



NEWSLETTER - February 2013



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

Feb 9-10: Dozer Field - Reach 11

Our February event takes place at the Dozer Field Annex at the Reach 11 Sports Complex, 2425 East Deer Valley Road, in Phoenix. - just north of the intersection of the northern 101 loop and the 51; directions inside.

The start-finish for both days is at the southeast end of the Dozer Field parking lot.

Sat. Feb. 9: Classic-O Orienteering

There will be four pre-set courses to choose from, including two beginner-friendly options. Complete the course, **in order**, as quickly as you can. Registration begins at 8:30 am; courses open at 9 am and close at 1 pm.

Sun., Feb 10: Score-O Orienteering

You will have two hours to find as many controls as you can; controls have point values based on distance and difficulty. Registration begins at 8:30 am; course opens at 9 am and closes at 1 pm.

Sun. Feb. 10: 5 Hour Adventure Race

This event includes UTM plotting, navigation on foot and navigation on a mountain bike. We are very excited to be able to offer a AR-5 that includes Mountain Biking! The race is open to teams of one or more participants (but each participant pays their own registration fee)

Registration begins at 7 am; there is a mandatory pre-race meeting at 7:45. The event opens with a mass start at 8 am, and ends at 1 pm.

The navigation on foot section will take 30 minutes to an hour, using UTM plotting on a 1:10000 map. The navigation on bike portion will take 1 1/2 hours, using UTM plotting on a 1:15000 scale. The Score-O portion will be the same course as the Score-O event for this date.

**More Details About
Both Events Inside**

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Directions to Dozer Field at Reach 11 Complex:

The Reach 11 Sports Complex is located in the North Valley, not far from where the State Route 51 meets the Loop 101.

Coming from the west: From the I-17/Loop 101 interchange, travel east on the 101 approximately 4.5 miles to Cave Creek Road.

Coming from the east: From the State Route 51/ Loop 101 interchange, travel west on the 101 approximately 1.75 miles to Cave Creek Road.

Continuing from either direction: After exiting the 101 at Cave Creek Road, turn north and continue 1 mile to Deer Valley Road. Turn east on Deer Valley and continue to the second entrance into the complex (approximately 0.6 miles). Turn right (south) to enter the complex, continue straight through the round-about, and take the first left turn at the sign "Youth Baseball". Continue on this road to the parking lot at Dozer Field. The start/finish is located at the southeast corner of the parking lot.

What to bring:

- Whistle (Mandatory for all. Available for purchase for \$1.)
- Compass (Mandatory for all. Available for rent for \$1.)
- UTM Plotter (For adventure race participants.)
- Water. There will be water at the start/finish . We will also have one or two water stations on the course. However, you are strongly encouraged to bring your own water bottles or a camelback.
- Sun screen. There is little or no shade on the course.

Sturdy hiking shoes and long pants are recommended, but not required. The course is set on an area that is mostly flat and open desert terrain, with some sections of thick vegetation thrown in just for fun.

Saturday Classic-O Schedule:

Registration Starts 8:30 am
Classic Courses Open 9:00 am
Last Start Time 12:00 noon
Classic Courses Close 1:00 pm

Sunday Score-O Schedule:

Registration Opens 8:30 am
Score-O Course Opens 9:00 am
Last Start Time 11:00 am
Score-O Course Closes 1:00 pm

Adventure Race Schedule:

Registration Starts 7:00 am
Mandatory Pre-Race Meeting 7:45 am
Mass Start 8:00 am
AR-5 Course Closes 1:00 pm

The only time limit for the AR-5 is the 1:00 pm course closing. There will be a 10-point Score-O penalty per minute for teams that arrive after the 13:00 finish time. Teams will be marked DNF if they finish after 13:15.

Event Costs:

Classic-O & Score-O:

Individual (member/non-member) \$5/\$10
Family/ team (mbr/non-mbr) \$8/\$15
(each event is a separate fee)

Adventure Race:

Per Person, member: \$10
Per Person, non-member \$15
(teams, each participant pays their own registration fee)

Tucson Orienteering Club - February 16-20, 2013

Five Days of Orienteering Training and Practice!

Saturday Feb. 16 - Monday Feb. 18

Welcome to the 2013 Southwest Spring B-Meet during the Washington's Birthday weekend! Three days of orienteering near Tucson with a full range of courses every day. Saturday we kick off with Long* courses. Sunday we'll have Middle* distances, and then we will finish the triplet and celebrate Washington's Birthday with Classic* courses on Monday.

The courses will be at 2700 feet altitude where the desert meets the Catalina Mountains north of Tucson in Catalina State Park. We'll run in the foothills among the iconic giant saguaro cacti, palos verde, and mesquite trees, in canyons, and over grassy fields against the backdrop of 9000 feet high mountains. The desert terrain is generally open with scattered trees, cacti, and bushes, sometimes in groves; thickets of thorny cat claw or spiky chollas may occur in smaller patches. From the top of the hills you can see far and wide, but to get where you want to go you may have to pass drainages and go down into the valleys where it's a challenge to keep track of which side canyon or re-entrant you're heading for. The area is rich in features orienteers love (or sometimes hate), all on our new map from 2009-2012.

For more details, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/nav-race>

Tuesday Feb. 19 - Wednesday Feb. 20

Erin Schirm, Orienteering USA Junior Team Coach, will direct a training camp for advanced orienteers, following the Tucson B-meet. The training camp hotel will be the Sonoita Inn, just 10 miles from the maps. The hotel provides continental breakfast and free WIFI. Cheaper accommodations are available closer to Tucson, but would require more driving.

Training activities will run 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. Evening meetings, for those staying in the vicinity, will focus on defining goals, developing training plans and course review. Training maps will be one or more of the following: Kentucky Camp, Box Canyon, Greaterville and Empire Ranch. Additional hiking and training opportunities on February 21-23 will be self-organized by the attendees. Suggested locations and activities will be provided.

For more details, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/nav-training>

The entrance to the Catalina State Park is located about 15 miles north of the center of Tucson on Oracle Rd (AZ SR 77) in Oro Valley. GPS coordinates for the park are: N 32.416777, W 110.937581. Please note that the park charges an entry fee per car, so carpooling is a good idea. For directions, visit:

<http://azstateparks.com/Parks/CATA/index.html>

GPHXO January Event Results

Robbins Butte Score-0 - January 5, 2013

Total Points Possible:	1300+
Number of Controls:	34
Straight-Line Distance/Climb:	~20km
Total Participants:	28

Overall Place	Name	Total Points	Penalty	Final Points	Time	Cat	Rank	Team Members
1	Erik Ringnes	1070	0	1070	02:49:48	M	1	
2	Buckeyes	930	0	930	02:49:46	T	1	TBD
3	Flag-1	920	0	920	02:49:40	T	2	TBD
4	Flag-2	920	920	260	02:49:40	T	2	TBD
5	Gary Hickey	720	10	710	03:00:28	M	2	
6	Colby Ricka	500	0	500	02:54:50	M	3	
7	Debbie Allen	500	0	300	02:30:10	F	1	
9	Yost Family	220	0	220	02:37:30	T	3	TBD
13	Team Bucktooth	110	0	110	02:53:09	T	4	TBD

Volunteers - Thank You!

Course Setters:	Glenn Haselfeld
Meet Directors:	Glenn Haselfeld
Bag Hangers:	Glenn Haselfeld
Water Station Setup:	Glenn Haselfeld
Equipment Hauling:	Forest Brown
Setup/Tear-down:	Glenn Haselfeld
Registration Table:	Glenn Haselfeld, Debbie Allen
Timing Table:	Glenn Haselfeld, Debbie Allen
Beginners Clinic:	Glenn Haselfeld
Control Retrieval:	Gary Hickey, the Honey Badgers, Erik Ringnes, Glenn Haselfeld
Tabulating Results:	Glenn Haselfeld

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

2013

Feb 10	Dozer Field
March 10	Bomboy Mine
April 14	Saguaro Lake
May ???	Prescott

Please visit our web site:

<http://www.gphxo.org>

...for the latest schedule and event details!

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

2013

Feb 16-20 **Southwest Spring 3-day
Classic B-Meet Catalina
State Park**

This event started out as a three-day "B" meet, but has turned into five days of navigation training and racing - beginner clinics, races, games, junior meetings, and training exercises.

For details, please visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/nav-race>

<http://tinyurl.com/nav-training>

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.

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FAMILY (\$17) INDIVIDUAL (\$15)

OR: *download/view newsletter on website:*

FAMILY (\$12) INDIVIDUAL (\$10)

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

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