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**The Club always welcomes
guests and former members.**

**Guests (over age 18) may
participate in up to two club
activities on a space available
basis. Membership is open to
those who are age 50 and
over.**

**Former members must rejoin
the club to participate in any
club activity unless visiting
from out of town.**



Board Notes by Jim Marquart

Ski Season is almost over for most of us. It has been a great year and I want to thank Rick Olson for doing a terrific job coordinating our Ski Bus Trips. The larger bus really was more comfortable and we had a good increase in ridership as a result. I also want to give kudos to Ric Denton for another very successful Arrowhead trip and Joe Maio for a great trip to Snow Mountain Ranch. As winter fades into spring you can see in the following pages there are lots of spring and summer activities scheduled, so come out and join us.

The Nominating Committee comprised of Frank Capece, Susan Callahan, and Jim Marquart will present its proposed slate of Board Members at the April meeting for election at the May meeting. Directors will assume their duties on June 1, 2017.

I always have some business cards we can use to pass information on to prospective members. If you want some, check with me at a future meeting. I would ask us all to visit with someone, new or not so new, we don't know well at a club activity. New members and new friends are what make this club great. If you have comments or suggestions for the Board, please call (719) 640-1762 or email me at jtmarquart@gmail.com.

If you have an idea for a new club activity and want to help organize it please give me a call. We are always open to new ideas. We always appreciate feedback on how things are going. The club newsletter is easily accessible at www.ppothg.com and click on Newsletters.

Membership by Janice Harris

Welcome MORE new members to our PPOTHG club! Current membership now stands at 215.

Newest members are:

Anthony Holliday: Anthony heard about us through “Life After 50” Magazine. His interests include snowshoeing, hiking, camping, biking, horseshoes and frisbee. Welcome Anthony. You are bound to have fun with this club.

Chris & De’Lynne Lehman: Chris and De’Lynne discovered PPOTHG through the local newspaper, *The Independent*. Their interests include skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, camping and biking. I would imagine they have already been involved in a couple of these activities since they joined the club in January. Welcome Chris & De’Lynne. We look forward to having you in PPOTHG.

Chris Sarver: I believe Chris has already been on a ski trip with our club, so some of you may have met him. Along with skiing, Chris enjoys hiking, walking, golf and social events. Current member Brian Stone introduced Chris to PPOTHG. Welcome to the club, Chris. We hope you have a great time meeting club members as you participate in the many activities available.

Nancy Peters: Nancy heard about PPOTHG and joined as a result of a friend’s recommendation. Activities you will no doubt see Nancy involved in are snowshoeing and hiking. Hopefully she has been able to get out on a couple of the many hikes we have had recently. Welcome Nancy.

Carol Boren: I am not sure where Carol learned about PPOTHG but all of you travelers will be able to get some great stories and travel tips from Carol since she has lived in Italy for many years. Carol is interested in our skiing, hiking and golf activities. Welcome Carol, we look forward to meeting you and having you as a member of our club.

Social Activities by Sherrie Denton

POTLUCK MEETING, High Plains Unitarian Church – Wed, April 12 at 5:30 pm

1825 Dominion Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80918. [Map](#)

If you are on I-25, take the Woodmen exit, drive East and then exit South onto North Academy. The church is located on the East side of the street.

Please bring a dish to share for eight members and we can also bring wine, or whatever you wish to drink. We are to enter on the side double doors, to the left of the parking lot. The church closes at 5:00 pm, so I will get there early to be given an access key. Upon arrival, we need to set up the eight foot tables for ourselves, so volunteers will be appreciated. At the end of the meeting we will need to clean up and leave everything in good order, the way we found it.

I will be outside looking for members, to help guide you to the entry point. This will be new to most of us, so we’ll just have to get back into the potluck groove and get used to a new location. And, yes there will be electrical outlets for your crock pots.

POTLUCK MEETING, High Plains Unitarian Church – Wed, May 10 at 5:30 pm

Questions? Call 576-0483 or sherriedenton@gmail.com

Biking by Phil McDonald

An organizational meeting was held on March 14 to plan rides for the 2017 PPOTHG Cycling Group. The season begins on Tuesday April 4 and will continue through October 31. Local rides will take place on Tuesdays (weather permitting) during the season and will start from different trailheads as announced by the ride leader. Ride distances typically range between 12 and 25 miles. Every effort will be made to ride on local trails and lesser travelled streets.

This year's schedule features seven "road trips" to Denver (2), Pueblo, Leadville, Summit County, Fort Collins, and Glenwood Springs-Aspen. Four trips (Leadville, Summit County, Fort Collins, and Glenwood-Springs-Aspen are multiple-day excursions.

Currently, our list of active cyclists includes 27 PPOTHG members. If you would like to be included on the list, please contact Cycling Coordinator, Phil McDonald at pharoahphil@comcast.net. Happy Cycling!

Pickleball by Nancy Podczervinski

Pickleball is played on a badminton-sized court (indoor or outdoor) with the net lowered to 34 inches at the center. It requires a perforated plastic ball similar to a wiffle ball and a flat-surfaced wood, composite, or graphite paddle about twice the size of a ping-pong paddle.

Nancy Steffy, Pikes Peak Pickle ball Club president, offered free lessons on Saturdays at 11:00 at the Wasson High School courts and I hope she will continue giving lessons soon. Equipment (paddle and balls) is provided. You do not need to possess a certain skill level. Come join the fun.

I bet you thought I forgot all about your interest in starting to play Pickleball. I finally received information regard Pickleball for this spring and summer. I apologize but I am asking you to send me your email address if you are interested as I received verbal interest as well and I don't want to miss anyone. I will put it all in a folder and send you the information as I receive it. The problem was that many of the people to contact regarding Pikes Peak Pickleball Club were gone for the winter and the person that schedules lessons will not be back until sometime in March. (Nancy Steffy)

First plan: Is to get information on lessons (paddles will be provided for lessons). I am hoping that they will schedule lessons just for our group since there are around 8 or more people that would like to learn and play in our group. Once the information is given we can make plans on what the majority would like to do then.

If you are interested after trying it out there will be a schedule on when the courts are open through the club. The cost to join is \$20 to join the club.

We can see about starting our own group. We will need to find courts though. (Watson?) We can schedule our time to go together once a week.

The other option once we learn is to go to the YMCA. (Garden Ranch) Although non-members will pay \$10.00 per visit though. Since Pickleball is mostly an outdoor sport the schedule to play is May through September or October and will be held at Memorial Valley Park. Once I receive the information to get the "ball" rolling I will keep you informed. Thanks for your patience. Nancy Podczervinski - nancypod1223@yahoo.com

Camping by Nancy Podczervinski

The next possible reservation is open for you to reserve for August 13-15. Reservations can be accepted now at Recreation.gov for Alvarado Campgrounds, Westcliff, Colorado– See [Persiad Meteor showers](#) - No suggested sites just try to find a site that fits your rig.

Camping Schedule for Summer 2017

Camping Dates	Reservations	Campground Names	Loops/ Spaces	Facilities	Nearest Town Notes & Links
May 14-19 Sun-Fri	Reservations not accepted but campground never fills	Bandelier National Monument	Juniper	No Hookups Vault Toilets Water Spigots	Los Alamos, NM Bandelier NM
June 11-16 Sun-Fri	Reserve Now at Recreation.Gov	Vallecito Campground	Loop B	No Hookups Vault Toilets Water Spigots	Bayfield, CO Vallecito Campground
July 16-21 Sun-Fri	Reservations accepted now at Reserveamerica.com	Sylvan Lake State Park	Sites 19-29	No Hookups Showers Toilets Dump Station Water Spigots	Eagle, CO Sylvan Lake State Park
Aug 13-15 Sun-Tues	Reservations accepted now at Recreation.Gov	Alvarado Campground	Any	No Hookups Vault Toilets Water Spigots	Westcliffe, CO Great opportunity to view Persiad Meteor Showers Alvarado Campground
Aug 19-Sep 2 Sat-Sun	TBA < More information coming soon >	Glacier National Park & Waterton Lakes National Park in Canada	TBA	TBA	Great Falls, MT A 2 week trip to Glacier NP and Waterton Lakes NP, Canada (Passport Needed in Canada) Glacier National Park
Sep 24-28 Sun-Thur	Reservations accepted starting March 24 at Reserveamerica.com	Mueller State Park	TBA	Electric Hookups Showers Toilets Water Spigots Dump Station	Divide, CO Mueller State Park

Golf by Judith Stassen

Golf is just around the corner! Watch for emails in April. With the warm weather you've probably been on a course or two already!

Hiking by Arthur Foley

Hike reminders with any final adjustments are normally sent out two days in advance of each hike. Please pay close attention to them and, if at all possible, let the Hike Leader know if you intend to participate. In the interest of safety and fun, we ask that our hikers read and follow certain guidelines. These can be found in the [Hiker's Guidelines](#), located in the Hiking section of the PPOTHG website.

Hiking descriptions in [Blue and Underlined](#) are linked to websites. You should be able to simply hold down the ctrl key & click on them to go directly to websites for more information.

2017 Date	Hike Name	Ratings & Dogs	Miles & Elev. Gain	Hike Description And Links	Meeting Place	Hike Leader
Apr 4 Tue	Paint Mines at Calhan	Easy No pets	4 mi 400 ft.	A gentle stroll through the eastern prairie. The geologic formations highlight this hike. Info. Map	Woodman & Black Forest Park & Ride	Bill Kane williamkane1@q.com 482-8954
Apr 13 Mon	Tunnel Drive Cañon City	Easy Dogs OK	5 mi 300 ft.	This is a hike along the Arkansas River gorge near Canyon City. We will walk through old railroad tunnels. Tunnel Drive Info	Sears - Broadmoor Towne Center 2050 Southgate Rd	Linda Langston Lindalangston1@aol.com 579-8135
Apr 17 Mon	Aiken Canyon Open Space	Moderate No pets	5.4 mi 550 ft.	This is a loop trail with a 1 mile in and out hike that follows a creek up the canyon. It is a mix of grasslands and forest. Aiken Canyon Info	Sears - Broadmoor Towne Center 2050 Southgate Rd	Art Porter aartporter@q.com Res 634-7280 or Cell 258-7269
Apr 25 Tue	Lincoln Mountain Open Space	Moderate Dogs OK	4.5 mi 400 ft.	We will be taking the scenic Palmer Divide Ranch Trail with views along the West Cherry Creek. Info. Map & Another view	Woodmen Road Park n Ride at I-25 & Woodmen Rd	Arthur Foley afoley@ret.unca.edu 535-9085
May 3 Wed	High Drive to Mays Peak	Easy Dogs OK	3 mi 550 ft.	This will take us up High drive and up to Mays peak with great views of our city. Map & Info .	Starsmore Discovery Center 2120 S Cheyenne Cañon Rd	Mike Witter ukmaw@yahoo.com 660-5758
May 11 Thur	Greenland Open Space	Moderate Dogs OK	8.5 mi. 500 ft.	This is a loop hike in Greenland Open Space north of Palmer Lake. Info & Map	Woodmen Road Park n Ride at I-25 & Woodmen Rd	Art Porter aartporter@q.com Res 634-7280 or Cell 258-7269
May 16 Tue	Palmer Trail Loop /Section 16	Moderate Dogs OK	5.5 mi. 1,750ft.	This hike takes us up and around the Palmer Trail with its great views of the area. Info & Map .	Safeway parking lot, 1 block west of 32nd St. on Colorado Ave	Mike Witter ukmaw@yahoo.com 660-5758
May 25 Thur	Mt. Buckhorn	Moderate Dogs OK	3.7 mi. 850 ft.	We will go up the Buckhorn Trail and come back via Capt'n Jacks Trail and High Drive. Roughly the route .	Starsmore Discovery Center 2120 S Cheyenne Cañon Rd	Mike Witter ukmaw@yahoo.com 660-5758
May 30 Tues	Fox Run Regional Park	Easy Dogs OK	4 mi. 300 ft	This is a loop hike through the ponderosa pines and rolling hills of beautiful Fox Run Regional Park. Info & Map	Trailhead parking lot on Rollercoaster Road	Bill Kane williamkane1@q.com 482-8954

Save the Dates

The first part of this Save the Dates shows what is still happening the rest of **March**, since the Newsletter comes out in mid-month.

Mar 16 – Ski Bus, Keystone

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Mar 20 – Ski Bus, Breckenridge & Copper

Mar 23 – Hike, Red Rock Canyon

Mar 29 – Hike, Bear Creek Park

Mar 30 – Ski Bus, Keystone

Apr 4 – Hike, Paint Mines at Calhan

Apr 12 – **Potluck Meeting, Unitarian Church**

Apr 13 – Hike, Tunnel drive in Canyon City

Apr 17 – Hike, Aiken Canyon Open Space

Apr 25 – Hike, Lincoln Mountain Open Space

May 3 – Hike, High Drive to Mays Peak

May 10 – **Potluck Meeting, Unitarian Church**

May 11– Hike, Greenland Open Space

May 16 – Hike, Palmer Trail Loop/Section 16

May 25 – Hike, Mt. Buckhorn

May 30 – Hike, Fox Run Regional Park

UP COMING EVENT

Sept 10 – **Annual Picnic**, Cheyenne Mountain State Park