



NEWSLETTER - December 2011



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

Saguaro Lake Classic-O December 11th

Join us Sunday, December 11th, near Saguaro Lake for some good 'ole "classic" style orienteering. This type of orienteering means competitors must visit the controls in the order specified. The following courses will be available to accommodate every level of experience: white (beginners, on-trail), yellow (beginner, off-trail), orange (intermediate), and red (advanced).

The terrain is rolling hills with patches of rocky ground on mostly open grassland. The majority affords clear running, but watch for loose rock and the occasional cactus. Water stations will be available on the course and at the timer's table.

People of all skill levels are encouraged to participate. A free beginner's clinic will be available for new participants and those needing a refresher. You may start anytime after the course opens at 9am until 12pm. Everyone, competitors and recreational participants alike, must be off the course and checked into the timer's table by 1pm when the course closes.

Schedule:

Registration Starts.....9:00 am
Beginner's Clinic.....9:30 am
Course opens.....9:30 am
Last Time to Start a Course.....12:00 pm
Course Closes.....1:00 pm

Cost (member / non-member):

Individual.....\$5 / \$10
Family / Team.....\$8 / \$15

Directions to Saguaro Lake from Phoenix:

There are two routes: the Beeline Hwy (87) and the Bush Hwy. For the Beeline (87): from the Loop 202 head Northeast on Country Club Road, which turns into the Beeline Hwy. Continue on the Beeline Hwy 22 miles (past Fountain Hills) to the Saguaro Lake/Bush Hwy turnoff. Turn right and follow the Bush Hwy 0.2 miles to the event site on the right side of the road. Look for the orange and white orienteering signs marking the pull off to the parking area.

For the Bush Hwy: from Power Road and the Superstition Freeway (US60), go North 22 miles (Power Road turns into the Bush Hwy). You'll pass the Usery Pass junction in 13.5 miles, but continue heading North on the Bush Hwy. When you see the sign that says "Junction 87 - 1/2 mile", look for the orange and white orienteering "sandwich boards" marking the parking area on the left.

What to bring:

Water bottle(s), food.
Whistle (required for all: available for \$1)
Compass (available to rent for \$1)

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Lake Pleasant Score-O Write Up

Did waking up to light rain and low hanging clouds keep a few folks away? If so, they missed perfect running temperatures in a terrain full of challenges, and the sun did come out later in the morning. We had one person from Flagstaff, one that came down from Overgaard, and the usual locals. The one family that came out got to see a javelina and others spotted wild horses.

The event was a 2-hour score-O. Nobody got all controls, but Ron Birks got close. His and Glenn Haselfeld's routes are available on the results page, by clicking on their name. Forest blamed his penalty points on losing his control card. He went back to retrieve and couldn't make it back in time. We had one person from last spring's land nav class. Unfortunately, there is still some target practice along the blacktop, but the terrain northwest of the start is all safe and virgin. We'll be out there again next year. In the mean time, see you at Saguaro Lake Dec 11th.

Lake Pleasant Results

Total Points Possible:	880
Number of Controls:	24
Straight-Line Distance:	10.5 km, 280 meters climb
Total Participants:	13

Categories: M - Male F - Female TM - Male Team TF - Female Team TX - Mixed Team
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Overall Place	Name	Total Points	Penalty	Net Points	Num Controls	Time	Category	Rank	Team Members
1	Ron Birks	790	30	760	20	2:02:18	M	1	.
2	Glenn Haselfeld	610	0	610	13	1:56:20	M	2	.
3	Gary Hickey	510	0	510	13	1:58:18	M	3	.
4	Dave & Windy	500	60	440	13	2:05:34	TX	1	David Marks, Windy Marks
5	ForestBrown	520	100	420	12	2:09:40	M	4	.
6	Kevin Adams	400	60	340	11	2:05:40	M	5	.
7	Fedyk	320	0	320	9	1:53:05	TX	2	Tatiana ,Yuri, Masha Fedyk
8	Richard Fawcett	280	0	280	10	1:55:18	M	6	.
9	Debra Allen	90	0	90	4	1:54:02	F	1	.
10	Philp Fortnam	30	0	30	2	1:24:40	M	7	.

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Dec 11	Saguaro Lake Score-O
<u>2012</u>	
Jan 7	Robbins Butte
Feb 12	Needle Vista Score-O
March 11	Coon Bluff
April 28-29	Bomboy Mine (TBD)

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.

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.tucsonorienteeringclub.org

Tucson Club Event Schedule

Dec 18	Ironwood Picnic Area Classic-O
<u>2012</u>	
Feb 18-20	Southwest Spring 3-day Classic B-Meet
Mar 18	Italian Trap
Apr 14-15	Slavin Gulch
May 20	Box Canyon
Jul 15	Palisades
Sep 16	Bear Wallow
Oct 21	Chimney Rock
Nov 18	Catalina State Park Classic-O

Thanks to all the volunteers. We cannot have meets without volunteers.

Course Setters:	Erik Ringnes
Meet Directors:	Erik Ringnes
Bag Hangers:	Erik Ringnes
Water Station Setup:	Erik Ringnes
Equipment Hauling:	Erik Ringnes, Forest Brown
Setup/Tear-down:	Erik Ringnes, Forest Brown, Ron Birks, Gary Hickey
Registration Table:	Erik Ringnes, Forest Brown
Timing Table:	Erik Ringnes
Beginners Clinic:	Forest Brown
Control Retrieval:	Erik Ringnes, Glenn Hasselfeld, Gary Hickey, Deb Allen, Forest Brown
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