



Tucson Orienteering Club

March, 1993

Welcome Spring on March 21 in the Whetstones

by Richard Dekany

As the white-gold sun rose slowly higher, and the early desert breeze paused to rest and enjoy the retreat of the morning shadows, a caravan of nimble-and-moderately-high-clearance beasts passed among the aging-yet-runnable topographical-features toward the site of the awesome contest-where-you-could-also-just-enjoy-a-nice-day-out-of-doors. The trumpets Rich thought of mentioning in the newsletter would have sounded brightly had he any, heralding the competitors-and-not-so-competative-people's approach. The path was marked with bold-but-tasteful signs for the travellers to follow. No one could mistake the significance of the mighty little-white-and-orange-triangles. Orienteering in the Whetstones was about to begin.

John Maier will be setting three course, Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced for this months meet. There will be car pooling available from the exit off I-10. Why? Because the access road is basically a high-clearance vehicle road. Passenger cars can make it with care; low-slung vehicles will rip out their bottoms. The start will be 1/2 mile beyond the parking area, so allow enough time for the car pool and hike to the start. We'll need the usual complement of volunteer help for this meet. So call Rich Dekaney if you can help out at 327-9265. For further information, call Richard or call John Maier at 1-602-586-7300 (Benson)

Details and Directions are given on p. 3

Tucson Orienteering Club Calendar

March 11	Business Meeting	4600 N. Avenida del Cazador
March 21	TOC Meet	Whetstone Mountains
April 18	TOC Meet	Redington Pass

What is Orienteering? In orienteering you use a map and compass to find your way across unfamiliar terrain. In a typical meet, the organizer places orange and white control markers at various land features found on your map. These markers act as checkpoints along the course. The object of the sport is to use the map and compass to locate the control markers and return to finish. Using your imagination and navigational skills, you try to select the best route to each control. Beware: the best route may not be the direct route. Once there, you punch a score card which verifies that you found the control. There are many versions of orienteering (on foot, bicycle, or skis; at night; in relays) but the idea is essentially the same: the use of a map and compass to find your way across unfamiliar terrain.

What is Tucson Orienteering Club? TOC is a non-profit organization chartered by the United States Orienteering Federation (USOF) and the International Orienteering Federation (IOF). The club holds a dozen or so meets a year, including a ROGAINE, an 8-hour event held each Spring. Membership is open to everyone and includes a subscription to the newsletter and discounted entry fees at meets.

What Equipment do I need? The only requirement is a compass. The best kind is a protractor-type with a clear plastic base so that you can see through it to the map underneath. (You can rent one from the club for \$1. per meet until you buy your own.) The club will supply a map of the area. There is an entry fee. Running shoes or lightweight hiking boots are recommended (depending on the terrain) and old clothes (long pants or gaiters and long-sleeved shirts are recommended.) Wear a watch, since there is always a time deadline. Also, you may want to carry a water bottle. Water is always available on the course, but it never hurts to have some of your own on a hot day.

How do I get more information? Call someone. For general information about orienteering, call the Publicity Chairman Peg Davis. Her number is always listed in the newsletter. If you have a specific question about the upcoming meet, call the meet director.

Can I bring my kids, scout troop, etc. to the meet? Sure. You will be required to sign a waiver form for any minors that participate in the meet. If you do expect to bring a group, call the meet director and let us know you're coming en masse.

Whetstone Mountains, Sunday, March 21, 1993

- 9:00 AM** Registration opens adjacent to the Start/Finish table.
Beginners' clinics start for those of you who would like an introduction on how to read a map, use a compass, or the logistics of completing a course.
- 9:30 AM** Courses open. (Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced)
- noon** Last start time for the courses
- 2:00 PM** Courses close. Everyone, finished or not, must check in at the Start/Finish table. Anyone not checked in will be considered LOST.
Control retrieval gets underway. Stay around and help! It's lots of fun and you get extra orienteering practice.

Terrain: The terrain is mostly open fields with mesquite/oak/juniper woodlands. There are gently rolling hills with a few trickling streams (well, this was taken from last year's newsletter, there are probably more streams this year). Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the area.

Cost: \$5.00 dollars for individuals; \$7.00 per team; \$2.00 off for TOC and SAHC members. Compass rental is \$1.00. Safety whistles are required for the Intermediate and Advances courses and can be purchased for \$1.00.

Directions: Take I-10 east from Tucson to State Route 90 (exit #302). Go south on SR 90 about 100 ft. to carpool site on east side of junction. Wait here for a ride or follow the posted directions to the site.

Other Announcements

Increase in Meet Fees for Non-members: At the February Board Meeting, the club voted to increase meet fees \$1. for non-members, to \$5. for individuals and \$7. for teams. The easiest way to avoid these fee increases is to become a club member! It's only \$8/year for individuals and \$11/year for families. You'll find a membership form on the back of the newsletter. To join, just bring it to the next meet. SAHC members will continue to pay member fees.

Next Business Meeting Thursday, March 11. The next business meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11 at Roger Sperline's, 4600 N. Avenida del Cazador. The meeting will begin at 7:00, but come early for the potluck dinner at 6:30. Drive north on Swan Rd. Continue north about 0.9 mile past River Road to Paseo del Bac. Turn right on Paseo del Bac. Continue east for about 1 mile until the road ends in a T. This is Cazador. At this point you will be pointing almost directly at the driveway which is just south of the intersection and which heads UPHILL.

Cat Mountain Results - by Dale Cole

Rolling out of bed at 5 a.m. February 21st, I more or less expected to face a rainy day at Cat Mountain, but seeing the stars in the sky was all the motivation I needed to get the meet ready on time. From the expressions on everyone's face and their comments, it seems that everyone enjoyed themselves as well. Eighty-six people showed up - a typical TOC event with the vast majority of the entries, (teams), on the Intermediate Course. The Intermediate teams reading this article might want to consider the challenge/adventure of moving up to the Advanced course. The toughest competition of the meet was found on the Advanced Course - witness the thirty-eight second difference between first and second place! I heard nothing but good comments about the courses. This is very rare. Everyone thanked me and I gladly accepted the comments; (even though I played only a small part!). The real thanks should go out to the course setters Dan Cobbledick and Kelly Cook. While being a meet director is not a fun experience - it's hard work, I figure that I'd put in my dues for the rest of the year and give some of the regular volunteers a break.

Thank you Mary English for picking up the orienteering sign on Monday on Kinney Road that I forgot, Shirley McReynolds for registration - all by herself, Dan Cobbledick (again) and Rachel Gelbin for the beginners' clinic, registration and water placement on the Intermediate Course. Also, thank you control retrievers Scott Hill for getting the "way-out" controls, Ann Haber, Shirley McReynolds (again), the McLeods (who wanted to watch the Wildcats play basketball), and one more person who's name I forgot! Roger adds thanks to Dan Cobbledick and Kelly Cook for field checking the map.

Basic Course:

1T	Runners	28:15
1T	Undecided	20:01
1W	Molly Parsons	35:01
1M	Joseph Gallagher	55:50
2W	Lynn Fuller	55:50
2T	Chambers	62:35
3T	The Quick Qualls	65:51

Advanced Course:

1M	Mark Parsons	58:03
2M	Roy Parker	58:41
3M	Martin Greiner	58:18
4M	Roger Sperline	72:09
5M	John Little	75:33
6M	Scott Hill	77:34
1W	Rachel Gelbin	97:04
7M	Cliff Hathaway	101:09
1T	5-10	117:08
2T	Hannah's 4 x 4's	117:08

Recreational Entries: Basic Course: Shirley McReynolds, Lyn Salmon, The Roadrunners; Intermediate Course: The Cranes, Claudia Greiner, Chimayo, Lynn Fuller, Joseph Gallagher, Ann Haber, Sue Roberts, Lean & Serene; Advanced Course: Pat Penn, Wilkey Richardson
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Cat Mountain Results: (continued from p. 4)

Intermediate Course:

1M	Terry Shumaker	51:38	1T	The McLeods	50:02
2M	Bud Farmer	75:14	2T	Without Wives	59:28
3M	David Lydell	105:03	3T	The Waitons	63:49
			4T	Lost Without Tears	66:32
1W	Marley Beard	74:48	5T	3 Blind Mice + 1	84:19
2W	Kathy Creeth	83:33	6T	Get Lost	87:02
3W	Robin Staples	96:17	7T	The Bears	88:31
			8T	Ekipo Romero	91:30
			9T	Thunderbolts	94:06
			10T	Night Control	95:39
			11T	Big Bootee	104:55
			12T	Tuckered Out	108:17
			13T	Brendo	118:50
			14T	M & M	129:38
			15T	The Colts	134:39

More Announcements:

New T-Shirts are Here! A new supply of TOC T-shirts has arrived! T-shirts are now available in many colors! And we have a brand new supply of large and extra-large shirts! Some with long sleeves! Costs are \$9. for the new short-sleeved shirts, and \$12. for new long sleeved shirts. The old brown shirts will still sell for \$8. each. They'll soon be a collector's item, so pick one up soon. Shirts in children's sizes (brown) are only \$5 - an even better bargain.

Phoenix-O Event: A map and compass clinic will be held on April 3 at Papago Park in Phoenix. Papago Park contains a permanent orienteering course in the park. For more information, call Alex Harrison at (602) 985-7844

Newsletter Deadlines: Please get material for the April newsletter to me by March 28. If you can't make this deadline, please let me know by that date that an article will be forthcoming. (Call me at 577-8519.) Announcements of events held before May 10 should appear in the April newsletter. Contributors to the March issue are Richard Dekaney, Dale Cole, and John Maier.

Attention: Potential Mapping Clinic Participants

by John Maier

Now is the time to make yourselves known! The club needs a head count in order to purchase needed materials.

The clinic is tentatively slated for the first two weekends in May, plus an introductory session during the week prior. The purpose of the clinic is to teach you the standard guidelines that mappers use everywhere, to help you faithfully reproduce what you see according to those guidelines, and to place that information on your sheet of mylar using the standardized symbology so any cartographer can accurately reproduce what your eyes have seen and his/hers have not.

You will be responsible for reading material and doing a quiz (most likely take-home) prior to the introductory session. The reading material will give you a fairly good overview of the whole mapping process from selection of a site to the final map. The weekend sessions will concentrate mostly on just one aspect: field checking. This is far and away the most time consuming step to making a map. Field checking is really an art form of communication, communicating what the terrain is like.

There are ways to make this task easier and there are standard guidelines which a field checker must know if (s)he is to do a credible job. That is what the clinic is about. You will learn to field check from different types of basemaps (including no basemap at all). Instruction will be very individualized. Except for initial instruction and feedback session, you will be doing most of the practices individually. That is the only way you will find out if you are cut out for this type of work, for mapping is a solo activity. When you are in the field, you will make all the decisions, nobody else.

Decide NOW if you plan to take part. Consider: 1) Is early May good for you? 2) Can you afford the time? 3) Are you excited about learning to field check? 4) Do you want to take an active part in helping the club mapping effort? If the answer to all these questions are yes, call at once. If the answer to some of these questions is yes and other no, call at once and explain. If the answer to all these questions are no, please go on to the next article. For the callers, please contact either:

John Maier (Mapping Clinic Instructor)
or Roger Sperline (Mapping Chair)

1-602-586-7300 (Benson)
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We need to know the number of participants ASAP. If possible, let us know before the next business meeting (March 12); but at the latest, let us know by the March event (March 21st).

Plan an Orienteering Vacation this Year

1993 offers the busiest summer orienteering schedule yet with two multiday events near Tucson (well, within a thousand miles or so). Take two weeks off, visit Colorado and Lake Tahoe and get ranked this year.

The Colorado 5-Day, July 7-11 near Colorado Springs Colorado. Yes, 5-days of Orienteering - 3 days A-meet, 1 day relay, and 1 day sprint competition. Information is in the January O/NA. For more info, call Dan Walker (303) 494-8895 or write to him at 350 Bates Ave., Boulder, Co 80303. Note that there is a sliding fee scale for this meet. If your entry is postmarked by April 1, the fee is \$60. for all 5 days (\$12/day), by May 1, \$70/5 days, etc. If you procrastinate past June 19, the fee is \$100. So decide now to go and get your registration in. (Entries may be limited, so register by June 1.)

The USOF Convention and A-Meet, July 14-18, near Lake Tahoe, California. (19 hours driving time from Denver). The convention will be held Wed-Fri, and a two-day A-meet and Western States Championships (Arizonans eligible) will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 17-18. Contact BACOC for information. Look for more info in future O/NAs.

1993 World Championships and O-Fest, October 9-17, near West Point, NY. The first time the world championships have come to the US. Includes four days of "spectator" orienteering watching the world's best compete, and five days of orienteering, four on world championships maps in events that will draw many international competitors. October 16-17 is the U.S. Championships for 1993. See the February O/NA for details.

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