



# NEWSLETTER - April 2017



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

## April 8-9: Reach 11, Saguaro Lake, Coon Bluff

*Once again, we are planning multiple events at multiple locations during April - join us for whatever events look interesting!*

### **Sat. April 8 - Reach 11 Beginner's Clinic and Sprints (Free!)**

We're offering free orienteering training and practice courses starting from the parking lot next to Horse Lover's Park at the Reach-11 Recreation Area. While this area does not offer any climbs or descents, there are plenty of navigation challenges in the desert terrain in this park located in North Phoenix.

Beginner's Training is a hands-on course teaching basic concepts used for land navigation and the sport of orienteering. Participants learn techniques to navigate using only a map and compass (No GPS!) and practice the techniques outdoors on orienteering courses located in the Piedras Grandes picnic area.

### **Sat. April 8 - Saguaro Lake Night-O**

We're happy to offer another Night-O event this season at our Saguaro Lake event site. In a Night-O, participants search for control locations marked on a pre-printed map with one important twist - the event is held in the dark!

At 7:15 PM, we'll have a pre-race briefing to hand out maps and warn participants of difficulties and dangers they might encounter. The Night-O will

begin with a mass start for all participants at 07:00 PM. The course will be a Score-O with 10-15 controls in ~4-5 km. We'll give everyone two hours to find as many controls as they can. The Night-O course will close at 09:30 PM.

### **Sun. April 9 - Coon Bluff Classic-O**

We offer several "classic" orienteering courses on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at our Coon Bluff/Phon D Sutton event site. In classic courses, participants all travel to the same destinations in the same order. Results are based on the amount of time each participant takes to travel through the course.

We will offer three Classic-O courses at our Phon D Sutton event site - White, Brown and Green. The courses are fairly short, so runners have the option of taking it easy, or putting in a full day by running two courses. In addition, in this part of Coon Bluff, the views are especially nice. Race Headquarters will be the Phon D Sutton parking lot, which is spacious and has facilities. Get there early and see the Salt River horses!

**See inside the newsletter for schedules, costs, and directions to the events - or visit [GPHXO.org](http://GPHXO.org)**

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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.

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

**For the Night-O event, you will also need a headlamp or flashlight - and be sure to bring spare batteries!**

## 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 events are to be paid at the event.

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

## Directions

The “center sheet” in this month’s newsletter (pages 3 and 4) includes details, schedule, cost and directions for each event. More detailed directions and GPS coordinates are available on the website.

## GPHXO Membership

See the back cover of the newsletter for information on joining the Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club. When you are a member, you get a discount on the entry fees for each event, plus we will email you the newsletter each month as soon as it is available!

## Recent Event Results



### March 4th – South Mountain

Top finishers in Sprint 1 were Glenn Haselfeld, David Henry, The OA (top team finisher), Drew West and Chee Loh. Jamie St. John and G. Davis were our top female finishers.

Top finishers in Sprint 2 were David Henry, Jon Davis and Glenn Haselfeld. Delta Z was the top team finisher.



### March 5 – Needle Vista Score-O

Top finishers were David Henry, David Thompson, Tex and Daniel Yamashiro. Team Delta was the top Team.

Thank you to all the volunteers who set the course, helped with registration and setup and collected the bags afterwards.

## Saturday April 8- Reach 11 / Horse Lover's Park - Beginner's Clinic and Sprints

On Saturday, February 27, the Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club is offering three separate . Our primary event is a 3-hour Score-O. For those who enjoy mountain bikes, we'll have a Bike-O course through more of the area. Finally, we're offering a longer Adventure Race that includes navigation by both mountain bike and on foot. There will be water at the start and one or two water stations on the course.

### Schedule

Check-In / Registration Starts .....	8:30am
Clinic Begins / Sprint Courses Open .....	9 am
Beginner's Clinic ends .....	10:30 am
Last Time to Start a Sprint Course .....	noon
Sprint Courses Close .....	1 pm

### Registration

We encourage you to pre-register for this event, just so we can be sure to print enough maps. Visit the GPHXO website ([www.gphxo.org](http://www.gphxo.org)) and on the event page for each event, there is a link to the pre-registration "google doc."

Training and Sprint Courses ..... Free!

### Directions

The Horse Lover's Park section of the Reach-11 Recreation Area is located in North Phoenix, just south of the Loop 101/ Tatum Boulevard interchange (exit 31).

Coming from either the west or the east, travel on the Loop 101 to the Tatum Boulevard (exit 31). Turn south and continue 0.8 on Tatum Boulevard to the Horse Lover's Park entrance on the west side of Tatum Boulevard. Enter the park and immediately take the first turn left (south). The event location is in the small parking area just east of the main Horse Lover's Park facilities..

*See the GPHXO website for more detailed directions and details for all events!*

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### Schedule

Registration Starts .....	6:30 pm
Pre-Race Briefing.....	7:15 pm
Mass Start (all participants) .....	7:30 pm
Course Closes.....	9:30 pm

### Registration / Costs

Again, we encourage you to pre-register at [GPHXO.org](http://GPHXO.org)

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

### Directions

There are two routes to get to the Saguaro Lake event site: the Beeline Highway (AZ 87) and the Bush Highway. The Beeline Hwy is 4 lanes and more direct but is not very scenic. The Bush Hwy is 2 lanes and winding with incredible scenery once you get past north Mesa.

Via the Beeline Highway: From the Loop 202 and Country Club (exit 13), go northeast on the Beeline Highway for 22 miles to exit 199, the "Saguaro Lake, Lower Salt River Recreation Area" exit. After exiting the Beeline Highway, turn south and travel 0.2 miles to the event site. Look for an orange and white orienteering "sandwich board" on the west side of the road .

Via the Bush Highway: From Power Road and the Superstition Freeway(US 60), travel north and northeast on Power Road for 22 miles. Power Road eventually turns into the Bush Highway. After 13.5 miles, you'll pass the Usery Pass turnoff (don't turn here). Continuing on the Bush Highway for about 8 more miles you will see a sign reading "Junction 87 - 1/2 mile". About 0.3 miles further, look for an orange and white orienteering board.

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Courses Open ..... 9 am  
Last Start Time ..... noon  
Courses Close ..... 1 pm

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### Directions

From Phoenix, you can take the 202 (Red Mountain Freeway) east to Power Road exit 23A. Turn north onto Power Road and continue approximately 4 miles to a point where the road makes a sharp bend to the east. Approximately 2.8 miles past the bend is the turnoff to the Phon D. Sutton parking area. Turn left onto Phon D Sutton road (look for an orange and white orienteering sign on the north side of the road) and continue approximately 1 mile to the event site.

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**NOTE: A Tonto Pass is required (\$6 for the day). You can purchase passes at the Circle K on the corner of McKellips Rd and Power Road. You can also find Tonto passes at Big 5 stores, hiking stores, some Danny's stores, etc.**

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### For the Night-O event, also bring:

- Illumination Device - headlamp, flashlight or other device so you can see your map!
- Spare batteries for your light - or even a spare flashlight!

**Saguaro Lake event - be sure to pick up a Tonto Forest Pass!**

### 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.*

### Pre-Registration

Pre-registration is not required for events, but it helps us make sure we have enough maps (and makes sure there's a map for you!). We have a single webpage where you can pre-register for one or more of the weekend events - just go to our website:

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

...and on the pages for the April events, there is a link to the preregistration site. Thanks!

## GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Sat or Sun May 13 or 14 - Prescott Area event

Sat Jun 10 - Lowell Observatory (Flagstaff)

Sat Jul 15 - For Tuthill (Flagstaff)

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

We are nearing the end of the orienteering season in the Phoenix area, but the Tucson club still has some events going on, and we try to note any other nearby events we think our members might be interested in on the GPHXO website.

We have also planned our preliminary GPHXO schedule for 2017-18, which has been posted on the website.

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

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