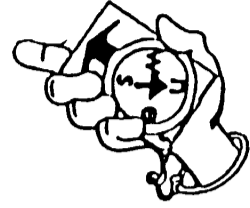


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Orienteering is the sport of navigating a course, usually in a wilderness setting, by using a topographical map and a compass. Each participant is given a map with a series of "control points" marked on it. The object of the event is to find the marker placed in the terrain at each control point, punch a scorecard to verify having found each point, and complete the course.

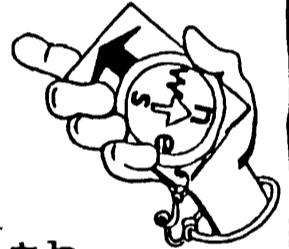
Courses are offered at all levels of ability. Beginner instruction is available throughout the event. Participants can compete against others at their level or recreational.

Compasses are available for rent at a dollar each. A typical course takes from 1 to 2½ hours to complete.



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Orienteering Events
are held
Rain or Shine!!!



OCTOBER EVENTS

GREASEWOOD PARK MOTALA Sunday, October 16th

Start Times 9 am - 12 noon Course Closes 2 pm sharp

A Motala event uses several different courses. Participants find the check points on one course, return to start for a new map and find the check points on the next course. Start times are a 5 minute intervals.

Greasewood Park, at Greasewood Road between Speedway Blvd and Anklam Road, is an established Orienteering Park set up by Tucson Parks and Recreation.

NIGHT ORIENTEERING AT LINCOLN PARK

Friday, October 21st

Start Times 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Course Closes 9:30 sharp

Night orienteering offers a special challenge. Participants can't use distant reference points or triangulate to locate their position because it's dark. A flashlight is required to locate control points banded with reflective tape.

Lincoln Park is located on Escalante Road between Pantano Road and Camino Seco.

Course Fees: Individual \$4.00 Family/Team \$6.00
Tucson Orienteering Club members receive \$1.00 discount.

Three Courses: Basic, Intermediate, Advanced

Two Classes: Competitive & Recreational
ALL COMERS WELCOME!!

Tucson Orienteering Club Membership Application

Fill out the application, make check payable to: Tucson Orienteering Club, and mail to:
Tucson Orienteering Club, P.O. Box 13012, Tucson, Az. 85732

Check One: New Member Renewal _____
Date on mailing label

Members receive a monthly newsletter, have voting privileges, and receive a \$1.00 discount at all club sponsored events and meets.

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T-Shirt Order Form

Adult Sizes \$8.00+50¢
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Kids Sizes \$6.00+50¢
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Zip _____

Small 34-36

Small 6-8

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or Team

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November 12th Phoenix's Papago Park Orienteering Course Inauguration more next issue

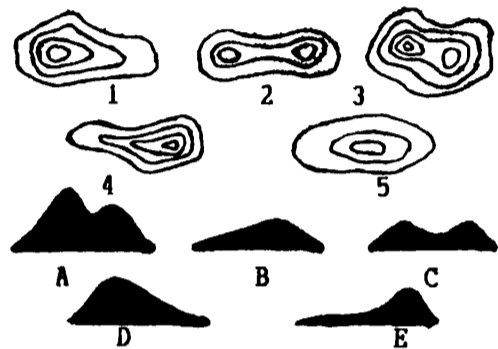
~~November 14th~~ Sagauero East

December 11th ~~Palisades State Park~~

Contour Line Map Exercise

Reading and interpreting a map is the most important skill of orienteering. The compass is an aid but the map is the tool that will get the job done. It's the principle means of locating your present position, choosing routes, and determining if you are at the destination.

Here's a quick exercise. After you've completed it, get out some of the maps from past orienteering meets you've been to or use a topographical map such as a hiking map. Choose a contour configuration and draw a profile.



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Palisades Sept 18th Score-0 Results

Advanced Men		Intermediate Men	Basic Mixed
Dale Cole	22	Warren Kossman	20
Dale Bruder	14	Sam Dean	20
Steve Dentali	12	Ed Rawl	19
Dan Cobbledick	R	Keith McLeod	13
Advanced Teams		Jim Mabry	-2
Browning Team	21	Intermediate Women	Stern/DeMaio
Veggeburg/Glicksman	9	Peg Davis	9
Kotofskie/Clegg	R	Ellen Sweet	5

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors and all interested members are holding a very brief and tight meeting after the Greasewood Park event on Oct. 16th. The agenda will include next years event sites, finances and the State Championships.

Glad I Gave It A Try by Mike Pfeifer

Having just set an Orienteering course for the first time, I thought I would share with you some of the things I learned from the experience. First, you don't need to be an advanced course-blue ribbon winner to do this. What you do need is an experienced course setter to vet your course and to offer some technical advice. Dan Cobbledick did this for me.

If you've been meaning to spend some time improving your orienteering skills, or if you just want to get out and hike a little more often, this is an excellent way to go about it.

In order to set a course outdoors, you must first set it on a map. This is great entertainment. Simply sit down with a topo map and visualize little people with compasses running up and down, over and around, and across reentrants, saddles and hillsides.

After marking your map with a tentative course it's time to go outdoors and mark the actual locations. This is recreational orienteering. However, due to the degree of accuracy that you are trying to achieve (misplaced controls are a no-no), you are forced to read your map and the landscape as carefully as possible. This intensive map reading is obviously good practice for competitions.

Now a piece of surveyors tape is at each control location. Time to take a hike with the vetter.

I learned a lot during this part of setting a course. Whereas I used a straight line approach (relying on the compass more than the map) to find different places, Dan would walk along a reentrant and count junctions to identify a particular ridge, or find a prominent hilltop and count paces as he walked down a ridge. This alternate approach pointed out a lot of discrepancies between my original map and the places that had been marked with surveyor tape. Having a qualified vetter is a must for your first course.

I won't know if this experience has significantly boosted my orienteering skills until the next meet. I'm certainly in better shape than I would normally be in. I'm too lazy to go walking up steep hillsides every weekend without a good reason. Even if I haven't, I still had a good time hiking around Palisades for eight weeks.

The only drawbacks I see to setting a course are that it takes a lot of time (8 hiking days), and you don't get to compete on the day of the event.

answers 1D, 2C, 3A, 4E, 5B