



# NEWSLETTER - Feb 2017



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

## Sat/Sun 2/11-12 - Clinic, Night-O & Score-O

*We have another big weekend coming up—a Beginner's Clinic near Paradise Valley Mall, a Night-O event at Needle Vista and a Score-O at First Water (both sites NE of Apache Junction).*

### **Saturday 2/11, Beginner's Clinic**

From 9-10:30 am on Saturday, GPHXO presents a FREE Beginner's Orienteering Class, including a short practice course, at the Mesquite Library near Paradise Valley Mall. Learn the basics of navigating with a topographic map and compass (for when that new GPS breaks down!)

### **Saturday 2/11, Night-O**

Arrive between 6:30 and 7:15 pm to experience nighttime orienteering. Find as many controls as you can—in the dark! In addition to the usual "what to bring" items—bring a flashlight or headlamp, spare batteries and a spare flashlight!

### **Sunday 2/12, Three Hour Score-O**

On Sunday, the course will be open from 8 am—1pm. We will have about 25 controls. We'll have a free clinic for Beginners at 8 am

### **Pre-registration**

For all three events, we request that you pre-register if you are planning to attend. It really helps us know

how many maps to print and other details. Pre-registration for all events is via google docs, with links on the front page of our website at [gphxo.org](http://gphxo.org).

### **Costs:**

The Beginner's Clinic at Mesquite Library is free.

For the Night-O and Score-O events:

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

### **Details, Directions & More Info**

With three events going on, we can't fit all the details into the newsletter, but all the information is available at the GPHXO website:

<http://gphxo.org/>

The website contains lots of other items of interest—our season schedule, descriptions of the event types, detailed directions, etc.

### **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.*

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## 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.
- For the Night-O event, be sure to bring a flashlight or headlamp—and a spare light, and extra batteries.

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

## Directions

Please visit the GPHXO website for detailed directions to each of the event sites.

The Mesquite Library (Saturday morning) is at 4525 Paradise Village Parkway North, Phoenix, AZ 85032 on the north side of Paradise Valley Mall.

The Needle Vista site (Saturday Night-O) is about 7 miles northeast of Apache Junction on Hwy 88. We will meet in the parking lot at the Needle Vista turnoff.

The First Water Site (Sunday Score-O) is about 5 miles northeast of Apache Junction, again, on Hwy 88. Turn right on FR 78, the First Water Trailhead Road; we will meet up near the horse staging area.

## GPHXO Annual Meeting

On Saturday, January 21st, a dozen or so GPHXO leaders & members met at the Boulders on Broadway Restaurant. Thank you to all the current officers for volunteering to serve for another year!

## Recent Event Results

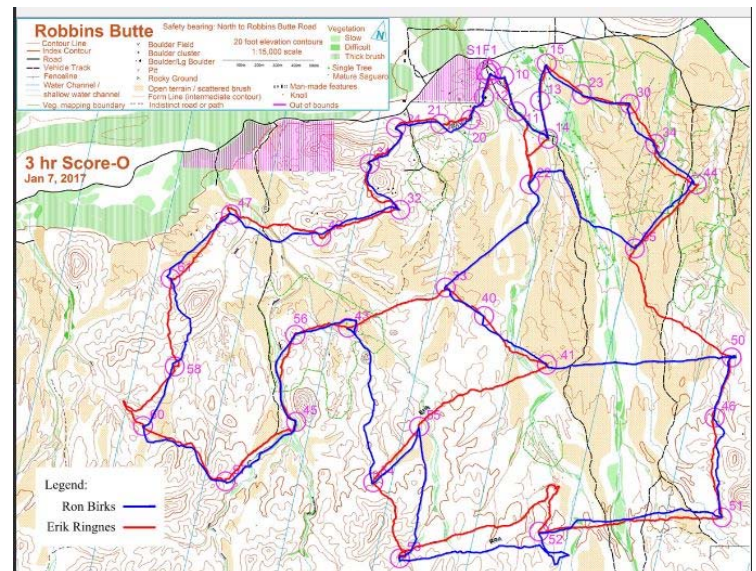
### January 7, Robbins Butte Score-O

It turned out to be a rather chilly start to the day, with a temperature of 34 degrees as the final controls were being set for race day. The morning was mostly cloudy and breezy, with a few rays of sunshine as the temperature crept up to the low 60's. We had a total of 26 orienteers competing on the 3-hour Score-O course.

Two orienteers (Ron Birks and Erik Ringnes) managed to find all 36 controls within the time limit, followed closely by Andy Wentzel and Mike Minium.

The top “Team” finishers were the Raptors (Boyd Hunsaker and Justin Robertson) and “Lost” (Bob and Wendy Badgett).

At the GPHXO website, you can view full results, along with maps of the “Tracks” followed by some of our top finishers. The Tracks maps look something like this:



Thank you to Glenn Haselfeld for serving as course setter and meet director, and to Ron Birks and Mike Minium for assisting.

## 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  
*(we have a site picked out, but we don't want to announce it until we have all the permits in hand)*

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

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](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)

## **Congratulations...**

To GPHXO President **Ron Birks**, who finished first in the M55+ category at the Georgia Navigator Cup, January 13-16, at FDR State Park in Pine Mountain, Georgia. More information about the event is at:

[facebook.com/GeorgiaNavigatorCup/](http://facebook.com/GeorgiaNavigatorCup/)

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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**Contact us at [gphxoc@yahoo.com](mailto:gphxoc@yahoo.com)**

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

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