

February 2007

## Two Days! Classic Courses and a Double Sprint in One Weekend!

—Leif Lundquist

Welcome on February 17-18, 2007, to Kentucky Camp/Greaterville! On Saturday, Feb. 17, we'll begin with classic courses – Red (8km), Green (6km), Orange (3.5 km), and an easy White (2.9 km). After a night of rest at home or camping, you can enjoy a 3 km Sprint O, have lunch, or just a siesta, before getting ready for another Sprint O, this one only 1.9 km.

The undulating terrain in the lower southeast foothills of the Santa Rita Mountains offers several vantage points for the course setter. This time the meet will be held on the northeastern part of TOC's new map. The terrain is generally open with scattered trees and bushes, sometimes in groves; thorny thickets of underbrush may occur in smaller patches. The dry winter grasses are not as abundant as last year, but they still harbor some irritating, itching seeds that try to fill your shoes. Long pants and/or gaiters are recommended. From the top of the ridges you can see forever, but the valleys are low and on Saturday there will be several interesting route choices. On Sunday we'll stay close to the start; not too much up and down, but the controls will be placed low instead.

All in two days of fun! If you can't make both days, come for one! If you only want to do one Sprint O on Sunday, that's fine. Compose your own weekend menu! Barb Bryant will direct the meet, but she'll need assistants; please call Barb at 617-661-9579 if you can help. Don't worry, helping won't make you miss the run.

**Maps:** Pre-printed for each course, scale 1:10,000.

**Directions:** Drive East on I-10 to SR 83 (Exit 281 for Sonoita). Follow SR 83 south for 21 miles to Gardner Canyon Road (between mileposts 38 and 37); turn west and go 0.8 miles to FS 163. Turn right, drive 1.9 miles and take the right fork on FS 229 toward Box Canyon. Drive 0.4 miles to 2<sup>nd</sup> fork, turn left, drive 0.2 miles to 3<sup>d</sup> fork, turn right, and drive another 0.6 miles to the registration area. Orange and white signs will guide you from Hwy 83 to the start.

If you're not a U.S. citizen, bring some

ID suitable for the border patrol post on Highway 83.

**Fees:** (per day) \$5 per individual, \$8 per team for members of any recognized orienteering club. Non-members: \$10 per individual and \$15 per team. \$2 discount on Sunday if you also participated on Saturday. 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, Saturday:**

10:30 a.m. Registration opens.  
11:00 a.m. Courses open.  
11:00 a.m. Beginner's clinic starts.

1:00 p.m. Last start.

3:00 p.m. Courses close. **All runners must return to Start/Finish by 3 PM.**

3:00 p.m. Control retrieval begins – Please volunteer with the meet director by 1 p.m.

**Schedule, Sunday (note different starting time):**

To make the sprint more exciting, we'll assign starts every minute.

9:30 a.m. Registration opens – get your start time for Sprint 1!

10:00 a.m. Sprint 1 course opens.

10:30 a.m. Registration for Sprint 1 course closes.

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12:00 noon Sprint 1 course closes.

12:30 p.m. Registration reopens – get your start time for Sprint 2!

1:00 p.m. Sprint 2 course opens.

1:30 p.m. Registration for Sprint 2 course closes.

2:30 p.m. Sprint 2 course closes. **All runners must return to Start/Finish by 2:30 PM.**

2:30 p.m. Control retrieval begins – Please volunteer with the meet director by 1 p.m.

**Check-In:** To insure that all are safe, every runner, whether finished with the course or not, must check in at the Finish before leaving the meet site.

**Newcomers:** Go directly to the Registration. Ask for instructions and introductory information. Beginner's clinic starts at 11 a.m.

**Route choice reviews:** Orienteers love to talk about alternate routes and their advantages and disadvantages. If you would like to discuss your choices, there will be advanced orienteers available near the Start/Finish area.

**Car Pool:** On Saturday, carpool from the convenient parking area on the northwest corner of Houghton Road where it crosses I-10. Be there before 10:15 if you want to drive or ride with others. Drivers: please offer to take carpoolers back to their cars at the I-10 intersection, if they should be finished before their driver. Let's be a tad green! (Please organize your own Sunday carpools, as there will be different start times for the sprints.)

**Other questions:** Please call the meet director Barb Bryant at 617-661-9579.

**What to call the February course setter?** Leif rhymes with safe, not grief or strife.

## Tucson Orienteering Club Granted Tax-Exempt Status

—Jeff Berringer

The Internal Revenue Service granted the Tucson Orienteering Club, Limited, tax exempt status on January 6, 2007. The effective date of exemption was back-dated to March 9, 2005, the date the club was formally incorporated.

In 2005, the United States Orienteering Federation informed its member orienteering clubs that they needed to obtain tax exempt status if their revenues exceeded a certain threshold. The club's two-year process involved formally incorporating the club, writing and approving bylaws, and filing the appropriate paperwork with the IRS. During this process, the word "Limited" was appended to the club name to meet the organizational naming requirements required to incorporate.

Highlights of the determination letter from the IRS include:

"...we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code."

Please consult with your tax advisor for additional information on the deductibility of expenses you incur supporting club business. The complete determination letter, application for exemption and other related documents are available for public inspection as required by the IRS.

*[Note from President Peg Davis: Our club was required by USOF to incorporate. We were able to accomplish this due to the diligent efforts of Ludwig Hill who wrote our bylaws and Jeff Berringer who has handled all our finances for years. Thanks for doing such great jobs, dahlinks! Peg]*

### Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held February 26 at 7 p.m. sharp, at the home of Peg Davis. Call Peg at 628-8985 for directions. All members are invited to attend and are eligible to vote.

Come and put forth your ideas for improving our club and our meets. Your opinions are valued.

### 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).

### 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*



## 2006 Club Statistics

—*Jeff Berringer*

Well, it's that time of the year again—time for our charter renewal and annual report to the United States Orienteering Federation (USOF). Every January, we report statistics on the club's activities during the previous year. The statistics we tally up are more than just numbers going to our parent organization—they're the vital signs of the Tucson Orienteering Club.

The signs say we're doing well. The club saw an increase in both the number of events and number of starts compared to 2005, and the club's 2006 schedule included events in a wide variety of orienteering formats.

We hosted 15 days of events in 2006, including four multi-day meets. This is the second year in a row that the number of event days has increased—we had 13 days of events in 2005 and 12 days of events in 2004. Notable achievements in 2006 were four opportunities to orienteer at night (Night-O), two sprint events, and three offerings of the Tucson Motala, a format created especially for Adventure Racers.

### Format

### Months Offered

Classic Orienteering Courses	February, March, September, October, and November
Score-O Events	April, June, and December
8-hour Rogaine	January
Sprint Events	May and October
Night-O Courses	May, June, September, and October
Motala Courses	February, March, and December

Some familiar orienteering formats that didn't appear on the 2006 schedule were the Long-O, Goat, and Mountain Bike Orienteering (MBO). Perhaps we'll see a return of these formats in 2007.

The club had 414 starts in 2006, an increase over the 2005 number of 346. This was less than we had in 2004 (471), which included 176 starts from a single event, the World Rogaine Championship 6. "Starts" is a measure of the number of entries we had at our club events, and is counted on a course-by-course basis. It's possible for an individual to have more than one start per day if they run multiple courses. Teams that have a single result reported are counted as a single start per USOF guidelines.

The Club's vigorous mapping program continued. The club worked on both the Box Canyon and Arthur Pack Regional Park maps, adding 8.9 additional square kilometers of mapped areas. The Box Canyon map is the largest map within the Highway 83 project area, and was put to good use during the two-day October meet, which included Sprint, Night-O and Classic orienteering events. The Arthur Pack map gives us another orienteering venue that's close to Tucson.

At the end of 2006, the club had 50 individual and 41 family members (counted as two members per USOF standards), for a total USOF-reported membership of 132. Most club members were from Arizona, but the rolls include members from Colorado, California, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Illinois, and Texas.

Thank you to **Ludwig Hill and Jeff Brodsky** for mapping and membership data.

The start of a new year is a great time to reflect on our successes, and to consider where we can go in the future. What would you like to see—new and different formats? The return of some old favorites? More multi-day events? What can you do to help the club continue to host quality events? Setting, Vetting, Mapping, Directing—all are important for a successful club.

## New Members in January

—*Jeff Brodsky, Membership*

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new members in January: Liliana Chase, Bret Titcomb, Jerry Dean, James Feldmann and Alison Iles. We also welcome January meet attendees Laura Bryan and Alan Lavery, Scott and Camille Johnson, Nancy Campbell, Maria Delgado, Dan and Cheryl Friauf, Kathleen and Josh Geis, Jess Laurie, Michelle Miller, Carolyn Reynolds-Stewart, and Jason Shirk. We hope you will be able to attend many meets and will make orienteering your favorite sport.



## Anza-Borrego Meet 2007

—Peg Davis

Fourteen members of TOC soaked up three days filled with desert orienteering and frigid winds about 50 miles west of the Salton Sea over MLK weekend. Classic courses were offered on Saturday and Sunday morning, a sprint Saturday afternoon, a Maze-O in the badlands Sunday afternoon, and a Scavenger-O Monday morning to clean the course.

Here's how we fared:

Pam Hoyt was second on the women's Green course Sunday. The men's Green course saw Mark Parsons, Jeff Brucker, and Leif Lundquist at 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> for the weekend, accompanied by Paul Hoyt and Max Suter. Christina Luis, the once and future Tucsonan, ran with USOF team members on the Red combo women's course to claim second. Peg Davis was second on the Red classic women's course. Kay Mathiesen covered the Orange course. Red men's course featured Ludwig Hill in 4<sup>th</sup>, with John Maier, Don Fallis, and Jeff Brodsky for company. Five Tucsonans were among the 39 on the Sprint course; our highest finish was 12<sup>th</sup>. Eleven of us, including old pal Peter Zurcher, clawed and scrambled through the Maze with John Maier 3<sup>rd</sup> on the long course and Jeff Brucker 2<sup>nd</sup> on intermediate.

The Scavenger-O started with 60 minutes of Score-O to punch anything one could find. The second hour goal was to uproot any controls one came across for additional points at the finish. High scorers were John Maier at 5<sup>th</sup> and Ludwig at 6<sup>th</sup>. Seven Tucsonans brought back a wad of the 69 total controls scattered across the map. This is an efficient way to end a meet—only 13 controls remained in the field at the deadline.

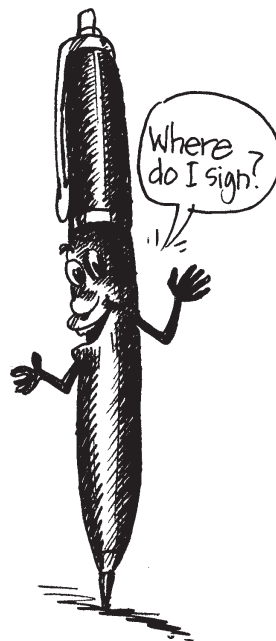
This meet is the greatest orienteering bargain in the Southwest: camping with friends and orienteering until we dropped for about \$30. If the San Diego club and spearhead Bill Gookin (thanks, guys!) hold this meet in 2008, don't miss it!

### Needed!

#### Officers and Committee Chairs

March is the year-end for all elected positions. If you are interested in serving on the board of the Tucson Orienteering Club, please let Peg Davis know.

We have not had elections for several years, because we didn't have more than one candidate for any position, but if you have some ideas you'd like to get out there, some changes you'd like to make, or just a general interest in serving the club leadership, please step forward.



#### Pictures, Pictures, Who's Got Pictures?

I'd love to use more pictures from our events in the newsletter. Unfortunately, I always forget to take my camera. If any of you take some pictures that you'd like to share with the Club, please send them to me. You can attach them to an e-mail, or, if they're not digital, send me a print and I will scan it. The e-mail or snail mail addresses are in the box on page 2.

*Lois Kimminau, Editor*

### Orienteering Articles Needed

Newsletter editors from many of the US and Canadian clubs are joining together to create a repository of articles concerning orienteering that would be available for printing in the newsletters. These will be posted on a website which we (the editors) will be able to search in order to find articles on a particular subject that we think our readers would be interested in reading. The articles could be a description of a route at a meet, tips on improving your orienteering skills, tips on improving your general health and strength, meets you have attended in other countries or other parts of this country, etc. Anything that you feel would be of interest to other orienteers.

In the past, I have received excellent articles from several of our members, and I want to encourage everyone to write from their own experiences and perspectives. If you will allow your article to be posted in the repository for printing in other newsletters, please give me permission when you submit the article. The intent is to stay within copyright laws, but to make it easy for the editors to use the articles without having to request permission each time.

If you like to write, here's your chance to get in print. We newsletter editors will appreciate it.

## Saints of O, 2006 Edition

—*Peg Davis*

Now let us celebrate those who made the Tucson meets last year possible. This list is in no way fair. Whether one set several multi-event meets employing new forms of orienteering or just did half a small course, one's name appears here.

Course Setters: **Scott and Shirley Donald, Leif Lundquist, Scott Drumm, Pat Penn, Jeff Brucker, John Maier, Ludwig Hill, Max Suter, John Pascal, Paul and Pam Hoyt.**

Meet Directors: **Peg Davis, Barb Bryant, The Mudhens, Mike Wilke, Pat Townsend, Jeff Brucker, Brad and Yvonne Poe, Richard Dewey (GPHXO), Keith McLeod, Chris Capurro, Paul and Pam Hoyt.**

Note that we made it clear to March before using courses set by Americans and all the way to May before having only full-time Tucsonans setting the whole meet.

Whether setting or directing, this club really benefits from couples. They make great setters or directors. Note to singles: for the good of orienteering in Tucson, find someone outdoorsy and form a stable unit.

Another sign of good health is that so few TOC board member's names appear on this list. Anyone's name which appears both on this list and the back page board listing is probably working too hard. Is your name not in the list of Saints? Time to take on a board position!

### Quiet Article About the Quiet Man

## 2006 USOF Official Rankings

—*Peg Davis*

While Mark Everett claims Orienteering Kansas as his primary club, we in Tucson have claimed him as our own this century. Especially right now. Mark is the number one elite male orienteer in the US as a result of his races in 2006. Yup, top of the heap. Cream of the crop. A-number one. Congratulations, Mark, on yet another year of stellar orienteering.

Class Rank:	1
Name:	Mark Everett
Club:	OK
Class:	M-21+
Result:	101.6
Time:	73:50
Events:	11
Award:	Gold



## GPHXO Mini-Rogaine February 11

The Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club is holding a Mini-Rogaine at Bomboy Mine on February 11. There will be eight-hour and four-hour options. If you're planning to do the Rogaine, either competitively or recreationally, you need to preregister to Mike Franklin at [jfranklin31@cox.net](mailto:jfranklin31@cox.net) right away. You don't need to send the money, just pay on the day of the event. The registration fee is \$25 per person, but if you procrastinate and register after February 4, it'll run you \$35 per person. For more information on the meet, go to their website:

[http://www.phoenixorienteering.org/Events/20070211\\_bomboyMineRogaineInstructions.htm](http://www.phoenixorienteering.org/Events/20070211_bomboyMineRogaineInstructions.htm).

Also, they are offering a \$5 discount if you would like to lend a hand. Sign up before the day of the event to help setup, run a table for an hour, tear-down, or later pick up controls. Also needed are a few volunteers who aren't competing to take a shift manning the food table. Email Meet Director Pat Abbott at [PAAPsyD@aol.com](mailto:PAAPsyD@aol.com) if you can help.

Car Pools are being formed for Tucsonans who would like to go to Bomboy Mine, an early one (4:45 a.m.), and a later one for those doing the four hour Rogaine (~7:30 a.m.). Call Peg Davis at (520) 628-8985 if you are interested in car pooling.

## CLUB CALENDAR

2007	Location	Course Setter	Meet Director
Feb. 17-18	Kentucky Camp/Greaterville	Leif Lundquist	Barb Bryant
Feb. 26	Newsletter deadline for February 2007 issue. See submittal information on page 2.		Lois Kimminau (296-2108)
Feb. 26	Board Meeting at 7 p.m., at Peg Davis' home. Call for directions.		Peg Davis (628-8985)
Mar. 18	Chimney Rock	Jeff Brucker	<b>Help!</b>
Apr. 15	UA Campus	Don Fallis	Kay Mathieson
May 19-20	Mogollon Rim -- Potato Patch	"U-Set-It"	<i>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).</i>
Jun. 16 (Sat.)	Lincoln Park Night-O/Annual Meeting		
Jul. 15	Greasewood Early-O		
Aug. 19	Palisades or Bear Wallow		
Sep. 16	Lake Mary	Vetter/bag hanger needed	
Oct. 21	Box Canyon		
Nov. 18	Catalina State Park		
Dec. 16	Arthur Pack Regional Park	Ludwig Hill	

**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.**

### 2006-2007 TUCSON ORIENTEERING CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD

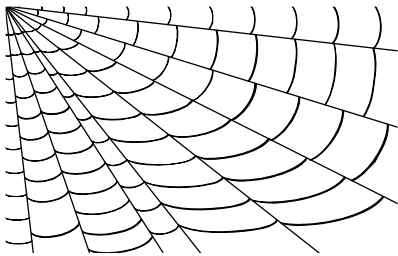
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Also, for links to all the West Coast club sites,  
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### Tucson Orienteering Club Membership Application

Check one: New Member

Renewal

Date on label

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Household (\$15)

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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  
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