



April 2008

Slavin Gulch Meet

—*Mark Parsons*

On April 20, after a 60-month hiatus, we will again be able to test our orienteering skills in the splendidly varied terrain of the Dragoon Mountains. The area features spectacular boulders and secret canyons, caves and cliffs, and some of the very best private, shaded, primitive car camping in Cochise County. Some truly great mountain biking terrain is available, as are several dozen bolted climbs of 5.7 to 5.10 difficulty. Bring your mountain bike. Bring your climbing gear. We also will be close to Tombstone, so bring your camera.

Sunday I will offer five A-meet style do-able courses through the forests and rock formations: White, Yellow, Orange, Green, and Red levels. Reserve Saturday for exploring the area and an evening bonfire and potluck barbeque (fuel and grill space will be provided).

To volunteer as meet director or to offer other help or to get more information, call or email Mark Parsons at 520-432-2817, potenzan@cochise.edu.

Directions: Take I-10 east from Tucson to exit 303 south, which is Highway 80, towards Benson and Tombstone. Take 80 south for approximately 25 miles to milepost 315 and Middle March Road, a graded gravel road. (If you get to the new Holiday Inn Express on the north side of Tombstone, you've gone 1 mile too far.) Turn left, or east, onto Middle March Road and continue for 9 miles to the Coronado Forest boundary, then turn left, or north, at the sign "West Stronghold." Go approximately 1.5 miles. Follow the O signs. Two-wheel drive is OK. Allow 90 minutes from Tucson.

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 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.

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.

**It's Spring! Bring the family,
camp, hike, relax.
Fun, fun, fun!**

Ironwood Meet, March 16, 2008

—Mike Wilke

The first order of business upon arriving home from the Ironwood meet was to remove the controls from their boxes and set them out to dry, so as not to mold. It's not every event we get to do that. The rain threatened all day—at one point convincingly enough to encourage a hasty deployment of the new fold-up canopy—but mostly waited until control retrieval time to soak everything down.

Forty-two orienteers went out on five courses, ranging from White to Red, plus a Motala. This meet was held on a new map, yet another fine location not requiring a lot of driving, but challenging enough for all.

Big thanks go out to course setter, vetter, mapmaker, beginner's clinic fill-in instructor, and control retriever, **Ludwig Hill!** Thanks also to the only pre-meet volunteer, **Art Cantrell**, and my wife, **Chris**, who was conscripted again; they handled registration. I need to thank those who didn't leave me to retrieve all the controls: **Jeff Brucker**, who walked directly to all of his controls; **Mark Lee**, a new member of the club, showing great promise; **Leif Lundquist** retrieving his last controls in the United States for another year; and the indefatigable **Ron Birks** who wasn't tired enough after the Motala, and made no 180 degree errors on the retrieval course.

I realize this was a rather small event, but as meet director and timer, I did get overtaken briefly a couple of times. I say this because some folks may have signed up as recreational and we, the registration and timing, may have missed this and may show you as competitive; as such, your results may show and you didn't intend them to. I apologize for this inattention. All in all though, an excellent day to run among the flowers and raindrops.

White 2.1k/20m

Jody Rickel	20:50
John Rickel	21:23
Jonathan Rickel	22:30
Mark Lee	33:20
Robin Vargyas	38:20
Troop 297	48:00
(2 nd time out not recorded)	
Flying Cats	116:00
Muggy Punks	116:00

Yellow 3.8k/50m

1F Melissa Trout	89:40
1M Mark Lee	109:07
2F Lois Kimminau	110:00
1T DOD Boyz	111:30
3F Joanne Walsh	115:07
REC Claudia Rickel	
REC Troop 297	
DNF Rock Stars	

Orange 4.8k/80m

1M Bob Walsh	91:50
2M Jim Stamm	106:14
1T Beauty and...	108:50

3M Michael Thompson 113:27

REC Jayson Rickel
REC Bill Falter
DNF Michael Rule

Green 6.3k/60m

1M Leif Lundquist 111:53
2M Mark Parsons 131:20
1F Margrit McIntosh 249:00
REC Larry Lamb
DNF Bill Dennis
DNF Mikhail Gurevich
DNF 2 Young 2 Feel this Old

Red 8.0k/80m

1F Cristina Luis 85:20
1M Roy Parker 99:51
2M Jeff Brucker 115:10
1T Spitale 211:00

Motala

1M Ron Birks
Red 100:50
Orange 63:10
Yellow 47:30
Total 3:31:30

Club Rules—April Edition

Any expenditure for the club over \$50 needs preapproval by the Board of Directors. This protects the club from surprises and prevents unnecessary divestiture of assets. What if you're buying something that costs less than \$50? You'd better be sure the club is going to be overjoyed. Easiest approach: talk to a board member or two before you blow the dough.

And a walk down the Club Rules Memory Lane.....Remember December's essay about being off your course and back to the finish area by the time courses close that day? Good. Do you see people about to start a course who look like they might not know that rule and that time? Kindly remind them. (If you're teaching the Beginners' Course, please include this information in your prep talk.)

Determining the Future

—Peg Davis

The president's project for Spring is to send letters to all previous and prospective course setters and meet directors asking them to fill an empty slot in our 2008-9 event calendar. Want to avoid a messy buildup in your mailbox and guarantee using your favorite meet site? Contact pegdavis at u.arizona.edu with your request and avoid the rush.

Awards

Do you have your award from the A meet?

Some of you missed the award ceremony at Kentucky Camp. Your award will be waiting for you at the Slavin Gulch meet. Check at registration.

CLUB CALENDAR

2008	Location	Course Setter	Meet Director
Apr. 20	Slavin Gulch	Mark Parsons	PLEASE HELP! Call (520) 432-2817.
Apr. 28	Newsletter deadline. Send info. to Lois Kimminau at loiskim1 at cox dot net		Phone: 296-2108
Apr. 28	Board meeting, 7 p.m., home of Peg Davis. All members invited.		Peg Davis, 628-8985
May 18	Bear Wallow		
June 14-15	White Mountains	John Maier	
July 20	Palisades		
Aug. 16-17	Lake Mary		
Sep. 20-21	Mogollon Rim	U-Set-It	
Oct. 19	Chimney Rock	Jeff Berringer	
Nov. 16	Box Canyon		
Dec. 21	Silverbell		
2009--Tentative			
May 9-10	Mogollon Rim Rogaine	John Maier	
<p><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></p>			

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.

T Shirts!

Shirts in almost every size are still available from the A meet. Not only are they fabulously beautiful (designed by the writer of this squib), but of a wicking fiber perfect for your high velocity activities. \$15.

Also: Just in! For the first time this century! A new shipment of 100% cotton Tucson Orienteering Club logo shirts, long sleeve (\$15) and short sleeve (\$12), every size and, oh la la, what an array of colors. Snap yours up before Cristina Luis finally purchases one!

Look for them at the Slavin meet April 20th.

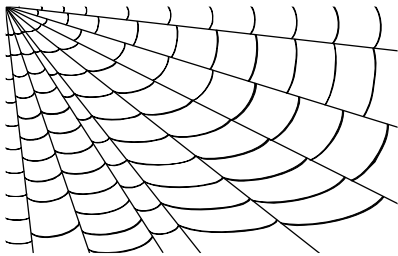
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**Come to Slavin Gulch.
Relax, camp, barbecue 4/19.
Orienteer 4/20.
Who could ask for more?**



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: _____

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.