



**Tucson
Orienteering
Club
April 1994**

APRIL 17 AT REDDINGTON PASS

By Roy Parker

The April meet will be held at Reddington Pass, the site of the State Championships in 1992 and one of our closest sites to the Tucson valley. The map is black and white and covers an area at approximately 4,000 feet elevation. The area is excellent for orienteering with scattered oak trees and few dirt roads. Courses will be set by Jeff Brucker and Robin Staples and will consist of interesting, as well as challenging, beginner, intermediate, short advanced, and advanced courses. I am coordinating the meet and need volunteers to work the start and finish table. Please call me to volunteer at 621-9347 or 322-6681. Thanks.

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: The area is in a National Forest. People have camped at the start/finish area in past years.

Directions to Site: Follow Tanque Verde Road to the east. The road will turn into a good dirt road shortly after leaving the valley floor and begin to climb to Reddington Pass. The start/finish area will be a few miles up the road where the terrain begins to level out and will be marked with orienteering signs.

Schedule:

9:00 a.m., Registration opens. Beginners' clinic starts.

9:30 a.m., Courses open.

12:00 p.m., Last time to start a course.

2:00 p.m., Courses close.

MAPPING CAMP JUNE 4-5 FOR AZ STATE CHAMPS MEET: Fred Padgett, Phoenix O-Club president, 602-956-7522, needs at least six TOC volunteers to field check the map. This is a great opportunity for competitive orienteers to familiarize themselves with the map ahead of time. Plus, it's a very nice place to camp. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details.

TUCSON ROGAINE--MARCH 5, 1994

By Keith McLeod

There is a special magic to Southern Arizona. The scenery--once you are off the roads--is spectacular. It is something you find paging through old National Geographic magazines. You stop, you touch the pictures to be a part of the scenery. It is the stuff dreams are made of. Dan Cobbledick selected such a unique area for our 1994 Rogaine. His control sites caused many delays. No, the markers were in the right place, it was the damn view he provided. Open-mouthed contestants had to remind themselves this is a competitive event.

The weather was warm and cool. There was a nice breeze when you traveled along the ridges. Clouds were sparse to enable the sun to smile at the foot traffic. The results were as follows:

<u>Points</u>	<u>Men's Teams</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Mixed Teams</u>
1,140	Ron Hudson, Peter Taylor	920	Pat Penn, Mark Parsons
1,070	Ron Grayson, John Maier	730	Clare & Ross Durand
1,010	Mark Peterson, Ian Tidswell	460	Marley Beard, Al Byrd, Mike Huckaby
930	John Little, Roy Parker	420	(17:17:15) Dayle & Richard Lavine
780	Jeff Brucker, Dave Brown	420	(17:17:58) Donna Gookin, Mac Innis
730	Craig Kulesa, Michael Collins	400	Kathy Creath, Wilkey Richardson
680	Steve Schaefer, Bob Letson	330	Sheryl Berling-Wolff, William Bryant, Bob Lerma
650	Ted Settle, Dennis Nicholson	270	Catherine & Gary Hinman
600	Keith McLeod, Richard Kane, John Pascal	190	Peg Davis, Scott Hill
580	Kevin Garlow, Richard Dekany		
540	Michal & George Lebl		
350	Gregg Townsend/ Warren Van Nest		
<u>Points</u>	<u>Women's Teams</u>		
430	Marsha Jacobs, Janet Halsebo		
100	(14:57) Cathy & Linda Gaskins		
100	(16:33) Mary English, Lois Kimminau		

Arizona competitors came from Phoenix, Chandler, Bisbee, Benson, and Tucson. Out-of-state guests came from New York, Virginia, and New Mexico. California earthquakes and mud slides did not prevent our west coast friends from coming and carrying off most of the trophies. They came from San Bruno, Oakland, Half Moon Bay, Richmond, Vista, San Diego, and North Hollywood. A motion was defeated to rename

our annual Rogaine the California Championships! In spite of remarkable performances, Dan Cobbledick's prediction held: "No one will get all the controls." There were 32 controls totaling 1200 points.

The success of any meet is the result of many volunteers. A special blue ribbon goes to Dan Cobbledick for setting up the course, preparing the map, and establishing the start and finish area. Oh, he pitched in whenever help was needed on the day of the meet, too. The many weekends, long drives, field checking and placing controls paid off, Dan. You picked an extraordinary site and the controls were exactly where they should have been. Of course, he had help. So smaller blue ribbons go to Conner and Rachel in a supporting role.

Not everyone received a trophy; however, Laurie Fellows made them all winners by offering a meat or vegetarian chili and scrumptious corn bread. The only complaint was that everyone was unable to get second and third helpings.

Additional blue ribbons go to Peg Davis for publicity, Scott Hill for handling the finish, Mark Parsons and John Maier for cleaning up the camp.

The meet is never over until all the controls are gathered. Many orienteers scatter once their run is over. Nevertheless, familiar faces spent Sunday giving a helping hand: Dan again, John Maier, Mark Parsons, Richard Kane, and Champion Ron Hudson.

A special thanks is due Oasis Bottled Water. They donated the 12 five gallon jugs Dan placed on the course for crucial water stops. Oasis is a good company to call if you or your office use bottled water.

(Note: Winners who didn't claim their trophies on ROGAINE day can arrange to get them from Mary English, equipment chair, 881-4786.)

FORT HUACHUCA NEAR WEST GATE

March 20, 1994, Meet Results

By Mark Parsons

Bright sunny skies mixed with large, threatening black thunderheads and blustery, cold wind greeted us and our military friends and guests on March 20th. Though as much as a quarter inch of rain had fallen in isolated spots in southern Arizona, clearing had also been predicted and occurred by noon. Rain never fell on the hearty orienteers that enjoyed the superb views and glorious light and air. Sheepshead Rock (a 600 M boulder, over on the Slavin Gulch map) was visible clearly, 75 kilometers away. The buildings in Elgin were distinguishable with the naked eye at about 18 kilometers. Though it was a cool day, the advanced course winner came in hot and sweaty, and close to my 90 minute prediction. I think he liked it.

We can thank Michal Lebl for helping me earlier in the month set the more distant controls, coming down here early on meet day with control cards, retrieving the more distant controls, and for hauling the club's equipment back to Tucson. The club badly needs more course setters and Michal has volunteered to do Slavin Gulch in May. We only

used the oak forest on the south half of the map and we avoided the parts of the map where the water courses were apparently altered by the army's activities. We appreciated the remarks about control placement and the experienced orienteer's comments about errors with parallel features.

Our thanks go to the Army for the use of the range and to Willie Montgomery and his friend, Bruce Kendrick, who helped all morning at Meet Registration. Ann Haber did the longest shift on the timing table. Molly Parsons, Michael Lebl, and Keith McLeod also helped at the tables. I greatly appreciate everyone who stuck it out around the S/F area in the cool breeze. Orienteering meets are held rain or shine. Foul weather brings out a pretty tough crowd.

Advanced Course: 7200 M, 105 M vertical, 13 legs averaging 575 M, 12 controls

1M	Max Suter	97:00
2M	Michael Collins	99:30
3M	Craig Kulesa	103:30
1T	Pagels and Hathaway	140:46
4M	Fred Padgett	147:15

Intermediate Course: 5000 M, 120 M vertical, 11 legs averaging 450 meters, 10 controls

1M	Keith McLeod	87:42
1W	Peg Davis	107:45
2W	Ann Haber	137:14
1T	Foxtails	147:00
3W	Elizabeth Bernstein	149:00
2M	Greg Townsend	153:21
2T	Colts	162:18

Recreational entries on the intermediate course were Maureen Jameson and Jim Deveny.

Basic Course: 2200 M, 30 M vertical, 9 legs averaging 240 M, 8 controls

1W	Molly Parsons	36:03
1M	Ron Ingram	42:00
1T	Bears	54:02
2M	Christopher Suter	96:00

(Christopher is about 5 years old.)

Team Lost in Space was a recreational entry. Maureen Jameson and Jim Deveny were also individual recreational entries.

CARPOOLING TO SAN DIEGO: for meets May 28-30 from Tucson: Peg Davis, 628-8985, will coordinate.

MARCH 27 BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

- Received, with dismay, resignation of Mark Parsons as vice president.
- Discussed April 17 meet arrangements; reviewed the rest of the calendar.
- Talked about types and quality of various TOC site maps, and what improvements are needed.

- Questioned practicality of trying to organize monthly meets year-round, in view of difficulties with finding course setters and extreme difficulties with recruiting meet directors: Is 12 meets a year plus ROGAINE too much? Should only six or eight regular meets be offered? only minor meets in months before/after ROGAINE? Should there be fewer/no summer meets? no January meet?

Should any scheduled meet automatically be cancelled if no course setter has volunteered by some certain point ahead of time? if no meet director has been found by a certain time?

Should meet entry fees be increased? By how much? Should fees be waived for volunteers who work substantial amounts of time on a meet? How much time?

- Arguments: having fewer meets would allow for better course design and therefore better meets that would attract more participants; presenting fewer but better meets could improve TOC's long-term financial situation, because it is directly tied to costs of map development, to number of meets, and to number of entries per meet. Discussed arrangements, particularly maps, for Ft. Huachuca meet March 20.

- Agreed to seek widest possible array of opinions from club members, and to try to find some resolution at next meeting.

Next business meeting: Sunday, April 17, home of Sue Roberts and Roger Sperline, 4600 N. Avenida del Cazador, 577-9519 (from Swan Road about 1/4 mile north of River Road, go right (east) on Paseo del Bac to the end, where Cazador intersects; turn right and almost immediately look on left for steep driveway). Agenda: 1995 Arizona ROGAINE date, site, and course-setter ideas, costs and fees; TOC's general financial situation, basic schedule of meets and fee structure. All members welcome. Any members with opinions about agenda topics should try to attend this meeting, or call an officer beforehand to discuss ideas, as decisions may impact the rest of the 1994 meet calendar.

TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB CALENDAR

April 17	Meet: Redington Pass (Details in this issue)
April 17	Business Meeting, 6:30/7 p.m. (see notice in this issue)
May 1	May newsletter deadline
May 15	Meet: Slavin Gulch
	Courses: Michal Lebl; Meet Director: <u>??</u>
May 28-30	San Diego Memorial Weekend Meets: Sat.: Standard Orienteering; Sun.: ROGAINE; Mon.: Fourth-Dimension-O. For information, entry forms, carpooling from Tucson: Peg Davis, 628-8985
June 4	June newsletter deadline
June 4-5	Mapping Camp for AZ State Champs meet (see note in this issue)
June 18	Meet: Bear Wallow
	Courses: <u>??</u> ; Meet Director: <u>??</u>

- June 27-July 3 Colorado Five-Day Meet, U.S. Sprint Championships, Crystal Relays.
Info, entry forms: Peg Davis, 628-8985
- July 2 July newsletter deadline
- July 16-17 Meet: Palisades, with group campsite reserved
Courses: ? ; Meet Director: ??
- August 1 August newsletter deadline
- August 13-14 Arizona State Championship Meet: Lower Lake Mary, near Flagstaff
(Organized jointly by PHXO and TOC)
- Sept. 4 September newsletter deadline
- Sept. 18 Meet: Rosemont
Courses: ?? ; Meet Director: ??
- Oct. 2 October newsletter deadline
- Oct. 16 Meet: Whetstones
Courses: ?? ; Meet Director: ??

DESPERATELY SEEKING NEW VICE PRESIDENT: Due to Mark Parsons' resignation March 27, nominations/volunteers/suggestions/help are urgently sought to fill this vacancy as quickly as possible. The post is crucial for smooth scheduling of club events. VP coordinates preliminary logistics, obtains site permits, and recruits course setters and meet directors for each meet. (Scott Hill, VP emeritus, 296-4178, can describe delights and challenges of the work, and give helpful hints for getting it done.) Please call Kathy Creath, president, 577-8203, or any other officer.

TOC OFFICERS		
President	Kathy Creath	577-8203
Vice President	Vacant	
Secretary/Treasurer	Laurie Fellows	790-3652
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ORIENTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

By Peg Davis

Two wonderful opportunities to orienteer are coming up in California and Colorado. Both of these events will take place on color maps--this will be a real change for those of you who have only used our Arizona black-and-white specials. I have some of the maps that will be used and will be glad to show them to anyone who is interested.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, the San Diego Orienteering Club will be holding three days of events: a standard event with seven different levels of courses set, a ROGAINE which can be participated in for 3, 6, 9, or 12 hours, and a one-hour Score-O with mobile and timed controls. Bike-O events will also be available all three days. If you register for all three events, the fee will be \$20. Camping onsite is available for \$3 per night.

Quite a few club members have attended SDO events before. The courses and administration have always been of the highest quality and the SDOers themselves are the usual bright, friendly, and interesting people orienteering is populated with. (Or should I say with which orienteering is populated?) Anyway, for not much money and only eight hours of driving, you can get three big days of fine orienteering. Call me for details and registration forms.

But why bother with three days of fun when you can have seven, that's right seven days of fun in Colorado? From June 27th to July 3rd, the spring championships, the team relays, and five days of plain old orienteering will be set in the cool mountains near Colorado Springs. Two days of training events will precede the meet, so you could actually get nine big days on a map. This is a highly organized, complex event where you will have a chance to see many of the finest orienteers in the country do their stuff. Call me for details and registration.

Should you attend these events if you're not running and winning regularly on the advanced course? YES! When one gets to orienteer only once a month, it's hard to know if luck or skill determined your performance. Over seven or even three days, you can see your strengths and weaknesses clearly, work on them, and improve. What if you're not the competitive type? Both of these events will take place in cool, beautiful locales with a course set at exactly the level where you would like to compete. Many people made last year's Colorado event part of a larger vacation.

Do you hate to go to new strange places alone? It won't happen. People from Tucson will be at each event. I am volunteering to be information central for these events. Since I'm going to the California event, I can guarantee there will be carpooling. Several people are already planning to go to Colorado, so there may be a convoy heading north, too. Both of these events should be registered for well in advance. I have registration forms waiting to send to you, so call me at 628-8985 to plan your orienteering spectacular.

