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# NEWSLETTER

## CALENDAR

### ZOOM HAPPY HOUR

**TUESDAYS  
5:00-6:00 PM**  
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### ROAD BIKING

**8:30AM  
TUESDAYS  
THURSDAYS  
RIVER CREEK PK**  
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### GRAVEL ROAD BIKING

**FRIDAYS  
9:00AM  
RIVER CREEK PK**  
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### HIKING **MONDAYS**

## **SOME SUMMER EVENTS CANCELLED IN STEAMBOAT SPRINGS**

As everyone knows, the Covid-19 pandemic has led to many changes in Steamboat Springs and beyond. The document at the end of this newsletter includes a list of annual events that have been canceled, as well as a list of events that have been postponed or may still occur. This may be helpful as you plan your activities over the next few months.



## **\*\*NEW VIRTUAL HAPPY HOURS TUESDAYS 5:00 - 6:00 PM**

The Over the Hill Gang cannot get together, in person, for Happy Hour right now, so we are trying something new: Virtual Happy Hour! On Tuesdays, from 5:00 p.m. until about 6:00 p.m. some of us are gathering via Zoom to socialize and have a drink as a group. While nothing compares to being together on the deck at Aurum, this is kind of fun.

**8:30  
SAFEWAY  
PARKING LOT**

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**VIRTUAL  
BOOK CLUB  
THURSDAY  
JULY 30  
6:00 - 8:00PM**

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**OTHG GOLF  
TOURNAMENT  
TUESDAY  
AUGUST 4  
9:00AM**

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**WELCOME NEW  
MEMBERS**

Debbie Modzelewski  
Janet Panebaker  
Steve Hefferan  
Krystal Mackey

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**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**

If you would like to join us, you can find the link to our Zoom meetings on the Members Only web page at the [www.ssothg.org](http://www.ssothg.org) web site. (If you have not signed into the Members Only page before, please visit a couple of days in advance, create your own password and request access to the page. SSOTHG members will be granted access within 24 hours.) Grab a beverage and a snack and join us as we share tales of life during social distancing.

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**GROUP ACTIVITIES**

Please note: For the safety of our members, if you are not feeling well or if you have attended a large group activity in the last two weeks, we ask that you not participate in our outings.

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**ROAD BIKING**

**8:30AM  
RIVER CREEK PARK  
TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS  
(Walton Creek Rd and Lincoln)**

Over the Hill Gang road biking continues every Tuesday and Thursday (weather permitting). Beginning July 2, the riders will move our meeting time to 8:30 a.m., so that we can complete our outings before the daily heat and wind get too high. The bikers meet at River Creek Park, Lincoln Avenue and Walton Creek Road. The route of the day will be determined by the riders present. We typically split into two or more groups based on the distance and the speed that people prefer. These are friendly rides, so no one is dropped. The riders hope to see you there!

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 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.

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## OFFICERS

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

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## ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZERS

### Adopt-a-Highway

Biking web page: <https://www.ssothg.org/road-biking> . For more information, email [bikefast@ssothg.org](mailto:bikefast@ssothg.org). The group will maintain proper social distancing and we ask that you not come to the group ride if you are feeling ill.

Come and join us for a ride through beautiful Routt County.

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## GRAVEL ROAD BIKING

**9:00 AM**

**RIVER CREEK PARK  
FRIDAYS**

(Walton Creek Rd and Lincoln)

The Friday gravel road rides have been going well. As bicycle technology advances and the Over the Hill Gang adds new members, we have seen the addition to our rides of many gravel bikes and e-bikes. The rides are friendly for mountain bikes and gravel bikes, whether electrified or not. To join us, meet at River Creek Park, Lincoln Avenue and Walton Creek Road, at 9:00 a.m. on Friday mornings. You can find out more about the planned route, each week, on the OTHG activities calendar: <https://www.ssothg.org/activities> .Double-click on the calendar entry to bring up a description of the ride and a map.

We will attempt to have ride options that are appropriate for slow riders, faster riders and e-bike riders. No one will be left behind.

We will utilize a number of scenic gravel roads for our outings and the routes will get a little more challenging as the season progresses and our conditioning improves. For

Karen Pharris  
**Backcountry Skiing**

Harry Zinn

**Biking - Mellow Road**

Jack Ferguson

**Biking - Road**

Steve Hayes

**Biking - Gravel Road**

Dave Kinnear

**Book Club**

Karen Whitney

**Botanic Garden**

Emily Seaver

**Fly Fishing**

Paul Inglefield

**Golf**

Steve Richheimer

**Hiking**

Lisa Kirkland

**Pickleball**

Cindy Kinnear

**Skiing - Downhill**

Jack Ferguson

**Senior Housing**

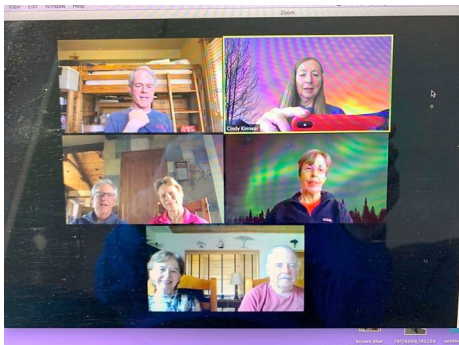
Bill Dring

**Snowshoeing**

Snowshoeing Co-Organizer: Cindy Kinnear is looking for volunteers to organize some of the Saturday snowshoe outings. Please contact her at [snowshoe@ssothg.org](mailto:snowshoe@ssothg.org) if you can help out

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## PHOTO GALLERY



ZOOM HAPPY HOUR

more information, contact [bikedirt@ssothg.org](mailto:bikedirt@ssothg.org) . Come out and play in the dirt with the Over the Hill Gang!

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## HIKING

**8:30 AM**

## **SAFEWAY PARKING LOT MONDAYS**

Please read our website hiking page for full details and a list of suggested items to carry with you and check the website for any changes.

As in the past, we will be starting out slowly and the hikes will gradually increase in length and difficulty as the summer progresses. There will not be a weekly reminder or email so please **save this** and remember to check the calendar and website for possible changes.

<https://www.ssothg.org/hiking>

**July hikes will be leaving from Safeway at 8:30 a.m. weather permitting.**

**July 6<sup>th</sup>** – No hike because of the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend

**July 13<sup>th</sup>** – Fish Creek Falls – four miles +- to the second falls. This is a round trip hike. 9,604' +- to 10,654'+- and is a steep but wonderful hike.

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** – Hinman Creek Fisherman Trail – four +- miles RT, 7,800'+- to 8,100+- . This should be a pretty easy, fun hike.

**July 27<sup>th</sup>** – Pleasant Valley to the Sarvis Creek trail – 10 +- miles RT, 7,200' – 8,240'+- . This is long but you can turn around at any time. Just make sure you let people know and have a ride back to your car.





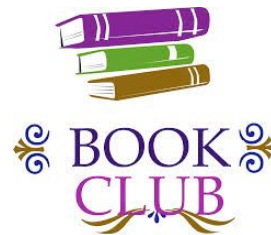
**We will practice social distancing, keeping our 6 ft distance. We will break off into smaller groups depending on ability and time or distance.**

The meeting place will be in the Safeway parking lot, creekside. Please be there ten minutes before the start time as we tend to leave promptly. The listed July hikes are suggestions only. There are no designated hike leaders but someone usually steps up and offers to act as leader. Full hike descriptions can be found in *Hiking the Boat II* by Diane White-Crane.

\*The complete summer hiking schedule

<https://www.ssothg.org/hiking>

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## **VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB THURSDAY, JULY 30 6:00 - 8:00PM**

Please note the change to Thursday JUST this month. Karen Whitney and / or Zoom will be the host for the book *As Bright as Heaven* by Susan Meissner. This is not a 'carpet bag kit' so you will need to find your own copy to read. Go to <https://www.ssothg.org/book-club> to find out more information on our club and a summary of this book.

We are looking for hosts for September, October, and November.

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GRAVEL ROAD BIKE RIDING

# 8TH ANNUAL OVER THE HILL GANG GOLF TOURNAMENT

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4  
9:00AM  
HAYMAKER GOLF COURSE**

- This will be a four-person team scramble event.
- Cost will be \$20 per person (does not include green fees or cart).
- Men will tee off from the white tees (index below 23) or blue/white tees (index 23 or greater), and women from the blue tees.
- The team will choose the best of the four drives and then everyone will play from that spot. This scenario will be continued until a ball is holed. - You may designate team members or be assigned to a team, but we try to balance the teams with both low and high handicap players or using handicaps.
- There will be prize money for the first and second place teams and a prize for closest to the hole on #7.
- There will be drawings after play for other prizes. - You do NOT need to be a member of OTHG or have a USGA handicap to play.
- Currently the field is limited to 4 teams (16 players) but can be expanded if enough people sign up. So please sign up early by emailing me with your intention to play and your handicap or average 18-hole score at Haymaker.

Steve Richheimer: [richheimer@zirkel.us](mailto:richheimer@zirkel.us) or 970-871-4593

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## **SOCIALS and OTHG dinners**

Group dinners and in-person happy hours will resume

when it is again safe to gather.

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## OTHG MEMBERS DIRECTORY

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

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## 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](mailto:janet.dring@gmail.com)

## 2020 STEAMBOAT SUMMER EVENTS UPDATE

**\*\*LOCAL EVENTS CANCELED OR POSTPONED THIS SUMMER:**

### *Canceled*

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- Steamboat Springs Pro Rodeo Series
- Steamboat Springs Free Summer Concerts
- Yampa River Festival (virtual)
- Steamboat Marathon
- Father's Day Fishing Derby
- Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup
- Steamboat Springs Running Series – Howelsen Hill Trail Run
- Reds, Whites, and Brews in the 'Boat
- Fourth of July Fireworks and Laser Show
- Fourth of July Jumpin' and Jammin'
- Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast
- Fourth of July Tread of Pioneer Block Party
- Art in the Park
- Mountain Soccer Tournament
- Steamboat Soccer Academy
- Tour de Steamboat (virtual)
- SBT GRVL (virtual)
- Wild West Relay (virtual)
- Corvette Show (virtual)
- Yampa Valley Crane Festival (virtual)

### *POSTPONED OR WAIT AND SEE*

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- Tails N Trails 5K (new date in September)
- Fourth of July Parade
- Hot Air Balloon Rodeo (new dates in August)
- Cowpie Rugby Tournament
- Doubles Volleyball Tournament
- Emerald Mountain Epic (formerly known as Honey Stinger race)
- Revolution Enduro
- Run Rabbit Run
- Colorado High School Mountain Bike Race

*\*\*As reported in the Steamboat Pilot, June 19, 2020*







