



NEWSLETTER - March 2006



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

March 4th at Lake Pleasant

Join us on Saturday, **March 4th** at a site just west of Lake Pleasant for the final meet of the season in the low desert. Develop your land navigation skills, compete for best time on one of five courses or just enjoy the great outdoors before the heat moves in and urban sprawl consumes this great example of the Sonoran Desert. Classic courses are being offered for all skill levels: White(beginner), Yellow(advanced beginner), Orange(intermediate), Green(advanced) and Red(advanced). Compete for best time or choose the recreational category if you do not wish to run competitively. This will be a joint event with the JROTC. This meet will also be for their regional championship, so expect to see some motivated kids!

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. Everyone, including non-competitors, must be off the course by 1:00 when the course closes.

Schedule:

9:00 AM	Registration opens
9:30 AM	Beginners' clinic starts
9:30 AM	Courses open
1:00 PM	Courses close.

Fees:

	(member/nonmember)
Individual	\$4/\$6
Family/team	\$6/\$8

Directions to Lake Pleasant from Phoenix:

From Phoenix, take I-17 north to State Route 74/Carefree Highway – ext 223. Turn west (left) on to State Route 74 and proceed 13.2 miles. Turn right on an unnamed road .6 miles west of milepost 18. (It's 1.5 miles west of the Lake Pleasant visitor center turnoff.)

There is a prominent thumb butte on the south side of the highway at the turnoff. Look for orange/white O-bags, signs or O-cones marking the turn from SR74 and at the meet site.

This is a joint event with JROTC, but we will have separate registration tables.

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)
	compass (some to rent for \$1)

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A Great Day for Orienteering—Bomboy Mine

By Pat Abbott

It was a bright and windy day. Orienteers came from far and wide for three classic courses for Phoenix Orienteering and a Score-O for the JROTC teams. The wind created some havoc on the courses. On the Red course, the final control had blown down requiring that **Max Suter** and **Ludwig Hill**, who were the first to the control, to spend much extra time hunting for the control which somewhat inflated their times. Nevertheless, a great time was had by all.

A great big thank you to everyone who volunteered: **Erik Ringnes** (course design and water hauling); **Mike Franklin** (vetting, control hanging, timing); **Sheryl Berling-Wolff** (equipment hauling, registration, beginners' clinic); **Glenn Haselfeld** (vetting); **Dave and Corrina King** (control hanging); **Peter Neubauer** (registration); **Pat Abbott** (meet director, control hanging, timing); **Richard Dewey** (registration); **Major Barnes** and the **JROTC** (control hanging and control retrieval).

Bomboy Mine Results—Jan 21st, 2006

RED		ORANGE		Rec (cont)	
Ludwig Hill	1:38:13	Ludwig Hill	0:59:44	Dianne Haselfeld	
Max Suter	1:49:12	Leif Lundquist	1:12:45	Glenn Haselfeld	
Ron Birks	2:09:06	Michael Keating	1:55:41	Team JD	
David Erhart	2:54:38	Scott (with Scout)	2:40:32	WHITE	
		Ron Jansen	3:29:49	Kathi Douglas	0:57:16
		Shane	DNF		
TEAM		TEAM		TEAM	
weakonrecon	2:01:36	Team 1 Rat	DNF	Ken Craeger	0:41:08
		Ken Craeger	DNF		
RECREATIONAL		RECREATIONAL		RECREATIONAL	
Richard Dewey		Doug McCulley		Blind Badgers	
Peter Neubauer				Portrey	
Arild Orsleie				Olander	

Spring Land Navigation Class - April 6 & 8, 2006

Master the use of topographic map and compass to travel through the wilderness with skill and confidence. This class is an evening in-town session then a full day in the field at a site near the town of Superior. This class is designed for adults and is a very intensive, hands-on program. Students walk four to five miles, with day packs, learning and practicing land navigation methods and techniques. We provide dinner at the classroom session, plus breakfast, lunch, snacks

and dinner at the field session. Students provide their own Silva Ranger 15 CL (or similar) 360-degree compass. A Silva compass may be rented for \$5.

Class alumni, if it's been awhile since you've been practicing, you may take the class again for half price (\$50.00). You can find an application inside the brochure posted on our website. Cost is \$100 (fully refundable until 3/31/2006). Members who have joined prior to Jan 1, 2006 get a \$20 discount.

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.

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Mar 4	Lake Pleasant - Joint JROTC
April 6 & 8	Land Navigation Class
Apr 16	Join TOC at Empire Ranch
May 13-14	Lake-2-Lake Hike
June 16-18	Join TOC at Mogollon Rim or White Mtns
July 15-16	State Champs at Lake Mary
Sept ??	Thumb Butte??
Oct 7	Annual Dinner & Meeting
Oct 12 & 14	Land Navigation Class
Nov 11-12	B-meet First Water
Dec 10	Coon Bluff
Jan 14, 2007	Lake Pleasant
Feb 11, 2007	mini-ROGAINE at Bomboy Mine
Mar 11, 2007	Saguaro Lake

Tucson Club Event Schedule

Mar 18-19	Kentucky Camp
Apr 16	Empire Ranch
June 16-18	Mogollon Rim or White Mtns
Jul 15-16	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).

March 14—SCC Library
April 11—SCC Library
June 13—SCC Library

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NAME

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CITY, STATE, ZIP

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(AREA CODE) EVENING TELEPHONE

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