



NEWSLETTER - January 2014



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

January 11, Robbins Butte 3-Hour Score-O

Like last year, we will be holding the Robbins Butte event **on a Saturday**.

Hopefully this will give an opportunity for some members who can't usually make it to the Sunday events. A "Score-O" orienteering course means that the participant can **visit the control points in any order**. 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).

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.

People of all skill levels are encouraged to

participate. A **free beginner's clinic** will be available for new participants and those needing a refresher. You may start anytime after the course opens at 9:30 am until 11:00 am, although to get the full 3 hours on the course, you must start no later than 10:30 am. Everyone, competitors and recreational participants alike, must be off the course and checked into the timer's table by 1:30 pm. The penalty for being over the 3-hour limit (or after 1:30 pm) is 10 points per minute.

We still need volunteers to help with equipment setup, registration and timing tables, and bag pick-up after the event. If you've been thinking about helping out with an event, this is a great chance to get started! Please contact Glenn Haselfeld if you can help -

glennoutdoor@cableone.net

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 website) before the event and either scan it and send it to us by e-mail or bring it with you to the event.

Directions to the Event:

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 (N33°18.8384' W112°40.8891 WGS-84). 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 (N33°18.8384' W112°40.8891 WGS-84). The road is passable to passenger cars.

What to Bring

- water bottles - some water on the course, but stops are far apart
- whistle - required for all participants, can purchase for \$1
- compass - can rent for \$1
- sunscreen - no shade on the course
- sturdy hiking shoes and long pants

Schedule

Registration begins 9:00 am
 Beginners Clinic 9:30 am
 Course opens 9:30 am
 Last start time 11:00 am
 Course closes 1:30 pm

Cost

Individual member: \$5
 Individual non-member \$10
 Family / team (member) \$8
 Family / team (non member) \$15

Results of our December event:

Congratulations to the top finishers in our December Score-O event at the Reach-11 site near North Mountain:

1. Andy Wentzel
2. Ludwil Hill
3. Max Suter
4. Erik Ringnes
5. Jobsearchers Team

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

February 9 Coon Bluff
March 8-9 First Water
April 12-13 Saguaro Lake

Please visit our web site:

<http://www.gphxo.org>

...for the latest schedule and event details!

Our season ends with the April event at Saguaro Lake, but check the Tucson club's schedule for more events!

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.

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

Tucson Club Event Schedule

2014

January 12 Cat Mountain
Jan 18-20 Anza Borrego CA
January 26 Sabino Canyon
February 15-16 Catalina State Park
March 16 Cave Creek
April 19-20 Slavin Gulch

www.tucsonorienteeringclub.org

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