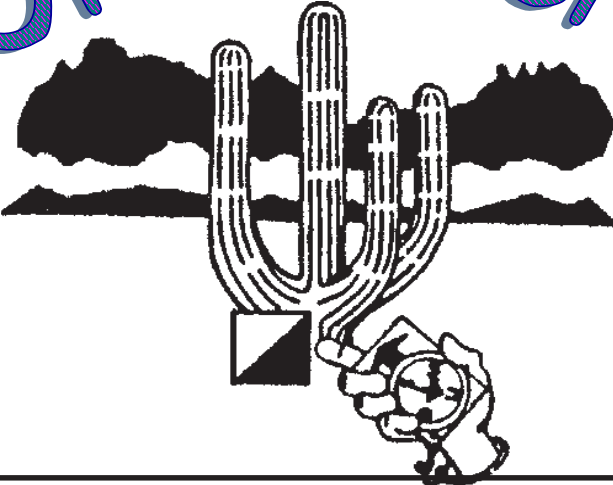

Tucson Orienteering Club



January 2008

University of Arizona Campus January 13

—Max Suter

The January monthly club meet will feature two back-to-back sprints on the campus of the University of Arizona. Sprint events are technically at a beginner's level and offer many route choices. According to the International Orienteering Federation, sprint orienteering is a fast, visible, easy-to-understand format that permits orienteering to be staged within areas of significant population. Sprint is built on very high speed running in very runnable parks, streets or forests. Whereas foot orienteering events traditionally have been staged mainly in forested areas, sprint events can be staged in any type of terrain. The use of parks and urban terrain has important advantages; it brings the sport to where people are and offers opportunities to increase public and media awareness of orienteering.

Besides the middle and long-distance individual events and relays, the sprint is now an established discipline at international orienteering competitions; Marten Bostrom, who participated at some of our club meets in 2005/2006 while attending NAU, was 9th at the 2007 World Orienteering Championship in the sprint A-final!

Important Note: This meet will not take place on the customary third Sunday of the month, when many competitive club members will attend the Anza-Borrego Desert O-Fest in the Mojave Desert.

Meet directors have not been confirmed at press time. Please volunteer to assist at the meet, as help is always needed. The monthly club meets are not sustainable without your support. It is not enough to read this newsletter, pay a symbolic \$5 entry fee, and enjoy orienteering. The organization of orienteering meets requires everyone to look beyond oneself and to work together as a community. If you are up for it, contact Peg Davis.

Sprint 1, *The Boojum Dash*, is a 10-control point-to-point sprint with a length of 3.0 km and an expected winning time of 20 minutes; the name is derived from the location of the go control near two boojum (*Fouquieria columnaris*) trees.

Sprint 2, *Davos in the Desert*, is an open-course sprint (optimal course length: 3.4 km). You will have 30 minutes to bag up to 11 controls (which will be different from the ones used in Sprint 1). The controls will be worth 50, 70, or 90 points (790 points in total); they will be marked on the map by a two-digit number. As usual, the first digit will indicate the amount of points, whereas the second digit is a counter. A penalty of 50 points will be deducted for every minute (or fraction thereof) late.

I recommend doing the open course after the point-to-point course. All control markers will hang from PVC stands, 30 inches high, with a two-digit control code and a pin-punch on top of the stand.

The map has a 1:5,000 scale, an east-west extension of 1,200 m (between Campbell and Park), a north-south extension of 900 m (between Speedway and 6th Street), and is going to be used for the first time for an orienteering event. It was made by Andreas Haldi with OCAD and field-checked in 2002/2003. (After leaving Tucson, Andreas made it into the middle distance A-final at the 2003 World



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Orienteering Championships and is now a Ph.D. candidate at Georgia Tech and an active member of the Georgia Orienteering Club). The map uses sprint map symbols, which can be consulted online at http://www.orienteeing.org/i3/index.php?iof2006/document_library/rules_and_guidelines/mapping_standards. The map is very detailed (see map excerpt online) and shows the features most important in an urban sprint environment including stairs, uncrossable walls and fences (thick black lines), underground passages, canopies, and passages through buildings (grey shade). The map is a work-in-progress; about 15%, covering peripheral regions, remain unfinished, with just the buildings shown. Furthermore, the campus has undergone many changes since early 2003, and several places are under construction. I have tried to avoid routes that lead through areas where the map is unfinished or not up-to-date or where the best route is blocked by construction work.

Both competitions count for the *sprint series*, a nationwide series of sprint orienteering competitions now already in its third year and originally launched by Peter Gagarin, who encourages you to sprint fast, sprint smart, and sprint often! (See separate article about the Sprint Series.)

While orienteering is in hibernation mode in most of the rest of the country, the Tucson club has been particularly active so far during the 2007/2008 sprint series, which started in late October. These are already events 4 and 5 organized by the club (after the two sprints set by Scott Drumm at Catalina State Park in November and the sprint set by Ludwig Hill at Arthur Pack Regional Park in December), and a sixth sprint will follow in February, set by Leif Lundquist on the Kentucky Camp map as part of the A-meet. As a result, several club members are presently prominently placed

in the standings of the sprint series. More information can be found at



www.sprintseries.org.

Schedule:

10:30 a.m. Registration opens. Beginners' clinic starts.

11:00 a.m. Courses open.

12:30p.m. Last time to start a course.

1:30 p.m. Courses close. Control retrieval begins—good orienteering practice, lots of help always needed. Volunteer before 1 p.m. with the meet director.

12:30-1:30 p.m. Route choice reviews.

Directions: The University of Arizona campus is at Speedway and Campbell. Start/Finish/Registration will be located on the Mall, on the east side of Old Main, where we hopefully will get some morning sun. Parking close to the event is available on University Avenue west of the Main Gate, between Park and Euclid; along 2nd Street (east and west of Park Avenue); and in the parking building in the northeast corner of Park Avenue and Speedway. Parking at all these locations is free on Sunday.

The warm-up area is located between the main gate and Old Main; the rest of the campus is out-of-bounds in the morning of the competition day.

Fees: \$5/individual, \$8/team for members of any recognized orienteering club. \$10/individual, \$15/team for nonmembers. Compasses rent for \$1. Safety whistles

sell for \$1. Every person, all courses, all meets is required to carry some type of safety whistle.

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 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Route Choice Reviews: Between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m., an advanced orienteer will be available near the Start/Finish area to discuss route choices with returning participants.

The online registration for the 2008 Western States Champs (February 22-24, 2008) is now open. We are indebted to Kent Shaw (from the Delaware Valley Orienteering Association), Cristina Luis, and Jeff Brodsky for this accomplishment. Now is a good time to remind your out-of-town orienteering friends about our event and the lovely Arizona February weather and to tell them about the event web site and online registration.

Go to <http://www.tucsonorienteering.org/ameet/> for information and registration.

E-mail Discussion Group

Tucson Orienteering Club has its own discussion group. It is maintained as Tucson "O" Club by Topica, and is an e-mail based service. You must be subscribed before you can read or send messages.

To subscribe, send a blank message to: TucsonOrienteering-subscribe@topica.com. To send a message, simply address it to: TucsonOrienteering@topica.com. It will then go to all the list subscribers. To unsubscribe, see the Unsubscribe link at the bottom of any message. For more information about this list, visit: <http://www.topica.com/lists/TucsonOrienteering>. Any problems, questions, or concerns can be sent to Jim Stamm, the E-Group Moderator, at JimStamm@ComCast.net.

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

Arthur Pack Regional Park O-Meet

—Brad and Yvonne Poe

*Twas a week before Christmas at Arthur Pack Park,
not much was stirring save maybe a lark.*

On December 16, the chilly morning had a fairly large turn-out of orienteers ready to run courses at the brand new venue, mapped by **Ludwig Hill and Max Suter**. In contrast to some of our other sites, this one had very subtle elevation differences, making constant attention to the map a necessity. A multitude of cacti made paying attention necessary as well! Several options were offered, including classic courses, a sprint O and the 3-leg Motala. Everyone that ran a course enthusiastically endorsed the new venue, while munching on Christmas cookies.

The setter was **Ludwig Hill**, the course vetter was **Cristina Luis**. Special thanks go out to all the helpful control retrieval elves: **Mark Everett, Max Suter, John Little, Pam Hoyt, Paul Hoyt, Wolfsong and Ludwig Hill**.

White		Green		Sprint O—Intermediate				
1T	Rattlesnake 1	27:42	1M	Jeff Berringer	88:15	1T	Team Rhino	10:51
2T	Rattlesnake 2	44:19	2M	Mark Parsons	90:02	2T	Too young to be this old	11:15
Yellow				Sprint O—Advanced				
1F	Melissa Trout	87:30	3M	John Little	91:35	1M	Mark Everett	8:08
1T	Alex and Peter	90:12	4M	Jim Stamm	91:59	2M	Wolfsong	8:20
2F	Dot Krumeish	167:05	1T	Free Ranger and the Chick	127:15	3M	Max Suter	8:41
Rec	Rattlesnake 1		5M	Michael Gurevich	131:30	4M	Ron Birks	10:24
Rec	Rattlesnake 2		1F	Margrit McIntosh	154:54	5M	Paul Hoyt	11:38
Orange		Red		4M	Ron Birks	10:24		
1T	The Patriots	84:15	1M	Mark Everett	50:55	5M	Paul Hoyt	11:38
2T	Too young to be this old	88:07	2M	Max Suter	70:00	1F	Peg Davis	23:50
3T	Team Rhino	92:20	3M	Wolfsong	71:39			
1F	GeeGee Larrington	113:22	4M	Jeff Brucker	87:18			
2F	Kay Mathiesen	128:18	5M	Don Fallis	108:27			
3F	Lois Kimminau	160:35	6M	Jeff Brodsky	124:07			
Rec	Kris Klewin		1F	Pam Hoyt	130:35			
			Rec	Paul Hoyt				

Should the time be shown for attendees who opt to be "Recreational" entries? Do we need this category? Is everyone competitive? And if they just want a few hours of wandering around with a map, do we need to show their time? What do you think?

It has been a Club rule that if you compete on one course, you can run another course free, but it can't be as a competitor, as this would give the entrant an unfair advantage. Should these extra courses be shown as Recreational, or simply as NC (noncompetitive)?

Member input on this question is welcomed. Call or e-mail Peg Davis.

2008 Standing Team (Foot-O)

—Peg Davis

Our own Cristina Luis has been named to the "C" team for the 2008 Standing Team (Foot-O). Following is a quote from the announcement by the Standing Team Committee of the United States Orienteering Federation, with details about the significance of this honor, but here's the translation: the girl has developed her orienteering skills astoundingly in the last few years and is being recognized at a national level.

Congratulations, Cristina!

The Standing Team Committee (Don Davis, Kristin Hall and Vladimir Gusiatsnikov) has selected the following orienteers for the 2008 Standing Team (Foot-O). Selection was based on A-meet M/F21 performances in 2007 with preference given to championship events, the Team Trials and rankings. In the case of potential members living abroad, the committee considered their known competition results and training regimens. It is from this list—which is sub-divided into A, B, and C—that orienteers are eligible to represent USOF in IOF sanctioned elite events.

Male (alphabetically): A -- Eric Bone, Boris Granovsky; B -- Eddie Bergeron, John Fredrickson, Clem McGrath, Wyatt Riley; C -- Jonathon Campbell, Thomas Carr, Ross Smith, Sergey Velichko, Ken Walker, Jr.

Female (alphabetically): A -- Samantha Saeger, Sandra Zurcher; B -- Pavilina Brautigam, Viktoria Brautigam, Erin Nielsen, Hillary Saeger; C -- Suzanne Armstrong, Cristina Luis, Ekaterina Orekhova, Angelica Riley

Don Davis (Committee Chair)

2008: TSN SILVER ANNIVERSARY YEAR

--Wolfsong

Perhaps not too many of you realize it but this is the club's *25th anniversary year!* Our first event was held on March 27, 1983, near Ez-kim-in-zin picnic area in the Tucson Mountain Unit of Saguaro National Park. It would be nice in this special year to see some personal accounts from days of yore. I'll start since I was here from the very beginning.

The seed was planted sometime in 1982 while John Maier was teaching a map and compass course through Tucson Free University. He read of this sport "orienteering" of which he'd never before heard, and he wanted to get involved. Fortunately the article gave the contact address for USOF (US Orienteering Federation) so he wrote to find out the location of the nearest club, hoping there was one in Tucson. The sad truth was that there was nothing closer than SDO (San Diego), way too far to travel for a couple hours of fun. Reflecting upon this, he resolved that the quickest way to be able to orienteer on a regular basis (short of moving) would be to start up a club in Tucson. Sure he wouldn't be able to orienteer at first, but eventually..... And so it has played out. He went on to put on six events before getting his first chance to run as a competitor. He still had to do a lot of the course setting in the early years but increasingly he gained opportunities to compete.

His modus operandi in the early days was pretty systematic but certainly not the norm. First select the site, then get permission roughly a month in advance. Next publicize 1-2 weeks in advance, principally through flyers placed at university kiosks and hiking/camping/running store outlets. Finally make the map and flag the control sites. Needlessly worried about control theft spoiling the event and always behind schedule, he usually began hanging the bags (not bags really, does anybody remember those awkward cardboard markers you could get from USOF?) about 2 a.m. on the morning of the event, invariably running back to the registration area minutes after the published start to don his meet director's hat. At that point it was easy to get volunteers from the crowd which had been standing there for 10-15 minutes wondering "what the heck?"

That very first event was unusual in many respects, all due to the fact that the organizer/course setter/meet director had never previously participated in an orienteering event himself. Although the bags were all in the correct location, other details were less polished. Fortunately most people chose to run the short course of 2 to 2 1/2 miles. Those who chose to run the long course had to be shuttled to the start, as it was not a loop course; its start was nearly 5 miles away from the finish/registration area. Two controls on the long course were staffed by volunteers (to monitor safety--yes, really!) but they only saw a total of two participants (out of five doing the long course). Although disappointed with the meager showing of 19 participants when optimistically anticipating 100, in retrospect this was perhaps a good thing as there was much to be learned in this first event. The organizer did have the foresight to have 100 feedback sheets (yeah, same number of maps were also on hand to cover the anticipated hordes) so as to learn from the experiences of the participants.

Upon returning, one participant (and a friend of the course setter) said quite bluntly: "This is NOT fun." Fortunately the rest of the field felt differently and were quite enthusiastic about this new activity, many asking when the next event would be held. Comments from the two individuals who had previous orienteering experience were most helpful, and those two I still remember: Mark Wald, an ROTC instructor at the university, and Keith McLeod, a visitor from some place like Wisconsin who I never expected to see again. But Keith must've liked what he saw, because a year later he moved here to be closer to Arizona's hotbed of orienteering! And he's been with us ever since. The two most pertinent criticisms from these experienced orienteers was that the scale of 1:24,000 was not sufficient and the courses should be easier. The next event incorporated these helpful suggestions.

Our second event was held in early May at Spencer Canyon in the pines of Mt. Lemmon. Attendance increased 50%. More good feedback. More smiles. We were off and running.

Sprint Series

—Cristina Luis

It may have gone unnoticed by most here in Tucson, so I wanted to make sure everyone was aware of our participation in the Sprint Series, a continent-wide competition at Sprint-distance orienteering.

We've already had a few events that have been included as part of the 2008 Sprint Series. The first two were at Catalina State Park in November, and the third last weekend at Arthur Pack. Competitors earn points for their placement (men and women separately) in any participating sprint. That means that a whole bunch of Tucsonans are already ranked, and it's not even 2008. Just another advantage to living in the desert! Each runner's top 6 scores count towards a final ranking, which gives you a seed for the Sprint Series Final next fall.

Even if you can't make it to the final (which promises to be a blast, if it was anything like this year's), it's great fun to see how the rankings change from week to week. The Sprint Series website is www.sprintseries.org. Check it out!

Also—just a reminder that if you are the meet director for an event that includes a Sprint Series race, the results are due to ussprintseries2008@gmail.com 24 hours after the event. Please send the results to the SS number-crunching guru. It shouldn't require him hunting around on our website to get the results he needs to get the standings ready. Everyone who's been handling results may not have been aware of this, so let's help each other out to make sure it gets done.

A-Meet Update

—Max Suter, *Event Director*

Please, have a look at the web site of the 2008 Western States Champs (February 22-24, 2008) (www.tucsonorienteering.org/ameet), which is full of information. This is a unique opportunity to attend a national-level orienteering meet without having to travel. **Online registration** is now possible through the event web site. We are indebted to Kent Shaw (from the Delaware Valley Orienteering Association), Cristina Luis, and Jeff Brodsky for this accomplishment.

Now is a good time to remind your out-of-town orienteering friends about our event and the lovely Arizona February weather, and to tell them about the event web site and online registration.

The next major logistics step will be the assembly of volunteer and start schedules and the coordination of the two schedules, most likely during the week of February 4.

There are still many openings for **volunteers**: mostly in the start crew, but also with registration and children's activities and at the trail-O at Arthur Pack (Friday afternoon, February 22; see below). We also need volunteers to provide refreshments in the finish area and to work as parking attendant/greeter. Furthermore, pre-runners are needed on the White, Yellow, and Orange courses. Volunteers will have the opportunity to go out for an orienteering course the same day. Competitive participants can indicate their volunteering preference during the registration process.

Note that you can compete not only in your age group but also on any course (including the beginner's and intermediate courses) in **open categories** (M/F-White, M/F-Yellow, M/F-Orange, M/F-Brown, M/F-Green, etc.). These open classes are normally less competitive than the age groups. Alternatively, it is possible to participate recreationally on the beginner's and intermediate courses (White, Yellow, and Orange) for the fee normally charged at the monthly club meets. Recreational entries will register on the day of the event; the online registration is limited to competitive entries. Please, let me know if you are going to participate recreationally and would like to volunteer.

There will be a commemorative T-shirt; please, let Peg Davis know if you do not participate competitively and would like to buy a T-shirt.

SportIdent, an electronic punching/timing system will be used at the event. A chip in a plastic stick attached to your finger will record your start and finish times and your time for each leg. After finishing your course, you download your data from the stick to a laptop computer and receive a print-out with your split times. This helps to compare your routes with your peers. Furthermore, the split times are uploaded, together with the orienteering map, to RouteGadget, an interactive on-line utility, where the competitors can draw individually their routes on-line and replay the race in form of an animation. The sticks can be rented on-site for a daily fee of \$3. To avoid a DNF and a major expense, it is recommended that you tie the finger stick with a piece of lanyard to your wrist to avoid losing it.

We are fortunate that David Irving and Karen Denis will set Friday afternoon (February 22) in the Arthur Pack Regional Park (northwestern Tucson) a **trail-O** within the technical program of the A-meet. More information about the event will become available through the web site. In a trail-O, you compare at 10-12 stations along a trail several markers, placed in the field and visible from the viewing station, with a control marked on a detailed map and its control description. The challenge is to find out which of the markers in the landscape corresponds to the one on the map; sometimes it is none of them. Trail orienteering requires careful map reading and estimating distances. Except for one station, the activity is not timed.

This is a unique opportunity to attend a professionally set trail-O in the Tucson region. And while you are at the trail-O, it would be a nice gesture to provide Karen and David some help with this activity.

So, after 1996 the Tucson Orienteering Club is again organizing an A-meet. As you can see from the web site, there will be a cornucopia of things to look forward to: two classic distance competitions counting for the national ranking; the accumulated time of these two events deciding over the 2008 Western States Championships; a sprint competition counting for the national sprint series; the accumulated time of the two classic events and the sprint forming the base for the 2008 Intercollegiate Championships; the first-time use at a Tucson meet of the SportIdent electronic punching/timing system; on-site camping and a pot-luck BBQ; children's activities including a string-O; a trail-O; and a commemorative t-shirt. I hope you will participate and enjoy the meet!

Upcoming GPHXO Events

On Sunday, January 6, the Great Phoenix Orienteering Club will be holding a meet just west of Lake Pleasant on the Carefree Highway, only 13 miles west of I-17. This site has great terrain for orienteering and beautiful vistas of Lake Pleasant. There will be three classic courses available: White, Orange, and Red. For further details, go to their website, www.phoenixorienteering.org.

In addition, coming up February 9-10 is a Greater Phoenix big event with a Score-O, their second ever Bike-O, and their first ever Black and Blue-O. This last one is for the more extreme or adventurous orienteers. This will be a 20-22km classic course that will have 18-20 control points. There will also be a White Course on both days and a Yellow Course on Sunday. Registration fees (\$5/individual, \$8/team for members; \$10 and \$15 for nonmembers) are per course. Preregistration is strongly urged for the Black and Blue course as the maps have special printing requirements. Contact Mike Franklin at jfranklin31@cox.net. There will be a \$2 surcharge for day of event registration for the Black and Blue. See the website for more information.

Event Management Software

—*Max Suter*

The club has bought the event management software OE2003 (see www.sportsoftware.de), which is going to be used at the February 2008 A-meet in conjunction with the SportIdent timing/punching system. Features include:

- 32 bit Windows look and feel
- administration of multiple events
- entry management
- support of national runners databases for quick entries
- course setting (incl. IOF symbol sheets)
- start list (incl. control cards)
- seamless integration of the SPORTident system including automatic code checking
- time taking (connection to any external time taking system possible)
- preliminary results, result sheets
- results
- various export and import file interfaces for additional event data processing (CSV, XML)
- variable report layouts, internet publishing
- visual layout editor to design any label sheets: address labels, receipts, results, diplomas, etc.
- networking

According to the license, the software can be used freely within the club but not outside. Please, let me know (by e-mail, SuterMax at aol dot com) if you would like to evaluate this program for club activities.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on January 8 at 7 p.m., at the home of Peg Davis. Call Peg at 628-8985 for directions. All members are invited and encouraged to attend, and are eligible to vote. To place an item on the agenda, please call or e-mail Peg Davis, President (e-mail pegdavis@u.arizona.edu).

Orienteering Marathon

—*Cristina Luis*

For years now I've been putting off something that it seems everyone and their grandmother is managing to do: run a marathon. The problem was that as much as I wanted to have done it, I didn't really want to do it. Almost 4 hours of pounding pavement just didn't sound like very much fun.

Luckily, there are a few other crazy people in what I like to call my "East coast club," the Delaware Valley Orienteering Association (DVOA), who felt just the same way. "Why not have an orienteering marathon?" was the crazy thought of the year. Indeed, why not?

On December 15th, the first Orienteering Marathon in the US (and maybe the world) took place at Valley Forge National Historic Park near Philadelphia, PA. There were two course options, a half marathon and a full marathon. The full marathon course measured an 'orienteering' (straight-line) distance of 42.2km, guaranteeing that everyone would cover at least the marathon distance. The course setter, Wyatt Riley, essentially set an extremely long Yellow-Orange level course, keeping it as flat as possible. With easy navigation and easy running, mostly on trails, the goal was to allow as many people as possible to finish within the 7-hour time limit. When the race was announced I knew I was in.

I arrived at the meet site about 30 minutes before the start and immediately asked a few people if I could go home. Was I insane? As best as I could figure, the answer was yes. But I was in good company, with almost 40 other people joining me for the whole marathon, and another 30 for the half.

It felt cold standing at the start, with temperatures near freezing, but I soon felt quite warm as the crowd moved from control to control and the sun made its appearances.

The course had 49 controls and traversed a total of five maps - three 1:10000 scale orienteering maps of the park as well as two 1:15000 hybrid aerial photo/o maps of surrounding neighborhoods. The maps were stapled back-to-back and sealed into two map cases, which sometimes made finding the next circle the main challenge! Since it was a mass start, people clumped into small groups and worked together to stay sane and keep moving. I found myself running off and on with various people all the way through the first half. I reached the halfway point (also the start/finish/major aid station) at 2:40, and I felt great. The longest run that I'd done in preparation was only 3 hours, so I expected that I'd be feeling ready to give up by the half. Instead, I stuffed half a banana into my mouth and kept on going.

The second half started to feel hard. That's actually a total lie - it was really hard. By the time I hit three and half hours my hamstrings were really stiff and my navigation was getting sloppy. It wasn't ever difficult, but when you're tired, thinking about anything can be tough. I eventually caught up to Jeff Saeger and we ran the last quarter of the course together, which probably saved us both from making some silly mistakes (not that we didn't make any together, but we probably would have made more individually). With only three controls to go we spotted a runner ahead. We hadn't seen anyone for over an hour, and Jeff decided we should catch him. I didn't think I could possibly go any faster than shuffle speed but I could. Luckily our target was moving even more slowly, having cramped up a few km back, and we did manage to pass him and stay ahead. It's amazing what a little competitive spirit will do to you after five hours of running!

I finished the course just fine, 12th overall and third female for the marathon, taking just under five hours and 42 minutes. It took 11 transitions from map to map, several packets of sports beans, and just moving one foot after the other... after the other... after the other.

It was a fantastic event all around, with the course setting and map presentation, organization, aid stations, and even the weather turning out great. It might have been a crazy endeavor, but I'd do it again in a heartbeat.

You can see the maps, control-by-control accounts, and pictures from the VFM at <http://www.tucsonorienteering.org/vfm/>

CLUB CALENDAR

2008	Location	Course Setter	Meet Director
Jan. 8	Board meeting at Peg Davis' home, 2241 E.Parkway Terrace		Peg Davis, 628-8985
Jan. 13	U of A	Max Suter	PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP!
Jan. 21	Newsletter deadline. Send info. to Lois Kimminau at loiskim1 at cox dot net.		
Feb. 23-24	A Meet at Kentucky Camp/Greaterville	Day 1: Leif Lundquist Day 2: Jeff Brucker	Max Suter
Mar. 16	Ironwood	Ludwig Hill	
Apr. 20	Slavin Gulch		
May 17-18	White Mountains		

Lots of spaces here for your name!

Pick your site to set courses or to meet direct and call Jim Stamm. Meet sites can possibly be changed, if you want to set a particular type meet at a particular place. Talk to Jim (575-0830).

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 Jim Stamm at 575-0830 if you can help with any of these meets.

Anza Borrego 2008 Event

The San Diego Orienteering Club is holding the annual Anza Borrego event on January 19-21. Many of our local orienteers attend this event each year, and look forward to it eagerly. If you are interested in attending, check out possible car-pooling with Peg Davis (628-8985).

There are events for all skill levels, and the registration fees are very reasonable. There is primitive camping nearby at \$5/car. For further information, go to <http://sandiegorienteering.org/event2008anzaborrego.asp>.

January and February 2008 are unusually full of great opportunities for orienteering. Tucson is having the U of A meet January 13, and the A meet February 23-24 at Kentucky Camp; Phoenix is having meets January 6 at Lake Pleasant and February 9-10 at Bomboy Mine. The San Diego Orienteering Club is holding the above meet at Anza Borrego January 19-21. We are all very fortunate to have so many opportunities for fun at a time when the weather will probably be perfect for this sport. Take advantage!!

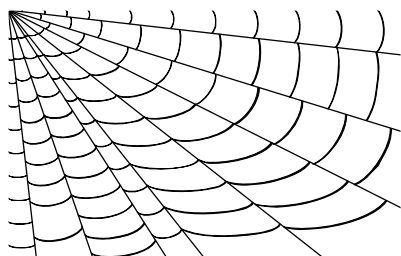
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