



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

JOIN US FOR HAPPY HOUR



TUESDAYS

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Haymaker Patio Grill

34855 US Highway 40

Please join us for drinks, appetizers, and fellowship.

OTHG PICKLEBALL

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.

February Potluck Dinner

When: Thursday, February 12 5:30 PM

Where: St. Paul's Episcopal Church on 846 Oak Street

Come and join us at the potluck dinner. Please note the **NEW Location:**

Bring a dish to share and your own beverage!

“Pray that your friends bring something you like 😊 !”

BACKCOUNTRY SKIING

ALTERNATING SATURDAYS

February 14 and February 28.

Meet at **River Creek Park at 9:20 AM**

The backcountry ski trips will be led by co-organizers Don Campbell, Erica Lindemann, and Karen McNish. These trips will go out every other Saturday, including February 14 and 28! (dates will be posted on the OTHG calendar). If weather or driving conditions are too hazardous, we might change plans the morning of the trip. These are relaxed trips on “blue-green” terrain - typically skiing about three miles in about three hours. Regulars use a variety of equipment: traditional but wide cross-country skis, lightweight telemark gear, or lightweight alpine touring gear. Narrow, track-style cross-country skis sink too deep in the soft snow to be any fun, and heavy downhill-oriented BC gear is overkill. *For more information, see the OTHG website page: <https://www.ssothg.org/backcountry-ski-touring>, then feel free to e-mail Don Campbell (ssothg.backcountry.ski@gmail.com). If your experience is limited and you are uncertain about joining us, we are happy to answer questions, and help you get started.*

SNOWSHOEING

EVERY SATURDAY

Meet at 9:45 at River Creek Park (Walton Creek Rd and HWY 40).

Meet us weekly in the River Creek Park parking lot at 9:45 AM where we will plan our adventure and organize ride sharing. We will depart from River Creek Park at **10:00 a.m. sharp**

We will base our plan on weather and snow conditions, which is why we remain flexible. The planned snowshoe/hike will be posted to the OTHG calendar so you can come prepared for your outing. The suggested Saturday hike will be posted on the OTHG calendar by 6:00 p.m. Friday evening. Most hikes are in the 2-5 mile range.

Be sure to bring your own equipment, including:

- sunscreen
- snowshoes
- poles
- layered clothing including wind protection-check the weather
- water-electrolytes
- snacks
- boots and traction (spikes, Yak-Trax) if there is not enough snow to snowshoe; we'll go for a hike instead. For more information email snowshoe@ssothg.org

BOOK CLUB

When: Wednesday, February 25

Time: 4-6 PM

Host: Gwen Webster

Book: *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

Volunteers are needed to host the remainder of the meetings for this year. Please let Lynn Mullins know if you can host one! If you are unable to host at home, the library's Project Room may be available.

The following is a schedule of the next dates / times for our discussion.

2026 tentative calendar:

Wed. Feb. 25, 2026 4-6 pm

Thurs. Mar. 26, 6-8 pm

Wed. April 29, 6-8 pm

Thurs. May 28, 6-8 pm

Wed. June 24, 6-8 pm

Thurs. July 30, 6-8 pm

Wed. Aug. 26, 6-8 pm

Thurs. Sept. 24, 6-8 pm

Wed. Oct. 28, 6-8 pm

Thurs. Nov. 19, 4-6 pm

No December meeting

DOWNHILL SKIING

EVERY THURSDAY – Leave at 9:45 from the BILLY KIDD STATUE

The downhill skiing group members responded positively to the late meeting time of ~ 9:30 AM, **with 9:45** AM the time we are leaving from the Billy Kidd Statue.

Jack appreciates the assistance of competent OTHG skiers to break up the larger group and lead them “over the hills”, the Ski Mountains.

COOK BOOK DINNER CLUB

Location: TBA

Cookbook: TBA

Cookbook Club is a SSOTHG social event held almost every month (the 3rd Monday). 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 HOURS (Tuesdays) prior to the Dinner, members sign up 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.

We are looking for HOSTS! The number of participants is determined by the host's seating availability.

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

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 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.

ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZERS

Winter Season

Backcountry Skiing --- Led by Don Campbell

Assisted by

Erica Lindemann

Karen McNish

Skiing – Downhill --- Jack Ferguson

Snowshoeing --- Organizer(s) Needed

All Year

Book Club --- Lynn Mullins

Pickleball --- Debbie Spyker

Cookbook Dinner --- Shelly Dermody Harris

Summer/Fall

Biking - Mellow Road --- Jack Ferguson

Biking – Road --- Steve Hayes

Biking - Gravel Road --- Dave Kinnear

Botanic Garden --- Emily Seaver

Fly Fishing --- Open

Golf --- Steve Richheimer

Hiking --- Teresa Lee

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Wayne Hobin

Jeff Kovner

David Blandford

Jane Blandford

Sue Brantley

Andy Nyblade

Robbie Dockswell

Sue Sproule

Perry Dunn

Lauren Beversluis

Carrie Tarkin

Sharon Irwin

Dave Valenti

Marjorie Weibel

Doug Weibel

RETURNING MEMBERS:

Kathy Hentzen

Al Keyack

Susan Keyack

Brian MacPhail

Janet MacPhail

Louise McLeod

Sidney Moon

Jim Shaughnessy

Mary Ellen Shaughnessy

Ron Thom

Howard Kellogg

Nancy Kellogg

Submitted by: Gisela Ferguson

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