

NEWSLETTER - September 2004



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

Lake To Lake Hike - Sept 18-19

People have asked if we're ever going to do the Lake to Lake hike again and as we now have a volunteer who will lead this old favorite, it's back! This hike goes from **Bear Canyon Lake to Knoll Lake** up on the Mogollon rim. Bruce Donaldson, a very experienced navigator, will lead this hike and will be more than happy to share his knowledge and wisdom with you along the route.

All skill levels are welcome, but you must be in condition to walk 5-7 rugged miles. (To reassure you novice navigators, not only will you cross a few forest roads but you will be paralleling the Rim Road a couple miles to your south.)

We'll be meeting at Bear Canyon Lake (directions below) around noon on Saturday, September 18th and camping overnight. We'll have a beginners clinic around 3:00pm and we'll have hot dogs, potato salad, and sodas in the evening for those camping overnight. You're on your own for all other meals.

We'll be heading out on the hike by 8:00am on Sunday with Bruce Donaldson leading (we'll supply maps for everyone), eating lunch out on the hike, ending up at Knoll Lake by around 3:00pm, and shuttling everybody back to our camp at Bear Canyon Lake.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Camping gear if you plan to camp
- Compass
- Whistle
- Water (1 gal recommended for the hike)
- Meals other than Saturday's dinner
- Dayhiking needs including rain gear

The hike is expected to be moderate to strenuous, for 5 to 7 miles, so plan accordingly. If you can offer your vehicle as a shuttle vehicle to return the hikers to camp, please mention this when you RSVP.

You need to RSVP as we'll need to coordinate the return shuttles. Please RSVP to **Rita Locke** at 480-985-0914 as soon as possible.

Directions:

From Payson, head East on Hwy 260 for approx. 29.5 miles and turn left at the Woods Canyon Lake turnoff, FR300. Head West on FR300 for approx. 12.5 miles and turn right (North) on FR89. Stay on FR89 for approx. 2.1 miles to the FR89A turnoff to Bear Canyon Lake. We expect to be on the left before the junction. Look for the orange and white orienteering sign. Note: all above mileages were extracted from the TOPO program and may have some error.

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Annual General Meeting & Party Sept 25th

Please join with us on **Saturday, September 25th** for our Annual General Meeting and Party! This meeting is open to all club members, their families and guests, and you are highly encouraged to attend. We will have our club t-shirts (\$12) and mugs (\$5) available.

The meeting and dinner will be held at Marie Callender's in Mesa, the same location as last year. The food was great. Again this year, you will be able to select your meal choice from a limited menu. We hope to have a large turnout this year. This is a terrific opportunity to relax with old friends and new over a good meal.

The general membership meeting is an annual event where members get together to elect club officers, review the past year's events and hear a great guest speaker. This is also a great opportunity for you to ask questions and find out about volunteer opportunities that fit your interests. This year's guest speaker is Jeff Brucker, president of the Tucson Orienteering Club, who will speak on improving your orienteering and racing skills. You won't want to miss it.

WHERE & WHEN:

Marie Callender's
865 S Dobson Rd, Mesa
6:30-9:00 PM Saturday, September 25th

RSVP:

By Monday Sept 20th
Voice mail at **602-212-6741**
email: **gphxoc@yahoo.com**
fax: **480-759-5035**

COST \$10 per person

We would really benefit from new voices in our board positions. Please, if you would like to run for an office, or have someone you would like to nominate, send us the names (same contact information as the RSVP). The officers elected at the meeting are president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. In addition to these elected positions, we have a board position opening for volunteer coordinator. Serving on the board is a great way to get more involved with the club.

Land Nav Class Volunteers Needed for Oct 23rd

Our wonderful support team member, Bob Kuhn, will not be able to attend our Fall land navigation class this year so we'll be needing at least 2 fresh faces to take on the support responsibilities he has provided in the past. We need someone to drive Bob's stick-shift truck with tables, chairs, water, food, etc, to the meet sites (or provide your own truck) and help to set up the canopies and tables then take them down as we move on. We need you there Friday night the 22nd to help set up the camp and stay till we're done on Saturday (or with 2 or 3 volunteers, we can divide up the responsibilities). Email **gphxoc@yahoo.com** or leave a message at **602-212-6741** if you can help out.

We need a Club Treasurer

As no one has stepped forward to take on the very important job of club Secretary, Patricia Abbot, our current club Treasurer, has agreed to take on this job in the hopes that the position of Treasurer would be easier to fill (as the treasurer doesn't necessarily have to attend monthly meetings although we encourage it). Do you have some basic accounting skills that you could use in the service of your club? Please contact us if interested.

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Sept 18-19	Lake to Lake Hike
Sept 25	Annual Meeting & Party
Oct 21&23	Land Navigation Class
Oct 30-31	Bomboy Mine (Joint JROTC) And State Championships!!!
Dec 11	Saguaro Lake (Joint JROTC)
Jan 15, 2005	Lake Pleasant—'B' Meet
Feb 12, 2005	First Water (Joint JROTC)
Mar 5, 2005	TBD (Joint JROTC)

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

Sep 19	Greasewood City Park
Nov 20-21	Kentucky Camp
Dec 19	Cat Mountain
Jan 26, 2004	Brady Wash
Feb 20	Kentucky Camp
March 20	Catalina State Park
April 17	Cave Creek
May 15	Slavin Gulch
June 19	Palisades
July 17	Lake Mary

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 www.tucsonorienteering.org

GPHXO Board Meetings:

Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month 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 Richard Dewey's home: 6108 S. Clark Dr., Tempe. Richard's contact info: 480-831-0331 (Home) and 480-236-5706 (Cell).

2004 CLUB OFFICERS:

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NEW MEMBER RENEWAL

CHOOSE: *mail me the monthly newsletter:*

FAMILY (\$17) INDIVIDUAL (\$15)

OR: *download/view newsletter on website:*

FAMILY (\$12) INDIVIDUAL (\$10)

Yes, I can help staff a club meet. Call me.

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

(AREA CODE) DAY TELEPHONE

(AREA CODE) EVENING TELEPHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS (*required for web membership discount; we will email you when the new newsletter is on the website*)