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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

Congratulations and thanks to our Board elected on May 10: Ric Denton-President, Janice Harris-Vice President, Charmain Bearup-Secretary, Sheila Maio-Treasurer, Susan Callahan-Communications Director, Patty Martinez-Social Director, and Rick Olson-Ski Director. Also thanks to our Activity Coordinators who promise another great year of fun filled activities: Judith Stassen-Golf, Phil McDonald-Biking, Rick Couch-Arrowhead, Art Foley-Hiking, Nancy and Frank Podczervinski-Camping, and Joe Maio-Snow Mountain Ranch.

As I handoff the leadership of the club to this very capable new Board I want to thank all of you who have helped me over the past three years. The club has continued to bring in new members and the number of activities has also grown. Participation has increased as demonstrated in part by the numbers using the Ski Bus this year and the revival of the Biking Activity. These are all signs of an active and friendly group of folks.

Terry and I will be traveling all summer taking our camper to Alaska on the Alcan Highway and returning part way on the Alaska Marine Highway. So we will miss seeing your smiling faces this summer but will look forward to seeing you again in October

Biking by Phil McDonald

On April 4th, the 2017 cycling season officially commenced. Bike rides are scheduled every Tuesday from April through October. Typically we will be riding distances ranging between 12 and 20+ miles. Most of our rides will take place on local trails and lightly travelled roads. Our season includes road trips to Pueblo, Denver, Summit County, Leadville, Fort Collins and Glenwood Springs. A schedule of rides will be distributed to all registered cyclists at the beginning of each month. Each ride includes a luncheon meal and social hour. Experienced riders will affirm that we combine great exercise with a lot of fun. If you haven't registered as a PPOTHG Cyclist, contact Phil McDonald at pharaohphil@comcast.net. Don't miss out on the fun!

Membership by Janice Harris

Wow, have we had an influx of new members this quarter! We welcome 12 new members and 2 returning members. Current membership now stands at **232**.

Newest members are:

Cosette Truscott: I'm not sure where Cosette heard about PPOTHG, but she has a wide range of interests that fall right in line with those offered by our group. We look forward to meeting Cosette at one of our upcoming events. Welcome Cosette.

Ken and Cindy Bond: I wondered where the Bond's went at renewal time last year!! We are happy to have Cindy and Ken return as members of PPOTHG. Activities that Cindy and Ken are interested in are skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, camping and biking. Welcome back!

Debbie Butkus: Not sure where Debbie heard about our PPOTHG, but she is interested in skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, biking, tennis and pickle ball ... and "maybe" camping. Although we have missed the opportunity to meet Debbie during our winter activities, we look forward to seeing her this spring, once the weather warms up. Welcome Debbie.

Judy Ellwood: Judy heard about our many activities through current member, Dan Akerhielm. Along with the skiing, snowshoeing and hiking, Judy is also interesting in cycling—both man powered and motor powered! Our biking program has really picked up again, so you should have plenty of opportunity to experience some great rides. We look forward to meeting you at the next activity.

Mary Hallauer: A friend referred Mary to PPOTHG. Now that it's getting warm again, we will surely get a chance to meet Mary as she participates in the hiking and golf programs. I am sure you will enjoy both of these activities with our group. Welcome, Mary.

Peter and Carol Jefferson: The Jefferson's heard about PPOTHG through the local newspaper in Falcon, the "Falcon Herald." Many of you probably had a chance to meet them at the April dinner meeting. Both Peter and Carol are retired Air Force nurses and enjoy skiing, hiking, camping, biking, cards, fishing, cruises and an activity that might just make one of our events a great deal of fun.....Peter is also a DJ! Karaoke anyone! Welcome to PPOTHG, I know you will enjoy all of our activities!

Warren and Linda Miller: A friend told Warren and Linda about PPOTHG and based on their interests, it looks like this is a great time of year for them to join. They enjoy hiking, golf, pickle ball and tennis. We look forward to meeting you both at one of the upcoming activities. Welcome.

Nancy Sakamoto: Nancy heard about PPOTHG through members of the Blazer's Ski Club — they have been a great resource of new members. Nancy's interests include skiing, hiking, camping, biking, racquetball and cooking. I am sure you will enjoy getting to know all the PPOTHG members already involved in these activities. We are happy to have you join our group.

Greg and Denise Trent: Greg and Denise were introduced to PPOTHG by members Carol Schmitz and Donna Brockman. The Trent's were able to get an inside view of what PPOTHG is all about as guests on our February Arrowhead ski trip. Denise and Greg enjoy skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, camping and biking. Welcome to both of you.

Wayne Turner and Elaine Myers: Wayne and Elaine are long time Blazer ski club members and heard about our club through current PPOTHG members who are also Blazer members. Wayne and Elaine enjoy skiing, hiking and camping. We look forward to meeting you at one of the upcoming activities. Welcome.

Social Activities by Patty Martinez

POTLUCK MEETING, High Plains Unitarian Church – Wed, June 14 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, To be determined (watch your email)

Questions? Call 338-1534 or pamartinez23@msn.com

Website Photo Fun by Mike Witter

I know websites, including our own, can be frustrating to figure out at times. This section is to help folks who may need a little help in seeing the most dynamic part of the site (i.e. photos) and want to know how to see a little bit more than a few tiny little photos.

For this, I am assuming you are sitting in front of a desktop or laptop computer. Although the basic process works similarly on a smartphone, or tablet, the display will usually be different because the display gets automatically squished to fit on those smaller devices.

Okay. Let's go ahead and access the site at www.ppothg.com. This gets you to the Home page where you can watch people with smiley faces doing various activities. But after a while, this can get boring, so let's get to the next step.

If you slide your cursor over the word **Activities** you should see a drop-down list of activities. Although you can scroll down and click on any one of them, let's click on **Hiking** (my obvious favorite) for this demo. Here you will be astounded to see a few pictures of folks doing their hiking thing. But this likewise can get boring very quickly. So let's move on. If you read the stuff under the changing pictures, you will see, "**Scroll down to see photos...**" Let's do that.

You will come across several photos alongside what hikes they were taken on, followed by a short comment about each specific hike. Still not that thrilling? Let's just click on the first photo and see what happens.

Voilà! You get multiple pictures! Now it's starting to get interesting. (Let's check out the next page)

Just for fun, click on the first photo in this series that popped up. Hey! You get a bigger picture! But that's not all. There are some icons at the bottom that look like they mean something.

Well, let's try them out... If you slowly roll across them with your cursor, you will see the words **Play Maximize Fullscreen & Show info** pop up. My recommendation is to first click on the **i (Show info)**. This will pop up a description at the top right of the photo. Next I would click on either the **Maximize** or **Fullscreen** icons (they both do basically the same thing). Now you should be able to make out the tiny people that were in the previously tiny photo.

And now for the *pièce de résistance*...

Press the little triangle indicating **Play** and sit back and relax, mainly because it takes a bit for the photos to load and get the slideshow rolling.

Want to stop and check out a photo as it rolls by?

There are at least two ways. You can click where the **Play** icon was (which will have now turned into a **Pause** icon (**II**)), or you can press the spacebar on your keyboard.

Want to continue with the slideshow?

Once again click the **Play** triangle or tap your spacebar. Want to go forward or back a photo? Tap your right or left arrow keys.

Getting bored watching the same series of photos?

You should see a small **x** in the top right-hand corner. Click it and you are brought back to the smaller photos. Of course, by now you are probably more interested in getting to another series of pictures. So, click on the word **Back** that is above the photos.

Doing the same process with any other title photo will work the same. But wait! If you really wanted to see your own picture and you're not a hiker, what then? Well, your best bet is to scroll back up to the top and click on one of the activities you participated in and check out those pictures, again, using the same process.

If this process doesn't seem to work for you, shoot Susan Callahan (an email) at smcall217@aol.com, or give her a call at 388-1534. (As of June, I am only the messenger.)

PS: If you happen to take photos of an event you would like posted on the website, let Susan know. I tend to take most of the hiking pictures, but don't automatically do the same for others activities.

Golf by Judith Stassen

Golf is off to a great start! With new members who golf I've had to schedule four tee times. We play 9 holes, Monday mornings; followed by lunch in the clubhouse. Watch for an email Monday afternoon with the info when and where we are playing the next week.

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 <u>Links</u>	Meeting Place	Hike Leader
June 7 Wed	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	Mike Witter ukmaw@yahoo.com 660-5758
June 15 Thur	Cheyenne Mt. State Park	Moderate No pets	2.7 mi 300 ft.	This is a moderate loop hike along the Blackmer & Cougar's Shadow trails through beautiful rock gardens and pines, including a pine growing out of a huge split boulder Info & Map	Sears - Broadmoor Towne Center 2050 Southgate Rd	Art Porter aartporter@g.com Res 634-7280 or Cell 258-7269
June 22 Thur	Dawson Butte Open Space	Moderate Pets OK	5.4 mi 550 ft.	This is a loop trail through mostly forested areas with open meadows and views of the Front Range Mountains. Info & Map	Woodmen Road Park n Ride at I-25 & Woodmen Rd	Arthur Foley afoley@ret.unca.edu 535-9085
June 28 Wed	Intemann Trail	Moderate Pets OK	3 mi 400 ft.	We will walk up Pawnee St. to join the trail which winds along the slope of Red Mt. with views of Manitou. We will return by the area of Iron Spring. Info & Map	Memorial Park in Manitou Springs	Linda Langston Lindalangston1@aol.com 579-8135
July 7 Fri	Rainbow Gulch	Moderate Pets OK	4.2 mi 400 ft.	This will be a hike down to and along the Rampart Reservoir, followed by a ride back via Rampart Range Road to Garden of the Gods. Info & Map .	Safeway parking lot, 1 block west of 32nd St. on Colorado Ave	Mike Witter ukmaw@yahoo.com 660-5758
July 13 Thur	Historic Victor Mines Trail	Easy Pets OK	3.5 mi. 400 ft.	This takes you through the historic mining district and may include a stop at the new open-pit viewing spot. Info & Map	Safeway parking lot, 1 block west of 32nd St. on Colorado Ave	Art Porter aartporter@g.com Res 634-7280 or Cell 258-7269
July 19 Wed	Spruce Mt. Open Space	Moderate Pets OK	4 mi. 400ft.	This hike takes us up and around the forest on Spruce Mt. with its great views of the area. Info & Map .	Woodmen Road Park n Ride at I-25 & Woodmen Rd	Arthur Foley afoley@ret.unca.edu 535-9085
July 27 Thur	Horsethief Falls Trail	Easy Pets OK	3 mi. 500 ft.	This is an in and out hike to view the Horsethief Falls. Info & Map	Safeway parking lot, 1 block west of 32nd St. on Colorado Ave	Linda Langston Lindalangston1@aol.com 579-8135

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
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 < <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

2018 Ski Season by Rick Olson

While some of you may still be thinking about “one more day” on the mountain, I confess, I have moved on and am looking forward to the summer. But it is not too early to start planning for next year. The Arrowhead trip will be January 29 – Feb 2, with more details from Rick Couch as they are available. The Snow Mountain Ranch dates will be February 20 – 23, under Joe Maio’s capable leadership again next year. The Ski Bus schedule next season will look very similar to this year’s, going to all of the same destinations, with the possibility of a couple more Copper Mountain dates.

If you have been putting off buying your season pass for next year or taking advantage of those end of season equipment bargains, don’t delay. The 2018 ski season will be here soon and who knows, it might even be better than this year’s.

Arrowhead by Rick Couch

PPOTHG trip to Arrowhead Village near Beaver Creek Jan 29 – Feb 2, 2018

Friends,

It is time to make reservations for next January - February for the PPOTHG 4 day ski and snowshoe trip. We are going to Arrowhead again this coming season.

This trip is not limited to downhill skiers. It also offers extensive snowshoe and cross country skiing at the Beaver Creek Nordic area. It is exceptional. All accommodations are close to the lifts, which access both the downhill and Nordic areas. Buses are available at no charge to take you to most places for dinner and shopping. You'll hardly ever need your car once you get there. It's a great trip as many of you know.

WHEN: Arrive Monday, January 29, 2018 and leave Friday, February 2, 2018 (four overnights).

ACCOMMODATIONS: Costs *per person* for premium rooms: \$350.00 (total for all four nights, including taxes and the first night PPOTHG party). With any luck, there will be a refund again this year if we get full occupancy of the rooms.

As a general policy, there will be no more than 2 persons per bedroom. Accommodations will be 3 and 4 bedroom condos. If you have preferences on room- mates and/or condo mates, please let me know. I will do what I can, but cannot guarantee this because accommodating the various singles will take priority. Our condo choices at Arrowhead continue to be constrained due to available inventory.

RESERVATIONS FOR PPOTHG MEMBERS DUE NOW:

Reservations are open now. Call for reservations and down-payments

Only members may sign up at this time. When signing up, 1/2 of the total payment is due immediately (\$175 per person), with the balance due by July 1, 2017. Reservations close on July 1, 2017. Please make your check out to PPOTHG and send to my address below. If you wish, you may pay the full amount now. (That makes the accounting much easier.)

RESERVATIONS FOR GUESTS: On a space available basis only, guests may make reservations, beginning **June 12, 2017**. When signing up, the payment from a guest is due in full. Reservations close on July 1, 2017. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate giving me a call or dropping me an email.

Rick Couch

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

Address: 1730 Pinnacle Ridge Lane CS CO 80919

E-mail: rsmilevc@aol.com

Snow Mountain Ranch by Joe Maio

The eight rooms in the reunion cabin at Snow Mountain Ranch (SMR) for 2018 have been spoken for. From now on we will take names for a wait list. The wait list will be for:

1. Any cancellations
2. Rooms at one of the lodges on SMR (we will try for a reduced rate as we did in 2017).
3. If we have enough on the wait list we will try for a 2nd reunion cabin.

Save the Dates

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

May 16 – Bike, Garden of the Gods

May 16 – Hike, Palmer Trail Loop/Section 16

May 23 – Bike, AFA to Monument

May 25 – Hike, Mt. Buckhorn

May 26 – Pickleball, Monument Valley Park

May 30 – Hike, Fox Run Regional Park

May 30 – Bike, Monument Valley Park

June 6 – Bike, Mary Carter Trail

July 7 – Hike, Rainbow Gulch

June 7 – Hike, Paint Mines at Calhan

July 12 – **Potluck Meeting, to be determined**

June 11-16– Camping, Vallecito

July 13– Hike, Historic Victor Mines Trail

June 14 – **Potluck Meeting, Unitarian Church**

July 16-21– Camping, Sylvan Lake

June 15 – Hike, Cheyenne Mt. State Park

July 19 – Hike, Spruce Mountain Open Space

June 19-20 – Bike, Ft. Collins Poudre Trail

July 27 – Hike, Horse Thief Falls

June 22 – Hike, Dawson Butte Open Space

June 28 – Hike, Intemann Trail

UP COMING EVENT Sept 10 – **Annual Picnic**, Cheyenne Mountain State Park