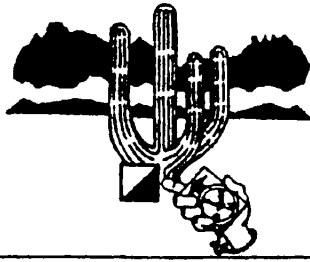


# Tucson Orienteering Club



## Newsletter Submittals

The deadline for items for the January newsletter is December 27. 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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—Lois Kimminau

December 1999

## December Meet at Starr Pass

—Max Suter

Our next monthly orienteering meet will be held Sunday, December 19, in the Tucson Mountains, at 2,700-3,000 feet elevation, on the Cat Mountain map (1:10,000 scale, 20-foot contour intervals), in typical Sonoran Desert vegetation. Orienteers migrate seasonally, and, whereas last month's meet was in grassland and open oak forest, it is the time of the year again to navigate around cholla clusters and to use saguaros as landmarks.

For newcomers, wear trousers, not shorts. Furthermore, orienteering shoes are not designed for this coarse rocky surface: your feet will hurt! Use hiking boots or trail running shoes. (The only place in southern Arizona where I feel comfortable in orienteering shoes is in the pine forest on Mount Lemmon.)

A Skore-O will be offered (60 and 90 minute categories), as well as White (beginner) and Yellow (advanced beginner) point-to-point courses. The level of difficulty of the Skore-O (control locations as well as routes) will be Orange (intermediate) and above. The map control locations of the Skore-O and the clues will be pre-copied and you will be able to look at them before the start.

At a Skore-O, you are your own course setter. You may want to stay in the lower (and easier) center part of the map or go for the more difficult controls in the gullies and ridges at the margins of the map, or even for that 200-pointer on top of Cat Mountain (...just kidding; Cat Mountain is not on the map).

Alternatively, you may participate in the Skore-O recreationally. This gives you even more freedom—not only will you be able to design your own course, but also to stay out there as long as you want (but not longer than 2 p.m.—see below). You may want to go simply for a map hike or to practice specific skills, like approaching a control from various attack points, or running legs on various routes, and comparing the times. The controls at the map margins could also be used for an exercise in contouring, and these legs also lend themselves to various route choices. Should you contour or should you take the direct, physically more demanding route?

The advantage of a Skore-O for the “course setter” is, of course, that this time nobody will be able to blame me that the courses were too long or too difficult!

Peg Davis will be using this meet to train new meet directors. [If you are reading this page, you will probably be a meet director next year—Peg.] To ease your way, she will walk you through the process in a low-stress explanatory way. Then when it's your turn, everything will be easy and old hat. Give her a call at 628-8985 about apprenticing or volunteering an hour for working Registration, Timing, Beginners' Clinic, or control retrieval.

**Directions:** The start is at the same place as in former years. Take Ajo Way (Route 86, I-19 exit 99) for 5.0 miles west to Kinney Road Drive on Kinney Road 0.7 miles north to Sarasota Boulevard. At the end of Sarasota Boulevard (orienteering meet sign), turn right onto a dirt road, 0.5 mile to parking at the end of this road. Go through the fence gate and take the hiking trail to Starr Pass, the conspicuous gap in the mountain range, at 0.5 mile distance. The Start/Finish area will be on the Tucson side of the pass.

### Schedule:

- 9:00 a.m. Registration opens. Beginners' clinic starts.
- 9:30 a.m. Courses open.
- 12:30 noon Last time to start a course.
- 2:00 p.m. Courses close. Return to Start, even if it means quitting a course before finishing.
- 2:00 p.m. Begin control retrieval—good orienteering practice, lots of help always needed. Volunteer before 10 a.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 attend the Beginners' Clinic, arrive between 9:00 and 9:15 a.m.



Happy  
Holidays!!

### December Business/Planning Meeting

There will be a business/planning meeting on Wednesday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m., at the home of Peg Davis, 2241 East Parkway Terrace. Call Peg at 628-8985 for directions or other information. All members are invited and encouraged to attend club meetings and are eligible to vote.

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*Cat Mountain Run! Join the fun!*  
*December 19, 1999*

#### TSN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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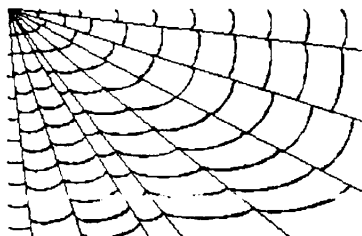
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Can you help staff a club meet?  Yes, call me. E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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.



**Check out the Tucson Orienteering Club web site!**

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

**Also, for links to all the Western area club sites,**

**just type**

**[visitweb.com/SCONET](http://visitweb.com/SCONET) or [go.to/sconet](http://go.to/sconet)**

**into your browser.**

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.