



NEWSLETTER - November 2005



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

Nov 12 Score-O at Coon Bluff

Join us for our club's next event which will be held at Coon Bluff on November 12th. This is a score-o (find the controls in any order) but we will also have a classic white (beginner's) course. The terrain is somewhat rugged hills with sparse to moderate desert vegetation throughout. People of all skill levels can participate and, of course, there will be a beginner's clinic. Everyone, including non-competitors, must be off the course by 1:00 PM when the course closes. You may start anytime after the course opens. Score-O competitors have up to 2 hours to finish the event. Everyone, including noncompetitors, must be off the course by 1:00 when the course closes.

For those participating in the State Championships on November 19th and 20th, this would be a great practice run!

Schedule:

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

Cost(members/non-members):

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

Directions to Coon Bluff From Phoenix:

Take US 60 (Superstition Freeway) east to Power Road, exit #188. Turn north onto Power Road. The turnoff to Coon Bluff is on the north side of the road about 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles from US 60. Look for the orange/white orienteering sign on the south side (about 1 mile past the Phon D. Sutton Recreation area turnoff). Turn left and drive about 1.25 miles to the parking area. If you get to Usery Pass Road, turn around and go back 1.25 miles and turn right.

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)

There is a \$4 per car parking day-use fee.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COON BLUFF MEET

We have a need for volunteers for the registration and timers tables, bag hanging, and bag retrieval. Not all of these activities would exclude you from competing or running a course recreationally. Please contact Richard at richard.dewey@cox.net if you can help with any of the above activities.

Thumb Butte Results - September 24, 2005

By Glenn Haselfeld

We enjoyed near-perfect conditions for our recent Orienteering event, located just outside Prescott. With temperatures in the 70's, scattered clouds, and a cool breeze, it made the 4-hour Score-O more enjoyable. The terrain, however, proved to be a challenge, with steep slopes and thorny bushes in some places. Max Suter (from the Tucson club) came remarkably close to achieving a perfect score, collecting 1420 out of a possible 1500 points. Several other competitors also scored quite well, in the 850 – 1000 point range. There were a total of 40 orienteers out in the field for the Score-O—not a bad showing for being 100 miles out of Phoenix.

While most were out in the field, a TV-3 news crew from Phoenix stopped by to do a story on Orienteering. Several folks were interviewed by the crew, including Tim Tablada, Pat Abbott, Erik Ringnes, Max Suter and others. If you have a broadband connection, you can find a link to the report on our website

The Night-O event didn't go as smoothly as I had planned. The absent-minded course setter (yours truly) decided during the last field check to move one of the controls—but forgot to change the map! This, of course, caused some difficulty and frustration on the Green course, and led to some high completion times and several DNFs—for which I apologize. Hopefully, most of the participants still managed to enjoy the courses.

I would like to thank everyone for helping out with this event. Pat Abbott, for being event director, field checker, map printer, registrar and hanging/retrieving controls; Mike Franklin, for vetting, control hanging and retrieval; Walt Smith, for vetting; Erik Ringnes, for control hanging and retrieval; Richard and Josh Dewey, for timing the Score-O and control retrieval; Jared Kuhn, for setting up the equipment; and Max Suter, Ludwig Hill, Peg Davis, Tim Tablada, and Ron Birks, for control retrieval. We couldn't have done it without you!

SCORE_O RESULTS:		Female	Night-O Green Results
Male		Peg Davis	Ludwig Hill 1:55:45
Max Suter	1420	Matleena Ojapolo	Ron Birks 1:55:50
David Graser	1000	Dianne Haselfeld	Max Suter DNF
Ron Birks	950		Sierra Adventure DNF
Ludwig Hill	930		Richard Dewey DNF
Erik Ringnes	880		Walt Smith DNF
Marten Bostrom	740	Recreational	
Eric Wight	350	SAR TEKS	
		Doug McCulley	
Team		Rick Fisher	
Red Energy	960	Pat Abbott	Adventure Racing Concepts 2:24:00
Weak on Recon	860	Smiths2	Graser DNF
Team Finn	600	Jack London	
Sierra Adventure	490		
Glynns	90	White Recreational Results	
		Smiths	Night-O Yellow Results
		Jen McCulley	Pat Abbott 1:38:35
		Mike Barzee	Eric Wight DNF
		Jim Saylor	

Arizona State Orienteering Championships Kentucky Camp, Nov 19 & 20, 2005

Register soon and mark your calendar for the 2005 Arizona State Orienteering Championships, a 2-day B-meet at Kentucky Camp! This meet is also part of the Pacific Region Ranking Series. State Champion honors are awarded to the top Arizona residents on certain courses for different age categories (see below). Each day's results will be submitted to be included in the Pacific Region rankings (see <http://go.to/pacreg/> for more information on that).

We will set White, Yellow, Orange, Green, Red, and Blue courses for each day. Saturday's courses will be set to typical lengths while Sunday's will be shorter than usual.

The terrain consists of grassy ridges and valleys on the east side of the Santa Rita Mountains. Some areas are covered with oak, mesquite, and juniper trees that range from forest density to widely-scattered. The terrain allows fast running most of the time. A few areas, especially on north-facing slopes, contain dense undergrowth, including catclaw. Many areas in the terrain show impacts from agricultural and mining activity.

We will use 5-color 1:10,000 color photocopy maps with 5m contours, field-checked by TOC members during 2004. The map and terrain is among the best available in the Tucson area.

To pre-register for a pre-marked map: send an email to pegdavis@u.arizona.edu by November 16th with your name and the courses you will be running each day. Those who do not pre-register will be copying controls onto their maps on the clock. Those who pre-register and do not show up will be listed as DNFs.

Volunteers to help at the meet will be appreciated. Please contact Meet Overseer Peg Davis at 520-628-8985 or pegdavis@u.arizona.edu if you can help or have questions. It is possible to help out and compete on the same day. Meet directors are Jeff Brucker on Saturday and the Mudhens on Sunday.

The map is on national forest land, so camping (with no water or developed facilities) is possible on site. Nights will be cold. Feel free to bring firewood. You may also camp there Friday and Sunday nights.

State Championship Qualifications:

You must complete your championship course on each day, have your primary residence in Arizona, and be a member of an Arizona orienteering club. You can qualify in one of the following categories:

- * Junior men (under 21) on the yellow course
- * Junior women (under 21) on the yellow course
- * Open men on the blue course
- * Open women on the red course
- * Veteran men (35+) on the red course
- * Veteran women (35+) on the green course
- * Superveteran men (50+) on the green course
- * Superveteran women (50+) on the orange course

Directions:

From Tucson, take I-10 East to the intersection with Highway 83. Exit and take 83 south toward Sonoita for 20+ miles to Gardner Canyon Road (ie. Forest Road 92) and turn right (west). The turn-off to this road is signed. Go west 0.8 miles to find Forest Road 163 on the right. Take Road 163 2-4 miles, passing through the private section, and follow orange and white signs to the meet site.

State Champs (cont.)

Schedule: (both days)

8:30 a.m. Registration opens. Beginners' clinic starts.

9:00 a.m. Courses open.

11:00 a.m. Last time to start a course.

1:00 p.m. Courses close. Begin control retrieval. Orienteers must check-in at the finish by this time.

1:00 p.m. On Sunday Control retrieval. Volunteers to help with this will be appreciated.

Fees:

\$5/individual, \$8/team for members of any recognized orienteering club.

\$10/individual, \$15/team for nonmembers.

Compasses rent for \$1. Safety whistles sell for \$1. Every person, all courses, is required to carry some type of safety whistle.

Check-In:

To make sure that all are safe, everyone, whether finished with the course or not, must check in formally at Start/Finish before leaving the meet site.

Newcomers:

Go directly to Registration. Ask for instructions and introductory information. To attend the beginners' clinic, arrive between 8:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

Route Choice Reviews:

Between noon and 1 p.m., an advanced orienteer will be available near the Start/Finish area to discuss route choices with returning participants.

Thank-You's All Around

Thank you **Bob Kuhn** for the time you gave us as equipment manager. Bob has become involved in several other big projects and no longer has the time to devote to the club. We will miss you Bob.

A big thank you to all the instructors and staff who helped make our Fall Land Navigation Class a great success. We had **Peter Neubauer, Patricia Abbott, Mike Franklin, Gary Thomas, Tim Tablada, Matt Dixon, Luther Belk, Jared Kuhn and Sheryl Berling-Wolff**. And an especially big thank you to **Rita Locke** who worked with the BLM to secure permission to use BLM land near lake Pleasant when the forest service permit was stuck in "red tape."

Another big thank-you to **Mike Franklin** who now retires as club president, turning the role over to **Richard Dewey**. Thank you both for the service you have given and will continue to give to the club. Welcome **Peter Neubauer**, who has stepped up to take on the role of Vice President.

Thank you **Rita Locke** for finding us such a great speaker, **Dave Wilson**, for our annual meeting. Thanks **Tim Tablada** for rounding up all the great door prizes and thank you **Mike Franklin** for the great job handling the meeting and arranging the volunteer awards.

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Nov 12	Coon Bluff
Dec 10	First Water/Needle Vista JROTC joint meet
Jan 21, 2006	Saguaro Lake 'B' meet
Feb 11	Bomboy Mine - Joint JROTC
Mar 4	Lake Pleasant? - Joint JROTC
April 6 & 8	Land Navigation 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

Nov 19-20	Kentucky Camp
Dec 18	Catalina State Park
Jan 14-16	A-Meet Anza-Borrego
Jan 29	8 hr ROGAIN TBA
Feb 19	Greaterville
Mar 18-19	Kentucky Camp
Apr 16	Empire Ranch
June 16-18	Mogollon Rim or White Mtns
Aug 19-20	Lake Mary—State Champs
Sep 17	Palisades Ridge
Oct 15	Slavin Gulch
Nov 19	Catalina State Park
Dec 17	Kentucky Camp West

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 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).

November 8—SCC Library
December 13—TBA

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