



Tucson Orienteering Club

September, 1992

The Dragoons; Cochise County, September 20

by Mark Parsons

Originally named the Sierra Penascosas by Coronado, this sky island range of the Coronado National Forest is of particular note for its outstanding boulder formations. The stark beauty of the range is clearly visible from I-10.

The map John Maier has made features a twenty foot contour interval as we are using a low rolling hills area below the main escarpment. The biozone is an oak forested grassland with mesquite bosque in the lowest areas. The landscape is studded with numerous large and nicely mapped boulder outcrops and low rocky ridges. The terrain is mostly open and runnable and yet could hide an army. It took an army one hundred years to roust out a few dozen Apaches from the secret places of the mountain they called Cochise' stronghold.

The area we're using offers some of the best hiking, mountain biking, and primitive car-camping in southern Arizona. There should be water in the swimming holes in Slavin Gulch, and I promise everyone several water jugs will be at numerous watered control points.

At 4700 feet elevation, this strikingly beautiful place could be used any month of the year. The road access is excellent. I personally urge all to come and explore our new area. John is the course setter (basic, intermediate, advanced) and I am course vetter, meet director, control hanger and retriever. This event will need additional volunteers to staff tables. Please call me at 432-2507.

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Calendar

September 20	*	TOC Meet	Dragoons
September 23	*	Business Meeting	991 N. Norris
September 26		DEADLINE - for receipt of September newsletter articles	
October 18		TOC Meet	Catalina State Park
November 15		TOC Meet	Fort Huachuca
December 20		TOC Meet	Bajada Loop
February 27	*	The Arizona ROGAINE	Tortillitas (tentitive)

* See article elsewhere in newsletter

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Has your membership expired? Look at your mailing label, it shows your membership expiration date. If the label says EXPIRED, you're not a club member and could be removed from our mailing list. Please renew now!

New Equipment Chairpeople

Marilyn Clevinger (795-2081) and Mary English (881-4786) have agreed to be co-equipment chairpeople for the club. If you need equipment for a meet or other event, they're the folks to get it from.

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Meet Schedule: Sunday, September 20

9:00 AM Registration opens
9:00 AM Beginner Clinic. Clinics will be repeated during the morning upon request, so ask if you'd like a brief introduction to navigating with map and compass.
9:30 AM Courses open
Noon Last time to start a course
2:00 PM Courses close: Everyone, finished or not, must check in at the Start/Finish/Timing table; anyone not checked in will be considered LOST.
2:00 PM Control retrieval begins; volunteers will be joyously welcomed. Get some extra practice. Just hang around the Start/Finish table looking eager

Cost: \$4./individual; \$6./team; \$1. less for TOC/SAHC members. Compasses rent for \$1; Safety whistles may be purchased for \$1. and are mandatory for the intermediate and advanced courses. Sorry, no TOC T-shirts can be sold at this site.

Directions: Take I-10 east from Tucson to exit 303. It is marked Benson, Tombstone, Bisbee, Douglas, and Highway 80. Take AZ Highway 80, a fast road, south for approximately 24 miles to milepost 315 where you turn left onto Middle March Road. Go ten miles and six or seven cattle guards east and you reach the forest boundary. Turn left onto a good dirt road, following the O-signs. You have one mile to go so stop and read the historical plaque. This is a one and a half to a two hour drive, so carpool and don't be late.

Desperately Seeking Meet Directors

We need meet directors for the fall meets, especially the October 18 meet at Catalina State Park. Catalina has good facilities - no need to worry about hauling porta-pots around. I'm sure there will be lots of orienteers around willing and even eager to help you out. We also need meet directors for the November and December meets. Call Pat Penn to volunteer. Everyone'll appreciate it.

Next Meeting on Sept. 18

The next business meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18 at Pat Penn's, 931 N. Norris, (2 1/2 blocks S. of Speedway, 1 block E. of Campbell.) There will be NO pot luck this month, but Pat will provide dessert. Call 326-2339 to RSVP.

Palisades Results - by Mary English

Sunny skies, moderate temperatures and three fine courses rewarded the 101 orienteers who turned out Sunday, August 16, for the club meet at beautiful Palisade Canyon on Organization Ridge Road in the Catalina Mountains. With lots of family groups, a Boy Scout troop from Tucson, and so many people who lingered to compare notes or just to play and picnic, plus the surprise gift of two big juicy watermelons to share all around, the event was a truly festive occasion.

A large contingent from the Arizona Association of Business Brokers set up their picnic across the way and, primed by Keith McLeod's introduction, sent several entries out on the courses.

John Maier's lecture-demonstration on how orienteering maps are made drew a sizeable, attentive crowd.

Whereas it was relatively short, the Advanced Course provided a real challenge in the rugged terrain to be covered.

The Intermediate Course was deliberately designed to be somewhat easier than usual, in direct response to recent observations that TOC's Intermediate circuits have sometimes seemed too much like abbreviated versions of an Advanced Course. This Intermediate was slightly shorter in distance than the Basic Course and used only three unique controls; the other six controls were shared with either Basic or Advanced.

Quite clearly the Basic and Intermediate Courses whetted appetites, as many people finished one of them and turned right around and went out again to try a more difficult one. There were 56 entries in all: 29 recreational and 27 competitive; 17 on Basic, 25 on Intermediate; and 14 on Advanced; 19 individuals and 37 teams, with 10 teams of three or more members.

And now, all together, THREE CHEERS FOR PEG DAVIS, who in the face of all odds, and quite a few ends, put together a course-setting team that made the meet possible, then set the Intermediate herself, and still found the energy to give Beginner Clinics and sessions on use of the compass; FOR DALE COLE, who set the Advanced Course, and FOR SCOTT HILL, who hung both the standard, regulation-type control flags and the new, improvised kind for that course; FOR LAURIE FELLOWS, the very promising new course-setter who provided the Basic Course. (Isn't it just a bit impressive to see that it took four of us to replace Mike Kessler, the scheduled course-setter for this meet?)

From Lois Kimminau, Carol Matty, Mary Jane Santa Maria, and me ("The Cranes"), who shared the meet director's duties, many, many thanks to all who came to work as promised, to all who stood by to help in case they were needed, and to all who simply pitched in without being asked, from preparations during the preceding weeks, and set-up at the site (which began Saturday afternoon), to clean-up and control retrieval (the last two

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controls rolled back in at 4:43 P.M. Sunday), and in particular to (alphabetically): Marily Cleavinger, Cameron Craigie, Helen Deluga, Ann Haber, Bill Hamilton, Dean Hebert, Gary Hinman, Keith McLeod, John Maier, Mark Parsons, Pat Penn, Wilkey Richardson, Thom Wade, Paul and Elizabeth Weintraub, Jim Wood.

From all that, it can be seen that the ratio of helpers to participants this time was about 1:4 (most of who helped also participated), which leads me to conclude that either we were horribly inefficient (I really don't think so) or else it takes a lot of work to put on an orienteering meet.

To anyone contemplating taking on the job of meet director, let me recommend the team approach. "The Cranes" tried it out last October at Catalina State Park under Carol Matty's leadership; this meet was our second attempt. With four friends dividing the work, it isn't overwhelming. In fact, it's fun.

TOC Palisades Meet 8/16/92 - Results

Basic Course

7 controls: 2.2 km, 200 ft.

1T	Brendo	31:58
2T	Wylie Coyote	42:46
3T	Buttercups	45:14
4T	H & G's	57:42
5T	AJ	59:36
6T	Troop 241	61:20
7T	Mountain Goats	86:45

Intermediate Course

9 controls, 2.1 km, 260 ft.

1T	Archangeli	34:34
2T	Hannah's 4 x 4's	43:49
1M	Bud Farmer	47:58
2M	Cameron Craigie	49:01
3M	Dave Flieger	54:21
3T	Waitons	54:45
4T	Catalina Javalinas	54:54
5T	Broken Toes	58:34
6T	Brits Plus	76:03
7T	Water Dogs	76:20
1W	Chris Hannum	79:41
8T	Moseys	95:45

Recreational Entries: McMitt (B), Fast Stars (B,I), Gecko (B), Pathfinders (B), AAB (B), Flowers (B), Lost Levins (B), Bob Kelley (B), CG (B), Hamiltons (B), Jeff Bonneville (I,A), Scott Hill (I), Wiley Coyote (I), Townsends (I,A), Troop 241 (I), Glen Hutchison (I), D&L's (I), Fosters (I), Brendo (I), AJ (I), X-Man (I), Buttercups (I), Broken Toes (A), Gary Hinman (I), Water Dogs (A), Hannah's 4 x 4's (A).

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Advanced Course, 12 controls; 3.25 km, 400 ft.

1M	Mark Parsons	100:47
1W	Pat Penn	111:35
2M	John Maier	115:04
3M	Keith McLeod	145:04
4M	Jim Wood	194:40
	Mark Romero	DNF
	Ken Castle	DNF
	Ann Haber	DNF

Anyone Interested in Mapping Camp?

John Maier will be attending the USOF Mapping Camp November 13-16 at Cold Spring, NY (near New York City). The club has agreed to partially subsidize his expenses. We are willing to pay part of the expenses for another person to go to the camp. Whoever we help send must be willing to spend substantial time field checking Reddington Pass (for a color map!) and other areas, and also teaching what was learned to other club members. Anyone interested should call Pat Penn and John Maier.

The 1993 Arizona Rogaine

The 1993 Arizona ROGAINE has been tentatively scheduled for February 27 in the Tortillita Mountains. The site in question is State Trust Land, and final scheduling is contingent upon obtaining a permit for the site. Assuming everything checks out, we'll have a new course setter for the ROGAINE this year - John Little, who'll have the challenge of following John who's been course setter for the first two ROGAINES.

Correction to June (Carr Canyon) Results

Ann Haber was the first woman finisher on the Intermediate Course at Carr Canyon. I accidentally omitted her from the list when editing the results for the newsletter. Correct ribbons should be out to all parties by the time you read this. Peg is to be found not guilty on all counts.

Orienteering in the Computer Age

O-Communication by Computer

There is an orienteering bulletin board service maintained by Mitch Collinsworth that is available to anyone with Internet access. To get on the mailing list, send a request to orienteering_request@graphics.cornell.edu
To post to the BB, use orienteering@graphics.cornell.edu.

I've been watching this for about a month now, and there is quite a variety of postings, including results from US and World Cup meets, info about computer-aided mapping, mapping using positions transcribed from satellite signals, and the occasional discussion of courses, etc. There is usually about 10 postings a week except for a flurry about O-CAD that generated 10 messages a day for a while.

There is also a pacific-region BB moderated by Wyatt Riley, who is the Alternate Regional Representative to the USOF Board for the CA/AZ/NEV region. To subscribe send a request to opacific_request@cobra.claremont.edu; postings are to opacific@cobra.claremont.edu. (See a pattern here?)

Computer Assisted Mapping:

TOC is considering the purchase of OCAD, a CAD program designed to be used to draw orienteering maps (it knows IOF symbols and conventions.) We will soon be receiving a demo disk of OCAD. Anyone interested in taking a look at this should call Roger. A IBM-compatible PC AT, 386-, or 486- is required. Output is via postscript, and color compatibility is included. (Does anyone have access to a color postscript printer?) Scanned images in .DXF format are supposed to be compatible with OCAD, but .TIFF files will need to be converted to .DXF before use with OCAD.

Calling All Maps!

As some of you have noticed, many of our maps are getting hard to read -being copies of copies of copies. We'd like to have the original maps to use for making copies or modifications. (Not that mappers make errors, but fires and construction can necessitate changes). If you want to keep the original, we'll pay for copying. Please call Roger (577-8519) to donate your originals to the club or lend them to us long enough to get copies made.



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