



NEWSLETTER - May 2014



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

May 3-4: Weekend of Orienteering in Prescott

Escape the heat of the desert and enjoy a weekend in the cool pines near Prescott. There will be three separate events. The start is 20 minutes from Courthouse Square, and there are primitive campsites available.

Saturday afternoon: Sprint Course

A Sprint Course combines quick map reading and decision making with “easy” controls. The winning time will be 30 - 45 minutes, but the course is open from 2:30 - 5:00 pm.

Saturday night: Night-O

For the Night-O, visit controls in any order - in the dark! The controls will have reflectors to help you spot them with a flashlight. Mass start at 8 pm, course closes at 10 pm.

Sunday morning: Classic Orienteering

We will have four Classic O courses available; you must visit the controls in the

order shown on the map. The course will be open from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, with a Beginner’s Clinic at 9:30.

Event Cost (for each event):

Individual (member).....	\$5
(non-member).....	\$10
Family/team (member).....	\$8
(non-member).....	\$15

Weekend Special cost for all three events:

Individual (member).....	\$10
(non-member).....	\$20
Family/team (member).....	\$16
(non-member).....	\$30

The **Whiskey Row Marathon** takes place on Saturday Morning, May 3rd, so we have scheduled our events to begin Saturday afternoon, once most of the marathoners have gone home.

Participants under age 18:

All participants under age 18 are now required to have a signed parental consent form on file with the club. You can complete the form (available on the gphxo.org website) before the event and either scan it and send it to us by e-mail or bring it with you to the event.

Directions to the Event:

From Courthouse Square in Prescott, go west on Gurley (which becomes Thumb Butte Road) until the pavement ends (about ½ mile past the Thumb Butte Recreation area). Continue for about a mile, and bear left at the fork with the sign for “Copper Basin Lookout” (aka the Sierra Prieta overlook). Continue for 1.6 miles, and turn left at the clearing with the solitary Alligator Juniper tree standing in it. The start area is just beyond the gate, about 200 meters down the road. These last 200 meters are passable to most passenger cars, but it is a bit rough.

What to Bring

- water bottles & water. There will be water at the start/finish, and two water stations out on the course.
- whistle - required, can purchase for \$1
- compass - can rent for \$1
- sunscreen - some shade on the course
- sturdy hiking shoes and long pants
- Flashlight (if you’re doing the Night-O)

The Thumb Butte Area:

The terrain is mountainous, and predominately pon-

derosa pine forest. Steep terrain, rocky soil and forest debris tend to slow down cross country travel. There are virtually no cacti, but beware the New Mexican Locust bush, having thorns similar to a rose bush. These bushes tend to prefer shadier slopes. Areas where these bushes are thick may be marked as “slow running” vegetation on the map.

Due to the 40-foot contours, there is not a lot of detail showing smaller reentrants. In lieu of that, smaller reentrants have been mapped as “shallow water channel” (dashed blue lines) to provide this detail. Due to the large number of boulders, only large boulders (greater than 3-m) are normally shown as individual features.

Schedule:**Saturday Sprint:**

Registration begins2 pm
 Course opens.....2:30 pm
 Last start time.....3:30 pm
 Course closes5:00 pm

Saturday Night-O:

Registration begins7:00 pm
 Mass start8:00 pm
 Course closes10:00 pm

Sunday Classic O:

Registration begins9:00 am
 Beginner’s clinic9:30 am
 Course opens.....9:30 am
 Last start time..... 11 am
 Course closes1 pm

For more details, please visit our website:

<http://www.gphxo.org>

Maryvale HS JROTC was invited to a national meet this April in Ohio and some of our members helped them raise money for the trip. Daryl Yost has sent us a report and some pictures from the event!

Cadets Michael Zavala, Alejandro Rodriguez, Gonzalo Rodriguez and Jose Bibiano represented Maryvale HS JROTC Orienteering team, and the GPHXO at the 2014 US Interscholastic Orienteering Championships held at Mounds State Reservoir near Liberty Indiana from 04-06 Apr 14. There were 70 competitors from high schools across the U.S. and Canada.

On day 1, Gonzalo Rodriguez led the team by finishing 31st with a time of 1:42:57 for a course that was 5.2 km long and had a climb of 160 m, Michael Zavala was close behind in 48th place with a time of 2:13:51. Jose Bibiano received a DNF for not completing the course in order and the heart break of the day went to Alejandro Rodriguez, who would have been in 10th place, but missed recording the punch for control #9.





Day two of the event was set for another section north in the park. This course was 4.5 km long and had a climb of 200 m. Again, there were 70 competitors lined up for this day. The goal was for everyone to finish with a recorded time. Leading the way was Alejandro Rodriguez with a time of 1:31:15 and a finish in 38th place. For his effort he has qualified for a US Orienteering "Navigator" Navigation Certificate. Gonzalo Rodriguez was 42nd with a time of 1:39:24, Michael Zavala was 49th with a time of 1:47:24, and Jose Bibiano received a MP for missing a control.

The two day combined total for everyone had Gonzalo Rodriguez leading our team by finishing 34th out of 70 and Michael Zavala finishing 48th. The team finished 11th out 15 JROTC teams that attended.

The terrain was difficult. They now know what a Briar patch is and said they prefer crashing through the cat claw and cactus here. Also, I did mention to the Junior USA O Coach that we should hold one of these events here in AZ. His eyes lit up and he agreed. The cadets said they would like to see those other schools try it out here. Especially when it's hot.

The cadets were thankful for the opportunity to participate and have gained an enormous amount of experience at a higher level of competition. They also want to extend a heartfelt Thank You to the Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club, the Tucson Orienteering Club and everyone who helped us reach our goals with their donations.

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Please visit our web site:

<http://www.gphxo.org>

...for the latest schedule and event details!

Our season ends with the May event at Thumb Butte, but check the Tucson club's schedule for more events during the summer!

Congratulations to the top finishers at our April 3-Hour Score-O at Saguaro Lake! We had 51 total participants!

Bret Sarnquist
Ludwig Hill
Erik Ringnes
Forest Brown
Glenn Haselfeld
Valley Fever (top team)

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

2014

May 18	Chimney Rock
June 15	Greasewood Park
July 20	Palisades

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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