



DECEMBER, 2020

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NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

**NO MEETING IN
DECEMBER**

ALPINE SKIING BEGINNING

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 1**

10:00AM

OTHER WINTER SPORTS

**SNOWSHOEING
SATURDAYS**

**STARTING
DECEMBER 5**

10:00AM

OTHG DONATES TO LOCAL NON-PROFITS

Our members voted 69% to 31% to donate our 2020 unspent funds to local non-profit organizations. We will be donating \$6,190 to Yampatika, Routt County Council on Aging, LiftUp. Thank you for your generosity.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2021

As we prepare for winter sports season, the time has come to renew our memberships with the Steamboat Springs Over the Hill Gang. We are all hoping for a return to more in-person activities during 2021. Meanwhile, we will continue safe, outdoor activities, such as alpine skiing, backcountry skiing and snowshoeing. Virtual meetings, such as Book Club and Happy Hour, will return in January, as well. Members will be registering online this year.

Please respond to the email that you will receive from Beverly Hayes, our Treasurer, explaining our new

SAFWAY PARKING

BACKCOUNTRY SKIING

**BEGINNING
DECEMBER 19**

9:20AM

**SAFWAY
PARKING**

**ALTERNATING
SAT/SUN**

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Martha Homuth

WEBSITE and MEMBERS DIRECTORY

Welcome to our updated website at <http://www.ssothg.org> You will find all of our events by clicking on the 'CALENDAR' tab.

To access the PDF version of the OTHG Directory, click on the 'Members Only' tab. Once there, you must 'Sign Up' by typing in your email address and entering a password that you make up. (This is to ensure that the OTHG Directory is not available to the public.) Then click on 'Go'. The webmaster will verify that you are a member of the OTHG and send you an email approving your log-in

application and payment plans.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Covid-19 Level Red

Right now, the Covid-19 capacity level for outdoor group activities states that groups of fewer than 10 are allowed. We will keep our social distancing of 6 ft and follow Routt County Health Department guidance regarding mask wearing.

If you have traveled out of the county or have been in contact with someone with confirmed or suspected Covid-19 disease, please consider quarantining.



VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB BY ZOOM

No Meeting in December

Wed. Jan. 27 -- "The Exiles" by Christina Baker Kline, hosted by Barb Sheehan

Wed. Feb. 24 -- "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson, hosted by Anne Volk

Wed. March 31

Wed. April 28

Wed. May 26

Wed. June 30

HAPPY HOURS

We will be taking a break from our Virtual Happy Hours until January. We will reinstate in-person

information. After that, you will be able to log-in any time you want. You will also be able to download the Directory and keep it on your desktop.

FACEBOOK

Social Media

We now have a Facebook page! For those of you who are interested, log into Facebook and search SSOTHG - Steamboat Springs Over The Hill Gang' Then 'like' this group by clicking on the icon that says 'like' and shows a thumbs up icon. This is a PUBLIC group, meaning anyone can see all the posts. Please feel free to post any news, information, and pictures related to the OTHG.

OFFICERS

President - Cindy Kinnear
Vice President - Steve Hayes
Treasurer - Beverly Hayes
Social Events - Louise Wu
Communications - Jan Dring
Community Contributions - Anne Clardy
Public Relations - Gisela Garrison

ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZERS

Backcountry Skiing
Harry Zinn
Biking - Mellow Road
Jack Ferguson
Biking - Road
Steve Hayes
Biking - Gravel Road
Dave Kinnear

happy hours when it is safe to do so.

SOCIALS and OTHG DINNERS

Group dinners and in-person Happy Hours will resume when it is again safe to gather.

DOWNHILL ALPINE SKIING

Beginning TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 1, 10:00AM



Steamboat Resort is planning to open for downhill skiing on December 1, 2020. The Over the Hill Gang is planning to ski, while complying with Covid-19 safety recommendations. We will meet at 10:00AM each ski day, at the foot of the stairs leading up to the Timber and Torch Restaurant, just opposite the entrance to the gondola. Be sure to bring a mask. We are planning to have good, safe, fun in the open spaces on the mountain!

Given the uncertainties around the ongoing pandemic, the ski area rules could change. Please watch the Over the Hill Gang Downhill Skiing web page to learn about any changes in our plans.

<https://www.ssothg.org/downhill-skiing>

Book Club
Karen Whitney
Botanic Garden
Emily Seaver
Fly Fishing
Paul Inglefield
Golf

Steve Richheimer

Hiking

OPEN

Pickleball

Cindy Kinnear

Skiing - Downhill

Jack Ferguson

Senior Housing

Bill Dring

Snowshoeing

Lynn Sidman &

Ute Lichtenstein

PHOTO GALLERY



Biking over Gore Pass



SNOWSHOEING

SATURDAYS

BEGINNING DECEMBER 5

SAFeway PARKING LOT 10:00AM

Lynn Sidman and Ute Lichtenstein will be organizing the snowshoeing this winter.

We will meet at the Safeway parking lot every Saturday by 10:00 AM so we can decide where we will snowshoe depending on weather conditions. If there is not enough snow to snowshoe, we will hike instead, so bring appropriate footwear (Boots, perhaps spikes of some kind if icy) For more information, please check out our web page at <https://www.ssothg.org/snowshoeing>

If you have any questions, please send an email to snowshoe@ssothg.org



BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOURING BEGINS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

MEET AT SAFEWAY PARKING LOT AT

9:20 AM

Harry Zinn is organizing our backcountry ski touring. Given our limited snowfall, the first outing is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 19. We will meet at 9:20 am at the

Safeway parking lot, choose a destination, check equipment, etc., and leave for Rabbit Ears Pass at 9:30. We typically return to the Safeway parking lot between 1:00 and 2:00 pm.

This year, **outings will be scheduled every two weeks alternating between Saturdays and Sundays.** (In past seasons, we have always skied on Saturdays, but there are always some people who have Saturday conflicts. Let's try to accommodate these folks. If this doesn't work well, we can switch back to all Saturdays.)

Please contact Harry at bcski@ssothg.org before each event to let him know you are coming. Also, let Harry know if you want to be added to an email list to receive reminders and/or important information.

Please visit our webpage for a complete schedule and detailed information about B.C. ski touring: <https://www.ssothg.org/backcountry-ski-touring-1>

thank
you!

Lisa Kirkland



Lisa leading the pack!

Now that the hiking season has ended, the OTHG wants to extend a great big thank you to Lisa Kirkland for her many years of planning and guiding the hiking group. Lisa moved to Boulder this fall. We will miss her. We are looking for volunteers to organize our hikes next season.

Contact Cindy at president@ssothg.org

“A GARDEN FOR ALL SEASONS”



Here's a huge THANK YOU to Emily Seaver for managing our “Garden For All Seasons” at the Yampa Valley Botanic Park. Thanks also to her green thumbed gardeners -Linda Fairchild, Karen Pharris, Molly Shreeve, Barbara Sparks -who kept our OTHG garden beautiful!



PORTUGAL BIKE TOUR

SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 3, 2021

Have you ever thought about a bicycling trip in Portugal? Some of your fellow OTHG members have signed up for a Backroads Portugal Bike Tour: **From Lisbon to Vineyards, Castles & Beaches.**

Here is the link to details and registration information.
<https://www.backroads.com/trips/BPGI/portugal-biking-tour#ltinerary>

If you have questions about the OTHG biking participants, please contact [Dave Kinnear at bikedirt@ssothg.org](mailto:Dave_Kinnear@bikedirt@ssothg.org)

NOTE: This is not a private trip. OTHG members will be joining other guests of Backroads Travel.

OTHG MEMBERS DIRECTORY

New 2020 Directory is now available through the website www.ssothg.org (Click on the 'Members Only' tab). The website will contain the most current membership directory as new members join.

PHOTO GALLERY

If you have any photos of the “gang” or gang activities you would like to share please email them to janet.dring@gmail.com





