



# NEWSLETTER - June 2005



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

## June 11-12 Lake-2-Lake Hike

This hike goes cross-country from **Bear Canyon Lake to Knoll Lake** up on the Mogollon rim. Some of our experienced orienteers will lead this hike and will be more than happy to share their 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, June 11th 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 Richard Dewey and Peter Neubauer 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.

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 **Richard Dewey** at 480-236-5706 as soon as possible.

### 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

### 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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## **GPHXO Activities**

### **Tucson OC "Potato Patch" Event**

GPHXO had a great turnout for the Tucson Orienteering Club's Potato Patch Meet on the Rim. GPHXO members who attended included Pat Abbott, Forrest Brown, Raphael Chevalier, Mike Franklin, Diane Hasselfeld, Peter Neubauer, Rob Pursell, Eric Ringness, and Walt and Kelsey Smith.

This was a two-day event, with bag hanging Saturday morning, classic courses on Saturday afternoon and two night "O" courses. Sunday was an adjusted distance timed bag pick-up.

Pat Abbott, Mike Franklin and Peter Neubauer helped hang controls for the event.

#### **GPHXO Member results:**

**Red Course:** Forrest Brown 5th

**Green Course:** Mike Franklin 2nd

**Orange Course:** Walt Smith 2nd, Diane Hasselfeld 4th

**Night "O":** Peter Neubauer 3rd, Walt Smith 7th

**Intermediate Pick-up:** Mike Franklin 3rd, Eric Ringness 4th

**Long distance Pick-up:** Peter Neubauer and Forrest Brown. Peter wins the good sportsman award for trying to find a control that was accidentally picked up by another competitor.

We hope that our participation at the Tucson Club event will attract more of their members to our meets - so thank you to all the GPHXO members who attended!

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### **Family Camp - August 12-14**

*(Friday evening through Sunday afternoon)*

Plans are being made for our annual Family Camp in the Mormon Lake area. The July newsletter will include a map and any updated details, but here is some information to help you plan for this event:

The camp's elevation is 7,578 feet. Expect afternoon summer showers—50 degrees at night and 80 degrees daytime. The mountain dirt roads are relatively flat, pot-holes or rocks in some areas, and will accommodate almost all cars. The plan is to use the same site we used for last year's campout.

Bob Kuhn will bring tables and canopies and will also have portable toilets set up. Someone will be there all day Friday and Saturday so you can arrive whenever. You'll know our site by the orange/white orienteering signs. Keep in mind, these are public lands and it's possible that another group will have come even earlier and taken our preferred site. If so, we will move to a nearby site and leave someone or signs at the original site to guide you to the new place.

The club will provide BBQ meats, fixin's and non-alcoholic

beverages for a Saturday afternoon picnic (about 2:00 PM). Side dishes and snacks are pot-luck. All other meals are on your own but cooking facilities will be available. There are large open areas for various game/activities, hiking or just kick back and enjoy the fresh smell of the pines, visiting or quiet time. There will be campfires Friday and Saturday evenings—you furnish the marshmallows, skits and entertainment. This is a family oriented event.

**Directions: From Phoenix** (last 9 miles dirt road), take I-17 north to the Munds Park exit. Follow the main road (FR #240) through Munds Park for 10 miles then make a sharp left on FR 132A. Our site will be about 1.5 miles on the right.

**From East Valley** (3 miles of dirt road), use Hwy 87 (Beeline) then take Hwy #3 towards Clint's Well. Exit Hwy #3 at Mormon Village. Follow the main road through Mormon Village to mile marker 5 and exit on FR #240 towards Munds Park. Go 2 miles to FR #132A and bear right about 1.5 miles to our camp.

To RSVP, call Bob Kuhn at (623) 582-5899 or email [ulazyk@cox.net](mailto:ulazyk@cox.net) or [gphxoc@yahoo.com](mailto:gphxoc@yahoo.com).

## In Memoriam—Fred Padgett

Fred Padgett was truly the visionary and father of orienteering in greater Phoenix. He will be missed.

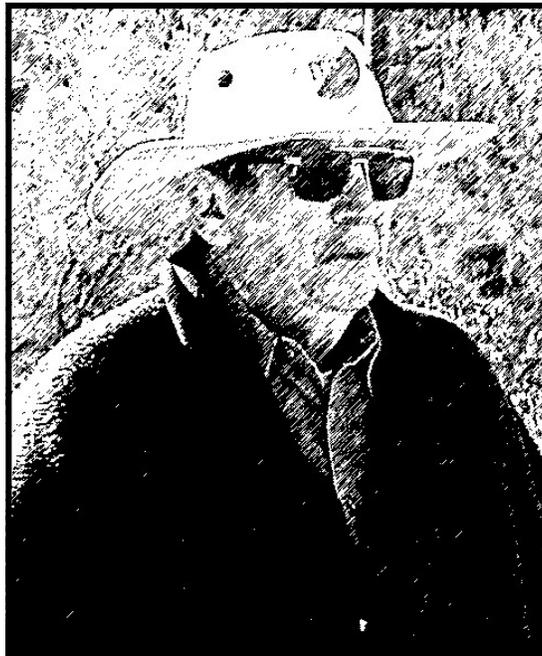
The first orienteering race near Phoenix took place in the 1970's at Mormon Lake, Arizona. Ulf Ljungberg, from Sweden, invited four of us, Peter (Bigfoot) Busnack, Noel Hebets, Ulf and me, to practice "orienteering." We put together a course and raced. Ulf won and we realized we needed more training in this sport.

So we started what we called *The Arizona Orienteering Club*. To demonstrate the value of map reading, Bigfoot decided in the hottest part of the summer – to walk, without food or water, from New River to the top of Four Peaks using a map and compass to find the water holes and likely places to find food along the way. There were days he had to walk as far as 15 miles to find a pond of water that was a mere speck on the map. His hike inspired all of us and proved how important map reading was for anyone who hikes in the Arizona desert.

After his superb cross-country survival trek Bigfoot worked with us in teaching high school students Outward Bound techniques through the PAAK Foundation. At the same time, the PAAK Foundation leased the land for the Reevis Mountain Survival School giving us miles of open territory in

and around the Superstition Mountains for map reading training.

And about this time, along came Fred Padgett, pudgy, slightly overweight, and middle-aged. He joined us during the second or third course. He was a very conscientious student. He asked to attend the course a second time; it was then the instructors saw that he was "getting" the techniques – big time.



We asked Fred to become an assistant instructor on the next class, and after a few more courses we asked him to become one of the instructors.

At that time, the course was so rigorous, there was only time for learning and sleeping. We changed the course from a 3-day survival trek – where we carried the heavy packs all the way and found water as we were able – into a safari, with off-road vehicles bringing water, training aids, clothing and sleeping equipment from one campsite to the next. We served meals in a tent, to keep the sun off the students, and keep everyone dry and warm during bad weather. Fred was the genius who organized the caravan, designed the safari equipment, prepared the training aids, and made constant improvements to the class.

Fred and I usually carpoled together to the class and back. During these drives we talked about starting an advanced course, we imagined

**Fred Padgett**

orienteering courses around the state. We talked about competing with clubs from other states, but especially with the *Tucson Orienteering Club*. We competed in an orienteering meet with the Marines outside of San Diego, and placed credibly.

Fred and I signed up for the Tucson club "Rogane," an all-day exercise testing who could find the most checkpoints in the time allotted. In that event, Fred and I as a team of two, placed third.

Fred was determined to start an orienteering club and move from map and compass training to orienteering racing. We chose the name *Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club*. Fred almost singlehandedly organized and developed the club. He organized equipment and held almost every Club office. He developed the lake-to-lake hike, a new map and compass training course (closer to Phoenix), and participated in almost all of the events, many of which he also organized. The Club was able to stake out courses, to vet courses, to conduct meets, and Fred deserved to be proud of what he had accomplished.

Shortly before he died, Fred told me, "I must step out of being an officer in the Club. The Club must function without me and I must test whether or not others in the Club will take charge." They have. He was astute in making this decision.

It was truly amazing to me that in addition to map reading and orienteering, Fred was involved in charity, the Masonic Lodge and Shrine, helping his father in business, dancing, mountain climbing, and other activities. From his enthusiasm for map reading and orienteering, I thought it was all he was doing.

Fred recruited new leaders to join the club, to build and "vet"

orienteering courses, and schedule meetings and teaching sessions. Fred continued to invite me to almost every event. I appreciated his thoughtful friendship and regret very much his passing.

If anyone from *The Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club* wants to honor Fred, you may do so by dedicating yourself to some serious training, and by creating a team that will beat the proverbial pants off Tucson and the United States Marines in San Diego. Fred's life example and teachings will spread to others who become involved in the wondrous sport of orienteering. Goodbye, Fred – Hello, Fred – you are still an inspiration!

**-- John F. Goodson**

Fred was one of the first people I met when I joined the Orienteering Club. He was willing to work independently with me on developing my land navigation skills and gave me the confidence to continue in the sport.

He also offered backpacking classes through the Sierra Club, which I took, then followed up by leading treks in the Superstitions for all who were interested in practicing their skills. On these trips, his instruction continued, concerning the best equipment, supplies, clothing, and food to pack. Those of us who accompanied him became close friends with him and each other.

Fred was generous with his time, his knowledge, and his friendship. It was my pleasure and good fortune to have been his friend.

**-- Rita Locke**

## GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

June 11-12	Lake-2-Lake Hike
August 12-14	Annual Family Campout (see page 2 for details)
Sept 17-18	Picketpost Mtn Campout
Sept 24	Thumb Butte
Oct 1	JROTC-only meet
Oct 8	Annual Meeting and Awards— Nello's Pizza in Tempe
Oct 16	Join with Tucson at Silverbell
Oct 27 & 29	Land Nav Class
Nov12	Coon Bluff
Dec10	First Water/Needle Vista JROTC joint meet
Jan 21	Saguaro Lake 'B' meet
Feb 11	Bomboy Mine - Joint JROTC
Mar 4	Lake Pleasant? - Joint JROTC
April 6&8	Land Nav Class

*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

June 19	Palisades
July 16-17	Lake Mary State Champs
Aug 21	Lincoln Park Early-O
Sep 18	Greasewood
Oct 16	Silverbell
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](http://www.tucsonorienteering.org)

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

**June 14—Richard Dewey's House**

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