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**Special Events**

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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.**



## Presidents Message by Ric Denton

We have continuing forward progress as a club! Our two new Board Members are Terry Pessaro, Vice-President for Membership, and Ann Couch, Treasurer. They replaced Janice Harris, VP for Membership, and Sheila Maio, Treasurer. Both Janice and Sheila termed out as Board members, and we much appreciate their outstanding service on behalf of the club.

**Terry Pessaro** hails from the East Coast, where she served for many years in a senior position in the federal government. She is already fully engaged in carrying out our membership function. With over 250 members in the club, this is a substantial activity.

**Ann Couch** as Treasurer has already been doing treasurer functions in other non-profit activities. She has already picked up all aspects of this function for our club. When not otherwise doing this, Ann is an avid bridge player (not to mention traveling to parts unknown with her husband Rick Couch, who runs the Arrowhead ski get-away each year).

We have also added **Felicia Marino** as a volunteer to organize special events in coordination with the Social Director, Patty Martinez. Felicia has included a questionnaire in this newsletter and would very much appreciate your response. Please take the time to give her your thoughts. As a social club, we are always looking for additional activities that add value to the membership.

In camping, **Tom DeGeorge** replaces Frank and Nancy Podczervinski, who have done an excellent job running the camping activity to date. Tom and Pat DeGeorge have been camping with the group for a long time, and will continue the management of this fine program.

On Pickleball, there does not yet appear to be enough interest that we want to declare it a formal activity of the club. We will continue to mention this in the newsletter.

Finally, some housekeeping -- An issue that came up was liability insurance for the activity chairs as well as for other club officers, members, volunteers, etc. As a non-profit club, like many other similar clubs, we simply cannot afford to carry such activity insurance. The membership fees would have to go up substantially. So instead we have chosen to tighten up our Liability Release language as a condition of membership. Probably none of us like fine print legal language. On the other hand, substantially more careful Release language seemed to be the best approach to address this issue. When membership renewal occurs in the fall, please don't be dismayed at the new language. In any event, so far we have an excellent track record as a club regarding accidents. In the meantime some of the activity chairs may have you sign the new Liability Release Form.

## **Dinner Meetings by Patty Martinez**

### **11 July 2018 Dinner Meeting**

The 11 July dinner meeting will be a potluck dinner at the home of Jim and Karen Campbell. Jim and Karen have graciously offered their home at 7715 Delmonico Dr, CS 80919.

Social hour will begin at 5:30; short business meeting at 6:00 and the potluck buffet will begin directly after the meeting.

Since this is a potluck, PPOTHG will provide paper goods, cups and utensils. Bring a dish to share, enough for 8 people and a beverage of choice for you to drink.

I will be out of town on 11 July 2018, so Renee Weatherby will coordinate the potluck dinner for me.

### **8 August 2018 Dinner Meeting**

The 8 August 2018 dinner meeting will also be a potluck dinner. Jack and Elaine Brush will host the dinner at their home at 2631 Tristins Grove, CS 80906. Thank you Jack and Elaine!

Social hour will begin at 5:00 (please note time change) with a short business meeting at 5:30 and potluck buffet following the meeting.

PPOTHG will provide paper goods, cups and utensils for the potluck. Bring a dish to share, enough for 8 people and a beverage of choice for you to drink.

Due to parking space, most of us will be parked on Orion and walk up Tristins Grove to the Brush's residence.

Thank you, again, Jim and Karen Campbell and Jack and Elaine Brush for offering to host the PPOTHG in your homes. We appreciate your generosity in sharing your homes.

**Mark your calendar for The Annual PPOTHG Picnic to be held at Cheyenne Mountain State Park on 16 September 2018 at 12:30 pm. Details will follow at a later date.**

## Membership by Terry Pessaro

PPOTHG continues to draw new members with a variety of interests. As of June, we have **268** paid members in PPOTHG.

### **Newest members:**

**Ronda Allman** found us on the Internet. Ronda enjoys skiing, snowshoeing and hiking. Welcome Ronda. I think you'll have a great time participating in these activities and meeting the whole group.

**Steve Timpson**, through the influence of his wife, Lisa, has joined the club. Steve enjoys hiking and pickle ball. Welcome to PPOTHG Steve and Lisa.

**Don Vsetecka** does almost everything. We look forward to meeting Don as he participates in skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, camping, biking, and pickle ball.

**Joyce Giedd** heard about the PPOTHG through her church. She enjoys hiking and cultural events. Hopefully once she gets to know others in our group she will be encouraged to branch out to more of our many great activities. Please welcome Joyce.

**Robert Meier** is rejoining the club after approximately 2 years. He enjoys hiking. Welcome back.

**Wayne Belles** found the club mentioned in the newspaper. He enjoys hiking and golf. Welcome to PPOTHG Wayne.

**Tom Terry** enjoys hiking, camping, biking. Welcome to PPOTHG Tom.

**Larry & Beth Woods** found the club via the Internet. They enjoy skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, camping, biking, rafting, and kayaking. Welcome to PPOTHG Larry and Beth.

Apologies to **Betty Virag** -- Her name was misspelled in the last newsletter.

### **Reminder of the PPOTHG Dues Structure**

**Membership year runs October 1 to September 30 each year.**

**NEW MEMBERS Dues:** October 1 - March 31: \$30/person  
April 1 - September 30: \$15/person  
**RENEWAL Dues:** October 1 - September \$30/person

**Note:** If a current member does **NOT** renew by October 1st and wishes to rejoin at anytime in the **12 months following the October renewal period**, the standard \$30 membership renewal plus \$10 "Late Fee" will apply.

## Social Events by Felicia Marino

The PPOTHG Board of Directors heard your request for additional social activities and has responded by creating the position of Special Events Coordinator (SEC). This position does not replace the Social Director position currently held by Patty Martinez who manages booking the location of monthly membership meetings.

Felicia Marino has stepped forward to be the Special Events Coordinator and will be coordinating social activities along with other members. To assist them with your requests, please answer the following questions and return to Felicia via e-mail at [felicia.marino@gmail.com](mailto:felicia.marino@gmail.com). (Read the newsletter from the PPOTHG website, copy and paste the questionnaire into an e-mail and fill in your responses.)

What time of the day would you attend a social activity?

- Morning Only
- Afternoon Only
- Evening Only
- Overnight Stay
- Any of the Above

Please indicate what day of the week you would attend a social activity?

How much will you spend on a social activity?

- \$30 or less per person
- \$30-50 per person
- \$50-100 per person

How far will you drive, one-way, to participate in a social activity?

Please indicate if any of the below social activities appeal to you? If none, please provide some suggestions.

- Escape Room
- Painting Night
- Travelogue Night
- Theater
- Wine Tasting
- Road Rally
- Progressive Dinner
- Presentation at a monthly meeting

## Biking by Phil McDonald

Eight PPOTHG members have returned from the bicycling adventure of a lifetime in the southern European nation of Croatia. Between May 26 and June 2, PPOTHG members **Carol Arthur, Carol Schmitz, Barb Gutow, Dan Akerhielm, Susan Callahan, Denise and Greg Trent as well as yours truly** spent their days traversing the beautiful and hilly terrain of the Dalmatian Islands off the coast of Croatia. During our absence, **Connie Miller, Ken Bond, and Joe Schultes** led local rides here in Colorado Springs. As you can see, PPOTHG Cycling is going strong!

Participating cyclists will be enjoying rides every Tuesday during the summer and early autumn months of 2018. Upcoming “road trips” this summer include rides in Denver, Castle Rock, Leadville, and Summit County. If you wish to ride with us and are not already included on my cycling roster, please contact me at [pharoahphil@comcast.net](mailto:pharoahphil@comcast.net) or 719-313-8400. The cycling schedule for July-August is included for your information.

| Date | Leader       | Trailhead                      | Time | Ride Description                        |
|------|--------------|--------------------------------|------|---|
| 7/3  | McDonald     | North Gate of AFA              | 9AM  | 24 mile RT to Palmer Lake               |
| 7/10 | McDonald     | Rockrimmon P.O. prkg lot       | 9AM  | 20 mile loop on Santa Fe/Midland trails |
| 7/17 | Miller/Topp  | TBA                            | TBA  | Denver ride TBA                         |
| 7/24 | Gutow/Butkus | TBA                            | TBA  | Riding on Castle Rock trails            |
| 7/31 | Bond         | TBA                            | TBA  | 2-day ride in Leadville                 |
| 8/7  | McDonald     | Gossage softball fields        | 9AM  | 16 miles south on SF Trail to Fountain  |
| 8/14 | McDonald     | Gossage softball fields        | 9AM  | 15-20 miles on Shooks Run trail         |
| 8/20 | Schultes     | 10-mile Island condos (Frisco) | TBA  | 3-day Summit County rides               |
| 8/28 | McDonald     | Rockrimmon P.O. parking lot    | 9AM  | 16 mile Centennial Hill Challenge       |

## Hiking by Arthur Foley and Mike Witter

**Hike Reminders** with any further details 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 Names and Maps** 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.

| Date   | Name  | Leader         | Phone        | Email  |
|--------|---|----------------|--------------|--|
| 12 Jul | <a href="#">Colorado Women's Trail</a>          | Art Porter     | 719-634-7280 | <a href="mailto:art3porter@hotmail.com">art3porter@hotmail.com</a> |
| 18 Jul | <a href="#">Catamount/Crystal Falls</a>         | Don Vsetecka   | 719-338-8888 | <a href="mailto:don@vsetecka.com">don@vsetecka.com</a>             |
| 25 Jul | <a href="#">Florissant Fossil Beds</a>          | Arthur Foley   | 719-535-9085 | <a href="mailto:afoley@ret.unca.edu">afoley@ret.unca.edu</a>       |
| 1 Aug  | <a href="#">Seven Bridges</a>                   | Linda Langston | 719-579-8135 | <a href="mailto:lindalangston1@aol.com">lindalangston1@aol.com</a> |
| 7 Aug  | <a href="#">Rainbow Gulch</a>                   | Mike Witter    | 719-660-5758 | <a href="mailto:ukmaw@yahoo.com">ukmaw@yahoo.com</a>               |
| 16 Aug | <a href="#">May's Peak</a>                      | Mike Witter    | 719-660-5758 | <a href="mailto:ukmaw@yahoo.com">ukmaw@yahoo.com</a>               |
| 23 Aug | <a href="#">Victor Mines Trail</a>              | Art Porter     | 719-634-7280 | <a href="mailto:art3porter@hotmail.com">art3porter@hotmail.com</a> |
| 29 Aug | <a href="#">Mineral Belt Trail in Leadville</a> | Art Porter     | 719-634-7280 | <a href="mailto:art3porter@hotmail.com">art3porter@hotmail.com</a> |

### LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT?

Do you have a favorite hike you would like to share with your friends in PPOTHG? Here is your chance. **Contact one of the hike leaders above** to become a "certified" hike leader.

# Camping by Tom DeGeorge

## Camping Schedule 2018

Our initial event on MAY 14-17 at TRINIDAD LAKE SP was well attended. Over twenty campers participated and enjoyed the state park and nearby activities.

The remainder of our scheduled camping trips for the season is inside the booking window. So if you plan to attend and have not yet booked you may. The later out the trip the better chance of getting a spot. The inverse of that is also true.

Next up this month (**JUNE 17-22**) is CRAWFORD STATE PARK – IRON CREEK LOOP -A

**JULY 22-27** in WYOMING's CURT GOWDY State Park, TUMBLEWEED LOOP. And a day at the PRCA rodeo for those want to purchase tickets -- many have. July 24, section EL if interested in the rodeo.

**AUGUST 13-18** is JAMES ROB STATE PARK -ISLAND ACRES LOOP PEACH FESTIVAL nearby.

**SEPTEMBER 16-21** HORSE-TOOTH RESERVOIR IN FORT COLLINS - INLET #127-141 (STATE PARK)

Please direct any questions to Tom DeGeorge at:

[tomdegeorge@gmail.com](mailto:tomdegeorge@gmail.com) or at 719-352-9894.

# Pickleball by Carol Arthur

New Sport Anyone????

Wonderful way to meet new friends, connect with old and exercise all at the same time!!! Pickleball is such fun and quite addictive so be prepared to enjoy this fast-growing sport. PPOVTHG meets for play at Monument Valley Park on Monday from 4 to 5:30 PM. All you really need to get started is a pickleball racket and water. We'll provide the fun!

Paddle on,

**Dan Akerhielm 599-0338**  
**Carol Arthur 660-1208**

This is not an official PPOTHG activity at this time.

## Golf by Judith Stassen

We are well into our season of golf. If you're interested we play 9 holes on Monday mornings at various courses around the city. Watch the emails on Mondays for the course and time for the next week. Respond to the email address to let me know you will be joining us.

[jstassen75@hotmail.com](mailto:jstassen75@hotmail.com)

## Skiing by Rick Olson

### **Ski Bus**

I think it is safe to say that the ski season is over and most of us are thinking of summer and enjoying the outdoors and all that Colorado has to offer.

While I enjoyed this past ski season, personally, I am hoping for more snow next season. We have not finalized the details for the ski bus for next year but initial conversations suggest we will be able to utilize the services of Fort Carson again next season.

Our destinations will follow the same pattern that we have worked out the last few seasons. The primary destinations will include Breckenridge, Keystone, A-Basin and Copper with the possibility of one trip to Monarch. For those who prefer Nordic activities, there will also be a Nordic center stop each week.

The day trips will start with the first week in January 2019 and continue through the end of March. 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.

If you have not purchased your season pass (or four pack) you should do so before the prices go up. More details will be available in October.

If you have questions, please contact Rick Olson, [ROlson888@comcast.net](mailto:ROlson888@comcast.net)

# Arrowhead 2019

PPOTHG trip to Arrowhead Village near Beaver Creek **February 4 – February 8, 2019**

We are still taking reservations for the PPOTHG 4 day ski and snowshoe trip to Arrowhead. This trip is not limited to downhill skiers. It also offers extensive snowshoe and cross country skiing at the Beaver Creek Nordic area.

WHEN: Arrive Monday, February 4, 2019 and leave Friday, February 8, 2019 (four overnights).

ACCOMMODATIONS: Costs *per person* is \$350.00 (total for all four nights, including taxes and the first night PPOTHG party).

RESERVATIONS FOR PPOTHG MEMBERS DUE NOW: Reservations are still available. Please make your check out to PPOTHG and send to my address below.

RESERVATIONS FOR GUESTS: On a space available basis only, guests may also make reservations at the same price - \$350/person.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Rick Couch or send him an email.

Phone: [\(719\) 930-9541](tel:7199309541)

E-mail: [rsmileyc@aol.com](mailto:rsmileyc@aol.com)

Address: 1730 Pinnacle Ridge Lane CS CO 80919

## 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 there is an activity that you are not interested in, just delete the email.

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.

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