



# NEWSLETTER - January 2015



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

## Saturday January 10 - Robbins Butte

Join us on SATURDAY, January 10th at Robbins Butte (southwest of Phoenix) where we will have four "Classic" orienteering courses available. "Classic" orienteering courses mean that the participant must visit the control points in the prescribed order printed on the map. There will also be a beginner's clinic and an instructional course for teaching the fundamentals of orienteering.

Robbins Butte is near the Buckeye Hills recreation area in the west Valley. 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.

### Multiple Control Format

In fact, the terrain is so open that your course setter is bringing back the multiple control format (or as he calls it, the "Uh-O"). For the open area on the east side of the map, several controls of similar features can--and will--be placed as close as 50 meters to the control that you are looking for. In other words, there will be 60+ controls out there, but only a subset will

appear on your map and control card. So don't necessarily dart for the first control marker you see, and be especially careful to check the control code to make sure it matches your control card before you punch-and-run.

People of all skill levels are encouraged to participate. A free beginners' clinic will be available for new participants and those needing a refresher

We still need volunteers to help with equipment setup, registration and timing tables, and with bag pick-up after the meet. Contact Glenn Haselfeld ([glennoutdoor@cablone.net](mailto:glennoutdoor@cablone.net)) if you can help.

### Event Schedule

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|---|---------|
| Registration Begins .....                     | 8:30 am |
| Courses Open .....                            | 9:00 am |
| Beginner's Clinic .....                       | 9:30 am |
| Last start, orange, green & red courses ..... | 11 am   |
| Last start, sprint / beginner course .....    | noon    |
| Courses close.....                            | 1:00 pm |

### Cost

|                    |                             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Individual .....   | \$5 member, \$10 non-member |
| Family / team..... | \$8 member, \$15 non-member |

All registration takes place at the event site on the day of the event.

## Participants under age 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 (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

- water bottles & water. There is one water stop on the Orange, Red and Green courses, but there is no water on the Sprint or Teaching courses.
- whistle - required, can purchase for \$1
- compass - can rent for \$1
- sunscreen - little or no shade on the course
- sturdy hiking shoes and long pants

## Map Notes

The base map has not been updated for a few years, and vegetation mapping is still incomplete. Regions that have had the vegetation mapped are enclosed by a dashed green "vegetation boundary" symbol. Individual trees are marked as follows: a smaller green dot denotes a "mature saguaro", defined as having at least one vertical arm of at least 1-m in height. The saguaro uses the "coniferous" symbol as the feature description on the control card. A larger green dot denotes a (non-cactus) tree that is 5-m or more in height. Trees use the "deciduous" symbol as the feature description on the control card.

**For more details, please visit our website:**

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

Full results for last month's events and full details about the Robbins Butte event are available on the website.

## Directions

**From Phoenix**, go west on Interstate-10 to exit 112, then south on AZ Highway 85 for ~7 miles to milepost 147. Take a right at the sign for Robbins Butte Wildlife Area. Proceed ~3.8 miles on dirt road (bearing left at the sign "Powers Butte Wildlife Area & access to Robbins Butte (Mountain)") to the Start Area. The road is passable to passenger cars.

**From Tucson**, take Interstate-8 West from Casa Grande to Gila Bend. Take AZ Highway 85 north for ~27 miles and turn left at the sign for Robbins Butte Wildlife Area (a left turn lane just before milepost 147--before you cross the Gila River). Proceed ~3.8 miles on dirt road (bearing left at the sign "Powers Butte Wildlife Area & access to Robbins Butte (Mountain)") to the Start Area. The road is passable to passenger cars.

## December Event Results

### December 6 - Papago Sprint

Top finishers in Sprint 1 were Derrick Beracy, Glenn Haselfeld and Rich Orndoff. Top finishers in Sprint 2 were Derrick Beracy, Gary Hickey, Glenn Haselfeld and Irene Fabig.

### December 7 - Lake Pleasant

Top finishers in the Score-O were Ron Birks (910 points), Mike N Kelli (760 points), Irene Fabig (540 points), Gary Hickey (500 points) and Lost Boys (500 points).

## GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Sat. Jan 10 2015 - Robbins Butte  
Sun. Feb. 15 - First Water  
Sat-Sun March 14-15 - Location TBD  
Sat April 11 - Reach 11 Clinic & Sprints  
Sun April 12 - Saguaro Lake  
May 9 and/or 10 - Prescott

Please visit our web site:

<http://www.gphxo.org>

...for the latest schedule and event details!

## **Don't Forget - our January event is on Saturday !!!**

Hopefully this will give an opportunity for some members who can't usually make it to the Sunday events. "Classic" orienteering courses mean that the participant must visit the control points in the prescribed order printed on the map. We will have four

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.tucsonorienteeringclub.org](http://www.tucsonorienteeringclub.org)

## Tucson Club Event Schedule

Please visit the Tucson club's website:

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

...for information on their fall schedule

*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.*

### **2013-2014 Club Officers**

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

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