



March 2007

March Mayhem and Motala at Redington Pass March 18, 2007

—Jeff Brucker

Good golly, Gertie, no gimmicks—it's gonna be a giddy gob of gallivanting orienteers. You may see the occasional gaggle of gregarious beginners gamboling about in our generous desert garden. Or the grizzled elite gliding across the local geography dressed in goofy gaiters, getting ahead by gallantly performing ghastly gambits, and giving the slip to their groaning opponents. Gee, gentle gals and guys, you may even see an old grave marker near a green grove in the glade. Don't miss this great opportunity for gargantuan o-fun.

Courses offered: White, 2k; Yellow, 3k; Orange, 4k-5k; Green, 4k-5k; Red, 6k-7k; and a 15k Motala.

The Redington Pass area is known for a bounteous mix of desert vegetation, grassland, and chaparral, so long pants and shirts are recommended. (FYI, chaparral is defined as "a dense growth of shrubs or small trees.") However, the north part of the map which we will be using has almost no dense chaparral, because there are few north-facing slopes. You can easily see and go around any thickets of mesquite or catclaw in the flats, and go right through the less-dense mesquite bosques. The rest is mostly grassy slopes and flats with scattered bushes. Hardly any cacti.

I will teach an intermediate-advanced class from approximately 9 a.m.-10 a.m. It will be geared to those who want to move from intermediate to advanced. The class will be open to anyone who is an active volunteer in our club. If you are not presently an active club volunteer, do not worry, you can still take the class. All you have to do is become an active club volunteer. And how exactly does one do that? Easy. Just contact Jim Stamm and sign up to be a meet director. The contact info and schedule of open dates is in the newsletter and on the website. Or contact our President, Peg Davis, and volunteer for one of the administrative or officer positions. Or just come see me at the event and we'll work out a deal before the 9 a.m. class!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We will be using the NORTH half of the Chimney Rock map, which will allow all courses (except White) to meander amongst the fantastic bedrock formations in the Chimney Rock area. This requires a NEW parking and registration location that is about 3 miles further from town than our previous location. Be sure to read the directions below.

Since the Bellota Ranch was purchased by the city, the road has greatly improved; in fact, it only took me 32 minutes from the end of the pavement all the way to the new parking area (about the same as to the old parking area when the road was bad). I figure 40 minutes for normal folks, and 50 minutes for slow pokes. Passenger cars OK, no high clearance needed, mostly smooth and no big bumps. See directions below.

The map has been improved by the addition of the Arizona Trail which bisects the middle of the map, thanks to Leif Lundquist and Ludwig Hill. This will not affect the advanced competitors, who I can assure you will have little opportunity to even cross a road or trail, much less actually use one. However, it will be very helpful on the beginner and intermediate courses. The new start area was chosen with the Arizona Trail in mind. It is highly recommended that those who plan to do the beginner White course also do the "beginner+" Yellow course so they can see the beautiful Chimney Rock bedrock formations. So come early.

Tucson Motala for Adventure Racers: The latest version of the Tucson Motala for Adventure Racers will begin with a mass start at 9 a.m. sharp. You will have four hours to complete the 15k course, with cut-off times for each leg. Time has been extended from 3.5 hours to 4 hours, which will allow a larger number of runners to participate and finish, not just the fastest. If you arrive late, or without

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your gear ready, you will not be allowed to start the Motala. So Motala runners please arrive with your clothes and gear ready by the time you register, which will be at 8:30 a.m., followed by instructions and then the mass start at 9 a.m. If you are not the fastest, you will especially want to start on time.

Please don't be intimidated by the mass start. It is the only way we can keep the race within the parameters of our available time frame. At first I disliked mass starts, because I'm basically anti-social, like a grizzly bear, and I don't like other orienteers anyway. However, all rogaines have mass starts, and most of the good competitors fall into one of the crowded packs going to the same order of controls out of the start, at least for the first few controls. Eventually they begin to spread out due to speed differences and route choices. After a few rogaines and billygoat races, I realized that the mass start really didn't affect me as much as I had previously thought, and was just a fact of life. In fact, it offered its own little kink of interesting challenge. So, suit up, suck it up, and show up.

There was a miscommunication at the last Motala at Catalina Park, and one of the longtime highly-qualified members of the club was not allowed to start the last leg because he came in from the second leg past the cut-off time. This runner had not been active in the club in recent years so his ability was not known by the timing official who was at the table, who was simply following the posted rules. However, another runner who also came in after the cut-off was allowed to continue by a different timing official, for several reasons: 1) his time on the first two legs was sufficiently fast for him to finish the last leg in time, 2) he is a frequent orienteer whose ability was well known by the timing official who was then at the table, and 3) he was started by meet officials well after 9:30 a.m., and therefore should have been allowed the full 3.5 hours to finish. This will not happen again. I want to apologize on behalf of the club for this unfairness to Alexandre Savine, and invite him back to this Motala, which was designed with him in mind.

Speaking of starting on time, even though you can start a regular course as late as 11 a.m., should you start that late? Only if you are fast and can finish your course in two hours. If you like to take your time, or you are still working on your navigation, then start at 9 a.m. so you have plenty of time. Anyone finishing after the 1 p.m. deadline puts a great burden on the meet director. 'Nuff said.

Speaking of Meet Director, our official meet director this month is **Rick Medina, who will also be the vetter**. Please email him at rmedina44@cox.net if you can help with registration, timing, or retrieval (or call Jeff at 886-2528).

Directions to Chimney Rock North parking area: Follow Tanque Verde Road east out of Tucson. The name changes to Redington Road, and then the pavement changes to graded dirt at approximately milepost 3. Continue past the end of the pavement 7.4 miles to the Bellota Ranch Road, approximately milepost 10.5. Watch for orienteering signs. Take a left (north) and follow the Bellota Ranch Road approximately 3 miles down to parking and registration, which is at the junction with Chimney Rock Road. There is a cattle gate about a mile before parking and also one right at parking. Please close them behind you. Passenger cars will have no problem. Allow about 40 minutes from the end of the pavement if you drive normally, more if you drive slowly.

Camping: There is open camping at several spots along the Chimney Rock Road past our parking area. I cannot guarantee that signs will be up Saturday evening, but I will try. If someone is going early to camp, they can volunteer to set up the signs. Call me at 886-2528, or e-mail me at jeffbrucker@comcast.net

Fees: \$5/individual, \$8/team for members of any recognized orienteering club. \$10/individual, \$15/team for nonmembers. **Motala:** Fees for members of the Phoenix and Tucson Orienteering Clubs are \$10/person + \$5/each additional team

member. Nonmember fees are \$15/individual + \$10/each additional team 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:

8:30 a.m. Registration opens. Beginners' clinic starts.

9:00 a.m. Courses open. Motala mass start.

9:00 a.m. Advanced/intermediate class begins.

11:00 a.m. Last time to start a course.

12 noon-1:00 p.m. Route choice reviews.

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. 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 /Greaterville

February 17-18, 2007

—*Barb Bryant*

Leif Lundquist created a lovely two days of orienteering for our club. On Saturday, 37 people competed on the four courses. I was particularly impressed by the group of kids (Tucker, Jackson, and Thatcher) with one adult (Bill) who completed a Green course!

Sunday's "sprints" were included in the official 2007 Sprint Series (see www.petergagarin.org). We had a low turnout for the sprints, and realized that perhaps we hadn't marketed them terribly well. Sprints are just short courses, at an intermediate to advanced level. You don't actually need to "sprint"—you can go at your own pace, as with all orienteering races. I like taking my kids out on sprint courses, because it gives them a taste of advanced orienteering, but at much shorter distances than the usual course lengths.

Quite a few people help out to make these meets happen. For their help with registration, timing, beginner training, control pickup, course setting, course vetting, hosting the out-of-town meet director, and permitting, I'd like to thank **Peg Davis, Jeff Brodsky, Ruth Wenberg, Mike Wilke, David Barfield, Max Suter, John Pascal, Ludwig Hill, Rick Medina, Keith McLeod, Lois Kimminau, Jeff Brucker, Leif Lundquist, Jim Stamm, John Maier, John Little, and Max Suter.** Particular thanks go to **John Maier and John Little**, who vetted the courses ahead of time. And above all, thanks go to **Leif Lundquist**, who drove more than 500 miles, and spent many hours, to set the excellent courses.

I enjoyed meeting a few more people (Rick, Keith, and Pat come to mind), and renewing acquaintance with others. I hope to be back again next February!

DAY 1

White

T Elizabeth Owen REC

Orange

1F Alexis Mills 01:07:30

2F Pat Penn 01:08:44

3F Kay Mathiesen 01:23:49

1T Dave & Eva McElroy 01:37:12

2T Beauty and ... 01:38:39

1M Phil Kirby 01:52:00

3T Team Babik 01:52:07

2M William Falter 02:01:01

4F Lois Kimminau 02:05:05

4T Pima Posse 02:06:04

Green

1M Mark Parsons 01:08:10

2M John Pascal 01:27:10

1T Disoriented 01:39:55

2T Team Dennis (Tucker, Jackson, Thatcher) 02:47:04

Red

1M Mark Everett 00:56:26

2M Max Suter 01:12:15

3M Mike Wilke 01:16:32

4M Ludwig Hill 01:18:43

5M Don Fallis 01:31:12

6M Jeff Brodsky 01:33:26

1F Barb Bryant 01:38:44

2F Pam Hoyt 02:11:59

3F Peg Davis 02:34:09

DAY 2

		Sprint 1	Sprint 2	Combined
1M	Ludwig Hill	00:25:53	00:15:48	00:41:41
2M	Max Suter	00:29:27	00:16:02	00:45:29
3M	Jeff Brucker	00:29:05	00:18:55	00:48:00
1F	Barb Bryant	00:31:36	00:18:45	00:50:21
4M	Jeff Brodsky	00:33:40	00:22:02	00:55:42
	John Pascal	00:44:46	*	
2F	Peg Davis	00:46:12	00:28:36	01:14:48
3F	GeeGee Larrington	01:32:30	00:54:00	02:26:30
	Keith McLeod	*	01:00:00	
	Lois Kimminau	*	01:13:39	

*Did not compete



That lo-o-o-vely tall grass that made going cross country so much fun!



Resting between Sprint 1 and Sprint 2 on Sunday.



*Max
Suter*



Map Question?

Something to Consider?

—*Barb Bryant*

It was interesting to overhear discussion about the idea of holding an A meet. This got started because there is a rumor that some Finnish orienteers are interested in coming to Tucson to train during the winter. (Which I can attest, speaking as an orienteer who comes here from Boston to “train” each February, would be a great idea!) With world-class elite orienteers here, the thinking went, we could put on an A meet, attract elite runners from North America, and perhaps even hold a World Ranking Event race. While this would be pretty exciting, the concern is that we’d wipe out our small club with all the effort that goes into putting on an A meet (as happened to some extent after the previous A meet and the World Rogaining Championships). One possibility would be to have outside people come in and run the meet, the way the US Team fundraisers are done. There was also discussion about timing, with the possibility of synchronizing with the Anza-Borrego meet. Peg pointed out that if we want to make money, it would make more sense to put on a rogaine. Another alternative possibility might be to hold the US Team training camp here, at the same time that the Finns are in town.

[Editor’s Note: Hey, members, what do you think? Any other ideas? Let Peg or one of the board members know, or come to a business meeting and tell us about it.]

**It is an ironic habit of
human beings to run faster
when we have lost our way.**

Rollo May, psychologist (1909-1994)

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

2007	Location	Course Setter	Meet Director
Mar. 18	Chimney Rock	Jeff Brucker	Rick Medina (777-4078)
Mar. 26	Newsletter deadline for February 2007 issue. See submittal information on page 4.		Lois Kimminau (296-2108)
Apr. 15	UA Campus	Don Fallis	Kay Mathieson
May 19-20	Mogollon Rim -- Potato Patch	"U-Set-It"	<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>
Jun. 16 (Sat.)	Lincoln Park Night-O/Annual Meeting		
Jul. 15	Greasewood Early-O		
Aug. 19	Palisades or Bear Wallow		
Sep. 16	Lake Mary	(Baghanger/vetter needed.)	
Oct. 21	Box Canyon		
Nov. 18	Catalina State Park	John Pascal	
Dec. 16	Arthur Pack Regional Park	Ludwig Hill	

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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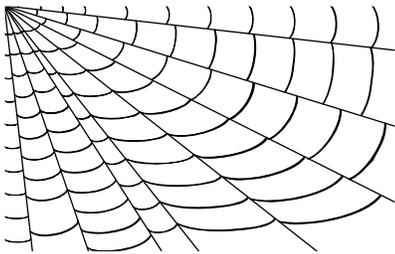
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Also, for links to all the West Coast club sites,
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Tucson Orienteering Club Membership Application

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Can you help staff a club meet?

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