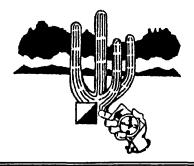
TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB



FEBRUARY 1996



Arizona Sun*Fest and 1996 Western States Championships February 17 & 18, at Redington Pass



A Course Setter's View

----Mark Parsons

For this event, sanctioned by the United States Orienteering Federation and hosted by the Tucson Orienteering Club, we have a new map, a real MAP. Titled "Chimney Rock" and stamped with the U.S.O.F. seal as "Recreation Map AZ 1," this represents an investment of several thousand dollars and at least as many hours of volunteers' time. It was a necessary investment for our 14-year-old club to make in order to be chosen as host for an event of this importance.

Seven square kilometers are displayed on a large format (13 x 18.5 inches) at 1:10,000 scale, with five-meter contour lines and numerous intermediate form lines. The map is printed in multiple colors and shadings. The legend has 35 entries, 10 of them for passability and vegetation. Rock is depicted in nine different ways; distinctive trees and the saguaros are mapped. The field checker walked the area twice, so the map's representation of the ground is surprisingly consistent.

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An internationally regarded course consultant, Scott Donald of British Columbia, is helping us with the 14 different courses: White, Yellow, Orange, Brown, Green, Red, and Blue, all offered each day.

White (2-3 kilometer), short and easy, is the championship course for 12-year-olds. Yellow (3.5-4.5 k), slightly harder, is the championship course for 14-year-olds, and an entry-level course for adults. Orange (4-5 k), of moderate difficulty, is the championship course for 16-year-olds.

Brown (3-4 k), which is the course for the expert senior orienteer, and Green (4-5k), Red (5-7k), Blue (7-12 k) are all difficult courses. Only mapped features can be used for control placement, and the advanced courses will take advantage of the fine detail of this map.

This orienteering meet will undoubtedly feature the very highest degree of quality control we have ever been able to achieve. If you want to share in a premium orienteering event, pre-register (pay the late fee after February 1), and you will run with a very carefully pre-marked map. The more pre-registered people there are, the smoother the day will go.

We still need volunteers for a variety of tasks. Please call the meet director, Keith McLeod, at 577-0570 evenings, to offer to help.

The advent of a new map is noted across this continent, and it is no coincidence that the United States O Fed's winter board meeting will be held at Camp Adventure, the meet headquarters, on Saturday afternoon.

At last, we have a "no excuses" map. The terrain and vegetation will provide the unprepared with enough excuses. This country is runnable (or hoppable) over 90 percent of the map, but small, very stickery vegetation, and unmapped cactus patches and thorny shrubs are abundant. Thorny gaiters (and lots of scratches!) will be *de rigueur* among the winners. This course setter believes the majority of the courses will be won by persons who have never orienteered in the desert before.

Camp Adventure is in the northeast part of the city and is somewhat on the route from anywhere else in Tucson to the actual meet site. Please come by Camp Adventure to pick up riders to the meet and to carpool. Some orienteers from afar may need a ride.

We will have a lot of cars out there at the meet, and the U.S. Forest Service is going to watch what we do very closely. Please follow the directions of the parking crew.

[Mark Parsons is the course setter for Saturday, February 17. The courses for Sunday, February 18, are being set by John Little.]

FLASH! FLASH! READ ALL ABOUT IT.....

Robin Shannonhouse, USOF Executive Director, was contacted by *Sports Illustrated* magazine in connection with the possibility of sending a writer to Tucson to do an article on orienteering, in general, and OUR Sun*Fest, in particular. They are interested in doing a series on less common sports, and orienteering certainly qualifies! Robin directed them to Keith McLeod for further information. We're expecting a great crowd and a successful meet, but wouldn't *that* be the frosting on the cake?

Sun*Fest Is Open to All

Everyone—club members and friends, beginner, novice, or expert—is invited to enjoy the Sun*Fest courses. You are welcome to compete on just one day or on both days; you can either pre-register, which will be a big help, or register at the site on the days of the meet. If you pre-register, your map will already be marked with your course and you'll have a pre-assigned start time.

Map hikers can go out in teams, but the fee remains \$6 per person per day (including the map). There is *no late fee* for map hikers registering on the days of the meet.

Forms for pre-registration were sent out with the club newsletter in November and January. Club members can arrange to phone in their pre-registrations, so please contact Marilyn as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about registration and fees, the meet schedule, or dinner reservations, please contact the meet registrar, Marilyn Cleavinger, at: phone 795-2081; FAX 795-3227: E-mail clever@azstarnet.com.

Reservations for dinner, Saturday evening at Camp Adventure, can be accepted until at least February 12 or 13. The catered buffet menu includes beef, chicken, or vegetable fajitas (choose one), other Mexican specialties, dessert, and beverage.

After dinner John Maier will show slides of the Southwest. The top man and top woman running on the most advanced courses will talk about their first-day courses and describe the routes they chose.

It should be a fun evening, so consider joining our guests from all over the U.S.A., Canada, and from other many parts of the world. Show them some good of Tucson hospitality.

Time Schedule for Sun*Fest

Feb. 1 Postmark pre-registration to avoid late fees

Feb. 9 Receipt deadline for pre-registration with late fees

Feb. 12 Pre-registered entries call for start times: 6-8 a.m., 6-8 p.m.

Feb. 16 10 a.m.-4 p.m., training site open, Redington Pass

Feb. 16 3-9 p.m., Check-in for pre-registered entries at Camp Adventure

Saturday, Feb. 17, at Redington Pass meet site:

9-11 a.m., check-in for pre-registered entries

9-10:30 a.m., walk-up registration

9:30 a.m., Beginner Clinic

10:00 a.m., First Start

Saturday, Feb. 17, at Camp Adventure:

Babysitting, by reservation, during competition

String-O for klds

3:00 p.m., USOF Board of Directors meeting. The public is invited to attend.

5:30 p.m., dinner, by reservation

Sunday, February 18, at Redington Pass meet site:

9-11 a.m., check-in for pre-registered entries

9-10:30 a.m., walk-up registration

9:00 a.m., First Start

9:15 a.m., Beginner Clinic

Sunday, February 18, at Camp Adventure:

Babysitting, by reservation, during competition

String-O for kids

2:00 p.m., Awards Ceremony

Entry and Other Fees for Sun≭Fest

19 and older, \$15/day; under 19, \$10/day (USOF/IOF discount-deduct \$3/day)

Late fee after February 1, @ \$5/day of competition

Map hiker, \$6/day (Late fee doesn't apply to Map Hikers who don't ask for map with course pre-printed.)

Dinner, by reservation, \$10 adult; \$7 child under 12

T-shirts, by advance order, \$10 short sleeves; \$12 long sleeves; \$7 children's, short-sleeves Camping per person over 18, \$15 Friday and Saturday; \$10 one night

Training map, \$2 each Babysitting at Camp Adventure during competition, by reservation, \$2/hour/child

Directions

To Camp Adventure at 9239 E. Wrightstown Road from Wilmot and Speedway: take Speedway east to Harrison Road; turn left (north) onto Harrison. In about one-half mile, Harrison gently curves west into Wrightstown Road. Camp Adventure is about .3 mile west, on your right, and is marked with a roadside sign ("Camp Adventure and Tucson Country Day School"). OR: take Tanque Verde Road toward the east, and after the Sabino Canyon Road intersection, watch for the big overhead sign for Wrightstown Road, which tells you to get in the right lane and stay right when Tanque Verde Road goes up over the overpass. Continue on Wrightstown Road about two miles, and Camp Adventure will be on your left. (If you curve south onto Harrison Road, you'll know you went too far!)

To the meet at Redington Pass, from Wilmot and Speedway: Wilmot northbound becomes Tanque Verde Road. Take Tanque Verde Road east. Six miles east of Houghton Road, it will become Redington Road, dirt-surfaced, winding, rough, and narrow in spots. The meet will be on your left, about 7.3 miles from the end of the pavement. To the meet from Camp Adventure: Go east on Wrightstown, which becomes Harrison (you are now southbound), go one-half mile to Speedway and turn left. Continue east on Speedway to Houghton Road. Turn north, go about one mile to Tanque Verde Road, turn east, and proceed as above.

Please do stop by Camp Adventure to pick up riders to the meet and to carpool, if possible. We will have a lot of cars at the meet site, and the USFS is going to watch what we do very closely. Please follow the directions of the parking crew.

Sun∗Fest—Finally, It's Here!

--Keith McLeod

During the past year, your newsletter has featured stories of Sun*Fest, Tucson's first national meet. We anticipate this meet could draw 250 participants! This event provides us with an opportunity to showcase Tucson, and an opportunity to witness first-class orienteering with top U.S. competitors. Even after all the coverage it has received, you may still have some questions.

- Q. Sun*Fest is a two-day meet. Must I attend both days?
- A. No. You can attend either day or both.
- Q. Can I attend one day, and still attend the Saturday night dinner, or camp overnight at Camp Adventure?
- A. Yes. Yes. (But please make reservations, if possible.)
- Q. What if I do not want to run on a particular color course, per my age, on the registration?
- A. You can register for any color course, regardless of your age; however, you can only win awards on your competitive color course.
- Q. Can a first-time orienteer attend and participate?
- A. Absolutely. Nationally, most beginning orienteers become aware of our sport due to the promotion of an A meet.
- Q. What is an A meet?
- A. It is a meet officially sanctioned by the U. S. Orienteering Federation. It has rigid guidelines for the number and length of courses, the quality of the map, and other meet requirements. To support our meet and create greater attendance, the USOF Board of Directors designated our meet as the Western States Championship for 1996 (similar to a Western States Super Bowl). This will bring some top U.S. orienteers to Tucson. "A" meets tend to be more formal, to have more courses, pre-printed maps (thus, the reason for advanced registration), more competitors, more experienced competitors, and to draw participants from Canada, other foreign countries, and throughout the United States. The map you will use is very precise and will be in five colors.
- Q. Are there any other activities taking place at Sun*Fest?
- A. Yes. The USOF Board of Directors will attend, compete, and hold board meetings. The public is invited to attend these meetings.
- Q. If I help our local club, can I still orienteer?
- A. Absolutely. In fact, we'd appreciate your help so other club workers can orienteer, too. Helping out can mean one day, two days, or a few hours. Whatever amount of time you can offer will be appreciated.
- Q. Do you have a babysitter for my children so I can compete?
- A. Yes. We will hire someone if no one volunteers. This is one task still needed to fill. It is only needed when the parents are orienteering. If you possess this skill, you could help us either day. Babysitting will be at Camp Adventure on Wrightstown Road. It is

- a marvelous place with facilities for children. During the week, it operates as a day school.
- Q. What about quarters?
- A. Camping is available at Camp Adventure (meet headquarters). Local orienteers are opening up their homes to outside competitors. (Eight people are staying at my place, forcing me to tent out at Camp Adventure.) Local hotels are also being used. Call Mike Huckaby at 324-0209. He is coordinating the home stays and visiting orienteers.
- Q. Will there be a Sun*Fest T-shirt?
- A. Certainly. Be sure to order one; it pictures a running cactus (great design).
- Q. What are pre-printed maps?
- A. At local meets, we supply a map and you have to record your course from a master map. At an A meet, your course is pre-printed and is given to you when you start.
- Q. Camp Adventure is meet headquarters?
- A. Yes. It is the central meeting place for babysitting, camping, USOF Board of Directors' meetings, Saturday night catered dinner, Saturday night entertainment, reliving orienteering war stories, and just mixing.
- Q. Will there be a String-O? What is a String-O?
- A. Yes, there will be a String-O course at Camp Adventure. String-O is a beginner orienteering course that can be done by VERY YOUNG children, even non-readers. They will be following a course laid out with string, and will be matching stickers, rather than reading control letters (for instance, at the Frog control, they would get a frog sticker to put on their card). Michal Lebl has very kindly offered to set up this course for the children. Bring your children and/or neighbor's children to get their very first taste of orienteering. (Let's get'em started young!)

I have orienteered for over 20 years, been on the USOF Board of Directors for six years, and attended many A meets. For years, my friends in this sport have urged me to produce an A meet in Tucson. Now it is happening, and many from across the country are attending.

It started as a dream, at the urging of John Maier and Mark Parsons a couple of years ago. Through the efforts of Marley Beard (finish), Sue Roberts (start), Jim Stamm (Advertising/PR), John Andrews (emergency services), Mary English (meet supplies), Pat Penn (awards), Rachel Gelbin (site headquarters, T-shirts, Saturday night meal), Lois Kimminau (financial records), Marilyn Cleavinger (registration), Mike Collins (results), Roger Sperline (his marvelous map productions), Mark Parsons (Courses, Day One), John Little (Courses, Day Two), and John Maier (Map, Field, Course Vetting), and many others, it is finally happening. These extraordinary, skilled people have devoted thousands of hours for this special sporting event. You will have fun, and you will receive great value for your participation.

Show your support. Attend and participate. When you look back at your orienteering experience a year from now, five years from now, you will be able to say, "I was there."

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TSN Club meets are held regularly on the third Sunday of the month, year-round. Meet sites are subject to change. The schedule is updated every month in this newsletter.

- Feb. 1 Sun*Fest preregistration (postmark) deadline (to avoid late fees).
- Feb. 9 Sun*Fest late preregistration receipt deadline (late fees charged).
- Feb. 9 Business/Planning Meeting and Sun≭Fest Work Session. 6-9 p.m. See January meeting report, page 9
- Feb. 16 Sun*Fest Training Site Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Redington Pass. John Maier in charge.

- Feb. 16 Sun*Fest Check-In for pre-registered competitors and for campers, 3-9 p.m., Camp Adventure.
- Feb. 26 March newsletter deadline.

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March	TSN O Club Officer Elections for April 1996-March 1997 term.	April 1	New club officers start.
	Suggestions, self-nominations: call Mike	April 21	Slavin Gulch, Dragoon Mountains
	Huckaby, 324-0209. Ballot, if needed, in March newsletter.	Meet	Courses: Jeff Brucker (886-2528) and Robin Staples, assistant Directors:
March 8	Business/Planning Meeting, 7 p.m., at		
	Wilkey Richardson's.	May 19	Cave Creek, Santa Rita Mountains
March 17	Fort Huachuca	June 16	Carr Canyon, Huachuca Mountains
Meet	Courses: John Maier (586-7300) and		
	Mike Huckaby (324-0209)	July 20	Sixth Annual Arizona ROGAINE
	Directors: ??	Meet	Mogollon Rim, near Flagstaff
			(NOTE DATE CHANGE:)

March 25 April newsletter deadline.

Experienced course setters are usually happy (with advance notice of about a month) to work with apprentices who want to learn to set courses. If there is enough interest, separate training for course setting can be organized.

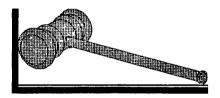
Directing a meet consists essentially of setting up and supervising the Registration and Timing areas, with help from other volunteers. Teams of two are encouraged.

If you're interested, call Mike Huckaby, vice president, 324-0209.

President's Corner

-John Maier

Sun*Fest has arrived! And with it a milestone in the history of our club. Why is this event so special? I can give you three reasons:



- 1.) The map: Made to exacting standards and in easy-to-ready color, thanks to hundreds and hundreds of hours spent by Plamen Djambazov and Roger Sperline. This is by far our most sophisticated production to date. Beginning and developing orienteers will love how easy it is to read and understand this map. It is the best possible map on which to learn and hone orienteering skills. Old hands will marvel at the quality and completeness of detail. It sets a new standard of quality for us.
- 2.) The courses: Not the normal 3 or 4 courses, but 7! Something for everyone. Courses have been checked, refined, and rechecked by the course-setting and vetting team to assure you of the proper length and difficulty for each. There will be numerous categories on each course and more awards and ribbons than ever before.
- 3.) The event: Pre-registrants have already guaranteed us the largest turnout ever for a TSN event. Final tally will approach 250 entrants, including people from all parts of the nation and Canada. It's rumored that *Sports Illustrated* will be reporting on the action. More than just a competition, this will be an experience we'll talk about for years to come....a happening!

At Camp Adventure, our Saturday evening dinner will be catered in style. Then the leading elite man and woman will show and tell how they orienteered into first place that day. Following this, I have the honor of presenting a slide program which will feature hiking gems, slot canyons, and remote beaches in and around Arizona.

The map, the courses, the event.....all top notch. I hope you can all attend this special occasion. Be able to say, "Yup, I was there," when we talk about it around future campfires. You'll not be sorry.

January Business/Planning Meeting

The January meeting was held on January 12 at the home of Marilyn Cleavinger, John Maier, president, presiding. Attendees included Roger Sperline, Marilyn Cleavinger, Mary English, Mike Huckaby, Wilkey Richardson, Sue Roberts, Mark Parsons, Mike Collins, Pat Penn, and Helen Deluga. These people are now eligible for the National Orienteering Team \$1,000,000 sweepstakes, otherwise known as NOT A Million.

- A motion was passed to pay mapper Plamen Djambazov \$225 for the additional 3/4 kilometer area mapped over the initial 7 kilometers. We will also pay him \$125 for mileage costs incurred during the Redington Pass mapping.
- Newsletter printing costs may rise due to some future unavailability of our current printer, Eber Glendening. We need to find the next lowest cost alternative for these occasions. The club passed a motion to allow Lois to pay \$10 a month to use an available stamp processing method to help prepare the newsletters for mailing. Various alternatives to save money and/or time were discussed. We thought that maybe we'd just send Christmas cards instead.
- Club elections are coming up in March. Many officers have volunteered to continue in their current or another position. Wilkey Richardson has volunteered to be President (he just has to beat Clinton), Helen Deluga and Marilyn Cleavinger will continue as Secretary/Treasurer and Membership Chair, respectively. Mike Huckaby has volunteered to do publicity (as if he doesn't get enough publicity already), and Lois Kimminau has agreed to continue her fine work as Newsletter Editor (writer, collator, stamper, mailer...). However, the offices of Vice President and Map Chair still remain open. Please call one of the current officers if you are interested in these (or other) positions. This is a great way to learn more of what goes on behind the scenes of an orienteering club and to work with a great bunch of people. It also locks great on your resume!

NEXT MEETING: Friday, February 9, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; potluck supper starting at 6; at home of Sue Roberts and Roger Sperline, 4600 North Avenida del Cazador, 577-8519. *Directions:* from River Road, go north on Swan Road about a quarter of a mile; turn east on Paseo del Bac (clearly marked) and continue to the end/Cazador; their driveway is about 100 feet to the south. *Agenda:* Sun*Fest details; preparation of many, various Sun*Fest materials. Lots of help needed!

Greasewood Number-O Great Success

-Michal Lebl

This meeting was quite unusual. We have never seen so many new orienteers, and so many of them young. The fear that they will get lost, especially with the new rules of the meet, proved to be unsubstantiated. They all came back in time, they all understood the rules, and they all, hopefully, had fun and will come again.

Everybody was ready to start at 10:30, but the start was postponed due to late comers still registering. The registration table was kept busy, with more people than expected. (There were 99 people participating in the meet, 5 spectators, and 1 dog.) The only one who didn't read the newsletter carefully and showed up late for the mass start was Keith, but he got a taste of the meet anyway by helping to retrieve the controls. The rules explanation was brief, but everybody understood. Well, with one exception—we had to disqualify John, who was as usual extremely fast, visited all controls, and brought back an unbelievable 543 points! But, unfortunately, of all colors. This was the tricky rule: to bring only points of the color of your category, or white points, or points from one (but only one) control from a different category. (Actually most of the participants used this rule—it probably felt good for a beginner to steal 20 points from an expert.) We didn't find any attempts at cheating. Two teams visited the same control twice, but obviously this was only because they didn't remember that they had already been there (15 and 3 points from the same control). Once we found that the points of different color were taken in addition to (not instead of) the appropriate color, but we qualified this as a mistake. Controls appearing during the competition made a good excuse to take a break, but even with taking a break Dan Cobbledick managed to visit 37 controls and collect 491 points (surprisingly, he didn't manage to get 20 points—to be the first at the control—from any of the controls in his category). Another challenge was to bring all the point strips to the finish-one orienteerer lost his bag of strips and brought only four. We also experienced amazing (but not well understood) strategy—in one control a 5-point strip was not taken, but 4-, 3-, and 2-point strips were!

The response to this meet was different before the run ("This is crazy...") and after the run ("This was fun!"). Since we have found only one comment on the feedback sheet ("Perfect Greasewood event! Great concept!"), we don't know whether the participants were just glad that it is over, or whether they would like to try it again. Of course we don't suggest this concept for the regular meets—but in Greasewood, where everybody knows every stone by its first name, we thought that "something different" would be appropriate. Let us know!

We would like to thank all of you who helped before the start, at the registration, counting the results, and retrieving the controls. Peg was frustrated, since the lesson she gave to the beginners at the clinic was for another meet, but we hope that they will come again and they will see the punches, and bags, and everything. Our special thanks go to Roger Sperline who modified the map (unfortunately xeroxing took away most of the fine details), so that nobody could tell which controls are permanent and which are the bags.

	Blue (70 min)	
	1T Randy Heaton Team	445
95	1M Andy Moore	415
94	2T Catalina Javelinas	354
86	3T Tram Opel	332
	1W Katarina Oberg	320
298	4T Flyers	314
272	5T Doug Maus & Co	299
271	6T Paloma	265
252	7T Staples & Carroll	229
229	2M Paul Friedland	218
220	3M Bob Kelley	209
200	2W GeeGee Larrington	174
189	Red (60 min)	
174	1M Dan Cobbledick	491
142	2M Jim Deveny	439
140	3M Michael Collins	438
134	4M Jeff Brucker	418
107	1T Red Dog Raiders	357
89	5M Mike Huckaby	244
46	1W Helen Deluga	238
	John Maier (DSQ)	543
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