



NEWSLETTER - Dec. 2017



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

Dec. 9: Coon Bluff; Dec. 10, Saguaro Lake

A last-minute reminder of the events we have planned for this coming weekend. Pre-registration is not required for ANY of these events, but if you are planning to attend, pre-registration helps us know how many maps to print.

Sat Dec 9: Mesquite Library Clinic

From 9:00 - 10:30 am, we will present a beginner's clinic at the Mesquite Library (north side of Paradise Valley Mall). We provide instruction materials and we have some loaner compasses available (though if you have your own compass, bring that). There will be a practice course set up until noon. This clinic is FREE for everyone who attends.

Sat Dec 9: Coon Bluff Night-O

Registration begins at 5 pm; there will be a mandatory pre-race briefing at 5:45 pm, and then the course will be open from 6 pm - 8 pm (with a mass start at 6 pm). A Night-O is like a Score-O - Controls are assigned different point values based on the distance they are located from the starting point and on the navigation difficulty. Participants are not required to follow a set course but instead try to maximize their point total through their own route choice. 10 points are deducted for each minute over time; DNF for finishing after 8:30 pm.

Sun Dec 10: Saguaro Lake Score-O

Registration begins at 8:30 am; competitors may start the course any time from 9 am - 11 am, and everyone must be finished when the course closes at 1 pm. In this Score-O, you have two hours to find controls shown on a pre-printed map. Point values are based on distance and difficulty, and you can choose your own course. There will be a **Beginner's Clinic** at 9 am (no extra charge) and you'll still have time to do the Score-O when the Clinic is over.



See inside for schedules, costs, and directions - or visit 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, bring lamps, batteries, spare batteries and even spare lamps. There will be some moonlight, but you'll want your own light!

PreRegistration

Pre-registration (by **Wednesday, December 6th**) helps us prepare, and saves you money. To preregister, go to the event pages on our website:

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

Details: see the GPHXO website

For directions and all other details, please visit the GPHXO website (gphxo.org). On the front page, you will see a link to "UPCOMING ORIENTEERING EVENTS" and beneath that will be links to the Mesquite Library Beginner's Clinic, the Coon Bluff Night-O, and the Saguaro Lake Score-O.

Parental Consent (under 18)

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 before the event and either scan it and send it to us by e-mail or bring it with you to the event.

Costs (Coon Bluff, Saguaro Lake)**Costs: Pre-Registration**

Member - Individual/Team \$5 / \$8
 Non Member \$10 / \$15

Onsite Registration

Member - Individual / Team \$10 / \$15
 Non Member \$15 / \$20

Fees are collected onsite. If you pre-register but then can't make it, you don't have to pay. The Beginner's Clinic at Mesquite Library is FREE for all.

Recent Event Results**Papago Park Sprints, Nov 11**

Top finishers in the Sprint 1 event were Scott Whiting, Erik Ringnes, Paul Kent and David Thompson. Top team was the Chupacabros; top female finisher was Anna Hoge.

Sprint 2 top finishers were Scott Whiting, Paul Kent, Erik Ringnes, and Gary Hickey. The Chupacabros again were the top team finishers.

Thank you to Jill Kyle, Forest Brown and Wayne Turner for planning and conducting the event, and to the 27 people who participated.

Rock Springs Score-O, Nov 12

Top finishers in the 3-Hour Score-O event at Rock Springs were Andy Wentzel, Scott Whiting, Brad Poe, Al Nilson and David Thompson. Top Team finisher was Trunk Monkey, and Deborah Allen was the top female finisher.

Thank you to Erik Ringnes, Ron Birks and Gary Hickey for planning and conducting the event, and to the 25 participants at the event.

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

- Sat-Sun Jan 13-14 - Robbins Butte
- Sun Jan 28 - Bomboy Mine (need permit)
- Sat Feb 10 - South Mountain
- Sun Feb 11 - Needle Rock
- Sat Feb 24 - Needle Vista Sprints, Night-O
- Sun Feb 25 - First Water Score-O
- Sat Mar 10 - Mesquite Library, Saguaro Lake
- Sun Mar 11 - Sofie's Flat (new location!)
- Sun Mar 25 - Bartlet Lake (possible event)

Events with Other Clubs:

- Sun Nov 19—Catalina State Park (Tucson O)

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

And check out the GPHXO online store:

www.cafepress.com/greaterphoenixorienteeringclub

We're also at:

www.meetup.com/Phoenix-Orienteering

and

www.facebook.com/GPHXO

To contact GPHXO by phone, leave a message at **602 753-8535**

Also, please update your email address book to **info@gphxo.org** - our yahoo email will still work, but this is the best one...

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