

September 2004

National Orienteering Day at Greasewood Park

—Ludwig Hill

On September 19, 2004, the Tucson Orienteering Club will hold its National Orienteering Day meet at Greasewood City Park, located on the western outskirts of Tucson. This 160-acre park, which features rolling terrain and a good number of trails, is conveniently located close to town and yet provides for a wide range of orienteering challenges.

Four courses will be available. There will be the usual classic White, Yellow, and Orange courses for beginners and intermediate level orienteers. For advanced orienteers, a Contour-O will be set, in which orienteers must navigate based solely on their ability to read contour lines, as no other information will be shown on the map.

Depending on the turnout, parking may be limited at the registration area. Extra parking is available at Maxwell Middle School, located south of and adjacent to the park.

Bring your friends. This is a great opportunity to try out new orienteering techniques or introduce someone to this fun sport.

Ralph Prince will be directing this event. If you would like to volunteer to help out with timing or registration (you will still have time to run a course, of course), please call Ralph at 323-9417.

Directions: From I-10 in Tucson, take Exit 257 at Speedway Boulevard and head west 2.2 miles until reaching Greasewood Road. Turn left at Greasewood. The entrance to Greasewood Park is the first road approach you come to on the right.

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 noon to 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, Ralph Prince.

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 8:15 and 8:30 a.m.

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



August Orienteering Workshop

—Lois Kimminau

Jeff Brucker presented a clinic at Greasewood Park on Sunday, August 15, to a group of about a dozen interested in learning about orienteering or improving their orienteering skills. The clinic was presented especially for those who are willing to volunteer their time to help the club, with the goal of encouraging more members to become meet directors or course setters.

After going over a list of specific skills needed to become a top orienteer, Jeff took us on a “map walk,” with frequent stops, at each of which the participants were asked to pinpoint the location on our maps.

Speaking from my own experience, I think this was a very useful exercise, and one which I plan to do on my own to improve my skill in “reading” the terrain.

Jeff has indicated that he would be willing to present another clinic in the future, perhaps geared more toward intermediate/would-be advanced orienteers. The price of admission will again be volunteering to do something for the club, whether it is directing a meet, setting a course, or accepting an office or committee chair. Talk to Jeff to indicate your interest.



Have you paid your dues?

Have you volunteered this year?

**We need your help as much as
we need your money!**

Orienteering in the Olympics?

According to an article in *USA Weekend* (Sunday, August 15), Orienteering's chances of becoming an Olympic sport are “promising”! Reason for hope: Orienteering is now a merit badge for Boy Scouts.

Believe it or not, in their opinion, we have a better chance of being included than Bridge or Korfball. (Bridge?? Korfball???) With Beach Volleyball and Badminton already included, I'm not sure it would be much of an honor.

I personally take issue with their opening statement: “Fans of five oddball sports demand recognition.” And to add insult to injury, they group Orienteering with Bridge, Tug of War, Korfball, and Dancesport.

They go on to say “To qualify, a summer sport must be played by men in 75 countries on four continents and by women in 40 countries on three continents. For some sports, landing in the Olympics may be more of a long shot than Andorra beating the USA in basketball.....” Well, after the basketball team's showing in Greece, that may not be such a long shot.

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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Your Silent Orienteering Partner

—Stephanie Martineau

Have you heard of the United States Orienteering Federation? Even if you aren't aware of it, USOF ("you-soff" in orienteering parlance) is a part of every orienteering event held by your club. Clubs chartered by the United States Orienteering Federation have the benefit of insurance coverage secured by USOF. Many land owners would not allow orienteering events to be held without such insurance.

USOF is the organizing body for United States orienteering. Local clubs are chartered by USOF and A-meets are sanctioned by USOF. It represents the United States at the International Orienteering Federation and is charged with selecting teams to represent the U.S. at World Orienteering Championships (Foot-O, Junior, Intercollegiate, Ski-O and Trail-O).

Individuals who join USOF receive *Orienteering North America* eight times a year. This publication offers information on orienteering technique, upcoming events, results and course reviews for recent events, nutrition and training helps, and a view of the orienteering world beyond the local club. Members who finish courses at USOF sanctioned A-meets are given a national ranking, and those who are eligible can try out for the national teams. Last year 594 members received a ranking in 41 categories on seven courses (white through blue).

Orienteering is growing in the United States. Every year more people attend local events and membership grows in the local clubs. USOF is developing programs to serve the clubs and market the sport to raise its visibility and attract newcomers. Essential to these programs is increased financial support from orienteers. USOF needs to raise \$20,000 to meet the USOF budget this year. "Big Change for USOF" is the theme for the fund drive because the fund drive is being conducted differently this year. USOF members will read about the fund-raising drive in the September issue of *Orienteering North America* rather than receiving a mailing. A suggested donation of \$25 is something new, although lovers of the

sport will hope-

And this is the first time an effort is being made to reach orienteers at the club level. Whether you are seriously competitive or participate in orienteering because it's personally challenging and one of the most fun experiences you've ever enjoyed, please send a contribution to the USOF fund drive. Broad support from the orienteering community will make a huge difference to effectiveness of USOF programs and services.

You can find out more about USOF online at www.us.orienteering.org. There are links for clubs, event schedules, results, rankings, international orienteering, and suppliers of orienteering equipment as well as information about USOF's programs and funds. (Details about the funds are found under "Virtual Binder.") While you are visiting the website, you can also print out a form to join USOF (click on "Join Us"). Individual, family and life memberships are available

Donations to USOF can be made to its general operating fund and will be used where needed most. Donations can also be designated to funds set up for specific purposes, which may be an area that you would like to support. USOF is an IRS 501(c)3 charitable organization, and your donation qualifies as a charitable contribution under the tax code. Checks should be made out to "United States Orienteering Federation" and be mailed to: United States Orienteering Federation, P.O. Box 1444, Forest Park, GA 30298.

If you wish your contribution to go to a specific fund, please write the name of the fund on the memo line of your check. Although many contributions are made at the end of the year to meet that December 31st deadline, sending your contribution now will be most helpful to USOF. And one less thing to do in December!

College Development—new in 2004 to develop college clubs and send a team to world intercollegiate championships.

Competition Awards—covers awards at USOF championship events and helps the local club hosting those events.

Endowment—these funds are invested and provide regular income to USOF.

E-Punch—promotes electronic punching capabilities in the United States.

Insurance—this fund pays the insurance premiums, which are USOF's single largest single expense.

Junior Team—used for junior development and costs to enter and attend the world junior championships; this year's competition was held in Poland and 2005 will be in Switzerland.

Map Grants—provides grants, primarily to new clubs, to defray the costs of map production.

Map Loan—a revolving fund for interest free loans to clubs for the production of new maps.

O in the Schools—provides teaching materials and kits to schools.

Program Development—these funds provide interest free loans and grants to members and clubs for development and promotional projects such as traveling display.

Ski-O Team—helps pay entry fees and accommodations for the world championships; now held annually, the 2005 championships will be in Finland.

Sponsorship & Marketing—a variety of efforts to secure sponsorships and market orienteering, including videotapes, brochures, and a photo library.

Senior Team—helps pay entry fees and accommodations for the annual world championships; they are being held this September in Sweden and next year in Japan. As on other teams, the members pay their own travel costs.

Trail-O—helps pay entry fees and accommodations for the world championships; this newer format of orienteering will hold its competition in conjunction with the foot-O championships in Sweden.

Stephanie Martineau is a member of the Minnesota Orienteering Club and Heartland representative on the USOF board of directors. She has recklessly undertaken the 2004 USOF Annual Fund Drive, a job few before her have even attempted.



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CLUB CALENDAR

2004	Location	Course Setter	Vetter	Meet Director
Sep. 19	Greasewood City Park	Ludwig Hill (299-9041)		Ralph Prince (323-9417)
Sep. 27	Newsletter deadline. See submission information box on page 2.			
Oct. 30-31	Bomboy Mine (State Championships)	GPHXO**		GPHXO**
Nov. 20	Kentucky Camp (2-day meet)	Ludwig Hill (299-9041)		Peg Davis (628-8985)
Nov. 21	Kentucky Camp	Mark Parsons		
Dec. 11	Saguaro Lake	GPHXO**		GPHXO**
Dec. 19	Cat Mountain			Mike Wilke (628-7743)
2005				
Jan. 26	Brady Wash			
Feb. 20	Kentucky Camp	Leif Lundquist		
Mar. 20	Catalina State Park	Course Setters: Look at all these great sites to pick from! Pick your date and site and call Jim Stamm to make it official. Meet Directors: you can get your choice of date and site if you sign up early. We need ALL of you to make this a successful orienteering club. VOLUNTEER NOW!		
Apr. 17	Cave Creek			
May 15	Slavin Gulch			
Jun. 19	Palisades			
Jul. 17	Lake Mary			
Aug. 21	Lincoln Park Early-O			
Sep. 18	Greasewood Park Early-O			
Oct. 16	Silverbell--State Championships			
Nov. 20	Kentucky Camp			
Dec. 18	Cat Mountain			

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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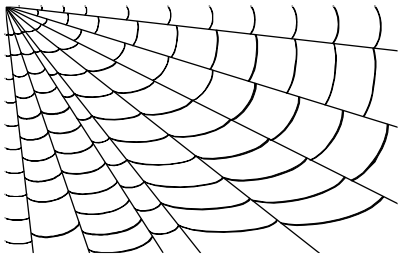
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Also, for links to all the West Coast club sites,
just type <http://go.to/sconet>
or for Pacific Region rankings, type
<http://go.to/pacreg>

Tucson Orienteering Club Membership Application

Check one: New Member

Renewal

Date on label _____

Check one: Individual (\$10)

Household (\$15)

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Can you help staff a club meet?

Yes, call me.

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and receive a \$5 discount per meet. Make checks payable to Tucson Orienteering Club
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