



JUNE, 2020

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NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

**ZOOM HAPPY
HOUR
TUESDAYS
5:00-6:00PM**

**ROAD BIKING
BEGINS JUNE 2**

9:00AM

**TUESDAYS
THURSDAYS**

RIVER CREEK PK

**GRAVEL ROAD
BIKING**

BEG. JUNE 5

FRIDAYS

9:00AM

RIVER CREEK PK

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is an amazing town we live in. We have stuck together and followed the rules, which has helped prevent an outbreak of Covid-19. We have sacrificed our time, our social outings, and many of our 'normal' activities. So now, slowly but surely, we are regaining some of these privileges we have always taken for granted.

As the town is opening up, with rules, so is our OTHG. We will begin some of our in-person activities: biking, hiking, gardening. We will follow the social distancing rules and the use of masks as we join others in these activities. As of right now, we will continue with our **virtual** happy hours. (Please see note below.)

I wish for everyone good health, and remind you to stay home if you are not feeling well. I hope to join you in our June activities. Enjoy Steamboat Springs in June.

Cindy Kinnear

**VIRTUAL
BOOK CLUB
JUNE 24
6-8PM**



****NEW VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR**

5:00pm - 6:00pm

**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 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.

**WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS**

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.

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 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.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Please note: For the safety of our members, if you have been outside of Routt County in the last 14 days, we ask that you not participate in our outings until this time period has passed. If you do not feel well, please do not attend an OTHG activity.

- As of April 27, there is a limit of 10 people per group, still keeping six feet of distance between you and the next person. Everyone is encouraged to at least carry a mask with them should there be a need to shorten that distance.
- All of our summer activities "officially" start in June.

Watch the www.ssothg.org website for updates which will also be available in the June newsletter.

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
Membership - Karen Whitney
Treasurer - Beverly Hayes
Social Events - Louise Wu
Communications - Jan Dring
Community Contributions - Anne Clardy
Public Relations - Gisela Garrison

ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZERS

Adopt-a-Highway
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



ROAD BIKING

**BEGINS TUESDAY JUNE 2
9:00AM
RIVER CREEK PARK**

The Road Biking will meet at River Creek Park (Mount Werner Road and Lincoln Avenue) every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting, for a ride of 25-50 miles on the roads of Routt County. The bikers who come out for the ride will decide on the route. Some of our favorite routes are described on the Road Biking web page: <https://www.ssothg.org/road-biking> . For more information, email bikefast@ssothg.org .

We may split into multiple groups based on interests and capabilities. We will not drop anyone and e-bikes are welcome. 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 rides through beautiful Routt County.

GRAVEL ROAD BIKING

**BEGINS JUNE 5, FRIDAYS
9:00AM**

MEET AT RIVER CREEK PARK

The Over the Hill Gang's first gravel road ride of 2020 will

- 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 if you can help out .



Zoom Happy Hour



Road Biking Group



Road Biking Group

be an out and back route along Trout Creek on June 5. We will meet every Friday, 9:00 a.m., at River Creek Park, Mount Werner Road and Lincoln Avenue, and drive to the start of each ride. A mountain bike or a gravel bike will be appropriate for any of these routes and e-bikes are welcome. 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. You can see the planned routes by clicking on the Activities calendar: <https://www.ssothg.org/activities>. Double-click on the calendar entry to bring up a description of the ride and a map.

For more information, contact bikedirt@ssothg.org . Come out and play in the dirt with the Over the Hill Gang!



HIKING

BEGINS MONDAY, JUNE 1

9:00AM

SAFeway PARKING LOT

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.

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 June 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.

June hikes will be leaving from Safeway at 9:00 a.m. weather permitting.

June 1st. Mad Creek. About four miles RT to the bridge where we turn around and we usually visit the barn on our way back. Starting elevation is 6,763' and we go to 7,200'+-

June 8th – Uranium Mine – five miles RT +- starting at 6,700' and going to 8,000'+-

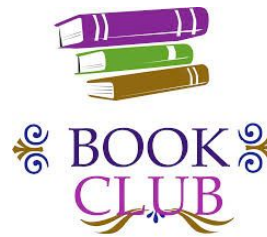
June 15th – Hot Springs trail – five miles +-RT starting at 6,700' and going to 7,800' +=

June 22nd – Mad Creek/Red Dirt – 6,763 to about 8,000+- Car pooling will be involved.

June 29th – Coulton Creek – about two miles to the creek and hopefully trillium. The total hike that goes to the base of Farwell Mt. is about 10 miles +- and elevation is 7,600'+- to 8,600' +- No elevation was given for just hiking to the creek.

*The complete summer hiking schedule

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



OTHG VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

JUNE 24, 6-8 PM

“hosted” by Pauline Bouchard.

Our Souls at Night

by Kent Haruf

If you want to read the book and participate in the discussion, email Karen Whitney at bookclub@ssothg.org. You will find the link to join this Zoom Book Club on our ‘Members Only’ page.

SOCIALS and OTHG dinners

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

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





