

October 2008

The Goat Returns to Chimney Rock

—Jeff Berringer

Join us on October 19 for your choice of Goat courses in the Chimney Rock area of Redington Pass. Both courses will start from the north parking area, providing everybody a chance to see the stunning rock formations. See the directions below if you've never started from the northern area down Bellota Ranch Road. The Championship Goat will be 10-12 kilometers, and Short Goat will be 4-5 kilometers.

Jeff Brucker has graciously volunteered to handle the meet director responsibilities. To enable everybody to run in the event, we're making some provisions—a map reservation is required, no late starts are permitted, and no other courses are offered. Read on for the details.

Goats are long-distance point-to-point orienteering courses with some twists. The courses are set at the intermediate level, and emphasize longer individual legs. The goat should be suitable for orienteers who consistently complete Orange courses, rogainers, and others with excellent cross-country navigation skills. *This is not a meet for beginners.* Only your feet, a compass, and the specially designed map are permitted—no vehicles, GPS, pedometers, altimeters, or other aids are allowed. Long pants and long-sleeved shirts are recommended for this course. The vegetation can be hostile.

There are some unique aspects to the goat format: The goats will have a mass start at 9:30 a.m. To give the director the opportunity to run the course, we are unable to accommodate any late starts. Plan on arriving early to ensure time to complete registration.

- The courses are set at an intermediate level, with longer legs, more climbing, and more distance than classic orienteering courses. The two courses will have some shared legs and control points. Control descriptions will be provided in IOF symbols and English.
- There is a three-and-a-half hour time limit to qualify as a "finisher." The goal of course design is to have approximately 70 percent finish within the time limit. The courses will formally close 30 minutes after that; please ensure that you have returned to the finish area and have signed off the course by that time, even if it means heading back without finishing the course.
- A forked control is included. One control will have a choice of a right or left control. The fork you pick will influence the leg leading into the control and out of the control. Each individual's fork choice will be reported in the results.
- Each competitor is allowed to skip one control. Any control on the course can be chosen—including the forked control. There are a variety of tactics and theories on how to select the optimal control to skip. The control skipped by each runner will be reported in the results.
- Following is allowed. You may follow other competitors on the course, but beware of losing contact with the map during your pursuit. A wily competitor may wait until on anavigationally difficult part of the map before giving you the slip.
- Each entrant registers as an individual. Running as a small informal group is possible because of the following rule above, but each participant must still register as an individual.

Competitive Embargo: Parts of this orienteering course are being used for an adventure race the day before. Anybody who participates in the adventure race should register as a recreational entry because of the competitive advantage they would receive from prior knowledge of the course.

Map Reservation: You must reserve a map by October 12 in order to be guaranteed a pre-marked map. No provisions to copy maps will be made on-site. To reserve your map, e-mail or phone Jeff Berringer at jaberringer@earthlink.net (preferred) or (520) 404-3738. Please provide the following information: (1) your name, (2) your course (Championship Goat or Short Goat). To help keep our event fees low, please notify Jeff if, after pre-registering for this event, you subsequently determine that you will not be able to attend.

Directions to Chimney Rock North parking area: Follow Tanque Verde Road east out of Tucson. The name changes to Redington Road, and then the pavement changes to graded dirt at approximately milepost 3. Continue past the end of the pavement 7.4 miles to the Bellota Ranch Road, approximately milepost 10.5. Watch for orienteering signs. Take a left (north) and follow the Bellota Ranch Road approximately 3 miles down to parking and registration, which is at the junction with Chimney Rock Road. There is a cattle gate about a mile before parking and also one right at parking. Please close them behind you. Passenger cars will have no problem. Allow about 40 minutes from the end of the pavement if you drive normally, more if you drive slowly.

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September U-Set-It Event

—Peg Davis

A U-Set-It event is a tricky event to run. Without enough people, not enough controls would be hung to design courses worth running. If the setters don't know their own skills well, they could hang controls not in the location they think they've chosen or at an inappropriate skill level. If they misjudge their speed, they could get back from hanging late enough to complicate the next course. Too early and they've lost the chance to hang their maximum number of controls.

Preregistration is required for a meet like this. Twenty-three miles from a copy machine requires making all the map copies before the meet director leaves home. Five maps per person were required for course setting, the classic courses, the night-O, the score-O/scavenger-O, and control retrieval. And the greatest element of suspense was "will the people who preregistered actually show up?"

Nine people hung controls Saturday morning. Eleven ran the Red and Orange classic courses, counting new friends from New Mexico and Yuma. You might wonder how someone who looks as tough as Chuck took the longest on the Red course. Perhaps his time was affected by the 70 pound pack he wore at 7600 feet elevation to help him train for an upcoming adventure race. Happily, some cloud cover blew in during the afternoon to mitigate temperatures in the 80s. Otherwise the weather was almost painfully lovely. About 10 times as many stars were out for the night-O than we usually see in Tucson, accompanied by the Milky Way.

The rising star of the meet was Jaxon Rickel. During the U-Set-It, he went out and hung controls with the best of them in a remote corner of the map. His leg speed and resilience carried him nicely through the rest of the courses. Oh, and he's about 1/3 your age.

And how did John Rickel get a negative score on the Night-O? He made the right choice. Not sure of where he was on a moonless night, he bailed out to a known point and took a bombproof route back that brought him back late. It sure beats spending the night in the woods.

For those sad people who missed the meet, the Sunday event was in a format stolen from Bill Gookin. It gives everyone the chance to orienteer hard, then be resourceful and hopefully minimize control retrieval. For the first hour, all 36 controls hung were part of a standard score-O, each worth 100 points. After one hour, the same set up became a scavenger-O. Any controls you found, you could untie and bring back for point values based on their remoteness. A common strategy is to be standing by a control right as the event changes format. After that there is no guarantee that you'll find anything. But what if you happen to run into someone during the scavenger-O? If they are your big buddy, you could punch each other's retrieved controls and tell about other controls you know have been retrieved. But if you're the sneaky sort, oh, the mischief you could cause.

Most competitors retrieved 2 controls in the first 10 minutes of the scavenger-O, then started hitting a string of empty locations. One sad case visited every high point value location, but found not a single control for the remaining 80 minutes of effort. One happy case found the usual two to start, then hit seven lucky controls in the next hour, but found an end to the lucky streak while looking (and looking!) for a control that had fallen to the ground.

This meet was a statistical fluke of the happiest kind. I would not have predicted that nine people could have hung so many controls (and correctly placed!) before noon on Saturday. Thanks to Ludwig's idea of assigning a common point for each set of controls on the red course, hangers had a lot of options for control locations on the red course, but were assured that their controls would be used and fit in nicely to an overall course. And I would never, ever have guessed that 33 of 36 controls would have been retrieved during the scavenger-O.

My thanks to **John Pascal, Jeff Brodsky and Dianne Haselfeld** for bringing in the last three orphans.

This was a beautiful weekend in the beautiful woods with a group of people I must, yes must, describe as beautiful.

Classic courses

Long Red 8.8 k

Ludwig Hill	1:29:40
Glenn Haselfeld	1:58:35
Moss Aubry	2:24:46
John Pascal	2:34:06
Jeff Brodsky	3:33:22
Chuck Graves	4:00:27

Night-O: 1 point per control, 1 point lost per minute overtime, tie goes to first to return

90 minutes

	# controls	late penalty	total
Ludwig Hill	10	0	10
Jaxon Rickel	9	0	9
Glenn Haselfeld	9	0	9
John Pascal	5	-4	1
John Rickel	5	-37	-32

Short Red 7.6 k

Peg Davis	2:54:26
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60 minutes

Jeff Brodsky	4	0	4
Peg Davis	2	0	2

Orange 4.5 k

Jaxon Rickel	1:33:00
John Rickel	2:00:18
Gail Brodsky	Rec

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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.

U-Set-It Cont. from page 2**Continued from page 1****60 minute Score-O/90 minute Scavenger-O***Score-O - all controls 100 points**Scavenger-O - controls 100-400 points by proximity**Late penalty - 1 point per minute*

	Score-O	Scavenger	Late	Total
Jaxon Rickel	3200	1200	0	4400
Glenn Haselfeld	2300	2100	-3	4397
Jeff Brodsky	2100	1300	0	3400
Ludwig Hill	2600	800	-5	3395
John Pascal	2300	700	0	3000
John Rickel	2000	900	0	2900
Peg Davis	1600	400	0	2000
Dianne Haselfeld	1000	600	0	1600

Schedule:

8:30 a.m. Registration opens.

9:15 a.m. Registration closes.

9:25 a.m. Course setter comments (if required).

9:30 a.m. Goat Mass Start.

1:00 p.m. Last time to "finish" a course. (Finish time will be adjusted to be 3 hours and 30 minutes after Mass Start if start is delayed.)

1:30 p.m. Courses close. Begin control retrieval—good orienteering practice, and lots of help always needed. Sign up at the Finish table to volunteer. To improve your orienteering skills, we encourage you to go out with a more skilled orienteer while retrieving and ask lots of questions.

Fees: \$5 for members of any recognized orienteering club. \$10 for non-members. No team entries permitted. 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 ensure that all are safe everyone, whether finished with the**CLUB CALENDAR**

2008	Location	Course Setter	Meet Director
Aug. 22	Newsletter deadline. Send info. to Lois Kimminau at loiskim1 at cox dot net		Phone: 296-2108
Oct. 19	Chimney Rock	Jeff Berringer	Jeff Brucker
Oct. 27	Newsletter deadline. Send info. to Lois Kimminau at loiskim1 at cox dot net		Phone: 296-2108
Nov. 16	Catalina State Park	John Pascal/J. Brucker, Vetter	Pat Penn/Margrit McIntosh
Dec. 21	Silverbell		Rick Medina
2009--Tentative			
Jan. 18	Arthur Pack	Mark Parsons	
Feb. 15	Ironwood	Leif Lundquist	
Mar. 15	Skavin Gulch	Mark Parsons	
Apr. 19			
May 9-10	Mogollon Rim Rogaine	John Maier	
<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>			

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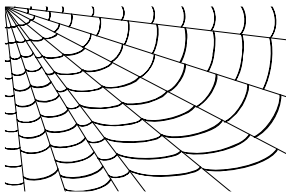
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Go for the Goat!
Chimney Rock
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Address Service Requested

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.



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

For the Rolling Rankings of the United States Orienteering Federation (USOF), go to <http://www.usof-rankings.org/>, or for the US Orienteering Sprint Series, <http://www.sprintseries.org>.

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: _____

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.