



NEWSLETTER - Mar. 2018



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

Mar 10/11: Clinic, Saguaro Lake, Sophie's Flat

This month, we're having another free Beginner's Clinic at the Mesquite Library, a Night-O at our Saguaro Lake site and a 2 hour Score-O at our new event site at Sophie's Flat, NE of Wickenburg. No events on the weekend of the 24/25, but we will have a booth at the AZ Game and Fish Outdoor Expo - stop by and say "hi," or let us know if you'd be available to help run the booth.

Sat Mar 10 - Mesquite Library - Beginners Clinic

Join us for a FREE clinic and a practice course at the Mesquite Branch of the Phoenix Library (north side of Paradise Valley Mall). Pre-registration is encouraged but not required.

Sat Mar 10 - Saguaro Lake - Night-O

We're happy to offer a Night-O event at our Saguaro Lake site (east of Ft. McDowell), with plenty of time to get there even if you attend the Beginners Clinic in the morning. This will be a half-moon night, so not quite as much moonlight as we usually try to have. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Sun Mar 11 - Sophie's Flat - Score-O

Sophie's Flat is a new site for us, near Wickenburg. For our first event at this new site, we are planning a two-hour Score-O event (find controls in any order within the time limit).

Sat/Sun Mar 24/25 - AZ Game & Fish Outdoor Expo

GPHXO will have a booth at the Outdoor Expo this year. The Expo takes place at the Ben Avery Shooting Range, near I-17 and the Carefree Highway. Stop by and say "hi" if you're at the Expo, or let us know if you might be able to help run the booth for a little while during the weekend.

Note on Pre-Registration

Pre-registration is not *required* for any of the events this month, but it does help us know how many maps to prepare. By pre-registering, you can save on the cost for the event (and you can save even more if you're a GPHXO member). For this month, you can pre-register for events up until a day before the event; if you preregister and then can't make it, you don't have to pay.

**See inside for schedules, costs, and
directions - or visit GPHXO.org**

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. It’s already warming up!
- Comb and pliers to remove cholla branches!
- Lights, batteries, extra lights and extra batteries for the Night-O.

Sturdy hiking shoes and long pants are recommended. You may encounter cactus 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/>

Costs

The Mesquite Library Clinic event and the AZGF Outdoor Expo are free (including parking). For other events, our standard event fees are:

Pre-Registered

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.

Recent Event Results

South Mountain Sprints, Feb 10

Sprint 1 top finishers: Scott Whiting, Lee Magnusson and Tom Fogelsong; top team, Wild Family; top female, Liz Field. Sprint 2 top finishers: Scott Whiting, Tom Fogelsong and Jason Cram.

Needle Rock Classics, Feb 11

Top Motala finishers: Andy Wentzel, Scott Whiting, Shane Hagerman. Top Red Course finishers: Andy Wentzel, Scott Whiting and Jason Cram; top team, Team Dinali. Top Orange Course finishers: Scott Whiting, Andy Wentzel, Shame Hagerman. Top Yellow finishers: congrats to Andy Wentzel, the only one who finished the Yellow Course. Thanks to Ron Birks, Harry Zulch and Gary Hickey for running the event.

Needle Vista Sprints, Feb 24

Sprint 1 top finishers: Will Enger, Andy Wentzel, Aleksey Sabunin; top team, Save Pluto; top female, Cristina Luis. Sprint 2 top finishers: Will Enger, Keegan Harkavy and Ethan Childs. Top female, Tori Borish; top team, Save Pluto.

Needle Vista Night-O, Feb 24

Top finishers: Ethan Childs, Will Enger, Andy Wentzel, Tori Borish (top female finisher, as well); top Team Scorpions. Thank you to Ron Birks for planning and running the event.

First Water OUSA, Feb. 24

Please visit the website to see the results - there are lots! Thank you to Glenn Haselfeld, Forest Brown, Gary Hickey, Derrick Beracy, Brian and Irene Fabig, Andy Wentzel, Debra Allen, Ron Birks and Heather McLean for the major effort it took to make this event happen!

Saturday March 10 - Mesquite Library Beginners' Class and Practice Course

On Saturday, March 10, 2018, from 9:00 to 10:30 AM, members of the Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club will present a **FREE** class teaching basic navigation concepts used in orienteering. The class is offered in one of the meeting rooms inside the City of Phoenix' Mesquite Library. Participants in the class will learn some of the important techniques involved in navigating with topographic maps and a compass. While GPS receivers provide an incredibly easy way for people to navigate, conditions sometimes make the GPS units unreliable or unusable (navigating in deep canyons, dead batteries, etc.) Navigation techniques used in orienteering are invaluable for times when GPS receivers are unusable.

Schedule

Class begins9:00 am
Class ends, practice course open 10:30am
Practice course closes noon

Registration / Costs.

The Beginner's Clinic and Practice Course are both **FREE** events. Please pre-register if you think you'll be there.

Directions

The Mesquite Library is located just north of the Paradise Valley Mall in Phoenix, near the intersection of Cactus Road and Tatum Boulevard.

- Exit State Route 51 at Cactus Road (exit 10).
- Travel east on Cactus Road for 1.2 miles arriving at the left turn lanes for North Paradise Village Parkway West.
- Turn north and travel 0.5 miles on North Paradise Village Parkway. The Mesquite Library is on the south side of the street.

Saturday March 10 - Saguaro Lake Night-O

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! Navigating at night requires an increased attention to map details.

Schedule

Check-in 6:00 pm
Pre-race briefing 6:45 pm
Mass start 7:00 pm
Course closes.....9 pm

Registration / Costs

See our standard cost schedule on page 2. Please pre-register if you think you'll attend.

Directions

The Saguaro Lake Night-O starts from our event site just south of the intersection of the Beeline and Bush highways.

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 (AZ 87)

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 "sandwich board" on the west side of the road.

**Sunday March 11 – Sophie’s Flat
Score-O**

We're excited to open yet another new site for the club. On Sunday, March 11, the Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club will host a 2-hour Score-O at our new Sophie's Flat event site northeast of Wickenburg. Sophie's Flat is an excellent example of high-desert vegetation nestled in the foothills of the Bradshaw Mountains.

Schedule

Registration Starts8:30 am
Course Opens 9 am
Last Start Time..... 11 am
Course Closes..... 1 pm
Marked “DNF” after1:30 pm

Registration / Costs

See our standard event costs on page 2. Please pre-register if you think you’ll be attending.

Directions

- Take your favorite route to the east side of Wickenburg, just east of the large roundabout where US 93 and US 60 split.
- Immediately behind McDonald's is Constellation Road. Follow Constellation Road northeast for 3.1 miles. The road is paved for 2.2 miles then continues as a gravel road for another 0.9 miles.
- After 3.1 miles on Constellation Road, take the left fork onto Blue Tank Road.
- Continue on Blue Tank Road 1.4 miles to the Sophie's Flat trailhead.

For maps & detailed directions to each event site, please visit the gphxo.org website. You can open a google map to create your own directions to each site.

**Sat/Sun March 24-25 – AZ
Game & Fish Outdoor Expo**

For the first time, GPHXO will have a booth at the AZ Game and Fish Department Outdoor Expo. The Expo is open from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm on Sunday.

If you are attending the Expo, please come by and say “hi” to us. If you would be willing to help out by being at the booth for a while, please contact Jill Kyle at volunteer@gphxo.org

Registration / Costs

According to the website for this event, admission and parking are both free.

Directions & Details

Since this event is not being run by GPHXO, visit the Game & Fish event side at:

<https://www.azgfd.com/Expo/>



Terrain near our new Sophie’s Flat site

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Thu Apr 12 - Juniper Library Beginner's
Clinic

Sat Apr 14 - Reach 11 Beginner's Clinic and
Sprints

Sun Apr 15 - Bartlett Lake Classics

Sat/Sun May 12-13 - events in Prescott, plans
TBA

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](http://www.cafepress.com/greaterphoenixorienteeringclub)**

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.

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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