



# NEWSLETTER - May 2017



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

## May 13-14 - Prescott Orienteering Weekend

*We continue to have enough leaders and participants to present multiple orienteering events each month. This month, we have three events planned, all in the Prescott area, where it will be a bit cooler.*

### **Sat. May 13 - Beginner's Clinic and Classic-O Event at Big Juniper**

A free clinic to learn the basics of navigation with map and compass. After taking this ~1.5 hour class, you should be ready to try our "Wilderness Sprint" course immediately following at the same location.

And the same site, there will be two Classic-O courses - an "orange" course and the Wilderness Sprint course. For classic courses, you must visit the control points in the order shown on the map, and all points must be visited to receive a valid score time.

### **Sat. May 13—Night-O at White Rock**

That evening, we will move to the White Rock site for a Night-O event, from 8-10 pm. This classic course is designed as three shorter loops, all close to Thumb Butte road, which can provide an easy path back to the start if needed.

This will be a "Motola" is a type of race that is run as a sequence of loops. For this event, you will be presented the "Loop 1" map at your start time. Upon completing the first loop, your loop time is recorded

and you will be immediately presented with the Loop 2 map. Competitors can choose to complete 1, 2, or all 3 loops; there will be scoring categories for all 3.

### **Sun. May 14 - Spence Creek Score-O**

Sunday morning, we will wrap up the Orienteering Weekend with a 2-hour Score-O event at Spence Creek. This is our newest Prescott map area, which features a lot of detail for small reentrants (dry washes), boulders and knolls (small hilltops). The area is filled with lots of small trails and footpaths, so there will be lots of route choices.

You will have 2 hours to find as many control points as you can, and the points can be visited in any sequence.

### **PreRegistration & Costs for Events !**

SAVE MONEY by preregistering by May 10th. It's not required, but it helps us know how many maps to prepare. Showing up at the event and registering onsite will now cost more—see pages 3&4 for details. To preregister, visit the event page on our website, [GPHXO.org](http://GPHXO.org).

**See inside the newsletter for schedules, costs, and directions to the events - or visit [GPHXO.org](http://GPHXO.org)**

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## 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. There will be water at the start/finish .
- Sun screen.

Sturdy hiking shoes and long pants are recommended. You may encounter cactus, cat claw, and loose terrain.

**For the Night-O event, you will also need a headlamp or flashlight - and be sure to bring spare batteries!**

## PreRegistration

Pre-registration is not required, but it helps us know how many maps to print... and we have also changed our registration fees so that if you DO pre-register, it costs less to participate in the events! See the event details on pages 3-4 for costs.

To preregister, go to the event page on our website:

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

## Directions

The "center sheet" in this month's newsletter (pages 3 and 4) includes details, schedule, cost and directions for each event. More detailed directions and GPS coordinates are available on the website.

## GPHXO Membership

See the back cover of the newsletter for information on joining the Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club. When you are a member, you get a discount on the entry fees for each event, plus we will email you the newsletter each month as soon as it is available!

## Recent Event Results

### April 8th - Reach 11 Sprints

Ten people joined us for the Beginner's Clinic. Top finishers in Sprint 1 were Hollon Kinney, Gary Hickey, Bren McIver, and the Surprise Shotputters (top team) For Sprint 2, Hollon Kinney, Heather McLean and the Scorpions (top team). Thanks to Ron Birks and Gary Hickey for planning and presenting the event.

### April 8th - Saguaro Lake Night-O

Top finishers were Erik Ringnes, dan Yamashiro and James Allred; top team finisher was Scorpions. 19 people participated. Thank you to David Thompson and Ron Birks for planning and presenting the event.



### April 9 - Coon Bluff Classic-O

Top finishers for the white course were two teams: Scorpions and Permanently Lost. Top finishers on the brown course were Jeff Haskell, Chee Loh, Heather McLean. Top green course finishers were Erik Ringnes, Jeff Bruckner and William Stevens; top team finisher was So Far, So Good. Thank you to Gary Hickey, Ron Birks, Erik Ringnes and David Thompson for planning and presenting this event.



## Saturday May 13 - Big Juniper Beginner's Clinic and Classic-O

On Saturday, May 13, the Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club is offering two events. Beginning at 9 am, there will be a free teaching clinic. Then from 10:30—2 pm, there will be two Classic-O courses (visit all controls in a specific order, aim for fastest time).

### Schedule

Check-In / Registration Starts ..... 8:45am  
Clinic..... 9 am—10:30 am  
Registration for Classic-O..... 10 am  
Classic-O Courses Open ..... 10:30 am  
Sprint Courses Close..... 2 pm

### Registration (applies to ALL events)

The Beginner's Clinic is free; each of the other events—Big Juniper, White Rock and Spence Creek are separate registrations.

IF YOU PREREGISTER (deadline for this event—May 10):

Individual (member/non-member) ..... \$5 / 10  
Team (member/non-member) ..... \$8 / 15

If YOU DO NOT PRE-REGISTER

Individual (member/non-member) ..... \$10 / 15  
Team (member/non-member) ..... \$15 / 20

WEEKEND SPECIAL: Sign up for all three courses and you only have to pay for two.

### Directions

Phoenix to Prescott: I-17 north to Cordes Junction, exit 262. Keep left and take AZ 69 into Prescott. Keep left as you approach the AZ 89 junction and follow East Gurley Street to Courthouse Square / Whiskey Row.

Travel west on Gurley, which turns into Thumb Butte Rd. (1.5 miles) Keep left and travel about 2 miles to Thumb Butte Park Recreation Area. Continue another 1.8 miles to FR 373; turn left and follow FR 373 another 1.8 miles. Look for orange and white orienteering signs at FR 51—turn left, event site is about 300 meters down the road. Park along FR 51.

## Saturday May 13 - White Rock Night-O

This event is intended to provide a less intimidating transition from day orienteering to night orienteering. This classic course is designed as three shorter loops, all close to Thumb Butte road, which can provide an easy path back to the start if needed. The navigational difficulty is mostly Yellow (easy in the day; intermediate at night).

### Schedule

Registration Starts ..... 7:30 pm  
Courses Open ..... 8 pm  
(last start time is 8:15 pm)  
Course Closes..... 10:15 pm

### Registration / Costs

See the registration information for the Big Juniper event, to the left

### Directions

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Travel west on Gurley about 1.5 miles to where it becomes Thumb Butte Rd. Keep left, continue 2.1 miles to the intersection with Camp Willow Springs Road. The event HQ is in the dirt parking area on the NW side of the intersection.

*Please visit our website ( [gphxo.org](http://gphxo.org) ) for more detailed directions and GPS coordinates to each event site. Follow the links to the site locations on the main page.*

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You will have 2 hours to find as many control points as you can, and the points can be visited in any sequence. The penalty for returning past the 2-hour limit is 10 points per minute.

### Schedule

Registration Starts .....	8:45 am
Courses Open .....	9 am
Last Start Time .....	11 am
Courses Close .....	1 pm

### Registration / Costs

See the registration section for the Big Juniper event on pg. 3

### Directions

Phoenix to Prescott: I-17 north to Cordes Junction, exit 262. Keep left and take AZ 69 into Prescott. Keep left as you approach the AZ 89 junction and follow East Gurley Street to Courthouse Square / Whiskey Row.

From the northwest corner of Courthouse Square, ravel north on Montezuma Street approximately one mile to where it curves to the west and turns into Whipple Street. Continue approximately 0.7 miles on Whipple Street to the intersection with Willow Creek Road/Miller Valley Road. At this point, the street in front of you is Iron Springs Road.

Continue west/northwest on Iron Springs Road approximately 4.4 miles to the unmarked road "Forest Trail 332". The turnoff is on the south side of Iron Springs road approximately 0.4 miles after milepost 4. An orange and white orienteering sign will mark the entrance to the road on the event day.

Parking for the event is about a quarter of a mile south down the forest road. Signs will direct you to the event parking.

Besides the numerous **hotels and campgrounds** in the Prescott area, there is **limited primitive camping available** in designated areas (some are quite close to the Big Juniper and White Rock event sites).

### What to Bring:

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- Water. There will be water at the start/finish and, for some courses, on the course. But bring your own water as well, and plenty of it!
- Sun screen.

Sturdy hiking shoes and long pants are recommended. You may encounter cactus, cat claw, and loose terrain.

### For the Night-O event, also bring:

- Illumination Device - headlamp, flashlight or other device so you can see your map!
- Spare batteries for your light - or even a spare flashlight!

### Participants under age 18 (all events):

*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.*

### Land Navigation Class & Map Hikes

In past years, we have run a two-day Land Navigation class; a Thursday night session in the Phoenix area, and then an all-day Saturday training session in the Superstition Mountains area. We haven't had a Land Nav class in a while, but if you think you might be interested, contact the club and let us know.

Also, we have occasionally done "map hikes," where an experienced leader takes a group out on a hike, and points out various land features and how they appear on the map. If you would be interested in doing a "map hike" some time, let us know that too!

**GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule**

- Sat Jun 10—Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff
- Sat Jul 15—Fort Tuthill, Flagstaff
- Sat-Sun Oct 14-15—Petrified Forest Rogaine
- Sat Nov 11—Papago Park Sprints
- Sun Nov 12—Black Canyon City, Rock Springs
- Sat Dec 9—Mesquite Library Beginners Clinic
- Sun Dec 9—Coon Bluff Night-O
- Sun Dec 10—Saguaro Lake

*...and we have more events planned for 2018—see the website for our new schedule!*

**Events with Other Clubs:**

- Fri June 2—White Mountains Youth Meet
- Sun Nov 19—Catalina State Park (Tucson O)

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

And check out the GPHXO online store:

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

*We’re also at:*

[www.meetup.com/Phoenix-Orienteering](http://www.meetup.com/Phoenix-Orienteering)

*and*

[www.facebook.com/GPHXO](http://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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