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# Tucson Orienteering Club



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## New Meet Site at Brady Wash

—Wilkey Richardson

We will be breaking in another new map on November 15! The Brady Wash site is between Oracle Junction and Florence on SR 79 (see directions below). Although less hilly than the Silverbell site, the wash system creates some interesting orienteering terrain.

The usual five courses will be set: White, Yellow, Orange, Green, Red. Something for everyone!

Also, this is a joint meet with the Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club. We hope to have a good turnout from both clubs, since it won't be too far from either place.

Due to the lack of a suitable site, there will be no Club-sponsored camping.

As usual, volunteers are needed to run registration and timing tables, and to collect controls after the meet. Contact one of the meet directors, Pat Penn (326-2339) or Margrit McIntosh (795-3083) to offer your help. Remember, you can still compete before or after you do your good deed!

**Directions:** From Tucson, take Oracle Road (SR 77) to Oracle Junction. Turn left on SR 79. Drive northwest on SR 79 about 20 miles. At 0.6 mile north of milepost 111, turn right on Freeman Road (signed junction). Drive 4.3 miles east on Freeman Road to the meet site. Parking will be restricted to the right (south) side of the road. (If coming from the Phoenix area, take SR79 heading southeast out of Florence. Freeman Road is about four miles southeast of the Tom Mix Monument. Turn left on Freeman Road and follow the directions above.)

**Fees:** \$8/individual, \$10/team; \$5 discount for TSN, PHX, USOF, or SAHC members. Compasses rent for \$1. Safety whistles sell for \$1. *Every per-*

*son, all courses, all meets* is required to carry some type of safety whistle.

**Schedule:**

9:00 a.m. Registration opens.

9:30 a.m. Courses open. Beginners' clinic starts.

12:00 noon. Last time to start a course.

12 noon-2 p.m. Route choice reviews

2:00 p.m. Courses close. Begin control retrieval—good orienteering practice, lots of help always needed. Volunteer before 2 p.m. with the meet director.

**Check-In:** To insure that all are safe, *everyone, whether finished with the course or not*, must check in formally at Start/Finish before leaving the meet site.

**Newcomers:** Go directly to Registration.

Ask for instructions and introductory information. To allow time to register before attending the beginners' clinic, arrive between 9 and 9:15 a.m.

**Route-Choice Reviews:** Between noon and 2 p.m., the course setter or an advanced orienteer will discuss route choices with returning participants, probably near Start/Finish area.



**Tell a Friend!**

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# A Planner's Plea

—Dan Coombs

**WE NEED VETTERS.** First, let me apologise to the people on the Red course at Empire Ranch. I copied a control incorrectly onto the master map which you all copied, meaning none of you could find control number 1. This happened despite my re-checking the map board just before the event.

To put this into perspective—I have set controls for 10 days of orienteering in my life. Of those, six were in the UK where vettors (controllers, we call them) look over the setter's shoulder and check that the controls are in the right place, the descriptions are correct, etc. The other four were here in sunny Arizona.

So far I have made three serious errors when setting courses. All three took place in Arizona, with no vetter. At Redington Pass last year, I put one control in the wrong place and put the wrong control code on the descriptions for one course. Then I made the master map error at Empire Ranch.

I think the fact that no errors made their way to the competitors' attention while I was in the UK is a direct effect of having a vetter. I appreciate that the Club is having trouble getting people to take on jobs for the meets—I therefore suggest that we have a "limited vetter" who checks the following items:

**Before the day of the event:** check that the courses planned are reasonable, and in particular that the White and Yellow courses are not too hard. (I reiterate that the White course cannot be too easy.) Also, check that enough water will be available on the courses.

**On the day of the event:** check that the master maps, the map used for hanging the controls, and the control descriptions match exactly.

This job would take only a pleasant hour or so before the event and a few minutes on the morning of the event.

I see no reason why a limited vetter should be noncompetitive. Of course, if the vetter has more time, then he/she should try to check the locations of the flags (usually marked out in advance by the setter with tape) and become a noncompetitive runner.

Of my three serious mistakes, the limited vetter would have caught two. A real vetter would have caught all three.

## Ribbons

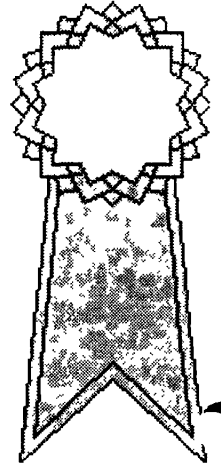
—Lois Kimminau

Have you earned ribbons that you haven't received? Ribbons are no longer mailed with the newsletters. When they are enclosed, the newsletter must be sent by first-class mail. Ribbons are available at each meet for the winners to pick up. **You are responsible for getting your ribbon.**

Ribbons will be placed near Registration or Results in a box or envelope. They will be held for six months after a meet. If they haven't been picked up in that length of time, we will assume that you didn't want it, and it will be recycled.

Due to the large number of ribbons that were not picked up, and are therefore being recycled, I ask you again to please let me know if you don't care about receiving ribbons, or if you only want first-place ribbons. It will save me the trouble of making them and will save the club some money too.

I have a "No-Ribbon" list that I consult each month. Please call me at 296-2108 if you want me to add your name.



# Moonless at Empire Ranch

—Garey Cash

Although it was a little breezy, the temperatures both night and day were ideal for orienteering. The skies were clear, blue, and enticing to anyone who enjoys the outdoors.

Saturday's four-control course was a rather informal affair, due partly to my lack of experience, but it went smoothly. Thanks to everybody who helped out.

The only hitch on the Sunday courses was a slightly misplaced control (#1) on the Red course. Sorry, Max, but at least you're *not* DNF.

Great job on all the courses by **Dan Coombs** (Green and Red) and **Kevin Gross** (White, Yellow, and Orange). Dan particularly asked to let everyone know that this was Kevin's first try at course setting, and he did a beautiful and error-free job.

I was a little nervous about directing my first meet, but with **Roger Sperline's** reassurance, plus a super job on the Beginners' Clinic, all went well. Many thanks to **Dave Sam** (the Man) for Timing and Finishing the entire day. **Marley Beard** and **Audrey Brooks** made it look easy at Registration. Also, endless thanks to **Mary English** for storing and sorting out all the equipment.

And last but not least, another excellent job of control retrieval by **Pete Cowgill, Judy Bodkin, Mark Parsons, GeeGee Larrington, Jim DeVeny, and Carol Brucker.**

If you've never directed a meet, I encourage you to do so. It's not difficult with the right crew to back you up.

Oh, yes, the moonless part.....there was a couple out there Saturday night with an 18 inch telescope who showed the few of us who camped a thing or two. What a show!

<b>White Course</b>		2T Nite Lizards	137:20	<b>Red Course</b>	
1W Dale Ganley	35:32	3T LaPlante	140:06	1M Jeremy McKnight	87:01
2W Kyoko Suter	44:24	1M Andre Lebovich	143:25	2M Max Suter	88:20
3W Claudia Weaver	99:33	4T Rusty Bolts	172:30	3M Don Fallis	103:12
<b>Yellow Course</b>		5T Anne & Janine	178:00	4M Mark Fochesato	115:19
1M Pat Madea	60:30	6T Crash	189:10	5M Roger Sperline	128:56
2M Chris Suter	71:51	Rec. Carol Brucker, GeeGee Larrington		1W Peg Davis	129:38
1W Bev Parks	76:15	<b>Green Course</b>		<b>Ribbons for first, second, and third place winners in each category will be available at the next meet (Brady Wash). Please pick yours up in the Registration area.</b>	
1T Catalina Javelinas	93:55	1M Mark Parsons	56:40		
2T Lost Dutchmen	128:30	2M John Little	59:26		
Rec. Dale Ganley, Jess Walker, Riga, Disoriented, Ted Norris		1T Beauty & ...	93:08		
<b>Orange Course</b>		3M Jim DeVeny	97:48		
1W Kay Mathiesen	87:50	4M Ken Zontek	124:08		
1T Russian Bears	104:56	1W Sue Roberts	149:32		
		Malo	DNF		

## October Business/Planning Meeting

The meeting was held on October 27 at the home of Peg Davis. Present were: Jeff and Carol Brucker, Mary English, Wilkey Richardson, Lois Kimminau, Jeff Brodsky, Peg Davis, and Roger Sperline.

The following items were discussed: ways of increasing membership; giving a special one-time discount to groups; having more intermediate training opportunities, such as map hikes; having more two-day events with overnight camping; scheduling regular map-check days to improve our maps; tentative planning for a fall 1999 ROGAINE; and extending the meet schedule through October 1999.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 1999, at 7 p.m., at the home of Peg Davis. All members are invited, welcome, and eligible to vote.

**Truth Is Stranger...Gleanings from the O'Net****Bizarre Event Problems***—Bryan Teahen, New Zealand*

I've been involved in too many meets and seen all sorts of problems:

- (1) The last control not put out in a multi-day event. The embarrassed organizers had to quickly run with a control and put it into place, in front of the spectators.
- (2) Fallen trees completely covering a control and only the clipper (punch) could be seen. Most orienteers found it and went on—they thought I had been trying to make it trickier for them.
- (3) Controls moved by the criminal element—the control site was too near cannabis plots—and they came and removed it.



- (4) Control in a depression completely covered by water after a downpour.
- (5) A mapper had a 1:7500 basemap, which he thought was a 1:10,000. For printing, it was reduced to 67% to print at 1:15,000. In fact, the 1:7500 thus reduced printed at 1:11,250—the apparent km times were fantastic!

- (6) A cow got into the act: he completely licked, chewed, and spit out one control. It must have looked like a salt lick.
- (7) At one club event, the organizers ran out of maps and had to ask early finishers to allow their maps to be recycled to the later runners.
- (8) A control was blown 400 m downhill after a very windy night before the event.
- (9) All the courses had to be redrawn the night before the event when the pen originally used was found to be water-soluble.
- (10) An enraged bull, stung by bees near one control, chased competitors who tried to get near it.
- (11) A river on one course had become swollen and raging; racers were forced to swim it eight times to finish. (This event should have been cancelled.)

*(Cartoons on these two pages  
by Ron Dunlavy.)*

# Club Calendar

## November 15, Brady Wash (northwest of Oracle Junction), *new site & map*

Course Setter: Wilkey Richardson (529-1105)

Course Vetter: VACANT

Meet Directors: Pat Penn (326-2339) and Margrit McIntosh (795-3083)

## November 23, Newsletter Deadline

See submittal information below.

## December 20, Silver Bell (west of Marana)

Course Setters: Marilyn Cleavenger (795-2081) and Marley Beard (297-0180)

Course Vetter: VACANT

Meet Director: Ann Haber (293-0262)

## 1999

## January 17, Chimney Rock, Redington Pass

Course Setter: Mark Parsons (520-423-3013)

Course Vetter: VACANT

Meet Director: Keith McLeod (529-1808)

## February 21, Cat Mountain, Tucson Mountains

Course Setter: Dan Coombs (881-3136)

Course Vetter: VACANT

Meet Directors: Greg & Carol Starr (743-7052)

## March 21, Slavin Gulch, Dragoon Mountains

Course Setter: Mark Parsons (520-423-3013)

Course Vetter: VACANT

Meet Director: Ted Norris (722-8922)

## April 19, Catalina State Park

## May 17, Palisades/Showers Point, Mt. Lemmon

## June 21, Greasewood City Park Early-O

## July 20-21, Lake Mary, near Flagstaff

## August 16, Lincoln City Park Early-O

## September 20, Slavin Gulch, Dragoon Mountains

## October 18, Empire Ranch, Cottonwood Windmill



*TSN Club meets are held regularly on the third Sunday of the month, year-round.*

*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.*

*Please call Peg Davis at 628-8985 if you can help with any of these meets.*

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### Newsletter Submittals

The deadline for newsletter items is shown in the monthly calendar. Please try to meet the deadline, or call the editor if there is a problem. All members are invited and encouraged to send informational or opinion articles on any orienteering topic.

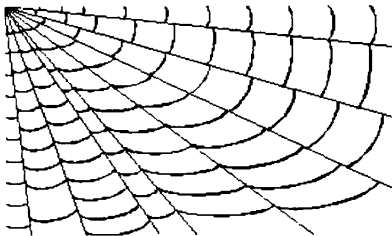
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<http://www.cloudbow.com/sites/toc/>

**Also, for links to all the West Coast club sites, go to**

<http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/4040>

### TSN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Check one: New Member  Renewal  Date on label \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: Individual (\$10)  Household (\$15)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you help staff a club meet? Yes, call me.  E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Members receive a monthly newsletter, have voting privileges and access to Club library, and receive a \$5 discount per meet. Make checks payable to Tucson Orienteering Club and send to P. O. Box 13012, Tucson, AZ 85732.