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Oct. – Nov. 2017

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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

Thanks go to Janice Harris for writing the message for me in the last newsletter. Sherrie and I had a great time in the Baltics – a cruise you should not miss – and then it was off to Seattle for our nephew's wedding. It has been a busy summer, as I am sure it has been for all of you.

I am very happy with the new Board and Activity Chairs: Everyone is fully engaged, and available if you have any questions or suggestions. Meanwhile, our thanks again go to Jim Marquart and the previous Board, who did an outstanding job.

I want to highlight the club's Annual Picnic on September 10, which will be held again at Cheyenne Mountain State Park. It is one of the few club events where we all have a chance to get together as a large group, and if you get there early there is an opportunity for a short hike as well. Please get your reservations in to Patty Martinez, telephone (719) 338-9559. This is a club-subsidized event.

Also, don't forget that September is the membership renewal month. Please make Janice Harris's job easier by getting your renewal in now or bring a check to the picnic. Renewal is \$30 for a single, \$60 for a couple.

We are still looking at Pickleball as a possible club activity. Please get your comments in to Nancy Podczervinski, or better yet, join the group to demonstrate your interest!

Finally, we are collecting pictures for all of the group activities. We want to update the web site with current pictures. Please get your pictures to Susan Callahan, who is doing a great job in updating the web site.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

## Membership by Janice Harris

We are well into our PPOTHG Annual Membership Renewal cycle. If you plan to renew your membership and have not already sent in your check, it's time to do so! The annual membership period is October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018. The annual dues are an amazing deal at \$30 per person per year! Where else can you get such a bargain for so much fun and so many friends! PPOTHG membership renewal payments for 2017-2018 are due **NO LATER THAN Saturday, September 30, 2017**. Membership dues are non-refundable. Remember, if your payment is not received by the September 30th deadline, you will be assessed an additional \$10 LATE PAY FEE. **Checks should be made out to PPOTHG and mailed to: PPOTHG/Membership, PO Box 7782, Colorado Springs, Co 80933-7782.**

If for some reason you will **NOT** be renewing your membership this year, please advise me via email at [Jharris.co22@gmail.com](mailto:Jharris.co22@gmail.com). By doing so, you will assist me in keeping our membership records current and also eliminate the need for follow up phone calls and/or emails.

This month we welcome three new members, bringing our club total membership to **242** members.

### Newest members:

**Bob Feist:** Bob is the spouse of our current PPOTHG member, Judy Ellwood. Both Bob and Judy have been drawn to our club by the biking activities. Along with biking, Bob enjoys skiing, snowshoeing, hiking and scuba. We certainly have most of his interests covered in PPOTHG. Welcome Bob, we look forward to getting to know you.

**Robert Osborne:** I am not sure where Robert learned about our club, but I am sure he will enjoy being a part of PPOTHG as he enjoys skiing, hiking and social events. It's great to have you in the club Robert and hope to see you at some of our upcoming activities.

**Lorna Thornton:** Lorna was introduced to PPOTHG at a Jazz Concert where current member Sheila Maio was sharing with her the great activities our club has to offer. Lorna later saw an ad in the *Independent* newspaper and decided to join in the fun. Lorna enjoys snowshoeing, hiking, social activities and "maybe" biking! Welcome Lorna!

## Golf by Judith Stassen

We have had a great season! Our Best Ball Scramble is Sept 11. We are playing a fun mountain course in Woodland Park and we have just a couple spots left. I will continue to schedule golf days into October or until the snow flies!

## Social Activities by Patty Martinez

### October Dinner Meeting – Wednesday, 11 October 2017 -- Valley High Golf Course

The October dinner meeting will be held at the Valley High Golf Course, 610 S. Chelton Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80916. Cocktails are available at cash bar at 5:30, dinner at 6:00. The dinner will be Oktoberfest themed with details to follow at a later date.

### November Dinner Meeting – Wednesday, 8 November 2017

Details will follow at a later date via email.

### Special Events

I welcome any suggestions for special events or activities that you feel would be an interest to club members. I do ask that you make yourself available to assist in the coordination and execution of the suggested activity to make it the best experience possible. Call 719-598-4221/719-338-9559 or email me at [pamartinez23@msn.com](mailto:pamartinez23@msn.com) with your ideas. I look forward to hearing from you.

## Biking by Phil McDonald

### September Cycling Schedule

Date	Trailhead	Ride Description	Notes
Tuesday, 9/19	Rockrimmon P.O. Parking lot	Ride on Gold Camp Road, North Cheyenne Canyon, downtown	streets, unpaved roads, 30 miles. hilly
Tuesday, 9/26	Sears Southgate Parking lot	Pueblo Nature Center east to CSU Pueblo	20 miles paved

Rides will continue in October and November weather permitting.

If you haven't registered as a PPOTHG Cyclist, contact Phil McDonald at [pharoahphil@comcast.net](mailto:pharoahphil@comcast.net). Don't miss out on the fun.

# Hiking by Arthur Foley

**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
3 Oct	<a href="#">Clear Springs Ranch</a>	<a href="#">Map</a>	Art Porter	634-7280	<a href="mailto:art3porter@hotmail.com">art3porter@hotmail.com</a>
12 Oct	<a href="#">Garden of the Gods</a>	<a href="#">Map</a>	Linda Langston	579-8135	<a href="mailto:lindalangston1@aol.com">lindalangston1@aol.com</a>
18 Oct	<a href="#">St. Mary's Falls</a>	<a href="#">Map</a>	Mike Witter	660-5758	<a href="mailto:ukmaw@yahoo.com">ukmaw@yahoo.com</a>
24 Oct	<a href="#">Homestead Ranch</a>	<a href="#">Map</a>	Art Porter	634-7280	<a href="mailto:art3porter@hotmail.com">art3porter@hotmail.com</a>
2 Nov	<a href="#">Ute Valley</a>	<a href="#">Map</a>	Arthur Foley	535-9085	<a href="mailto:afoley@ret.unca.edu">afoley@ret.unca.edu</a>
7 Nov	<a href="#">Emerald Valley Pipeline</a>	<a href="#">Map</a>	Mike Witter	660-5758	<a href="mailto:ukmaw@yahoo.com">ukmaw@yahoo.com</a>
14 Nov	<a href="#">Pikes Peak Greenway</a>	<a href="#">Map</a>	Linda Langston	579-8135	<a href="mailto:lindalangston1@aol.com">lindalangston1@aol.com</a>
21 Nov	<a href="#">Shooks Run</a>	<a href="#">Map</a>	Art Porter	634-7280	<a href="mailto:art3porter@hotmail.com">art3porter@hotmail.com</a>
29 Nov	<a href="#">Lovell Gulch</a>	<a href="#">Map</a>	Mike Witter	660-5758	<a href="mailto:ukmaw@yahoo.com">ukmaw@yahoo.com</a>

# 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.

## 2018 Ski Season by Rick Olson

Winter is coming, but not for a while yet. If you are a downhill skier / snowboarder, cross country skier or just want to get out and enjoy the winter, PPOTHG has a number of opportunities for you.

### Ski Bus

We are currently finalizing arrangements with the group that provides the bus (Fort Carson) and expect to offer day trips again starting in January. The bus schedule will be similar to last year, offering a day trip, once a week and will include Keystone, A Basin, Breckenridge and Copper Mountain. Each trip will also include a Nordic center for those who prefer cross-country skiing. Based on your suggestions, we have made a number of changes / improvements. Registration will not open until October, for members. Have you renewed your season pass ... purchased that four pack?

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. More details will be forthcoming, if you have questions, please contact Rick Olson, [ROlson888@Comcast.net](mailto:ROlson888@Comcast.net)

### Arrowhead - Jan 29 - Feb 2

Arrowhead Ski Trip - stand by reservations are available for the Arrowhead Ski Trip that is January 29 thru February 2, 2018. Standbys will be accommodated depending on the availability of condos. The cost per person is \$350. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Rick Couch at (719) 930-9541 or [rsmileyc@aol.com](mailto:rsmileyc@aol.com).

### Snow Mountain Ranch - Feb 20 – 23

The Ranch offers a wide range of winter activities. The initial reservation was for eight rooms and they have been taken. If you are interested please contact Joe Maio. If there is enough interest, he may be able to get a second cabin.

## Camping by Nancy Podczervinski

We had a wonderful time this year at each campsite as usual. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and I look forward to our future trips and invite all who are interested in camping to look for next year's plans.

The last camping trip this year will be at:

Mueller State Park- September 26-28 Electric Hookups Showers Toilets Water Spigots Dump Station- Divide, Colorado

In December we will be looking at our future trips for next summer. I will keep you informed on where our camping sites will be and when the suggested time to book will be.

# Pickleball Information

## by Nancy Podczervinski

Pickleball is a new sport for our club that is starting to grow in popularity. There are around 12 - PPOTHG members who took up the sport for the first time this year. If you are interested in joining, you may want to join them during their regular playing time at Monument Valley Park on Monday and Thursday at 4:00.

If you would like to take lessons first, please read the following:

It might be a good idea to sign up with the Pickleball Association (\$20) per person – per year. You will be included in all the information for playing this winter. You can check out details at [www.pikespeakpickleball.com](http://www.pikespeakpickleball.com)

It will be just a “play by ear” this winter with the PPOTHG group. We are pretty lucky to have some mild sunny days during the winter months and there will be times there will be a scheduled play. Make sure you contact Carol or Mike if you are interested in playing some time.

Carol [barlowe@hotmail.com](mailto:barlowe@hotmail.com) Mike [mc1959@ameritech.net](mailto:mc1959@ameritech.net),

The following is information on how to get started. This is their Pikes Peak Pickleball Association notice.

Welcome to the Pikes Peak Pickleball Association’s (PPPA) class of 2017

After attending 2 free lessons, your next steps in continuing your growth in pickleball is to participate in Guided Play and/or Round Robin at the 2.0-3.0 levels.

Guided Play is held on Sundays and Tuesdays 2-3 pm at Monument Valley Park (MVP). In groups of 4, you’ll have an advanced player to guide you through shots, strategy, etc. You must have a reservation to ensure there are enough instructors. Please contact Sherry Fairchild at [sdfairchild@mac.com](mailto:sdfairchild@mac.com). Note - players must have their own paddle and balls.

The 2.0-3.0 Round Robin is held at MVP on Mondays and Thursdays noon - 1:30 pm (please arrive between 11:30 and 11:45 to ensure play can start at noon). No reservation is required. Contact Krista de Jonckheere at [Kristadej47@aol.com](mailto:Kristadej47@aol.com)

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