



# NEWSLETTER - Jan. 2018



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

## Jan 13-14 Robbins Butte, Jan 28 Bomboy Mine & more!

*We have a LOT of activities planned for January, so a bigger-than-usual newsletter this time.. In addition to the GPHXO evens listed here, The San Diego Orienteering Club is holding their Anza-Borrego even Jan 6-7 - [gphxo.org](http://gphxo.org) has a link to details.*

### **Sat Jan 13: Beginner's Clinic & Sprints**

Starting at 9 am at our **Robbins Butte** site west of Buckeye, we'll conduct a **FREE** Beginner's Clinic plus two Sprint Course events. Pre-registration encouraged but not required.

### **Sun Jan 14: 2 Hour Score-O**

Sunday at **Robbins Butte**, we will have a Score-O event. (choose your own route, score points for each control you find). Course opens at 9 am. Pre-registration encouraged but not required.

### **Sat Jan 20: GPHXO General Meeting**

Club members are invited to our General Meeting at Boulders on Broadway in Tempe. Come for **FREE PIZZA** and learn about club business & status.

### **Sun Jan 28: Bomboy Mine Score-O**

2-Hour Score-O event at Bomboy Mine, east of Apache Junction Course opens at 9 am. Pre-registration encouraged but not required.

### **Sun Feb 25: OUSA National Ranking Event - First Water**

Our **FIRST EVER** Nationally Sanctioned event, and the final event of the GPHXO/Tucson O **Southwest Spring Week**. GPHXO will host a Night-O event on the 24th. Watch our website for details on these events.



GPHXO Bomboy Mine event site

**See inside for schedules, costs, and directions - 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. Available at some events, but always good to bring your own.
- Sun screen.

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

**PreRegistration**

Pre-registering helps us plan events and know how many maps to prepare - and it saves you some on the registration fees for events. For the events in this month's newsletter, pre-registration is encouraged (but not required) - but to make sure we have a map for you, please sign up in advance. Links to pre-register for each event appear on the event pages at:

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

**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 (Robbins Butte, Bomboy Mine events)****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 Robbins Butte is FREE for all.

**Recent Event Results****Coon Bluff Night-O, Dec 9**

Top Score-O finishers were Scott Whiting, Ron Birks, Kevin Adams, Chupacabros (top Team) and Swole Bros. B. Brooke Mann led the female finishers. We had 25 total participants for the event. Thank you to Gary Hickey for planning the event and to Ron Birks for helping tabulate the results.

**Saguaro Lake Score-O, Dec 10**

Top Score-O finishers were Scott Whitney, Dan White, Kyle Seifullin, Ron Birks and Mike Zampino. Top Team was the Revelants, and top female finisher was B. Brooke Mann. We had 40 total participants for the event. Thank you to Derrick Beracy for planning the event, and to Ron Birks, Andy Wentzel, Dan Yamashiro and Rob Ehlers for assisting. Full results for both events are available at the club website, gphxo.org.

## Saturday January 13 - Beginner's Clinic and Sprint Events

Starting at 9:00, we'll conduct a beginner's training to introduce basic land navigation concepts used in orienteering. We'll continue the morning with two sprint courses at the same site. You're welcome to participate in one or all of the morning's events.

### Schedule

Check-In / Registration Starts .....	8:30am
Clinic.....	9 am
Registration for Sprints .....	9:30 am
Sprint Courses Open .....	10 am
Last Sprint Course start time.....	noon
Sprint Courses Close.....	1 pm

### Registration / Costs.

The Beginner's Clinic is free. The Sprint Courses are our standard pricing (see pg. 2). The fee covers both Sprints. The pre-registration deadline is **Wednesday January 10, 11:59 pm** (so you have all day January 10 to pre-register). Follow the link from the GPHXO home page to the event page to the pre-registration page.

## Sunday January 14 - Robbins Butte 2-Hour Score-O

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. People of all skill levels are encouraged to participate. If you're new to the sport, we're offering a free beginner's clinic on Saturday.

### Schedule

Registration Starts .....	8:30 am
Courses Open .....	9 am
Last start time.....	11 am
Course Closes.....	1 pm
Participants marked DNF after.....	1:30 pm

### Registration / Costs

Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required; there is a link to pre-register on the event page at [gphxo.org](http://gphxo.org). Event costs are our standard costs (see pg. 2). Pre-registration deadline is **Wednesday January 10, 11:59 pm**.

## Directions: Phoenix to Robbins Butte

To get to the Robbins Butte Event Site from Phoenix:

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: Tucson to Robbins Butte

Take Interstate-8 West from Casa Grande to Gila Bend exit 119. The exit sign indicates "To AZ85 I-10, Butterfield Trail".

Proceed north on AZ Highway 85 for about 27 miles to a point just before milepost 147 (before the Gila River bridge). Turn left (west) at the sign for Robbins Butte Wildlife Area.

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## **Saturday Jan 20 - GPHXO General Meeting - Boulders on Broadway in Tempe**

Our General Club meeting will take place at the Boulders on Broadway restaurant in Tempe, starting at 6 pm. Come on out and meet some of the names you see in the officers lists and event results pages! We will take care of some club business at the meeting, but this is mostly a social event. **Even if you are not an official "club member," you are welcome to join us.**

### **Schedule**

We have reserved the upstairs meeting room at Boulders on Broadway in Tempe from 6 pm to 8 pm. The club will pay for salad, pizza and soft drinks; you're on your own for beer or other beverages.

### **Registration / Costs**

**Are we doing any sort of preregistration for this???**

### **Directions**

Boulders on Broadway is located at 530 West Broadway Road Tempe, Arizona 85282 (there is also a Mesa location, but we will be at the Tempe location). The restaurant is on the northeast corner of Broadway and Roosevelt. There is a small sign, but it's not real well marked...

***Additional directions & details for all events are on the GPHXO.org website***

## **Sunday Jan 28 - Bomboy Mine 2-Hour Score-O**

Our Bomboy Mine event site is approximately 30 miles east of Apache Junction, near the Boyce Thompson Arboretum. The site is nestled in the foothills of the Superstition Mountains and contains a good deal of rugged terrain and desert vegetation. If you're new to the sport, we'd be happy to give you some pointers before you begin. You may start the Score-O anytime after the course opens at 9:00 am until 11:00 am. Everyone must be off the course by 1:30 pm or be marked "DNF."

### **Schedule**

Registration Starts .....	8:30 am
Course Opens .....	9 am
Last Start Time .....	11 am
Courses Close .....	1 pm
Marked "DNF" after .....	1:30 pm

### **Registration / Costs**

Preregistration is encouraged but not required. To preregister, follow the link from the Bomboy Mine event page, linked from the GPHXO home page. Costs are our standard event costs, see page 2 of this newsletter.

### **Directions**

Take the Superstition Freeway (US 60) east through Apache Junction, towards Globe. About .4 miles past milepost 222 and immediately after crossing the Queen Creek bridge, turn left onto Hewitt Station Rd (Forest Road 357). If you reach the Boyce Thompson Arboretum you have gone a half mile too far! Cross the cattle guard and continue straight. After about 1.5 miles on FR357, you will cross a wash with two 15 foot high drainage pipes under the railroad tracks on the right. Continue 0.2 miles past the wash, then turn right on to FR 252. The event site is about ¾ mile down the road, at a road junction. Look for an orange and white orienteering bag or orange cone at the last turnoff and at our site. For a map to the event, visit the GPHXO website.

**GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule**

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 (OUSA)  
 Sat Mar 10 - Mesquite Library, Saguaro Lake  
 Sun Mar 11 - Sophie's Flat (new location!)  
 Sun Mar 25 - Bartlett Lake Classics  
 Sat Apr 14 - Reach 11 Beginner's Clinic and Sprints  
 Sun Apr 15 - Dead Horse Ranch State Park

**Events with Other Clubs:**

Our event on February 25th will be part of "Southwest Spring Week," which includes events from February 17-25th. Details on more events at

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

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)

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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