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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.**

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## Presidents Message by Ric Denton

We had a great ski trip to Arrowhead the week of January 29 to February 3. The snow could have been a bit better, but we all managed! In addition to downhill, we had some cross country skiing and some snowshoeing. Our thanks go to Rick Couch, who did a great job in managing the trip. And speaking of managing, we are all getting nice refunds due to running the event at nearly full capacity.

We continue to add membership thanks to the hard work of Janice Harris. We remain healthy as a club with currently 242 members. Please be sure to welcome new members to make them feel part of the various activities in the club.

Here is a repeat from last month: We continue to look at options for social activities in addition to the monthly dinner meetings. We have come to realize that we need additional help with planning the social activities, like wine tasting, travel night, etc. Ideally if there is someone who would like to take on this coordinator role, that would be great. Anyone interested can speak with any of the Board Directors to better understand what the role would entail. We always welcome new ideas for social activities. Please mention them to the Social Director, Patty Martinez. We want to make experiences in the Pikes Peak over the Hill Gang rewarding for all.

# HELP WANTED!!

## NEW PPOTHG Position: Social Activities Coordinator (SAC)

Are you an organized planner? Do you enjoy going with friends to activities such as the theater, museums, musical events or perhaps a small group gathering to taste wine or have a travel night? If so, then we could use your help!

Many members have indicated “other social activities” on their interest list. The PPOTHG Board would like to provide some additional social experiences for our group. In the past, social outings were the responsibility of our “Social Director” who also plans our monthly dinner meetings. Since planning the monthly dinners can be somewhat time consuming, additional social events have been fairly limited. With the increased membership and realizing there is this greater level of interest to experience local events, the Board has decided to establish a new **"Social Activities Coordinator"** (SAC) position.

The SAC position is not intended to be time consuming nor are the activities expected to be complicated. We simply need someone to coordinate opportunities 4-6 times per year when PPOTHG members can experience some of the many venues and events in our Pikes Peak area. Events at places such as the Pikes Peak Center for Performing Arts, the new ENT Center for the Arts at UCCS, Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum tours, or one of the many museums in Denver or surrounding areas...or, perhaps smaller groups for wine tasting or a special dining experience. Many times, it will simply be a matter of identifying an event in the area, sending out a “Chimp Mail” notification with date, time, place and cost and then coordinating and tracking the sign up.

This new position can add an amazing facet to our already busy PPOTHG group and it should not take much time from ones schedule.

If you are interested, please speak with any of the PPOTHG Board members.

## Membership by Janice Harris

PPOTHG continues to draw new members with a variety of interests. As of February, we have **242** paid members in PPOTHG.

### **Newest members:**

**Steve & Heather Ashbee:** We are not sure where Steve and Heather learned about PPOTHG, but based on the list of their activities they will be a "good fit" with us. Steve and Heather look forward to skiing, hiking, golf, camping and our newest activity of pickle ball. Welcome Steve and Heather, we look forward to meeting you at any of our many activities.

**Debbie Byes:** Debbie was introduced to PPOTHG by current member Connie Miller. Debbie indicates she is interested in participating in skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, camping and biking. Welcome Debbie, you are bound to have a lot of fun and stay busy with PPOTHG.

**Rick & Julie Clark:** Current members Charlie and Felicia Marino have introduced the Clark's to PPOTHG. They are an active couple. Rick and Julie list some great actives on their interest list -- skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, golf, biking, gardening, SPACE EXPLORATION (Yeah!!...future members of PPOTHG on Mars), swimming/scuba, travel and eating. Welcome Rick & Julie.

**Antoinette Gomez:** Friends of both PPOTHG and Antoinette have introduced her to our active group. It looks like skiers, hikers, campers, bikers and pickle ballers will now have a new participant. We look forward to meeting you, Antoinette, at any one of these activities.

**Lanonah Krumanocker:** Our current member, Carol Schmitz recruited Lanonah to join PPOTHG. Skiing, hiking and biking are listed as Lanonah's interests. Welcome to PPOTHG, I'm sure you will have a great time as you meet the members of PPOTHG.

**Beatrice Trezevant:** Friends gave Beatrice the run down on our group's many activities. We can look forward to seeing Beatrice participating in snowshoeing, hiking, camping and special activities such as kayaking and tennis. Welcome Beatrice, we are happy to have you joining our group.

**Betty Varga:** Another friend has passed the word of PPOTHG fun! Betty plans to cross country ski, snowshoe, hike, camp and bike. PPOTHG provides the opportunity for all of the above....enjoy and welcome to our group, Betty.

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

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

**New Members** - October 1 - March 31: \$30/person

April 1 - September 30: \$15/person

**Renewing Members:** \$30/year

## Social Activities by Patty Martinez

### 14 March 2018 Dinner Meeting – Jack Quinn’s Irish Pub

In celebration of St Patrick’s Day, the dinner meeting for 14 March will be held at Jack Quinn’s Irish Pub & Restaurant, 21 South Tejon Street, 80903. The evening will begin with a social and cash bar at 5:30. The meeting will commence at 6:00 with dinner to follow.

Dinner choices are:

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

Non alcoholic drinks are included with dinner.

Cost is \$19 that includes tax and gratuity, per person.

Please make out checks to **PPOTHG** and mail to: **Patty Martinez, 6035 Tuckerman Ln, Colorado Springs, CO 80918**. Include your menu selection on your check. Your check is your reservation.

**Checks must be received no later than 9 March 2018.**

**11 April dinner meeting information to follow.**

## Biking by Phil McDonald

Cycling opportunities await those who are hardy and enjoy brisk, but not freezing temps. As long as the roads are clear of ice and snow, the sun makes an appearance, and temperatures exceed 40 degrees, most likely we’ll be offering bike rides.

Spring ride information will be coming in April.

If you are not on my list of 45 PPOTHG Cyclists, please contact me at [pharoahphil@comcast.net](mailto:pharoahphil@comcast.net). I will be happy to include you on our roster.

# 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	Map	Leader	Phone	Email
28 Feb	Austin Bluffs Open Space	<a href="#">Map</a>	Bob Jones	512-921-0667	<a href="mailto:jonesschou@mac.com">jonesschou@mac.com</a>
6 Mar	Stratton Open Space	<a href="#">Map</a>	Arthur Foley	719-535-9085	<a href="mailto:afoley@ret.unca.edu">afoley@ret.unca.edu</a>
14 Mar	Siamese Twins, Garden of Gods	<a href="#">Map</a>	Linda Langston	719-579-8135	<a href="mailto:lindalangston1@aol.com">lindalangston1@aol.com</a>
21 Mar	South Canyon Trails, Canon City	<a href="#">Map</a>	Art Porter	719-634-7280	<a href="mailto:art3porter@hotmail.com">art3porter@hotmail.com</a>
27 Mar	Blodgett Peak Open Space	<a href="#">Map</a>	Arthur Foley	719-535-9085	<a href="mailto:afoley@ret.unca.edu">afoley@ret.unca.edu</a>
4 Apr	Ridgeline Trail at Red Rock	<a href="#">Map</a>	Art Porter	719-634-7280	<a href="mailto:art3porter@hotmail.com">art3porter@hotmail.com</a>
11 Apr	Aiken Canyon Preserve	<a href="#">Map</a>	Mike Witter	719-660-5758	<a href="mailto:ukmaw@yahoo.com">ukmaw@yahoo.com</a>
18 Apr	Iron Mountain Trail	<a href="#">Map</a>	Linda Langston	719-579-8135	<a href="mailto:lindalangston1@aol.com">lindalangston1@aol.com</a>
24 Apr	Paint Mines, Calhan	<a href="#">Map</a>	Mike Witter	719-660-5758	<a href="mailto:ukmaw@yahoo.com">ukmaw@yahoo.com</a>

## STILL LOOKING FOR A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

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

# 2018 Ski Season by Rick Olson

## Ski Bus 2018 Ski Season

The Ski Bus program is alive and well with the season nearly half over. We have had trips to Monarch, Breckenridge, Keystone and Copper, with stops at a number of Nordic centers. The bus will continue with weekly trips through the end of March. Substantial snowfall over the last few weeks has allowed all of the resorts to expand operations to include all of their lifts and runs.

There are a number of Nordic centers available for cross country skiing as well as snow shoeing. If you have a preference, let me know, I will try to work it into our schedule. We typically stop at the Frisco Nordic center on the Breck / Copper trips but it is possible to replace that with the Gold Run or the Breck Nordic center.

All of the available Nordic Centers have rentals as well as lessons. So, if you are thinking you would like to “try it” to see if you like it, this is an opportunity. Most locations have senior rates with some super senior rates. Check out the web sites for more info.

If you have not gone on the Ski Bus before, the schedule this season has eleven day trips, including Keystone, A Basin, Breckenridge and Copper Mountain, plus an initial trip to Monarch. Each trip will also include a Nordic center for those who prefer cross country skiing. This is a convenient way to ski the nearby resorts without the hassle of driving. The bus has room for 40 and we average about 30 people. The group is very diverse, friendly and includes all skiing abilities.

If you have not signed up or would like to add a few more trips to your schedule, you can download the registration form from the web site. The early season rate is no longer available but if you would like to add additional trips for \$30 each, please let me know. There is currently space on all of the trips.

If you do not have a pass for Keystone or Breckenridge, most of the people on the bus have discounted lift tickets included with their season pass. The price at Keystone is \$96 and at Breck it is \$114 for a one day pass using the “buddy pass” discount. If you would like to take advantage of this discount, please let me know.

Last year, Keystone and Breck offered the opportunity to apply the cost of a day pass to the purchase price of a season pass for next year. In other words, if you did not have a pass for this season and were skiing in March, the cost of the lift ticket for that day could be applied to the purchase price of a season pass for next season. I do not know if they will have the same program this season. There were conditions / restrictions last year.

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

## A – Basin Beach Party Saturday, April 7

The Sno-Jets Ski Club has invited the PPOTHG to join in the fun they have planned for Saturday April 7, at A-Basin. If you have not attended one of these annual events in the past it is somewhat like a mardi gras on snow. They have rented a “beach” space just off the parking lot near the main lift.

They have adopted a Pirate Theme, with prizes for the best male and female costumes. There will also be a treasure hunt. They will be serving traditional burgers, hot dogs and sides along with Caribbean fare. There will also be grog, adult beverages and non-alcoholic beverages for a cost of \$20 per person.

If you would like to go or have questions, please let Rick Olson know, [ROlson888@Comcast.Net](mailto:ROlson888@Comcast.Net).

## Arrowhead 2018

We just completed another wonderful trip to Arrowhead with 48 PPOTG members and guests participating. The Monday night party and dinner on Wednesday night at the Rocky Mountain Country Club provided opportunities for food, drink, and socializing for all. The snow was not the best but was adequate for skiing and snowshoeing. Plans are underway for the 2019 ski season. More to come on next year's Arrowhead trip as we work out the details.

## 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.

Updates to the website coming soon!!! Take a look now.

# Camping by Nancy Podczervinski

## PPOTHG Camping Schedule 2018

**MAY 14-17** TRINIDAD LAKE – Carprios Ridge Loop- #34-52, Available to book now (State Park)

**JUNE 17-22** CRAWFORD STATE PARK – Iron Creek Loop –A, Available to book now

**JULY 22-27** WYOMING RODEO -- Curt Gowdy – Tumbleweed Loop (State Park)  
Book March 24, Will be purchasing tickets to the rodeo -- more information to follow

### ***ATTENTION CAMP SITE CHANGED:***

**AUGUST 13-18** JAMES ROB STATE PARK -- Island Acres Loop Peach Festival

### **CORRECTION- New plan**

**AUGUST 13-18** JAMES M ROBB RIVER STATE PARK -- **Fruita Section Main Loop 36-44**

Full hook ups

34-26 Electric

Site septic

**SEPTEMBER 16-21** HORSE-TOOTH RESERVOIR IN FORT COLLINS -

Inlet #127-141 (State Park) - Book by March 16

Please direct any questions to Nancy Podczervinski at:

[nancypod1223@yahoo.com](mailto:nancypod1223@yahoo.com) or call her at 719-352-8773

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