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Poudre Wilderness Volunteers ~ SUMMER 2016

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## Notes From The Chair



PWV is in great shape as we enter the summer of 2016 with a strong new recruiting class, patrolling well underway and very active trail maintenance and restoration activities. As I enter the second half of my term as PWV chair, I am both grateful and impressed with the multiple passionate volunteers who keep all the functions of our organization running smoothly.

### Recruiting – Another Great Class

This past year PWV had increased visibility in the region through multiple newspaper articles, radio spots, social media and events highlighting PWV. The result was a strong recruiting class that brings many new skills and great personalities into PWV. My thanks go out to **Celia Walker, Madeleine LeCocq** and the rest of the recruiting committee. Additionally, I would like to thank **Linda Reiter** for coordinating the PWV Kick-Off Night for our new recruits.

### Spring Training

Each year PWV holds a Spring Training weekend that is required for our new recruits, the final training event before we hold “graduation” and the new recruits become official PWV members. Once again our Spring Training event was a big success. It certainly helped that we had outstanding weather this year with only a few raindrops and warm weather.

It takes an army of PWV members to pull off Spring Training – about 80 of our returning members were involved in cleaning the Cub Scout camp venue, preparing the great meals served to attendees, being training leaders for the recruits, setting up the training trail, serving as role players on the training trail and so much more. I would like to thank our Spring Training co-chairs **Lynnette Liley** and **Mike Corbin**, the coordinator of our “Animal Group Leaders” **Gerry Cashman**, the chair of our Supplemental Training **Mike Smith**, the chair of our uniform committee **Jean Routon**, the leader for the food crew **Fred Allen**, and **Nancy Hicks** for setting up

the cleaning facilities for members to wash their own dishes.

### New Patrol Descriptions

PWV provides patrol descriptions to our members, with details about the trails, elevation profiles, GPS coordinates, maps and information about water sources, camping locations and more. These are used by all PWV members as a critical part of planning and patrolling. Additionally, these descriptions are heavily used by the public, with almost 500,000 annual visits to the trail section of the PWV website.

Over the winter, all of the PWV patrol descriptions were updated – the first time in 3 years. The new descriptions are impressive, with much improved trail details and maps. A big thank-you goes to **Jim Shaklee** for spending countless hours this past winter to update the patrol descriptions.

### Trail Maintenance and Restoration are underway

2016 looks to be another year of great results for the PWV Trail Maintenance and Restoration work. On the restoration front, **Mike Corbin** and **Mark Snyder** are leading multiple workdays for the heavy work to repair the trails still closed from the floods of 2013. The North Fork trail is now open for hikers only, and will be fully open for hikers and stock riders later this year. And work is continuing on Young Gulch and Lion Gulch to repair and reroute these trails.

For trail maintenance, PWV annually traverses most trails in our system to clear trees and do other basic maintenance. One of the most impressive statistics to me is the number of downed trees PWV removes – last year we removed over 1300 downed trees from our trails and this year appears to be on track for a similar number. Just imagine the condition of our trails if PWV was not doing this type of maintenance work. Thanks to **Joan Kauth** and **Bob Manuel** who are coordinating the many outings to complete this work.

Enjoy the summer on the trails of Canyon Lakes Ranger District – be safe, have fun and do a little work!

*Alan Meyer, PWV Chair*

## Leave No Trace (LNT) Committee Update



LNT day with some of the Kids in Nature volunteers on Lady Moon Trail. Pictured: Jim and Nancy Casadevall, Aramati Casper, Dianne Chrisman, Jeanne and Mike Corbin, June Durand, Madeleine Lecocq, Elizabeth A Manes-Ruhl. Photo by Jim Greuel.

The LNT Committee offered several LNT training opportunities to PWV members and new recruits this season, thanks to the efforts of committee member **Madeleine Lecocq**, LNT certified Master Educator. Most recently she led an LNT training for members of PWV's Kids In Nature (KIN) program, with emphasis (surprise) on methods for teaching LNT principles to children. Prior to that she facilitated the Spring Training LNT course and has been leading Sunday Stewardship Skills Patrols since early in the year. On these patrols, participants discuss LNT skills and methods for conveying them to members of the public while on patrol. Madeleine led an LNT Trainer overnight course in May, but due to scheduling conflicts, it was not well attended. We hope to do a better job of scheduling next year.

Looking ahead, Madeleine will continue leading Stewardship Skills Patrols this summer (sign up at [http://www.meetup.com/pwv\\_rangers/](http://www.meetup.com/pwv_rangers/)) and may offer another LNT Trainer course. **Jim Greuel** will attend an LNT Master Educator training in the fall, which will expand the committee's training capacity next year.

*Jim Gruel, LNT Committee Chair*

## Stock Patrol Preparation

Patrol season for PWV stock volunteers doesn't often start until mid-May as trails may be too muddy. Leave No Trace principals are followed plus trails may be too slippery for horses and mules to travel safely.

There is plenty to do to prepare for the upcoming patrolling season even if we

can't get out on the trails. Tack always needs attention, which means taking apart saddles and bridles to inspect for weakness and wear. These items are cleaned and oiled to keep the leather supple.

Tow vehicles need regular maintenance as do trailers. Trailer maintenance may include having new tires mounted, wheel bearings packed and getting brakes, wiring and the trailer floor checked.

Horses and mules need hooves trimmed approximately every 8 weeks. Come patrol season, they will need hoof protection which will mean having them shod or boots fit. A session with a farrier is needed about every six weeks starting in the spring as their hooves grow faster when the weather gets warm. Llamas and alpacas are clipped where the saddle sits on their body each spring and have their hooves trimmed as well. Every spring, stock is vaccinated and wormed to ensure their health.

Now we're ready to hit the trail!

An average patrol will include travel preparations either the day before or the day of patrol. Hook up the trailer to the towing vehicle and check to make sure lights and brakes work. Load equipment, feed and water as needed.

Loading stock is the last step after loading equipment (those nicely cleaned and repaired saddles and bridles). This step works best with the full cooperation of the stock! After arriving at the trailhead, we'll brush and saddle our horses, mules or tack up llamas. The time required varies.

Our horses and mules are our patrol partners, not just a way of getting up the trail! They are highly sensitive and can see

or sense hikers or other riders on the trail before we do as well as moose in the willows! It's important to pay attention to their body language. Horses and mules are a prey animal and can sense if there's a situation they feel is uncomfortable. Their first instinct is to flee, but they may also kick or bite or strike out with their front hooves to protect themselves.

Horses and mules know their jobs on the trail. Some seem to enjoy meeting people and will stand patiently while we chat allowing their new-found friends to pet them. This can definitely break the ice! This trait can help dispel fears when individuals are afraid of horses and mules.

When the patrol is complete, the first thing we do is take care of our stock by un-tacking and brushing them. This provides an opportunity to check for any cuts or anything needing attention. We load them back in the trailer and head home.

The day is not done when we arrive home. Stock need to be unloaded and settled, manure needs to be cleaned from inside the trailer, the trailer needs to be unhooked from the towing vehicle. Now we can relax and pop a cold one!

*Sandy Erskine, Stock Committee Chair*

## Individual PWV Recognition

Hope everyone's having a great season and enjoying your patrols!

PWV members are recognized for specific accomplishments at the Year-End Event each year. An annual competition is held for specific recognition and the PWV Members Recognition Committee meets with the Forest Service Liaison to determine winners of the various categories.

For 2016 the categories will be the same as last year with the addition of a new non-patrolling item.

### Patrol Recognition

For returning members, the criteria for patrol recognition is based on a point scoring calculation which reflects both the number of patrols and the priority of the trails patrolled.

The criteria for new members is based on the number of patrols, not the number of patrol points because the trails for the first six patrols for new members are selected by PWV, not the new members themselves.

The recognition categories are:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd most hiking patrol days by a new member
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd most stock patrol days by a new member
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd most hiking patrol points by a returning member

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd most stock patrol points by a returning member
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd most overnight hiking patrol points (can be new or returning member)
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd most overnight stock patrol points (can be new or returning member)
- Each new PWV volunteer completing six or more patrols will receive a special recognition award.

## Non-Patrolling Recognition

NEW!

- Most hours reported by a non-patrolling member.

*Sandy Erskine, Awards Committee Chair*

## Kids In Nature Update



*Generation Now kids exploring the compasses on a Kids in Nature hike.*

As of August 11th, we've had seven Kids in Nature hikes with 73 children. We have three more hikes planned, going into September. On a hike with a new agency for us, Generation Now, one girl commented, "I wish I lived here!" Every kid who has attended wants to hike again!

We have a few openings in our September 17th hike with PWV Families, kids from 4 to 14. If you have a child, grandchild, nephew or niece, etc. that you would like to bring please contact Jeanne Corbin.

*Jeanne Corbin, KIN Committee Chair*

## Wild 52: Stockriders, Backpackers and Day-Hikers Welcome!

(52 YEARS OF THE WILDERNESS ACT)

### Wild 52 Mission:

To get as many PWV patrollers into the wilderness as possible, have fun, collect some data and meet some other PWV groups in the field; as well as introducing new backpackers to the joy of multi-day trips in the wilderness.

### When, Who and Where:

AUGUST 12-21, 2016

RAWAH WILDERNESS

August 12-21 is a 10-day window in August during the full moon.

Wild 52 planning is in full swing with many who have already signed up (at Spring Training or by emailing [patrol@pwv.org](mailto:patrol@pwv.org)). You must sign up to be a part of it. You will then be on the WILD 52 mailing list (to receive important Wild 52 announcements). **NEW RECRUITS WELCOME IF YOU HAVE YOUR 2 MENTOR PATROLS COMPLETED.** To date, 42 patrols have been scheduled.

After signing up, please remember to schedule your patrol(s) on the USFS website. **REMEMBER:** If you are on 3 trails on one day, you will need to file 3 patrol reports. Radios, spots or inReach are required on all Rawah patrols (see patrol descriptions).

If you want a trail that is already booked, just email the users and arrange your time sequence. We can do some overlap here and we may have hikers up-bound or down-bound. You can combine data and figure out who does the patrol report.

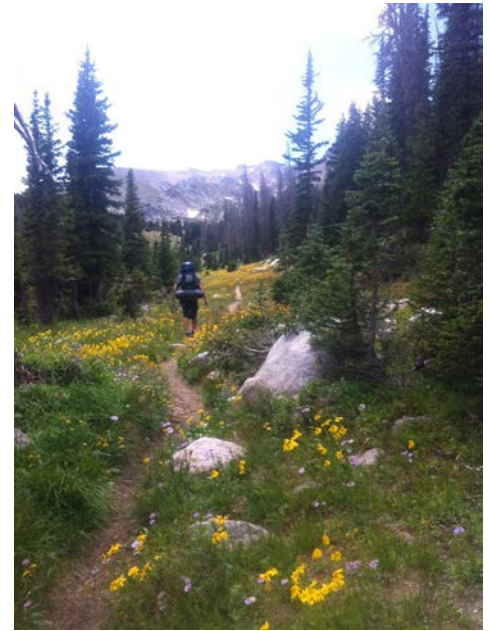
**Trail Work Project:** There will be a trail work project associated with WILD 52 that will concentrate on the North Medicine Bow trail. **Joan Kauth** and **Bob Manuel** will be in charge of those details. Talk to (or email) them if you'd like to help.

**Possible Trips:** Rawah's end-to-end. Day hikers are welcome. You don't have to do end to end, there are multiple loops available and multiple possibilities for day hikers as well.

**Approaches:** Blue Lake, West Branch, Glendevey (Link, McIntyre tr.) North Rawah, Shipman Park or Medicine Bow North.

**Upcoming Training:** Tents in the Park, August 6, 2016, Greenbriar Park, 730 E. Willox Lane, 9 am to 4 pm.

If you can't be a part of Wild 52, but would like to assist, support crews to shuttle hikers may be needed. If you can help shuttle or have equipment to loan, please email [patrol@pwv.org](mailto:patrol@pwv.org) indicating the help you can provide.



*The Rawah Wilderness area is always inspiring. Join Wild 52 to experience a trek into the wilderness during a full moon!*

If you are new to backpacking or need the shuttle service, please email [patrol@pwv.org](mailto:patrol@pwv.org).

*HAPPY TRAILS,  
THE WILD 52 TEAM  
[PATROL@PWV.ORG](mailto:PATROL@PWV.ORG)*

## Boy Scouts and PWV - A Success Story and Beneficial Partnership

Poudre Wilderness Volunteers has been an organization steeped in tradition. For years, our Spring Recruiting orientations were conducted successfully at Jack's Gulch Campground. However, nature dealt our mission some difficult blows which made relocation to the Jack Nicol Cub Scout Camp near Red Feather Lakes a logical consideration.

As an overview, PWV had outgrown Jack's Gulch based on the sheer number of its membership. Additional considerations were lack of cooking facilities and an indoor hall for meeting purposes. Our gatherings were subject to early May scheduling because the campground had to be open for public use on the Sunday prior to Memorial Day weekend. Hence, we regularly felt the brunt of some wintry conditions making our training intentions all that more difficult to accomplish.

However, the change in locale was not at all a snap decision. Through a connection in teaching Leave No Trace with the Scouts at Nicol Cub Scout Camp, **Fred Allen** became



The dining hall at Jack Nicol Cub Scout Camp.

acquainted with their facilities in the Red Feather area. By the fall of 2008, Fred met with Scout leaders within the Longs Peak Council located at Scout Headquarters in Greeley to explore the possible use of Jack Nicol's Scout Camp. The Scouts were agreeable to inviting PWV to use the Nicol Cub Camp facility, however, PWV Board held on to tradition for a few more years until a series of events turned the tide of opinion and decision to relocate Spring Training activities.

The 2009 recruits experienced one of the coldest periods on record at Jack's Gulch. Mother Nature again reared her ugly head with the growing menace of the Pine Bark Beetle infestation in 2010, and in 2011 with the opening of Jack's Gulch being delayed by hazardous tree removal, PWV had no choice but to relocate its orientation site and the Board requested Fred to resume his discussions with the Long's Peak Scout Council. Spring Training 2011 at Jack Nicol Cub Scout Camp marked the beginning of "new traditions" for PWV.

Things didn't just happen. A lot of effort went into making the change. Once the



Janet Callie is one of the much appreciated Potty Princesses.

snow melted, a small group of PWVers surveyed the Camp Nicol property. The size of the dining hall was impressive as was the potential for future orientations. Potential campsites were canvassed as was parking. **Bob Manuel** and others laid out the new training trails. Nicol Cub Camp was ideal for PWV's purposes!

The ideal situation for partnership existed for both organizations. PWV has use of great facilities and location for Spring Training of new recruits and the benefits to the Cub Scout Camp have been varied and many. In 2011, a one time \$500 check was presented to the Scout Council as an unsolicited thank you gift. Leave No Trace presentations continued on summer evenings under the direction of **Bob Manuel, Garin VanDeMark** and **Fred Allen** during 2011. Such would have remained on the Scout schedule in 2012, but had to be cancelled due to the horrific fires and closure of the camp during part of its regular summer schedule.

The following year found PWV picking up where it had left off in terms of cleaning the dining hall and toilet facilities before the arrival of the Scouts. Furthermore, PWV planted over 200 Limber Pine seedlings on the surrounding property. And as of May 2016, PWV continued to address the post-winter conditions to the facilities by a great crew who readied the camp not only for PWV use, but also Scouting programs at Nicol Cub Camp and Ben Delatour Scout Ranch. This year in addition to the usual clean-up of toilet facilities with needed chemicals and the usual hall cleaning, there was considerable repair work done to damage caused by wintering wildlife guests as well as extensive cleaning of floor and thirteen gallons of new paint applied to floors in the hall as well as outhouses. Grills were taken apart and cleaned. The Potty Patrol, staffed by Potty Princesses, wore no tiaras, but the toilet brushes made interesting scepters. As is evident, (see photos on page 6) all of this preparatory work has been of great value to the Scout Camp as well PWV. (Added note from one of the volunteers involved in this activity "Fred Allen deserves the "PWV Super Ranger" recognition for his efforts on all of these maintenance issues this year).

PWV looks forward to continuing and growing the relationship with the Boy Scouts and Jack Nicol Cub Scout Camp.

## Member Spotlight: PWV "On the Road"



Mike and Jeanne Smith at Blue Lake.

PWV Members **Mike** and **Jeanne Smith** have embarked on a new adventure. Mike and Jeanne joined PWV in 2014, and in just a short time have made significant contributions of their time and talent. Mike is a current PWV board member, head of Supplemental Training and he and Jeanne were the chairpersons of the Mentoring Committee last year. Mike has also been involved in Restoration projects, Backpacking patrols and as a contributor to the Web and Social Media teams. They are planning to tour many national forests and compare Canyon Lakes Ranger District to the others. Mike will continue to be involved with PWV via email and working on the PWV.org website.

*"It's a terrible thing, I think, in life to wait until you're ready. I have this feeling now that actually no one is ever ready to do anything. There is almost no such thing as ready. There is only now. And you may as well do it now. Generally speaking, now is a good a time as any" - Hugh Laurie*

Hello to our PWV friends. Although we are not in Fort Collins, Colorado now, PWV is always in our thoughts and in our hearts. We are still involved with PWV and continue to support various committees such as Spring Training, Supplemental Training, Social Media, Web Team, Kids-in-Nature but remotely rather than locally.

We have decided to change our original thinking in what life should be like. The American dream of owning a home and being

anchored in one place is a thing of the past for us. We have chosen to spend the next several years pursuing full-time RVing; our home now has six wheels with a 4x4 vehicle in tow.

## Our New Home

In September 2015, we bought a 32-foot Tiffin Allegro, Class A motorhome (and yes it was a spur-of-the-moment decision). In May of this year, we sold our stick and brick home in Fort Collins and moved into “The Beast”, that is what we named our RV. We stayed at Johnson’s RV Retreat in Johnstown for a month while we made the transition and prepared our RV for the road. Mike will still be working remotely for his employer while he is on the road.

Our first stop was in June for a family wedding in west-central Ohio. During this trip we did some cosmetic upgrades, mechanical repairs and tune-ups to get The Beast roadworthy. In mid-July, we plan to go to Upper Peninsula in Michigan to explore and hike. We will then be going into Minnesota, North and South Dakota and be back in Colorado to visit our daughters in September before making our way through Utah towards Arizona. We will spend our winter, November through February, in Camp Verde, Arizona and then circle back around through California to Fort Collins from March to May 2017.

While traveling through each state, we are hoping to traverse through as many national forests as possible. We want to bring back to PWV, a compilation of useful information, photographs, and details about local volunteer organizations. We will be looking at what each national forest has to offer, including the pros/cons and how it compares to Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland (ARP). Of course, we plan to backpack with our two canine companions, Koda Bear and Keera.

Following is a list of the national forests we plan to explore along the route.

- Manistee NF, Michigan
- Huron NF, Michigan
- Hiawatha NF, Michigan
- Ottawa NF, Michigan
- Chequamegon NF, Wisconsin
- Chippewa NF, Minnesota
- Black Hills NF, South Dakota
- San Isabel NF, Colorado

- Manti-La Sal NF, Utah
- Fishlake NF, Utah
- Kaibab NF, Arizona
- Prescott NF, Arizona
- Tonto NF, Arizona
- Apache-Sitgreaves NF, Arizona
- Inyo NF, California
- Stanislaus NF, California
- Eldorado NF, California

In May of next year, we hope to be camp hosting in Roosevelt NF either at Stub Creek Cabins or Arrowhead Lodge. This way we can still hike and backpack for PWV as well as do additional volunteer work for the U.S. Forest Service.

Do we know where we will be going or where we will end up? No, but it is not the destination that is important, it is the journey!

If you would like to follow us along our journey, be sure to visit our blog site at [www.myrv.life](http://www.myrv.life). We would love to hear from you. And we hope to see many of you when we’re back in Colorado.

*“Not all those who wander are lost” - J.R.R. Tolkien*

## Master Strategic Plan

The PWV Executive Committee met earlier in May to focus on a plan to move forward with our strategic plan.

Earlier in the year the committee evaluated all of the input from the various committees that submitted three-year strategic planning activities.

Many of these activities were determined to be day-to-day activities, so we distilled the list into those activities that we determined to be “strategic” in nature. The committees with a strategic objective are: Endowment, Executive, Fund Development, Off-Trail, Photography, USFS Website, Spring Training, Supplemental Training, Trail Crew and PWV.org Website.

These committees will be invited to come into a board meeting at some future date to talk about their status on that objective.

We also developed a list of “high-level” metrics that we feel will help us monitor whether we are improving as an organization.

**Alan Meyer** will be presenting these to the board for approval.

We will also be asking all committees to

update their three-year plans this fall (annual updates).

Thanks to all for participating, and for your patience through this detailed process. Now that we have been through it for the first time, future updates will be much easier.

Questions? Contact **Alan Meyer** or **Jerry Hanley**.

*Jerry Hanley, Strategic Plan Committee*

## 2016 National Wilderness Workshop

We’re excited to partner with Society for Wilderness Stewardship for the 2016 #WildWorkshop Nov. 8-11 in Missoula, MT!

While there is, of course, a full set of presentations panels and programs, the main reason PWV members might enjoy going (in addition to the drive) is to meet other wilderness volunteers from around the country. If anyone is interested in this networking opportunity to learn what is happening in other regions, please contact me via email which can be found on PWV member list.

*David Cantrell*

*Programs Committee Chair*

*National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance*

## Year-End Event

We will hold the year-end event for PWV members, to acknowledge and celebrate our accomplishments, to introduce new board members and committee chairs, and to generally have a good time socializing.

**When:** Sunday October 16th, 3-6pm  
(Broncos are not playing this day)

**Where:** Sundance Steakhouse & Saloon  
(same location as last year)

**Who:** All active PWV members are invited, along with their significant-others

**What:** We will provide dinner and drinks  
Mark your calendar. As we get closer we will send out an Evite along with other details.

*Alan Meyer*

*Chair, Poudre Wilderness Volunteers*

## Poudre Wilderness Volunteers Mission

*The mission of Poudre Wilderness Volunteers is to assist the Canyon Lakes Ranger District of the United States Forest Service in managing and protecting wilderness and backcountry areas within its jurisdiction. To achieve this mission Poudre Wilderness Volunteers recruits, trains, equips, and fields citizen volunteers to serve as wilderness rangers and hosts for the purpose of educating the public, and provides other appropriate support to these wild areas.*

# Spring Training...Early June

## Behind the scenes...



Paint line for repainting the floor.



Floor preparation.



Resetting the tables on the now-dry floor.



Left to right: Let's grill! Pots and pans are my favorites! Prepping...



Tents...



Let's eat...



## Welcome...

Spring Training 2016 took place the first weekend in June at the Jack Nicol Cub Scout Camp south of Red Feather Lakes....



Family-in-trouble scenario.



Maps and compass trainers.



Encountering an illegal bicyclist...



Encountering a horse and rider on the trail.



Illegal campsite scenario.



Horse camp



Left to right: Animal group leader debriefing. First aid training. Tree sniffing...and an often-encountered patrol event: dog off leash. Below: graduates receive praise and their PWV shirt.



### Graduation

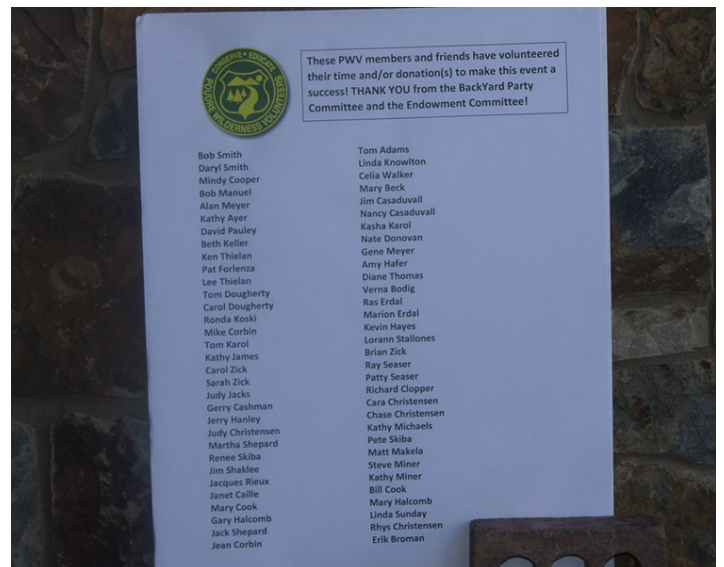
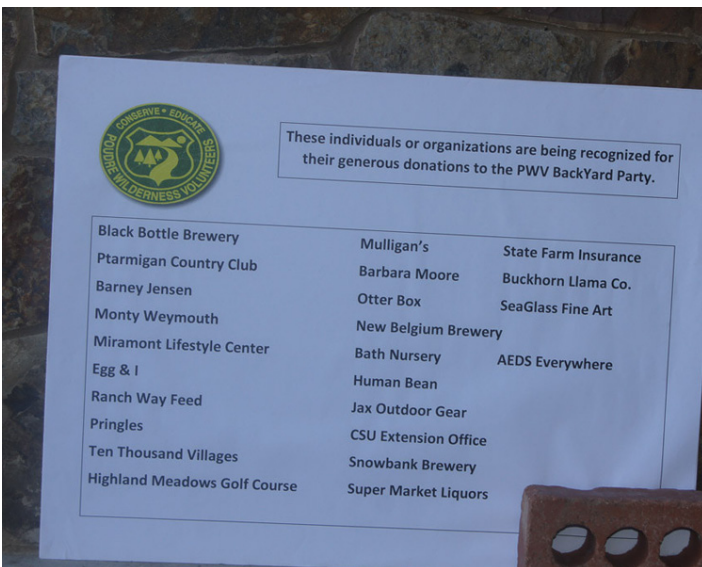


Supplemental activities included a bird-watching walk with co-founder Chuck Bell (pictured on left).

# Backyard Party with Silent and Live Auctions ~ Late June



The third annual Back Yard Party was the most successful yet. Thanks to **Rhys and Judy Christensen** for the use of the beautiful setting in their back yard; to all of our guests for coming out for the party and supporting our cause; to all who donated items and adventures for a fantastic silent and live auction; and, to the many volunteers who planned and carried out every aspect of the day to make it such a huge success. We attained our goal of reaching/exceeding \$50,000 for the Endowment Fund!”





## New (and veteram) Member Get-Together at Odell's Brewery ~ mid-July

Thanks to Odell's Brewery for their beautiful patio and great brews for PWV's New Member Gathering. It was a great event, great food (thanks to **Fred and Pam Allen**), and great opportunity for our new members to reunite with one another and get to know veteran members for a relaxing evening.



*In July a group of volunteers from the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC) visited Fort Collins to assist the Canyon Lakes Ranger District with GPS data collection. PATC is a large volunteer organization which includes a strong competency in GPS data collection and creation of maps, and their work here provided some great data for Canyon Lakes. Jim Tomlin was the leader of the PATC group who visited and he attended our New Member Get-Together at Odell Brewing.*

## Announcements From the Board:

Some recent changes in positions and committee chairs have taken place.

**Sue Pauley**, who has volunteered as Bookkeeper for the past year has had to resign that position because of increasing demands of her employment. Our gratitude to Sue who was a tremendous support to Treasurer, **Bob Meyer**. Fortunately, the previous bookkeeper, **Sandy Sticken** is now retired and is resuming the position effective August 1st. If you have any reason to connect with Sandy, please email her at [bookkeeper@pwv.org](mailto:bookkeeper@pwv.org) and many thanks to Sandy for picking up the mantle once again.

**Judy Jacks** resigned as Co-Chair of Fund Development and **Shannon Keigan** is now Chairperson of that Committee. Thanks to Judy for all her efforts during the past few years, and to Shannon as she continues to expand her leadership.

New Additions include **Elaine Green** — Inventory Committee Chair; and **Jackie Picard** and **Laurie Landolt** — Supplemental Training Co-Chairs.

An opening is available for the Weed Crew Chairperson. Thanks to **Jim Shaklee** for his many years of devotion to developing this important PWV activity.

**All members are invited to attend the PWV Annual Member Meeting October 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Forest Service building.**

## PWV Fundraising Activity

As most of you may be aware the Fund Development Committee has come up with a variety of ways we can raise funds for the Operating Budget with very little effort required on our part.

Thanks to the local grocery chains who are now offering a percentage of purchases back to community organizations, we have been adding significantly to our funds. Two of those that we have implemented are the use of re-chargeable gift cards at **King Soopers** and **Safeway**. These are easy to use with no additional cost to you and you can use the gift card to buy groceries, gas and prescriptions.

The King Soopers card comes pre-loaded with \$2.50 and the Safeway card with \$5. For either card we are asking \$2 to help recover the cost of these pre-loaded amounts. The PWV Cabinet has both cards if you would like to pick one up!

Remember that using these cards adds no extra cost for you. You simply load your card with as much \$\$ as you'd like (at the customer

service counter or at check-out) and then use the card for all transactions. It can be reloaded repeatedly and PWV receives a percentage of everything you spend. Please email [slkeigan@gmail.com](mailto:slkeigan@gmail.com) with any questions or if you need a card or cards (for you, friends, relatives!).

Additionally, if you are an Amazon Shopper, you can purchase through **smile.amazon.com** and choose Poudre Wilderness Volunteers as your charitable organization and we will receive 0.5% of all purchases.

Thank you again from all of us on the PWV Fund Development Committee for your support of the gift card program.

## Take Care - It's All Yours

**Reghan Cloudman**, representative of Arapaho Roosevelt Pawnee Grassland Public Affairs attended a recent PWV Board Meeting and gave a presentation on the current campaign of the US National Forest (Region 2) and National Forest Foundation to connect people to "their" land. As part of this public outreach they are inviting PWV and similar organizations to participate in the promotion of use and enjoyment of the public lands. The slogan adopted for the campaign is "Go Play" and "Get Outdoors".

In follow up discussion and how PWV might partner in this effort, an idea has been developed jointly by Chair **Alan Meyer** who came up with a tagline "It's All Yours - Take Care of It", and **Margaret Shaklee**, Chair Elect, who used her creativity to clarify what we as PWV members do/and can do to work in tandem with the USFS on this effort.

### Take Care. It's All Yours.

As Poudre Wilderness Volunteers, we have the opportunity to hike or ride on trails in our National Forest. Let's be good stewards of those wild areas and share our knowledge with others along the trails. Let's work to repair trails, clean up campsites and remove downed trees. Let's show our appreciation for the needs of nature and teach others what we've learned. Let's introduce children and their parents to their National Forest and show them their trees, their streams, their mountains, their wildlife

#### Take

*If you wish your children to think deep thoughts, to know the holiest emotions, take them to the woods and hills, and give them the freedom of the meadows; the hills purify those who walk upon them. — Richard Jefferies*



#### Care

*Take care of the earth and she will take care of you. — Unknown*

#### It's

*We've become strangers to Nature. The best way to live longer, healthier lives is to re-wild ourselves by returning to nature whenever we can! — Daniel Vitalis, Hungry for Change*

#### All

*Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt. — John Muir*

#### Yours

*This life is yours. Take the power to choose what you want to do and do it well. Take the power to love what you want in life and love it honestly. Take the power to walk in the forest and be a part of nature. Take the power to control your own life. No one else can do it for you. Take the power to make your life happy." — Susan Polis Schutz*

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## SAVE THE DATE ...

**The next all-member gathering will be OCTOBER 16 for the annual Year End Event at Sundance Steakhouse & Saloon 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Put the date on your calendar!**