



NEWSLETTER July 2026

New Blood Needed!

The Steamboat Springs Over the Hill Gang is looking for some fresh blood! Don't worry—we won't bite, but we are buzzing with an urgent need for new volunteers to step into leadership positions.



Many of our current executive board and committee members have been working hard to keep the club running smoothly for the last five to six years. To keep our events vibrant and our club sustainable, we need a fresh swarm of ideas and energy.

We are looking to fill crucial roles on our Executive Board (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) as well as Activity Committee Coordinators for everything from social events to fly fishing. Even if you only live a few weeks /per year in Steamboat, you might pick one event or activity that you might initiate or organize, coordinate and/or be responsible for.

It only takes a few minutes a month to have a meaningful impact on a Steamboat Springs senior citizen! If you don't feel the itch to help, throw someone else's name in the ring. We'll keep things anonymous! Help keep the club flying high!

Check out www.ssothg.org to see how you can lend a hand.

Please contact Gisela Ferguson (224-627-2747 or Teresa Lee (teresalee333@gmail.com)) for more information

Note: If you are receiving the OTHG newsletter by email you ARE a current 2026 member. Membership is January 1 - December 31.

Renewal reminders are emailed in January and February to members of the previous year.

If you don't renew by February, then your membership is dropped in March and you will stop receiving any communication from OTHG. If you aren't getting the newsletter and feel that you have renewed, please contact Beverly Hayes at ssothg.treasurer@gmail.com.

Be sure to check your SPAM folder for emails regarding OTHG.



Haymaker Patio Grill 34855 US Highway 40

Tuesdays - 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Join us for drinks, appetizers, and fellowship! We will mingle with golfers and other guests.



16th ANNUAL OVER THE HILL GANG GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: TUESDAY, July 28, 2026 beginning at 8:50 am

Where: Haymaker Golf Course

Cost: \$25 per person (does not include green fees or cart).

This year we will play a four-person team shamle tournament.

In a shamble, the best drive of the team is selected and then everyone plays out from that spot. The best two net scores will go to the team score for the hole with each person receiving 80% of their course handicap.

Men will tee off from the white tees and women from the blue tees (except men over 78 or with a handicap of 25 or greater can play from the blue-white tees).

You may form a team or be assigned to a team.

There will be prize money for the first and second place teams and prizes for closest to the pin on holes 7 and 12.

You do not need to have a USGA handicap to play but if you do not have a handicap, I need an estimate of your average 18-hole score at Haymaker.

Currently the field is limited to 5 teams but we can add another team if enough people sign-up by 14 days in advance. So please sign up early by emailing me with your intention to play. Please include club where you maintain your handicap or average score.

Contact: Steve Richheimer, OTHG Golf Coordinator

richheimer@zirkel.us (303 916-9365)

Special Game Night Invitation

When: Thursday, Jul 23, 5:30 – 8:00 PM

Where: St Paul's Church , Community Room , 846 Oak St on the corner of Oak and 9th St.

Cost: \$10/person

RSVP : by Sunday, July 19 via email to: dandbsheehan@verizon.net

Note: When you RSVP to Barb Sheehan, let her know whether you want to bring your own game(s).

SUMMER HIKES

When: Every Monday

Time: Meet at 8:20 AM (**NEW TIME starting June 29th**)

Where: River Creek Park (RCP), Walton Creek Rd and HWY 40

Meet at 8:20 so we can determine the route and ride sharing. We leave promptly at **8:30**.

Important - Be sure to check the OTHG Calendar on Sunday evenings as hikes may change based on weather, etc. Bring your National Parks Pass for Trailhead Parking.

Preview hikes in Hiking the 'Boat II by Diane White-Crane, pages noted for each hike.

Send any questions or ideas to hike@ssothg.org and let's have another fun season on the trails.

June 29: Zirkels- two options: 1. Avid hike: **Three Island Lake-1163** (P.223-235), 7 mi RT, 8,330' to 9,878'± or 2. Relaxed hike (led by Lynn Sidman) **South Fork of the Elk-1100** (P.220-222). 8,390' with 400' gain. Bring lunch

July 6: Dumont Lake (P. 105) Access via Rabbit Ears Pass, 6 miles RT – 9,604'± to 10,500'±.

July 13: Windy Ridge Indian Quarry (P.111-112) (access via Rabbit Ears Pass)– 5.3 mi. RT, 9000', 721± feet elevation gain. Mud crossing requires hiking poles, navigating some downed trees

July 20: Gold Creek Lake-1150 Zirkels (P.240-242). 6 miles RT, 8,460 to 9,555'. Water crossing. Bring lunch

July 27: Mosquito Lake-1119 (Stillwater Reservoir, Flat Tops) P.164. 2 miles to the lake and +1 mi to the high point. 10,280' -11,412'. Bring lunch

Biking

Avid Road Rides (Steve Hayes)

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Start: July 2nd

Meeting: River Creek Park (RCP)

When: 8:30 AM *

Mellow Road Rides (Jack Ferguson)

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Start: July 2nd

Meeting: River Creek Park (RCP)

When: 9 AM *

* Always consult the activity calendar on the web page for updates/changes.

This year's rides will again be leaderless. The riders showing up at RCP will decide the day's ride. We appreciate people stepping up especially when Jack and Steve are unavailable.

If you are interested in **Out-of-town weekend day rides** please let Jack know via [email: \(jack.stullr@gmail.com\)](mailto:jack.stullr@gmail.com) On the weekends he is in Steamboat, he will probably do a drive and bike. If he knows you're interested in joining him, he will email you a few days in advance.

Gravel Rides (Dave Kinnear)

When: Every Friday

Time: 8:30 AM

Meet: River Creek Park

Lead: Dave Kinnear

The gravel road riders will meet at River Creek Park at 8:30 a.m. every Friday. We will drive to the beginning of the ride, so either have your bike on your vehicle or be prepared to load your bike onto a fellow member's bike rack. Parking is limited at some of our starting points, so we will carpool when possible.

All are welcome! Our riders use mountain bikes, gravel bikes and e-bikes. We will not drop anybody. The planned routes are listed on the SSOTHG Activity

Calendar: <https://www.ssothg.org/activities> . For more information,

email: bikedirt@ssothg.org .

PICKLEBALL

When: Tuesdays: 1:30-3:00PM

Thursdays: 1:30-3:00PM

Where: Tennis and Pickleball Center, 2500 Pine Grove, Steamboat Springs

A reminder that you **must** sign up ahead of time on SignUpGenius – No drop-ins, please and there is a charge. Please read the Pickleball page on our website for further

information <https://www.ssothg.org/basic-01> or send an email to pickleball@ssothg.org with questions. **Debbie Spyker** is the organizer. Join the fun.

BOOK CLUB

When: Thursday, July 30th, 2026

Time: 5-7 pm * Watch Change of time

Where: Project Room at the Bud Werner Library

Book: “*The Music of Bees*” by Eileen Garvin

Cookbook Dinner Club

When: July 20

Time: 6-8 PM

Where: Home of Rich and Karen Whitney, Marabou Ranch

Hosts: Rich and Karen

Cookbook: TBA

Cookbook Club is a social event held almost every 3rd Monday /month. It is a community for people of all cooking abilities to meet and build cooking skills and friendships over food, one cookbook at a time.

At OTHG HAPPY HOUR (Tuesdays) prior to the dinner members sign up **in Person** and choose a recipe from the cookbook for the month; take a picture of the recipe you have chosen, and don't improvise on the recipe.

Bring only the dish you have prepared. Silverware, dishes, etc. will be provided by the hosts. Also bring your own beverage. The group will enjoy and discuss the different dishes.

Botanic Park

OTHG has a garden plot at the Botanic Park, that carefully and lovingly has been cared for by Emily Seaver and her helpers. If you are interested in gardening, join the group.

When: Tuesdays at 10 AM

Where: All Seasons garden near the tool shed in the Botanic Park

For more information call Emily at 970-819-8818

Welcome New Members: Valerie Rochon

Doug Barry

Diane Howard

Jim Baker

Sally Baker

JoAnn Bemus

Deb Bethany

WEBSITE

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 information. After that, you will be able to log-in any time you want. You will also be able to

ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZERS

All Year

Book Club --- Lynn Mullins

Pickleball --- Debbie Spyker

Cookbook Dinner --- Shelly Dermody Harris

Summer/Fall

Biking - Mellow Road --- Jack Ferguson

Biking - Avid Road --- Steve Hayes

Biking - Gravel Road --- Dave Kinnear

Botanic Park --- Emily Seaver

download the Directory and keep it on your desktop.

FACEBOOK

Social Media

We 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. Feel free to post any news, and information, and photos directly related to SSOTHG activities, but remember: this is a PUBLIC group so anyone can view it.

Fly Fishing --- [Open](#)

Golf --- Steve Richheimer

Hiking ---Teresa Lee

Winter Season

Backcountry Skiing ---Don Campbell

Assisted by Erica Lindemann

& Karen McNish

Skiing – Downhill --- Jack Ferguson

Snowshoeing --- [Organizer\(s\) Needed](#)

OTHG-OFFICERS

Co-Presidents: Gisela Ferguson & Teresa Lee

Administration, Finance & Membership: Beverly Hayes

Secretary: Steven Hayes

Social Events: Louise Wu

Communications/Newsletter [OPEN](#)

Public Relations: Gisela Ferguson

Website Management: Dave Kinnear

Respectfully Submitted:

Gisela Ferguson June 28,2026