

October 2007

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## Box Canyon in October

—Cristina Luis

On October 21, the Tucson Orienteering Club heads south to the Santa Rita foothills for some glorious ridge and valley grassland terrain. The relatively new Box Canyon map has been used once before, last October, but this year the courses will mostly use another section of the map. Fresh terrain!

The weather is likely to be warm, but not as hot as in Tucson, as you will be at around 5000' of elevation. The terrain consists of parallel ridges and valleys, mostly grass covered with scattered sections of oak and juniper. The Orange and advanced courses will offer excellent contour-reading practice. The grass provides for great visibility, but will leave your legs and feet seed-scratched if you don't take precautions. Long pants are highly recommended, as are gaiters and kevlar socks. :-)

The standard array of courses will be offered: White (beginner), Yellow (advanced beginner), Orange (intermediate), Green and Red (advanced). There will be beginner instruction. Join the Beginners' Clinic at 8:30.

If you'd like to hone your intermediate skills, a one-hour walking clinic will leave at 1:05. Visit a few controls with Peg and talk about the techniques that will take you there in style.

If you would like to reserve a copy of the map with your course pre-printed, please email the coursesetter (cristina.luis@gmail.com) no later than Thursday, October 18th. Without a reserved map, expect to copy your course on the clock.

The meet director is Peg Davis, and she'll be looking for helpers for registration, timing, and control retrieval. Contact her at pegdavis@u.arizona.edu to claim a slot which will also allow you to run your course.

Check the TSN website (<http://www.tucsonorienteering.org>) for any late-breaking updates about the meet.

**Directions:** (*Note: It takes approximately 40 minutes to get to the meet site from Kolb and I-10.*) From I-10, exit 281, take State Road 83 south for 17.0 miles where you turn right onto Greaterville Road. After 4.8 miles you reach a junction with Box Canyon Road (FR 62, improved dirt road). The start/finish and parking is along Box Canyon Road. Please drive past the parked cars, turn around, and park facing southeast on the right side of the road.

Alternatively from I-19, exit 63, drive east on Continental Road and later White House Canyon Road in the direction of Madera Canyon. At a junction after 8.2 miles, take the left fork (Box Canyon Road, FR 62, improved dirt road). Drive up Box Canyon towards the intersection with Greaterville Road (paved) and park on the right side of the road.

**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, all courses, all meets is required to carry some type of 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 noon-1:00 p.m. Route choice reviews.

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1:00 p.m. Courses close. Begin control retrieval—good orienteering practice, lots of help always needed. Volunteer before 1 p.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 8:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

**Route Choice Reviews:** Between 12 and 1 p.m., an advanced orienteer will be available near the Start/Finish area to discuss route choices with returning participants.

**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](mailto:TucsonOrienteering-subscribe@topica.com). To send a message, simply address it to: [TucsonOrienteering@topica.com](mailto: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](mailto: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*

It was warm and muggy up at 8,000-foot Bear Wallow, but that didn't deter an enthusiastic group of orienteers from charging up and down hill and dale looking for the controls on the Green, Orange, Yellow, and White courses set out by Course Setter Cristina Luis. Some folks had a tough time finding the site and the maps were delayed, so we started a bit late. But, as always, there was a great group of volunteers to help with registration and timing.

The high humidity, which later turned to a nice cooling rain, meant all participants wound up with soggy T-shirts from sweating about one gallon each. But there were no complaints and nobody got lost or strayed too far from the unbeaten paths.

The Green and Orange courses were tough. But Mark Everett breezed around the 5K, 220M course in 48 minutes, 20 minutes ahead of Ludwig Hill. The two Motala entrants—Ron Birks and the team of Jim and Jane—circled the course in 95 and 101 minutes respectively. A total of 12 runners tackled Green.

On the Orange course, the two Motala entrants took top honors with times of 51 and 70 minutes respectively. Team Cole, Plan B, and King 4 rounded out the top five finishers.

Ron Birks was the only Motala entrant who also ran the Yellow course and won it in a time of 34 minutes. Other finishers were Michael Rule, Chupacabra, Team Lost, and Troop 155.

The Longhorns took top honors on the White Course with a time of 20 minutes. Most of the White entrants also ran the Yellow Course.

Judy and I would like to thank everybody who volunteered to help us out and who ran parts of the courses a second time to retrieve controls. Everything was chaotic so we didn't get too many names. Thanks for helping make this meet a success.

**Green, 5km, 220m**

1M	Mark Everett	00:48:00
2M	Ludwig Hill	01:08:00
3M	Erik R	01:21:00
4M	Ron Birks	*01:35:00
5M	Jason Bowman	01:37:00
1T	Jim + Jane	**01:41:00
6M	Brad Poe	01:43:00
7M	Bill Florence	01:50:00
2T	Killer Guinea Pigs	02:33:00

Rec Paul Hoyt

DNF Bill Dennis

DNF Dogman

\*Ran the super crazy freak motala, backwards

\*\*ran the motala

**Orange, 3.5km, 180m**

1M	Ron Birks	*00:51:00
1T	Jim + Jane	**01:10:00
2T	Team Cole	01:22:00
3T	Plan B	01:31:00
4T	King 4	01:40:00
1F	Sue	01:44:00
2M	Nielson	01:49:00
3M	Spitauer	01:50:00

5T	Day Trippers	02:11:00
6T	Yeti SMB	02:18:00

Rec BJ

**Yellow, 2.5km, 160m**

1M	Ron Birks	*00:34:00
2M	Michael Rule	01:14:00
1T	Chupacabra	01:18:00
2T	Team Lost	01:39:00
3T	Troop 155	01:47:00

Rec Thornes

Rec GeeGee Larrington

Rec Three Stooges

DNF Jaldi's Team

**White, 1.6km, 100m**

1T	Longhorns	00:30:00
2T	Strolling	00:34:00
1M	Sean Hammond	00:35:00
3T	Sunday Ramblers	00:47:00
4T	Troop 155	00:50:00
5T	Slobbering Bear Dogs	01:33:00
Rec	Thornes	
Rec	3 Stooges	

## CLUB CALENDAR

2007	Location	Course Setter	Meet Director
Oct. 21	Box Canyon	Cristina Luis	Peg Davis
Oct. 29	Newsletter deadline for November 2007 issue. See submittal information on page 2.		Lois Kimminau (296-2108)
Nov. 15	Board meeting, 7 p.m.	Home of Peg Davis	
Nov. 18	Catalina State Park	John Pascal	Chris Capurro
Dec. 16	Arthur Pack Regional Park	Ludwig Hill	Yvonne & Brad Poe
<b>2008</b>			
Jan. 20	Silverbell? U of A?	OPEN	OPEN
Feb. 23-24	<b>A Meet at Kentucky Camp/Greaterville</b>	Day 1: Leif Lundquist Day 2: Jeff Brucker	Max Suter
Mar. 16	Sweetwater	Ludwig Hill	
Apr. 20	Chimney Rock		
<p><i>Lots of spaces here for your name! Pick your site to set courses or to meet direct and call Jim Stamm. Meet sites can possibly be changed, if you want to set a particular type meet at a particular place. Talk to Jim (575-0830).</i></p>			

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.

### Did you know.....?

This month's course setter (and August also), our own Cristina Luis, ranked 9<sup>th</sup> nationally in the 2007 U.S. Sprint Orienteering Series, out of 393 women ranked. Way to go, Cristina!

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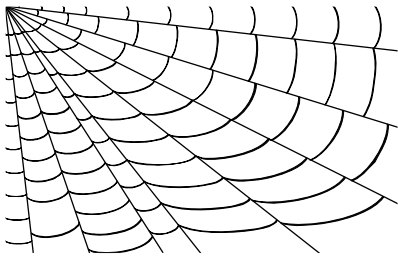
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**Oak Canyon**  
**October 21, 2007**



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just type **[http://www.geocities.com/o\\_sconet](http://www.geocities.com/o_sconet)**

or for Pacific Region rankings, type

**<http://go.to/pacreg>**

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Yes, call me.

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