



# NEWSLETTER - February 2011



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

## Saguaro Lake Score-O February 13th

On Sunday, February 13th, we'll have a special Score-O at Saguaro Lake. This course will be the product of course-setting students Derrick Beracy & Martin Dimitrov, working with Forest Brown to develop a Score-O course that's fun for beginners and challenging for experts. Come try out their course and give them feedback on how they did.

For this Score-O participants will have 2 hours to locate as many control markers as possible to accumulate points. Controls will be worth points based on level of difficulty and distance. Participants may choose to compete for time or complete the course recreationally (time not recorded). This event is open to everyone, members and non-members, regardless of age and experience. A free beginner's orienteering clinic will be offered at 9:30am.

The terrain is rolling hills with patches of rocky ground on mostly open grassland. The majority affords clear running, but watch for loose rock and the occasional cactus. Water stations will be available on the course and at the timer's table.

### Schedule:

Registration Starts.....	9:00 am
Beginner's Clinic.....	9:30 am
Course opens.....	9:30 am
Last Time to Start a Course.....	11:00 am
Course Closes.....	1:00 pm

### Cost (member/non-member):

Individual.....	\$5/\$10
Family / Team.....	\$8/\$15

### Directions:

**Using the Beeline Highway(87):** from the Loop 202 head Northeast on Country Club Road, which turns into the Beeline Hwy. Continue on the Beeline Hwy 22 miles (past Fountain Hills) to the Saguaro Lake/Bush Hwy turnoff. Turn right and follow the Bush Hwy 0.2 miles to the event site on the right side of the road. Look for the orange and white orienteering signs marking the pull off to the parking area.

**Using the Bush Hwy:** from Power Road and the Superstition Freeway (US60), go North 22 miles (Power Road turns into the Bush Hwy). You'll pass the Usery Pass junction in 13.5 miles, but continue heading North on the Bush Hwy. When you see the sign that says "Junction 87 - 1/2 mile", look for the orange and white orienteering "sandwich boards" marking the parking area on the left. You can also reach Power Road from the 202 now. Just exit the 202 at Power Road, turn left, and head North past Usery Pass junction and onward until you see the GPHXO sandwich boards.

### What to bring:

Water bottle(s), food.  
Whistle (required for all: available for \$1)  
Compass (available to rent for \$1)

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## Robbins Butte Results

Thanks mostly to the efforts of Forest Brown, we had a larger-than-normal turnout that included quite a few first timers. A total of 61 orienteers hit the desert floor in search of the elusive control markers, with ages ranging from 4 to 81 years. We also added three new members to our roster—welcome!

Forest set up a new Phoenix Orienteering group on meetup.com (<http://www.meetup.com/Phoenix-Orienteering/>). The big advantage is that by identifying related activities, the group is tied into a network of other outdoor groups. I would encourage all our members to use the site and “RSVP” to upcoming events. This is a fast and easy way for the course director to get an accurate count of how many maps to print, which saves us \$ and keeps our membership rates low.

The “purple” course concept morphed into the two traditional red and blue courses. Nearly all of the experienced orienteers opted for the blue, which turned out for many to be a challenge to complete

within the time allotted. Ron Birks had an outstanding run at 1:33:21 for fastest time on the Blue course.

The Red and Green courses did not get too many takers. Forest Brown and Gary Hickey had the Red all to themselves (although the Red course shadowed the Blue for the first half) and Forest finished with a very respectable time of 1:35:06. We also had a couple of boy scout troops join us. Troop 689 did exceptionally well by completing both the White/Yellow and Orange courses within the time allotted.

The Tucson club has graciously added the Robbins Butte base map to their RouteGadget website (<http://tucsonorienteeringclub.org/gadget/cgi-bin/reitti.cgi>). This tool lets you view the routes taken by other orienteers, and is extremely interesting and enlightening to compare routes taken. The tool also accepts GPS track uploads in .gpx file format, although you have to manually use tie points to get the correct scale and registration.

## One-Day Land Navigation Class Saturday April 2nd

There is a brochure on the club website with a registration form inside. When we receive your form and check, we'll send you lots of specifics about the event.

Participants meet **Saturday, April 2nd** near the town of Superior (about 30 miles east of Apache Junction) for a full day hands-on field session. Breakfast will be available at 7 AM and the class will run 8 AM until dusk. Primitive car camping is available Friday night at the meeting site.

Students will walk about four miles, with day packs, learning and practicing land navigation methods and techniques. The course covers compass use,

interpreting topographical maps and route planning. You will also learn aiming off, pace counting, triangulation, and more.

Students must provide their own Silva Ranger 15 CL 360-degree compass. (Another model may be used if it has a baseplate, a mirrored lid with a site and a mechanical declination scale adjustment). A Silva compass may be rented for \$5.

We will provide breakfast, lunch and plenty of snacks in the field. Students must provide their own transportation to and from the site.

**\$100** includes topo map, course materials and meals.

## ROBBIN'S BUTTE RESULTS:

Categories: M - Male  
F - Female  
T - Team

### Blue Course

<u>COMPETITOR</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>Team Members</u>
Ron Birks	M	1:33:21	1M	
Ludwig Hill	M	1:54:33	2M	
Mike Minium (OCIN)	M	2:16:25	3M	
Erik Ringnes	M	2:20:07	4M	
Tim Stefek	M	2:33:00	5M	
Tom & Warren	T	2:39:28	1T	TBD
Mike Zampino	M	2:39:45	6M	
David Marks	M	2:41:58	7M	
Windy Marks	F	2:51:46	1F	
Jesse Rutherford	M	DNF		
Lunatic Fringe	T	DNF		TBD
Kevin Adams	M	DNF		
Matt Zeilman	M	DNF		
Tina Stefek	F	DNF		
Team Florida/Peen/Mace	T	DNF		TBD

### Red Course

<u>COMPETITOR</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>RANK</u>
Forest Brown	M	1:35:06	1M
Gary Hickey	M	DNF	

### Green Course

<u>COMPETITOR</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>RANK</u>
Team Furedy	T	1:56:03	1T
Tim Tablada	M	DNF	

### Orange Course

<u>COMPETITOR</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>Team Members</u>
Team Haslell	T	DNF		TBD
Debra Allen	F	DNF		

Congratulations to the following recreational orienteers for successfully completing the course and finding all controls:

Troop 689, Team Tevis, Better Lost than Sober

### White/Yellow Course

<u>COMPETITOR</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>Team Members</u>
Troop 639	T	0:29:00	1T	TBD
Team Furedy	T	0:37:50	2T	TBD
Troop 485	T	0:44:00	3T	TBD

Congratulations to the following recreational orienteers for successfully completing the course and finding all controls:

Team Randolph, Sharon Fairchild, Brad Cohen, Lauren Derille, Las Locas,  
Team Bowman, Kathi Douglas

# Tucson Club's Box Canyon Classic Feb 19 & 20

(Excerpts from article written by Leif Lundquist)

**Visit [www.tucsonorientingclub.org](http://www.tucsonorientingclub.org)  
for more details about the event**

Welcome to a Tucson Orienteering Club weekend in the high desert! Leif Lundquist and Art Cantrell will set courses for two days of O Classics at Box Canyon, February 19-20, 2011. There will be a full set of courses from White to Blue both days.

This event will be held where the Arizona trail crosses Box Canyon Road. Leif's Saturday courses will be shorter but set in the steeper and tougher terrain of the Santa Rita foothills. Sunday, Art will challenge you with longer courses among the rolling hills east of the road.

We'll be on the 2009 Box Canyon map using pre-printed course maps and e-punching, which will allow us to provide results in real time including splits (times between controls). At the beginning of each day there will be an Orienteering clinic covering orienteering basics, maps, and compass use, with special attention given to the use of SI-cards for e-punching. They're very easy to use, and there will also be several experienced users to assist. Rental cards (sticks) will be available.

The terrain is open with sweeping ridges from which you can see forever. Go down into the valleys and it's a challenge to keep track of which side canyon you're heading for. There are areas of higher hills, surrounded by fractal elevation curves that break the hillsides down into smaller and smaller re-entrants. Saturday and Sunday courses will be on different parts of the map and using different configurations. Preliminary distances will be as follows: Blue (6-8 km), Red (5-7 km), Green (4-5 km), Brown (3-4 km), Orange (5-6 km), Yellow (3-4 km), White (about 2-3 km).

**Registration:** Generally directly on-site, but you can speed up the process and help the meet directors by registering on-line at the club website by Monday, February 14. Notifying us ahead of time on-line speeds the on-site registration process and helps us in printing the right number of maps. On arrival, please check in at the registration desk to sign our waiver and pay the appropriate fees. You can also view who else is pre-registered at the club website

**Fees per day:** Members \$7 per individual, \$10 per team for members of any recognized orienteering club. Non-members: \$12 per individual and \$17 per team. \$2 discount on Sunday if you also participated on Saturday. SI-card rental: \$1. Compass rental: \$1. Safety whistles to keep: \$1. Every person, regardless of course, will be required to carry some type of safety whistle.

**Schedule, Saturday/Sunday:**

9:15 AM: Orienteering clinic starts.

9:30 AM: Registration opens.

10:00 AM: Courses open.

12:00 noon: Last start.

2:00 PM: Courses close.

2:00 PM: Control retrieval begins – Please volunteer with the meet director!

All runners must return to Start/Finish by 2 PM.

**Directions:** From Tucson, drive east on I-10 to SR 83 (Exit 281). Then drive south on SR 83 for 17 miles to Greaterville Road (between mileposts 42 and 41). Turn right at Greaterville Road and drive about 3 miles to the Y-junction at the end of the asphalt pavement. Take the right fork (Box Canyon Road) and drive about 1 mile to the event site. It takes about an hour to get to the event site from downtown Tucson.

**Parking:** There is parking space on the sides of the road but it is limited, so please car pool and park perpendicular to the road as much as possible.

## Thanks to our Volunteers

A special thanks to Ron and Kathi for once again bringing drink coolers and snacks for orienteers to enjoy—greatly appreciated!

Many thanks to the volunteers who help run the event and supported control retrieval:

Dianne Haselfeld	Debra Allen
Gary Larson	Mike Minium
Ron Birks	Gary Hickey
Kathi Douglas	Kevin Adams
Forest Brown	Matt Zeilman
Ludwig Hill	

*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

Feb 19-20	Box Canyon 2-Day Classic B Meet
Mar 6	Univ of Arizona Sprint
Mar 20	Kentucky Camp Score-O
Apr 17	Greasewood Park Score-O
May 15	Greaterville Classic-O
Jun 19	Tucson Street-O
Sept 18	Bear Wallow
Nov 20	Catalina State park
Dec 18	Ironwood Picnic Area

## GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

Feb 13	Saguaro Lake Score-O
Mar 13	First Water
Apr 2	Land Navigation Class
Apr 10	Bomboy Mine (TENTATIVE)
May 21	Prescott Bike-O

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)

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