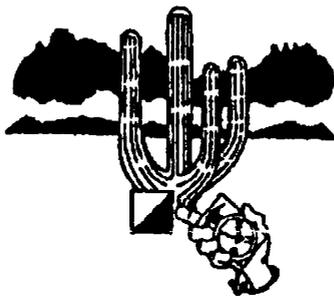

TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB



DECEMBER 1994

Catalina State Park on December 18

—Al Byrd

It is once again time to make our annual trek to Tucson's northern suburbs, a place called Catalina State Park. We will be expecting the usual southern Arizona winter weather.....sunshine (although it would be wise to check the sky before leaving home). Catalina has both rolling and steep hills, separating its many reentrants and other waterways, and offers challenging orienteering for all levels of participation.

The four courses (beginner, intermediate, short advanced, and long advanced) will be set by Jeff Brucker (Jeff was part of the team that set the wonderful courses at Redington Pass in April this year), and full advantage will be taken of Catalina's diverse terrain.

Camping is available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$7 per night; there is also a \$3 per car entry fee to the park.

Directions to Site: From Tucson, go north on Highway 83 (Oracle Road) past Oro Valley to Catalina State Park, turn to the east (right), enter the park, and follow the Orienteering signs to the "Large Group Area."

Cost: \$5 US for individuals, \$7 for teams, \$2 off for TOC members. Compass rental is \$1. Safety whistles (now mandatory for all courses at all meets) can be purchased for \$1.

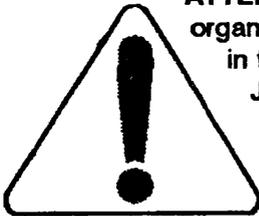
Schedule:

- 9:00 a.m. Registration opens and beginners' clinic starts.
- 9:30 a.m. Courses open.
- 12:00 noon Last time to start a course.
- 2:00 p.m. Courses close. Control retrieval gets underway (volunteers needed). Everyone must head back to start/finish, if still on a course.

Late "Colorado 5-Day" Notes

Scott Donald wrote to commend Mark for the excellent article on the Colorado 5-Day in the newsletter a few months ago. But there was an omission! TOC members have yet another accomplishment to brag about! Yes!! Scott (who holds down the northern outpost for TOC) finished first in M55A at the Colorado 5-Day! (And Shirley had a great meet in F55A. If she'd arrived earlier, who knows, maybe they'd both be champs.)

Scott is looking for the TOC member who volunteered to be on the course-setting team for the Veterans World Cup in Minnesota in 1997. Whoever you are (John?? Or was it someone else??), please get in touch with Scott or Sherry Litasi as soon as possible.



ATTENTION FUTURE MAPPERS! There will be a mapping clinic at Coon Bluff organized by Fred Padgett of Phoenix Orienteering Club on January 7-8. Get in touch with him for details at 1-800-445-1904 (office number) or talk with John Maier who should know the details by our December event. This one is only half as far away as the one we had at Lake Mary earlier this year. We have a shortage of field checkers for adding detail to our maps, so any help we get will be appreciated. Please note the early January date, which will be before your next newsletter. Mark your calendars and take the initiative to get the information and directions.

Fast as a Cat (Mountain), November 20

—Greg and Carol Starr

We had a clear, cold day at Cat Mountain in November. That the weather was ideal for speed was witnessed by the times of John Maier and Roy Parker. They buzzed the Long Advanced course in under one hour. The rain that hit on Friday-Saturday blasted through Tucson and left us with a pleasant day. The morning was fortified by the sight of two deer no more than 75 feet from the start site. We had 41 entries walk or run the various courses. There were 27 competitive entries and 14 recreational. It was interesting to note the familiar faces, as well as a whole lot of new ones. The course feedback was positive. Everyone liked the courses, which were set by Marilyn Cleavinger. Marilyn would like to thank Pat Penn and Ben Wilfond for their help with course setting.

Aside from the task of hauling the equipment from the parking area to the start site, this was an easy meet to direct. We had very good help from many people and would like to thank Jim O'Hara, Marlon Engrand, Peg Davis, and Michael Collins for helping man the tables. Many thanks to Max Suter for the beginners' clinic (which neither Carol or I felt comfortable attempting). Also our thanks go out to Keith McLeod, Ann Haber, John Maier, Mark Parsons (doesn't he always collect controls?), John Little, and Mary English for control retrieval. Kudos to Marilyn and her crew for taking on the task of course setting and to Wilkey Richardson for bringing more maps and helping us get started.

Basic Course

	<u>Time</u>
1M Tom Knight	0:45:54
R John O'Keefe	0:37:16
R Christine Hannum	0:44:34
R Victor Grouzov	0:50:30
R The Raptors	0:57:08
R Karen Rutynowsky	1:20:16
R Ethani	1:25:15
R Christopher Suter	1:35:39
R Kento Kids	DNF

Short Advanced

1M Michal Lebl	0:58:56
2M George Lebl	1:10:49
3M Keith McLeod	1:15:42
4M Wayne Van Voorhies	1:21:28
5M Michael Collins	1:26:00
1T Lost Forever	1:36:30
2T Fly Boys	1:55:30
1W Peg Davis	2:05:29
3T Jim and Marion	3:08:42
Bruce Seligman	DNF
M. F. English	DNF

Intermediate

	<u>Time</u>
1T Huckabyrd	1:02:41
1M Bill Moeller	1:06:26
2T Killer Guinea Pigs	1:15:48
1W Ann Haber	1:16:18
3T Colts	1:26:45
2W Helen Deluga	1:41:26
2M Tim Ward	1:41:30
4T Chambers	1:58:30
3M Greg Trainor	3:06:15
R Tom Buske	1:14:50
R Fly Boys	1:19:22
R Don't Look at Me	1:41:00
R Scott Macinnes	1:51:10
R The Raptors	2:04:40

Long Advanced

1M John Maier	0:55:57
2M Roy Parker	0:58:10
3M John Little	1:14:47
4M Alexandre Savine	1:15:57
5M Mark Parsons	1:28:42
6M Max Suter	1:36:07
7M Fred Padgett	1:38:50
1T The Stalkers	2:47:38

Teams or Not?

—Mark Parsons

At the Cat Mountain meet, the meet director asked me to help him with a problem that had come up at the timing table. A team competitive entry wanted their time recorded when the score card was returned, even though some team members came in eight minutes later. I told him the team's time is recorded when the *entire* team is back. We have always done it this way.

In the interest of fairness, competitive teams *must* finish together. This point should be made by anyone giving a beginners' clinic, and it should also be mentioned by the timing table person whenever a competitive team is starting on a course.

Orienteering is an individual sport, but at club level events, teams are commonly welcomed. Training and safety are reasons newcomers to the sport are encouraged to go in small groups.

ROGAINEing is a team sport. As the map typically covers from 20 to 40 square miles, it is imperative that a team stays together. People get hurt, tired, and lost after many hours of competition; also, the weather can change quickly. The loosely interpreted rule is that teammates must stay near enough to communicate verbally. Choose your teammates wisely. A compatible group should easily be able to stay together.

Our club has been asked to host the 1997 North American ROGAINE championships. We will be required to have control monitors and other observers on the course. Perhaps we who are tempted to split up should practice staying together while participating in the upcoming team events.

Tucson Orienteering Club Calendar

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| Dec. 18 | Meet: Catalina State Park
Courses: Jeff Brucker
Meet Director: Al Byrd
See details, page 1. | Info: Wilkey Richardson, 529-1105
(Many volunteers needed to help staff this event.) | |
| Dec. 19 | Board Meeting 7 p.m. (see Business Meeting Report for details) | Apr. 16 | Meet: Greasewood (City) Park
Courses: <u>??</u>
Director: <u>??</u> |
| Dec. 27 | January newsletter deadline: mail to 9055 Calle Bogota, 85715, or FAX to 290-8071, <u>but</u> call 296-2108 before sending, to make sure it's on. | May 21 | Cave Creek, Santa Rita Mtns. |
| Jan. 15 | Meet: Greasewood Park (note change)
Course Setter: <u>??</u>
Meet Director: <u>??</u> | June 18 | Carr Canyon, Huachuca Mtns. |
| Feb. 19 | Meet: Rosemont North
Course Setter: Roy Parker
Meet Director: <u>??</u> | July 16 | Bear Wallow, Catalina Mtns. |
| Mar. 18 | Arizona ROGAINE, Parker Canyon Lake (Note recent change of date; no other club meet in March 1995.)
Course Designer: Mark Parsons | Aug. 19-20 | Palisades Ridge, Catalina Mtns.
Group campsite reserved at Showers Point. |
| | | Sep. 16-17 | 1995 Arizona State Championships Meet (organized by TOC), Rosemont Junction-South, Santa Rita Mtns. |
| | | Oct. 15 | Slavin Gulch, Dragoon Mtns. |
| | | Nov. 19 | Cat Mountain, Tucson Mtns. |
| | | Dec. 17 | Catalina State Park |

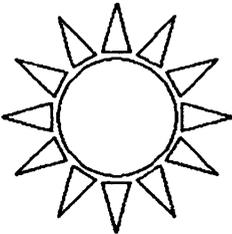
Phoenix Orienteering Club Schedule

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| Jan. 7-8 | Mapping Clinic at Coon Bluff | Info: | Judy Donaldson, 837 W. Fairmount Avenue, Phoenix 85013-3334; phone 602-956-7522. |
| Jan. 14-15 | Course Design Clinic at Lake Pleasant (Site 1) | | |
| Feb. 5 | Lake Pleasant Meet, Site 2 | | |

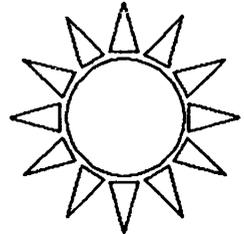
November 21 Business Meeting Report

Eight members met at Wilkey Richardson's on November 21.

- **JANUARY MEET LOCATION CHANGE.** VP Al Byrd was recently informed that January will bring bow hunting season to Brown Mountain. To avoid adding any additional drama to January's meet, it has been relocated to Greasewood Park. A course setter and meet director are still needed.
- **1995 OFFICERS.** Thanks to Mike Huckaby for volunteering to be Vice President and to Mark Parsons for accepting the Publicity/Education Chair for next year. The Map Chair is still open. We have two candidates running for President, Al Byrd and John Maier, and will be conducting an election for this office. Results will be announced at the December Business Meeting.
- **DECEMBER MEETING.** The next business meeting will be held at Peg Davis' home, 2241 E. Parkway Terrace, on Monday, December 19, at 7 p.m. (potluck at 6:30 p.m.). Phone Peg at 628-8985 if you need directions.



FROM SUN*FEST HEADQUARTERS: Last call for anyone wishing to be considered for the position of Director of our Sun*Fest Event. Please make yourself known by the time of our next business meeting (December 19) or sooner. Contact John Maier at 1-602-586-7300, or send message via any club officer.



TOC OFFICERS

President	Kathy Creath	577-8203
Vice President	Al Byrd	792-0267
Secretary/Treasurer	Helen Deluga	628-8985
Membership	Marilyn Cleavinger	795-2081
Equipment	Mary English	881-4786
Maps	Wilkey Richardson	529-1105
Publicity/Education	Peg Davis	628-8985
Newsletter Editor	Lois Kimminau	296-2108

STATEMENTS OF CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT

AL BYRD: Hello, my name is Al Byrd. I am the current Vice-President of TOC and am running for the position of President. The duties of President are to run the business meetings and to help the other officers when they have difficulty fulfilling the tasks of their positions. This of course requires being *available*. As VP I have been called upon to do much of that this year, and as a year-round Tucson resident, I am available. The role of President has not, in my experience, been one of leadership; it has been one of simply making sure that the club runs itself, and I am capable of fulfilling that role.

It seems that the question being posed in this election is whether or not that is an adequate role for the President. I feel that John has a number of very good ideas that should be implemented, but I question whether that implementation is, or should be, a Presidential duty. TOC is beset by a crisis in volunteerism (and the club won't run without volunteers). Nowhere is this more evident than at our monthly board meetings, particularly when we are trying to find people to fill positions on the board. People are already too busy to fit in the amount of work that is required by the different positions on the board, and I think we would be setting a dangerous precedent to require more of any of our officers. John may have time to fulfill the duties he has in mind next year, but then the job of President becomes over-burdensome, and we have trouble finding the next person.

When I initially heard John's ideas, I withdrew my name from consideration for President; however, after hearing the concerns of a number of the board members I decided to renew my candidacy. I guess what it comes down to is that the solution to the club's volunteer crisis is not for us to increase the duties of the existing board; the solution is to have more of you who read this get involved and volunteer. We need your help. Thank you for your consideration.

JOHN MAIER: I am running for the office of president because there are changes that need to be made to keep our club healthy.

→ **"O" Maps:** Maps are our lifeblood. We need major revisions to most of our existing maps. We also need new places to orienteer, not only to replace those we have lost, but to provide new orienteering challenges in unfamiliar terrain.

→ **"O" Events:** We need more than 12 events per year. In addition to our regularly scheduled monthly events, from time to time we should have extra events such as night-O's, or mystery-O's, or vampire-O's, etc. City parks could be used, and they could be held midweek in the evenings. We've done this before with good results.

→ **Course Offerings:** The most difficult transition for orienteers to make is from our "basic" to "intermediate" level. We need a course offering midway between these two. We must be more sensitive to the needs of our developing orienteers than we have been.

→ **"O" Skills:** We should schedule training sessions several times a year for those orienteers who wish to improve their skills through practices and the support of a coach.

→ **General Membership Meeting:** Feedback is important to remain responsive to the needs and wants of the membership. Once or twice a year we should organize a general membership meeting around a picnic or barbecue. In addition to a membership survey, this would be a good opportunity for social interaction, a fun event such as a 3-legged "O" or mystery-O, or some workshops on "O" skills.

Do you like these ideas? What's the missing ingredient? If you think it's more (wo)manpower, you're exactly correct. Our volunteer shortage is holding us back. If we don't deal with this lack of volunteers now, we'll be in a sad state of affairs when our Sun*Fest event rolls around. We need to tackle this *now*, because it'll take time to broaden our volunteer base. Let's not get caught with our pants down when we're on stage before the nation. Let's begin working *now* to reach the goal of having adequate (wo)manpower to fit our needs and becoming a more vibrant and healthy club. I'll be available at the December event to answer any questions or to go into specifics; or you may reach me at home: 1-602-586-7300.

We can't accomplish everything immediately, but we can begin immediately. Let us, I ask for your vote. Thank you.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Two members are running for the office of President for 1995. The candidates' written statements are included in this newsletter, and they will be available at December's meet to discuss their plans for the club with you.

Balloting is open to club members only. Active membership is indicated by a date of 12/94 or later on the top line of your mailing label. Individuals joining or renewing membership before the close of balloting will be eligible to vote. Family memberships (also indicated on the mailing label) receive two votes.

You can vote by mail or on December 18 at the meet. Mail-in ballots must be received by Saturday, December 17. Voting will close at noon on December 18.

If voting by mail, include your name for membership verification. To vote anonymously, indicate your name on the mailing envelope and place your ballot in an unmarked envelope inside the mailing envelope.

BALLOT

TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB 1995 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE:

Al Byrd

John Maier

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TOC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Can you help staff a club meet? Yes, call me.

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