

Event Results

SW Spring B-Meet Results -- 2/16-18/13

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Details

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The 2013 Southwest Spring B-Meet at Catalina State Park was full of exciting competition and delicious fun! With three days of fantastic point-to-point orienteering on seven different courses each day there was something for everybody. Read on for the write-ups, testimonials, [photos](#), and of course the [final results](#).

Special thanks to **Dave Follette** for getting us our USFS permit and to **Leif Lundquist** for setting the courses for all three days! **Art Cantrell** and **Robin Vargyas** helped Leif by putting out the water.

Day 1 Report

- By **Peg Davis** (Meet Director)

The Day One volunteers at the tables did a heroic job of moving a large number of orienteers through a large menu of registration choices, cheerfully and politely. Many others jumped in for a few minutes whenever we needed a little extra help. **Leif Lundquist**, the superstar of the entire event, sat at the timing computer the entire day, gently working first time e-punch users through the system. **Barb Bryant** (repeat meet director from Massachusetts) injected a lot of life into this event by both motivating so many of the top junior orienteers to attend and bringing **Erin Schirm**, [USOF Junior Team](#) Coach, to the event.

I was very happy to see many Tucsonans I haven't laid eyes on in a long time and also many of our friends from across North America.

Meet Director: **Peg Davis**

Beginner's Clinic: **Erin Schirm**

Registration: **Helen Deluga & GeeGeeLarrington, Gregg and Pat Townsend**

Start Line: **Jeff Brodsky**

E-punch: **Leif Lundquist**

Control Retrieval: **Junior Training Camp participants**

Day 2 Report

- By **Yvonne Poe** (Co-director with **Brad Poe**)

Morning dawned a crisp, chilly 27 degrees for the campers staying at Catalina SP, but nobody complained- they had nice hot showers nearby to warm up.

Brad and Yvonne Poe set up the registration area and by the time the first orienteers arrived, the temperatures were already in the mid-50's- a beautiful day to orienteer! Many people must have thought so too- the registration process kept us hopping- a HUGE thank you to **GeeGee Larrington** for helping pass out

the e-punch sticks and to the people waiting-everyone was so patient with us!

After leaving registration, the runners headed over to Brad. He distributed the maps and pointed people to the remote start areas and oversaw that starts were staggered for the different courses.

We had vans and buses with junior competitors show up, several new members joined the club and quite a few international orienteers as well. Only one brief scare when we thought a couple of scouts had gotten lost, but Brad managed to track them down shortly after the alarm was raised.

Freshly baked cranberry white chocolate cookies and tangerines waited at the finish line, where many compared their runs and times and had an opportunity to visit.

Thank you to everyone who generously offered to collect controls at the end of the day. Ultimately, **Mike King, Ludwig Hill, and Mike Cagle** gathered up 18 controls- thank you so much!

Leif Lundquist had his computer all fired up and took care of all the timing- downloading e-punches, providing splits and posting preliminary results. Please check our website in a couple of days for the final rankings.

We hope everyone had as much fun as we did and hope to see you at an event again soon. Until then, safe travels!

Day 3 Report

- By **Barb Bryant** (Meet Director)

It's such a pleasure for us Northerners to come to Tucson for some winter orienteering in the sun. Day 3 of the B meet continued to provide great orienteering weather.

Art Cantrell helped put out water, a task of great importance! **GeeGee Larrington, Alice and Doug Moore, and Cristina Luis** helped with registration. **Cristina Luis** did a great job on the beginners' clinic. **Mike Minium, Doug Moore, Isabel Bryant, Dan O'Leary, Bud O'Leary, Janet Swartz, Lucy Moore, Charlie Moore** and **Ludwig Hill** helped with maps and starts.

Several groups of juniors joined us for some or all of the weekend. A troop of American Heritage Girls camped out for the weekend, attended the beginners' clinics, and participated in US Junior Coach **Erin Schirm's** junior trainings on Days 1 and 2. There was also a boy scout troop, and on one day, a JROTC unit from near Phoenix. On the first day of junior training, the participants were divided into groups led by an adult or advanced junior to visit and pick up controls. Isabel and I each had a group of American Heritage Girls. Isabel talked a lot about attack points. I focused on distance estimation. We both covered orienting the map. I had a great conversation with the girls about the relationship between the time of day, the the direction that your shadow is pointing, and the direction your compass needle is pointing. We talked about how, knowing any two of those things, you can determine the third. The second day, the groups went out on a shorter, but navigationally challenging, course. On Day 3 of the meet, the AHG girls felt ready to do an orange course - and they were successful!

Above all, thanks to **Leif Lundquist**, who put in weeks and dozens of kilometers designing and setting the courses. What a gift to all of us - Thank you, Leif!

Junior Team Training Camp: After the meet was over, a few of us, including some juniors and Coach Erin, headed southeast of Tucson to the Greaterville map. Erin set several exercises for us over two days. On Tuesday night we stayed at the excellent Sonoita Inn, which I highly recommend, and stepped next door for

dinner together. A blizzard was predicted for Wednesday. We did go out for one exercise on the Greaterville map, but by the end the wind was blowing hard, and the snow particles were stinging our cheeks, so we scrambled to get some Ironwood maps printed and headed there. Funnily enough, as soon as we arrived, the rain turned to snow, and before long the cacti were covered in white fluff! **Mike Minium** had set a few controls, so the juniors went out and visited them. It was a lot of fun! We ended our training camp with a group lunch.

[OUSA](#) is grateful to the Tucson Orienteering Club for supporting the training camp by allowing us to use the maps, helping us when we needed to switch maps at the last minute, and incorporating the junior training activities into the B meet! It was fun to meet the local juniors and for the juniors from afar to get in some winter training on the unique Arizona maps.

Comments Received From Random Participants

"We recently returned to Victoria from our sojourn in your fascinating part of the world... We want to say a 'Huge Thank You' to all your club for putting on the Southwest Spring Meet! We had never been to Arizona before, so the cactus and multiple boulders were quite a challenge for us. We were so impressed with the friendliness and efficiency of everyone concerned with the organization. Well-planned "B" meets like yours, with casual start times and large numbers of happy unflustered intermediate young participants, are a very important component of the sport." -- **Diana and Martin Hocking**

Results and Photos

Check out the pictures [here](#)!

Here are the final results:

Day 1 Long: [Results](#) / [Splits](#)

Day 2 Middle: [Results](#) / [Splits](#)

Day 3 Classics: [Results](#) / [Splits](#)