



# NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2003



Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club - Getting There is ALL the Fun!

## Next Event: Jan 11th at Bomboy Mine

Join us Saturday, **January 11th**, at a site in the Superstitions east of Apache Junction near the town of Superior. Develop your land navigation skills, compete for best time, or just enjoy a day outside! Bring a bag lunch and a lawn chair and hang around awhile!

This event is a **classic** type of event where one visits the controls in a fixed order. The person with the fastest time in their category wins. Courses of different skill levels will be offered - white, orange and red. There is a recreation category for those who do not wish to run competitively.

People of all skill levels can participate and, of course, there will be a beginner's clinic.

### Schedule:

Registration Starts .....	9:00
Beginner's Clinic .....	9:30
Course opens .....	9:30
Course closes .....	1:00

### Cost(member/non-member):

Individual .....	\$4/\$5
Family / team rate .....	\$6/\$7

### Directions to Bomboy Mine From Phoenix:

Take the Superstition Freeway east through Apache Junction, towards Globe. About .4 miles past milepost 222 and immediately after crossing the Queen Creek bridge, turn left onto Hewitt Station Rd (Forest Road 357). If you reach the Boyce Thompson Arboretum you have gone a half mile too far! Cross the cattle guard and continue straight ahead. After about 1.5 miles on FR357, you will cross a wash with two 15 foot high drainage pipes under the railroad tracks on the right. Turn right on to FR 252, which is .2 mile after the wash. Our site is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile down the road, at a road junction. Look for an orange and white orienteering bag or orange cone at the last turnoff and at our site.

A whistle is required for all participants. Some are available to purchase for \$1. Compasses are available to rent for \$1. Your registration fee includes the map.

### What to bring:

- water bottle(s)
- whistle (required; available for \$1)
- compass (some available to rent for \$1)
- your lunch

**Water will be available at the parking lot and at one location only on the course. Bring a water bottle to have with you while running the course.**

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## December Event Results

It was another great event with a great turnout. There were 54 participants and helpers. The JROTC had about 120 come from around the state and as far as El Paso.

<u>Team Competitive Class:</u>	SCORE
Peter Zurcher et al	59
Cory and Andy	54
City Slickers	42

Thanks to our setter/vetter volunteers. Without you, this event just couldn't happen. **Joan Sibbitt, Marian Kappelmann, Doug McCulley, Rita Locke, Sheryl Berling-Wolff, Tim Tablada, Bob Kuhn, Gary Thomas, Pat Abbott and Mike Franklin.**

### Recreational Participants

Joan Sibbitt  
 Peter Neubauer  
 Peg Davis  
 Robert Baron  
 Last Place  
 Doug McCulley  
 Chucksters  
 Team Terramar  
 Kate Buenau  
 Hink Team  
 Panthers 1 and 2  
 Mike Franklin & Patricia Abbott  
 Prentice Wilson and Miriam Park  
 Randall Jacobson  
 Jeff Jablonski Family  
 Margaret Joels  
 Brian Burgess  
 Clark Family

<u>Men's Competitive Class:</u>	SCORE
Andreas Haldi	90
Ludwig Hill	86
David Marks	79
Matt Dixon	70
Ron Jansen	34
Doug Parrish	33
Jim O	31

<u>Women's Competitive Class:</u>	SCORE
Christina Luis	56
Helen Deluga	36

## Volunteer to Set/Vette For More Practice Time

If you check out our schedule, you'll notice that we now schedule a setting/vetting event the Saturday before each competition. We have many members who want to go out with experienced people to improve their skills and here's their chance.

Our next gathering is Saturday Jan 4th. We will meet at 9:30 AM at the site to which directions are given on page 1. Call Rita at 480-985-0914 to tell her you're coming so she has a map for you.

We'll gather, divide up into teams, setting points out in the field and then vetting (verifying) points that

others have set. This is much more challenging because there are no controls to find - you must be sure by skill alone that you are in the right location.

No beginners will be sent out alone, so don't worry. Each group will have someone skilled who can help you learn and practice techniques as you go.

If you help set the course, obviously, you are ineligible to compete the following week, however, many of our setters come back for the big event and try to find the points they didn't make it to the week before, for that little bit of extra practice.

## GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Jan 4, 2003	Set and Vette at Bomboy Mine
Jan 11, 2003	Bomboy Mine Event (near Superior AZ)
Feb 1, 2003	Set and Vette Saguaro Lake
Feb 8, 2003	Joint JROTC/GPHXO Event Saguaro Lake
Mar 1, 2003	Set and Vette for next event
Mar 8, 2003	Joint JROTC/GPHXO Event
Mar 27&29	Spring Land Navigation Class
April 12	Night-O at Coon Bluff

Events can't happen without volunteers from the club. Volunteer today to help staff or set up for a meet. We'll be there to help you through your first, second, even tenth time so you don't have to go it alone.

*We encourage our members to participate in the Tucson club events as well as our own. Not only is it an opportunity for more orienteering experience fairly close to home but they have some really great folks that we can learn a lot from while we enjoy their company.*

## Tucson Club Event Schedule

January 19, 2003	Silverbell
February 16, 2003	Slavin Gulch
March 16, 2003	Little Rincons - Rogaine

Did you know that GPHXO O.C. members get the "member" rate for Tucson O.C. events? For details about the Tucson Club events, check their web page at <http://go.to/tucsonorienteering>

## GPHXO Board Meetings:

Board meetings are held monthly to discuss the business operations of the club and to plan for upcoming events. They are open to all members. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at 7:00 PM at the Tempe Library, downstairs in one of the study rooms.

**None scheduled at this time**

## **2003 CLUB OFFICERS:**

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- NEW MEMBER       INDIVIDUAL (\$12)  
 RENEWAL           FAMILY (\$14)  
 Yes, I can help staff a club meet. Call me.

Members receive a bi-monthly newsletter, have voting privileges, and receive a discount on club events and the Land Navigation class.

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