

December 2004

Cat Mountain in December

—Beckie Copeland

Come join us on the lower slopes of the Tucson Mountains December 19, 2004, when the Tucson Orienteering Club holds its monthly meet at Cat Mountain in Tucson Mountain Park. This meet will be a Score-O, with 26 controls set from beginner placement to intermediate. A preprinted 1:10,000 map will be given to each participant at the start. Scoring (if you choose to be competitive) will be based on the time taken to visit a number of controls in four categories: 10 controls; 15 controls; 20 controls; and all 26 controls.

Starts begin at 9 a.m. (or before if we are set up), and participants must be in by 1 p.m. There will be Beginners' clinics at 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m., as needed.

Elevations range from 2600 feet to 2850 feet above sea level, with sandy washes, mesquite bosques, grassy cienegas, eroded granite land forms, and basaltic rock outcrops awaiting you. The Start and Finish, as well as Registration, for the Score-O is located half a mile from the parking area and takes about a 10-minute warm-up walk to reach. Plan to arrive a little early to give yourself time to get to the Registration/Timing area.

We will need generous persons to help carry club equipment to the Start area in the morning, so help us out if you can. Bring your friends! Mike Wilke will be directing this event. If you would like to volunteer to help out with timing, registration, or equipment toting (of course you will still be able to run a course), please call Mike at 628-7743.

Directions: From Tucson, take Ajo Way (AZ 86) west to Kinney Road (4 miles west of Mission Road). Turn right at Kinney and go NW 0.9 miles to Sarasota Boulevard; turn right and go NE 0.4 miles to a dirt road branching to the right. Turn right and continue east 0.5 miles to the unmarked parking area. To reach the Registration area, walk through the metal gate in the wire fence and follow the foot/bike trail east 0.5 miles to the site. *[If you arrive early, please offer to help carry an item of equipment to the start area. This will make the meet director happy.]*

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.

Schedule:

8:30 a.m. Registration opens. Beginners' clinic starts.
9:00 a.m. Courses open.
11:00 a.m. Last time to start a course.
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Route choice reviews.
1:00 p.m. Courses close. Begin control retrieval, good orienteering practice, lots of help always needed. Volunteer

before 1 p.m. with the meet director, Mike Wilke.

Newcomers: Go directly to Registration. Ask for instructions and introductory information. To attend the Beginners' clinic, arrive between 8:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

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

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

2005 Anza-Borrego Desert O-Fest Schedule

—*Bill Gookin, from SDOC website (<http://go.to/sdoc>)*

For an unique, fun-filled event and the camaraderie of camping under the stars and trading stories with other orienteers from all over, join us for the Martin Luther King, Jr., weekend January 15-17, 2005, in the middle of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park!

Saturday, 15 Jan, B-Meet Day 1 starts, 10:00 a.m. - noon

Night-O starts, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 16 Jan, B-Meet Day 2 starts, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Maze-O starts, 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, 17 Jan, Scavenger Score-O Mass Start, 9:00 a.m.

60- and 90-minute divisions

All seven courses will be offered for the 2-Day B-meet and Night-O.

EVENTS: There will be three divisions in the Maze-O: Long, Medium and Short, with up to 10 controls on the Long, 6 or 7 for the Medium and 3-5 on the Short. Freestyle format (get the required number of specific controls for your course in any sequence). The Maze-O is in a 1 sq km area that is a labyrinth of canyons and ridges (a "badlands") with short legs between controls and a premium on route choice; course distances will be about 3-, 2- and 1-km and winning times should be under 30 minutes.

B-Meet and Night-O courses will be somewhat shorter than in most meets due to the number of events and are designed to be less physical than in the past two years (I know; I said that last year). The terrain ranges from open sandy with good footing and scattered creosote, mesquite, and cholla, to loose sand in the washes, intricate gravel-covered low-lying hills and spurs, and steep sandstone and mudstone ridges and canyons with impassable dirt banks and cliffs. It will be easy for the unwary to become lost on the advanced courses while those on the basic courses will get some awesome vistas.

Scavenger Score-O uses a regular Score-O format. . . .up to a point, that point being when the time limit is reached (60- or 90-minutes). At the time limit a loud horn will sound and participants have 30 minutes to collect and bring in as many controls as they can. They can punch the controls they collect and get those points plus bonus points for bringing them in. It takes skill and a lot of strategy ... and a little luck ... to maximize your points: last year's winner, Eric Bone, finished 30 minutes late but collected enough high point controls after the time limit to more than make up for his overtime deductions.

REGISTRATION FEES for non-members of SDO, TSN, LAOC or BAOC are \$8 for one event, \$17 for two, \$23 for three, \$28 for four and \$30 for all five events. For members of the above clubs, fees are \$5 for one event, \$9 for two, \$12 for three, \$14 for four, and \$15 for all five ... SUCH A DEAL!

PRE-REGISTER FOR PRE-MARKED MAPS: Before January 11, 2005, call, write or, preferably, email to reserve pre-marked maps for your courses; otherwise, you may have to draw your own courses on a blank map. Pre-marked maps will also have the control descriptions pre-printed on the maps. Give your name, club, course, age, and the event or events and dates for which you are reserving maps. e.g.: Bill Gookin, SDO, Brown, 39, all events, or Jo Gookin, SDO, White, 11, B-Meet Day 1 and Day 2 only.

EMAIL: BillGookin@aol.com

CALL: (858) 578-9456

WRITE: Bill Gookin, P. O. Box 26722, San Diego, CA92196

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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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.

Kentucky Camp Map Debut

—Peg Davis and Alexis Mills

Many of us breathlessly anticipated the November 20 & 21st meet at Kentucky Camp. This would be the debut of the first map from the Route 83 project, made from a new base map and locally fieldchecked. It would also be the Tucson 2004 Pacific Ranking days. In addition, it was the first full scale orienteering meet since April. Shockingly, there were only 24 entries on Saturday. Happily, there were twice as many on Sunday. Surprisingly, despite good publicity, we had very few out-of-towners: Las Vegas stalwarts Carl and Linda Moore, state men's champ Phoenician Ron Birks and San Diegan Red course ruler Todd Webb.

We tried to control meet costs by having people reserve premarked course maps. Unfortunately, many people preregistered, then did not show up to use their reserved maps.

Course setters Ludwig Hill (Saturday) and Mark Parsons (Sunday) took full advantage of the map, designing White, Yellow, Orange, Brown, Green, Red, and Blue (whew!) courses both days. Placements were perfect with course parameters that should contribute nicely to the Pacific Ranking series.

Many competitors gave a very positive response to the new map. Many people worked on this meet before November. Involved with the mapping project were **Ludwig Hill, John Maier, Jeff Brucker, John Little, Jeff Brodsky, Jim DeVeny, David Barfield, Jim Stamm, Peg Davis, Pat Penn, and Mark Everett.**

Registration, Timing, Beginners' clinics, control retrieval: **Carl Moore, Linda Moore, Mark Everett, Nadine Gruhn, Beckie Copeland, Lois Kimminau, Ludwig Hill, Mark and Mia Parsons, Dave Barfield, Pat Penn, John Little, Ron Birks,** and the others whose names I forgot to write down. Thank you for all your help. Special thanks to **Nancy Pelosi** for organizational and OCAD help.

Type	Name	Sat. Time	Sat. Rank	Sun. Time	Sun. Rank	Comb. Time	2-Day Rank
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White

TMF	Kimminau Team	Rec.					N/A
M	Kevin O'Brien			Rec.			N/A
TMJ	Hunky Monkeys			Rec.			N/A
TMJ	Mountain Lions			Rec.			N/A
TMJ	Fudge Boats			Rec.			N/A
TX	Grandma and Jesse			Rec.			N/A

Yellow

TMJ	Fudge Boats			105:41	1		N/A
TMJ	Mountain Lions			Rec.			N/A
M	Kevin O'Brien			Rec.			N/A
TX	Unknown 5			Rec.			N/A
TMJ	Hunky Monkeys			Rec.			N/A

Orange

FA	Nadine Gruhn	104:34	1	77:10	1	181:44	1F
FA	Beckie Copeland	122:33	2	76:17	3	208:50	2F
MJ	Chris Suter			78:04	2		N/A
TM	Old Guys			122:35	4		N/A
F	Lois Kimminau			140:30	5		N/A
TX	Team Anglin			144:00	6		N/A
M	Don Barfield		Rec.				N/A

Brown

TX	Team Tubac	69:14	1	49:30	1	118:44	1TX
TMJ	Dilapidated Cows			108:15	2		N/A

Green

MV	John Little	52:52	1	62:49	1	115:41	1M
FV	Linda Moore	67:22	2	80:58	2	148:20	1F

Legend:

DNF Did Not Finish
 DNS Did Not Start
 MSP Mispunched
 OVT Overtime
 F,M,T Female, Male, Team
 J Junior (under 18)
 V Veteran (50 or over)
 X Mixed (Team)

The Meet Directors thank
 Ludwig and Mark,
 And all the volunteers too!
 But who thanks the meet
 directors?
WE DO! WE DO! WE DO!



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Type	Name	Sat. Time	Sat. Rank	Sun. Time	Sun. Rank	Comb. Time	2-Day Rank
<i>(Green--Continued)</i>							
MV	Carl Moore	78:05	4	100:23	3	178:28	2M
FV	Pat Penn	88:00	3	99:07	4	187:07	2F
TX	Beauty and	100:40	5	170:15	7	270:55	1TX
T	Casa Mafia			104:17	5		N/A
FA	Margrit McIntosh			141:54	6		N/A
MV	Michael Gurevich	102:41	6				N/A
F	Helen Deluga	Rec.					N/A
M	Phil Kirby	Rec.					N/A
Red							
MA	Todd Webb	70:28	1	54:16	1	124:44	1M
MA	Don Fallis	79:32	2	67:41	3	147:13	2M
MA	Jeff Brucker	87:57	3	77:48	4	165.45	3M
MA	Jeff Brodsky	121:20	5	88:23	5	209:43	4M
MA	Bill Florence	119:05	4	108:11	7	227:16	5M
FA	Peg Davis	143:21	6	125:50	8	269:11	1F
TX	Paul & Pam Hoyt	Rec.		99:33	6		1TX
MA	Max Suter			64:04	2		N/A
Blue							
M	Mark Everett	54:31	1	48:10	1	102:41	1M
M	Ron Birks	128:56	2	98:50	2	227:46	2M
M	Robert Dunn	MSP		106:30	3		3M

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CAMPING: Open primitive camping* is available at no charge near the center of the map, less than 400 m from the starts. Palm Canyon Campground with water, hookups and showers is about 20 minutes West of the competition area and there is a campground at Ocotillo Wells, about 7 miles East. *No water and no sanitary facilities.

MOTELS: There are also several motels and hotels in Borrego Springs, mostly with rates well over \$100 per night. Email me or call for names and rates.

DIRECTIONS: From San Diego, take I-15 North, East on Scripps-Poway Parkway, North on Highway 67 through Ramona where it becomes Highway 78. Continue East on Highway 78 through Julian 10.5 miles past the junction with S-3 and 1.5 miles past the junction with Borrego Springs Road. Look for the brown "Buttes Pass" sign on the left, and, in another 25-m., the orienteering sign and pink streamers on the right marking the turnoff to Buttes Pass. Drive slowly North on the dirt road for one mile to the dirt road junction and then about 0.4 mile East (right) to the camping area and competition center.

From Eastern San Diego area, take Highway 67 North to Ramona and follow the above directions from there.

From Eastern Los Angeles area, take I-15 South just past Temecula and turn East on Highway 79 toward Warner Springs. About 4 miles past Warner Springs, go East on S-2 to Highway 78 and follow the above directions from there.

From the Greater Los Angeles area, go South on I-5 past Oceanside, then follow Highway 78 through Ramona and follow the above directions from there.

From Arizona and points East, get on Interstate 8 to El Centro, North from El Centro on Highway 86 to Highway 78 near the South end of the Salton Sea and West on Highway 78 about 30 miles (7 miles past Ocotillo Wells). Look for pink ribbons on the right marking the turnoff to Buttes Pass (if you see the brown "Buttes Pass" sign, you are 100-m past the turnoff; if you come to the junction with S-23, Borrego Springs Road, you have gone 1.5 miles too far). Drive slowly North on the dirt road for one mile to the junction and then about 0.4 (four-tenths) of a mile East (right) to the camping area and competition center.

SEE YOU IN THE DESERT!**HELP!**

Time flies quickly! And we still don't have meet directors for Kentucky Camp in February or Cave Creek in March, not to mention several other meets in the near future. Won't you please volunteer to direct a meet? There is plenty of help and advice available to you, so don't be afraid just because you haven't done it before. It's not that complicated! Please call Jim Stamm at 575-0830, and let him know which meet you would like to direct. You'll be very much appreciated!

Note: Comments from participants at the November Kentucky Camp meet have been compiled and are posted on our website.

AZ State Champs

The 2004 Arizona State Championships were sponsored by the Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club this year. They held a two-day meet at Bomboy Mine on October 30-31. Many thanks to their club for doing such a great job. This meet was also a B-Meet for the Pacific Region's ranking series.

TOC members attending included Gary Thomas, Carl and Linda Moore, Pat Penn, Jim Stamm, Max Suter, Don Fallis, Ludwig Hill, Peg Davis, and Jeff Brucker. (If I missed anyone, I apologize.)

Complete results can be found on their club website:

www.phoenixorienteering.org

CLUB CALENDAR

2004	Location	Course Setter	Vetter	Meet Director
Dec. 11	Saguaro Lake	GPHXO**		GPHXO**
Dec. 19	Cat Mountain	Becky Copeland (884-9458)		Mike Wilke (628-7743)
Dec. 27	Newsletter deadline. See submission information box on page 2.			Lois Kimminau (296-2108)
2005				
Jan. 15-17	Anza-Borrego 3-day meet	San Diego Orienteering Club		
Feb. 20	Kentucky Camp	Leif Lundquist		
Mar. 20	Cave Creek	Jeff Berringer		
Apr. 17	Slavin Gulch			
May 15	Rim Event			
Jun. 19	Palisades	Peter Johnson		
Jul. 17	Lake Mary			
Aug. 21	Lincoln Park Early-O			
Sep. 18	Greasewood	Ludwig Hill (299-9041)		
Oct. 16	Silverbell (State Championships)	<i>Coursesetters:</i> Look at all these great sites to pick from! Pick your date and site and call Jim Stamm (575-0830) to make it official. <i>Meet Directors:</i> You can get your choice of date and site if you sign up early. Call now. We need ALL of you to make this a successful orienteering club, and a successful orienteering season. VOLUNTEER NOW!		
Nov. 20	Kentucky Camp			
Dec. 18	Cat Mountain			
**For information on GPHXO events, check their website at http://www.geocities.com/phxo , or e-mail them at gphxoc@yahoo.com . Let's support our sister club.				

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.

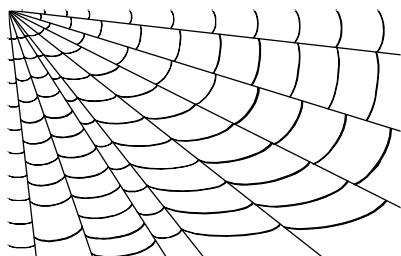
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**Cat Mountain on
December 19.**



Check out the Tucson Orienteering Club web site!
Type **<http://www.tucsonorienteering.org>**
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:

City, State, Zip:

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.