



Possum Trot Orienteering Club Records (K1447)

Collection Number: K1447

Collection Title: Possum Trot Orienteering Club Records

Dates: 1973-2007

Creator: Possum Trot Orienteering Club

Abstract: The Possum Trot Orienteering Club Records consist of administrative materials, photographs, and flyers about local meets and events in orienteering (the sport of quickly navigating through an unfamiliar area using a detailed map and a magnetic compass). The collection also contains oversize orienteering maps, complete with masks and negatives, and several oversize scrapbooks detailing the club's activities.

Collection Size: 6 cubic feet
(50 folders, 34 photographs, 8 oversize scrapbooks)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](https://www.shsmo.org/research-center-kansas-city). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Historical Note:

Orienteering is the sport of navigation that involves using a map and compass to move between checkpoints, often on unfamiliar terrain and at high speeds. It was first introduced as a competitive sport in the late 19th century in Sweden, derived from military training in land navigation. The sport had gained popularity in its home country by the 1930s, and after World War II, it spread across the globe.

The Possum Trot Orienteering Club, which serves the greater Kansas City area, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and a charter member of OrienteeringUSA. The club was formed in 1975 when members of the Johnson County Outdoor Society, who had previously organized well-attended orienteering events, decided to break away to form a club entirely dedicated to the sport. Since then, the PTOC has served Kansas City orienteers by sponsoring events, producing orienteering maps, and providing courses and other instruction for those interested in orienteering.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 6 series:

- Administrative Records
- Events
- Publications
- Photographs
- Oversize Maps
- Oversize Scrapbooks

Scope and Content Note:**Administrative Records**

This series contains materials related to management of the club, including finances, insurance, membership and registration records, and the organization's application for 501 (c) (3) status. Materials are arranged chronologically.

Events

This series consists of materials pertaining to club meets and special events, including registration lists, flyers, and participant maps. Items are divided into folders by event and location. Folders are arranged chronologically.

Publications

This series contains issues of the club's newsletter, as well as magazines, newspaper articles, and informational publications relating to orienteering. Materials are arranged chronologically.

Photographs

This series contains undated aerial photographs and negatives of unidentified land. Materials have been arranged by type.

Oversize Maps

This series consists of oversize orienteering and US Geological Survey maps, map negatives, and burn masks. Materials are arranged by size.

Oversize Scrapbooks

This series contains 8 large scrapbooks recording the club's activities from its founding to 1997. The scrapbooks include photographs, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and event reports and rankings. Scrapbooks are not in folders but have each been assigned a folder number for clarity. The series is arranged chronologically.

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