

May 2007

May 19 & 20 Potato Patch U-Set-It Extravaganza

—Peg Davis

Ah, the Mogollon Rim in May. There are few better places at that time. But it's such a long drive! What would make it worth it? Multiple orienteering events, that's what: Hang-a-thon, classic, Night-O, sprint and retriev-a-thon!

How can such a humble organization as the Tucson Orienteering Club host such an event? Because you will be both hanging and retrieving controls as you compete! This practice will increase the skill level of the club—which is nothin' but a good thing. All courses will be designed from controls hung on Saturday morning. Hey, it's a low key event and just for fun, but we're hoping to see orienteers from all over the Southwest. **Preregister** or risk having no map.

Maps: 1:10000 and 1:15000 scales, 2001 Potato Patch, 20 ft contours. This is the site of the 1998 Arizona Rogaine. Map improvements by John Maier.

Camping: Friday and Saturday night at one of our loveliest sites. Primitive, no facilities, bring your own water.

Water: Two water depots will be the only water available while orienteering. This is a good meet to carry your own water on the course.

Bonus event: Wanted—course designers from noon-1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Mentors: Are you a Mentor, a Mentee, or a Lone Wolf? Mentors are more experienced orienteers who have done some sort of course setting and know how to judge the accuracy of control placement and rate its difficulty. If hanging White or Yellow controls, Orange level orienteering skills should work. Just talk about what you're doing as you mentor; you don't have to teach the entire encyclopedia of orienteering. Mentees want to learn from someone more expert to gain setting confidence.

Preregistration: Please e-mail your intention to participate to Peg Davis (pegdavis at u.arizona.edu) and answer these questions:

- (1) What is your name?
- (2) Are you a mentor, a mentee, or a lone wolf?
- (3) At what level do you want to hang controls or be mentored: White, Yellow, Orange, Green, or Red?
- (4) How many events will you be doing in total (control hanging, classic, night-O, sprint, retrieval)?
- (5) Do you want to design courses Saturday noon?

Fees: Entire weekend for members: \$15; entire weekend for nonmembers: \$25 (please note that a membership is \$10). Discount for arriving in a vehicle with 3 or more units: \$5 (1 unit = 1 human or 1 pile of club equipment). One event: \$5 (no carpool discount). Compasses rent for \$1. Safety whistles sell for \$1. Every person, all courses, all meets, is required to carry some type of safety whistle.

Meet Site: All events start and finish at the camping area.

Other: Carpooling encouraged. Post requests on your local O club listserv or contact Peg at 520-628-8985 or e-mail pegdavis@u.arizona.edu

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Suggested Equipment: Bring headlamps/flashlights and watches (and synchronize with official Potato Patch time).

Schedule:**Saturday, May 19**

8:30-9:30 a.m. Registration opens. Find your mentor or mentee and get your quadrant assignment.

12 Noon Deadline to turn in your map with your control locations marked and described.

1:30 p.m. Start a classic course.

5:00 p.m. Courses close.

8:00 p.m. Night-O opens.

9:30 p.m. Courses close.

9:31 p.m. Meet Director becomes frantic if anyone is late. Don't be late!

Sunday, May 20

8:20-8:30 a.m. Registration

8:30-9:15 a.m. Starts at 1 minute intervals for sprint course.

10:00 a.m. Sprint course closes.

10:30a.m. Control retrieval begins. Get your assignment.

1:30 p.m. Be back from control retrieval.

Directions: From Phoenix, take route 87 to Payson (pretty drive), then highway 260 east (very pretty drive) about 30 miles to the top of the Mogollon Rim, then 8 miles further to Forest Road 99 (near milepost 290). Follow FR 99 north 4 miles to FR 170. Follow FR 170 north 7 miles to camp. Passenger cars will make it along all of these dirt roads. Watch for elk. Look for orange and white signs.

Membership Meeting

The next business meeting of the Tucson Orienteering Club will be on Wednesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. Though this will be the night of the full moon, we will not sprout fur and howl until after the meeting is adjourned. All interested parties are invited to join the board of directors for discussion and submit topics for the agenda. The meeting will be held at Peg's house. Call for directions (628-8985).

Get Off Yer Duff!

—Cristina Luis

Are monthly meets the only time you get out and exercise? Or do you train every day and wish you had someone to run with? Want to get faster, fitter, and learn to orienteer better? TSN is starting a casual training group geared towards the slow, the fast, and the in-between. Group workouts followed by food and beverage. Contact cristina.luis@gmail.com for more info.

Invitation to Upcoming Meets

Los Angeles Orienteering Club has two two-day meets coming up this year. Their annual two-day B meet will be held at Mt. Pinos on June 23-24. This will be a PAC Region Ranking Event with two days of classic courses set by Joel and Bridget Thomson. Come for a relaxed camping weekend. Info at http://www.LosAngelesOrienteering.org/folder_events/ev_07_0623_pinos.html.

LAOC has now received sanctioning for an A Meet, October 27-28, 2007, in Idylwild. This is a brand-new map for the Club and should be very exciting. There will be a link to the event website on the LAOC website as soon as it is completed.



No matter how far you
have gone on the wrong
road, turn back.
Turkish Proverb

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.

UA Hash-O Results

—*Don Fallis*

On April 15, 2007, the Tucson Orienteering Club hosted the world's first "Hash-O." This event combined elements of hashing and orienteering. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orienteering#Other_variations_of_orienteering. This event was co-sponsored by UA Outdoor Adventures (thanks to Bruce Rischar) and by the Pima Independent Sunday Social Hash (thanks to Flying Booger).

About forty Tucson orienteers and a handful of Tucson hashers showed up for this event. At the outset, most of the orienteers were a bit dubious. But, after completing the course (and despite the fact that I did not let them run to the top of all seven of the parking structures on campus), most of them seemed to be sold on the concept. In fact, according to one report, the event was "approximately 5 zillion times more fun" than expected. See http://www.attackpoint.org/weeklyactivity.jsp/user_470.

In addition to the participants, I would like to heartily thank the following individuals for their invaluable assistance in making this event a success.

Kay Mathiesen for directing the meet.

Andreas Haldi for creating the map.

Ludwig Hill for getting me a color copy of it.

Dalton Flanagan for vetting the course.

Peg Davis for manning the timing table.

David Barfield for manning the registration table and helping with control retrieval.

And, last but not least, **Peg Davis and Kay Mathiesen** for successfully pacifying the property owners of the Sam Hughes District.

Place	Name	Time	<i>Short Course (at least 4 controls, 4km true trail)</i>	
<i>Long Course (all 10 controls, 8km true trail)</i>			1M	Pat Madea 76:04
1M	Mark Everett	69:52	1T	Tugies 88:55
1F	Cristina Luis	70:09	2T	Reluctant Trio 93:09
2M	Ludwig Hill	73:58	3T	Neill Team 94:12
3M	Jeff Brucker	83:57	4T	Shircores Team (and Deb Denne) 102:30
4M	Jason Bowman	85:18	2M	Michael Rule 117:47
5M	Jeff Brodsky	92:17	5T	Hayseeds 130:18
6M	Leif Lundquist	95:19	6T	Nielsen Team 160:27
7M	Alexandre Savine	99:23		Kris Klewin REC
1T	Greg & Pat	145:00		Schweigerling Team REC
2F	Peg Davis	150:03		Woodford Team REC
	Jim Stamm	REC		R. Rudolph REC
	<i>(on bicycle)</i>			

Medium Course (at least 7 controls, 5½km true trail)

1T	Josh & Shane	73:23
1M	David Wright	119:48
	Michelle Miller	REC



Tucson Orienteering Club A Meet, February 23-24, 2008

—*Max Suter, Chair*

Tentative plans are coming together for our A meet in February 2008, to be held on the Kentucky Camp/Greaterville map. (This is the weekend after the Northern Texas Orienteering Association A meet.)

The course setters are Leif Lundquist (Day 1) and Jeff Brucker (Day 2). The vetters are tentatively John Little (Day 1) and John Maier (Day 2). Jim Stamm will obtain the National Forest permit; Jeff Berringer is preparing a safety plan; and Ludwig Hill will provide the map specifics for the sanctioning application.

Once the event has been sanctioned by the United States Orienteering Federation, all plans will move forward and more information will be available. All members will be invited to participate in planning and working for a successful meet.

NAVIGATION SKILLS		Basic	Intermediate	Advanced
1	Map Orientation	with terrain	with compass	automatic
2	Imaging	obvious features	contours	intricate nuances
3	Route Choice	pick obvious	safety	safety/efficient
4	Planning	rough idea	immediate details	details way ahead
5	Linear Features	obvious lines, intersections	edges, high points, imaginary	ridges, drainages, offsets, aspects
6	Awareness / Looking	thumb progress	acknowledge all decision points	mental map at all times
7	Compass	only to orient map	only basic direction	triangulation
8	Estimating Distance	under 100 meters	100-200 meters	over 200 meters
9	Simplifying	don't simplify, identify everything	linear features	all features
10	Measure Distance	na	watch	pace and watch
11	When Read Map	na	stop	plan ahead
12	Memorizing	behind	ahead, create labels	micro and macro
13	Relocation	big picture, safety	as defense	as offense
14	Contouring	na	level	level, up/down



Please??

Volunteering

Yeah, we know, everyone is sick to death of being begged and berated to volunteer to set a course or direct a meet. Many members have stepped forward for the first time, and have done very well (and discovered it wasn't as difficult as they feared), but there are still some big holes in the calendar on the next page. Wouldn't you like to help?

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

CLUB CALENDAR

2007	Location	Course Setter	Meet Director
May 2	Board Meeting		Peg Davis (628-8985)
May 19-20	Mogollon Rim -- Potato Patch	"U-Set-It"	Peg Davis
May 28	Newsletter deadline for May 2007 issue. See submittal information on page 4.		Lois Kimminau (296-2108)
Jun. 16 (Sat.)	Lincoln Park Night-O/Annual Meeting		
Jul. 15	Greasewood Early-O		Brad & Yvonne Poe
Aug. 19	Palisades or Bear Wallow		
Sep. 16	Lake Mary	(Baghanger/vetter needed.)	
Oct. 21	Box Canyon		
Nov. 18	Catalina State Park	John Pascal	Chris Capurro
Dec. 16	Arthur Pack Regional Park	Ludwig Hill	

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).

February 23-24, 2008, A meet at Kentucky Camp/Greaterville

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.

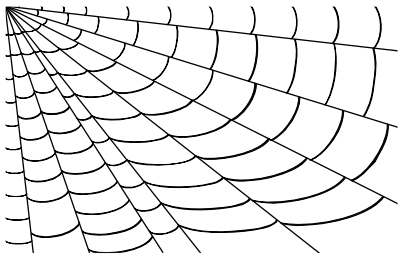
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Mogollon Rim
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Check out the Tucson Orienteering Club web site!
Type **<http://www.tucsonorienteering.org>**
Also, for links to all the West Coast club sites,
just type **http://www.geocities.com/o_sconet**
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.