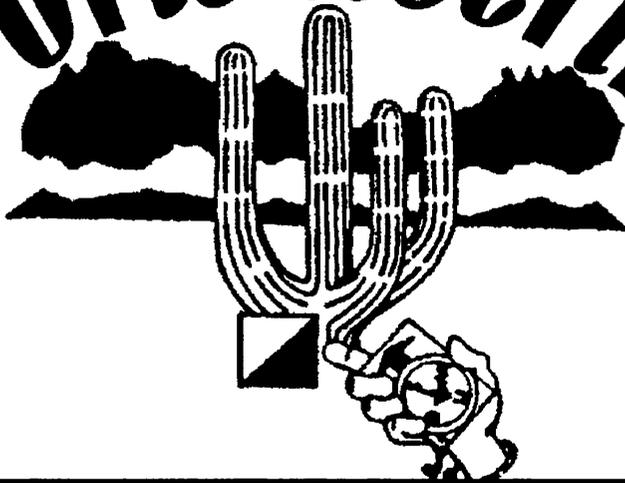

Tucson Orienteering Club



April 2001

Cochise Stronghold Meet + Saturday Night-O

—Mark Parsons

Join us Sunday, April 15, for a different kind of Easter Egg hunt! These are square, orange-and-white Easter eggs, and they're seldom found on the ground.

This map site, of Slavin Gulch in the Dragoon Mountains, is very beautiful and the tall trees provide excellent shade for primitive camping. Many people in our club consider this to be their favorite site and think the area looks like the African Serengeti (minus the elephants!). The elevation is 4500 feet and the weather is variable in April.

I have found another new place from which to host a meet and designed courses to take advantage of the latest field work that I've done. The Red course will involve some rock climbing. Those who want to camp will be rewarded by a short Night-O event on Saturday at dark. (Rogainers: this will be great practice for the May 5-6 Arizona Rogaine on the Mogollon Rim.)

A map hike/skills workshop will be led by Peg Davis on the Orange course at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. Let Peg know by noon if you intend to go.

I will also be directing this meet. As usual, volunteers are needed. Please feel free to offer your help!

Directions: Allow 1.5-2 hours drive time from Tucson. Take I-10 east from Tucson to Benson. Take exit 303 (HW sign says: Rt. 80 Tombstone, Bisbee, Douglas) and travel about 20 miles towards Tombstone. Turn left at Middle March Road (milepost 315). Travel about 10 miles on Middle March Rd (a well-maintained dirt road). Turn left at the Coronado Forest boundary where the sign says "W. Stronghold 8" (Forest Rd 687). Follow this one lane dirt road 2 miles and turn right on 687D watching for orienteering signs to parking. These roads are ok for passenger cars.

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. Courses open.
9:15 a.m. Beginners' clinic starts.
11:00 a.m. Last time to start a course.
12 noon-1 p.m. Route choice reviews
12:30 p.m. Courses close. Begin control retrieval — good orienteering practice, lots of help always needed. Vol-

unteer before 12 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 8:45 and 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.

What is Orienteering?

Orienteering is a fun and challenging outdoor activity in which participants navigate their way on foot through the "great outdoors," using only a map and a compass. (There are other versions of orienteering, such as on bicycles, skis, horseback, or in canoes, at night, relay teams, etc., but the idea is basically the same.)

Each participant is given a specially prepared topographic map marked with a series of checkpoints to be visited. At each of these checkpoints, the organizer places an orange and white "control." The object of the sport is to use the map with the compass to locate the control features and navigate back to the starting point. Using your imagination and your navigational skills, you try to select the best route to each control.

Once at the control marker, you punch a score card which verifies that you have found the control feature.

At each event, there are several courses offered, rated in length and difficulty. You can choose the course that suits your ability and inclination, and you can make it a stroll, a hike, or a race, as you prefer. It is a family sport where each member of the family may choose his/her course, or the entire family may go as a team. Beginner courses are typically along trails or other easy-to-follow routes. Intermediate courses are partially on trails and partially cross-country. Expert courses are on difficult-to-follow cross-country routes.

Preparation, Clothing, and Equipment

A beginning orienteer should be fit enough to walk at a leisurely pace for about one mile, in about an hour, over easy terrain. Expert orienteers are trained endurance athletes, walking or running for many hours over rugged terrain.

Wear comfortable clothing appropriate to the season, long pants, a hat, and walking shoes or hiking boots. Events are timed, so a watch is recommended. Bring plenty of water, and a snack if desired.

The only specialized equipment you will need are a compass and a whistle. If you forget these items, compasses may be rented or a whistle purchased for \$1 each.

Safety

If navigating in the outdoors sounds a little scary, then an orienteering event is the place to be. The beginner courses are in carefully selected areas, safely contained within recognizable boundaries, so it is almost impossible to get truly lost. In addition, each participant's start and finish time is monitored so that anyone who is overdue will be safely rounded up by skilled orienteers.

Newcomers

We highly recommend that you attend the *free* Beginners' Clinic, which is offered at every meet, if you haven't orienteered before. It is usually held 15 or 20 minutes before the courses open. Try to arrive at or before the time that Registration opens in order to attend.

Fees

Fees for Tucson Orienteering Club events are as follows (other clubs' fees may vary): \$8 per individual or \$10 per team, for nonmembers, with a \$5 discount for members of Tucson Orienteering Club, Southern Arizona Hiking Club, Southern Arizona Search and Rescue, Phoenix Orienteering Club, or United States Orienteering Federation; \$1 for color maps when used (no charge for black-and-white maps); \$1 to rent a compass; \$1 to purchase a whistle. Annual membership fees are \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a household.

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Next Month's Meet

is the Arizona Rogaine, which will be held the weekend of May 5-6 on the Mogollon Rim.

The Course Setter is John Maier and the Meet Director is Peg Davis (628-8985).

Get your registration in by April 14!!

Rosemont South Meet Report

—Jim De Veny

The March 18th meet was held in the beautiful rolling grasslands and canyons of the Rosemont South site. Five TOC members enjoyed camping under clear starry skies the previous night. The weather was perfect for the event—clear, sunny skies, cool temperatures without wind.

Wilkey Richardson ably set five courses that provided a nice range of difficulty. Leif Lundquist, visiting from Stockholm, Sweden, provided much appreciated assistance in vetting the courses and setting out some of the controls. Special thanks go to Director-trainees Kathleen “Kat” Manton and Tom Spinoza, who manned the tables with Phil Kirby. Keith McLeod and Jackie Ciccolo also assisted with course timing.

The Beginner’s Clinic was beautifully handled, once again, by the guru of clinics, Peg Davis. And, of course, Mary English deserves many thanks for her dedicated attention to the important little details of equipment organization and assembly.

Special thanks go to those who helped fetch controls after the event, namely Mark Parsons, Leif Lundquist, Werner Anetseder, Ludwig Hill, Ed Stiles, Mary English, Lois Kimminau, Jim O’Donnell, Jackie Ciccolo, and Keith McLeod.

There was a good turnout for the meet: 32 individuals and 8 teams, with a total of 49 participants. This was the second time to use the shorter meet hours, with start times between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., and with the courses closing at 12:30 p.m. The meet was a rousing success and fun was had by all.

[Note: Rec = Recreational entry; DNF = Did not finish; DSQ = Disqualified]

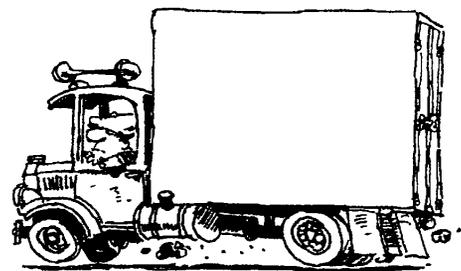
RED		Time
1M	Chris North	85:12
2M	Max Suter	94:23
3M	Roger Sperline	104:07
	Ludwig Hill	136:58
	Peg Davis	DSQ
	Emily North Lane	DNF
	J. Brodsky	DNF
	Mike Huckaby	DNF

ORANGE		Time
1M	Joaquin	74:37
2M	Jim O’Donnell	96:50
3M	Werner Anetseder	127:02
1W	Sue Roberts	145:07
	John Couleur	156:45
2W	Patrice Barkley	180:23
	Orange Coyote	188:10
	Dorothy Harmon	DNF
	Carol Brucker	Rec
	Greg Townsend	Rec
	O’Hara	Rec
	Phoenicians	Rec

GREEN		Time
1M	Jeff Brucker	68:12
2M	John Little	74:10
1T	Maria & Dan	79:58
3M	Keith McLeod	88:33
1W	Barb Bryant	98:47
	Matthew Cordes	116:00
	Green Coyote	117.22
	Ed Stiles	117:31
2T	Beauty and . .	125:32
3T	Joe & His Dad	150:22
2W	Helen Deluga	182:21
	Loma	DNF
	Colin Thompson	Rec

YELLOW		Time
1W	Alexis Mills	50:44
2W	Jackie Ciccolo	65:00
	Eagles	Rec
	Phil Kirby	Rec
	Buddy’s Team	Rec

WHITE		Time
	Phoenicians	Rec
	Roger Myers	Rec
	Buddy’s Team	Rec



The Long Haul

—Peg Davis

Are you coming to the Rogaine May 5 & 6? Putting on this event requires a lot of cargo and I need your help. If you are coming, could you bring a few extra gallons of water or firewood? Best of all would be if you could carry some of the food or water containers up to the site. Please call me at 628-8985 if you could swing by my house on Thursday evening, May 4, and take a few cartons. Thanks!



Don’t Forget....

To send your registration for the Arizona Rogaine by April 14th to avoid late fees. Registration forms are available on line at <http://go.to/tucsonorienteing>.

Upcoming Orienteering Near and Far

May 25-28: A meet outside Laramie Wyoming.

<http://www.geocities.com/colosseum/stadium/7418/>

Join Tucsonans—628-8985

June 9 & 10: B meet at Mt. Pinos outside L.A.

<http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/6320/laocdrive.html#MtPinos>

Rental car pooling with Tucsonans—628-8985

June 23-27: Pacific Northwest Orienteering Festival

<http://netnow.micron.net/~velichko/PNWOF2001/>

June 29-July 2: Barebones Meet, Cranbrook, British Columbia
<http://netnow.micron.net/~velichko/PNWOF2001/> (follow the links)

July 16-20: Fountainebleau, France (ooh la la)

<http://www.multimania.com/fivedays2001/>

December 8 & 9, Vasquez Rocks, Los Angeles Orienteering Club

There are links to all the Pacific Region orienteering clubs and their activities at the new Pacific Region URL:

<http://go.to/pacreg>

We're Left Without a Leader!!

—Lois Kimminau

As of March 31, Tucson Orienteering Club has no president. Peg Davis has served us diligently and faithfully for three years and finally said, "Enough's enough!"

Whether we are proficient and fast, or slow and bumbling, we all go to the meets for one purpose: to have fun. But that fun opportunity will disappear if our Club dries up and fades away. And that is exactly what will happen without leadership.

Do you have some ideas that would improve the Club or the meets? Are there things that you think need to be changed? This is your opportunity!

Even if you think the Club is on the right track and you like the way it operates, leadership is needed to keep it that way.

You really won't be expected to serve for three years, as Peg has. The term runs one year, April 1 to March 31. Can't you offer one year of service to the Club? Yes, it does require some time each month, some months more and some months less. Talk to Peg to get some idea of what would be involved.

And think what an ego-builder it will be to have 180 or so members groveling at your feet in gratitude for your willingness to step in! (We did grovel, didn't we, Peg?)

Call Peg at 628-8985 to volunteer, or even just to discuss the possibility.

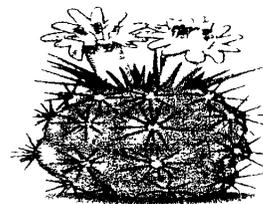
We're waiting for your call!



International Orienteering Newsletter On-Line!

The very first issue of the new IOF on-line newsletter "O-zine" has been posted on the IOF home page at www.orienteering.org. (In order to view the .PDF file you need Acrobat Reader, which can be downloaded for free.)

In 2001 there will be 4-6 issues, all of them including interesting articles and reports on a wide variety of themes. Make sure you don't miss any of the issues—just provide your e-mail address and you'll be notified whenever a new issue is released!



Notice

Tucson Orienteering Club events will no longer be listed as hikes in the Southern Arizona Hiking Club Bulletin. They will be listed under "news" in the front of the bulletin. Many great TOC participants have come from the hiking club and we hope this will continue in the future. We appreciate the support SAHC has given TOC over the years.

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

April 15, Slavin Gulch

Course Setter: Mark Parsons (520-432-3013)
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Director: Mark Parsons (520-432-3013)

April 23, Newsletter Deadline

Submittal information on page 4.

May 5 & 6, North American Championship Rogaine on the Mogollon Rim

Course Setter: John Maier (520-586-7300)
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Director: Peg Davis (628-8985)

May 20, National Orienteering Day at Greasewood Park

Course Setter: Ludwig Hill (299-9041)
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Director: Mike Thompson (743-9687)

June 2 & 3, Map field checking at Lake Mary, near Flagstaff

June 17, On Mt. Lemmon

Course Setter: Jeff Brucker (886-2528)
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Director: Pete and Judy Cowgill (887-1514)

July 15, (Tentative) State Champs at Lake Mary

Course Setter: Vacant
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Director: Vacant

September 15 & 16, Potato Patch on the Mogollon Rim

Course Setter: John Maier (520-586-7300)
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Director: Vacant

November 18, Silverbell Mountains

Course Setter: Kevin Gross (326-0739)
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Director: Vacant

See page 4 for a list of some interesting out-of-town meets.

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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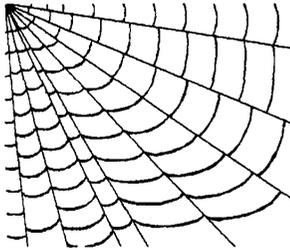
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April 15 at Slavin Gulch

Be there!



Check out the Tucson Orienteering Club web site!
<http://www.fortunecity.com/greenfield/bypass/733/>
or type <http://go.to/tucsonorienteering>
Also, for links to all the West Coast club sites,
just type <http://go.to/pacreg>

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.