



# NEWSLETTER - Mar 2017



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

## Mar 4 South Mountain, Mar 5 Needle Vista

*For March, we will hold our first event at a new event site at South Mountain. And our Sunday event at Needle Vista will feature an expanded map, with new areas to explore!*

### **Saturday March 4—South Mountain Beginner's Clinic & Sprints**

In coordination with City of Phoenix park rangers, welcome to our events at Piedras Grandes picnic area in South Mountain Park. This new area for our club contains navigation challenges through a large variety of desert terrains including mountain peaks, dry washes, rocky outcrops, etc. Join us for a beginner's clinic and practice on a beginner's course, or participate in sprint events.

All events at South Mountain are free, but we do ask you to pre-register so we know how many maps to prepare.

#### **Schedule:**

Check In / Registration ..... 8:30 am  
Beginner's Training ..... 9 am—10:30 am  
Sprint Courses open ..... 9 am  
Last Start Time ..... noon  
Sprint Courses close ..... 1 pm

### **Sunday March 5—Needle Vista 2-Hour Score-O**

On Sunday, join us for a 2-Hour Score-O at our Needle Vista site just north of Apache Junction. The course will be open from 9 am to 1 pm. A Beginner's Clinic will be available. At a Score-O, controls have point values and you visit as many as you can find, in any order, within the time limit.

Again, we ask you to preregister for the event.

#### **Schedule:**

Check In / Registration ..... 8:30 am  
Beginner's Training ..... 9 am  
Score-O Course opens ..... 9 am  
Last Start Time ..... 11 am  
Course closes ..... 1 pm

#### **Cost:**

Individual (Member/NonMember) ..... \$5 / \$10  
Team (Member/NonMember) ..... \$8 / \$15

### **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.

## PreRegistration

PreRegistration is requested so we know how many maps to bring. Please visit our website, and click on the Pre-register links under the UPCOMING ORIENTEERING EVENTS heading. Fees for the Needle Vista event are paid at the event site.

Visit: <http://www.gphxo.org/>

## Directions

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

### South Mountain—Piedras Grandes

The park entrance is at the south end of Central Avenue (north side of the park). Coming from the North, exit I-17 at 7th Avenue, and take the frontage road to Central. From the East / South, exit I-17 at 7th Street and continue to Central. Follow Central south past the ranger station; turn left at the first intersection—follow the signs to Piedras Grandes.

### Needle Vista

Take US 60 east to Apache Junction, exit at Idaho Road and turn north (left). Turn right on the Apache Trail (Hwy 88) Drive 7.2 miles to the Needle Vista turnoff (just past milepost 203) Look for the orange and white Orienteering Sign for the event site.

## Recent Event Results



### February 11—Needle Vista Night-O

Top scorers in the Night-O were David Thompson, Gold Cobra (top team), Lee Magnusson, Glenn Haselfeld, Al Nilson, and Team Canadians.

Thank you to Ron Birks, Gary Hickey and Glenn Haselfeld for serving as event volunteers



### First Water Score-O

Top finishers were Ron Birks, Erik Ringnes, Boat Anchor, David Thompson, Dan Yamashiro and Kyle Seifullin. Ron Birks managed to score all 830 possible points with five minutes to spare! Top team finishers were Lost, Thorns, and the Williams Family.

Thank you to Forest Brown for planning the event, and to Ron Birks, Gary Hickey and David Thompson for helping with setup and teardown at the event site.

For full results, visit the [gphxo.org](http://gphxo.org) website.

## GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Saturday April 8 - Reach 11 Beginner's Clinic

Saturday April 8 - Saguaro Lake Night-O

Sunday April 9 - Coon Bluff Classic-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)**

## Other Upcoming Events

March 17-26 Is "California Orienteering Week" presented by the Bay Area Orienteering Club. See their website, [baoc.org](http://baoc.org). Events take place all around the state, and include a variety of event types.

If you're a skier, the Truckee Orienteering Club ([truckeeorienteering.org](http://truckeeorienteering.org)) will be holding a Ski-O event near Lake Tahoe on the March 11-12 weekend.

*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>

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

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

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