



NEWSLETTER - March 2009



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

March 8th Score-O at First Water

Join us Sunday, March 8th, at a site in the Superstitions just east of Apache Junction. Develop your land navigation skills, compete for best score, or just enjoy a day outside. Bring a bag lunch and a lawn chair and hang around awhile!

This event is a **Score-O** type event where the goal is to find as many controls as you can, in any order, in the time allowed (3 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 there will be a beginner's clinic.

Competitors need to start by 11:00 if they want the full 3 hours but recreational participants may start anytime after the course opens. Everyone, including non-competitors, must be off the course by 2:00 when the course closes.

This event will include the area covered in the south and east portion of the map, an area not much used in past events. There are a total of 27 controls and participants should find it plenty challenging.

Cost (member/non-member):

Individual \$5/\$10
Family / team rate \$8/\$15

Schedule:

Registration Begins 9:00
Beginner's Clinic 9:30
Course opens..... 9:00
Course closes 2:00
Score-O Time Limit.....3 hours

Directions to First Water Trailhead Overflow Parking Area From Phoenix:

From Phoenix, take US 60 (Superstition Freeway) east to Apache Junction. Take the Idaho Rd. exit (SR 88) and turn left. In a few miles, SR 88 will turn right onto N Apache Trail. Turn right and continue on SR 88. In about 5 miles, and ¼ mile past the entrance to Lost Dutchman State Park, turn right onto FR 78, First Water Trailhead Road, which is an all-weather dirt road. Proceed about 2½ miles to the horse staging area (the overflow parking area). If you get to the trailhead, go back about ½ mile to the meet site.

What to bring:

water bottle(s)
whistle (**required for all**; available for \$1)
Compass (available to rent for \$1)

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

Arizona State Champs at Slavin Gulch, March 14-15

Excerpts from the write-up by Mark Parsons

*For additional information, go to
www.tucsonorienteering.org*

This year we will have two days of orienteering amid the major boulder formations and oak thickets of the Dragoon Mountains foothills at 4400 feet elevation. The orienteering is fast, with fewer cactus, less climb, and better footing than other areas around Tucson.

Saturday's courses will be staged on the south part of the map, an area we have not used for a decade. This year's field checking has been to correct that area. I will offer a brown course of about 3800 m with very expert controls. This course is for the older skilled orienteer, 65+ years for men, 55+ years for women. We will also offer white, yellow, orange, green, and red courses both days.

There will be a Saturday afternoon mountain bike-score-O. There is very good traditional and sport climbing within walking distance of our camp. We will have a slack line put up.

Saturday at sunset we will have a big barbeque and campfire, featuring all you can consume steaks, chicken, salmon, salads, tortillas, and beans for \$15/head, \$5 if you are a child under 4 feet tall, and \$10 for kids 12 & younger. All are welcome to join us at the campfire. There will not be tables, so bring chairs.

This meet is 30 minutes NE of Tombstone where motel rooms should be in abundance that weekend (no other big events). We'll be an hour from the nearest grocery store in Benson, Sierra Vista, or Bisbee. Remember to bring all the water you'll need for the weekend.

Registration: Please preregister by noon on Wednesday, March 11th via email at orienteeringmark@yahoo.com. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it indicating courses, days, camping, and eating. Indicate salmon or meat or vegan, please. Please register soon as we may need to get a Port-a-John. Feel free to call me at 520-432-2817 or write me at P.O. Box 297 Bisbee, AZ 85603. Notifying me ahead of time speeds the on-site

registration process and helps in printing the right number of maps. On arrival, please check in at the registration desk and pay the appropriate fees.

Fees: \$10 per day for members and other O club members; \$15 per day for nonmembers. Compass rental \$1; Safety whistles to keep \$1; Every person, regardless of course, will be required to carry a safety whistle.

Volunteers: I need help for Saturday control retrieval and Sunday timing, registration, and control retrieval. Call me or email.

Directions: Take I-10 east from Tucson to exit 303 "Benson, Bisbee, Tombstone" and Route 80. Go south to MP 315, Middle March Road. This is one mile from Tombstone. Turn left, or NE, towards the Dragoon Mountains. Go 10 miles (6 or 7 cattle guards) to the National Forest Boundary. Turn left, or north, on the obvious major road, Road 687 (the sign is gone). This road is quite rough, but doable in a road car if you are careful. For Saturday's event, take the 1st right in approximately 1/2 a mile, past the windmill and tanks to the end of the road. For Sunday's event and to the camping area, continue north 1 1/2 miles on Road 687, cross the cattle guard and immediately turn right and continue to the big circle in the oak trees at the end of the road. Allow 2 hours from central Tucson. Park on or near the roads. Be aware of dry grasses.

Schedule, Saturday:

8:45 a.m. beginners' clinic
9 a.m. registration begins
9:30 a.m. courses open
11:30 a.m. last time to start a course
1:30 p.m. all courses close; control retrieval begins; all participants must be returning to start/finish
Afternoon: mountain bike score-O event; climbing, etc.
5:30 p.m. dinner

Schedule, Sunday: (notice changes from Saturday)

8:30 a.m. beginners' clinic; registration begins
9 a.m. courses open
11 a.m. last time to start a course
1 p.m. courses close; control retrieval begins; all participants must be returning to start/finish

Feb 8, 2009 Bomboy Mine Wrap-Up

The weather today certainly wasn't very cooperative. The temperatures were not too cold, but we experienced periods of light to heavy rainfall. Most competitors actually thought the conditions weren't too bad. What animals! For those of us observing the event from the shelter of a nice rain tent, we couldn't understand why people would want to be out in this kind of weather. At least the wind wasn't too much of a factor.

Once again, we had a great turnout from our friends from Tucson. Two carloads with a total of 6 participants made the 2-hour drive in the rain. In addition, we had a number of individuals and groups from the Phoenix area who braved the weather to participate in the event. As you all know, it takes a great deal of time for us to prepare and host orienteering events. We really appreciate the efforts you all make to come out and participate.

The Score-O course had a total of 37 controls covering a straight-line distance of 16.49 km with 500 meters of climb. With only 2 hours to find as many controls as possible, there were enough controls to ensure that route choice played a big part in the standings.

Ludwig Hill and Jeff Brucker both went out and collected 19 of the 37 total controls. Ludwig ended up in the lead by finding a few more of the higher point controls. Cristina Luis finished close behind the leaders by finding 17 controls, even after tumbling down a small cliff into one of the many dry streambeds on the course. We're

happy to report that Cristina only has a few scrapes and scratches to show for her encounter. Max Suter, Derrick Beracy, and Leif Lundquist also found 15 or more controls. Great job everyone!

In addition to the race winners, there were a number of other individuals and teams who also tried their hand at orienteering in the rain. We purposely set a lot of controls nearer to the start line in order to give everyone a chance to practice their skills. Gee Gee Larington, who also came up from Tucson, and Lisa Spear both found 7 controls including a couple of higher point controls. Even first time solo orienteer Carla Brandt was able to go out and find most of the 10 point controls.

Finally, the Hancock family on team "Slow and Steady Wins the Race" was able to find 1 control before the rain made it too difficult for their young son Taylor to help out with the navigation. Thanks again to all of you for coming out. I hope the course was interesting and that you'll join us for our future events.

We would like to give special thanks to Gary Hickey for helping hang bags on Saturday. The course design was quite a bit larger than a normal 2-hour Score-O. With the number of controls that were available on the course, we probably could have made it into a 4-hour Score-O. In any event, Gary helped extensively with the bag hanging and saved the course setter from having to hang all the bags himself.

Categories:

M - Male

F - Female

TM - Male Team

TF - Female Team

TX - Mixed Team

Bomboy Mine Score-O 8-Feb-09

Total Points Possible:	1010
Total Number of Controls:	37
Straight-Line Distance:	16.49 km
Climb:	497 meters
Total Participants:	23

Overall Place	Competitor	Total Points	Penalty Points *	Number of Controls	Time	Category	Rank	Grand Prix Points	Team Members
1	Ludwig Hill	660	40	19	2:03:48	M	1	10	
2	Jeff Brucker	580	0	19	1:57:38	M	2	9	
3	Cristina Luis	550	20	17	2:01:13	F	1	10	
4	Max Suter	540	0	18	1:55:51	M	3	8	
5	Derrick Beracy	540	80	17	2:07:04	M	4	7	
6	Leif Lundquist	530	70	15	2:03:48	M	5	6	
7	Glenn Haselfeld	410	20	11	2:01:15	M	6	5	
8	Tim England	260	60	11	2:05:12	M	7	4	
9	Bev Bros	220	0	9	1:54:50	TM	1		Adam Hargett, Brian Oderkirk, Justin Oderkirk, Ryan Hemphill, Dave Divine
10	S&S&N	180	0	7	1:59:48	TF			
11	Gee Gee Larington	120	0	7	1:59:43	F	2	9	
12	Lisa Spear	110	0	7	1:55:51	F	3	8	
13	Carla Brandt	90	0	9	1:49:11	F	4	7	
14	Debra Allen	80	0	6	1:56:10	F	5	6	
15	Slow and Steady Wins the Race	10	0	1	0:46:10	TX			Terry Hancock, Mary Hancock, Taylor Hancock

* Ten points were deducted for each full minute over the 2-hour time limit. The penalty points are already included in the POINTS column.

Thanks to all our Event Volunteers!

Course Setter:	Ron Birks
Meet Director:	Ron Birks
Bag Hangers:	Ron Birks, Gary Hickey
Water Station Setup:	Ron Birks
Equipment Hauling:	Ron Birks, Glenn Haselfeld
Setup/Tear-down:	Glenn Haselfeld, Debbie Allen, Kathi Douglas, Ron Birks
Registration Table:	Kathi Douglas, Debbie Allen, Glenn Haselfeld
Timing Table:	Ron Birks
Beginners Clinic:	Ron Birks
Control Retrieval:	Ludwig Hill, Max Suter, Leif Lundquist, Jeff Brucker, Debbie Allen, Glenn Haselfeld, Ron Birks
Tabulating Results:	Ron Birks

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

NOTE: Not much is going to happen in 2009 unless we get some volunteers to be Club Officers! They plan events and attend to club business. Please consider stepping up.

- March 8** **Score-O at First Water**
- April 9 & 11** **Land Nav CANCELLED—
Join us in October**

Tucson Club Event Schedule

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.

- Mar 14-15, Slavin Gulch **STATE CHAMPS**, Mark Parsons (setter)
- Mar 22, Ironwood Training Event, Ludwig Hill (setter/director/guru)
- Apr 19, Box Canyon, Ludwig Hill (setter)
- May 16-17, Mogollon Rim **ROGAINE** John Maier (setter)
- Jun 20, Lincoln Park Night-O and General Mtg
- Jul 19, Bear Wallow
- Aug 16, Palisades
- Sep 19-20, Potato Patch U-Set-It
- Oct 18, Italian Trap
- Nov 15, Catalina State Park
- Dec 20, Cat Mountain

Did you know that GPHXO O.C. members get the "member" rate for Tucson O.C. events? For details visit www.tucsonorienteering.org

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Yes, I can help staff a club meet. Call me.

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STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

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(AREA CODE) EVENING TELEPHONE

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