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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 underway and we now have great snow. If you have not signed up for the bus trips, you need to do so right away. We need about 25 riders for each trip in order to use the 40 passenger van. The Ski Bus is not only for downhill skiers. Almost every trip makes a stop at a Nordic center for all you cross country skiers and snowshoers. As you can see in the following pages there are lots of other activities, so come out and join us.

The Board has appointed a Nominating Committee comprised of Frank Capece, Susan Callahan, and Jim Marquart to fill the upcoming vacant Board Positions of President, Secretary, Communications Director and Social Director. Your club needs you to fill these positions so please contact one of us by February 12, 2017 if you are willing to serve. The Nominating Committee will present its proposed slate 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 then click on **Newsletters**. There you will find the current newsletter as well as those archived for the last couple of years. Or if you want a quick look at what is scheduled this week or for the next couple of months, click on Calendar. The website is not just for new members but it is a tool for all of us to keep informed about club activities. Just use your computer or smart phone to access the website at any time. A big thank you to Mike Witter for keeping all these systems running for us.

Membership by Janice Harris

We are off to another great year of fun and activity in PPOTHG! Our current membership stands at 208 members. Our newest members are:

Patt McKenna: Patt is interested in skiing and hiking with our group. I am not sure where she heard about us, but I know she will have a great time on each of the outings with either the skiers or the hikers. Welcome Patt. We look forward to having you in PPOTHG.

Al Lubran and Donna Tanner: Some of you may have had a chance to meet Al and Donna at our Christmas party at Patty Jewett or last year at the Edelweiss when they visited PPOTHG. They are interested in skiing, scuba diving, crocheting, knitting and quilting. Welcome to the club and we hope you have a great time as you meet members during skiing and social events.

Mike Cohen: Mike found his way to PPOTHG through our great website. He will certainly fit in with the many activities we offer as he likes to ski, snowshoe, hike, and play golf. Welcome Mike. It looks like your activities will keep you involved with our group all year around.

Brent Botts: Brent learned about PPOTHG from John Dunker. He is interested in skiing, hiking, golfing and camping. Welcome Brent! Please extend a warm welcome to Brent at our next activity.

Kristy Emerson: Current member Susan Humphrey introduced Kristy to the many activities associated with PPOTHG. Welcome Kristy. We look forward to having you, as our newest member, participate in the snowshoeing, hiking, golfing, camping and biking activities.

Social Activities by Sherrie Denton

Navajo Hogan Restaurant – Wednesday, February 15 at 5:30 pm

2817 N. Nevada Street, 80907 - 719-344-9593

5:30 pm Social and cash bar, Dinner at **6:00 pm**

Price includes: Garden salad and vegetarian and meat pizza/ \$6.00 per person

Make checks out to PPOTHG, and mail it to Sherrie Denton, 532 Concerto Drive, C.S., 80906, **not later than February 11th**.

Jack Quinn's – Wednesday, March 8 at 5:30 pm

21 S. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, 80903 - 719-385-0766

Please choose one of the following dinner options:

1. Corned Beef and Cabbage
2. Bangers and Mash
3. Fish and Chips
4. Chicken Pot Pie

Cash bar is at 5:30 pm. Non-alcoholic drinks are included with dinner.

Dinner is at 6:00 pm and there will be a short meeting before dinner.

The cost is \$18.00 per person and your check is your reservation. Mail your check to Sherrie Denton, 532 Concerto Drive, C.S., 80906 with your dinner selection and check made out to PPOTHG. **I must receive your check by Monday, March 6th**.

Ski Corner by Rick Olson

Whether you are a downhiller or prefer cross country skiing, there is still space on all of the Ski Bus trips. The ski bus will continue once a week thru the end of March. The group typically includes a full spectrum of skiing abilities but everyone shares the same desire to enjoy the outdoors as well as the company of other Over the Hill Gang members. If you would like more information, email Rick Olson at ROlson888@Comcast.Net

The annual Arrowhead trip offers a five day four night ski trip to the Arrowhead resort at Beaver Creek. That trip will be February 6 – 10, 2017 with a cost of \$325 per person. If you are interested please contact Ric Denton, denton.ric@gmail.com.

In addition, our annual overnight Nordic trip to Snow Mountain Ranch (near Winter Park) is available, February 21 – 24, 2017. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Joe or Sheila Maio, jrmtn@comcast.net or sheilamaio@comcast.net. Both of these trips are to great destinations and offer a variety of non – skiing activities.

Looking for a Little Tech Help by Mike Witter

Due to term limitations, the time is coming where I will need to give up my position as Communications Director. What this means is that I, and our Nominating Committee, are now looking for persons who can take over the job of handling the Newsletter and updating our website. This shouldn't be hard in this day and age, but there are many folks who believe these jobs take a great deal of skill. I'm here to say that isn't the case.

With somewhat limited computer skills, and the ability to cause real havoc, I have taken on the Communication Director's role. It has been scary at times, but often thrilling when I figure out a method to overcome a problem. But I have had help along the way. Often, it has been because of support from folks who knew or investigated just a bit more than I did. In particular, I would like to give a special thanks to our President, Jim Marquart who has gotten me out of a bind more than once.

So what do you need to know for this position? Probably a lot less than you think. For one thing, I'll still be around to train, if needed, and will always be a backup for the tasks. But training may take time, which is why I am searching this far forward of the actual changeover in June.

For those willing to take on the challenge and perhaps learn more about the wonderful world of our website and Microsoft Word, please give me a call at 660-5758 or email me at ukmaw@yahoo.com.

Treasurer's Report by Sheila Maio

Treasurer's Report Summary for Jan 10, 2016 to Dec 31, 2016

The 2016 Club Budget was \$7,316 and Expenses were \$4,340. The Club's Operating Balance is \$9,439.27. Self-paid activities such as Arrowhead, Snow Mountain Ranch, Ski Bus trips are not included in these figures. The PPOTHG Board has approved changing the fiscal year to July 1st to June 30th to coincide with the terms of the Board of Directors.

Camping by Nancy Podczervinski

Here is the 2017 camping schedule. If you are interested in camping at Sylvan Lake, Eagle CO on July 16-21, it is advised to reserve a campsite immediately to get a good site.

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 starting January 16 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 starting February 13 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

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 [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.

2016 Date	Hike Name	Ratings & Dogs	Miles & Elev. Gain	Hike Description And Links	Meeting Place	Hike Leader
Feb 2 Thur	Fox Run Regional Park	Easy Dogs OK	3.5 mi 200 ft.	This is a loop hike through the ponderosa pines and rolling hills of beautiful Fox Run Regional Park. Info Map	Trailhead, Fox Run Regional Park.	Bill Kane williamkane1@q.com 482-8954
Feb 7 Tue	Columbine Trail in N. Cheyenne Canyon	Moderate Dogs OK	4 mi 1000 ft. downhill	We will go from Helen Hunt Falls down the Columbine Trail to the Starsmore (cars at both ends). Trail info & map	Starsmore Discovery Center 2120 South Cheyenne Cañon Rd	Mike Witter ukmaw@yahoo.com 660-5758
Feb 15 Wed	Ute Valley Park	Moderate Dogs OK	4 mi 500 ft.	This hike will utilize several trails in Park, including the recently opened ridge trail with good views to University Village and Pikes Peak. Info Map	Vindicator Drive parking area.	Arthur Foley afoley@ret.unca.edu 535-9085
Feb 21 Tues	High Drive	Moderate Dogs OK	5.4 mi 1210 ft.	It starts from the switchback on Gold Camp Road near the Section 16 trailhead, and intersects with Captain Jacks trail at a saddle west of Mays Peak. Map	Safeway parking lot, 1 block west of 32 nd St. on Colorado Ave.	Art Porter aartporter@q.com Res 634-7280 or Cell 258-7269
Mar 2 Thur	Manitou Springs City Walk	Easy Dogs OK	2 mi. 600 ft.	This tour will visit 7 different mineral springs that played an important part in the development of Manitou Springs. The Manitou Springs Tour Map	Memorial Park in Manitou Springs on El Paso Blvd	Linda Langston lindalangston1@aol.com 579-8135
Mar 7 Tue	Black Forest Section 16	Moderate Dogs OK	3 mi. 650 ft.	This is a loop trail with some ups and downs, with some sun and some shade. Some of the areas display damage from the BF fire. . Section 16 Map Info	Trailhead in Black Forest on Burgess Road	Bill Kane williamkane1@q.com 482-8954
Mar 16 Thur	Cottonwood Creek Regional Trail	Easy Dogs OK	4 mi. 600 ft.	This is a paved walk with a gentle slope up and down a portion of Cottonwood Creek between Union Blvd and the corner of Austin Bluffs Pkwy & Woodman Road. Trail Info and map	Cottonwood Rec Center, the corner of Dublin Blvd and Rangewood Dr.	Mike Witter ukmaw@yahoo.com 660-5758
Mar 23 Thur	Red Rock Canyon	Moderate Dogs OK	4.6 mi. 600 ft.	We will hike the following trails in a loop: Lower Hogback, Lion, Red Rock Rim, Red Rock Canyon, Quarry Pass, Greenlee, and Mesa. Map Info	Red Rock Canyon Open Space (first parking lot) off Ridge Rd.	Art Porter aartporter@q.com Res 634-7280 or Cell 258-7269
Mar 29 Wed	Bear Creek Park	Easy Dogs OK	3.5 mi. 450 ft.	A hike through the foothills winding around Bear Creek. The Nature Center will be open for us at the end of the hike. Bear Creek	Bear Creek Nature Center Parking Lot, 245 Bear Creek Rd	Linda Langston lindalangston1@aol.com 579-8135

Save the Dates

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

Jan 17 – Hike, Ute Indian Trail

Jan 17 - Ski Bus, Keystone

Jan 25 – Ski Bus, Breckenridge & Copper

Jan 26 – Hike, Mt. Cutler in N. Cheyenne Canyon

Jan 26 – Whiskey Tasting, Axe & the Oak

Jan 31 – Ski Bus, Breckenridge

Feb 2 – Fox Run Regional Park

Feb 6-10 – Arrowhead Resort trip

Feb 7 – Hike, Columbine Trail

Feb 14 – Ski Bus, Breckenridge & Copper

Feb 15 – Hike, Ute Valley Park

Feb 15 – **Dinner Meeting, Navajo Hogan's**

Feb 21 – Hike, High Drive

Feb 22 – Ski Bus, Keystone

Feb 21-24 – Snow Mountain Ranch Nordic trip

Feb 27 – Ski Bus, Breckenridge & Copper

Mar 2 – Walk, Manitou Springs City

Mar 7 – Ski Bus, Breckenridge

Mar 7, Black Forest Section 16

Mar 8 – **Dinner Meeting, Jack Quinn's**

Mar 16 – Ski Bus, Keystone

Mar 16 – Hike, Cottonwood Creek Regional Trail

Mar 20 – Ski Bus, Breckenridge & Copper

Mar 23 – Hike, Red Rock Canyon

Mar 29 – Hike, Bear Creek Park

Mar 30 – Ski Bus, Keystone

Upcoming Event

April 12 PPOTHG Dinner at Sonterra Grill