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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.**



Presidents Message by Janice Harris for Ric Denton

I hope you are all having a safe, wonderful and busy summer. Ric Denton and his wife Sherrie are enjoying a fabulous Baltic Cruise, so I will attempt to build my resume' as PPOTHG VP by providing you a brief update of the club news in this months President's Message.

As I recall in my youth, mid-July meant "Summer is half way over...I really have to get out there and make the best of the time left before school starts again." Fortunately, in retirement I have a much more relaxed attitude and it is more like, "Well, I wonder what is the next exciting activity our PPOTHG club has to offer?"

Our seasoned hike leaders continue to offer beautiful hikes at a variety of locations in and around Colorado Springs. The hike leaders send weekly email notices that give great descriptions of when, where, how long and the hiking ability level for every hike. This information is especially helpful to those members new to Colorado Springs.

Since its resurrection this past Spring, the biking group has exploded with participants. Every Tuesday the group heads out on a ride. I understand there has even been a "road trip" or two with a glass of wine as a reward at the end of the trail. If that doesn't sound like a fun bike ride, I don't know what does!

Golfers continue to enjoy the amazing Colorado mornings as they tee off at various golf courses around Colorado Springs. Keep an eye on your PPOTHG Golf email notices for the exact time and place each week.

The PPOTHG camping "family" is enjoying trips from New Mexico to Montana and into Canada this year. I can only imagine the number of 'smores being consumed throughout the summer. Add to

that, the possibility of a little “relaxing wine therapy” after a day of camping fun!

Although we don't have any competitions scheduled (yet) Pickleball has had a great kick off and hopefully members will be working this new activity into their busy schedules.

Our monthly meetings continue to be a great place to meet with members (current and new) to relive stories of the various PPOTHG activities. Thanks to Patty Martinez for all the work she does to make each of these meetings a success. I'd like to say a special "Thank You" to Jack and Elaine Brush for opening their beautiful home to our group for the July dinner meeting. The view from their deck surely reinforces the beauty of our city and why we all stay active in the many outdoor programs PPOTHG has to offer.

Enjoy the rest of your summer in safety and good health!

And from Ric himself:

"Greetings from afar" and we are having a great time on our Baltic Cruise.

Membership by Janice Harris

Our PPOTHG club continues to attract new members and certainly supports my Membership Mantra of “New Memberships equals New Friendships!” We welcome 9 new members in this newsletter, bringing our total membership to a whopping 240 members!

Newest members:

Stu Mertz: I'm sure many of you have already met Stu as he has been to at least one of the monthly dinner meetings and has participated in other PPOTHG activities. Stu read about our PPOTHG in the local *Independent* newspaper. He enjoys hiking, camping, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and participating in social and cultural events. As a result of those many interests, Stu will be active in our group year around. Welcome Stu, we look forward to getting to know you better.

Connie Miller: Current member Donna Brockman invited Connie to join PPOTHG, so my guess is that she is one of the many new participants in our biking group. Along with biking, Connie enjoys skiing, snowshoeing and hiking. Welcome Connie, we are happy to have you join our club.

Rhonda Cohen: Rhonda is married to current member Mike Cohen. She enjoys snowshoeing, hiking and our latest addition to the list of PPOTHG activities, Pickleball. It's great to have you join our group Rhonda and we look forward to meeting you at the next PPOTHG event.

Steve Ernst: Steve doesn't remember exactly where he first heard about PPOTHG, but that just makes him fit in that much the better. Steve enjoys skiing, hiking, biking and tennis. Although we don't have an official tennis group, maybe you will try your hand at Pickleball, Steve. Welcome to PPOTHG, it's a great group and I am sure you will enjoy the many activities.

Janet Hildebrant: I am not sure where Janet heard about our group but I would guess she has already met many of you since hiking is one of her interests. In addition to hiking, we hope to see Janet on one of our skiing, snowshoeing, camping and biking adventures. Welcome Janet.

Terre Topp: I am definitely going to enlist current member Donna Brockman as my “Head of Recruiting!” Terre is another new member Donna introduced to PPOTHG. Terre enjoys skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, camping and biking. I am sure you will enjoy your outings with others in PPOTHG. Welcome!

Robert Truscott: Another Donna Brockman recruit!! An additional connection to PPOTHG for Robert is the fact that his wife, Cosette, has recently joined our group. I'm pretty sure Robert realized he just couldn't miss out the great PPOTHG activities. Robert enjoys skiing, hiking camping and biking. It's great to have you join our group. Welcome Robert.

Liz & Larry Bagby: Our website continues to attract new members as this is where Liz and Larry heard about PPOTHG following their recent relocation to Colorado Springs from Dallas, TX. The Bagby's enjoy skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, biking and cooking. Welcome to Colorado and to our PPOTHG. I think you will find our many activities a great deal of fun and an opportunity to meet new friends.

Judith Hamand: Judith met our PPOTHG hiking group during one of their recent outings. After hiking with the group on a beautiful Colorado day, Judith decided to join our club. Although hiking is her main focus right now, we hope Judith will participate in other activities where she can meet more of our PPOTHG members. Welcome Judith.

Welcome to our 10 newest members of PPOTHG

Social Activities by Patty Martinez

9 Aug 2017 Picnic Dinner Meeting

The 9 Aug picnic meeting will be held at 2110 Stella Drive, Fox Run Regional Park, Medium Pavilion #4, 80921. THIS IS NOT A POTLUCK! Please bring your own picnic dinner, drinks and plates and utensils. Meeting will be at 5:30 and picnic at 6:30.

Alcoholic beverages or glass containers are not permitted. Open fires are not permitted.

10 Sep at 12:30 pm Annual Picnic at Cheyenne Mountain State Park

We will meet at the Cheyenne Mountain State Park, Prairie Skipper Pavilion. Lunch will be served at 1:00 but you can enter the park whenever you want, hike and enjoy the area. This year horseshoes will be available. Lunch will be catered by Buffalo Gals and will furnish a complete lunch, including dessert.

The cost is \$5.00 each or \$10.00 per couple. Please mail your checks, made out to Pikes Peak Over the Hill Gang, to: Patty Martinez, 6035 Tuckerman Ln, C/S 80918. Your check is your reservation and **I need your checks by 6 Sep.**

Directions: Drive south on I 25 and take exit 140. Turn right onto CO 115 S (Nevada Ave). Follow Nevada Ave to JL Ranch Heights Rd and turn right (This is across the street from Gate 1 of Ft Carson). Upon entering the main gate, a \$7.00 fee per vehicle will be charged unless you have a valid Aspen Pass or are riding with someone who has one. Follow the main road ahead. Prairie Skipper Pavilion will be about one mile up the main road on the left side.

Golf by Judith Stassen

We have had some wonderful days of golf on six different courses. New members have joined our little group who add to the fun. For others who are thinking about joining, we play 9-holes on Mondays. We are not a league so you don't need a handicap and don't have to tell anyone your score! Watch the emails for info on the date for our Best Ball Scramble.

Biking by Phil McDonald

August Cycling Schedule

Date	Trailhead	Ride Description	Recommended Bike
Tuesday, 8/1	Monument Valley park	16 miles total. East on Rock Island Trail to Powers Blvd.	road/hybrid
Tuesday, 8/8	Woodman Park&Ride	28 miles total. North on Santa Fe to Monument	mountain/hybrid
Tuesday, 8/15	Monument Valley park	16 miles total. West on Midland Trail to Manitou	road/hybrid
Monday-Tuesday 8/21-22	Frisco, CO 10 mile Island condos	24 miles total. Frisco to Keystone 24 miles total. Frisco-Vail Pass	road/hybrid road/hybrid
Tuesday 8/29	Philip S. Miller Park Castle Rock, CO	12 mile mountain bike ride	mountain/hybrid

September rides will be found on the PPOTHG website Calendar.

If you haven't registered as a PPOTHG Cyclist, contact Phil McDonald at pharoahphil@comcast.net. Don't miss out on the fun.

Pickleball by Carol

Interested in learning something new? Then come join us in Monument Valley Park on Mondays and Thursdays at 4:00pm for pickleball play. All you need is tennis shoes, water and a pickleball racket. The courts are located off Mesa Avenue. No need to sign-up, simply show-up to play with old and new friends!

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

	Hike Name	Ratings & Pets	Miles & Elev. Gain	Hike Description And Links	Meeting Place	Hike Leader
Aug 4 Fri	Leadville Mineral Belt Trail	Easy Pets OK	6 mi 400 ft	We'll do an out-and-back hike on the most historic and scenic parts of this mining district trail. Info & Map	Safeway parking lot, 1 block west of 32nd St. on Colorado Ave	Art Porter art3porter@hotmail.com Res 634-7280 or Cell 258-7269
Aug 11 Fri	Seven Bridges	Moderate Pets OK	5.5 mi 550 ft	This is a 5.5 miles hike up and back over 7 bridges on a wide well maintained trail. Info & Map .	Starsmore Discovery Center 2120 South Cheyenne Cañon Rd	Linda Langston Lindalangston1@aol.com 579-8135
Aug 17 Thur	Mueller State Park	Moderate No pets	5 mi 600 ft	We will hike the trail 17 loop in the northern half of Mueller. Trail Map	Safeway parking lot, 1 block west of 32nd St. on Colorado Ave	Art Porter art3porter@hotmail.com Res 634-7280 or Cell 258-7269
Aug 24 Thur	Josephine Falls via Mt Buckhorn Trail	Moderate Pets OK	5 mi 700 ft	From the upper car park, we will walk towards Mt. Buckhorn, but will turn left to the Falls and loop back to the trail to the car park. Map	Starsmore Discovery Center 2120 S. Cheyenne Cañon Rd	Mike Witter ukmaw@yahoo.com 660-5758
Aug 30 Wed	Limber Pine/N. Catamount Loop	Moderate Pets OK	4 mi 350 ft	From the Edlowe lot, we will go thru the forest on the trail to the N. Catamount Reservoir and return. Map	Safeway parking lot, 1 block west of 32nd St. on Colorado Ave	Arthur Foley afoley@ret.unca.edu 535-9085
Sept 6 Wed	Pulpit Rock	Moderate Pets OK	3.5 mi. 400 ft	This takes you to the top of Pulpit Rock with its great views of the Front Range. Info & Map	Pulpit Rock parking lot 6415 N. Nevada Ave	Mike Witter ukmaw@yahoo.com 660-5758
Sept 13 Wed	Dome Rock WMA	Moderate No pets	5 mi. 900 ft	We will hike the Willow Creek, Sand Creek, & Four Mile Creek Trails for about a 5 mile loop. Info & Map .	Safeway parking lot, 1 block west of 32nd St. on Colorado Ave	Arthur Foley afoley@ret.unca.edu 535-9085
Sept 21 Thur	Greenland Open Space	Easy Pets OK	8 mi. 200 ft	This is a fairly long easy path through grasslands and some trees. Info & Brochure	Woodmen Road Park n Ride at I-25 & Woodmen Rd	Art Porter art3porter@hotmail.com Res 634-7280 or Cell 258-7269
Sept 28 Thur	Pancake Rocks	Difficult Pets OK	6 mi. 1,300 ft	This hike takes us up to the amazing Pancake Rocks from an area south of Divide. Info & Map .	Safeway parking lot, 1 block west of 32nd St. on Colorado Ave	Mike Witter ukmaw@yahoo.com 660-5758

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
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 < <i>More information coming soon</i> >	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

Communications by Susan Callahan

Reminder: When you **unsubscribe** to even **one** email from PPOTHG, you will **not receive** any future emails for any activities.

If you take photos at any of our activities, please forward them to me and I will add them to our website photo gallery. I would like to update the pictures on the main page for the various activities, so looking for some great new fun photos.

Have heard some positive feedback about the website from some of the new folks who found us on the web. Now we need to see some of those faces. My email: smcall217@aol.com

2018 Ski Season by Rick Olson

Winter is coming, but not for a while yet. If you are a downhill skier / snowboarder, cross country skier or just want to get out and enjoy the winter, PPOTHG has a number of opportunities for you.

Arrowhead - Jan 29 - Feb 2

This mid-week outing at Beaver Creek lets you enjoy BC from the convenience of a luxury condo that is just a short walk from the lift. If you have the "Vail Pass" with the Vail / Beaver Creek option (10 days) then you will want to add this to your schedule. Registration is \$350. If you would like to join us, please contact Rick Couch.

Snow Mountain Ranch - Feb 20 – 23

The Ranch offers a wide range of winter activities. The initial reservation was for eight rooms and they have been taken. If you are interested please contact Joe Maio. If there is enough interest, he may be able to get a second cabin.

Ski Bus

We have completed the preliminary arrangements and expect to offer day trips again starting in January. The bus schedule will be similar to last year, offering a day trip, once a week and will include Keystone, A Basin, Breckenridge and Copper Mountain. Each trip will also include a Nordic center for those who prefer cross country skiing. Based on your suggestions, we have made a number of changes. Registration will not open until October. Have you renewed your season pass ... purchased that four pack?

This is a convenient way to ski the nearby resorts without the hassle of driving. The bus has room for 40 and we averaged about 30 people last season. The group is very diverse, friendly and includes all skiing abilities. More details will be forthcoming, if you have questions, please contact Rick Olson, ROlson888@Comcast.net

Look at PPOTHG website ***Calendar*** for upcoming events.