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Tucson Orienteering Club History (Continued from Issue 2010-1)

1991: Meets at Catalina State Park, Greasewood Park, Cave Creek (champs), Redington Pass, Rosemont Junction, Cottonwood, Bear Wallow, Palisades, Helvetia, Catalina State Park, Bajada Loop, Lincoln Park, and Sabino Canyon.

Scott Donald, orienteer from BC, designed and set the courses for the AZ State Champs at Cave Creek. (He is an internationally known orienteer and course setter, and has set other courses for our club since then.)

The Phoenix O Club was getting up and going at this time, and some events were shared.

In 1991, a new designation was introduced for the "results" published in the newsletter: THB. This meant "Tried His/Her Best." Dan Cobbleddick suggested several other designations that would be useful:

- KB: Kicked Butt
- KSB: Kicked Serious Butt
- KMSB: Kicked Mildly Serious Butt
- KUPD: Kept Up with Peg Davis
- KRQ-FM: Kan't Run Quick? Follow Me.
- FSB: Faster than a Speeding Bullet
- FTC: Finished The Course
- GOOP: Got Out Of Parking lot
- WIMP: Was Intimidated by Maier's Pace
- HAND: Had a Nice Day
- FACE: Found All Controls Easily
- HARD FACT: Had a Rough Day (Found All Controls Though)
- USOF: Under-Stands Orienteering Fundamentals
- CAB: Crashed and Burned
- LAD: Lost All Day
- ROM: Ran Off Map
- AWOLS: Advanced Women Only Look Slow
- BOGUS: Bad Orienteer Gave Up Soon
- CFABH: Couldn't Find Anything with Both Hands

I'm not sure I like these. All my runs would be either LAD or BOGUS. (Maybe some CABs too.)
New names showing up in results: Wilkey Richardson, Ann Haber, and Jim Stamm.

1992: I didn't expect to spend this much time on each year, but I am finding it interesting going back through these old newsletters. Hope you all aren't bored yet.

Pat Penn was President, with John Maier and Mike Kessler sharing VP. Wilkey Richardson was Sec./Treas., and Steve Personett, Helen Deluga, Roger Sperline, Peg Davis and Sue Roberts as Committee Chairs (Sue was newsletter person). Marilyn Cleavenger and Mary English took over Equipment mid-year.

Meets were held at Greasewood, Redington Pass, Cottonwood Wash, Whetstone Mountains, Lake Pleasant (state champs, sponsored by GPHXO), Rogaine in the Santa Ritas, Cat Mountain, Bear Wallow, Carr Canyon (Huachucas), Palisades, Dragoons, Catalina State Park, Fort Huachuca, and Bajada Loop.

State Champs were Roy Parker (Elite Men), Pat Penn (Elite Women), Mark Parsons (Veteran Men), Peg Davis (Veteran Women), and Molly Parsons (Junior Champion). (My Cranes were DNF; oh, well, teams can't win anyway.)

Interesting! I don't remember this, but there is an article about the Foothills Mall-O. It was held April 25, in the mall, in conjunction with Bob's South Rim Outfitters and Sport & Adventure Division of Bon Voyage Travel. (I'm copying the whole article, because it is something different than any recent events.)

"Bob's provided a map of the mall, and we set up a short 10-control course inside the mall using 3" mini-markers we made by laminating fluorescent orange/white posterboard. Even so, they were VERY noticeable, and Roger (Sperline) had to hide them well. Maggie Davidson from Bob's and Kathy Molver

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from Boy Voyage handled the publicity and did a splendid job. We were inundated with people! (Well, much of the credit has to go to the model railroad folks who drew a big crowd to their show in the Mall that weekend.) People working at Bob's said it was the busiest day at Foothills Mall that they could remember. We had about 50 people try the course in the Mall (the youngest finisher was 6 years old) and we talked to many more folks. We hope to see many of you trying our events this summer."

This year seems to be the beginning of serious computer use in orienteering. In addition to several mentions of "OCAD" for mapping, there is a notice of an orienteering bulletin board that includes results from US and World Cup meets, and occasional discussions of courses. There were usually about 10 postings a week. We've come a long way, baby!

1993: The year started with a meet at Greasewood Park set by Roger Sperline and Sue Roberts. Since it is a small area and very familiar to many of us, they did a Poker-O and a Star-O for the more advanced orienteers. In the Poker-O, you could visit as many controls as you wanted to, but could only punch five controls. Each control had an associated playing card. Highest poker hand wins. The Star-O was a type of memory-O where the participants had to study the map at Start/Finish and remember where the controls were.

Succeeding meets were held at Cat Mountain, Tortillita Mountains (Rogaine), Whetstones, Redington Pass, Bear Wallow, Carr Canyon, Greasewood Park (again), Palisades, Cave Creek, Slavin Gulch, Catalina State Park (state champs), and Starr Pass.

(Note: I don't remember this, but according to the August newsletter, I took 1st place on the Green course. And I wasn't the only female entered either! Probably the last time that happened.)

Pat Penn took another year as President, with Scott Hill as VP and Laurie Fellow Secretary/Treasurer. The committee chairs also accepted another year.

Dues were \$8/individual, \$11/family, and meet entry fees were \$5 and \$7, with a \$2 discount for club members. There was a big push in almost every issue urging people to buy T-shirts. I think I still have one.

Sue Roberts did a great job as newsletter editor. There were many extra articles included, funny, serious, and educational. The Results from Whetstone Mountains, by Meet Director Richard Dekany, was the funniest write-up I've seen. I believe that was the meet where some controls were apparently eaten by cows, and it was written as if by a cow wandering around ("doo di doo...I'm a cow...just standing around.....doo di doo,what's that orange box thing.....doo di do....guess I should check it out....").

Some Orienteering Euphemisms

(from *Happy Herts Pacemaker, England, April 1990, #42*)

Contour interval	Sadism factor
Depression	Place to hide a control
Pit	Even better place to hide a control
Uncrossable	Crossable with a little determination
Map	Artist's impression of the terrain
Shallow reentrant	Imaginary feature for a control
Meet Director/Course Setter	Scapegoat

1994: The Club started the year without a President or Vice President. I took over the newsletter from Sue Roberts, and the other committee chairs agreed to serve again (Laurie Fellows, Wilkey Richardson, Marilyn Cleavinger, Peg Davis, and Mary English). In February Kathy Creath agreed to serve as President, and in May, Al Byrd took over as VP, but Laurie Fellows resigned as Secretary/Treasurer. Not a real smooth year!

Dan Cobbledick wrote a Rogaine memoir of the Rogaines he had lived through 1991-1994. This was preparatory to his setting the courses for the 1994 Rogaine at Bear Valley in March.

The January meet was held at Lincoln Park, but the February meet had to be canceled due to lack of a course setter or meet director. Map Walks at Greasewood Park were scheduled instead to interest some new orienteers in the sport, but due to a fluke (visitors from Switzerland who wanted to orienteer here), John Maier whipped up a last minute Mystery-O which enticed 50 entries.

The Rogaine in March was in the Atascosa Mountains, with the regular March meet at Ft. Huachuca. April took us to Redington Pass, with Slavin Gulch, Bear Wallow, Palisades, Lower Lake Mary (state champs), Rosemont, Whetstones, and Catalina State Park scheduled for the rest of the year.

This year's newsletters have the first inkling of the problems in finding course setters and meet directors every month, and the possibility of canceling meets if no one volunteers. Apparently this problem has been going on longer than I remembered.

Organizational work was started on the Arizona SunFest—our first "A" meet. Committees were formed and application was made for USOF sanctioning to hold the meet in February 1996. (Yes, it did take the full year-and-a-half to prepare for this. It is quite an undertaking, especially the first time.) John Maier headed up the committee, with Pat Penn, Ann Haber, Marilyn Cleavinger, Mark Parsons, Roger Sperline, Rachel Gelbin and many others volunteering for subcommittees.

At the end of 1994, the first officer election was held! Up to that time, only one candidate for each office was available. John Maier and Al Byrd ran; John was elected.

With this year's newsletters, I also found the Rogaine announcements for the first five Annual Arizona Rogaines. If we hadn't missed any years, we would now be on #20.

I also found copies of the results pages each month, with names checked for sending ribbons to winners. This was one of my least favorite duties as newsletter editor. Each month, I had to fill in the name and category of the top three winners for each course and each category (M, F, or T) on the card at the back of the ribbons, and send red, white, or blue ribbons to each winner. Some teams had several members and each one received a ribbon. They were enclosed in the newsletters, which then had to be separated from the bulk rate mailing and mailed first class. This was a real pain, and I was very thankful when the Board decided to discontinue ribbons.

1995: Though the Club was actually formed in April 1984, I think we should say it really got going in 1985. That would make 1995 the 10th year, and 2010 our Silver Anniversary. Since we didn't have any anniversary festivities in 2009, I think it's only fair.

Officers were John Maier, Mike Huckaby, and Helen Deluga, with Marilyn Cleavinger, Mary English, Mark Parsons, and me chairing committees.

January had the Club's first (and only?) Hash-O, which was a meet at Greasewood Park inspired by the Hash House Harriers. If you've never heard of them, don't bother looking for info. They're crazeeee! Fun for all. The course was set by Dan Cobbledick, whose Harrier nickname was unprintable.

February meet at Rosemont Junction on a new map; Parker Canyon Lake Rogaine in March, Slavin Gulch in April, Cave Creek in May, Carr Peak and a Vampire-O at Lincoln Park in June, Bear Wallow in July, Palisades Ridge in August, Rosemont Junction in September (state champs), Whetstones in October, plus a Lincoln Park Night-O, Cat Mountain in November, and Catalina State Park in December.

1996: We started the year with a meet at Greasewood Park, with Martin Lebl as both setter and meet director. He utilized a different type of Score-O which required both strategy and luck. He called it O-numbering.

Work continued on the Sun*Fest A Meet. Plamen Djambazov was paid for mapping at Redington Pass. This was a big undertaking for a small club, but many volunteers stepped up to help out. The event was held on February 17-18, and was a huge success.

The March issue included a crossword puzzle using the names of the volunteers who put on the Sun*Fest. Good fun. The April issue noted that the Tucson Sun*Fest would be featured in the next issue of ONA, with a picture taken by John Maier on the cover. Some well-deserved recognition for a lot of hard work (and lots of fun).

The monthly events were scheduled for Ft. Huachuca, Slavin Gulch, Cave Creek, Carr Canyon (canceled due to lack of a course setter), Mogollon Rim (6th annual Rogaine) canceled due to fire danger), Palisades Ridge, Rosemont Junction, Lake Mary (State champs), Chimney Rock, Cat Mountain, and Catalina State Park.

The club "library" was set up, thanks to the generosity of John Maier, who donated the books and guides. (*This library is in my possession at this time; if you want to look at what is available or borrow them, please let me know. Lois-296-2108*)

Some things never change! The April issue has a call for people willing to serve as officers or board chairs, and volunteers for course setters and meet directors.

John Maier's "Reasons to Learn Mapping":

- You will be a better orienteer.
- You'll learn all of the map symbols really well.
- You will become one of the most revered members of your club.
- If you meet people walking in the woods while you're field-checking, and they ask what you're doing, you can say offhandedly, "Oh, I'm making a map," and show them your field notes. (Guaranteed, they'll be impressed.)
- You'll have terrific decorations for the walls of your den. Just think, a map you've created! With your very own name in the corner!
- And the best reason of all—you'll have a right to complain! If you've been to orienteering meets and the map was terrible, and you said so, you heard, "Well, if you're so smart, maybe you think you could do better." If you've learned mapping, you can say, "Yeah, I think I can do better than this." Complain all you like—but then if you're a mapper, you probably won't get so lost that you need to blame it on a poor map anyway.
- And besides all these good reasons, MAPPERS ARE TOTALLY COOL!

Ask the Expert

Answers to all your orienteering questions from an acclaimed expert*

Q. How can I make sure I'm holding my map right side up?

A. The right side has the funny drawing on it. The other side is blank.

Q. What is a "control"?

A. Control is something a meet director loses about 9:15 at a 9:00 meet.

Q. What is a reentrant?

A. It's the opposite of a reexit.

Q. How can I run faster?

A. Give up orienteering.

Q. I've been orienteering as a team with my partner for several years. Now he keeps telling me to "get lost." What do you think this means?

A. This is somewhat similar to actors beginning a performance telling each other "Break a leg." It's sort of reverse psychology on Lady Luck.

*Not necessarily an orienteering expert.

On Orienteering (this was published in November 1996 issue, with no attribution):

To find the control is the name of the game

Third Sunday each month, it's more of the same.

Reentrants and saddles, streambeds and spurs,

Through catclaw and shindaggers, socks full of burrs,

Sunburned and scratched, yet ahead of the bunch,

Exhausted but triumphant, "I got every punch."

(Who says orienteers are barely literate?)

1997: Meets were planned for Cat Mountain, Empire Ranch (Rogaine), Lincoln Park, Slavin Gulch, Rosemont-North, Bear Wallow, Palisades Ridge, Greasewood Park, Cave Creek, Empire Ranch, Catalina State Park, and Silverbell.

Tucson Orienteering Club had its home page set up on the World Wide Web, by Bev Parks. This was announced with specific instructions for accessing it. (Funny, now we just say 'tucsonorienteeringclub.org' and don't even bother with <http://www.....>) Progress!

The March Rogaine at Empire Ranch surprised everyone with a few inches of snow starting about 11:30 p.m. Some were just arriving and trying to find the right place and set up tents in the midst of it. Many of us, more fortunate, woke up to a beautiful white world. The snow didn't last long though.

Training Tip: Home Study

—Olive Kearney, LAOC

To improve your map reading and route choice skills, study your maps after the meet.

Before leaving an event, copy the next higher course onto your map. Once at home always review how you did.

Did you make the right choices? What errors did you make? Why did you make them? Note your time. How could you improve this? What are your weak spots—Contouring? Pacing? Feature recognition?

Review the other course: How is it different? What extra skills are needed?

All this from an "armchair. Although it sounds dubious, it is a proven O-skill builder. Visualize and Concentrate.

At the September 1997 board meeting, a new fee structure was approved. Dues were raised to \$10/year for an individual membership and \$15/year for a household/family membership. Meet entry fees using a black-and-white map were approved at \$3/individual and \$5/team for members, and \$8/individual and \$10/team for nonmembers. If using a color map, \$1 would be added for each map. A "Gold Card" membership was also approved of \$100/year, which would include all meets and Rogaines, and the newsletter. I don't remember hearing about this Gold membership (although I was editor and board member at the time!!), and it doesn't appear to have been publicized.

And that's it for this quarter! Since 2002 and later newsletters are available online, I am planning to finish up with 1998 through 2001 in the next issue.

What's Been Happenin'.....

Ironwood Picnic Area January 23-24, 2010

—Pete & Judy Cowgill, Cristina Luis,
Ludwig Hill

The first day, Saturday, was overcast, but thankfully without wind or rain. Sunday skies were sunny, but it was a bit nippy, at least for us desert rats, as the second day of the Tucson O meet started at the Ironwood Picnic Area in the Tucson Mountains.

We had a good turnout of more than 60 participants from novice to Blue-Class orienteers. Times of the Blue-Class orienteers were awesome.

We heard no complaints from any of the orienteers about the courses, maps, registration, etc. Pre-registration worked great, as it cut down on the time and paperwork normally required to get the meet started.

Leif Lundquist spent untold hours setting the White, Yellow, Orange, Brown, Green, Red, and Blue courses, plus checking their locations on the maps with his GPS unit. Valerie Meyer, Jaxon Rickel, and Leif made sure the SI system worked to near perfection, including printing out times around the courses for all orienteers. Peg Davis introduced newcomers to orienteering with her beginners' clinic.

We had plenty of volunteers for control retrieval: Ludwig Hill, Mike King, Mike Minium, Cristina Luis, John Maier, Mark Parsons, Jeff Brucker, John Little.

Saturday after the meet, Cristina Luis led a dozen orienteers on a 10K trail run north of the meet site; some went fast and others only half.

Meet directors Jeff Brucker (Saturday) and Pete and Judy Cowgill (Sunday) made sure this whole event went smoothly.

SATURDAY

Blue (9.7k)

1	Raffael Huber	48:27
2	Eric Bone	58:21
3	Boris Granovskiy	1:12:09
4	Mike Wilke	2:11:06
	Tim Stefik	MP
	Bob Badgett	DNF

Red (7.7k)

1	Ludwig Hill	1:01:03
2	Kimball Forrest	1:01:12
3	Cristina Luis	1:04:49
4	Mike Minium	1:08:41
5	Troy Bozarth	1:32:29
6	Linda Kohn	1:42:19
7	B. Brooke Mann	1:46:35
8	Valerie Meyer	1:46:37
9	Jeff Brucker	1:51:07
10	David Follette	1:51:25
11	Steve Fluegel	2:06:32
12	Peg Davis	2:08:37
13	Donna Fluegel	2:19:33

Green (4.5k)

1	Kevin Teschendorf	47:40
2	Peter Goodwin	1:12:33
3	John Little	1:20:47
4	Claudia Rickel	1:27:28

5	Mike King	1:35:37
6	John Rickel	1:37:08
7	Laura Querengesser	1:59:28
8	Barry McCashin	2:22:17
9	Margrit McIntosh	2:30:47
	Joseph Spitale	MP
	Richard Worner	DNF
	Susie Madden	DNF

Brown (3.7k)

1	Mike Minium	43:35
2	Leigh Bailey	1:02:41
3	Jennifer Kerr	1:18:32
4	Gill Bailey	1:19:14
5	Pete Cowgill	1:29:25

Orange (5.2k)

1	Susan Goodwin	2:48:28
2	GeeGee Larrington	3:09:10
	Joseph Miller	DNF
	Helen Deluga	DNF
	Alex Gurevich	DNF

Yellow (2.7k)

1	Jodi Rickel	32:20
2	Claudia Rickel	37:08
3	Melissa Trout	42:30
4	Erika Skeletor	1:08:02

White (2.3k)

1	Skeletor	38:31
2	Jonathan Rickel	49:17
3	Jaret Rickel	1:21:52

SUNDAY

Blue (9.3k)

1	Raffale Huber	56:02
2	Eric Bone	59:23
3	Kristen Peers	2:25:01
4	Tim Stefik	2:25:02
5	Tina Stefik	2:50:27
6	Bob Badgett	2:50:33
7	Wendy Badgett	2:50:34

Red (6.4k)

1	Kimball Forrest	53:25
2	Ludwig Hill	54:28
3	Cristina Luis	1:00:01
4	Troy Bozarth	1:04:17
5	Mike Minium	1:06:00
6	Linda Kohn	1:21:28
7	John Maier	1:22:13
8	Glenn Haselfeld	1:23:47
9	B. Brooke Mann	1:25:00
10	Peg Davis	1:43:42
11	Don Fallis	1:44:21
12	Art Cantrell	1:54:18
13	Donna Fluegel	2:10:12
14	Valerie Meyer	2:13:52
15	Yvonne Poe	2:36:37
	Max Suter	MP
	Jeff Brodsky	MP
	Boris Granovskiy	DNF
	Ekaterina Orekhova	DNF

Green (5.0k)

1	Kevin Teschendorf	34:14
2	Peter Goodwin	1:00:52

3	Mark Parsons	1:09:26
4	Richard Worner	1:09:29
5	John Little	1:15:18
6	Mike King	1:46:39
7	John Rickel	1:59:00
8	Susie Madden	2:00:45
9	Margrit McIntosh	2:24:06
	Claudia Rickel	MP
	Michael Gurevitch	DNF

Brown (3.5k)

1	Mike Minium*	36:54
2	Jennifer Kerr	1:03:24
3	Gill Bailey	1:13:34
4	Leigh Bailey	1:18:20
5	Beauty and..	1:24:34
6	Marsha Jacobs	1:33:32

*2nd course

Orange (5.2k)

1	Kay Mathiesen	1:54:58
2	Susan Goodwin	2:23:39
3	Michael Thompson	2:25:28
4	Joe Miller	2:28:33
5	GeeGee Larrington	2:40:30
	Gail Brodsky	DNF

Yellow (2.8k)

1	Jodi Rickel	34:23
2	C2	34:58
3	Melissa Trout	1:01:01
4	Kit Marrs	1:08:35
5	Slobbering Dog	1:14:44

White (2.0k)

1	Jonathan Rickel	16:34
2	Jaret Rickel	30:22

Catalina State Park Results

February 28, 2010

—Ludwig Hill

The headline in the *Arizona Star* the following day says it all: "Soggy Sunday Set A Record For Date". Yep, we had more rain during this event day than the previous record holder on February 28, 1918.

But this didn't stop an indefatigable group of TOC orienteers, less than half of the pre-registered orienteers for this event, from showing up in their rain gear with expectant anticipation on their faces for some orienteering fun. What we got for our exuberance was not the normal experience of orienteering in the normally dry Tucson desert. Instead, the day's activities included exploring slippery paths alongside raging streams, ducking under dripping trees, hopping over glistening wet rock boulders, tramping through spongy dead wood, and treading quietly through acres of lush, dew-droppy green grass and edible, wild broad-leafed weed-plants. From chilly, solitary ridge lines and quiet, damp mesquite-filled valleys, we watched as the frosty-white snow line descended from the high, cloudy mists circulating about the pinnacled Catalinas to the lower slopes of the nearby foothills. Again, not your typical dry, desert day!

Things hadn't started out all that wet. There had been lavish showers before sunrise but it wasn't raining when I began the final hanging of the con-

trol markers early morning just before the event, and I was quite hopeful that we'd be able to keep fairly dry. However, three rain-related things happened that would make it a little more than an ordinary dry orienteering day.

First, as I was hanging the last of the control markers, I noticed that the Sutherland Wash was flowing at five times its flow from 16 hours earlier when I hung the first set of controls. Although this wash was still crossable, I decided to add two new courses to the O menu: An "Ultra Short Green" and "Ultra Short Orange" that would give orienteers the option to avoid having to cross the wash by allowing them to skip a couple controls.

Second, the rain returned when I was about half-way through hanging controls. And then it poured. And then it never stopped raining, never.

Finally, about half-way through the event, when people were still out on the courses, the park ranger drove up in an official park service pickup truck. I suspect she was a little surprised to see our handful of cars sitting in the lonely parking area at the end of the road with a few dripping figures standing in the downpour. She came to tell us all to get out of the park now as the Canada Del Oro, which crosses the main road, was starting to flow and that our exit from the park would quickly be blocked by the rising waters.

Most of our drenched orienteers made it back from their courses in time to scurry into their cars and drive across the slowly, yet resolutely, rising waters. **John Rickel**, who was not orienteering that day, sped the family van across to the other side before the waters came, but the rest of his family, who were out on the courses that morning, had to hoof it down the road and slosh across the watery stream on foot. **Mark Parsons** and **Keith McLeod**, who hadn't yet started their courses, decided to call it a day and very prudently headed straight home. A few DNF's resulted when people heard about the pending road closure and decided to come back to the finish area early.

As it turned out, only five of us didn't make it out in time. We trudged through the waters up to our knees and left our cars behind. Two days later the waters receded, the heavy equipment removed the flow debris, and we were able to retrieve our cars under a spectacularly sunny sky.

I think that everybody who came had a good time, since it takes a certain upbeat personality to come out and play in the outdoors when it's raining hard.

I want to thank everybody who helped: **Cristina Luis** for leading the training session and sign-in for Boy Scout Troop 100, **Peg Davis** for offering to run an orange-level O-skills clinic (which didn't happen due to weather), and **Mike Wilke** and **Leif Lundquist**, who retrieved the controls when things finally dried out at the park. I also wish to thank the following individuals who didn't get to participate due to the rain and flooding, but who nevertheless each made an unsolicited \$4 donation to the club: **Greg Hall** and his guests, **Keith McLeod**, and **Mark Parsons**.

Short Yellow (2.3k, 40m, 9 controls)

(All entries Recreational)

Nick Jones, Patrick Jones, Carolyn Mantell, George Mantell, Josh Mantell, D'Michael Thompson, Duane Thompson Saphira Thompson, Suong Thompson

Short Orange (3.1k, 80m, 10 controls)

No participants

Ultra Short Orange (2.9k, 40m, 8 controls)

1 Elliot George 106:33

Short Green (4.2k, 140m, 12 controls)

1 Jaxon Rickel 56:20

2 Mike Wilke 137:55

Brad Poe DNF

Yvonne Poe DNF

Ultra Short Green (3.5k, 110m, 9 controls)

1 Jeff Brodsky 94:34

Peg Davis DNF

Claudia Rickel DNF

Jodi Rickel DNF

Margrit McIntosh REC

Slavin Gulch Results

March 20-21, 2010

—Mark Parsons

We again had perfect conditions, including light breezes, clear air, and crystalline 50-plus mile views south to the snowy north slopes of the southern ranges. It was 70 to 75 degrees all day. We had a good barbecue pot luck and campfire.

Ludwig Hill seriously dominated the orienteering.

Many, many thanks to **Keith McLeod** for manning the registration and timing for three events. Many thanks to **Glenn, Kelly, Leif, Ludwig, Mark, Ron, Larry, Dusty, and Tish** for going back out in the bouldering veld to retrieve two days' worth of controls. Thanks to **Nancy Potenza** for hosting a String-O of sorts. Thanks again to **Ludwig** for helping with the map.

Saturday's events were an easy score-O with a four-hour time limit and a mountain bike option. Four people rode mountain bikes:

SATURDAY

Riders

1 Mike Wilke 690 121:05

2 Kelly Wells 690 137:35

3 Brad Poe 690 142:10

4 Glenn Haselfeld 690 143:25

Runners/walkers

1 Ludwig Hill 690 107:15

2 Beauty and ... 390 150:07

3 Phillip Hoare 690 228:39

Night Event (Yellow-Orange 2.8K point-to-point)

1 Ludwig Hill 30:06

2 Kelly Wells 65:00

3 Mike Wilke 78:30

4 Glenn Haselfeld 90:30

Sunday's events were traditional point-to-point courses.

SUNDAY

Red (6.1k, 100m)

1 Ludwig Hill 61:48

2 Derrick Beracy 72:06

3 Glenn Haselfeld 74:46

4 Don Fallis 75:00

5 Larry Lamb 127:32

6 Leif Lundquist 134:40

Green (5.2k, 90m)

1 Kelly Wells 100:34

2 John Rickel 111:10

3 Claudia Rickel 127:03

4 Pat Penn 153:45

5 Beauty and... 161:20

Margrit McIntosh Rec.

Orange (5.0k, 70m)

1 Tisha Taylor 129:26

2 Ron Ingram 144:30

Derrick Beracy (Rec.) 67:26

Yellow (2.8k, 30m)

1 Jodi Rickel 78:43

White (String-O) (non-competitive)

Jonathan Rickel, Jared Rickel, Mia Potenza-Parsons

(See Leif's story on page 8.)

Greaterville

April 18, 2010

—Jeff Brodsky

Dare I say we had a near perfect meet at a new location on our Greaterville map? The weather was superb—in the 80's, slightly overcast. The flowers were out and about (see the web site for some interesting examples). The start area was technically off the map: across the road that serves as the western boundary. No one seemed to mind, and the views of the course area helped make it a great event.

Perhaps the only flaw was the Orange control 7 punch. Seems like it was missing for most of the day, but thanks to **Derrick Beracy** for finding it 20 yards away, and re-hanging it correctly. All who noted the punch was missing got credit.

We had quite the group of runners, both experienced and raw beginners. **Scout Troop 733** had enough competitors to form three teams — and compete they did. Congrats to **Troop 733** for running both the White and Yellow courses, and doing it with style!!

I'd like to thank **Ludwig Hill** for setting such a great course. He makes it look so easy (when I know it's not). Also to **Peg Davis** for always being there when needed, and for the superb beginners' clinic. You can see her at work in some of the photos online (credits to **Ludwig** and **Jeff Brodsky**). As meet director, I was stressing a bit about manning the registration and timing tables. While I did work both of them for a while, thanks to **Sue Wenberg** for diving right in and helping at the registration table before running her course, and to **Ludwig** and **Jeff Berringer** for working the timing tables.

Control retrieval was accomplished rapidly and accurately by **Martin Dimitrov, Mark Everitt, Larry Lamb, Margrit McIntosh, Mark Parsons, Derrick Beracy, and Tisha Taylor**. My thanks to you all for enabling me to get home early when I needed to.

The scores below are now official. Great runs by many. Enjoy a few photos from this event, elsewhere in the newsletter.

White

1M Jonathan Rickel 0:21:15

1T Zombie Dogs 0:28:47

2T Team Bear 0:31:50

3T 733 Cruisers 0:37:20

2M Jaret Rickel 0:39:12

Del Zoun Rec.

Yellow

1F	Jodi Rickel	0:45:07
1T	Art Cantrell	0:50:48
2T	Mara & Robert	1:43:20
	Team John Smith	DNF
	733 Cruisers	Rec.
	Team Bear	Rec.

Orange

1T	Kev & Bill	1:26:47
1F	Margrit McIntosh	2:05:37
2F	Tisha Taylor	2:09:36
2T	Fashion Statement	2:49:36
3F	GeeGee Larrington	3:14:03
	Bill Falter	DNF
	Art Cantrell	Rec.
	Mara & Robert	Rec.

Green

1F	Claudia Rickel	1:36:36
1M	Jeff Berringer	1:52:22
2M	Michael Gurevich	2:49:00
	Mike Huckaby	DNF

Red

1M	Mark Everett	0:44:07
2M	Derrick Beracy	1:16:40
3M	Mark Parsons	1:17:12
1T	Team Tubac	1:31:43
1F	Peg Davis	1:52:52
4M	Larry Lamb	2:08:37
	Martin Dimitrov	2:46:05

Motala

	1F	1M
	Cristina Luis	Derrick Beracy
Yellow	0:34:00	0:56:05
Orange	0:43:38	1:01:06
Red	<u>1:01:06</u>	<u>1:16:40</u>
Total	2:18:44	2:50:35

Chimney Rock May 16, 2010

—Mike and Shelby King

Twenty-six orienteers showed up for the May 16 meet in Redington Pass. The day was clear and warm. Course-setter **Art Cantrell** created fun and successful courses that were challenging for all levels.

The winners of each course are as follows: White- **Jonathan Rickel**, Yellow- **Neil Wattier**, Green- **John Little**, and Red - **Ludwig Hill**. The only brave soul to attempt the Motala was **Alexandre Savine**.

There was a tie for most popular course between the Green and Red courses.

Many thanks to the volunteers who were a great help at the meet: **Becky King, Ludwig Hill, Art Cantrell, Peg Davis, John Maier and Brad Poe**.

White

1M	Jonathan Rickel	0:35:21
1T	Ben Parker	1:02:25
2T	Jackson Parker	1:06:43

Yellow

1M	Neil Wattier	1:07:25
1F	Jodi Rickel	1:40:11
1T	Not Chili Koenig	2:24:15
Motala	Alexandre Savine	0:56:35

Orange

	Ebony and Ivory	DNF
	Gail Brodsky	DNF
	GeeGee	DNF
Motala	Alexandre Savine	1:34:35

Green

1M	John Little	2:04:27
2M	John Rickel	2:43:18
1F	Claudia Rickel	3:00:00
1T	Wholey Amole	3:05:57
	Pete Cowgill	DNF
	Michael Gurevitch	DNF
	Kate and Megan	DNF
	Roy Parker	Rec.

Red

1M	Ludwig Hill	1:31:53
2M	Don Fallis	1:46:28
3M	John Maier	1:59:39
4M	Jeff Brodsky	2:29:19
5M	Larry Lamb	2:42:19
	Peg Davis	DNF
	Yvonne Poe	DNF
	LPL	DNF
Motala	Alexandre Savine	DNF



Pictures from Greaterville Meet



What's Coming Up???

A New Year Begins.....

On Sunday, August 22, the Annual General Meeting will be held, in conjunction with our U of A Street-O. All those who care about orienteering in Tucson are encouraged to participate in reviewing the last year and planning for the new one. All board of director positions are open for nominations. See the offices described on our website (on the Home page, click on Volunteering).

Contact Peg (pegdavis at [u.arizona.edu](mailto:pegdavis@u.arizona.edu)) before August 22 to nominate yourself or a consenting orienteer. If you are a board member who would like to be replaced, find someone to nominate.

This will be done in a lowkey, social setting. More details will appear in the August meet announcement, but let's have it include food and sitting down.

Your Summer Vacation

—Peg Davis

Some fabulous orienteering is coming up in the West this summer. From June 26 - July 21, attend a series of events and championships in Washington State, British Columbia and Colorado. Details at

<http://www.naoc2010.com/>
2010 North American Orienteering Championships/Welcome.html

Convenient to Tucson is the Los Angeles Orienteering Club's meet July 10 & 11 at Mt. Pinos. Details at <http://www.losangelesorienteering.org/>

Low cost, minimal administration and high altitude training near Laramie, Wyoming will be from August 30-September 6. Details at

<http://laramieorienteering.webs.com/>

Summer and Fall Events

For our hot Tucson summer, some laid-back and nearby events are planned. July, August, and September will be Street-Os, which are beginner-friendly, so bring your friends and family whom you would like to interest in your sport. These close-in, early morning, fun events will introduce you to interesting Tucson neighborhoods and parks.

September will also celebrate National Orienteering Day with a Reid Park Event, another good opportunity for newbies. And coming up in October is something really different and new, at least to Tucson. It is a Photo-O. Give it a try! Your goal will be to correctly identify features shown on landscape photos and to mark them correctly on your O map in as little time as possible. You definitely will need to pay attention to where you are on the map.

This winter: two very technical events. If it's a good map and boulder-filled terrain you are looking for, then Catalina State Park will be your event for November. Finally, as the year wraps up in December, look to O among the Saguaro cacti of Arthur Pack Park. This delightful natural urban park will test your skill at paying close attention to detail.

July 11, Toumey Park Street-O, set and directed by Margrit McIntosh and Pat Penn.

August 22, U of A Street-O AND Annual General Meeting. Street-O set and directed by Don Fallis. September 19, Reid Park Park-O and National Orienteering Day, set and directed by Mark Everett.

October 3, Sweetwater Photo-O, set and directed by Jim Stamm and Mike Thompson.

October 17, Bisbee Ultra Street-O, set and directed by Mark Parsons.

Details on all these events are available on our website, www.tucsonorienteeringclub.org.

Notes, Info., and Miscellaneous

Mapping the U of A Campus

—*Leif Anderson, RMOC/SAMM*

[The Club hired Leif Anderson to map the U of A Campus to make this a more useful map for orienteering activities.]

I started orienteering in high school through the Washington Interscholastic Orienteering League in 2001. Subsequently I have been a member of two JWOC teams competing in 2004 and 2005 (Poland and Switzerland). My best results came in 2005 when I placed 30th in the Middle Distance Final at JWOC, 30th at O-Ringen in M-20 Elite, and 1st M21 Long at the Scottish Six Day. I have also placed 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in the M21 division at the US Championships and I am a two-time Intercollegiate Champion. I am currently in graduate school at the University of Colorado – Boulder studying geomorphology, the study of landforms and the processes which shape the Earth's surface. Ultimately, I plan on teaching, researching, and hopefully, helping to make our community a little better. (article courtesy of Donna Fluegel, ONA)



After finishing the University of Arizona Campus map with updates and new additions, Leif Anderson ran the Meet Me at Maynard's run with Melissa Trout and me. Running in sandals and carrying all his mapping materials and plexiglass map base, Leif only had to stop and wait for us a few times. Afterwards, we took him out to dinner at the Crossroads for a goodbye/thank you present. The next week I read in the newspaper that a recent Health Department inspection had turned up eight violations in the kitchen of the restaurant. Well, dinner tasted all right and I haven't heard of Leif or Melissa being hospitalized, so I guess we dodged that bullet. -Peg

Note From Our Mapper

Hello, Tucson Orienteers!

In early May, I spent a week updating the lovely, arborous University of Arizona Campus. As it turned out, many parts of the map were already well defined, so I spent much of my time updating vegetation and adding a few new buildings. After, literally, gazing every side of every building and every hedge on campus, I can honestly say that the U of A campus is one of the better-arranged, mapped campuses for orienteering in the country. There are so many buildings packed so closely together that even the best orienteers will have to slow down to make sure they choose the right snaking route. Most of my updating centered on the SW and the NE corners of the map where some new buildings have popped up and some older buildings had disappeared.

I am grateful to Peg Davis, Christina Luis, Melissa Trout, and Ludwig Hill for their help and kindness while I was in Tucson. I hope you will all enjoy the map and puzzle at the funny sandals and excessive skin on the U of A campus!

The Dream Event

The goals of the Tucson Orienteering Club include your having the most fun possible. To find out what it would take for you to have that experience, we've set up a four question survey for you to take about your Dream Event. Everyone probably has a different dream, so we'd like to know what events would delight all the types of orienteers in Tucson. Think back over events you've attended, both in Tucson and with other O clubs, and let us know why they were so wonderful—for whatever reason. The more you write, the better. Anonymous answers will be accepted from June 10 - July 10 on the club website; then the results will be presented on the website and in our next newsletter. The board of directors will then mold our 2011 events around your dreams.

Tucson Orienteering Club 2011 Dream Event Survey

1. When you think about the best orienteering event you ever participated in, what springs to mind?
2. Why was it the best orienteering event?
3. What would be your dream event to see on the TOC schedule for 2011? Dream big!
4. Is there anything else you want to say or ask?

T-Shirt PR

Not enough people in Tucson know what orienteering is. Fewer still know that there is a vibrant orienteering club in Tucson. We need to change that. I have an idea that requires only one action from you. When you go out, especially when going where outdoorsy people may be, wear a Tucson Orienteering Club shirt, then be willing to answer when someone asks what orienteering is.

Doing a road race? Going to Meet Me at Maynard's? Triathlon? Playing rugby? How about the State Fair? Wear it!

I took one of our lovely club shirts and emblazoned "Orienteering" across the back to catch people in both directions. After wrangling an invitation to the REI pre-opening party, I wore my shirt while schmoozing. Let's be billboards!

Want to buy a Tucson Orienteering Club shirt? Come to a meet and ask to see our glorious selection or Peg (pegdavis at u.arizona.edu) will fetch you one from the club equipment shed.

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.

Red Sunday at Slavin Gulch, or How I Lost 45 Minutes at a Single Control

—Leif Lundquist

It's a beautiful March weekend at Slavin Gulch. After having done a nice comfortable 6 km run on Saturday, I thought, "6 km Red will be a perfect on Sunday!" Well, it isn't.

It starts fine; I pick off the first 7 controls one by one. I'm a little slow perhaps, up and down the rocky slopes, trying to avoid the shin daggers. From 6 to 7, I run 500 m in a straight line on more or less flat ground, counting paces and finding intermediate streams where they should be. Bang on Red 7, a bend in a stream next to a fence and an earth bank. My confidence level is high, I know this will go well!

It's 700 m from 7 to 8, and just to be safe I head for some intermediate stream junctions slightly off the straight line. At the second one, it's time to correct my direction and head straight for Red 8, a large hill. No problem!

But after my pace count is done, I don't see any hill, just a slope on a much larger hill. I move on a little more and trouble begins. I run back and forth trying to establish where I am—no luck. I hadn't figured that out yet, but I'd gone well to the right of the hill, overshot on distance, and now I'm off the map. Things get worse as I run back and forth—off-map—trying to find something that I can use for relocation. Finally I give up my scurrying, head east, and look for Red 9, a water tank next to a fence, a good 750 m from 8. Eventually I find the fence and a windmill which I remember from Saturday. It's off Sunday's map, but all I need to do is to follow the fence. About 600 m later, there's the tank!

I had made a huge loop around 8, and it was really time to give up. "But what the heck, let's see if I can find 8 after all." To make a long story short, by now I'm pretty tired, and my 750 m straight line wanders off again. The hill is like "That damned elusive Pimpernel!" I decide to give up and head for home when, after a short walk, about 100 m off to my left, what do I see? A control is waving tauntingly in the breeze at the top of a hill, large as life. I can't say I'm back in the race, but in the end at least I finished it.

Thanks, Mark, and others for a nice weekend—minus the fateful 45 minutes!

[Note: *Slavin Gulch seemed to inspire writing about the experience. Kelly Wells of the Bay Area Orienteering Club submitted a very nice and appreciative write-up about his experiences at our Slavin Gulch meet, which appeared in their May-June 2010 issue. I had hoped to be able to direct you to it online, but apparently they don't post their bulletin online. It is too long to re-type, but if anyone wants to read it and doesn't receive the BAOC Bulletin, I'll be happy to send you a copy (loiskim1 at cox dot net).*]

Paperwork Shuffle

—Ludwig Hill

If you are or have been a meet director and have ever wondered what to do with the paperwork and monies received after holding a TOC orienteering event, then read the helpful, new article "Paperwork Shuffle For Meet Directors" at <http://www.tucsonorienteeringclub.org/>.

TOC's New Guide for Making Street-O's

The Tucson Orienteering Club now has a new, helpful guide, *How to Make a Street-O Course Map for the Tucson Area*, which can be downloaded from our website (click on "Orienteering Maps," then "Make a Street Map"). This two-page document first introduces you to the three steps for making a street-O map:

(1) Download an aerial photo image from the National Map Seamless Server website.

(2) Create a course map by using an image editing program.

(3) Print the course map at a specific scale. You need only the following tools to follow these steps to make your map: a personal computer with access to the internet, image editing software such as Microsoft Paint software (Windows XP or later), and a color printer.

In this beginner-friendly reference, you also learn that before you can begin making your map you will need to determine the scale and the page size you will use to print your map. Both the scale and page size will determine how large an area your map will cover on the ground.

It then provides a very easy-to-read, step-by-step procedure for downloading free, high-resolution aerial photos of neighborhoods in Tucson, using an on-line interactive map.

It goes on to read that you may then use your own image editing program to crop your aerial image, to adjust the scale for printing, to add control circles and other map features, to add text, and to print your course map.

Finally, it walks you through the math involved in setting the map scale and printing it, using the Paint software that comes with your PC. It also explains briefly how you can use the typical, standard image editing software that comes with new printers or cameras, to print at the correct scale.

For those of you who want supreme control over your final product and ease of use, this guide makes a pitch for you to take the extra time to learn how to use OCAD. If you are interested in trying out the freeware version of OCAD 8, email Ludwig Hill at ludwighill@yahoo.com.

Using The TOC Website as a Self- Help Reference Resource

Have you ever wondered where to go to find out how to set courses, or to direct a meet, or to design courses using Ocad software? Well, informative self-help guides and forms related to these and other topics can be found at Tucson Orienteering Club's website on the Reference Guides and Forms page. Here's a current list of the available reference guides and forms:

GUIDES

Course Setter's Guide (pdf) July 1999: This is USOF's guide on how to set courses for local events.

Course Setting Using OCAD 8 (pdf): This tutorial from the Southdown Orienteers (U.K.) walks you through the steps needed to create your own OCAD 8 course files.

Using OCAD 8 For Course Planning (pdf): This tutorial from the Cleveland Orienteering Klub (U.K.), walks you through the steps needed to create your own OCAD 8 course files.

Meet Director's Manual (pdf) July 2002: This manual was created specifically for TOC local events.

Street-O Map Making: To read an article on how to make street-o maps, see our Orienteering Maps page.

FORMS

Waiver/Registration Form (pdf): This form is used by participants to register for most local events.

Combined Waiver/Sign-in/Timing Form (pdf): This form is used at training or low-key events.

Registration Log (pdf): This form is used by the Registrar to log participants during events.

Express Registration Instructions Sign (pdf): This sign is used at events with express registration.

Timer's Log (pdf): This form is used by the Timer to record start and finish times during events.

Membership Form: For the form to apply for or renew your TOC membership, see our Membership page.

OUSA Membership Form: For the form to apply for membership in Orienteering USA, see our Membership page.



The old graveyard at Greaterville