points, and course layout from the meet he ran at Showers Point on Mt. Lemmon several months ago.

In setting up the orienteering program for the ladies, I introduced them to that mysterious instrument called a compass. To make it less terrifying, I wrote the following so they could take it with them. Perhaps this might be useful to some of our readers who are not yet that confident with this wonderful device, and our club could use it as a handout to beginners at our meets.

### Using A Compass—Three Simple Steps

There are three arrows on a compass: one is on the base plate, and the other two are in the compass housing. Notice that when you twist the housing, one of the arrows turns and the other doesn't. The non-turning arrow, or needle, floats and always points north.

When you use a compass to determine how to go from one point to another, you must use all three arrows.

**First:** Lay your compass on the map, and align the base arrow pointing to where you are heading. We often use the edge of the compass for easier viewing.

**Second:** Twist the housing so the interior housing lines are parallel to the magnetic grid lines on the map. **Be aware** after turning the housing arrow, it should be pointing in the same direction as North on the map.

**Third:** We finally focus on the floating compass needle. Lift the compass off the map and place next to your belly with the base plate arrow facing away from you. Turn your body until the compass housing arrow and the floating needle are aligned and pointing in the same direction. Congratulations, you have pointed yourself in the same direction as you did on the map. Best wishes for a successful journey.

### The Jeff Brrrrs

In perusing the Board of Directors listing, one might notice some odd similarities. Where did all those Jeff Brrr....types come from and what are they doing here? And how can they be told apart?

**Jeff Brucker** (light beard) has been orienteering for nearly 10 years, and, of late, is Mr. Map. While course-setting the 1999 Arizona Rogaine on Route 83, he learned OCAD (computer-aided drafting for orienteering) while upgrading club and USGS topographic maps of the area. Now he's the map chair, making maps and spearheading the map creation and upgrading projects. While normally the jolly friendly sort, he tends to pout when teased about the incredibly goofy hats he's always wearing.

**Jeff Brodsky** (dark beard) has been orienteering about five years, and has been showing near shocking advances in skill. He's gone from barely able to crawl on his hands and knees to the finish of a Yellow course to regularly finishing Red courses at a run. Known as "the boy scout" for his limitless cheery helpfulness, he handles mailing lists, membership information and any other data base manipulations the club needs.

**Jeff Berringer** (no beard) joined the board this year to fill our desperate need for a secretary/treasurer. So far, so solvent. His marathoning past implies that he'll soon be moving up from the Green course. For his latest trick, he jumped in to fill almost every job at the Potato Patch meet, starting, finishing, results, directing, pedicurist, you name it, and he was one of the few to participate in all four, count 'em, four of the events that weekend.

People like this are the backbone of the club. **Thanks, guys!**

### October Business Meeting

The next business meeting will be held October 4, 2000, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Casa Peg Davis (2241 East Parkway Terrace; call 628-8985 for directions). Topics covered will be:

- \* Further discussion and planning on map creation and improvement
- \* Creating the meet schedule through June 2001 (time to campaign for your favorite site and claim choice setting and directing slots)
- \* The October State Champs meet
- \* Additional topics from the floor

All members are urged to attend and are eligible to vote. If you cannot attend but would like to air your views, please call Peg before the meeting.

## Lincoln Park, August 20, 2000

—C. Michael Thompson

Despite the hot, muggy August morning, a small group of brave orienteers showed up in Lincoln Park for a jaunt around one of three courses set by **Roger Sperline** and **Sue Roberts**. As they staggered in from their heat-induced stupor, they returned their sweaty control cards, sat in the shade to cool, and left the park to wonder whether this had been real or just another desert mirage.

The meet director thanks **Roger Sperline** for conducting the beginners' clinic, **Jeff Berringer** and **Sue Roberts** for running the timing table, and **Jim Stamm** for taking over the registration table duties. Control retrieval was done by **Jim Stamm** (on his GPS-equipped bike!), **Roger Sperline**, and **Justin and his mom** (who were not able to arrive until later and wanted to retrieve controls for their experience).

There were the usual White and Yellow beginner courses and a Variety-O, with some memory legs, partial maps, and other tricky clues to challenge the O-ers. Scoring on the Variety-O was based on the number of controls and legs completed and the elapsed time. Priority was given to the number of extra legs attempted above the first sequence of controls, and the line separating the Variety-O results indicates this. Congratulations to Savine Team for finding all the appropriate controls!

### Variety-O (4 km, 3 legs, 19 total controls)

		Time	Penalty	Total
1T	Savine Team	95:46	0	95:46
2T	Team Anteater	112:15	5	117:15
1W	Pat Penn	108:30	20	128:30
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1M	Wilkey Richardson	70:10	20	90:10
3T	Catalina Javelinas	122:17	15	137:17
	The Rangers	171:00	15	186:00
	Lois Kimminau, Gators	REC		
	Dan Cobbledick	DNF		
	Jeff Berringer			

### Yellow Course (2.5 km, 12 controls)

1T	Gators	48:22
1M	Ludwig Hill	54:13
2M	C. Michael Thompson	54:36
2T	Labradors	57:44
3T	Joe & His Dad	98:31
Rec:	Team Fisher	
DNF:	Scott Clark	

### White Course (2.5 km, 12 controls)

1T	The G Clan	58:58
2T	WOW!	67:26

## Time for a Road Trip

—Peg Davis

On Saturday, December 9, and Sunday, December 10, the San Diego and Los Angeles Orienteering Clubs will hold a joint meet at Carrizo Canyon, California. This two-day meet will feature White, Yellow, Orange, Brown, Green, Red, and Blue courses. There is a possibility that this meet will be included in the Pacific ranking series. Participating in this meet and the October AZ State Champs would give one the four days required to be included in the series rankings, allowing one to see where one stands in comparison to others on the same color course from Tucson to San Francisco.

The site is about five miles south of Palm Desert on I-10. While it will be about a seven-hour drive, this is the closest multiday meet to Arizona for quite a while. I suggest Phoenicians and Tucsonans carpool over there, support their meet, and improve our skills—with no course-setting or meet-directing burdens!

The opportunity to orienteer two days in a row allows the skills learned the first day to be reinforced and retained the second day. Also, the orienteering community is composed of some really fabulous people. Getting the chance to practice our sport and socialize with them will increase both your skill level and what you can offer to your club. Different clubs do things different ways—ways that are sometimes a big improvement over the usual local ways. Besides, it's just so honkin' much fun!

To find out about carpooling, call (520) 628-8985 or email [pegdavis@u.arizona.edu](mailto:pegdavis@u.arizona.edu). For specific meet details, watch this space for updates or call Bill Gookin at 619-578-9456.

**News Flash: Announcement from Clare Durand, USOF Pacific Region Representative, "I have decided to officially add the meet at Carrizo Canyon December 9-10, 2000, to the Pacific Region Ranking Series."**

## Potato Patch Scores

—John Maier

We now have a brand new map on the Mogollon Rim called Potato Patch. Next year it will be enlarged and some of the interesting rock features will be added. It's good as is at 1:15,000 with a 20-foot contour interval, but it will get even better. I'd planned to do this map the old-fashioned way, in pen-and-ink, due to the short time frame available before our event, but was surprised to learn it had been OCADed (computer drawn and stored on file) while I was tromping through the woods doing the field survey. Jeff Brucker, Roger Sperline, and Wilkey Richardson did the OCADing. I spent 80-plus hours field-checking, in addition to three days course-designing, in preparation for the September weekend event on the Rim. In addition, I prepared a map of Willow Springs Lake for our first Water-O event. Both maps will see use again next year, and, if we have a meet director, you can expect a smooth-running affair.

This event had no meet director, and unless a volunteer steps forth, there will be no meet report, as that is the domain of the director. However, I did want to thank a few volunteers who went above and beyond expectations. These super volunteers saved the day for the rest of the crowd, because my duties ended with mapping and course setting. At the top of my list are **Carl and Linda Moore** from Las Vegas, who volunteered multiple times for multiple tasks and really saved my hide on the Night-O by finishing the design, then setting the controls and running the event. I was over at the lake retrieving controls from the Water-O event. Certainly could have used some help in that task.

Another super volunteer was **Mike Cordier** from Flagstaff, who brought nine cadets from NAU with him. Mike taught the beginners' clinic, and he and his crew took charge of the portable toilet details from start to finish, as well as volunteering for other tasks.

The last super volunteer of the weekend was **Jeff Berringer**, who didn't need to ask what was needed, but just went ahead and got it done.

In addition to our super volunteers, there were others who surpassed expectations. **Ludwig Hill**, who just started orienteering with us in August, agreed to retrieve a second batch of controls when he saw how short-handed we were. **Jeff Brucker** (who put in so much time in the mapping effort) and his wife **Carol** collected more than their fair share. Over 70 controls were hung for the Long-O alone. If you factor in the Night-O controls and the Water-O controls, it's over 100! I was unable to get away from the site until 1:30 p.m. Monday, having finally retrieved the last controls and flagging from our event.

Others helped out as well—you know, the Peg Davises of the world who are always pitching in. My purpose here is to recognize those who went above and beyond expectations—those who made a "big difference." Thank you for buoying up the club.

The corrected results from the event follow. Next year, plan on the weekend kicking off with the spirited Water-O event on Saturday, then the Night-O in the evening, with a regular or Long-O event on Sunday.

Long-O Results				3M	Mike Cordier	86:00	64:55	150:55	
	Day 1	Day2	Total		Ludwig Hill	62:00	91:46	153:46	
<b>Yellow</b>					Joe Armstrong	86:00	80:00	166:00	
	Jeanne Keller	66:00	DNF	DNF	Ted Reed	86:00	92:06	178:06	
	A J Team 1	DNS	R	R	Matt Furnia	86:00	111:03	197:03	
	A J Team 2	DNS	R	R	Gary Thomas	86:00	115:32	201:32	
	Carol Brucker	?DNS	R	R	2W Peg Davis	94:00	110:24	204:24	
<b>Orange</b>					Savine Team	62:00	DNS	R	
	Tomkat Rangers	DNS	134:44	R	Samantha Mansfield	86:00	DNS	R	
	Sue Wenberg	DNS	R	R	Garrett Berry	86:00	DNF	DNF	
	Carol Brucker	DNS	R	R	Conor Winslow	86:00	DNF	DNF	
	The Lieutenant	DNS	R	R	Matt Kikta	86:00	DNF	DNF	
	Disorientees	R	DNS	R	Andrew Jones	86:00	DNF	DNF	
<b>Green</b>					<b>Red</b>				
1M	Carl Moore	70:00	71:30	141:30	1M	Mark Parsons	40:00	112:40	152:40
2M	Jeff Berringer	54:00	94:38	148:38	2M	Jeff Brucker	48:00	116:41	164:41
1W	Linda Moore	70:00	79:50	149:50					

**Potato Patch Scores (Continued)**

**Night-O Results**

	Score	Time
<b>Beginner</b>		
1M Jeff Brucker	9	
1T Rangers	5	
1W Peg Davis	4	
Gary Thomas	R	
Jeanne Keller	R	

**Advanced**

1T Savine Team	6	
1M Ludwig Hill	5	
2M Conor Winslow	3	72:00
3M Jeff Berringer	3	74:35
2T Jones/Furnia	3	79:55
Matt Kikta	2	72:00
Ted Reed	2	72:02
3T Armstrong/Mansfield	2	85:00
Garrett Berry	N/C	

**CLUB CALENDAR**

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

Course Setter: Dan Coombs (322-9758)

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Director: Peg Davis (628-8985)

**October 23, Newsletter Deadline**

Submittal information on this page.

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

Course Setter: Kevin Gross (326-0739)

Course Vetter: *First Time Setter Needs a Vetter*

Meet Director: Alexandre Savine (299-4540)

**December 17, Cat Mountain**

Course Setter: Jeff Brucker (886-2528)

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Director: Vacant

**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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**Phoenix Orienteering Club Calendar**

**Oct 18 and 21**

**Land Nav Class**

**Oct 28**

**Lake Pleasant**

**Dec 9**

**Pickpost Mtn area (near Superior, AZ)**

**Jan 20**

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**Feb 24**

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**Mar 31**

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Meets are on Saturdays because most are joint with the JROTC and the schools are not allowed to have Sunday events.

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.

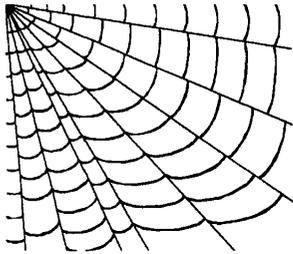
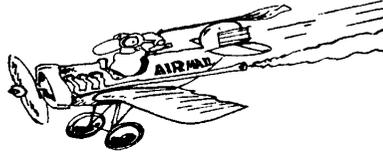
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October 14-15, 2000



Check out the Tucson Orienteering Club web site!  
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or type <http://go.to/tucsonorienteering>  
Also, for links to all the West Coast club sites,  
just type <http://go.to/sconet>

### Tucson Orienteering Club Membership Application

Check one: New Member       Renewal       Date on label \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: Individual (\$10)       Household (\$15)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_      Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Can you help staff a club meet?  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  
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