



September 2009

Greasewood Park Early-O

—Ludwig Hill

Come join us at Greasewood Park on Sunday, September 20, 2009. We plan to start early in the morning while it's nice and cool.

Three fun, yet challenging, short classic courses will be offered: Short Yellow (2.7 km), Short Orange (3.2 km), and Modified Short Green (3.4 km). The Short Yellow and Short Orange courses are comparable to the Yellow and Orange—only a little shorter in length. The Modified Short Green is designed to help develop your planning strategy and route choice skills. It is similar to a Green course in that it consists of a numbered sequence of controls that you must punch in numerical order. However, this modified course is shorter in length than a typical Green and has two “extra” controls that must be visited before you can complete the course. The twist is that you may visit these two extra controls at any time you choose while on the course.

Greasewood Park is one of our easier maps to navigate on, due to its easy, runnable terrain, fairly open desert landscape, and its helpful navigational landmarks, but it is still possible for you to mess up if you are not careful and don't pay attention! The map will be 1:5000 scale (1 cm=50 m) with 4-foot contour intervals.

This event will use the following self-help format:

- **All participants must pre-register** (see below for details). I will use this registration information to pre-build the combined waiver/sign-in/timing log and to reserve maps.
- All registrations will be individual—no teams. You may still choose to go on a course with another person; however, each person's time will be posted individually.
- There won't be any road signs, so carefully read the directions below on how to get to the meet site.
- To sign-in, go to the self-help station, read the waiver, fill out the form, pay your fee, and pick up your punch card and clue sheet. You will only have a 20-minute window to sign in, so plan on arriving early.
- During sign-in, I will give a mass briefing for all participants.
- *The start process will be intensely compressed.* Multiple participants (one person per course) will simultaneously start at 2-minute intervals. Please help things flow smoothly by being at the Start gate ready to take your place as soon as the first starts begin. All starts will occur within a tiny 20-minute window, so be pumped and ready to go!
- You will pick up your pre-printed course maps at the last station of the Start line.
- Courses will close two-and-one-half (2½) hours after the first start.

Pre-registration: All participants must pre-register with the meet director at ludwighill at yahoo period com or 299-9041. Please state your name and course, and if you want to be posted in the results as REC, state that also. I will reserve a course map for each pre-registered person. The pre-registration deadline is Wednesday, September 16, 2009. If you find that for some unforeseen reason, you cannot make this meet after pre-registering, please let the meet director know *before* the meet, in order to avoid being posted as DNS in the published results.

Non-members/Guests: If you are not a member of TOC or another USOF-recognized orienteering club, then you may go out on a course only if you are accompanied by a member. (Note: If you would like to attend the meet but are not a member, contact Peg (628-8985) by Monday, September 14, about sponsorship.)

Directions: From I-10 in Tucson, take Speedway Boulevard for 2.2 miles to Greasewood Road. Turn left at Greasewood. The entrance to Greasewood Park is the first road approach that you come to on the right. The trip time from I-10 and Speedway to the event site is about 10 minutes.

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September 20, 2009

Greasewood Park

Course Setter: Ludwig Hill

Meet Director: Ludwig Hill

September 28, 2009

Newsletter deadline. See submittal information on page 2.

October 18, 2009

Italian Trap

November 15, 2009

Catalina State Park

Course Setter: John Pascal

Meet Directors: Pat Penn
& Margrit McIntosh

December 20, 2009

Cat Mountain

Course Setter: Needed

Meet Director: Brad &
Yvonne Poe

January 17, 2010

Ironwood Park

Course Setter: Needed

Meet Director: Needed

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Future Club Events

—Peg Davis

There are many slots open for course setters and meet directors on our club meet schedule for 2009-2010. Any event with setter or director slots vacant one month before the event will be cancelled. No one will be asked, beseeched or begged to set or direct. Therefore, you need to put yourself forward if the club is to have events. If you would like to set or direct an event at a date or location not listed on the schedule, we would be happy to add that. Street-Os are an easy and popular event to add. Mentors are ready and willing for setters or directors for any style of event. Please contact Jim Stamm or Peg Davis to start the process. We gratefully thank you.

[Note: See the August 2009 newsletter, or go to the Club website, for an article by Cristina Luis on making your own map for a Street-O.]

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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

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Due to highway construction, you might not be able to exit I-10 at Speedway, so be sure to check the road conditions before you come.

Fees: \$5 per person. Please bring exact change.

Equipment: This will be a self-help event—bring your own compass, whistle, map case, and safety pins. There will be limited water on the course, and there will not be any water provided at the Start/Finish area, so please bring your own extra water.

Schedule:

7:30-7:50 a.m. Sign-in (pre-registration required; see above).

7:50 a.m. Mass briefing.

8:00-8:20 a.m. Starts.

10:30 a.m. Courses close. Begin control retrieval.

Safety: Every person is required to carry some type of safety whistle. Everyone, whether finished with the course or not, must check in formally at Start/Finish before leaving the meet site.

February 21, 2010

Empire Ranch (Mini-Rogaine)

Course Setter: Jeff Berringer

Meet Director: Needed

February 28, 2010

Catalina State Park Training Event

Course Setter: Ludwig Hill

Meet Director: Ludwig Hill

March 21, 2010

Greaterville

Course Setter: Ludwig Hill

Meet Director: Needed

April 18, 2010

Slavin Gulch

Course Setter: Needed

Meet Director: Needed

May 15, 2010

Chimney Rock

Course Setter: Needed

Meet Director: Needed

June 20, 2010

White Mountains

Course Setter: Needed

Meet Director: Needed

Meets are usually held the third Sunday of each month. Pick the month that you would prefer and volunteer to set some courses or direct a meet.

Experienced course setters and meet directors are happy to mentor you if you are nervous about volunteering for the first time. Just call Jim Stamm at 575-0830 to volunteer.

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.

Board Meeting

The next business meeting will be at 7 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, at Peg's house. Call 628-8985 for directions. We are often finished in an hour. Board members are expected to attend, but any member or pre-member of the Club is invited to attend and contribute ideas. This is the place that the course of the Club is charted, so put your hand on the helm.

Planning Your Travels

(Include some orienteering for fun)

October 10-11, LAOC Camp Scherman training day and event (<http://www.losangelesorienteering.org>).

December 5-6, 2009: LAOC "A" meet at Vasquez Rocks and Trail-O. Check out <http://www.losangelesorienteering.org>

Three days of orienteering at the Anza-Borrego B Meet, January 16-18 (2 day B meet, Maze-O, and Goat) in almost entirely all new terrain. See <http://www.sandiegoorienteeing.org>.

Palisades Event, August 16

—Ludwig Hill

The weather was ideal on this fine August day for the gang of adventurous orienteers who map-raced up and down the forested slopes and shady canyons of the upper Catalina Mountains. Everybody enjoyed one of the four classic courses set by **Mark Everett**, who creatively made efficient use of the best and most interesting areas on the map by looping the Red Course three times over on itself and printing each overlapping segment on a different panel on a single large map sheet.

In competition, it was all about the Rickel family, who cleaned up the field by dominating all the available top places in their divisions, including **Claudia Rickel**, who finished second, after her son, on the Orange course. The top finishers were **Jaret Rickel** (White), **Jodi Rickel** (Yellow), **Jaxon Rickel** (Orange), and **Ludwig Hill** (Red). Congratulations.

Thanks to all the generous helpers, whose assistance was greatly appreciated. **Jeff Brucker, Mark Everett, Margrit McIntosh, Mark Parsons, and Pat Penn** retrieved the controls after the event. **Mark Everett and GeeGee Larrington** copied courses onto black-and-white maps so that some extra folks, who didn't pre-register, could still go out and enjoy the orienteering experience. Special thanks to **Peg Davis** who spent her time and effort to get some answers from the National Forest staff regarding missing controls. She managed to get some of them back, when it turned up that they had been dropped off at the ranger station.

So what happened with the missing controls? The campground hosts at Showers Point Campground, which is run by a private concessionaire, decided to remove our controls from the surrounding terrain without regard for the fact that we had a permit to hang the controls as well as a public right to pass through there. Fortunately, they started taking our controls near the end of our event time and few orienteers were adversely affected. The National Forest staff, which has received complaints of this type before from other groups regarding this concessionaire, is working to get (hopefully) our remaining missing controls back.

White (1.5k/7 controls)

1M Jaret Rickel 1:22:02

Yellow (2.5k/10 controls)

1F Jodi Rickel 55:32
 1M Art Cantrell 1:24:33
 1T Greg Hall 1:35:34
 1T Destany Ray 1:35:34
 1T Leslie Garman 1:35:34
 1T Tom Neurtan 1:35:34
 2T Kiri Hall 1:56:50
 2T Austin Ray 1:56:50
 2T Candy Garmen 1:56:50
 Kelly Morales Y REC
 David Wilkinson REC
 Denise Wilkinson REC
 Brooke Wilkinson DNS

Orange (2.6k/9 controls)

1M Jaxon Rickel 30:30
 1F Claudia Rickel 1:31:54
 2F Pat Penn 1:49:30
 3F Katherine Brutlag 1:49:46
 4F Margrit McIntosh 2:06:40
 Kay Mathiesen DNF
 GeeGee Larrington REC

Red (4.7k/20 controls)

1M Ludwig Hill 1:06:26
 2M Jeff Brucker 1:18:55
 3M David Follette 1:23:18
 4M Mark Parsons 1:27:29
 5M Don Fallis 1:32:50
 6M Michael Gurevich 2:22:22
 Peg Davis REC*

*Originally entered as "competitive" but changed to "REC" after discovering that some controls had been stolen.

Results from the August 23 Street-O will appear in the October newsletter.

Note: to see this unusual plant in color, look at the newsletter online. It is a beautiful bright red.



Photo by John Little

Snow Plant

—Margrit McIntosh

Some of you who were at the Palisades meet may have seen an unusual plant during your rambles: bright red flowering stalks sticking up out of the pine needles. A really striking plant, all parts a uniform blood red. If you're familiar with "Indian Pipes" or "Pine Drops," this plant is related to those.

Anyway, it turns out this is a plant that has never been seen in Arizona before. It is known from California, Nevada, and Oregon, but not from here. So the Tuesday after the Palisades meet Pat Penn & I hauled back up there and got some remnants from around the water tank at the campground. Today I delivered these to the UA Herbarium, where the curator, Phil Jenkins, positively identified it as *Sarcodes sanguinea*, "Snow Plant." We will write a short note for an obscure botany journal, as this is a new state record.

More info on the plant: http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/interesting/mycotrophic/sarcodes_sanguinea.shtml

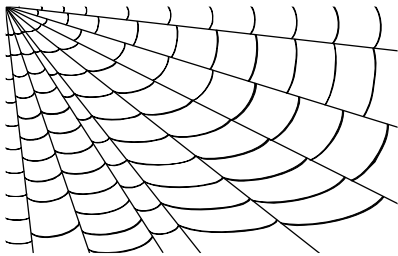
Here is what Phil told me by email:

"This is really interesting. *Sarcodes* is not recorded from Arizona, but I've seen three photos of it, all this year, one from the Catalinas and two from the Chiricahuas. Given the sites they were found, I'd say they have spread to Arizona in the wake of fire. It is definitely here, but no one seems to have the knowledge that any collection will be a state record. Its known range is from Oregon to northernmost Baja, but never recorded this many miles from an Ocean."

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Greasewood Park!!
Convenient in-town event
September 20, 2009



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Type **<http://www.tucsonorienteeringclub.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: _____

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Can you help staff a club meet?

Yes, call me.

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