



February 2002

THE BILLYGOAT COMES TO ITALIAN TRAP

— *Wolfsong*

On February 17, we'll be orienteering on a new map in the Redington Pass area. Mark your calendars for the third Sunday of the month. Our event will feature the Billygoat, though there will be something for everyone.

What's a Billygoat (Goat for short)? It's a long distance event that has the following distinctive features: (1) mass start, (2) a forked control where you must choose one of two options, (3) skipping a control of your choice, (4) blatantly following other competitors if you wish, and (5) awards to the top 75-80 % of competitors.

What skill level is required? You must be an intermediate or advanced orienteer, unless you are so fast that you can stick with another skilled orienteer and let him/her do the hard work of navigating for you.

There will be two Goat events. The Short Goat will have intermediate (Orange level) controls. The Long version will have both intermediate and advanced controls. There will also be regular courses of normal length for beginner (White) and advanced-beginner (Yellow) orienteers. Expect the Long Goat to be ~12 km, the Short Goat ~7 km. All Goat entries must register as individuals, but running together on the course is fine.

What about this new map? The Italian Trap map will have 5-meter contours and be at a scale of 1/10,000 (just like Chimney Rock). We are field-checking the map mostly to add rock features (lots in the north) and thick vegetation (not too much anywhere). The terrain is generally open with scattered trees, good visibility, good runnability in the south, slower in the north due to more rock detail. Most, but perhaps not all, of the map will have been field checked by the time of our event. The map will be in color. This site is on the opposite side of the road from Chimney Rock, with great views of the Rincons. The following volunteers put in considerable effort to date in two multiday mapping sessions: **Ludwig Hill, Emily Lane, Jeff Brucker, and Wolfsong.**

Special consideration: Please take note that we must carpool as our site only has limited parking (15-20 cars) which must be shared with other Forest Service users. In the past our club has exhibited an inability to voluntarily carpool effectively. For this event, we will incorporate carpooling into the fee structure. Those who carpool will receive coupons that will be worth \$\$\$\$ for this event. When you arrive, each person in the car will be given a coupon, the value of which is determined by the number in the car. We suggest you carpool with friends from town. If this doesn't work for you, then carpool from the site we use for Chimney Rock, which is less than two miles away. Or ride your bike from there, or walk. If you think a shuttle would be better, then volunteer to operate one and we'll back you 100%. There are many ways to make this work. The main ingredients are flexibility and a can-do attitude. See fees (below) for specifics.

GOAT COMPETITORS READ THIS: All Goat competitors must preregister for this event if they wish to receive a preprinted map for the mass start. Otherwise they will have to copy from a master map after the "go"

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What is Orienteering?

Orienteering is a fun and challenging outdoor activity in which participants navigate their way on foot through the "great outdoors," using only a map and a compass. (There are other versions of orienteering, such as on bicycles, skis, horseback, or in canoes, at night, relay teams, etc., but the idea is basically the same.)

Each participant is given a specially prepared topographic map marked with a series of checkpoints to be visited. At each of these checkpoints, the organizer places an orange and white "control." The object of the sport is to use the map with the compass to locate the control features and navigate back to the starting point. Using your imagination and your navigational skills, you try to select the best route to each control.

Once at the control marker, you punch a score card which verifies that you have found the control feature.

At each event, there are several courses offered, rated in length and difficulty. You can choose the course that suits your ability and inclination, and you can make it a stroll, a hike, or a race, as you prefer. It is a family sport where each member of the family may choose his/her course, or the entire family may go as a team. Beginner courses are typically along trails or other easy-to-follow routes. Intermediate courses are partially on trails and partially cross-country. Expert courses are on difficult-to-follow cross-country routes.

Preparation, Clothing, and Equipment

A beginning orienteer should be fit enough to walk at a leisurely pace for about one mile, in about an hour, over easy terrain. Expert orienteers are trained endurance athletes, walking or running for many hours over rugged terrain.

Wear comfortable clothing appropriate to the season, long pants, a hat, and walking shoes or hiking boots. Events are timed, so a watch is recommended. Bring plenty of water, and a snack if desired.

The only specialized equipment you will need are a compass and a whistle. If you forget these items, compasses may be rented or a whistle purchased for \$1 each.

Safety

If navigating in the outdoors sounds a little scary, then an orienteering event is the place to be. The beginner courses are in carefully selected areas, safely contained within recognizable boundaries, so it is almost impossible to get truly lost. In addition, each participant's start and finish time is monitored so that anyone who is overdue will be safely rounded up by skilled orienteers.

Newcomers

We highly recommend that you attend the *free* Beginners' Clinic, which is offered at every meet, if you haven't orienteered before. It is usually held 15 or 20 minutes before the courses open. Try to arrive at or before the time that Registration opens in order to attend.

Fees

Fees for Tucson Orienteering Club events are as follows (other clubs' fees may vary): \$8 per individual or \$10 per team, for nonmembers, with a \$5 discount for members of Tucson Orienteering Club, Southern Arizona Hiking Club, Southern Arizona Search and Rescue, Phoenix Orienteering Club, or United States Orienteering Federation; \$1 for color maps when used (no charge for black-and-white maps); \$1 to rent a compass; \$1 to purchase a whistle. Annual membership fees are \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a household.

Contacts:

To contact Tucson Orienteering Club, write to P. O. Box 13012, Tucson, AZ 85732, or check out the web site at <http://go.to/tucsonorienteering>.

Carpool to Goat at Italian Trap on February 17!

See meet announcement for fee schedule and reasons to carpool. Then plan to meet at the northwest corner of Tanque Verde and Sabino Canyon, between the Eclectic Cafe and the bank, at 8:45. Just show up and we'll divide into cars. Save gas and \$\$\$\$.

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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Lois Kimminau, Editor

A Great Day At Chimney Rock

—Robert Miner

We had great weather and a great turnout for the Chimney Rock meet on Sunday, January 20. There were so many first time orienteers (due to the article in the *Arizona Daily Star* the prior week) that two separate groups of beginner classes were given early in the day by **Peg Davis** and **Lugwig Hill**. We had a total of 44 entries.

Jeff Berringer did an outstanding job setting up the courses. Special thanks to **Jeff Brucker** and **Max Suter** for vetting. Setting up and vetting courses takes a lot of time and commitment and is really appreciated. We couldn't have a meet without the many hours devoted to each meet by the course setter and vetters.

I just joined the club last spring when I came to my first orienteering meet. When I saw that this meet might be canceled because no one had volunteered to direct the meet, I volunteered. Meet directing is not difficult. **Peg Davis, Mary English, and Jeff Berringer** all gave me good pre-race advice which helped everything run smoothly. As a meet director, for the most part, you simply have to arrive early to have the Registration and Timing tables set up, and the directional signs in place. The balance of the morning is mostly clerical as you register people, work the timing table, and answer questions entrants may have.

Keep in mind that TOC is a club. No meet can exist without club members volunteering to work the meet. One thing I was surprised at was the lack of an adequate number of members who had volunteered in advance to help with the meet. Thanks to the help of some members pressed into service at the last minute, the Timing table was manned and the meet started almost on time. With an adequate number of meet volunteers in advance, everyone, even the meet director, will have plenty of time to run a course. Every member of the club should volunteer for an hour or so for at least one or two meets each year. It would make every meet run more smoothly and relieve those few dedicated members who seem to be holding down the duties at every meet.

Special thanks to all of you who helped with the control retrieval, which went quite quickly. I had a last minute visit from my son for the weekend and was glad to be able to get home by late afternoon to enjoy his company. For those of you who have never helped with control retrieval after the meet, it is a great way to gain experience. **Peg Davis** or another member often takes out members (or prospective members) after a meet for retrieval as an instructional exercise. It's a great way to increase your orienteering skills.

All of you who helped with registration and timing at the meet: I didn't get all your names, but thank you very much. Your help is appreciated.

White

1T	Mojo Monsters	33:45
2T	Kestrel	54:14
3T	Wanderers	86:10
Rec.	Dos Locos, Bennetts	

Yellow

1T	The Rincons	47:12
Rec.	Stephen Denson, HG, Dax, Markos Esparza, Tina Clark, Don Kruse, Steve Ploetz, Major, Julius Martinez, Mojo Monsters, Jerry Sims, Ralph Prince, Murnahan	

Orange

1M	Mike King	49:45
DSQ	(overtime), SSDDCC, Pat Penn, Fighting Irish, Toners, Malo, Slayers	
Rec.	Carol Brucker, Cold Ones	

Green

1M	Zimms	77:52
2M	Leif Lundquest	87:35
3M	William Florena	107:45
4M	Jeff Brodsky	112:20
5M	Larry Lamb	114:40
1T	Beauty and....	127:44
DSQ	Bruce Prior	
DNF	Peg Davis, Riga	

Red

1M	Mark Everett	52:07
2M	Mark Parsons	80:23
3M	Ludwig Hill	88:35
4M	Jeff Brucker	90:03
5M	Don Fallis	102:00
6M	Ed Stiles	139:17
DSQ	Mike Wilke	

Wild About Orienteering

An article featuring our own Peg Davis and the "Thinking Man's (Person's) Sport" appeared in the *Arizona Daily Star* Accent section on Saturday, January 5. In addition to being a nice interview with Peg, it was great publicity for our club! Her description of orienteering as a sport to suit anyone who loves the outdoors, whether a super athlete and runner, or someone who just likes to get away in the desert for a nice stroll, evidently appealed to a lot of readers, as we had an excellent turnout for the January meet.

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signal. Preregister by contacting meet director **Yen Chamberlain** at yenc@dakotacom.net or 318-3630 by Wednesday, Feb. 13. Do not forget to specify long or short Goat. If you are not doing the Goat, no need to preregister. Pay all fees at the event.

ALL COMPETITORS: Allow plenty time to drive up as the road is not a good one. Passenger cars can do it but drive slowly. Allow time for the carpooling. The earlier you arrive, the easier it will be to carpool, as that's when most people drive up.

Both Long and Short Goat competitions will have a MASS START at 10:00 with a briefing 15 minutes beforehand. It will be especially important to arrive plenty early to carpool and get registered with time to spare.

All Long Goat finishers breaking 3-1/2 hours and all Short Goat finishers breaking 2-1/2 hours will receive an award. Awards will be distributed as soon as scorecards are verified so stick around a few minutes after your return.

Meets don't run smoothly without volunteers. If you can help out, our meet director **Yen Chamberlain** would be happy to hear from you. You may contact her at yenc@dakotacom.net or by phone at 318-3630. If you have additional questions about the courses, direct those to me at:

wolffsongg@juno.com or by phone at 520-586-7300.

Directions: Follow Tanque Verde Road east out of Tucson. It becomes Redington Road a few miles before the pavement ends. Continue up the dirt road about 7 miles until you see a rustic wooden corral on the right. Immediately past here (0.2 miles, on the left) is the carpool site. If you have less than 4 people in your car, stop here to pick up others or if you

cannot hold 4, go with someone else who can for maximum savings. Or bike or walk if you prefer from this point. This is where the flexibility and can-do attitude come in. Then continue less than 2 miles to the event site on the right and collect your coupons for your carpooling effort. Bikers and walkers receive maximum carpool bonus.

Special Fees: So that the fee doesn't jolt you, first look at the carpool discount. One person/car=no discount; 2/car=\$2 each; 3/car=\$4 each; 4 or more/car=\$6 each. Bikers or walkers=\$6/each. That's the discount per person for carpooling. If your car arrives with 4 people, that's \$24 in coupons to the car, \$6 for each person. Carpooling is very important!

Here are the base fees on which to take your discounts:

Goat: \$14/members, 19/non-members

White/Yellow Course: Individual: \$10/member, \$15/nonmember

Teams: \$12/member, \$17/nonmember

[Team note: only one carpool discount

per entry.]

Safety whistles: \$1; Compass rental: \$1

Schedule:

9:00 Registration opens, White and Yellow courses open, Beginners' Clinic starts

9:45 Goat briefing

10:00 Goat mass start

11:00 Last start (White and Yellow)

2:00 Courses close, control retrieval

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 8:45 and 9 a.m.

Route-Choice Reviews: The course setter or an advanced orienteer will discuss route choices with returning participants, as they arrive, probably near Start/Finish area. There will be a follow-up by course setter in next month's newsletter.



The "Bag Ladies" at Redington Jan. 20: Pat Penn and Mary English. It took a very short time to fill two large bags with trash, including a shot-up bowling pin. The trash in this area was unbelievable, and even this small amount of clean-up is appreciated by all of us who love this beautiful area.

CLUB CALENDAR

February 17, Italian Springs (Redington)

Course Setter: John Maier (520-586-7300)
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Director: Yen Chamberlain (318-3630)

February 26, Newsletter Deadline

See page 2 for details.

March 17, Rosemont

Course Setter: John Little (327-8973)
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Director: Vacant

April 21, Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge

Course Setter: Jeff Brodsky (886-6304)
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Director: Vacant

May 5, Greasewood City Park

National Orienteering Day

Course Setter: Ludwig Hill (299-9041)
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Director: Vacant

June 16, Palisades with camping at Showers Point

Course Setter: Jeff Brucker (886-2528)
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Directors: Judy & Pete Cowgill (887-1514)

July 21, Northern Arizona (the Rim? Lake Mary?)

Course Setter: Vacant
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Director: Vacant

August 18, Lincoln Park Early-O

Course Setter: Vacant
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Director: Vacant

September 15, Short Rogaine? Slavin?

Course Setter: Vacant
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Director: Vacant

October 20, Maternity Well (Empire Ranch)

Course Setter: Roger Sperline (577-8519)
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Director: Vacant

November 17, Route 83

Course Setter: Vacant
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Director: Vacant

December 15, Cat Mountain

Course Setter: Vacant
 Course Vetter: Vacant
 Meet Director: Vacant

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.

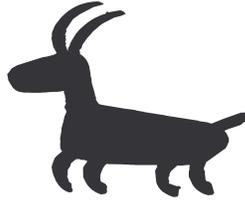
Please call Peg Davis at 628-8985 if you can help with any of these meets.

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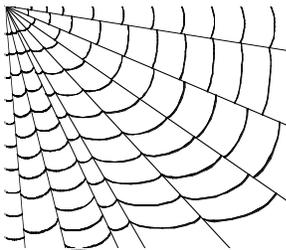
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**It's a rough road, even for a Goat!
But join the fun at Italian Trap on
February 17.**



Check out the Tucson Orienteering Club web site!
Type **<http://go.to/tucsonorienteering>**
Also, for links to all the West Coast club sites,
just type **<http://go.to/sconet>**
or for Pacific Region rankings, type
<http://go.to/pacreg>

Tucson Orienteering Club Membership Application

Check one: New Member Renewal Date on label _____

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

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

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

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.