



NEWSLETTER - Jan 2016



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

Jan 9 Club Meeting; Jan 10 First Water

Saturday January 9, GPHXO Club Meeting - all are welcome

We are hosting a general meeting at Boulders on Broadway from 6-8pm on January 9th. This is an "Open House", meaning it's open and free to everyone - members and non-members alike. This includes all of our Meetup and Facebook friends. We plan to discuss the future of the club and our plans to grow, and we need your input. We could be a top-tier club in the country but we need your help to get there. Come support the club and help us plan the future. **There will be free pizza!**

The event will be at **Boulders on Broadway 530 W. Broadway Road, Tempe, Arizona 85282** from 6pm to 8pm. There is no charge but please RSVP on the Meetup or Facebook so we can get an idea of how many pizzas we need to order.

Sunday January 10 - First Water 3-Hour Score-O

Please join the Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at the First Water event site just east of Apache Junction for a three-hour Score-O. Enjoy winter 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 ~25 controls scattered throughout the area. Registration begins at 7:30 and runs until 10:00. 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.

NOTE: All Score-O participants must return from the course and check-in with the timer's table by 1:15pm. Anyone returning after 1:15pm will be marked as DNF ("Did Not Finish").

Schedule

Registration	7:30 - 10 am
Beginner's Clinic	8 am
Course Opens	8 am
Course Closes.....	1 pm
DNF after	1:15 pm

We're also at:

www.meetup.com/Phoenix-Orienteering and
www.facebook.com/GPHXO

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gphxo.org

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January 10, First Water event info

The First Water event site is the most picturesque of all the sites used by the Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club. Situated just to the north of the Superstition Mountains, the location offers spectacular views of Weaver's Needle and the Superstition Wilderness. Courses held at the First Water site take participants through washes and onto ridges and rock formations with numerous views over the impressive terrain. Be sure to bring your camera.

Directions to First Water

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 on to 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.

Registration Fees

Individuals (member/non-member): \$5 / \$10
Families / Teams \$8 / \$15

GPHXO Membership (optional)

Mailed Newsletter (individual) \$15
Mailed Newsletter (family) \$17
E-mailed newsletter (individual)..... \$10
E-mailed newsletter (family)..... \$12

Visit gphxo.org for maps and detailed directions to events

What to Bring (all events):

- Whistle (Mandatory for all. Available for purchase for \$1)
- Compass (Mandatory for all. Available for rent for \$1)
- 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. You may encounter cactus, cat claw, and loose terrain.

Participants under age 18 (all events):

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.



GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

February 27 - Robbins Butte Score-O & AR
February 28 - Papago Park Sprints
March 12 - Location TBD - Beginners Training
& Short Course
March 13 - Saguaro Lake
April 9/10 - new event location
May 7/8 - Prescott

December Score-O Event Results

Top finishers in the event were Ron Birks, Nakai Lake, Mike Zampino, Derrick Beracy and Andy Wentzel.

Top team finishers were TNT (Tina & Tim Stefek) and Eric & Cole Mace. Top female finishers were Peg Davis and Debra Allen.

Full detailed results are available on the gphxo.org website

Thank you to Erik Ringnes for setting up and preparing this event, and to Gary Hickey, Derrick Beracy, Ron Birks and Andy Wentzel for help at the registration table and retrieving controls after the event.

December Beginner's Training Event

We're excited to report that we had **50 people** attend our beginner's training event at Papago Park on December 5th this year - quite an increase from the two people at the previous year's event! We decided we would make this a FREE, no-hassle event - just show up and participate - and it worked! We are considering a similar even connected with the February 28th Papago Park events.

Did you know that GPHXO O.C. members get the "member" rate for Tucson O.C. events? Next Tucson event is February 21-22, Catalina State Park. Please visit the Tucson club's website:

www.tucsonorienteeringclub.org

Also consider attending the Jan 16-17 Anza Borrego event (east of San Diego, south of Indio) with San Diego Orienteering:

www.sandiegoorienteering.org

And check out the GPHXO online store:

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OR: *download/view newsletter on website:*

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