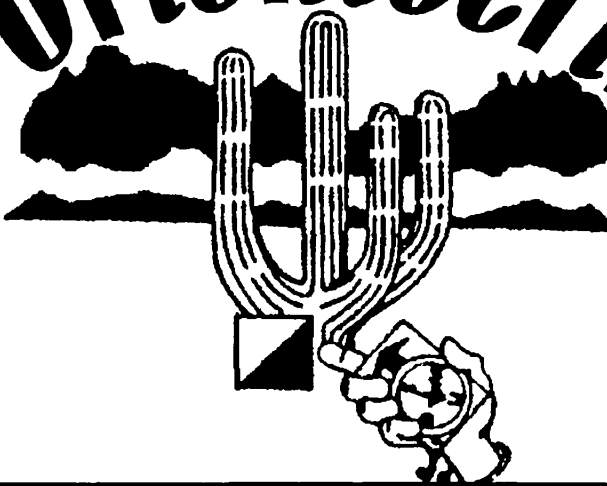


Tucson Orienteering Club



September 1999

1999 Arizona State Champs

Slavin Gulch, September 18-19, 1999

—Mark Parsons

The pools in Slavin Gulch are full, so in addition to some quality orienteering (two days' worth!), world-class rock climbing, great mountain biking, and swimming may also happen.

The area features numerous excellent campsites, but drinking water and toilet facilities are not available. This site is at 4,800 feet elevation and is regarded as a favorite by many in our Club. It is generally free of dense brush and steep hillsides. A third of the map is an open oak forest with big meadows. Much of the area is open and fast, with some mesquite and cat claw, but very little manzanita. There are many rock formations, some quite impressive, and lots of "boulder caves," sandy washes, sharp little re-entrants, small and large knolls. The summer rains have given the area a totally different look from when we orienteered there in April.

Carl and Linda Moore, from Tacoma, Washington, are the course setters for Saturday's event. They are very experienced, nationally ranked orienteers who have attended most of our Rogaine events. They describe Slavin Gulch as a very unique area and have set some very technical courses on the southern part of the map. I designed Sunday's courses with a similar theme, on the northern half of the map.

To be a contender for State Champion, you must compete both days, and of course must meet the usual requirements of being an Arizona resident and competing in the correct category. The categories are as follows:

Category	Course	Volunteers are always needed to help with Registration, Start, and Timing. If you can help, call Meet Director Mike Huckaby at 324-0209.	Fees: \$8/individual, \$10/team, plus \$1 per map for color maps, when used. \$5 discount for TSN, PHX, USOF, or SAHC members. Compasses rent for \$1. Safety whistles sell for \$1. <i>Every person, all courses, all meets</i> is required to carry some type of safety whistle.
M & F 12 years and under	White	Directions: From Tucson, east on I-10 towards El Paso. Take Exit 303, which is Highway 80 to Benson, Douglas, etc. Continue south on Highway 80 to Milepost 315, then turn left (east) on Middle March Road. Go east on Middle March Road for 10 miles to the Coronado Forest boundary. Turn left at the sign "West Stronghold, 8 miles," then follow the O signs for about a mile to the meet site.	Schedule: Saturday 11:00 a.m. Registration opens. 11:30 a.m. Beginners' clinic starts. 12 noon Courses open.
M & F 14 years and under	Yellow		
M & F 16 years & under	Orange		
F Veteran	Orange		
F Open	Green		
M Veteran	Green		
M Open	Red		
Super F	Red		

Saturday's courses may be started from noon until 3 p.m., with courses closing at 5 p.m. Sunday's start times will be from 9:30 to 12 noon, with courses closing at 2 p.m.

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3:00 p.m. Last time to start a course.
 3:00-5:00 p.m. Route choice reviews
 5:00 p.m. Courses close.

Sunday

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

9:30 a.m. Courses open.

1:00 p.m. Last time to start a course.

1:00-2:00 p.m. Route choice reviews

2:00 p.m. Courses close. Begin control retrieval—good orienteering practice, lots of help always needed. Volunteer before 1 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 attend the beginners' clinic, arrive at least 15 minutes before it begins.

Route-Choice Reviews: Between 3 and 5 p.m. Saturday, and 1 and 2 p.m. Sunday, the course setter or an advanced orienteer will discuss route choices with returning participants, probably near Start/Finish area.



Lincoln Park, August 15

—Alexandre Savine

The Lincoln Park Early-O on August 15 was an event for all, despite the well-known site. A city park with its trails and secured perimeter is a good practice ground for beginners, while advanced runners could exercise a Memory-O. Even the Intermediate course had its own intrigue—trails were not on the map, and runners had to rely on bearing or stick to pretty vegetated shallow washes and low ridges.

All three courses were set by Emily Lane, who also took over the timing duties. The only control that caused some complaints was the 'PB' (second on the Intermediate, last on the Memory course). Its clue was 'Tree in the wash'... and a few people were caught by 'definition of what a tree is'. People were looking for something standing above surrounding bushes—and got stranded. This was just one of those green bushes.

Memory courses punish for over-confidence. I got lost on the shortest leg just because I was watching the wrong slope of a ridge. Punishment? Go back one control.

Thanks to **Pat Penn, Max Suter, and Roger Sperline** (I am certainly forgetting someone!!!) for control retrieval. Double-thanks to **Emily Lane**, who pulled off the whole event. And special thanks to **Mary English** who had enough spare equipment to run the event; the bulk of 'TOC hardware' took a vacation after the Lake Mary meet.

Easy

1M	Mike High	27:14
1T	Matisse	67:01
	Eddice Cornelius	Rec
	Slow Moving	Rec
	Brian Smelker	DNF
	Betty J Cather	DNF

Mike High	Rec
Claudia Kunchak	Rec
Sue Tom Kat	Rec
Liz Brace	Rec
Sayed N Ghani	Rec
Tim Murtaugh +	DNF
Cris Suter	DNF
Eddice Cornelius	DNF

Intermediate

1T	Betos	51:04
1M	Max Suter	54:16
1W	Pat Penn	74:18
2W	Sue Roberts	95:44
2T	Star Gazers	97:35
3W	Margrit McIntosh	111:29

Memory

1M	Roger Sperline	37:08
2M	Sasha Savine	40:25
3M	Jim Stamm	67:45
1T	Catalina Javelinas	79:10

Have you registered for the ROGAINE?

Your entry must be postmarked by September 25, 1999, to avoid a late fee. The 1999 Arizona ROGAINE is coming soon—the weekend of

October 23 & 24. Don't miss it!

When Are the State Champs Not the State Champs?

—Peg Davis

The plan was for John Maier to design the courses and flag control locations early in the week, faxing the map to Dave Kreider (our man at the Grand Canyon) and me. Dave would hang the controls two days before the meet.

When John Maier arrived at Lake Mary, he realized that map was not up to the quality he thought was needed to set courses for a state championship meet. He flagged about 30 control locations and faxed the map to me, recommending they be used for a score-O. Eek! Would people be content with a score-O after driving all the way up to Flagstaff?

I then called the accommodating Dave Kreider and asked if, when he hung the controls, he could also hang a few controls in outlying areas so that we could cobble together some loop courses. He did and faxed those locations to me. Then I took over, thus generating the question:

Why should courses not be designed on a faxed copy of a faxed map while sitting at one's desk two hours before driving up to the state champs meet site?

Why do you ask? Is that what you think happened? Well, just hypothetically...

* Perhaps one might misinterpret the map scale and send people off on a course over 10 K long whilst telling them the course is only 4.1 K long.

* Perhaps one might start the Orange course with a 1300 m long leg.

* Perhaps one might not be able to see the contour lines and not be able to indicate elevation change on the course.

* Perhaps one might in a panic forget about choosing easily accessible controls for water and just add two water depots along roads where people could go when they were thirsty, essentially adding two more controls to the course.

* Perhaps not visiting the control locations while setting might result in sending orienteers over unmapped cliffs.

* Perhaps one might miss the pleasure of hearing about how certain aspects of course design made this a "typical John Maier course" when poor John actually had no hand in said design.

* Perhaps one might not know where the start triangle would be located and inadvertently end the Red course with an immensely frustrating dogleg.

Due to the unrelenting good spirits of the attendees, we all had a pretty good weekend. Some people crammed in a lot of orienteering; further map checking done on Sunday will give us a better map for the next time we visit; and all the controls made it back to Tucson.

HELPSIES: Thank you so much!

Most control point selection:

John Maier

More control point selection and hanging: **Dave Kreider**

On-site, under-the-gun White course design: **Keith McLeod**

Beginners' clinic: **Fred Padgett**

Further map checking: **Roger Sperline, John Maier, and Mark Parsons**

Control retrieval: **Don Fallis, Java Junkies, Keith McLeod (Drenched), Mike Huckaby (Drenched), Francisco Luttmann, Jill Luttmann, Mark Parsons, Emily Lane**

Equipment hauling: **the Jeff Br.....s**

Registration and Timing: **GeeGee Larrington, Jeff Brodsky, Emily Lane**

The same courses were open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sunday. How could rankings be decided when some people ran the Orange

course as their first exposure to the map on Saturday, while others ran it on Sunday as their third course of the weekend? You be the judge.

Look at what sequence the course was in the orienteer's weekend in the column after the time.

Red Course

	Time	Order
Sasha Savine	112:40	1
Don Fallis	118:20	1
Jeff Brucker	135:34	1
Jeff Brodsky	142:35	2
Emily North-Lane	199:35	1
Fred Padgett	201:10	1
Matt Dixon	210:50	1
Mike Huckaby	225:38	1
Roy Parker	DNF	1
Studs	DNF	1
Mark Parsons	DNF	1

Green Course

Emily North-Lane	112:39	3
Don Fallis	124:25	2
Jeff Brodsky	155:46	1
Peg Davis	171:55	1
Keith McLeod	177:54	1
Cathy Waterman	226:10	2
Gary Thomas	DNF	1
GeeGee Larrington	DNF	2
Java Junkies	DNF	1

Orange Course

Emily North-Lane	71:58	2
Sue Roberts	142:42	1
Java Jitters	144:50	1

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Lake Mary Leopards	185:10	1
GeeGee Larrington	241:28	1
Cathy Waterman	260:20	1

White Course

Coffee Spots	104:52	1
Barkley Team	Rec	1
Java Jitters	Rec	1
Dewberry Team	Rec	1

Score-O

	(Points - Penalty = Score)			Order
Don Fallis	23	0	23	3
Jeff Brucker	21	0	21	2
Roger Sperline	16	0	16	2
Gary Thomas	12	0	12	2
Sue Roberts	6	0	6	2
Michael Frank	5	-2	3	1
Team Dixon	0	0	0	1
Stanton	no card		0	1
Java Junkies	4	-106	-102	1



Special Recognition:

Steepest learning curve: Cathy Waterman (compare her times on Orange the first day with Green on the second day)

Tie for indefatigability: Don Fallis and Emily North-Lane

Course dropped most often due to injury or illness: Red

Remember when he just used to stroll the courses?: Jeff Brodsky

Best tree climbing: Emily North-Lane

Most pages of literature produced while on map: Keith McLeod

Finally used table built into car: Peg Davis

Piece of equipment I was most grateful to have in both rain and shine: the Start canopy

Innovative Course Setting

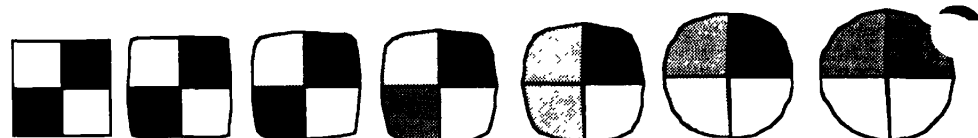
—Lois Kimminau

I just finished reading an article in the July-August 1999 issue of *BAOC Bulletin* (Bay Area Orienteering Club) that I found very interesting....and frightening! It was titled "Innovative Course Setting" and was written by Harold DeMoss. The following paragraph is excerpted verbatim:

"In thinking about the various formats involved at our meets, such as Score-O, Line-O, gather-them-all, classic "O," etc., it occurred to me that no one has tried a format that is very popular among the small clubs in England. For want of a better title, it might be called "Guess-O." The idea being the course setter circles a particular feature such as a boulder and the runner arrives at the boulder; of course the control isn't there, so he (or she) has to look at the map and decide which of the 20 or so boulders in the area would be the most LIKELY control location. The better the runner is at trying to read the course setter's mind over 8 or 9 controls, the shortest elapsed time he will have at the finish. With the large number of like features on a map, the possibilities are endless; reentrants, small knolls, various stream bends, etc. It also helps to remove, alter, or relocate major point features such as fences, small knolls, large boulders, etc. A really creative course setter could stretch a brown course into a 3-hour run. The best club event utilizing this format was one that Penny and I attended in Scotland. There was only 1 course and 7 of the 9 controls were in the wrong place. The course setter explained the method he used was to go into the mapped area (without the map), and find features he liked, and then go back to his car, look at the map and try to figure out where he hung the controls. He believed this procedure improved his map-reading skills. Sort of a "Memory-O" in reverse. One of the highlights of that event which produced much ribaldry and knee-slapping at the Pub afterwards (in England this is short for "Public House" which means a drinking establishment) was the map correction which had a major fence line running down the length of the wrong spur. No matter how much time one said he spent running up and down the wrong spur, someone else spent longer—much laughter ensued! I have seen over the years various course setters try this approach in a very limited way on one or two controls, but one has to be either very experienced OR very inexperienced to use this format successfully."



And they say the English don't have a sense of humor!! Maybe you elite orienteers would find this fun, and funny, but at my skill level I'd be out there all day! But on the other hand, I'm sometimes absolutely sure I'm at the right reentrant and the control isn't there, so maybe some of you course setters are already doing this.....hmmm.....



CLUB CALENDAR

September 19, Slavin Gulch, Dragoon Mountains

Course Setter: Mark Parsons (520) 432-3013
 Course Vetter: VACANT
 Meet Director: Mike Huckaby (324-0209)

September 27, Newsletter Deadline

See submittal information on back page.

October 17, Greasewood City Park, Beginner Meet

Course Setter: VACANT
 Course Vetter: VACANT
 Meet Director: Pat Madea (571-8227)

October 23-24, Arizona ROGAINE, Santa Rita Mountains

Course Setters: Dan Coombs (322-9758) & Jeff Brucker (886-2528)
 Course Vetter: VACANT
 Meet Director: VACANT

November 6-7, Airport Site at Empire Ranch

Course Setter: Courses set by Carl Moore
 Course Vetter: Don Fallis
 Meet Director: VACANT

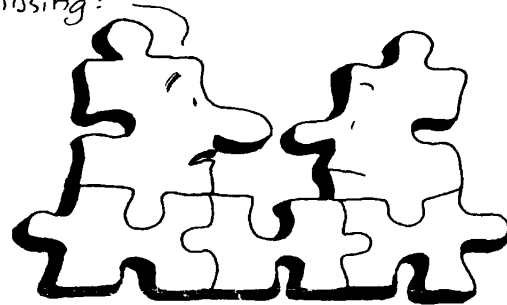
February 6, 2000, Arizona Goat, Site to Be Determined

Course Setter: John Maier (520-586-7300)
 Course Vetter: VACANT
 Meet Director: VACANT

May 14, 2000, Arizona ROGAINE

Course Setter: John Maier (520-586-7300)
 Course Vetter: VACANT
 Meet Director: VACANT

Ever get the feeling something's missing?



**Could it be your name,
on this page?**

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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Lois Kimminau, Editor

Tucson Orienteering Club Membership Application

Check one: New Member Renewal Date on label _____

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

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

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Can you help staff a club meet? Yes, call me.

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