



NEWSLETTER - Feb 2005



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

Feb 12 Score-O at Needle Vista

TAKE NOTE: When you get to the turnoff for the First Water Trailhead, don't be fooled if there is an orienteering sign that indicates a turn. **DO NOT TURN**, but continue on Hwy 88. That first sign is for the JROTC cadets who will also be using this area but are starting from the First Water Parking area.

Join us Saturday, **Feb 12th**, at a site in the Superstitions just east of Apache Junction. This event is a **Score-O** type of event where the goal is to find as many controls as you can, in any order, in the time allowed (2 hours max). Points are assigned to each control and the challenge is to maximize your score through strategic route planning. People of all skill levels can participate and, of course, there will be a beginner's clinic. You may start anytime after the course opens but everyone, including non-competitors, must be off the course by 1:00 when the course closes.

Schedule:

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

Cost(member/non-member):

Individual	\$4/\$6
Family / team rate	\$6/\$8

Water may be available only at the parking area so bring a water bottle to have with you on the course.

Directions to Needle Vista From Phoenix:

From Phoenix, take US 60 (Superstition Freeway) east to Apache Junction, exit at Idaho Road and turn left (north). When you reach the Apache Trail (Hwy 88), turn right. Drive about 7.2 miles NE along Hwy 88 to the signed **Needle Vista** turnoff. It is about 1/2 a mile past milepost 203. Park in the parking lot and look for an orange/white orienteering bag at the registration table.

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 for all**; available for \$1)
compass (some available to rent for \$1)
Rain gear if it looks like rain

JROTC: You will have a separate parking and start area. Major Barnes will provide you with directions.

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Saguaro Lake Wrap-Up and Results

We had a beautiful day for our joint meet with JROTC on December 11 at Saguaro Lake. A total of 47 people competing as individuals or on teams completed the GPOC Score-O or White course. The JROTC had their usual large turnout of teams for their Score-O. We had a tremendous amount of volunteer support for this meet. A big thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this meet a success: **Peter Neubauer** – course setting and control hanging; **Helen Hill** – registration; **Richard Dewey** – registration; **Bob Kuhn** – equipment set-up and take-down; **Pat Abbott** – meet director and timing; **Sheryl Berling-Wolff** – beginner's clinic; **Forest Brown** – registration and control pick-up; **Tim Tablada** – registration; **Tim England** – vetting and control pick-up; **Jennifer McCulley** – vetting; **Doug McCulley** – vetting; and **Mike Franklin** – vetting; **Ron Birks** – results.

Complete results with all the details are at the website – www.phoenixorienteering.org. Here is the summary of results.

White – Individual
Eliza Nelson – 1:19:10

White – Team
Shadow Mountain HS AFJROTC #3 – 1:39:26
Team Zach – 1:46:48

Score-O Recreational
Shadow Mountain HS AFJROTC #1
Shadow Mountain HS AFJROTC #2
Adam and Sue Price
Richard Dewey
Sonya Talwalker
Helen Hill

Score-O Individual (adjusted points)

Ron Birks	600
Erik Ringes	540
Max Suter	530
Tommy Kelly	450
Tim England	400 (non-competitive as course vetter)
Gary Hickey	250
Dan Hink	240
Bob Kuhn	120
Rick Eastman	

Score-O Team (adjusted points)

Weak on Recon	330
Helen & Ben Scrivner	180
Troop 301 Badgers	170
Girls with Maps	130
Troop 301 Wolves	100
Troop 301 Panthers	

Desert Rage I Adventure Race Feb 5, 2005

For you adventure racers, Desert Rage I is coming up Feb 5th at Horseshoe Lake (northeast of Phoenix). It's 4-8 hours of pure UTM navigation, mountain biking, trekking, kayaking and mystery events. It's a blast, and a great warm-up for your adventure racing season. There will be ample camping, and with the Verde River running, the organizers suggest that you extend your stay and kayak the river. The approximate distance is 20-25 miles with a 4-8 hour finish time.

The format is solo, 2, 3 or 4 person teams of mixed or same gender.

Also coming up: Desert Rage II on 3/19 at Camp Verde, a Saguaro Lake night race on 4/23 and Desert Rage III on 10/22. For information about these and other adventure racing opportunities, check out www.SierraAdventureSports.com.

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Feb 12	First Water (Joint JROTC)
Mar 5	Coon Bluff Recreation Area (JROTC at Bomboy Mine)
April 7&9	Land Navigation Class
June 11-12	Lake-2-Lake Hike
August ???	Annual Family Campout At Mormon Mountain
Sept 17-18	Picketpost Mtn Campout
Oct 8	Annual Meeting and Awards

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

Feb 20	Kentucky Camp West
March 20	Cave Creek
April 17	Slavin Gulch
May 15	Rim Event
June 19	Palisades
July 17	Lake Mary
Aug 21	Lincoln Park Early-O
Sep 18	Greasewood
Oct 16	Silverbell—State Champs
Nov 20	Kentucky Camp
Dec 18	Catalina State Park

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 in the Scottsdale Community College library. Call Richard for specifics or to confirm meeting: 480-831-0331 (Home) and 480-236-5706 (Cell).

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