



October 2009

Sweetwater Preserve Track-O Training Event, October 18

—*Jim Stamm*

Ludwig Hill was well underway in mapping a new venue for us when I learned that this 700 acre Pima County Park was being created as a “Stay on the Trail” park. With a little modification, we should still be able to enjoy this great site.

On Sunday, October 18, participants will all traverse the exact same route, on a combination of trails within the preserve. For this event, we have agreed to strictly stay on the trails. You will receive a 1:5000 scale orienteering map, but the map will not have any of the trails indicated on it. You will start out on a trail, and will be directed to the proper turn by a control at every trail junction. Your use of the map will be to mark the spot where other controls will be found along the course. If you choose to be competitive, then your map will be checked for the number of correctly placed X's that you write on your map, and ties will be broken by comparing the elapsed time that it takes you to complete the course. The course length is a little more than 4 km, and a little less than 60 meters climb.

The second facet of this training event will be veteran-led group walk around the course with explanations of why “X marks the spot,” as well as pointers for “Staying on the map.” You may also pick up your map and try the course on your own, then later join a training walk, or simply join one of the training walks later.

If you pre-register by October 16th, you will have a color map reserved for you. Go to <http://tucsonorienteeringclub.org/> to use the online registration form.

Or for questions and alternative registrations: JimStamm@comcast.net, or (520) 575-0830.

Other than a nice parking area, there are no facilities in this park. The trails were all created for bicycle use, so we will have to share the event with bicyclists. You may even use a bike, if you prefer. **Directions:** From I-10 Exit #252 (Ruthrauff Road/El Camino del Cerro), take El Camino del Cerro west 1.9 miles to Tortolita Road, then Tortolita Road south for one mile to the Sweetwater Preserve gate.

Fees: \$5 per person (members only). Please bring exact change.

Equipment: Compasses will be available to rent for \$1. Safety whistles for sale at \$1.

Schedule:

8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Course is open for starting.

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Instructional walks. 11:00 a.m. walk will pick up controls.

Safety: Every person is required to carry some type of safety whistle. Everyone, whether finished with the course or not, must check in formally at Start/Finish before leaving the meet site.

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October 7, 2009

Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

See info on page 2.

October 18, 2009

Sweetwater Preserve.

Course Setter: Jim Stamm

October 26, 2009

Newsletter deadline. See

submittal information on

page 2.

November 15, 2009

Catalina State Park

Course Setter: John Pascal

Meet Directors: Pat Penn

& Margrit McIntosh

December 20, 2009

Cat Mountain

Course Setter: Cristina Luis

Meet Directors: Brad &

Yvonne Poe

January 23-24, 2010

Ironwood Park

Course Setter: Leif Lundquist

Meet Director: 1/23--Needed

1/24: Pete & Judy Cowgill

February 21, 2010

Empire Ranch (Mini-Rogaine)

Course Setter: Jeff Berringer

Meet Director: Max Suter

February 28, 2010

Catalina State Park

Special Training Event

Course Setter: Ludwig Hill

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Meets are usually held the third Sunday of each month. Pick the month that you would prefer and volunteer to set some courses or direct a meet.

Experienced course setters and meet directors are happy to mentor you if you are nervous about volunteering for the first time. Just call Jim Stamm at 575-0830 to volunteer.

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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

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March 20-21, 2010

Slavin Gulch

Course Setter: Mark Parsons
& Nancy Potenza

Meet Director: Keith McCloud

April 18, 2010

Greaterville

Meet Director: Ludwig Hill

Course Setter: Needed

May 15, 2010

Bear Wallow or Box Canyon

Course Setter: Needed

Meet Director: Needed

June 20, 2010

White Mountains

Course Setter: Needed

Meet Director: Needed

Meet Directors Make It Happen!

—*Ludwig Hill*

People who direct our meets are truly wonderful. These folks willingly and freely offer their time and effort to make sure the rest of us can have a good orienteering experience. So next time you are getting ready to return to your car after enjoying an orienteering outing, stop for a second, go to the meet director and simply say "Thanks!" for making it happen.

"Without a meet director,
there is no meet."

Jeff Brucker, 2005

Board Meeting

The next Tucson Orienteering Club board meeting will be on Wednesday, October 7, at the home of Peg Davis. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Any interested orienteer is invited to attend. Your fresh and creative input is solicited. Contact Peg at <pegdavis@u.arizona.edu> or 628-8985 for directions.

This is an important meeting to discuss the future of our club. All members are urged to attend and present your ideas and views.

Club Library

Did you know we have a club library? And that any member can check out a book? OK, so it's not a very big library, but we do have several copies of "Armchair Orienteering," "Orienteering Skills and Strategies" by Ron Lowry and Ken Sidney, "Orienteering Instructor's Manual" by Jim Gilchrist and Jack Lee, "Orienteering Handbook" by Anne Anthony, "Teaching Orienteering" by Jim Gilchrist, "Orienteering Training and Performance" by Ron Lowry and Ken Sidney, "Be Expert With Map and Compass" by Bjorn Kjellstrom, "Map Making for Orienteers" by Robin Harvey, and a USOF Sanctioning Booklet (possibly outdated).

If you would like to borrow any of these books, please contact Lois at loiskim@aol.com. Be sure to put "TOC Library" in the e-mail subject box.

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.

Greasewood Park Event Results

—Ludwig Hill

Mid-September is when the weather starts to get almost imperceptibly a little cooler and drier, and this Sunday was a bit of both early on a fine, warm morning of shortened, but challenging classic courses.

After everybody signed in at the self-help station and listened politely to the mass brief, they started out on their adventures (fast-paced, or otherwise) in two-minute start intervals, three at a time (one per course), and later in more closely spaced one-minute intervals, so there were many opportunities for overtaking and passing in the desert. Quite a few participants reported multiple sightings of other orienteers wandering around while relocating on the way to Control #6 on the Short Green.

The Short Green course had two extra “wild” controls, to be visited at any time during the course, that were thrown in to help the advanced-level orienteers practice their route choice skills. Quite a few of you chose what I considered the optimal route to snag these wild ones. Good job! A few of you others exercised a little more creativity in your route choice. Almost everybody probably improved their orienteering skills and I’m sure that all had a great time!

Congratulations to **Jodi Rickel, John Rickel, and Jaxon Rickel** who placed first on their respective courses!

Art Cantrell, Kelly Morales, Jaxon Rickel, John Rickel, and Max Suter retrieved controls after the event. Thanks for helping out!

Short Yellow (2.7 km/9 controls)

Jodi Rickel	0:37:35
Jonathan Rickel	0:39:35
Lois Kimminau	REC
Chia-Chi Kuo-Speck	REC
Mark Martin	REC

Short Orange (3.2 km/11 controls)

John Rickel	0:45:15
Art Cantrell	0:48:04
Kelly Morales	0:48:04
Kay Mathiesen	1:55:32
Rick Lemieux	REC
Sophie Lemieux	REC
Jayson Rickel	DNS

Modified Short Green (3.6 km/14 controls)

Jaxon Rickel	0:30:25
Max Suter	0:40:50
Don Fallis	1:01:47
Claudia Rickel	1:26:06
Pat Penn	1:29:16
Michael Thompson	2:05:18
Margrit McIntosh	2:07:22
Peg Davis	MSP
Derrick Beracy	REC
GeeGee Larrington	REC
Tisha Taylor	REC
Jim Stamm	DNS*
Jeff Brucker	DNS
Kate Brutlag	DNS
Michael Gurevich	DNS

*Showed up at the event but did not run a course.

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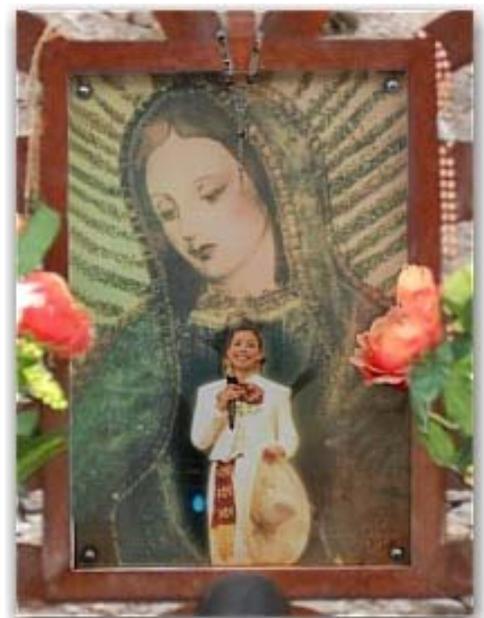
Elisa’s Shrine

—Peg Davis

Did you notice the shrine that has appeared on the west side of Greasewood Road just south of the park entrance? This was very near our September meet site. More information is available at <http://www.esoelisa.com/>

Elisa’s shrine was designed by architect Al Gastelum and his wife, Katherine. It was dedicated in February 2007, for Elisa’s first anniversary. The shrine is made from metal that ages with the weather’s elements. Colorful tiles from Teresa’s Mosaic add to this beautiful shrine erected in Elisa’s memory.

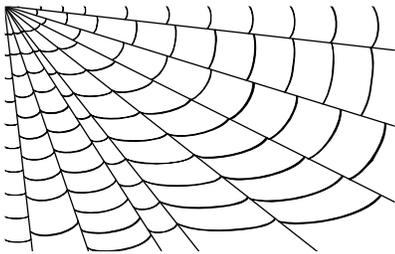
The shrine is on Greasewood between Speedway Boulevard and Anklam Road. The roadway was “adopted” as part of the Tucson Clean and Beautiful Program. It is maintained monthly by family and friends.



Tucson Orienteering Club
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Address Service Requested

Something different!
Track-O at Sweetwater Preserve
October 18, 2009



Check out the Tucson Orienteering Club web site!

Type **<http://www.tucsonorienteeringclub.org>**

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

just type **http://www.geocities.com/o_sconet**

For the Rolling Rankings of the United States Orienteering Federation (USOF), go to **<http://www.usof-rankings.org/>**, or for the US Orienteering Sprint Series, <http://www.sprintseries.org>.

Tucson Orienteering Club Membership Application

Check one: New Member Renewal Date on label _____

Check one: Individual (\$10) Household (\$15)

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ 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.