



NEWSLETTER - May 2005



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

May 14 & 15 Potato Patch U-set-it Extravaganza

Ah, the Mogollon Rim in May. There are few better places at that time. But it's such a long drive! What would make it worth it? Four orienteering events, that's what. How can such a humble organization as the Tucson Orienteering Club host such an event? Because you will be both hanging and retrieving controls as you compete! Hey, it's not a ranking event; it's all just for fun, but we're hoping to see orienteers from all over the Southwest. ***Please email your intention to participate (see below).***

Maps: Black and white maps, 1:10000 and 1:15000 scales, 2001 Potato Patch, 20 ft contours. This is the site of the 1998 Arizona Rogaine. Map improvements by John Maier.

Water: Two water depots will be the only water available on the map. This is a good meet to carry your own water.

Fees: Anyone who hangs bags (including shadows) on Saturday morning, or who administers an event, runs one event free (semi-classic, night-O or scavenger score-O). Saturday afternoon, evening, and Sunday events are \$5 for members of any O club or \$10 for non-members. All events start and finish at the camping area.

Camping: Friday and Saturday night at one of our loveliest sites.

Other: Carpooling encouraged. Post requests on your local O club listserv. Bring headlamps/flashlights and watches (and synchronize with official Potato Patch time).

Directions: From Phoenix, take route 87 to Payson (pretty drive), then highway 260 east (very pretty drive) about 30 miles to the top of the Mogollon Rim, then 8 miles further to Forest Road 99 (near milepost 290). Follow FR 99 north 4 miles to FR 170. Follow FR 170 north 7 miles to camp. Note: Passenger cars will make it along all of these dirt roads. Watch for elk.

Schedule:
Saturday, May 14 : Saturday morning bag hanging

8:00 a.m.: Your choice of:

- 1) Beginning bag hanger clinic with the very experienced Jeff Brucker. If it's a Tucson control, he's hung it - maybe more than once.
- 2) Find someone to shadow. This is a great way to learn.
- 3) Go out with your own preferred number of controls.
- 4) Same as 3), but take a shadow. This is the recommended option.

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12 noon: Deadline to be back and report control locations to the administrator

Saturday Semi-classic courses

2:00 p.m. Registration and map copying open.

2:30 p.m. One-skip loop courses open. You may skip any one control you choose on your course. If you think a control is mishung, that can be your skip. Or use your skip to competitive advantage. No complaints about bag placements will be brooked.

5:30 p.m. All courses close. You must check in with the timer.

6:00 p.m. Non-potluck dinner and chance to meet orienteers. Let's gather and enjoy each other's company. Wear your gang colors - oops, I mean your club t-shirt.

Saturday Night-O (1:10000 map)

7:30 p.m. Registration and map copying begins.

7:45 p.m. Night-O Score-O starts. This is not a mass start.

9:00 p.m. Courses close.

Sunday, May 15 : Sunday Scavenger Score-O

9:00 a.m. Registration and map copying begin.

10:00 a.m. Mass start for score-O.

11:00 a.m. Meet becomes a scavenger-O.

12 Noon - Course closes. Huge penalty for being late.

About map copying: Map copying will be off the clock this month. This means you can copy your map, then think about your route before you begin running your course. Why is this option being offered? It's easier to administer.

About Scavenger-O: Scavenger Score-O uses a regular Score-O format up to a point, that point being when the 60 minute time limit is reached. Do not remove any controls before 11 a.m. At the 60 minute time limit (be sure to synchronize your watch to Potato Patch time before starting), participants have 60 minutes to collect and bring in as many controls as they can. Punch the controls you collect and get those points plus bonus points for bringing them in. It takes skill and a lot of strategy ... and a little luck ... to maximize your points. This also means you may go after a control that has already been retrieved. Bringing a bag, rope or backpack to help you carry controls is allowed. Late penalty: 50 points/minute.

Meet Poohbah Peg Davis asks you to send an email if you plan to attend (pegdavis@u.arizona.). Include the following:

- 1) Which events will you be doing? This will help us determine the number of maps needed. No copy machines in the woods.
- 2) Will you volunteer to help the meet director for the bag hanging, semi-classic, night-O, or scavenger-O, or design courses at 12:30 on Saturday for the semi-classic? Only one hour needed, name your time. This is perfect for an injured or non-orienteering traveling companion. No volunteers, no events.
- 3) On Saturday morning, would you like to shadow a control hanger or would you be a light, a blazing light of orienteering creativity, a light willing to take along a shadow, as you hang controls? State your usual course color.

This is a brand-new meet concept which promises to be a lot of fun. See you there!

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

June 11-12	Lake-2-Lake Hike
August ???	Annual Family Campout At Mormon Mountain
Sept 17-18	Picketpost Mtn Campout
Sept 24	Thumb Butte
Oct 1	JROTC-only meet
Oct 8	Annual Meeting and Awards— Nello's Pizza in Tempe
Oct 16	Join with Tucson at Silverbell
Oct 27 & 29	Land Nav Class
Nov12	Coon Bluff
Dec10	First Water/Needle Vista JROTC joint meet
Jan 21	Saguaro Lake 'B' meet
Feb 4	Bomboy Mine—JROTC only
Feb 11	Bomboy Mine
Mar 4	Lake Pleasant? - Joint JROTC
April 6&8	Land Nav Class

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

May 14-15	Potato Patch
June 19	Palisades
July 16-17	Lake Mary State Champs
Aug 21	Lincoln Park Early-O
Sep 18	Greasewood
Oct 16	Silverbell
Nov 20	Kentucky Camp
Dec 18	Catalina State Park

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 monthly 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 in the Scottsdale Community College library. Call Richard for specifics or to confirm meeting: 480-831-0331 (Home) and 480-236-5706 (Cell).

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