



# NEWSLETTER - Jan 2017



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

## Sat 1/7/17 Robbins Butte Score-O

*One event this month, a three-hour Score-O at our Robbins Butte site near I-10 / AZ 85 in SW Phoenix.*

### **Saturday 1/7, Three Hour Score-O**

On Saturday, January 7th, the Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club will be hosting a 3-hour Score-O at the Robbins Butte Wildlife Area out near Buckeye.

The terrain is a mixture of rocky outcroppings and flat desert. Due to the relatively flat terrain and sparse vegetation, cross-country travel is “friendlier” than on some of our other maps—there are very few areas of dense cactus or catclaw. On most parts of the map, terrain visibility is also excellent. Water is available at the timer's table and there will be two water stops on the course. You should also plan to bring a water bottle or camelback to carry with you.

People of all skill levels are encouraged to participate. A free beginner's clinic will be available for new participants and those needing a refresher. You may start anytime after the course opens at 9:00 am until 11:00 am, although to get the full 3 hours on the Score-O course, you must start no later than 10:30 am. Everyone, competitors and recreational participants alike, must be off the course and checked into the timer's table by 1:30 pm when the course closes.

### **Schedule:**

Check-In/Registration .....	8:30 am
Course Opens .....	9 am
Beginners' Clinic .....	9 am
Last Start Time .....	11 am
Course Closes .....	1:30 pm
DNF after .....	1:45 pm

If you have a compass, please bring it; we will have some loaner compasses available if you don't have one.

### **Pre-Registration**

Please follow the links from [www.gphxo.org](http://www.gphxo.org) to the event details, where you will find links to our google docs pre-registration forms. Pre-registration is not required, but it helps us know how many maps to prepare. Fees for the Score-O will be collected onsite.

### **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](http://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:

- Whistle (Mandatory for all. Available for purchase at Phoenix events for \$1)
- Compass (Mandatory for all. Available for rent at Phoenix events for \$1)
- Water. There will be water at the start/finish .
- Sun screen.

Sturdy hiking shoes and long pants are recommended. You may encounter cactus, cat claw, and loose terrain.

## Costs:

Individual .....\$5 member, \$10 non-member  
Family/Team Rate ..... \$8 / \$15

## Directions to Robbins Butte:

- Travel west on Interstate-10 to exit 112. Take exit 112. The exit sign indicates "AZ85 to I-8, Yuma, San Diego".
- Proceed south on AZ Highway 85 for about 7 miles to milepost 147 (south of the Gila River bridge). Turn right (west) at the sign for Robbins Butte Wildlife Area.
- Continue approximately 3.8 miles on a dirt road. Keep left when you arrive at a sign indicating "Robbins Butte Wildlife Area & access to Robbins Butte". The road is a little bumpy but passable to passenger cars.

Arrive at the Robbins Butte event parking and start/finish line on the south side of the road just south-east of Robbins Butte. (N33°18.8384' W112°40.8891 WGS-84).

Directions for anyone coming up from Tucson are available at [http://gphxo.org/Locations/RobbinsButte\\_Directions.htm](http://gphxo.org/Locations/RobbinsButte_Directions.htm)

*Please see the GPHXO website for more detailed directions, including Google Maps coordinates and maps.*

## Recent Event Results

### December 10 Papago Park Sprints

Top individual finishers, Sprint 1: Ron Birks, Derrick Beracy, Kimball Forest. Top team: Scorpions (Jeff Brucker, Degan Gurnett)

Sprint 2: Ron Birks, Derrick Beracy, Kimball Forest. Top team: the Night Witches (Jill Diamond, Jennifer Wildeman, Colleen Stinchcombe)



Two teams from BSA Troop 325 completed the Training Course.

### December 10 Coon Bluff Night-0

Top finishers: Kevin Adams, Ali Crocker, Gary Hickey. Top team: Scorpions (Jeff Brucker, Degan Gurnett)

### December 10 Saguaro Lake Score-0

Top individual finishers: Ali Crocker, Ron Birks, Erik Ringnes. Top Teams: Scorpions (Jeff Brucker, Degan Gurnett), Invictus (Bryan Thelen, Cody Toledo).

Full results are available on the GPHXO web site, including "Tracks" maps which show the actual routes taken by selected individual competitors.

With three events on one weekend, it took many volunteers to make it all happen. Thank you to everyone who helped at all the events!

## GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Saturday February 11 - Mesquite Library Clinic

Saturday February 11 - Needle Vista Night-O

Sunday February 12 - First Water Score-O

Sat or Sun March 4 or 5 - new event location

Saturday April 8 - Reach 11 Beginner's Clinic

Saturday April 8 - Saguaro Lake Night-O

Sunday April 9 - Coon Bluff Score-O

Sat or Sun May 13 or 14 - Prescott Area event

There is also a major 3-Day Desert Orienteering event presented by San Diego Orienteering January 14-15, the Anza Borrego 3-Day Desert-O Fest. Information at:

<https://www.meetup.com/San-Diego-Orienteering/events/236267706/>

**GPHXO Annual Meeting 1/21/17—watch [gphxo.org](http://gphxo.org) and our facebook page for details**

Did you know that GPHXO O.C. members get the “member” rate for Tucson O.C. events? Next Tucson event is October 9 at Kentucky Camp.

Please visit the Tucson club's website:

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

And check out the GPHXO online store:

**[www.cafepress.com/  
greaterphoenixorienteeringclub](http://www.cafepress.com/greaterphoenixorienteeringclub)**

*We're also at:*

[www.meetup.com/Phoenix-Orienteering](http://www.meetup.com/Phoenix-Orienteering)

*and*

[www.facebook.com/GPHXO](http://www.facebook.com/GPHXO)

Please note that we have made some minor updates to the **club bylaws**, mostly to reflect some name changes and the way we currently run things. View the current bylaws at <http://gphxo.org/Business/Bylaws.htm>

### **2016-2017 CLUB OFFICERS:**

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

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