

July 2006

Lake Mary Meet and State Champs Cancelled Fires Close National Forests Greasewood Park Substituted

—*Peg Davis*

On Sunday, July 16, as a consolation for the loss of the much anticipated Lake Mary meet, Ludwig Hill will be setting White, Yellow, and Orange courses at this easy-to-reach site. If more exercise than that is needed, join the adventure racers in the Tucson Motala and run all three courses. This is a great site for beginners, so bring all those friends whom you've been talking to about orienteering. This is our best method for growing new orienteers.

By starting so early, we'll miss most of the day's heat. Historically, there has been rain at many of our summer Greasewood meets. Think rainy thoughts for the 16th and the weathers gods may smile and shower us!

We are still accepting volunteers for the role of meet director and all other volunteer slots for the meet. Contact Peg Davis at pegdavis@u.arizona.edu or 628-8985 to help.

Directions: Take Speedway west, going toward Desert Museum (also Old Tucson). You will go below I-10 and continue on as the road starts up and down. When there is a downhill and a Pima Community College campus, turn left (as if you are going to PCC), and after 100 yards or maybe less, turn right into Greasewood Park.

Fees: Any one course: \$5/individual, \$8/team for members of any recognized orienteering club. \$10/individual, \$15/team for nonmembers. Tucson Motala: Members: \$7 + \$5 each additional member; nonmembers: \$12 + \$5 each additional member. 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:

6:30 a.m. Beginners' clinic. Registration begins.

7:00 a.m. Courses open.

9:30 a.m. Courses close. Everyone must return to registration.

9:35 a.m. Begin control retrieval—good orienteering practice, lots of help always needed. Volunteer before 9 a.m. 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 6:15 a.m. and 6:30 a.m.

Lincoln Park Meet, May 20, 2006

—*Patricia Townsend*

Courses were set at Lincoln Park in May by **Jeff Brucker**, including a White Course with 10 controls, 2 km, Sprint-O with 15 controls, 3 km, and a Night-O with 25 controls, 3 km. This meet was held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting, which USOF now requires all member clubs to hold.

Thanks to the following volunteers:

Control retrievers: **Peg Davis, Ludwig Hill, Pat Penn, Pat & Gregg Townsend**

Course setter: **Jeff Brucker**

Control hanger: **Phil Kirby**

Meet directors: **Gregg & Pat Townsend**

Registration: **Yvonne & Brad Poe**

Timing: **Gregg Townsend**

Unfortunately, the meet results are not available at press time. They will appear in the August issue.

Annual General Meeting

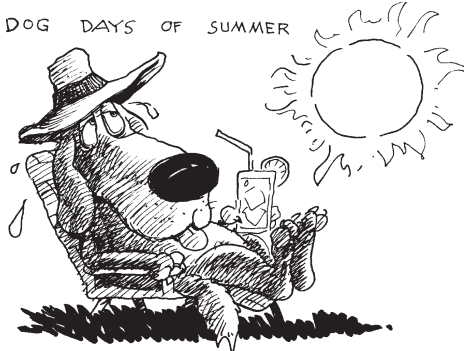
—*Peg Davis*

Our first Annual General Meeting went pretty well. We held it after the Sprint (fun) and before the Night-O (fun). Not only was the food way better than our average potluck, Mark Everett had a great idea.

Mark is interested in seeing us have more training events. We all realize that we just don't have the resources to put on more regular events. Mark is willing to hang some very informal events - probably just putting out streamers for one course or questions which are answered on getting to the control location (what color is the house, etc). We talked about how to "administer" this. Perhaps maps sent out as JPEGs? Mail-in payment? Self reporting times for course "rankings"? Using areas close to town which are not TOC maps? Aerial photos of city neighborhoods? Street maps with street names removed? A two-week range when you can run the course before the ribbons are removed?

It seems that we would not need permits for this because there will never be a group at the site and no money or paperwork will be handled on site. At the AGM, we voted to pursue these events. We should turn Mark loose on this as soon as possible.

[Editor's Note: What a great idea! See comments on this topic from Ludwig Hill on page 4, and please let us hear your comments and ideas. Send to Peg Davis or to the newsletter, or write to the E-mail Discussion group.]



New Topica Group Announcement

Jim Stamm has set up a new listserve for the dissemination of information regarding the business of the Tucson Orienteering Club. It is called the Tucson "O"-Board, and has the e-mail address of TSN_O-Board@Topica.com. It is open to all members of the club, but you will need Jim to send you an invitation. Just e-mail him at JimStamm@Comcast.net, and ask to be invited to the list.

The old TucsonOrienteering discussion group still remains, and should be used for all communications not requiring board approval.

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.

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

Big Lake in the White Mountains

—Jeff Brucker

We had 29 happy orienteers near Big Lake in the White Mountains this past weekend, including visitors from New Mexico and San Diego. John Maier, aka Wolfson, presented us with some masterful courses. The terrain was simply beautiful, alpine pine/fir forest interspersed with large meadows. I saw wild turkeys, elk, and many deer while on the course, plus some strange “slow elk” in the evening near camp.

With technical expertise provided by Ludwig Hill, we were given very unique “maps” in lieu of standard topo maps. They were comprised of contour lines married to aerial photographs. Most of us had never seen anything like this. They proved to be highly useable....we could actually “see” the vegetation along with the contour features. Some competitors thought this was easier to read than a regular map, and I agree.

On Saturday, David Marks and Windy Marks cleaned the 6-hour course, getting all controls for 97 points in under five hours. Ron Birks was next with 93 points, getting all controls except one low pointer, followed by yours truly with 89 points, getting all controls but number 80 in the far southeast. Ludwig Hill won the 4-hour course with 78 points, while Eric Ringnes took second with a very respectable 59 points, earning himself some nasty blisters along the way.

On the Night-O, Ludwig Hill won handily with 8 controls of a possible 11. Three entries ended up with negative points due to overtime penalties. Pam Hoyt wins honorable mention with a grand total of minus 37 points after making a 180 degree compass error in the dark woods at night, causing her to be almost 40 minutes late. Luckily she kept her wits about her, realized her error, and returned safely, barely escaping all the lions and tigers and bears and goblins.

For those of you who have never orienteered on a moonless night, your sense of direction can be lost by the simple act of turning around, and can only be regained with a compass, or by lots of floundering around.

On Sunday, Ron Birks and Windy Marks both cleaned the 3-hour course with 65 points, getting all controls, with Ron taking first place, edging out Windy by 7 minutes. Yours truly was next with 61 points, edging out Thomas and Michelle Kelly, who had a slight overtime penalty, allowing me to slip ahead. In a rare occurrence, Ludwig Hill took both first place and last place in the 2-Hour event, being the sole entry.

Special thanks to **Joy Florence** for taking care of registration and timing both days, and **Peg Davis**, who took care of pre-registration. While everyone else was competing on Sunday, **Bill Florence, Eric Ringnes, and Lori Zito, David Zito, Jaime Zito, and Wolfson** retrieved Saturday controls. This really helped, as it allowed the retrieval of Sunday’s controls to be completed by 1p.m. The other retrievers were **David and Windy Marks, Thomas and Michelle Kelly, Paul and Pam Hoyt, Brad and Yvonne Poe, Jennifer Adolfs, and Ron Birks.**

Thanks again to Wolfson for designing, setting, mapping, retrieving and everything else which made this event successful.

Following are the results for Saturday’s three events and for Sunday’s two events. Isn’t it nice to have so many events to choose from (or to do all five)?

Saturday, June 17

Place	Name	Points	Time	Place	Name	Points	Time
				7	Trish Krantz	73	5:37:51
				9	Brad Poe	69	5:39:22
Four Hour							
1	Ludwig Hill	78	3:33:15	9	Yvonne Poe	69	5:39:22
2	Erik Ringnes	59	3:56:50	9	Jennifer Adolfs	69	5:39:22
3	Lori Zito	21	2:45:33	12	Bill Florence	53	5:27:16
3	David Zito	21	2:45:33	13	Judy Cowgill	40	5:26:33
3	Jaime Zito	21	2:45:33	13	Pete Cowgill	40	5:26:33
6	Mike King	17	2:52:52	15	Judy Opsahl	35	5:07:48
Rec	Becky King, Shelly King, Beckie Copeland, Nadine Gruhn			16	Peg Davis	35	5:11:40
				17	Dick Opsahl	35	5:18:41
Six Hour				Three-Hour Night-O			
1	David Marks	97	4:59:22	1	Ludwig Hill	8	0:57:51
1	Windy Marks	97	4:59:22	2	Jeff Brucker	6	0:50:22
3	Ron Birks	93	5:55:15	3	Lori Zito	5	0:52:50
4	Jeff Brucker	89	5:46:19	4	Dan Felitsky	-2	1:08:01
5	Pam Hoyt	82	5:36:48	4	& Trish Krantz	-2	1:08:01
5	Paul Hoyt	82	5:36:48		(9 penalty pts.)		
7	Dan Felitsky	73	5:37:51	6	Pam Hoyt	-37	1:39:44
					(40 penalty pts.)		

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<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	Ludwig Hill	41	1:57:51

Three Hour

1	Ron Birks	65	2:37:55
2	Windy Marks	65	2:45:03
3	Jeff Brucker	61	2:54:49
4	Thomas Kelly	59	3:02:58
4	Michelle Kelly	59	3:02:58
6	Brad Poe	56	2:45:54
6	Yvonne Poe	56	2:45:54
6	Jennifer Adolfs	56	2:45:54
9	David Marks	55	2:57:13
10	Dan Felitsky	45	2:46:56
10	Trish Krantz	45	2:46:56
12	Pam Hoyt	45	2:52:42
12	Paul Hoyt	45	2:52:42
14	Peg Davis	41	2:48:08
15	Dick Opsahl	36	2:57:13
16	Judy Opsahl	34	2:50:00
17	Judy Cowgill	27	2:37:13
17	Pete Cowgill	27	2:37:13
19	Beckie Copeland	26	2:46:08
19	Nadine Gruhn	26	2:46:08

Comments from Ludwig Hill regarding "City O" events.

Great idea! I've always wished that we could have more local events. I have confidence that Mark would set courses that I would feel would be worthwhile to make the effort to drive out to and get some real training out of it!

Maps: This is just a technical suggestion for the map image files: Make sure the .jpg file has an internal print scale that is related to the desired printed map scale, so that people don't need to be computer savvy to figure out how to get it to print at the right scale.

Mail-in payments? This might be a pain for Jeff Berringer (or whoever is responsible for collecting the payments) to handle, relative to the low dollar amounts that presumably will be requested per person/event (\$1?). Perhaps it's more efficient to allow people to pay for 5 or 10 events at a time. Also, use the honor system for tracking payments; someone could compare the number of entries versus payment amounts at year-end, just to see if the system is working. Alternatively, we could ask the Club to pay for all costs, and let members participate for free.

Self-reporting times for course "rankings"? Yes. If these could be published somehow (E-mail digest? Topica or other listserv? Website?), I think it would be a great additional motivator for people to come out.

Using areas close to town which are not TOC maps? Aerial photos of city neighborhoods? Street maps with street names removed? A two-week range when you can run the course before the ribbons are removed? All good ideas!

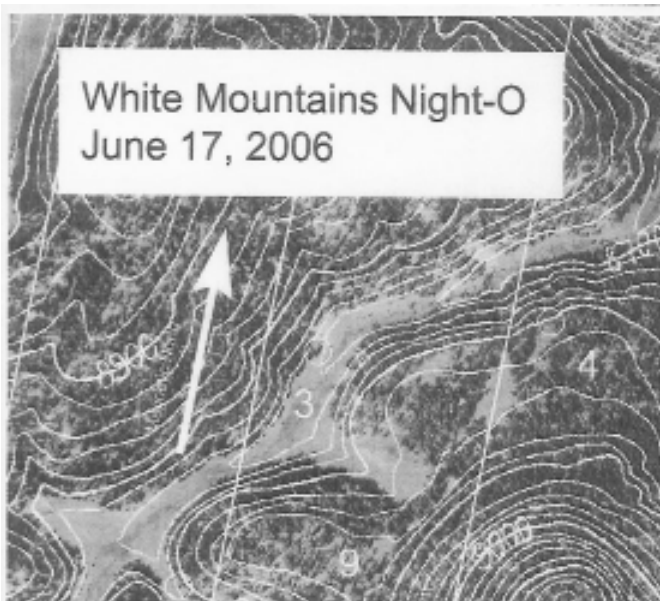
How do we deal with missing ribbons? Just an idea: Pre-placing a small rock cairn 10 m north of each control might allow the participant to prove he was there by verifying the number of rocks in the cairn.

It seems that we would not need permits for this because there will never be a group at the site and no money or paperwork will be handled on site. Speaking of paperwork, do you think that we should require signed waivers (one time? each time?) from people who participate in these training events?

I think we should turn Mark loose on this as soon as possible.

Opinion

—*Jim Stamm*



Hey, club members—

Do you know why we have only had to cancel one meet recently (not counting the Lake Mary meet)? It's not because you have responded to Lois' prodding in our newsletter for volunteers. It's because people from other clubs have stepped in. People from other states and countries. Apparently our club is better respected by the international community than it is by our own members. Richard Dewey is directing, advertising, coordinating with the Forest Service, and has even volunteered to vet the state championship meet—because no one from the Tucson Orienteering Club can be bothered.

I don't want to hear any excuses about not having time. You have time to participate in the meets, don't you? I don't want to hear any excuses about not knowing enough. Novices have done a good job, and our core of volunteers is always there to help. In fact, I don't want to hear ANY excuses. It's your duty. This is how the club works. If you can't help out, then maybe you should ask someone to help you help out. One way or the other, you need to do your share.

CLUB CALENDAR

2006	Location	Course Setter	Meet Director
July 15-16	Greasewood Early-O	Ludwig Hill	HELP!!
July 24	Newsletter deadline. See submission information box on page 2.		Lois Kimminau (296-2108)
Aug. 20	Greasewood Early-O	HELP!!	HELP!!
Sep. 17	Palisades Ridge	HELP!!	HELP!!
Oct. 14 & 15	Box Canyon (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.</p> <p>Meet Directors: You can get your choice of date and site if you sign up early. Call now.</p> <p>We need ALL of you to make this a successful orienteering club, and a successful orienteering season.</p> <p>VOLUNTEER NOW!</p>	
2007			
Jan. 21			
Feb. 18	Kentucky Camp/Greaterville	Leif Lundquist	Barb Bryant

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 Jim Stamm at 575-0830 if you can help with any of these meets.

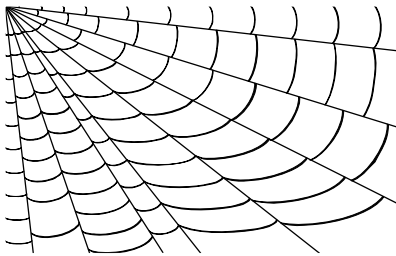
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July 16, 2006***



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Type **<http://www.tucsonorienteering.org>**
Also, for links to all the West Coast club sites,
just type **http://www.geocities.com/o_sconet**
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Tucson Orienteering Club Membership Application

Check one: New Member

Renewal

Date on label _____

Check one: Individual (\$10)

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Name: _____

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Can you help staff a club meet?

Yes, call me.

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