



NEWSLETTER - Feb 2008



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

February 9-10: Score-O, Bike-O, Black&Blue-O

The Club will offer a weekend of O-events February 9-10, 2008 at our Bomboy Mine site near the town of Superior (east of Apache Junction).

Saturday we will have a regular **24 point Score "O"** in the morning for a good warm-up. A white (novice) course will also be available. That afternoon we will offer our second ever **Bike "O"**. We welcome input from bikers before we set the course. Expect a long distance course with winning completion times of 90-120 minutes. Email Pat Abbott, PAAPsyD@aol.com with your contributions.

Sunday we will have our first ever **Black & Blue "O"** for the more extreme or adventurous orienteers. This classic course will be at least twice as long as any blue course we've had before. Expect a 20-22 km course with 22 control points (competitors may skip two). We also request that everyone **pre-register within 7 days of the meet**. White and yellow courses will be available.

Fees: (fees are per course)

Club Members \$5 for individual and \$8 per team;
Add \$5 for the Black and Blue

Non-members \$10 for individual and \$15 per team. Add \$5 for the Black and Blue

Registration:

Registration begins at 9:00 AM Saturday and 8:30 AM Sunday.

Pre-registration is strongly urged for the Black and Blue course as the maps have special printing requirements; there will be a \$2 surcharge for day of event registration for the Black and Blue. Contact Mike Franklin at jfranklin31@cox.net

There is unlimited free primitive camping at the site. Motels are also available in the area.

Directions to Bomboy Mine From Phoenix:

Take the Superstition Freeway east through Apache Junction, towards Globe. About .4 miles past milepost 222 and immediately after crossing the Queen Creek bridge, turn left on Hewitt Station Road (FR 357). If you reach the Boyce Thompson Arboretum you have gone a half mile too far. Cross the cattle guard and continue straight ahead. After about 1.5 miles on Hewitt Station Road, you will cross a wash with two 15 foot high drainage pipes under the railroad tracks on the right. Turn right on FR252 which is about .2 miles after the wash. Our site is about 3/4 mile down the road, at a road junction. Look for the orange and white sign at the last turnoff.

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Orienteering and Related Service Opportunities

EVENT HELP NEEDED: The number of the courses at our February meet has resulted in our need to use AND HANG every bag the club owns. We need a lot of help hanging the controls, especially with the Bike-O. All the Bike-O controls are on roads and so they cannot be hung way ahead. If there is anyone who could assist with this on Friday before the meet, that would be a great help. We also need help with equipment hauling. Since we now have folding tables, you do not need an extra large vehicle for the hauling.

Also we need the regular help with registration, timing, bag retrieval on Saturday. If you can help in any way, please respond as soon as able including what you will be able to do.

CHANDLER PARKS & REC: Chandler's new Veterans Oasis Park and Environ. Edu. Center would like to offer classes and programs to introduce the general public to orienteering. Their limited park staff lacks expertise in orienteering and is looking to us for help. They are planning events for the park's grand opening, (probably sometime in April) and would like a short and simple O course in the "back" (or "wild") section of the park. Alternatively, maybe some sort of fun but simple game to introduce kids (and adults) to the techniques used in orienteering.

Would you be interested in teaching an O class in the Environ. Center during summer season (June 1 - August 31) or sometime in their year-round schedule? If you are interested in teaching other courses related to nature, the environment, or the outdoors, they'd like your input. Pay starts at \$11.50/hr and is based upon criteria such as experience and relevant certifications. If you're interested in any of this, contact Matthew Dawson, Assistant Naturalist, (480) 782-2886, Matthew.Dawson@chandleraz.gov, or see www.chandleraz.gov/veterans-oasis

VARSITY SCOUTS NEED HELP: Anthony Zaugg, the assistant District Commissioner in the Mesa District Boy Scouts, is looking for someone to help him generate excitement for orienteering in the scouting program. One of the Varsity Scout program features is Orienteering and he could use some help. Contact him at 480-227-2583 if you're interested.

Lake Pleasant Write-Up

Despite the threat of an imminent winter storm with predictions of rain, we had a fairly good turnout at Lake Pleasant on January 6. As it turns out, there was no rain, and the cloud cover made for very comfortable running conditions--so if you awoke early on Sunday morning and decided to blow off the orienteering, you really missed out! Erik Ringnes did an excellent job on setting the White, Orange, and Red courses, which tend to be challenging in the rolling terrain of Lake Pleasant.

Many thanks to our volunteers for helping with setup and retrieval: Erik Ringnes, Forest Brown, Glenn Haselfeld, Laura Wasylenski, Ron Birks and Ludwig Hill. And if you're feeling guilty about missing out, we'll be back at Lake Pleasant in March for a Night-O...

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

February 9-10	Bomboy Mine Score-O/ Bike-O/ Long Classic
March 9	Saguaro Lake
March 22	Lake Pleasant Night-O
April 3 and 5	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

Feb 22-24	A-Meet: Kentucky Camp
March 16	Ironwood
April 20	Slavin Gulch
May 17-18	White Mountains
June 15	Bear Wallow
July 20	Palisades
Aug 16-17	Lake Mary
Sept 20-21	Mogollon Rim
Oct 19	Chimney Rock
Nov 16	Box Canyon
Dec 21	Silverbell

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. Email gphxoc@yahoo.com for dates and locations.

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

January Lake Pleasant Results

<u>Red Course</u>			<u>Orange Course</u>			<u>White Course</u>		
COMPETITOR	TIME	RANK	COMPETITOR	TIME	RANK	COMPETITOR	TIME	RANK
Ron Birks	1:23:18	1M	Peter Neubauer	1:42:09	1M	Jayson Rickel	0:23:44	1M
Kayak Lake Mead	1:28:43	1T	Laura Wasylenski	2:28:40	1F	John Rickel	0:33:35	1T
Ludwig Hill	1:29:31	2M	Game Over	3:13:50	1T	Jaxon Rickel	0:35:15	2M
Windy Marks	1:36:57	1F	Ludwig Hill	0:53:25	*	Code et Al	Rec	---
Forest Brown	1:44:20	3M	Ron Birks	1:00:40	*	Doug McCulley	Rec	---
Rick Eastman	1:46:35	4M	Kayak Lake Mead	1:28:25	*			
Kachina	---	DNF	SJS	---	DNF			
Dave Marks	Rec	---	Jayson Rickel	---	DNF			
			Jodi Rickel	Rec	---			
			Chuck Phillips	Rec	---			

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