

NEWSLETTER - October 2004



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

State Championships Oct 30-31 (All skill Levels Welcome)

Join us Saturday & Sunday, **October 30-31**, at a site in the Superstitions east of Apache Junction near the town of Superior. This is the state championship but there are activities for all skill levels.

All of the courses will be classic in which one visits the controls in fixed order. There will be five courses of ascending difficulty per day: White (beginner), Yellow (advanced beginner), Orange (intermediate), Green (advanced) and Red (advanced). Participant categories are Male and Female, further separated into Junior, Adult and Veteran groups. If you don't want to compete, just sign up as a Recreational participant.

Schedule (each day):

Registration Starts.....9:00 am
Course Opens.....9:00 am
Beginner's Clinic.....9:30 - 10:00am
Course Closes.....1:00 pm
Post Scores.....1:30 -2:30 pm

Cost (member / non-member):

Individual \$6/\$8
Family / team rate \$8/\$10

There will be space for those who wish to camp out. It is primitive camping only and there is no charge.

This event will require volunteers. Please contact Richard Dewey at richard.dewey@cox.net to help.

Directions to Bomboy Mine From Phoenix:

Take the Superstition Freeway 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 ahead. 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. Turn right on to FR 252, which is .2 mile after the wash. Our site is about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile down the road, at a road junction. Look for an orange and white orienteering bag or sandwich board at the last turnoff and at our site.

The land is mostly open desert with a few areas of fairly thick vegetation.

Meet Director.....Richard Dewey

Course Setter.....Mike Franklin

What to bring:

water bottle(s)

whistle (required; available for \$1)

compass (some available to rent for \$1)

camping gear, food and water if you're staying over

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<http://www.phoenixorienteering.org>

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Land Nav Class Volunteers Needed for Oct 23rd

Our Land Navigation Class is one of our club's most visible activities in the community. Proceeds from the classes are what allow us to keep our membership and event fees so low. Many new members come to us because of the class and many regular members get so much more out of our meets because of the skills they get at our class.

This class is run by VOLUNTEERS from the club and that means we need YOUR support to make each class better than the last. You get all meals, great companionship and the thrill of being outdoors. We are

in need of support people and no orienteering skills are required. The work is light and the benefits outstanding.

We can use someone (or 2 people could split the time) to help with camp duties, set help up canopies and tables, then take them down as we move on. We start Friday night the 22nd setting up the camp and stay till we're done on Saturday. Some of us will stay over Saturday night as well to help with the setting and vetting for the State Champs. If you stay for that, you'll get breakfast and snacks Sunday too. Email gphxoc@yahoo.com or leave a message at 602-212-6741 if you can help out.

Annual General Meeting & Party Wrap-Up

The Annual Meeting and Dinner was held September 25 at Marie Callender's in Mesa. There were a total of 21 members and guests in attendance who enjoyed a great meal.

Jeff Brucker from the Tucson club gave a great presentation covering strategies and techniques for different levels of competition from beginner through advanced. Jeff is going to provide us with the chart he used for his presentation so we can post it on the website. We really appreciate Jeff making the trip from Tucson and providing us with really valuable information and new ways of conceptualizing the approach to competition.

We also conducted club business and elected officers. Richard Dewey recapped the past year's events and gave a preview of upcoming events. Pat Abbott gave the treasurer's report and the club finances are healthy.

Mike Franklin introduced two new incentive programs that the club is instituting this season. One program is for volunteers and offers points for each type of volunteer activity within the club. The second program is for meet participants awarding points for

performance in the meets. Awards for both programs will be presented at next year's annual meeting. These are exciting programs which will provide much needed recognition for hard working volunteers and meet participants.

The following officers were elected:

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| President: | Mike Franklin |
| Vice-President: | Richard Dewey |
| Secretary: | Pat Abbott |
| Treasurer: | Kristina Krulikowski |

Matt Dixon, who has served as President for the past several years, will be continuing on the Board as Past President. The club greatly appreciates Matt's leadership as President which has kept the club moving forward.

Jennifer McCulley will also be a new Board member. She has generously agreed to fill the position of Volunteer Coordinator.

Special thanks to Kristina Krulikowski, a member of the club for just two months, who was willing to take on the treasurer position for the club.

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

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| Oct 21&23 | Land Navigation Class |
| Oct 30-31 | Bomboy Mine (Joint JROTC) And State Championships!!! |
| Dec 11 | Saguaro Lake (Joint JROTC) |
| Jan 15, 2005 | Lake Pleasant—'B' Meet |
| Feb 12, 2005 | First Water (Joint JROTC) |
| Mar 5, 2005 | TBD (Joint JROTC) |

Events can't happen without volunteers from the club. Volunteer today to help staff or set up for a meet. We'll be there to help you through your first, second, even tenth time so you don't have to go it alone.

We encourage our members to participate in the Tucson club events as well as our own. Not only is it an opportunity for more orienteering experience fairly close to home but they have some really great folks that we can learn a lot from while we enjoy their company.

Tucson Club Event Schedule

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| Nov 20-21 | Kentucky Camp B Meet |
| Dec 19 | Cat Mountain |
| Jan 16, 2004 | Catalina State park |
| Feb 20 | Kentucky Camp |
| March 20 | Cave Creek |
| April 17 | Slavin Gulch |
| May 15 | Rim Event |
| June 19 | Palisades |
| July 17 | Lake Mary |

Did you know that GPHXO O.C. members get the "member" rate for Tucson O.C. events? For details about the Tucson Club events, check their web page at www.tucsonorienteering.org

GPHXO Board Meetings:

Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month to discuss the business operations of the club and to plan for upcoming events. They are open to all members. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at 7:00 PM at Richard Dewey's home: 6108 S. Clark Dr., Tempe. Richard's contact info: 480-831-0331 (Home) and 480-236-5706 (Cell).

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Yes, I can help staff a club meet. Call me.

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

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(AREA CODE) EVENING TELEPHONE

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