

April 2006

Empire Ranch Score-O, April 16

—Pat Penn

Thanks to several people who answered the last minute call, this meet will go on as planned. Mike Wilke graciously volunteered to be meet director. Leif Lundquist and I (Pat Penn) will set the course, and Lois Kimminau will help hang controls. The meet is at Empire Ranch, which I think is one of our nicest areas. It should be beautiful there this time of year. We are using the map from the 1997 rogain (40 ft. contours). The area is fairly flat, but has lots of features. The start will be at a new site, Cottonwood Windmill. It is east of our Maternity Well start site and southeast of our airport site. The drive in is about the same as the airport site.

The event will be a score-o with 30 controls. Though controls are generally Orange level, there are plenty within 500 m of the start this time, to accommodate folks with not as much experience. Controls will be worth 10, 20, or 30 points, depending on distance from the start. You may choose from one, two, or three hour time lengths. You don't have to decide in advance how long you will be out, but can decide while you're out there if you want. For example, if you are out for 1 hour and 15 minutes, you will be counted as doing the 2 hour event. There will be a mass start at 10 a.m. Maps will be handed out at 9:45 for course planning. The meet director will allow 1 and 2 hour runners to start after 10:00, if needed. Courses will close at 1 p.m. There will be a 10-point penalty for every minute late after 1 p.m. Be prepared to cross a lot of fences.

Adventure racers: Score-O's are a nice opportunity to hone your navigational skills, as much route planning is required for optimal time. This area is also very conducive to running. Anyone who has orienteered or done a navigational leg in a race has the skills needed. This is an inexpensive opportunity to play for three hours!

Volunteer: Help at the meet is always needed. Please call or email our meet director if you can help out at the meet: Mike Wilke, 628-7743, barkingdogs@cox.net. Remember, you can help with registration and set-up before you make your own run, and with control retrieval at 1:00. Your help is very much appreciated.

Directions: From Tucson or Benson: Take I-10 east or west to Exit 281 (SR 83). Drive south on 83 for 23 miles; look for Orienteering signs on the left. The turn-off is 100 m south of Milepost 40—watch closely as it can be hard to see. If you pass a sign for Gardner Canyon Road, you have driven too far south. Follow the signs over a good dirt road to the start, around 5 miles. You will be on road EC 900 the entire way.

Fees: \$5/individual, \$8/team for members of any recognized orienteering club, \$10/individual, \$15/team for nonmembers. Compasses rent for \$1. Safety whistles sell for \$1. Every person is required to carry some type of safety whistle on all courses at all meets.

Schedule:

9:00 am - Registration opens. Sign up for control retrieval.
9:45 am - Maps are handed out.

10:00 am - Mass start.

1:00 pm - Courses close.

1:00 pm - Begin control retrieval - good orienteering practice.

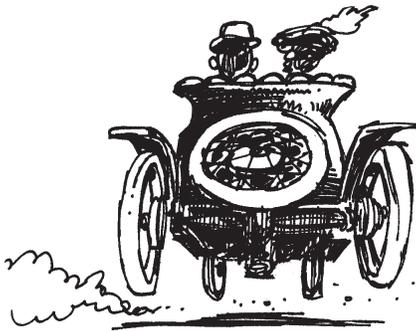
Check-In: To insure that all are safe, everyone, whether finished with the course or not, must check in formally with the meet director or helpers at Start/Finish before leaving the meet site.

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Route Choice Reviews: A little after 1, and possibly before, an advanced orienteer will be available near the Start/Finish area to discuss route choices with returning participants. Inquire at the timing table.

Carpooling: Cut miles off your drive and get to know other orienteers by joining them before 9 at the dirt parking area immediately south of the Route 83 exit from I-10. Ask if they're staying out for 1, 2, or 3 hours for smooth return trips.

**CARPOOL!****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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Saints of O—2005 Edition

—*Peg Davis*

Here are the people who made orienteering happen in Tucson in 2005 by course setting or directing a meet. We had several multi-day meets and two months with no meets. While all of the meets were set by a single person, four events were directed by pairs of people. Have you been dragging your feet about directing a meet? Cajole a buddy into doing it with you.

Copious thanks go to Patron Saint Jeff Brucker (4 events), Max Suter (2 events), Mark Everett (2 events), Peg Davis (2 events), Leif Lundquist, Barbara Bryant, Jeff Berringer, Susan Wenberg, Peter Johnson, Rachel Johnson, Brad Poe, Yvonne Poe, Ludwig Hill, Pete Cowgill, Judy Cowgill, Nadine Gruhn, Beckie Copeland, Dale Cole, Pat Penn and Margrit McIntosh.

Brady Wash Controls

—*Scott Donald*

Revealed at last!! The true secret of the two misplaced controls at the Feb. Brady Wash ROGAINE!!!!

With great diligence and much discussion (and the GPS unit we were using to record the sites), we found the two misplaced sites (93 and 92), and pinned down their location on the map. You too can now marvel at the mysteries of the human mind which caused such inopportune placement of the control flags.

With the ROGAINE map and a ruler in hand, here is how we feel it is best to find the two sites on the map. Below is a table with the site numbers on the left side, and two lengths (in millimeters). The first number is the distance in from the inside edge of the LEFT map border. The second, the distance down from the top map border. Please note that there are two borders—the uppermost is the map data box (title, scale, etc.) and is NOT the border I am using for measurement.

The first pair of numbers for each of the two sites are the coordinates of the map site. The second pair, the “true” flag site.

#93: 151.5 080.0 - map 163.0 069.5 - flag

#92: 182.0 130.0 - map 194.0 116.5 - flag

See you in Colorado. And no, we aren't placing flags there!

April Business Meeting

The next business meeting will be at 7 PM on Thursday, April 20th at Casa Peg Davis (2241 E. Parkway Terrace). All members are invited to attend and are eligible to vote. Contact Peg for directions at 628-8985. This is an important meeting, with elections and other matters to be decided for the future of the club. Please try to attend.

E-mail Discussion Group

Tucson Orienteering Club has its own discussion group. It is maintained as Tucson “O” Club by Topica, and is an e-mail based service. You must be subscribed before you can read or send messages.

To subscribe, send a blank message to: TucsonOrienteering-subscribe@topica.com. To send a message, simply address it to: TucsonOrienteering@topica.com. It will then go to all the list subscribers. To unsubscribe, see the Unsubscribe link at the bottom of any message.

For more information about this list, visit: <http://www.topica.com/lists/TucsonOrienteering>. Any problems, questions, or concerns can be sent to Jim Stamm, the E-Group Moderator, at JimStamm@ComCast.net.

Kentucky Camp in the Snow!

—*Becky Copeland*

The March 2006 orienteering meet held in Kentucky Camp will go down in club history as possibly the windiest, coldest, but definitely the snowiest (at least during the event!). Saturday was cold and windy; Sunday was less breezy until the snow flurries started at 11 a.m. Cold weather and snow may have caused some concern for some, but for more than 60 participants throughout the weekend, the weather was just another challenge to overcome for the 2-day event March 18 & 19.

Scott Drumm, guest course-setter from Portland Oregon, set some awesome courses for this event that everyone enjoyed. While some expressed that the Orange course was a little shorter than normal on Saturday, new orienteers Sylvia & Bill Barnard expressed that they were pleased to finish Yellow and would be back on Sunday for Orange. They wouldn't have known that Scott had made Sunday's courses a little longer and the weather would make them more challenging. Both days saw a lot of variety in leg distances, route choices, and control placement. Thanks, Scott, for a great weekend!

There were several new and interesting people met over the weekend. Sylvia & Bill happened upon Jeff Brodsky hanging controls earlier in the week. They are the caretakers for Kentucky Camp for March and hope to return in April 2007. Maybe we can use the porch for registration then! Several school-aged groups joined us on Saturday with three teams from the Saguaro Girl Scouts and two from Doolen Middle School. The kids were cold but they finished their courses with excitement. Trish Krantz and Dan Felitsky joined us from San Deigo. On Sunday, three individuals took up the Adventure Race challenge. Team Chupacabra tried to create havoc by running each course in reverse order. Technically, this action would have disqualified the team; however, since Gerald Bach had the best time, for this meet we gave them their time to encourage fun and recreation. Next time, boys, play it by the standards.

Gelu Costin didn't know there was an orienteering club in Tucson until he met Andrew McCarthy at work at the University of Arizona. Gelu is a Romanian O-champ and would like to do some mapping while he is "visiting" for the next six months or so. Hint...hint...someone give him a call and get him out there. Unfortunately, it was hard for Gelu to finish the Sunday Red course when the rain and snow caused his map to melt!

Quotes from the meet:

Saturday's Orange: "Shorter than normal, but good for most to finish and challenging"

Saturday's Red: "That leg between 9 and 10 was"

Girl Scouts & Doolen Kids: IT'S REALLY COLD!! IT'S REALLY WINDY!!

Several Participants: "Why are the magnetic north lines different"? (They were not across the entire map, marked on the edges/outline.)

Peg Davis: "The Green course on Saturday was a cute intellectual challenge."

Jeff Brucker: "It's kinda insulting to come in climbing a hill at the end with the wind pushing you back down [with a sprained ankle from Saturday]."

Someone: "Does Max Suter get bonus points for weather and smeared map that Ludwig didn't have to deal with since he finished before the snow started?"

Special thanks to everyone who volunteered to make this a great event!

Course Setter: **Scott Drumm (CROC – Portland, Oregon)**

Control Hanger: **Jeff Brodsky (special thanks for going out Friday to hang controls)**

Clinics: **Peg Davis**

Meet Directors: **Beckie (Registration) & Nadine (Timing)**

Control Retrievers: **Glenn Haselfeld, Mark Fochesato, Ludwig Hill, Coyote, Leif Lundquist, Brad & Yvonne Poe, and Sylvia & Bill Barnard.**

Interview with the Course Setter, Scott Drumm.....

While trying to keep warm in the car, I took the opportunity to ask Scott some questions. Here is our conversation....

Q: Where are you from?

A: Portland, Oregon.

Q: What clubs do you belong to there?

A: Columbia River Orienteering Club (CROC)

Q: How long have you been orienteering?

A: 10 years, since 1995. I learned about it in college when I took a class in Norwegian but later I was surfing the web, found a meet and got hooked.

Q: What is your previous course setting experience?

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A: Several C meets, a Ski-O, and a Trail-O – all in Oregon.

Q: What interested you to begin course setting and why?

A: I wanted to improve my skills, got hooked on it and its fun.

Q: What is the most challenging aspect of course setting?

A: Getting a balance between navigational skills and physical skills at each course level.

Q: How did you come to course set for us in Arizona?

A: At the US Champs, Ludwig Hill posted a "Course Setter Wanted".

Q: What motivated you to agree to set these courses this weekend?

A: I like Tucson. I like yellow maps. It seemed like a match.

Q: Who helped you and what did they do?

A: Peg Davis handled the logistics and gave me a place to stay. Jeff Brodsky helped me hang controls. David Barfield got me the map.

Q: How is setting in this terrain different than Oregon?

A: It's a yellow map. In Oregon, we have green maps and many times you can only go in a straight line. This map had many more and interesting route choices between controls.

Q: What was your worst moment in Arizona?

A: It will be getting on the plane to go home. I've had a great time here.

Q: What was your best moment in Arizona?

A: Getting out and hanging controls on the north side of the map.

Q: Any last comments?

A: I'm jealous of the terrain here. In the Cascades there may only be one route choice. Here there could be one to three or more. Also as a setter, I get to be more creative and give people more puzzles to solve.

To Scott, from all of us in Tucson: We had a great time! You provided us a lot of fun and challenging courses. Thanks so much for your work and COME BACK SOON.

Day 1, March 18**White**

1T	Freezing Fairies	31:55
2T	White Tigers	47:24
3T	Cool Cats	47:42
4T	Doolen Dogs	47:59
5T	Doolen Doves	63:10

Yellow

1T	Chambo's	115:57
Rec	"Where? Over There?"	

Orange

1W	Jen Adolts	73:30
2W	Trish Krantz	74:45
3W	Lois Kimminau	118:00
Rec	Susan Richmond	
Rec	Dianne Haselfeld	
Rec	Phil Kirby	
Rec	Larrington	
Rec	Coyote	

Green

1M	Leif Lundquist	58:32
2M	John Little	74:52
3M	Larry Lamb	85:00
4M	Mike Keating	86:56
5M	Michael Gurevich	89:55
1W	Peg Davis	98:26
2W	Pat Penn	100:43
6M	Jerry Rhodes	105:20
3W	Alexis Mills	113:59

Red

1M	Mark Everett	50:19
2M	Mark Fochesato	73:46
3M	Ludwig Hill	76:54
4M	Max Suter	81:49
5M	Dan Felitsky	92:30
6M	Glenn Haselfeld	94:33
7M	Jeff Brucker	98:09
8M	Jeff Brodsky	98:40
9M	Paul Hoyt	104:20
1T	Team Tubac	110:29
1W	Pam Hoyt	125:21

Day 2, March 19**White**

1T	Team Metteson	57:53
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Yellow

1M	Michael Rule	88:35
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Orange

1M	Mike Keating	91:13
1T	Where? Over There?	112:10
DNF	Lois Kimminau	
DNF	Dianne Haselfeld	

Green

1M	Jeff Brucker	92:34
1T	Killer Guinea Pigs	105:36
2M	Hwa Young Kim	115:34
1W	Peg Davis	121:22
3M	Jerry Rhodes	152:09
DNF	Mark Parsons	
DNF	Trish Krantz	

Red

1M	Mark Fochesato	91:33
2M	Ludwig Hill	95:01
3M	Max Suter	96:42
4M	Dan Felitsky	98:28
5M	Glen Haselfeld	113:42
6M	Jeff Brodsky	121:00
1W	Pam Hoyt	165:15
DNF	Paul Hoyt	
DNF	Team Tubac	
DNF	Gelu Costin	
DNF	Andrew McCarthy	

Adventure Race

1M	Gerald Beach	177:20
1T	Team Chupacabra	222:24



*Sunny Arizona!
March 19, 2006*

ADVENTURES IN COURSE SETTING

—*Scott Drumm*

I thought I'd use some of CROC's newest newsletter technology: the interactive article, where you, the reader, have the opportunity to ask the author questions about his experience "blind" course setting. ;-)

Let's begin. Ask anything you want to know about what it was like to set courses on a map of an area I'd never been to before.

So, Scott, what was the biggest challenge of setting a course when you can't visit the site until the weekend of the event?

I couldn't have come up with a better lead off question myself. While not knowing how accurate the map was or if specific points would work as controls were concerns of mine, the biggest challenge was not knowing what the terrain actually looked like on the ground. I could see spurs and re-entrants, open areas and more vegetated areas, but understanding how these things interact makes a difference on the viability of courses, route choices, and control locations. Maps are the mapper's interpretation of the landscape and terrain and without understanding the mapper's style, it makes course setting difficult.

After you and Jeff Brodsky hung the controls, what was the assessment of the control locations?

I was fortunate to have a really good map to work with. There were no issues that interfered with the courses I had set. Jeff and I were able to make all the control locations work, although in a couple of places we had to hang the flags where we could inside the control circle and not exactly at the center. There was at least something in the control circle to hang a flag on...for the most part...at all the control locations. For one of the Red course controls Jeff had to fashion a tripod out of nearby fallen branches. But in the end, all of the controls were placed where I intended.

Did you have to make any day-of-event adjustments?

Sounds like you've set courses before! Jeff recommended flagging controls 2, 3, and 4 on the Day 2 White course, which was good advice. A dry creek bed wasn't very prominent on the map and an open spur was not as apparent on the ground as it was on the map. Otherwise it all went as I planned. Yes, if I had had the opportunity to go out on the map and test my courses first, I'd have made some improvements, but there were no fatal flaws.

Well, we're just about out of space. Thanks to Peg Davis for her advice, guidance, and hospitality all weekend and to Jeff Brodsky for using his Friday off to help me set controls. And thanks to all the TOC members for making me feel welcome.

Don't forget the US Rogaine Championships will be at the Big Muddy Rogaine III at the Big Muddy Ranch in Antelope, Oregon. I'll be there, so pack your snow gear! I hope to see many of you there. Even if you don't plan on attending, check out the website to see photos of what you'll be missing (<http://www.croc.org/events/rogaine2006/bigmuddy2006.php>).

The middle photo was from CROC's Ski-O event in February up on Mt. Hood. It's an annual event of ours, but it's our only Ski-O map. We hope to have one made of the lower part of the Dutchman Flat map, where we held the US Orienteering Championships last August. *[Editor's Note: I was unable to copy the picture from his write-up, so it isn't included, but I wanted to leave in his note about the Ski-O. The middle picture below is not the one he mentioned.]*

If you're ever up in Oregon, look me up.





Pictures are courtesy of Scott Drumm. Thanks a lot, Scott.

I wish we could print them in color. There is a lot of nice scenery there. And the snow.....

CLUB CALENDAR

2006	Location	Course Setter	Meet Director
Apr. 16	Empire Ranch Rogaine	Pat Penn and Leif Lundquist	Mike Wilke
Apr. 24	Newsletter deadline. See submission information box on page 2.		Lois Kimminau (296-2108)
May 20	Lincoln Park Night-O (Club meeting/picnic??)	HELP!!	Patricia Townsend
June 16-18	Mogollon Rim or White Mt. Event	John Maier	HELP!!
July 15-16	Lake Mary--State Championships	Ludwig Hill	Richard Dewey (GPHXO)
Aug. 20	Greasewood Early-O	HELP!!	HELP!!
Sep. 17	Palisades Ridge	HELP!!	HELP!!
Oct. 14 & 15	Slavin Gulch (Night-O and Sprint)	Max Suter	HELP!!
Nov. 19 Dec. 17	Catalina State Park Kentucky Camp West	<p>Coursesetters: Look at all these great sites to pick from! Pick your date and site and call Jim Stamm (575-0830) to make it official. Meet Directors: You can get your choice of date and site if you sign up early. Call now. We need ALL of you to make this a successful orienteering club, and a successful orienteering season. VOLUNTEER NOW!</p>	

Orienteering Opportunity! Here's a great opportunity in Southern California....

Course Setting Workshop, Mt Laguna, Instructor: Bill Gookin. Saturday , Sunday May 6-7 (postponed from March).

Bill Gookin will teach a two day course-setting workshop for those who are interested in acquiring this skill, with a view to training new course setters for future orienteering events. The workshop will be held at Mt. Laguna in San Diego County.

Curriculum: Day 1 is "class room" and treats course design and control placement. Day 2 is practical and will have participants set all the controls for a meet, and vet other participants' controls. FEE: \$25.00

This workshop will be limited to twenty-five, to provide for adequate instruction to attendees. Friends, family and spouses are of course welcome to camp with us. To register and to obtain further details (as they emerge), contact Don Sieveke dws4law@pacbell.net (714) 543-8419.

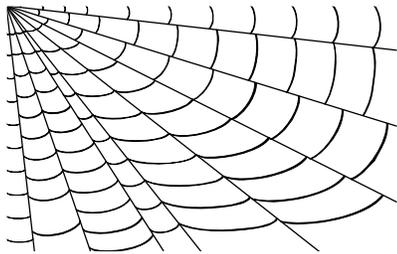
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Also, for links to all the West Coast club sites,
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