



# Tucson Orienteering Club

March 1994

## MARCH 20 ON FORT HUACHUCA

By Mark Parsons

All are welcomed to come on the first day of Spring to our most difficult to find meet site, a place with no cattle, a place we have not used for four years. It's hard to get permission to use it. The map is in five colors, and the terrain, being on the north end of the Huachuca Mountains, features an oak forest at 4,000 ft. of elevation and numerous trails and tank roads. Interesting and challenging point-to-point courses will be offered at three levels of difficulty. The area is just inside the unmanned west gate and is not simple to find from either Sonoita or Sierra Vista if you have never been there before. Allow for up to two hours travel time, carpool, expand your geographical knowledge of the region by going home by the alternate route. The old post has an interesting museum and is a national historical site. CSM Montgomery (adviser to Colts, Bears, etc.) has promised to assist me with this meet. I expect to have from 30 to 40 hours contributed to putting on this meet. Please come to it. Please call me at 432-2507 to volunteer to assist.

**Cost:** \$5 for individuals, \$7 for teams, \$2 off for TOC or SAHC members. Compass rental \$1. Safety whistles (required for the intermediate and advanced courses) can be purchased for \$1.

**Camping:** Not available at the meet site, but widely available nearby in the national forest. Parker Canyon Lake features a good campground.

**Directions to Site:** (A) I-10 to exit 281 (Hwy. 83), head south to Sonoita. Continue south from Sonoita on 83 (towards Parker Canyon Lake). After 12 to 14 miles and about a mile beyond the old village of Canelo, turn left to Sierra Vista, West Gate, etc. This is a main intersection and the road to the left might still be designated Forest Road 827. This is the main road to the west gate, and it is about six miles more to the meet site.

(B) I-10 east to exit 302 (Hwy. 90), head south for 31 miles to the main gate. Turn right to enter the fort. A Burger King is on your left when you are at the traffic signal at the main gate. This is your second light since I-10. Do not turn left on AZ 90, or right into the East gate at the first traffic signal you come to. Park at the right at the main gate and get a fort map. Have them mark on it how to get to the west gate. It is longer and more complicated to come this way, but it's all pavement. Alternative route A is shorter, but takes you over nearly 20 miles of graded dirt roads. Either way, bring a road map or preferably your SV and Nogales ranger district forest map. This will be a good one, so go for it.

**Schedule:**

- 9:00 a.m. Registration opens. Beginners' clinics start.
- 9:30 a.m. Courses open: basic, intermediate, advanced.
- 12:15 p.m. Last time to start a course.
- 2:00 p.m. Control retrieval begins, head back to the start/finish area if you are still on a course.

## THE MYSTERY-O

### Greasewood Park Meet Results

by John Maier

Close to 50 people took part in our club's inaugural Mystery-O. Truth is that the two people responsible for this event taking place don't even know it. They are Kurt and Elisabeth Hess, visitors from Switzerland, newfound friends of mine from my three-month stay back East last year. I told them our club always has an event the third Sunday of every month. They chose to visit us for our February event. Plane reservations made, everything else, and I learn at the 11th hour that there is to be NO MEET! That is why I volunteered to put on a Mystery-O. It turned out to be a very good experience: enjoyable brainstorming to come up with a mystery, rewarding experience to see lots of people having fun, participants nice enough to share their joy through smiles and kind words. There were a few items that got let go--things that needed to be said at the briefing but were only remembered after the mass start--but these can be improved upon in the future.

The mystery, for those of you who missed the event, went as follows:

Sherlock Wendell Holmes was not called in and the newspapers did not carry the story, but the kids on the block had seen and heard what went on and so knew all about it. Although she had never uttered an unkind word to anyone, she was

destined, so it seems, to meet an untimely end. When Rueben found her, she was gasping on the floor of the family room, but he couldn't make out an intelligible word. He didn't hesitate to do what he thought was best, but salvation was not in the cards for Lucy. By the time Fred arrived a few moments later, it was all over. It was crying time.

Participants were asked to determine who killed Lucy and why, as well as to identify the other characters (10 in all). Clues were scattered about Greasewood Park. Just a few examples:

When Alfy passed by the window 1/2 hour earlier, Lucy wasn't wearing a stitch.....Rueben had no intention of letting anyone interfere but Fred had that menacing look in his eyes.....Roger ducked out of sight just as Fred entered the room.....Rueben heard the glass break, followed by "thump, thump".....

The correct solution to the mystery was that Rueben was Lucy's killer, the reason being that he wanted to eat her. This makes more sense upon learning that Lucy, Alfy, and Rueben were the librarian's pet fish, cat, and dog, respectively. Fred was her husband and all the rest of the characters were kids playing ball. A few thought Lucy's killer should be Victor who batted the ball through the window, breaking the fishbowl, or even E.T. (Eddie Tinkle) who ignored the catcher's signal and threw the wrong pitch. Not so. Had Rueben not made the scene so fast, Fred, who arrived momentarily, would have had the good sense to get Lucy back into water, her favorite medium. A number of people thought Rueben's intentions were noble, that breaking Lucy's spine was accidental. No, what Rueben thought was best was a free lunch. Had Alfy been there first, he'd have had the same "good" thoughts. Admittedly my clues were deceptive about this. Had more time been available, more clues would've been put out. As it was, I was still writing clues down as I drove to town from Benson, operating on three hours of sleep. Right down to the wire.

Because the briefing was not all-inclusive, because some people didn't realize there was to be a mass start and started early, because some teams did not return as units, because not all participants registered their category, but mostly because of no fair way to judge the responses (after trying to), I hereby invoke the privilege of declaring all entries as recreational. Below is the list of participants in the order that they signed in for the event.

At least one person who came to participate is not on that list. I wish to pay highest tribute to this club member who chose to forgo competing in order to help me get clues out in timely fashion, thereby saving everyone else the boredom of waiting the additional 30-40 minutes that it would've taken me to get the job done. This sacrifice was made by Keith McLeod. Another person who went that extra mile to make this

event possible was Lois Kimminau who found a way to get the Mystery-O integrated into Peg Davis' write-up for February, even as it was on its way to the printer. Volunteers who collected the clues were Kurt Hess, Greg and Carol Starr, and Keith McLeod. Anyone else?

**Suggestion-for future Mystery-O's:** It would be much, much easier (a real time-saver) to evaluate and score a multiple choice answer sheet instead of reading through notes and summaries that were very open-ended responses and in no particular order. I believe that would receive greater acceptance by participants as well. How about a Night-O/Mystery-O in the summertime?

**Participants:** Dave Mandel, Jon Mandel, Catalina Javelinas, H & G, The Foxtails (5), Gregg Townsend, Lost w/o Tears, Rog Tempelmeyer, Myra Muramoto, G, A, & B Martin & Andrews, Rich Mandel, Mindy Fain, George Lebl, Michal Lebl, The Wilsons (4), Greg & Mary Andrews, Peg Davis, French's, Sally Oey, Rita & Alicia Cartwright, Terry Engle, Elisabeth & Kurt Hess, Margie Barr, Rob Barr.

## ROGAINE, MARCH 5

**A Rare group of Ragged Rascals Ran Round Rugged Rocks Reaching Remarkable Results.**

Notice the **R**'s? Dan Cobbledick wanted to remind us all that the **R** in **ROGAINE** stands for "**Rugged**".....and he succeeded. (Great course, Dan!) Read about it in the next issue of your Newsletter.

## **FEBRUARY 20 BUSINESS MEETING REPORT**

Thrashed out final, detailed plans for 1994 ROGAINE March 5.

Discussed arrangements, particularly maps, for Ft. Huachuca meet March 20.

Revised 1994 meet schedule for May and June (see Club Calendar) to take better advantage of typical weather conditions.

Discussed how to train aspiring course setters, and agreed it should be a priority throughout this year. Several prospective course setters have asked for instruction and training. Some experienced course setters have offered to take novices along with them when planning and setting courses for scheduled events. Other veterans have said they will be happy to serve as consultants, by reviewing and offering suggestions for proposed

courses drawn up by novices. To find out who, when, how: Mark Parsons, vice president.

Reviewed TOC'S part in 1994 Arizona State Championships meet August 13-14, being organized cooperatively with Phoenix Club; TOC expects to produce OCAD map for the event and to help in field checking it; Wilkey Richardson, map chairman, and Mark Parsons, vice president, to get/keep in touch with PHXO people.

Next business meeting: Sunday, March 27, at Wilkey Richardson's, 5755 E. River Road #201. (Enter apartment complex just east of Craycroft, north side of River; look for #201 and nearby parking on left/West. Buzz at gate to be let in.) Potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.; meeting at 7. Agenda: future meets/sites, including State Champs; recruiting course setters and meet directors; developing new maps/sites. All members welcome.

### TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB CALENDAR

March 20	Meet: Ft. Huachuca (see details in this issue)
March 27	Business Meeting
April 17	Meet: Redington Pass
	Courses: Roy Parker; Meet Director: <u>??</u>
April 17	Business Meeting, 7 p.m., place TBA
May 1	May newsletter deadline
May 15	Meet: Slavin Gulch
	Courses: <u>??</u> ; Meet Director: <u>??</u>
May 28-30	San Diego Memorial Weekend Meets: Sat.: Standard Orienteering; Sun.: ROGAINE; Mon.: Fourth-Dimension-O. For information: 619-598-2630 or 619-578-9456
June 18	Meet: Bear Wallow
	Courses: <u>??</u> ; Meet Director: <u>??</u>
June 27-July 3	Colorado Five-Day Meet (see article this issue)
July 16-17	Meet: Palisades, with group campsite reserved
	Courses: <u>?</u> ; Meet Director: <u>??</u>
August 13-14	Arizona State Championship Meet: Lower Lake Mary, near Flagstaff (Organized jointly by PHXO and TOC)

**HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR NEWSLETTER LABEL LATELY?** Your membership may have expired! Please renew promptly, to help the Club finance the Newsletter and other expenses, and to save yourself the grief of not receiving this exciting and informative Newsletter!

The organizers of THE COLORADO 5 DAY are pleased to announce the most spectacular relay to ever kiss the skies of Colorado:

## THE CRYSTAL RELAYS --- 1 JULY 1994

Teams of 5 will run over the awesome granite terrain at Lake George, Colorado. And the runners will enjoy. Because the forest is unbeatable. A variety of legs of different lengths and difficulty levels, ranging from 3 to 7 kms and from orangish to reddish. And spectators and waiting teammates will enjoy, because our start and finish will be authentically Western: a pretty cool corral. Lots of spectator controls? You bet. Radio reports? Absolutely. Speaker service? For sure, and totally out of control! And the clubs will enjoy because we have some mighty fine prizes for the first three US CLUB TEAMS\*:

**1st Place: \$500 2nd Place: \$300 3rd Place: \$200**

With attractive event souvenirs for the top 10 teams, regardless of origin. We think you'll want to have your club in the running.

\*Cash awards will go to the top 3 US club teams. All runners on each cash award eligible team must have the same primary USOF club, and must run under that club's name. Each eligible team must have at least 2 runners not male or not between 18 and 45 years of age. All runners for an eligible team must be US Champs eligible. We will use the most recent printed USOF membership roster to determine club eligibility. The organizers reserve the right to reduce or withhold cash awards if fewer than 30 full teams of 5 runners are entered. See Jan O/NA for further 5 Day details and entry info. Brought to you by Blue Star Komplex and Rocky Mountain OC. Orienteering in Colorado is almost heaven.

## THE COLORADO 5-DAY: JUNE 27-JULY 3

by Mark Parsons

This year's event is actually eight events over a seven-day period. A person presumably could achieve national ranking by attending this year's events. This is a most enjoyable, high quality meet put on by our nation's best orienteers. Coupled with the summertime attraction of the Rocky Mountains, it is impossible for me to pass up. I rent a nice cabin with excellent fly-fishing in the headwaters of the Platte River right out the

front door for 140 bucks for the week. Last year there were three fantastic eating contests held in conjunction with the meet.

This year the relay (a great spectator O-event) will have a \$500 first prize for a legitimate club team. We could take it and also garner a great deal of respect for our club. We should go for it and have some terminal fun in the process. I have already mailed off my registration and have planned my routes up there and back to include more of Colorado's great hot springs.

This is the closest and best multi-day event to Arizona. I urge my fellow TOC orienteers to consider an orienteering vacation this year. There will be a very international crowd present and also numerous families there.

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I have never been lost, but I will admit  
to being confused for several weeks.

-Daniel Boone

