



**Tucson
Orienteering
Club**

May 1994

SLAVIN GULCH, THE EUROPEAN WAY

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1994

—Michal and George Lebl

We have joined TOC a year ago and enjoyed participating in all meets since then. Obviously, it is now our turn to prepare the meet. However, to tell the truth, we have never set the course before, neither we have been directors of the meet. We have just participated in a lot of meets back in Europe and we have taken crush (or crash) course in course setting from Mark Parsons, who was very patient and have shown us all (?) tricks. (And everyone has to do it for the first time once.) But let's make this meet slightly different—the European way.

Dragoon Mountains at Slavin Gulch are beautiful and they cover both very rough and varied terrain and flat featureless areas. (Everybody should practice navigation by triangulation, there are good hill tops always visible.) In Europe it would be a shame for the course setter to make controls visible from larger than 10 m. distance. There is also no rule about the height above ground for control placement. We will make courses which should be difficult—difficult and those which should be intermediate—intermediate. Easy will be easy. But be careful and always check whether you are punching the right control; there will be some extra ones just to confuse you. And there will be one course difficult—difficult—one control will be missing, but we will not tell you which one (you can miss up to three additional controls, for penalty of 15 minutes each, before you are disqualified). (Continued on page 2, "Slavin Gulch Details.")

REFERENDUM QUESTION TO TOC MEMBERS: Would you choose to do the work of organizing an A-level meet instead of a ROGAINÉ in, e.g., 1996 or 1997? Or would you prefer to do a ROGAINÉ? If you have an opinion, attend the **June 30** business meeting, or talk to a club officer before then. (See 4/17 business meeting report in this issue.)

SLAVIN GULCH DETAILS (continued from page 1)

On the other hand, there will be one course for kids (or beginners) of all ages, in Europe called "line." The course is flagged and you can see from one flag to the other (you cannot get lost). There are five controls on the course, but only three are marked on the map. You should mark only those on your card. Wrong mark is penalized by 10 minutes.

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: Area is very pleasant and shaded place. Bring everything, there is no water in sight.

Directions to Site: Take I-10 East from Tucson to Exit 303 (Tombstone...) and Highway 80. Drive 24 miles south to marker 315, where you turn left onto Middle March Road; go 9.9 miles east. Just before the forest boundary, turn left onto narrow dirt road and follow the O-signs. The last 100 m. seems difficult, but we saw all kinds of cars making it. It takes about 90 minutes from Tucson.

Schedule:

9:00 a.m.	Registration opens.	9:30 a.m.	Courses open
	Beginners' clinic starts.	12:00 p.m.	Last time to start a course.
	Clinic repeated upon request.	2:00 p.m.	Courses close.

EDITOR'S NOTE TO MEET DIRECTORS OR ANY OTHER NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS: Please send your news articles to the newsletter editor by the Bulletin Deadline, as shown in the monthly calendars. Mail directly to Lois Kimminau, 9055 Calle Bogota, Tucson 85715, or FAX to 290-8071, but before sending call 296-2108 to make sure the FAX is turned on.

TIME'S RUNNING OUT: Sign up soon for a Cool Weekend of Free Orienteering Practice. Four to six more TOC people are still needed the weekend of June 4-5 to help field-check the map for this year's state champs meet in August, which is a joint project of the Phoenix and Tucson clubs. Volunteers need not be highly experienced, according to Al Byrd, who, as the new TOC vice president, has been talking with Fred Padgett of PHXO.

The site is Lower Lake Mary, about 10 miles southeast of Flagstaff. TOC folk who've orienteered there report it's a beautiful area with tall pines, rolling hills, and NO cactus. Nice and cool, compared to Tucson. And besides, June 4 is National Trails Day.

Call Al Byrd, 792-0267, to find out what's involved, driving directions, etc.

REDINGTON PASS RESULTS—APRIL 17

—Roy Parker

The April meet was held at Redington Pass, one of our closest sites to the Tucson valley. A good turnout competed on challenging, but fair, courses set by Robin Staples and Jeff Brucker. I had an easy time being meet director due to two key items. First, Mary English has done a terrific job organizing the material that a meet director has to utilize. Second, there was lots of help from volunteers on the day of the meet. The club and I give thanks to all the individuals who helped, including Scott Hill, Wilkey Richardson, Keith McLeod, John Maier, Dan Cobbledick, Mike Collins, Peg Davis, John Little, Dominick and his visiting friends, Robin Staples, Ann Haber, Mark Parsons, and Pat Penn. Special thanks to Dave Kreider, who visited us from the Grand Canyon, ran a course, worked the start/finish table, and picked up controls. A final note of thanks, and an Oscar nomination, to Mark Parsons for his imitation of a Forest Service Ranger (Badge #00).

One popular course, with 10 entries, was the short advanced course. This is a course that is often not set at TOC meets simply because of the additional strain on the course setter(s). However, it is clear that a number of club members would like to try advanced courses, without the need to put out the physical exertion of a long course. With both Jeff and Robin setting courses for this meet, it was possible to have an additional course. Since often there is only one course setter, one suggestion would be that, whenever possible, a shortened version of the long advanced course could be added without devising an entire extra course (which puts significant additional strain on the course setter). Another suggestion would be for some of the individuals now trying advanced courses to help set additional courses. Devising and setting courses is probably the single best exercise that will improve your orienteering skills, and it really helps out the club!

BASIC, 2.4 km

Rank	Entry	Time
1T	Pagac's	49:55
2T	Tenacious Trekers	57:51
1W	Carol Brown	59:50
3T	Rattlesnakes	64:08
	Team X	87:37
	Big Dogs	95:38
	Damn Yankees	113:55

INTERMEDIATE, 3.8 km

Rank	Entry	Time
1M	Mike Collins	53:10
2M	Larry Lamb	72:50
1W	Ann Haber	78:02
1T	Wilkey & Kathy	85:50
2T	Lost 4 Ever	95:37
3T	Killer Guinea Pigs	98:52
	Lost in the Desert	109:03
	Polly's Fan Club	119:00
	Tenacious Trekers	144:20

(Intermediate, continued)

Rank	Entry	Time
	Denny & Liane	Recreational
	Mary English	Recreational
(Team)	Aurora Borealis	Recreational
	Christine Nimitz	Recreational

SHORT ADVANCED, 4.3 km

1M	Alexander Savine	71:20
1T	Select A	81:48
1W	Pat Penn	83:03
2T	Desert Gourmets	99:54
2M	Keith McLeod	100:25
2W	Peg Davis	100:27
3T	Thunderbolts	101:59

(Short Advanced, continued)

Rank	Entry	Time
	Map Walk	139:51
	Midge's Mavens	150:56
	Robert Diederich	Recreational

LONG ADVANCED, 7.2 km

1M	John Maier	85:36
2M	Dan Cobbledick	92:25
3M	Dave Kreider	95:03
	Max Suter	103:32
	John Little	104:20
	Mark Parsons	127:26
	Huckaburrs	182:15
	Marley Beard	Recreational

APRIL 17 BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

- Cheered when Al Byrd agreed to take over as 1994 TOC vice president.
- Heard John Maier's progress report on new Redington Pass map. He plans a lot of field-checking in May-June.
- Discussed converting more club maps to simple color scheme. (Copying cost will likely require surcharge of 50¢ or \$1 per map at meets using color maps, but the difference will be worth it!
- Debated feasibility of organizing a full-fledged A-level meet within next two to three years, possibly in place of a ROGAINE.

Among the arguments: new Redington Pass map will be of such high quality and cover such a large area that it will be ideal for an A-level meet. Entry fees from a large meet could and should help defray costs of developing the new map. A good team of club members starting work a year in advance is surely equal to organizing an A meet.

The ROGAINE should on no account be skipped, because it's so successful and popular, drawing participants from a wide area. TOC can't possibly muster enough workers to staff two major meets in a year's time, when it can scarcely turn out enough to staff all its regular monthly meets. An A meet could require five times the staffing of a B meet. (Regular club meets are about C-level; the AZ State Champs meet last November was B-level.)

Opinions differed as to whether A meets lose money, break even, or raise money.

Decided we need (1) much better understanding of specific requirements for A-level meet and (2) good sense of club members' preferences and willingness to work on either

an A meet or the ROGAINE or both. John Maier and Mark Parsons agreed to study the official A-level requirements and present a proposal at the June 20 business meeting. ✻ Tentatively set first weekend in April 1995 for next ROGAINE, at site near Parker Canyon Lake, with Mark Parsons as course setter. Date and site subject to probable weather conditions and major calendar conflicts.

Next Business Meeting: Sunday, May 15, 7 p.m., potluck supper at 6:30; at Kathy Creath's, 4043 E. Quiet Moon Drive, 577-8203. (From Sunrise Drive, between Pontatoc and Campbell, go north on Via Palomita; give your name to the guard and get specific directions.) **Agenda:** More on 1995 ROGAINE site, date, entry fees vs. costs; Mark Parsons will show maps of possible sites. More on club's long-term financial status.

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

TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB CALENDAR

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| May 15 | Meet: Slavin Gulch, in Dragoon Mountains
See details in this issue. |
| May 15 | Business/Planning Meeting, 6:30/7 p.m.
See 4/17 meeting report in this issue. |
| 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
(See Editor's Note, Page 2.) |
| June 4-5 | Mapping Camp for AZ State Champs meet (Details in this issue) |
| June 19 | Meet: Bear Wallow, in Catalina Mountains
Courses: <u>??</u> ; Meet Director: Marley Beard |
| June 20 | Business/Planning Meeting, 6:30/7 p.m., at Peg Davis's,
2241 E. Parkway Terrace. |
| 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, in Catalina Mountains, with Showers Point group
campsite reserved
Courses: Max Suter; Meet Director: <u>??</u> |
| August 13-14 | Arizona State Championship Meet: Lower Lake Mary, near Flagstaff
(Organized jointly by PHXO and TOC) |

Sept. 18 Meet: Rosemont Junction, Santa Rita Mountains
 Courses: _____ ?? _____; Meet Director: _____ ??

Oct. 16 Meet: Whetstones
 Courses: _____ ?? _____; Meet Director: _____ ??

April 1, 1995 No fooling! Arizona ROGAINE, site near Parker Canyon Lake
 (tentative) Courses: Mark Parsons; Meet Director: _____ ??

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TRAINING TIPS: RE-LOCATING

—adapted from *Orienteering San Diego*

It is very important to keep "in contact" with the map so that you always know just where you are. But what do you do if, in spite of your best efforts, or more likely, because of a lapse in concentration, you discover that you just may not know exactly where you are?

"Relocating" is the technique of redetermining your location when you have been "temporarily dis-located." Your first indication that all might not be well usually comes with a feeling that the map isn't quite right, the terrain doesn't quite agree with the map, or, worse yet, doesn't agree at all with anywhere that you should be and, what's more, probably hasn't for some time. When you first get any of these impressions, STOP! Do

not run on the same heading "until something looks right"! Do not run in any other direction hoping to see something that looks right! Do not look for or follow other competitors! And do not try to make the map or the terrain match the other; chances are that you will somehow manage to match something up...and that it won't be right..."Let's see...those three boulders could be the ones on the map, but they only mapped two and they didn't get them quite right, and that open space must be the clearing, but it's grown over since the map was made, and that little swale must be the re-entrant that is mapped..."

1. Do try to remember where you were on the map the last time you were certain where you were. Do orient your map to north. Now try to determine how far you have gone since your last certainly known position. What do you know that you have passed in the meantime? If you can answer both of the questions positively, retrace your route to your last certainly known position. If you aren't certain how far you've gone or what you've passed, or if attempting to retrace your route doesn't get you into *terra well-cognita*....

2. Take another good look at the map, noting the route you were supposed to be taking from the last certainly known position; could you have made a parallel error (are there similar features going off in a slightly different direction? Is there another readily-apparent mistake you could have made?

3. Look around....try to find a large or obvious feature that you can pinpoint on the map. Then check the features on the map and the terrain around this feature to be certain that they match up.

4. If the terrain obviously fits in with observations 2 or 3, orienteer from your now-known position to where you wanted to be. If there is little probability of such errors or if the terrain is even a slightly poor match, go to step 5.

5. If the above steps yield unsatisfactory results or if they are taking more time than you would have wanted to waste, BAIL OUT! Take a bearing to a large linear feature that you can't miss, preferably one close to your last control or from which you can easily orienteer to your next control. Make certain when you get there that it is the correct linear feature (fence, road, trail, power line, reentrant, etc.) and that you have correctly located yourself on that feature. (Check the compass bearing of the linear feature...it's easy to make a major mistake in being on a small part of the re-entrant, ride or trail that almost lines up with the one you think you're on.)

6. If you are still "dis-located" and getting really discouraged, go ahead and ask another orienteer where you are and vow to keep in better contact with the map next time (this may not be fair, but you can rationalize that you've already lost enough time to put you out of contention and you weren't really competing anyway).

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