



NEWSLETTER - February 2015



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

February 15: First Water Score-O

Please join us on **Sunday February 15** at the First Water event site just north of Apache Junction for a **three-hour Score-O**.

Enjoy springtime in the foothills of the Superstition Mountains and explore some of the most beautiful scenery in the Phoenix area. The terrain is hilly and somewhat rugged with some loose rocks and sporadic cactus.

The three hour Score-O will have about 25 controls scattered throughout the area. The course opens at 8:00. There is a 3-hour time limit for the Score-O and a 10 point penalty for every minute over the limit (all times rounded up to the next minute).

A **free beginner's clinic** will be held at 8:00 to go over compass skills and map reading basics. It's really worth the time to attend the clinic.

Schedule

Registration begins 7:30 am
Score-O Course opens 8:00 am
Beginners' Clinic 8:00 am
Registration closes 10:00 am
Score-O Course closes 1:00 pm
Last arrival time (DNF time) 1:15 pm

Event Cost

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

Non-members may join at the meet and get the member event rates. See the last page of this newsletter for membership rates.

Directions to the site and additional information inside!

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 Phoenix, take US 60 (Superstition Freeway) east to Apache Junction. Take the Idaho Rd. exit (SR 88) and turn left (north). 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. There is no Forest Service parking fee for this area.

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 - no shade on the course
- sturdy hiking shoes and long pants

Note on Registration:

Since this event is not at a City of Phoenix site, you will not need to register through their site. Just show up and sign in at the registration table!

Results of our January events:

It was a nice, cloudy and cool day (with even a bit of rain) for running the Classic courses. The “Uh-O” format may have slowed down one or two folks a bit, but there were no mis-punches--so congratulations everyone for finding the right controls!

Both the Green and Red courses were on the long side, so some folks didn't have enough time to complete the course and had to take a "DNF" (Did Not Finish).

See the on-line “Results” page at <http://gphxo.org/> for full results and a link to the master map (with all 63 controls) and to the GPS tracks for Ron Birks’ winning run on Red, as well as “Bock and Roll”’s winning run on Green.

Top finishers included Ron Birks (Red), Bock and Roll (Green), Daryl Yost (Orange) and Merchant Squared (Sprint).

Thanks much to the volunteers for helping with equipment setup, registration, and control retrieval.

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Sat-Sun March 14-15 - Location TBD
Sat April 11 - Reach 11 Clinic & Sprints
Sun April 12 - Saguaro Lake
May 9 and/or 10 - Prescott

Please visit our web site:

<http://www.gphxo.org>

...for the latest schedule and event details!

If you are involved in any activities that make use of the GPHXO Orienteering Equipment (bags, shades, coolers, etc.), please note that we are **moving our equipment locker** to a location more convenient for most of our course setters. If this affects you and you have not been in on the discussion, please contact Gary Hickey, chezhickey@cox.net, for details on the new locker location.

Did you know that GPHXO O.C. members get the “member” rate for Tucson O.C. events?

Please visit the Tucson club’s website:

www.tucsonorienteeringclub.org

JROTC programs training a new generation of Orienteers

Two of our club members, Daryl Yost and Glenn Haselfeld, are coaching young orienteers as part of the High School JROTC program. Several of these young athletes can be seen regularly honing their skills at our regular meets. One of the cadets, Nakai Lake, has recently been named as part of the OUSA Junior National team.

These orienteering programs can benefit greatly from Arizona Tax Credit donations, which will assist in travel budgets to get to various meets. For more information, see:

http://gphxo.org/Events/2015_JROTC_Programs.htm

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