



# NEWSLETTER - November 2014



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

## Sun. November 9 - Coon Bluff

GPHXO will host a day of classic “Score-O” events at Coon Bluff on Sunday, November 9th. We have expanded the map to cover more of the Coon Bluff area - so even if you’ve been to several events at Coon Bluff, expect some surprises!

**Please be aware: a \$6 Tonto National Forest pass is required for this event. A list of places where you can buy a pass is available at:**

[http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5331614.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5331614.pdf)

...including many Big 5 Sporting Goods stores and Circle K markets - but don’t count on being able to buy a pass when you arrive!

### Event Details

We are setting up multiple courses, varying difficulty and length. Registration begins (at Coon Bluff) at 8:30 am and the courses open at 9 am. Courses close at 1 pm.

### Directions to Coon Bluff

From Phoenix, you can take the 202 (Red Mountain Freeway) east to Power Road exit 23A. Turn north onto Power Road and continue approximately 4 miles to a point where the road makes a sharp bend to the east. Approximately 2.8 miles past the bend is the turnoff to the Phon D. Sutton parking area, then one mile further is the turnoff for the Coon Bluff Recreation Area. (Look for an orange and white orienteering sign on the north side of the road.) Turn left (north) onto Coon Bluff Road. The event site is 1 mile further up the road. If you miss the turnoff and get to Usery Pass Road, turn around and go back about 1.2 miles.

Or... take US 60 (the Superstition Freeway) east to the exit for AZ-202 North (exit 190). Take AZ-202 North 5.7 miles to the exit for East McDowell Road (exit 23B). Take the East McDowell Road exit then turn left onto McDowell Road. Travel west on McDowell Road for 0.3 miles to Power Road. Turn north onto Power Road, and continue as above.

Directions and map are available at

[http://gphxo.org/Locations/CoonBluff\\_Directions.htm](http://gphxo.org/Locations/CoonBluff_Directions.htm)

## 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.

## What to Bring

- water bottles & water. There will be water at the start/finish, and one or two water stations out on the course.
- whistle - required, can purchase for \$1
- compass - can rent for \$1
- sunscreen
- sturdy hiking shoes and long pants

## Schedule:

Sunday November 9th:

Registration Starts ..... 8:30 am  
Classic Courses Open ..... 9 am  
Last time to start a course ..... 11 am  
Courses close ..... 1 pm

For this event, you must check in at the scoring table by 1 pm or you will be marked "DNF."

## Costs (members/non-members):

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

For more details, please visit our website:

<http://www.gphxo.org>

*We have expanded the map to open up more of the Coon Bluff area to orienteers. All racers will pass through new territory, especially on the Brown and Green courses. And, due to the heavy rains this year, the central part of Coon Bluff looks a bit different, with sharpened features and thick, healthy trees and brush. The topography has changed a little, and we found a few new features out there. So, although the course distances are not great, navigation and route choice will be important. All in all, we think you will enjoy the courses.*

*Race Headquarters will be located at the parking area on the north side of the recreation area, near the Coon Bluff Campground area. This is a paved parking area with multiple facilities, located at the end of Coon Bluff Road.*

*There will be water placed on the longer courses. At the Start/Finish line we will have compasses and whistles for purchase or rent. We gladly welcome beginners. There is no Beginner's Clinic scheduled, but we are always willing to hold an impromptu clinic. Just arrive early so we have time to explain things and send you out on your first Classic-O course.*

## Sonoran Desert Preserve Results

Top finishers on the Beginners' Course: Joshua Lauton, Lawrence Baker, Lost on the Course (team), Lost Patrol (team), Nelson and Cindy (team).

Top finishers for Sprint Event: Erik Ringnes, Glenn Haselfeld, The Sweedes (team), Tom and Joe (team), Gary Hickey.

Sunday Score-O top finishers: The Swedes, Buckeyes, Glenn Haselfeld, Irene Fabig, Daryl Yost.

Adventure Race top finishers: Andy Wentzel, Orange Mud, We're Not Saying, Trunk Monkey

FULL RESULTS AVAILABLE AT GPHXO.ORG

## GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Sat. Dec 6 - 2 sprint events (tentative,  
location TBD)  
Sun. Dec. 7 - Lake Pleasant  
Sat. Jan 10 2015 - Robbins Butte  
Sat-Sun, Feb. 14-15 - Location TBD  
Sun March 15 - First Water  
Sat April 11 - Reach 11 Clinic & Sprints  
Sun April 12 - Saguaro Lake

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](http://www.tucsonorienteeringclub.org)

## Tucson Club Event Schedule

Please visit the Tucson club’s website:

[www.tucsonorienteeringclub.org](http://www.tucsonorienteeringclub.org)

...for information on their fall 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.*

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*(we no longer have a phone # - contact via email - thanks!)*

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