

## **PTC DONATES SPOTTING SCOPES TO McDOWELL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK**

4/27/2009 – Co-Race Director, John Lierle announced today that the Phoenix Triathlon Club, producers of the TriSports.com Desert Classic Duathlon has donated four Barska high powered spotting telescopes to McDowell Mountain Regional Park, the host venue for the February multi-sport event. Park Supervisor, Rand Hubble, accepted the donation on behalf of McDowell Mountain Regional Park, part of the Maricopa County Regional Park system.

Mr. Hubble said the park will use the telescopes as part of their ongoing educational program. Park rangers will set up the telescopes at various locations throughout the park so visitors can view the diverse desert wildlife that exists in the park. The first stop for the new scopes was on a park trail to observe a nest of newborn owlets.

Mr. Lierle stated "We continue to enjoy a great relationship with McDowell Mountain Park which has hosted the TriSports.com Desert Classic Duathlon for over twelve years. It is an honor for us to donate these spotting scopes so park visitors can experience the rich desert habitat that our race participants enjoy every February."

McDowell Mountain Regional Park is nestled in the lower Verde River basin; the 21,099-acre park is a desert jewel in the northeast Valley. Elevations in the park rise to 3,000 feet along the western boundary at the base of the McDowell Mountains. Visitors enjoy a full program schedule, over 50 miles of multiuse trails, and spectacular views of the surrounding mountain ranges. A stroll through the park will allow visitors to likely see deer, javelina, birds, and coyotes.

