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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

Now that ski season is over, many of us are turning our attention to the other great activities moving into summer: hiking, camping, cycling, golf, and more!

Speaking of "more," there has been a continued interest in pickleball. It has not been established as an official activity of the club yet, but since so many members are involved in pickleball, we thought we should try it out as a club activity.

Carol Arthur and Dan Akerhielm have volunteered to act as Pickleball Activity co-chairs. For now let me give the contact information for Carol: Tel 660-1208 and email: [barlowe@hotmail.com](mailto:barlowe@hotmail.com). If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Carol. She will be announcing the schedule in the Newsletter for now, and setting up a mailing list of all of you who want to play. Depending on interest, we will then add this as a formal activity for PPOTHG and to our website.

I want to thank both Carol and Dan for volunteering to organize this activity!

## Membership by Janice Harris

PPOTHG continues to draw new members with a variety of interests. As of April, we have **257** paid members in PPOTHG. That is 14 new or returning members since our last newsletter.

### **Newest members:**

**Elaine & Jack Brush:** We are so happy to see Elaine and Jack return to our PPOTHG. I know they have many social commitments, but this just shows how you can't stay away from a fun group of friends! Jack and Elaine will be active again with snowshoeing, hiking and camping. Welcome back Jack and Elaine!

**Kaycee Cook:** Kaycee researched "meet up" groups on the internet and found our contact information. It looks like those of you who participate in snowshoeing, camping, biking, kayaking and fishing will get a chance to meet up with Kaycee. Welcome Kaycee, I think you will meet a lot of great people in our various activities.

**Kris Jones:** Another online connection has brought us new member, Kris Jones. Kris' main interest is in our hiking program. Hopefully once she gets to know others in our group she will be encouraged to branch out to more of our many great activities. Welcome Kris.

**Steve & Lu McCoy:** Friends of Steve and Lu introduced them to the fun times in PPOTHG. An active couple, they indicate an interest in skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, golf, camping, biking, fishing, metal detecting, pickle ball and social events. We look forward to meeting you and having you as an active part of our club. Welcome!

**Robert Osborne & Bev Perry:** Robert is a returning member of PPOTHG, so many of you may already know him. I believe Bev is new to our group. Bev and Robert plan to participate in skiing and hiking. Welcome Bev and welcome back Robert!

**Diane Sebastian:** Friends have introduced Diane to PPOTHG. If I am not mistaken, Diane was on the Costa Rica adventure with current members Patty Martinez and Donna Gail Schneider in February. We look forward to seeing Diane as she participates in activities such as snowshoeing, hiking, camping, biking and doing artistic things like painting, card making and beading. Welcome Diane.

**Lisa Timpson:** Current member Denise Trent introduced Lisa to PPOTHG. You will be able to meet up with Lisa on a skiing or snowshoeing trip, hiking, biking, pickle ball or at one of our social events. Welcome Lisa, I'm sure you will enjoy the many activities PPOTHG has to offer.

**Debi Hume:** Nancy Podczervinski has introduced a new golfer to our PPOTHG group. Now that golf season is here, please reach out and meet Debi. Welcome Debi, I think you'll have great time with the PPOTHG golfers.

**Rex Kirkpatrick:** I am not sure where Rex learned about PPOTHG, but with the activities he listed, it won't be long before he meets many members of our club. Rex enjoys skiing and biking. Welcome to PPOTHG, Rex.

**Anne Lennox:** Anne is a returning member. She spends winters in Florida and has returned to the Rocky Mountains to enjoy our beautiful hiking. Welcome back, Anne.

**Sue Podczervinski:** Current member, Nancy Podczervinski, has definitely been recruiting this Spring! Sue is Nancy's sister-in-law. We look forward to meeting you, Sue, as you play golf, hike or get onto the pickle ball courts. Welcome!

### **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.

## **Golf by Judith Stassen**

We will be starting golf soon. Yeah! Watch emails for place and time. Here's how it works: we play 9 holes on Monday mornings. I can get tee times only 7 days in advance so I send out a general email each Monday for the following week. You must respond to me if you want to play. We are not a league so no one (but you) keeps track of your score. We play just because we like the game and people! Usually we have lunch together after our round.

# Social Activities by Patty Martinez

## May 9, 2018 Dinner Meeting

The May dinner meeting will be held at Arceo's, A Family Mexican Restaurant, 4608 Rusina Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80907.

Social Hour: 5:30 pm

Meeting: 6:00 pm

Dinner: Following meeting at about 6:20 pm

Buffet Menu:

Chips and Salsa

Guacamole

Beef and Chicken Fajitas

Cheese Enchiladas

Refried Beans

Spanish Rice

Lettuce and tomatoes

Sopapillas

The cost is \$22.00 per person which includes tax and gratuity. Please make your check to PPOTHG and mail to:

Patty Martinez, 6035 Tuckerman Ln, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

719-598-4221 - H      719-338-9559 - C

Your check is your reservation **and I need your checks no later than May 4, 2018. Please allow 3 days for mail delivery!**

In the past, in the summer months, various club members have generously opened their home for potlucks for our monthly dinner meetings. Attendance is between 50 - 75 members. Please contact me if it would be convenient for you to host a dinner.

**June 13, 2018 Dinner Meeting:** To be determined. Please call or email me if you are interested in hosting this dinner.

Additional dates for the summer:

July 11, 2018 Dinner Meeting: Jim and Karen Campbell have offered their home for this dinner. Details to follow.

August 8, 2018 Dinner Meeting: Jack and Elaine Brush have offered their home for this dinner. Details to follow.

September 16, 2018: Annual picnic at Cheyenne Mountain State Park. Details to follow.

## Biking by Phil McDonald

The 2018 PPOTHG cycling season officially commenced on Tuesday, April 3 with a chilly 15 mile ride north on the Santa Fe Trail from America the Beautiful Park to Criterium Bicycles. Cyclists plan on riding every Tuesday from April-October from designated trailheads in Colorado Springs. Additionally, several "road trips" are planned in Denver, Castle Rock, Pueblo, Summit County, Fort Collins, Leadville, and Glenwood Springs-Aspen. Ride distances range from 14-40+ miles at speeds of 10-12 MPH. Typically, we make every attempt to ride on designated bike trails, lesser travelled streets and established bike lanes.

We are exploring the possibility of adding a Saturday ride twice each month. Let me know if you would be interested in Saturday riding. If you are not included on the roster of PPOTHG Cyclists, please contact Phil McDonald ([pharoahphil@comcast.net](mailto:pharoahphil@comcast.net))

Also, if you would be interested in leading local rides, please contact Phil at the email address cited above.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Trailhead</b>	<b>Ride Description</b>
5/1	Phil Mc Donald	Woodman Park & Ride	N. on Santa Fe Trail to N. Gate of AFA (16 mi.)
5/8	Colleen Niemczyk	Pueblo	Nature and Raptor Center west to Pueblo West (20 mi.)
5/15	Carol Arthur	Denver (TBA)	Cherry Creek State Park ride
6/5	Phil Mc Donald	Gossage Park lot	So. on Santa Fe Trail to Kohls SW
6/12	Carol Schmitz	Denver TBA	TBA
6/19-20	Denise Trent	Fort Collins TBA	TBA
6-26	Phil Mc Donald	Rockrimmon P.O	GOG Challenge North and West side loop (16 miles)

# 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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Map</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>
3 May	Austin Bluffs 3-Tenors Loop	<a href="#">Map</a>	Bob Jones	512-921-0667	<a href="mailto:jonesschou@mac.com">jonesschou@mac.com</a>
10 May	Austin Bluffs Angry Squirrel Loop	<a href="#">Map</a>	Bob Jones	512-921-0667	<a href="mailto:jonesschou@mac.com">jonesschou@mac.com</a>
13-19 May (No hike due to camping, golf, & biking)			Arthur Foley	719-535-9085	<a href="mailto:afoley@ret.unca.edu">afoley@ret.unca.edu</a>
23 May	Lincoln Mountain Open Space	<a href="#">Info</a>	Art Porter	719-634-7280	<a href="mailto:art3porter@hotmail.com">art3porter@hotmail.com</a>
31 May	Elder-Fenn Trail near Divide	<a href="#">Map</a>	Mike Witter	719-660-5758	<a href="mailto:ukmaw@yahoo.com">ukmaw@yahoo.com</a>
6 Jun	Fountain Creek	<a href="#">Info</a>	Linda Langston	719-579-8135	<a href="mailto:lindalangston1@aol.com">lindalangston1@aol.com</a>
13 Jun	Holbert Cabin, Canon City	<a href="#">Info</a>	Art Porter	719-634-7280	<a href="mailto:art3porter@hotmail.com">art3porter@hotmail.com</a>
19 Jun	Mt. Buckhorn	<a href="#">Map</a>	Mike Witter	719-660-5758	<a href="mailto:ukmaw@yahoo.com">ukmaw@yahoo.com</a>
28 Jun	Dawson Butte Open Space	<a href="#">Map</a>	Mike Witter	719-660-5758	<a href="mailto:ukmaw@yahoo.com">ukmaw@yahoo.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.

## Pickleball by Carol Arthur

The official season for pickleball is upon us! If you ever have considered playing pickleball, the time is now!

Lessons are offered by the Pikes Peak Pickleball Association on Saturdays at Wasson High School, 2115 Afton Way, from 11-12:30. Get there a bit early in order to secure your spot. Two free lessons with all equipment provided are available; just remember to bring water. Then if you are hooked by the fun, become a member of the Association (\$20 annually) and your next step would be Guided Play. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the sport and focus on improving your skills. Again, this is staffed by volunteers (from PPPA) at Monument Valley Park.

Guided Play sessions will commence on April 29<sup>th</sup>, both Sundays and Tuesdays from 2-3. Last summer there was a \$5 fee and you must PREREGISTER for Guided Play with Sherry Fairchild, Education and Training Director, at [Sdfairchild@mac.com](mailto:Sdfairchild@mac.com). In order to participate in Guided Play, not only must you become a member of the Association, you have to bring your own paddle and balls. Are you aware that pickleball is happening at different sites and times in Colorado Springs?

Realizing that this is quite a bit of information, questions can be directed to the following:

Initial lessons...contact Nancy Steffy at 210-3041  
Dan Akerhielm...599-0338  
Carol Arthur...660-1208

More information can be found on the Pikes Peak Pickleball Association's website.

Once you have the free lessons and participated in some Guided Play, please come out for fun on Monday afternoon, 4 to 5:30 at Monument Valley Park. There you will find a small group of us from PPOTHG (beginning Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>).

New friends with a new sport...who can ask for anything more?

# 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

**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

## 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.

There are some new photos from Jack Quinn's, main ski slider, Arrowhead, that you should take a look at. Never know what the "mad photographer" might capture and post to the website....

Take a look – <http://www.PPOTHG.com>



## Skiing by Rick Olson

### Ski Bus – Update

The Ski Bus had ten trips this season with stops at Breckenridge, Keystone, A-Basin and Copper. We also had a number of people take advantage of the Frisco, Keystone and Breckenridge Nordic centers. While the snow was not the “best” everyone seemed to make the most of what there was. In case you were wondering, the Ski Bus family increased this season and we had more people take the bus this year over last year.

If you have not purchased your pass for next season, give it some thought. The military discounts that the Epic pass offers are hard to pass up. We will not finalize the schedule for next season until late summer / early fall but we expect that it will be similar to this season, favoring the same Epic pass locations, plus four or five trips to Copper. In addition, each trip will offer a Nordic center stop.

A number of people have asked about refunds for cancelled trips. That subject will be addressed at the next board meeting (April 11). I will let you know.

In case you were wondering about the Arrowhead trip next year, Rick Couch has negotiated an agreement with the Arrowhead people to return the first week in February (Feb 5 – 8). Whether you ski or not, this is a fun trip with lots to do on and off the slopes. Did you know there is a very nice outdoor hot tub at Arrowhead?

Rick Olson - Ski Director

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