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October 2006

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## Box Canyon, October 14-15

—*Max Suter*

The October meet will take place on a new map provided by Ludwig Hill and created by a working group of the club. The map has a five-meter contour interval, complies with IOF standards, and is very accurate. Maps will be 600 dpi letter-size inkjet prints, and a copy of the map will be posted at registration.

The meet area, Box Canyon, is located in the Coronado National Forest, about one hour by car southeast of Tucson, in the northern foothills of the Santa Rita Mountains, at 5,000 feet in grassland and open juniper-oak forest. The map is traversed diagonally by northwest-southeast oriented valleys and ridges; Box Canyon Road (Forest Road 62) passes along the major one of these valleys. Numerous minor spurs and reentrants are oriented approximately northeast-southwest, perpendicular to the major topographic features, which makes navigation challenging, provides for route choices, and can lead to parallel errors, especially at night. Fences, the Arizona Trail, and some minor forest roads provide additional hand rails.

Most of the underlying rock is gravel. As a result, footing on steep slopes can be loose; orienteering or trail running shoes are a plus. Earth banks along stream channels and gullies can pose a risk at night. Most of the terrain is mapped as open/rough open or open/rough open with scattered trees and is runnable; only about 10% is mapped as slow running (light green). As of this writing (mid-September), the valley bottoms are covered by lush tall grass; trousers, gaiters, and disposable socks (three pairs for the runners participating in all the events) are recommended.

The start-finish is located near the intersection of Forest Roads 231 and 62 (Box Canyon Road); parking and registration are northeast of the intersection. Overnight camping is available at the meet site (no toilets, no potable water, and no fee). Most of the campsites are north of the car park, whereas some additional sites are located south of FR 62. From parking-registration follow magenta streamers for 200 m to the start (hilltop). All orienteering courses will be limited to the area north of FR 62, with the exception of Sunday's advanced courses, which will cross Box Canyon Road (FR 62).

Mark Parsons will be the meet director (520-432-2817). As always, volunteers are needed for registration, timing, and control retrieval.

**Directions:** From I-10, exit 281, take State Road 83 south for 17.0 miles where you turn right onto Greaterville Road (which leads to Madera Canyon and Continental). After 4.8 miles you reach a junction where you take the right fork (Box Canyon Road, improved dirt road). After 1.7 mi turn right onto FR 231 and after 50 yards again right into a car parking loop. Alternatively from I-19, exit 63, drive east on Continental Road and later White House Canyon Road in the direction of Madera Canyon. At a junction after 8.2 miles, take the left fork (Box Canyon Road, FR 62, improved dirt road). [Note: the right fork leads to Madera Canyon.] Drive up Box Canyon to the intersection with FR 231, where you turn left and after about 50 yards right into the parking area.

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**Saturday, October 14, Sprint** (one course only, 1:5,000 scale map)

3:00 p.m. Course opens.

5:00 p.m. Last start.

**Saturday, October 14, Night-O** (two courses, which are identical with Sunday's Orange and Yellow courses; scales are 1:10,000 and 1:5,000, respectively)

7:00 p.m. Courses open.

9:00 p.m. Last start.

**Sunday, October 15**

Classic Distance event, beginners (White), advanced beginners (Yellow), intermediate (Orange), short advanced (Green), and long advanced (Blue) courses; White and Yellow courses on 1:5,000 scale map; Orange, Green, and Blue courses on 1:10,000 scale map.

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 noon-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.

**Safety Bearing:** For the beginner and intermediate courses: If you are lost, head south to the Box Canyon Road and west along the road back to the start.

**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 8:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

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

**The Last Meet?**

Will the Box Canyon meet in October be the last meet of 2006? November and December are coming up fast. We have meet sites reserved and permits in place, but no course setters or meet directors. No one wants to cancel any more meets, but the time is drawing close, and we need you NOW. Who will step forward?

Don't be intimidated because you think you can't do the job. There is plenty of help available. All you need to do is ask. There are experienced course setters who would be only too glad to mentor you and vet your courses. (And the Catalina State Park site is a particularly good one for new course setters.)

Acting as meet director doesn't even require that you be an experienced orienteer. And there's plenty of help available for that job too, in addition to a complete Meet Director's Handbook.

C'mon, you know it's your turn!

**Once A Year**

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**GPHXO meet November 11 & 12 at Needle Vista**

**Information will be posted on their website**

**as soon as it is available.**

**<http://www.phoenixorienteering.org/>**

**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*

**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](mailto:TucsonOrienteering-subscribe@topica.com). To send a message, simply address it to: [TucsonOrienteering@topica.com](mailto: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](mailto:JimStamm@ComCast.net).

## CLUB CALENDAR

2006	Location	Course Setter	Meet Director
Sep. 23-24	Lake Mary State Championships	Ludwig Hill	Richard Dewey
Oct. 14-15	Box Canyon (Night-O, Sprint, Classic)	Max Suter	Mark Parsons
Oct. 23	Newsletter deadline for November issue. See submittal information on page 2.		Lois Kimminau
Oct. 25	Board Meeting, 7 p.m. See below.		Peg Davis, 628-8985
Nov. 19 Dec. 17	Catalina State Park Kentucky Camp West	<b><i>Coursesetters: Look at these great sites to pick from! Pick your date and site and call Jim Stamm (575-0830) to make it official.</i></b> <b><i>Meet Directors: You can get your choice of date and site if you sign up early. Call now.</i></b> <b>We need ALL of you to make this a successful orienteering club, and a successful orienteering season.</b> <b>VOLUNTEER NOW!</b>	
2007			
Jan. 21	Cat Mountain	Ludwig Hill	<i>Easy in-town meet for a new meet director!!</i>
Feb. 18	Kentucky Camp/Greaterville	Leif Lundquist	Barb Bryant

## October Business Meeting

The next TOC business meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, at Casa Peg. All are welcome, and officers are *beseched*, to attend. Call 628-8985 for directions.

**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.**

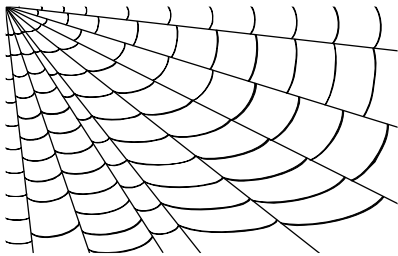
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**Sprint-O -- Night-O -- Classic-O**  
**Who could ask for more?**  
**October 14-15, Box Canyon**



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://www.geocities.com/o\\_sconet](http://www.geocities.com/o_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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.