



DECEMBER, 2024

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NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

Be sure to check the OTHG website calendar at www.ssothg.org/activities For detailed and updated information on all events and also our Facebook page.

HAPPY HOURS
TUESDAYS
4-6 PM
HARISONS

OTHG DINNER
DECEMBER 12
YAMPA VALLEY
KITCHEN
6:00PM

PICKLEBALL

JOIN US
FOR HAPPY HOUR



HAPPY HOUR

TUESDAYS 4-6PM

HARISONS

(FORMERLY REX'S)



POKER CLUB

DECEMBER 11

**TUESDAYS &
THURSDAYS
1:30PM - 3:00PM
PICKLEBALL CENTER**

**GARDENING BOTANIC
PARK
ENDED FOR THE
SEASON**

**POKER CLUB
DECEMBER 11
6:30PM**

**COOKBOOK DINNER
CLUB**

**No Dinner in
December**

**BOOK CLUB
No Book Club in
December**

**SNOWSHOEING
BEGINS
DECEMBER 7**

**BACKCOUNTRY SKI
BEGINS
DECEMBER 7
EVERY OTHER
SATURDAY**

THURSDAY SKI DAYS

6:30PM

Contact Perry Ninger ningercpa@gmail.com to join
the Poker Club

OTHG DINNER AT YAMPA VALLEY KITCHEN



Yampa Valley Kitchen
& DRINK BAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

6:00PM

Reservations: Contact: Louise Wu 970-819-5700
louisewu55@yahoo.com for reservations with entree choice

\$55.00 per person plus additional tax & 22% gratuity added to final checks. Excludes all drinks and alcoholic beverages

MENU

SALAD

OAK STREET SALAD (GF)

YVK mixed greens, goat cheese, roasted beets, granny smith apple, dried cranberries, red onion, butternut squash, candied pecans, roasted shallot maple vinaigrette

ENTRÉE OPTIONS

SHRIMP & GRITS (GF) white cheddar 7 jalapeño anson mills grits, shrimp, tomato & bacon broth, wild caught shrimp, Hayden farms poached egg

BOLOGNESE- 7X ranch wagyu beef & mystic hill lamb bolognese, fresh pappardelle pasta, ricotta, parmigiano reggiano

CHICKEN CHASSEUR (GF) - bone-in chicken breast, wild mushrooms, tomato, shallot, cognac, white wine, rosemary infused mashed potatoes, fine herbs

BEGINS IN JANUARY

More info in January

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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.

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. Feel free to post any news, information, and photos related to the OTHG but remember this is a PUBLIC group so anyone can view it.

PIG & APPLE (GF) 14 oz heritage duroc bone-in pork, parsnip puree, spiced apple ring, apple & gruyère, apple butter, bourbon maple jus

DESSERT

PROFITEROLES - pâte à choux, vanilla bean gelato, chocolate sauce

Contact Louise Wu louisewu55@yahoo.com for reservations with your choice of entree.

COOKBOOK CLUB DINNER

NO COOKBOOK CLUB DINNER IN DECEMBER

The CookBook Club is a community for people of all cooking skills to meet to build cooking skills and friendships over food, one cookbook at a time. At the two OTHG HAPPY HOURS prior to the Dinner, members sign up and choose a recipe from the cookbook for the month. The group is limited to 12 participants. Bring only the dish you have prepared, silverware, dishes, etc. will be provided. Also bring your own beverage. Please make sure if you sign up that you individually will be preparing a dish. It creates a more robust conversation. Shelly or Rob will text all those signed up with directions.

BOOK CLUB

NO BOOK CLUB IN DECEMBER



PICKLEBALL

2500 Pine Grove Road

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

1:30PM - 3:00PM

OFFICERS

Co-Presidents :

Gisela Garrison

Teresa Lee

Administration, Finance,

Membership-Beverly Hayes

Social Events - Louise Wu

Communications - Jan Dring

Public Relations - Gisela

Garrison

ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZERS

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

Winter Season

Backcountry Skiing

Don Campbell

Erica Lindeman

Karen McNish

Skiing - Downhill

Jack Ferguson

Snowshoeing

Lynn Sidman &

Ute Lichtenstein

All Year

Please read the Pickleball page on our website for further information, <https://www.ssothg.org/basic-01>. **Debbie Spyker** is the organizer and can be reached at pickleball@ssothg.org



SSOTHG BACKCOUNTRY SKI TOURING

Every other Saturday Beginning Dec. 7

New this year, the backcountry ski trips will be led by co-organizers Don Campbell, Erica Lindemann, and Karen McNish. We look forward to having our founding father and intrepid explorer, Harry Zinn, join us later in the season.

For anyone new to SSOTHG and/or new to backcountry skiing, here's the story: For about six years, a group of us have skied every other Saturday at Rabbit Ears Pass, North Routt, and a few other spots. We spend most of our time away from the marked and packed trails in search of untracked snow. 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.

On these trips, we avoid terrain that requires climbing skins, and we studiously avoid avalanche terrain.

These trips will go out every other Saturday beginning on December 7, 2024, through the end of March, and possibly longer depending on snow conditions and skier enthusiasm. If weather or driving conditions are too

Book Club

Karen Whitney

Pickleball

Debbie Spyker

Cookbook Dinner Club

Rob and Shelly Harris

Social Poker Group

Perry Ninger

PHOTOS

See great photos and sometimes videos on the Facebook site for Steamboat's Over the Hill Gang.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/357878311412690>

hazardous, we might change plans the morning of the trip.

If you are not on the BC Ski Touring e-mail list or you are not sure, email me at ssothg.backcountry.ski@gmail.com - Don Campbell

For more information, see the OTHG website page: <https://www.ssothg.org/backcountry-ski-touring>, and feel free to email me at the address in the previous paragraph. If your experience is limited and you are uncertain about joining us, we are happy to answer questions, and help you get started



OVER THE HILL GANG SNOWSHOE GUIDELINES

Winter 2024-25

BEGINNING DECEMBER 7

The members of the Steamboat Springs Over the Hill Gang will be snowshoeing through some of the beautiful terrain that surrounds our town. **Meet us weekly in the River Creek Park parking lot at 9:45 a.m.** to plan our adventure and organize ride sharing. We will depart from River Creek Park at 10:00 a.m. sharp (Walton Creek Rd and HWY 40). We will base our plan on weather and snow conditions, which is why we remain flexible. **When you have completed your Over the Hill Gang registration and signed the waiver your name will be added to the email list for snowshoeing.** The suggested Saturday snowshoe hike will be posted on the OTHG Website ([ssothg.org](https://www.ssothg.org)) by 6:00 p.m. Friday evening. Ride sharing will be arranged at River Creek Park. Our first outing is scheduled for December 7.

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 We look forward to seeing you on the trail!

POSSIBLE SNOWSHOE TRAILS FOR THIS WINTER

A list of possible snowshoe trails for this winter. Of course, we are always open to new suggestions for trails and volunteers to organize one of our snowshoe hikes.

Uranium Mine (access via Fish Creek Falls parking lot) (3 miles) RT ± starting at (Bring your National Park Pass for parking.)

Rotary trail (Not in book) (access Cow Creek Rd -RCR45) The actual trail is not open during the winter months due to wildlife protection. However, we can walk the road from street parking near the cattle crossing. It is flat, usually well packed and an out and back trail with the option of 4-6 miles.

Soda Creek (accessed via Buffalo Pass Rd) About a four+ mile loop, out and back fairly flat.

Skyline Trail (water treatment plant) 2.5-3 miles, moderate, out and back

Pleasant Valley to Sarvis Creek 5 miles out and back, moderate, flat Trail follows Sarvis Creek to the base of Stagecoach Reservoir.

Emerald Mountain (behind the Library, Black Mere Rd) multiple options all around 3-4 miles, some out and back, some loops. To the quarry 4 mi, out and back

Steamboat Lake State Park Tombstone Trail 1.2-mile loop, 125 ft elevation gain, need Colorado State Park pass.

Pleasant Valley Trail Out and back, fairly flat, 3-5 miles

Rabbit Ears Pass All of these USFS trails are marked and designed for Cross Country Skiing, snowshoeing is allowed, but be respectful of set tracks and know you will be sharing the trails with skiers. Be mindful of all creek and drainage crossings.

1A West Summit Loop A 3.7 miles Moderate difficulty

1B West Summit Loop B 3.6 miles Most Difficult

1C South Summit Loop 3.0 miles Most Difficult



1D Bruce's Trail 3.1 miles Moderate Bruce's is used for Cross Country training so is often groomed. It has multiple loops which allow for a variety of distances to travel.

2B Fox Curve Loop 3.6 Miles Moderate

3A Walton Creek Loop 1.9 Miles Difficult

HOLD THE DATE

JANUARY 15

VENEZUELAN DINNER

AT THE EGG

**THURSDAY SKI DAYS WILL BEGIN IN
JANUARY**

Thursday Ski Days will begin in January and details will be addressed in the January newsletter.

If you are interested in helping to coordinate skiers on the Thursday Ski Days or interested in coordinating an additional day, contact either Jack Ferguson (970-819-6345) or Gisela (224- 627-2747).

OTHG MEMBERSHIP

To Join the Over the Hill Gang go to <https://www.ssothg.org/join-us>.

SSOTHG Membership is a calendar year - January 1st - December 31st (No partial years)

Name Tags are ordered once a month before the newsletter goes out and take about 3-5 weeks for delivery.

Questions? Contact Beverly Hayes ssothg.treasurer@gmail.com







