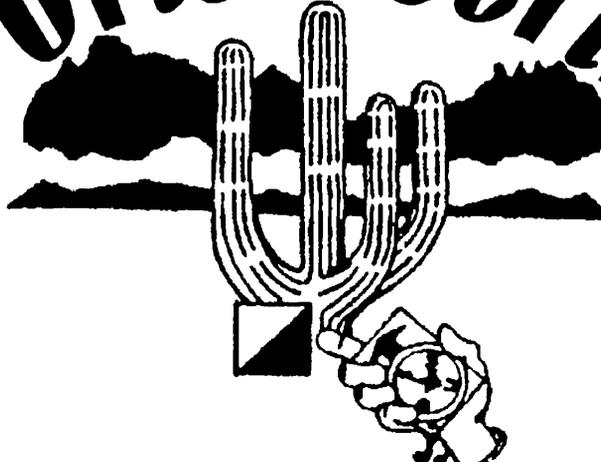


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# Tucson Orienteering Club



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May 2000

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## Two Meets in May!

### National Orienteering Day

—Rachel Gelbin

Saturday, May 6, has been declared National Orienteering Day. To celebrate, Tucson Orienteering Club is holding a special meet at Greasewood Park. There will be White, Yellow, and Orange courses (no advanced courses). (Please note the date, it was incorrect in last month's newsletter.)

This is the perfect day for those of you who are thinking of moving up from White to Yellow, or Yellow to Orange, to give the more advanced course a try. It's also a great opportunity for you to bring friends or relatives who have not orienteered before to let them try it out. Scout leaders, this park is the perfect place to introduce your scouts to this sport, because it is an enclosed area and does not require a long drive.

Volunteers are always needed. Please call me at 326-7504 if you can help.

**Directions** Take Speedway Boulevard west past Silverbell Road to Greasewood, turn left (south) and the park is immediately on your right.

**Fees** \$8/individual \$10/team \$5 discount for members of TSN, PHX, USOF, or SAHC. Compasses rent for \$1, safety whistles sell for \$1. Every person, all courses, must carry a safety whistle.

#### **Schedule:**

8:30 a.m. Registration opens. Beginners' Clinic starts.  
9:00 a.m. Courses open.  
11:00 a.m. Last time to start a course.  
12:00 noon. Courses close. Begin control retrieval.

### Mogollon Rim ROGAINE

—John Maier

If you are planning to attend this year's Rogaine, May 13 & 14, you should already have pre-registered. If you haven't, call Registrar Peg Davis at 628-8985 without delay. The event information and registration form were in the March newsletter, as well as on the Club web site. Those registered by May 7 will get a set of color maps, black-and-white maps will be available for later entries.

The course design has just been completed as I write this. In my six days on the Rim (third week of April), I saw no fewer than 200 elk, usually in groups of 4-10 with 5-6 sightings per day. I also saw deer, coyote, wild turkey, and numerous other smaller mammals, birds, and fish. People, too, are starting to flock to the Rim Lakes Country, as this area is known, to camp out and fish. The one store, which is on the map, has just opened, and you will be able to buy snacks, drinks, and other treats during the event, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

There are still patches of snow on the ground feeding the numerous water courses, but without further precipitation, most of these will go dry by the time of our event. Nighttime lows hovered about the freezing point, daytime highs were in the 60s. Expect 10-15 degrees warmer by the middle of May, but don't count on it. Let's hope we don't get the foot of snow that is in the record books for one mid-May day in the past.

On the Rim, it's the streams and reentrants which define the terrain. The spurs between are often broad and flat, placing a premium on good compass technique.

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There are numerous vehicle tracks, far more than mapped, which will aid in navigating, provided you have the skill to know how to use them. If not, they can easily get you to the wrong place. These are remnants from distant past and not-so-distant past logging activity. Fortunately, the majority of these are closed to motorized use. There are two major reservoirs and numerous seasonal ponds on the map. Among my favorite control sites were the sinkholes and the vista points at the edge of the Rim. Open ponderosa pine forest is the primary vegetative cover, though fir, oak, and aspen are also abundant.

Each registrant will receive a set of three 11 x 17 maps at a scale of 1:24,000. The eastern 60 percent of the map has a contour interval of 20 feet; the western part has 40-foot contours. The actual terrain used is roughly 50 square miles with 49 control sites worth a total of 3,000 points. Maps will be distributed at 7:45 a.m. with a briefing 15 minutes before the 10 a.m. mass start. All courses—6, 12, and 24 hour—have the same start time.

We will need some help before, during, and after the event. Rachel Gelbin is co-directing this event with me. Please call her at 326-7504 to volunteer assistance. The big jobs are food service and control retrieval. Most 24-hour people will be too spent (if I did my course design right) to offer much help, but those of you doing the 6- and 12-hour events should have benefited from a good night's rest, and we're counting on you to pitch in. A mountain bike will prove highly useful for control retrieval on the vehicle tracks where motorized use is prohibited, and most other sites can be approached reasonably close by car. We'll also ask for some help tabulating results.

**Directions: From Phoenix**—take Highway 87 north to Payson. Turn right on Highway 260 and follow it eastward for 30 miles until you top out on the Rim. Immediately turn left towards Woods Canyon Lake and follow the pavement westward about 3 miles to the Woods Canyon Lake turnoff. Don't turn. Continue straight on FR 300, a gravel road, towards Bear Canyon Lake. After 6 miles, you will reach a T junction where FR 34 comes in. Turn left (south) following FR 300 about 2 miles until you see the lookout tower on your right. Turn right 200 meters beyond this and follow FR 208 north to the end, about 2 miles. This is our base camp area. You may camp anywhere in this area, but *please, please, do not* drive or park your vehicles on the grass. Tenting on the grass is fine, however.

**From Flagstaff**—Take I-10 east to Winslow. Turn south on Highway 87/99. This route splits a short way south of town. Turn onto Highway 99 South (unless you want the long, long scenic route via 87) and follow it for about 50 miles on pavement towards the Chevelon Ranger Station where it turns to gravel and becomes FR 34. Continue about 13 miles to the junction with FR 300. Go straight about 2 miles until you see the observation tower and follow FR 208 north as in Phoenix description.

If possible, avoid the heavy weekend traffic from Phoenix, as the Mogollon Rim is a favorite and conveniently close getaway place from their desert heat. Estimated driving time from Phoenix is 2-1/2 hours without heavy traffic. See you there.

Further questions that need to be answered by me may be directed to Peg Davis (628-8985) or Rachel Gelbin (326-7504) by May 7 in order to catch me before I head up to the Rim to hang the controls. I will not be around a phone, but will check with them before heading on up.

**Results from the two-day meet at Redington Pass in April will be in the June issue.**

**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*

## CLUB CALENDAR

### May 6 (Saturday), Greasewood City Park

#### National Orienteering Day

Course Setter: Peg Davis (628-8985)

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Director: Rachel Gelbin (326-7504)

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

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

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Co-Directors: John Maier (above) and  
Rachel Gelbin (326-7504)

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

Course Setter: Jeff Brucker (886-2528)

Course Vetter: Vacant

Meet Directors: Pete & Judy Cowgill (887-1514)

### 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

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.

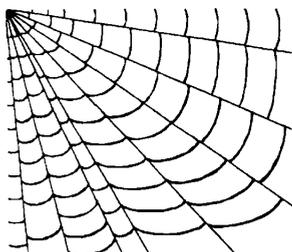
Please call Peg Davis at 628-8985 if you can help with any of these meets.

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Also, for links to all the West Coast club sites,  
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### 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  
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