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February 2000

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## Score-O in the Silver Bells

—Wilkey Richardson

**NOTICE:** The Start and Finish times are different than usual; see below.

On February 20, we return to one of the course setter's favorite sites, Silver Bell, for a long Score-O (also billed as a mini-Rogaine). There will be three Score-O options: 1.5, 2.5, and 4 hour. For beginners, Mary English has set standard White and Yellow courses.

The 4-hour Score-O will be run in almost the same manner as a Rogaine, with a single mass start. Also, some controls will be in more rugged terrain than in regular orienteering events. Unlike a Rogaine, individuals will be allowed to run this event (teams not required).

Those choosing the 1.5 and 2.5 hour options will not have a mass start. They will be started in the normal manner (see below).

As usual, volunteers are needed for Registration, Start/Finish, and control retrieval. Please contact the meet directors, Jim Deveny and Maureen Jamieson (323-0936), to help.

**Directions:** *From Tucson.* take the Avra Valley exit from I-10 North. Proceed west 21 miles on Avra Valley Road into the Silver Bell Mountains. After passing some of the tailings piles on your right, the paved road turns northwest toward the mine buildings. You will see a sign saying "Red Rock via Silver Bell Road—25 miles." Turn left on this nice dirt road (not like the Redington Road!). Follow the dirt road 7-7.5 miles as it curves west, then north, to the saddle between the Silver Bell and West Silver Bell mountain ranges, to the meet headquarters. There will be orienteering signs posted.

*From Phoenix,* take the Red Rock exit from I-10, then follow Sasco Road

west. This road turns to dirt after five miles. It is an additional 13 miles from this point to the meet site.

**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:**

8:15 a.m. Registration opens.  
9:00 a.m. Mass start for 4-hour Score-O (mini-Rogaine).  
9:15 a.m. Beginners' clinic.  
9:30 a.m. Courses open, White, Yellow, 1.5 hour and 2.5 hour Score-O.  
10:30 a.m. Last start for 2.5 hr Score-O.

11:30 a.m. Last start for White, Yellow, and 1.5hr Score-O.

1:00 p.m. Courses close, finish for 4-hour Score-O.

**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.

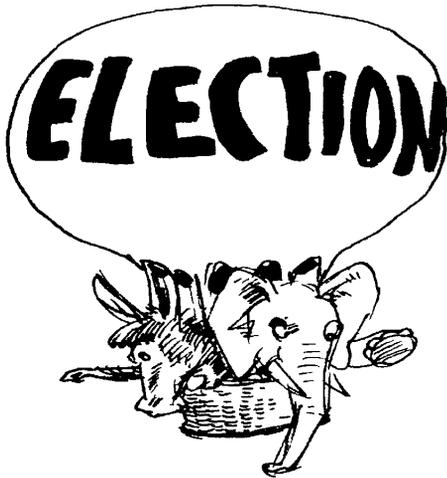
**Newcomers:** Go directly to Registration. Ask for instructions and introductory information. To attend the beginners' clinic, arrive before 9 a.m.

**Route-Choice Reviews:** Between noon and 1 p.m., the course setter or an advanced orienteer will discuss route choices with returning participants, probably near Start/Finish area.

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## Would You Like to Be an Officer?

*It's that time again! Yes, elections are in March, and officers serve 4/1 to 3/31.*



This is a call to TSN members: Get in on the agony and the glory of it all. Consider serving as a club officer. To suggest the name of someone who should be invited to be an officer (feel free to nominate yourself!), call Peg Davis, President, 628-8985, by February 15. (The March newsletter will carry ballots, if they are needed.)

Some positions involve computer abilities, but none except map chair require any great orienteering expertise. Here is a summary of duties for TSN officers.

**President.** Directs and coordinates club affairs. Presides at board meetings and general meetings. Appoints chairs of special committees. Signatory at bank. For all club orienteering events, coordinates preliminary logistics, finds course setters and meet directors; if necessary, finds other staffing for meets.

**Secretary/Treasurer.** Picks up mail regularly from post office and distributes it promptly. Transmits membership inquiries and updates to membership chair. Keeps minutes of all business meetings; provides excerpts from minutes and updated club calendar to newsletter. Keeps financial records. Signatory at bank.

**Membership Chair.** Maintains computerized database for club membership and meet participation records. Provides mailing labels each month to newsletter editor. Prepares other reports, as needed. (Needs appropriate software/computer.)

**Newsletter Editor.** Prepares and arranges for printing of monthly newsletter; and delivers to mailing volunteer to assemble and mail 10 to 14 days before each regular meet. Prepare lists of ribbons earned in previous meet. Sets publication guidelines. From meet directors/course setters, obtains necessary information about future meets and results of past competitions. Seeks other items of interest to members. (Logos and graphics currently in WordPerfect 7.0 format on IBM-compatible PC; layout templates are in PageMaker 5.0.)

**Publicity/Education Chair.** Prepares news releases; distributes information to appropriate media outlets. Coordinates educational services. Answers requests for information about club.

**Equipment Chair.** Stores, maintains, and replenishes club equipment and supplies; keeps up-to-date inventory. For each meet, provides materials to meet directors four to seven days in advance; assures timely return of materials. Notifies president of equipment needs. (Requires storage area—about 4 ft. x 6 ft. x 8 ft.)

**Map Chair.** Maintains map database on computer and makes it available to course setters. Identifies new areas for map development. Coordinates mapping activities for new and existing areas; develops and updates club maps. Must be computer literate, but not a "power user." Computer and archiving activities might be shared with a co-chair. Should be willing to train additional or future computer operators.

**Permit Chair.** Obtains all permits for meet sites. Maintains record of offices to be contacted with phone numbers and copies of all correspondence. Does not require great orienteering expertise.

### 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*

**Call Peg Davis at 628-8985 with your nomination.**

# Catalina State Park

## January 16, 2000

—C. Michael Thompson

On a (very!) hot day in January, 70 brave orienteers tackled five challenging courses set by Jim Stamm in Catalina State Park. The heat and vegetation evidently took their toll, as many control cards were returned with lots of missing punches!

It was a wonderful day for orienteering, and I'd like to thank the members who helped run the meet. Many thanks to Wilkey Richardson who volunteered to lead the Beginners' Clinic and unfortunately had to help at the Timing table for longer than reasonable. Control retrieval was done by Jeff and Carol Brucker, David Barfield, Jim Stamm, and the meet director. The remaining controls were retrieved by Jim Stamm and his assistants the week after the meet.

Special recognition goes to the new members of Dumpstered Tacos, who did the White, Yellow, and Orange courses on their first time at orienteering, then rode their bicycles home!

### Red (6.7k, 160m elevation, 9 controls)

1M Jeff Brucker 111:59  
2M Larry Lamb 211:37  
1T Savine Team 218:45  
DNF Jeff Brodsky, Max Suter

### Green (5.0k, 150m elevation, 9 controls)

1W Pat Penn 166:54  
2W Margrit McIntosh 183:39  
1T Team Si 188:03  
2T Beauty and . . . 189:00  
REC Leif Lundquist  
DNF Keith McLeod, MALO  
DSQ Mikail Gurevitch

### Orange (4.6k, 140m elevation, 15 controls)

1W Peg Davis 114:14  
REC Claudia Kunschak, Carol Brucker, iAZ, VIPs, Jeff Berringer, Crackers, 2, The Psychos, Dumpstered Tacos, Larry Lief  
DNF C. Michael Thompson, Matt Stamm, US, Desert Lovers, Moose Team, Johnny/Eddice

### Yellow (3.5k, 70m elevation, 13 controls)

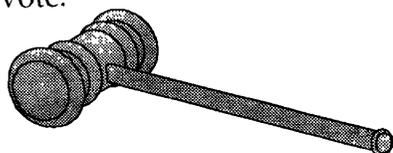
1M Jeff Berringer 85:10  
REC Kim Cooper, SHAGGS, MARZOK  
DNF Raucous Regehers, Rattus, Sorry Excuse, Coyote, Team O'Hara, Dumpstered Tacos, The Evil Mendu, King

### White (2.2k, 10m elevation, 9 controls)

1T Dumpstered Tacos  
REC Kim Cooper, JB/DG, J. Sims

## February Business Meeting

The next business meeting for the Tucson Orienteering Club will be held Wednesday, February 16, 2000, at 2241 East Parkway Terrace (Casa Peg Davis). Board members are nearly required, and all others are invited, to attend. Meeting begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. and will end about 8 p.m. For directions, call 628-8985. All members are encouraged to attend and are eligible to vote.



## Baghangers Needed!

Courses have been designed for the March and April meets, but BAGHANGERS are needed. The course setters will not be in town at the time of the meets, so someone is needed to put the bags out in the field. This is a good way to get orienteering practice and begin to think about course setting. A very diligent Orange course orienteer or Green or Red level could do this.

If you have any questions about the deed, call Peg at 628-8985. Remember: no bags hung out, no meet.

## E-Mail Address Collection

—Peg Davis

To celebrate the dawn of a new era, we would like to experiment with sending the newsletter (or a notice that the new edition is on the website) electronically. If you have an e-mail address, could you e-mail it to Membership and Roster Czar Jeff Brodsky at jabrodsky@worldnet.att.net? You will certainly not be deluged with mailings other than the newsletter. I much prefer to conduct O business by e-mail. It's very convenient for me and has prevented me from uttering many a thoughtless word. Feel free to contact me (pegdavis@u.arizona.edu) about any O issue on your mind.

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## CLUB CALENDAR

**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 Directors: Jim DeVeney & Maureen Jamieso  
(323-0936)**February 28, Newsletter Deadline**

Submittal information on page 2.

**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

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

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

**Call Peg Davis  
at 628-8985 to  
take your turn  
directing a meet.**

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# Orienteering in the DESERT??

—*Leif Lundquist*

When my American wife and I came to Tucson for the winter, one thing I didn't expect was to find a club dedicated to that great sport with which I, as a Swede, had grown up. What a delightful surprise! But can you really run in the desert? It's so open that you ought to be able to see the controls from afar, and besides, won't you look like a porcupine when you're finished?

With two TOC meets behind me, it is clear that you can indeed run in the desert, and you won't look like a porcupine. Maybe you'll have a small pin cushion here and there, but the natives seem to take that in stride. Just bring your tweezers!

The openness of the desert was a myth to be debunked. At the Cat Mountain meet, I happily set out to run fairly straight lines between the controls. As I disappeared into the ravines and gullies, the open horizon disappeared. The sides were steep, the underbrush thick and spiny, and you really had to watch your directions. The speed was abominably slow, and this was not the right way to go. So I tried to stay high, and that worked a bit better.

Running in the desert terrain is tough compared to what I am used to in Sweden. We often run directly through the woods, across hills, and across marshes. Trees are conveniently spaced far enough apart for runners, and the forest floor, on the whole, is flat and open. If I don't miss anything, I can do 5 km in about an hour in Sweden. (Fellow club members 25 years younger would do it in 35 minutes.)

With this in mind, I set out to run the Green course at Catalina State Park. Well, after 2 hours and 6 controls, my mind was like jelly, and I threw in the towel. What got me was trying to go cross-country between controls 3 and 4. It all looked so simple; first along a dry stream bed and then up and around a hill. The hillside was marked as having boulders, but so what.

The stream bed wasn't so bad, jumping from stone to stone, but the boulders were as tall as I am and closely spaced one after another with seemingly no end. It was tough going; I ran straight into a prickly pear, and it was a long, long, long uphill climb. I reached control 4 after an hour from start, and I still had five to go. I should have gone the long way around by the trails.

Don't get me wrong—it's still a lot of fun. I'm gaining a lot of respect for the terrain and learning the ways of the desert. It also makes for wonderful stories for my friends in Sweden. I'm really glad I found you!

**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.**

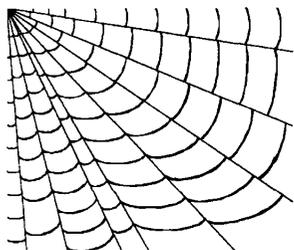
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**February is Bonus Month!**  
**Arizona Goat. 2/5. and**  
**Silver Bells. 2/20.**



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>**

**Tucson Orienteering Club Membership Application**

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

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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  
and send to P O Box 13012, Tucson, AZ 85732