

Sun City Grand Hikers Club History

January 2000 - April 2008

The first part of this report comes from the recollections of residents of SCG who were involved in the process of forming a Hiking Club. Most of these recollections occurred in 1999, and early 2000. The second part of this report consist of excerpts from Executive Board and Club membership meetings, starting in January 2000, through April 2008.

PART I.

The concept of a hiking club at SCG started as an Interest Group during the middle part of 1999 under the leadership of Kathy Irvin an employee of the Adobe Spa. Residents were informed of the forming process through a series of postings and announcements on the bulletin boards in the Adobe Spa and Sonoran Plaza. There was also an "Interest Book" in the Adobe Spa where residents could list their name and telephone number. A series of "interest meetings" started in about September of 1999, and were led by Kathy. The meetings were in the Aerobics Room of the Adobe Spa. No chairs were available in the room, so the residents sat on the floor around the room. This may have been our first "circle up". Through this series of meetings Kathy appointed four residents to act as an Executive Committee to form the club. They were: President John Hall, Vice President Don Clark, Secretary Ann Mazzola, and Treasurer Carol Starnes. Executive Committee appointed Edlee Cornell as Volunteer Coordinator, which became our first Hiking Coordinator. During the later part of 1999, and into 2000 many volunteers worked with the Executive Board to establish policies and procedures for the Club. Most of our current policies and procedures, although modified during the years, were initiated during the 1999-2000 formation process. In 1999 a club needed 50 paid members to receive a charter. Later it moved to 75, and currently the number is 100.

During the formation process there were two events worthy of comment. One was the first "Hike from Hell". The hike was in the White Tank Regional Park, and led by Kathy. Several members who were on the hike will respond. Another event was a hike scheduled at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, in October of 1999. Twenty eight prospective members were on the hike, and we will hear from some of them.

At this time I want to recognize residents who were charter members. First I want to ask all residents who are here to stand if they were a charter member of the Hiking Club. Next I want to ask all current hiking club members to stand if they were a charter member of the Hiking Club.

PART II.

1/6/2000. Sixty one potential members present. Committee reports on Procedures and Protocol; Safety; Bylaws, first aid equipment, clothing and equipment, etc. Dues were established at \$10, per calendar year. Hikes scheduled in Wickenburg, Estrella Mts, and the White Tanks.

1/24/2000. Eighty Five potential members present, twenty two have paid. Discussion on name badges, hiking club logo, and follow up reports on various policies and procedures.

1/26/2000. Ninety one in attendance. Thirty six have paid. Several hikes planned including a hike/steak fry at Merv Griffin Dude Ranch. Discussion on a hike rating system, and agreement reached to use the letters A, B, C, or D, with A being the most difficult.

1/28/2000. Fifty paid members reached, and charter request submitted. Charter approved, and bylaws approved on February 2, 2000.

2/3/2000. New Club Officers nominated. President Joan Graham, Vice President John Krawczyk, Secretary Susan White, and Treasurer Carol Starnes. Members decided that the assembly point for hikes would be in the parking

lot between the Sonoran Plaza and the Bistro (Dillions) south of the tennis courts. Some discussion on an overnight hiking trip to Sedona or Prescott.

3/14/2000. Authorized purchase of items for the first aid kit. Some discussion on a GPS. Plans made for a Club hike to Havasupai Village in October of 2000.

3/22/2000. Nominated Club Officers elected. An e-mail communication system for the club was started.

4/7/2000. Discussion on trail rating system and agreement reached to use the system in the Arizona Republic, easy, moderate and difficult. Set the hiking days as Tuesday and Thursday of each week. Established a drivers fee system.

9/11/2000. Established the regular meeting date of the Club as the first Monday of each month, unless that Monday is a holiday, for the period September through May. Announced the concept of a monthly Introductory Hike for new and prospective members.

10/9/2000. Membership at 180. Susan White resigned as Secretary, Ann Mazzola will be an interim secretary until the next election. Terrell Hill volunteered to look at establishing a website for the Club. Fifteen hikers participated in the Havasupai hike.

11/6/2000. Nominated committee recommended officers for the next year. President Joan Graham, Vice President John Krawczyk, Secretary Sue Pullin, and Treasurer Faye Guerrero. Announcement of the National Trail Trek at South Mountain, January.

12/4/2000. Nominated Club Officers elected. Social Committee started having coffee and cookies after the meeting.

1/8/2001. Joan Graham assumed responsibility as Hike Leader Coordinator.

2/5/2001. Eighteen Grand Hikers participated in the National Trail Trek. President Joan Graham finished in 4 hours and 30 minutes.

4/16/2001. Because of taking on a full time job, Joan Graham resigned her position as Club President. In accordance with the bylaws, John Krawczyk assumed the role as President. Morristown School was adopted as a Community Service Project.

4/22/2001. Currently have 17 hike leaders: John Finn, Gene Ferguson, John & Janet Hall, Terrell Hill, Joe Ignatowski, Jerry Koffel, Don Clark, Ron Schertler, Arnie Way, Charlie Yager, John & Meg Krawczyk, Larry Timmons, Jean Irvin, Joan Graham, and Edlee Cornell. Terrell Hill appointed to serve as Vice President, and Hiking Coordinator.

9/7/2001. Executive Board working on revised bylaws. Revision necessary to change the term of Club Officers from a calendar year to a fiscal year.

10/31/2001. Revised bylaws approved by the Activities Office and need to be submitted to the membership for approval.

11/5/2001. Nominating Committee report, President John Krawczyk, Vice President Terrell Hill, Secretary Ann Mazzola, Treasurer Sue Pullin.

12/3/2001. Officers nominated in November elected for 2002.

1/7/2002. Discussion on changed bylaws including an additional Executive Board member, a Director at Large. Discussion on a summer hiking program.

1/16/2002. Forty three members signed an interest form for a summer hiking program. Twenty Five members hiked the National Trail trek.

2/4/2002. Amended bylaws approved by the members. A birthday cake was presented to George Karonis for a special birthday. This started the birthday cake presentation by a hiking club member.

3/22/2002. Judy Way selected as the Club's first Director at Large. Claude Eatherly volunteered to establish an email program for summer hikes.

5/5/2002. Special meeting to discuss the summer hiking program and suggestions to improve the trail rating system.

9/9/2002. Claude and Sherry Eatherly reported on a successful summer hiking program.

10/7/2002. Thirty five hikers participated in the Havasupai hike.

11/4/2002. Claude Eatherly assumed responsibility as Hiking Coordinator.

1/27/2003. Nominating Committee report: President John Krawczyk, Vice President Claude Eatherly, Secretary Judith Bridges, Treasurer Gary Wilson, Director at Large Judy Way.

3/3/2003. All nominated members elected for the 2003-2004 club year.

3/19/2003. Changed procedure to have club minutes and treasurer's report emailed to members, rather than read at the meeting.

9/8/2003. Changed assembly point for hike days to the Spirit of Grace Church parking lot.

10/13/2003. Report on end of summer hiking season, 21 hikers made it to the summit of Humphrey's Peak. Thirty Seven hikers participated in the Havasupai hike.

11/3/2003. Linda Peterson and Anne Thomson recognized as the first female Grand hikers to hike the Grand Canyon, rim to rim, in one day. Sherry Eatherly also got an award by making this possible by driving the group. Sherry's award was a T-shirt that said "I drove Rim to Rim".

12/1/2003. Change in bylaws again necessary. This change required by CAM in an attempt to establish uniform language for all clubs. Major change was to add Past President as a member of the Executive Board. Also Clubs were encouraged to add Working Rules as an attachment to the Bylaws. The Working Rules would address items that might change from year to year. The Working Rules could be amended by a majority vote of the Executive Board, rather than require a vote of the membership.

2/1/2004. Twenty eight members hiked the National Trail Trek. Joe Markitans first club member to finish.

3/1/2004. New officers for the 2004.2005 year elected. President Claude Eatherly, Vice President/ Hiking Coordinator Mike Peterson, Secretary Diane Brandt, Treasurer Gary Wilson, Directors at Large (2) Bob Sanders and Anne Thomson. John Krawczyk would be on the Executive Board as Past President.

4/12/2004. Barry Bridges presented the first of year-end awards.

9/13/2004. Committee formed to evaluate various factors of a trail rating system. Currently have 25 hike leaders.

10/9/2004. A new Composite Hike Rating (CHR) system introduced, to replace the 1 to 4 boot rating system.

12/6/2004. Starting 1/2005 club minutes and the treasurers report will no longer be emailed, but will be on the website.

1/3/2005. Mike Peterson reviewed a revised trail rating system. A change to the Composite Boot Rating (CBR) using a 1 to 5 point scale. Some discussion on developing additional hikes, shorter and easier, to encourage more members to hike.

1/7/2005. New Club Officers elected for the 2005-2006 year. President Barry Bridges, Vice President Linda Peterson, Secretary Diane Brandt, Treasurer Steve Weistling, Director at Large Bob Sanders. Also on the Executive Board Claude Eatherly Past President and Mike Peterson, Hiking Coordinator.

5/2/2005. Carlyle Award introduced. Named for Cameron Carlyle.

10/3/2005. Currently have 339 members.

3/6/2006. New officers elected for the 2006-2007 year. President Linda Peterson, Vice President Vic Fastiggi, Secretary Larry Timmons, Treasurer Steve Weistling, Director at Large Patti Wilhelm. Remaining on the board, Barry Bridges as Past President, and Mike Peterson as Hiking Coordinator.

9/11/2006. Birthday cake celebration discontinued. Social Committee to provide other forms of refreshments.

11/6/2006. Because of full time work, Vic Fastiggi resigned as Club Vice President. Bob Rein appointed as new Vice President.

3/5/2007. New officers elected for the 2007-2008 year. President Linda Peterson, Vice President Bob Rein, Secretary Larry Timmons, Treasurer Guy Maestas, Director at Large Patti Wilhelm, Past President Barry Bridges will be on the Executive Board. Russ Lachance appointed as Hiking Coordinator, will be a member of the Executive Board. Membership approved the purchase of a satellite phone for the Safety Bag.

9/10/2007. Publicity Co-Chairs Barbara Sanders and Jo Borden introduced a "Hiking Tip of the Month" routine.

3/3/2008. New officers elected for the 2008-2009 year. President Judith Bridges, Vice President Larry Timmons, Secretary Kathy Ledvina, Treasurer Guy Maestas, Director at Large Penny Spilios. Remaining on the Executive Board is Past President Linda Peterson and Hiking Coordinator Russ Lachance.

PART III

I can't end this report without giving credit and recognizing the outstanding job done by all of the Club Secretaries. The detailed and meticulous notes taken and records maintained made my review and preparation of this report much easier.

So often we give thanks and recognition to some of our officers because we hear from them at every meeting. We owe a special thanks to this group of Club Secretaries for the work they have and will continue to do. The records of our Club are in good hands. Special thanks to our Secretaries from 2000 to 2008: Ann Mazzola; Susan White; Faye Guerrero; Judith Bridges; Diane Brandt; Larry Timmons; and Kathy Ledvina.

Prepared by John Krawczyk, 10/1/2008

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2008 - 2011

Before this report starts I want to respond to two questions about the first report.

1. Do we have a history of our membership?

Prior to 2005 membership numbers were not routinely reported in our minutes and other records. This is what I could find:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Membership</u>
2000	February Charter Group 50
2000	October 180
2005	October 339
2005	December 31 394
2006	December 31 311
2007	December 31 329
2008	December 31 324
2009	December 31 259
2010	December 31 249

2. The minutes of 5/2/2005 referred to the Carlyle Award. What is that?

I will use Terrell Hill's response. "The Carlyle Question mentioned in the history is "Did you remember your pack?" and similar questions. We were hiking the Groom Creek Trail. At the top, most hikers took off their packs, had a snack and explored. Then we left to finish the loop and return to the trailhead. After maybe a mile, Cameron Carlyle noticed that he had forgotten his pack. So, with our usual sensitivity, we created the Carlyle Question. Cameron went back for his pack with a friend or two and we continued to the trailhead. Now after a stop during a hike, you might hear the Carlyle Question. As far as I know, we haven't left anything behind since."

This detail of our history will cover the period from April 2008, through April 2011. As with the prior report the information reflects excerpts from the Executive Board and Club membership minutes.

PART I.

4/7/2008. The Board approved a reimbursement policy for damage to a member's personal items used for club activities. The item will be replaced at 75% of value/\$500 maximum, with Board approval. A three day hiking trip is planned for the Tucson area. Tip of the Month: Backpack options.

5/5/2008. Russ Lachance, Hiking Coordinator, clarified the "meet time" designation for hikes. Effective May 1 "meet time" indicates the time all hikers are expected to arrive at the parking lot (i.e. be parked and out of their vehicles). Tip of the Month: A review of prior tips during the year and a video of hiking highlights.

10/6/2008. A Hike Description Review Committee was formed consisting of Claude Eatherly, Arnie Way and Terrill Hill. Their purpose was to provide more information about each hike so members could make a better decision regarding the appropriateness of the hike for their skill level. Tip of the Month: Proper use and benefits of hiking poles. Annual fall cleanup at Morristown School scheduled for later in the month.

11/3/2008. Tip of the Month: A presentation on the Top Ten Hiking Foods. John Krawczyk presented a history of the Hiking Club that covered a period from the organization and charter process in 1999-2000, through activities up to March of 2008. Charter Club Officers were present along with several former club members.

12/1/2008. The new CBR (Composite Boot Rating) was introduced. The biggest change is the use of total climbing evaluation, instead of elevation change. Tip of the Month: "Keep it Down and Listen Up", an attempt to control the noise at the circle up location.

1/5/2009. Tip of the Month: Trail courtesy and safety. Report on the new CBR system. After one month a majority of members indicated they liked the new system.

2/2/2009. Tip of the Month: Listed items to include in your backpack to make your hiking life easier.

3/2/2009. Tip of the Month: Selection of hiking boots. Ching Valde was thanked for her 10 years serving as chair of the Safety Committee. She was replaced by Meg Krawczyk. Board Election: all current Board members agreed to serve another year and they were elected unanimously. Officers for 2009-2010 will be: President Judith Bridges; Vice President Larry Timmons; Secretary Kathy Ledvina; Treasurer Guy Maestas; Member at Large; Penny Spillos. Also serving on the Board is Russ Lachance, Hiking Coordinator.

4/6/2009. Bob Sanders introduced as the new Hiking Coordinator and Russ Lachance recognized for his past two years serving as Hiking Coordinator. Tip of the Month: Hiking safety during the summer months.

5/4/2009. Tip of the Month: A review of all tips during the past hiking season. Announcement was made of a possible hike trip to Mammoth Lakes, CA in September 2010.

9/14/2009. Tip of the Month: Electrolyte Replacement.

10/5/2009. Tip of the Month: Importance of proper hydration.

11/2/2009. Tip of the Month: How to be prepared to go on a hike. Report given that the Vial of Life is being replaced by the E-pack, and they are available at Basha's grocery stores.

12/7/2009. Tip of the Month: Importance of having identification with you when you hike or exercise.

1/4/2010. Tip of the Month: Demonstrated stretching techniques and their importance before and after a hike. A September 2010 hiking trip to Mammoth Lakes, CA is being organized.

2/1/10. A report given that the average number of members on a hike has decreased over a two year period. In 2008 the average was just over 19, and in 2009 it was just over 17. Tip of the Month: Discussed being prepared on a hike, and described the various items a hiker should have in their backpack.

3/1/2010. The following members were elected to the Board to serve the 2010-2011 year: President Larry Timmons; Vice President Nancy Eckart; Treasurer Gary Wilhelm; Secretary Carol Ohls; Member at Large Bob Rein. Also serving on the Board is Hiking Coordinator Bob Sanders, and Past President Judith Bridges. Tip of the Month: Proper cleaning of your hiking boots. Members participated in an interactive presentation on First Aid Tips.

4/5/2010. President Larry presented a contest for the membership. "HOW FAR WILL THE GRAND HIKERS HIKE NEXT YEAR?" Members will enter a guess as to how many miles the club members total cumulative hike miles will be for the next season from October 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011. Prizes will be given to the winner and runner up. Bob Sanders reported on the hike in the White Tanks with the students from Morristown School. Tip of the month: Getting ready for summer hiking.

5/3/2010. Members were reminded to save used ink cartridges and box tops for Morristown School. Barb Sanders presented a DVD show highlighting club activities for the past hiking year. Tip of the Month: Highlights of tip's during the past hiking year.

9/13/2010. The Board announced that the club will be exploring the development of a Website that would be owned and managed by the Hiking Club. Members with web development expertise or an interest in serving on a website committee were asked to respond. John Nuerenberg, Bob Rein and Patti Wilhelm were appointed to serve on the committee. Tip of the Month: High altitude hiking how to recognize the symptoms.

11/1/2010. John Nuerenberg reported on the progress of the Website Development Committee. The committee is making progress, but a lot of work has to be done before the website is complete. Tip of the Month: A slide show featuring "Heidi Hiker" demonstrating proper procedures and protocol on a hike.

12/6/2010. The Board proposed a bylaw amendment to change the Director at Large position to a Membership Director position. To be voted on at the January meeting. Nancy Eckart was appointed as the new Hiking Coordinator beginning on April 1st when Bob Sanders term ends. John Nuerenberg demonstrated features of the new www.scghikers.org website. A question was asked from a member on control of the website. John responded that all web committee members and Board members have website management user passwords. Tip of the Month: Demonstration on the importance of carrying identification, health information and an emergency contact while hiking.

1/3/2011. Bylaws amendment changing the Director at Large position to a Director of Membership was presented and approved by the Club membership. Tip of the Month: A demonstration of what to do if you find an injured person on the trail.

2/7/2011. John Nuerenberg gave a demonstration of the features of the new website. Joan Graham presented a 3 day hiking trip in Colorado in September. Tip of the Month: Selecting proper socks to wear hiking.

3/7/2011. Board Officers elected for the 2011-2012 year are President Larry Timmons; Vice President Sally Nuerenberg; Treasurer Gary Wilhelm; Secretary Carol Ohls; Membership Director Penny Spilios. Serving on the Board is Nancy Echart, Hiking Coordinator and Judith Bridges, Past President. Tip of the Month: How to deal with bee stings. Patti Wilhelm will be Photomaster for the Website. Instructions for photos are on the Photo Gallery page on the Website.

4/4/2011 DVD shown on the highlights of the past hiking season. Website changes and improvements were reviewed. Morristown School project was updated. Tip of the Month: How to protect yourself and plan for hiking during the summer months.

PART II.

My thanks to our two Club Secretaries, Cathy Ledvina and Carol Ohls, who took and recorded the Board and Club Business meeting minutes during the three years of this review. The detail of their work is exceptional.

Prepared by John Krawczyk, Hiking Club Historian, 4/19/2011.

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2011 – 2012

April 2011

- The new Executive Board for 2011-2012 consists of President Larry Timmons, Vice-President Sally Nuereberg, Treasurer Gary Wilhelm, Secretary Carol Ohls, Membership Director Penny Spilios, Hiking Coordinator Nancy Eckart, and Past President Judith Bridges.
- “Hiking Year in Review” DVD produced by Barb Sanders was shown.
- Club Historian John Krawczyk reported that he has finished updating the club history and will submit it for approval of the board and posting on the club website.
- Joann Graham gave an update of plans for the September trip to Ouray, Colorado. She has come up with a plan of proposed trails that she, Diane Brandt, and Claude & Sherry Eatherly will pre hike this summer. 54 have confirmed with 4 non-hiking spouses.

May 2011

- Winners of last year’s “How far will the Grand Hikers Hike this Year?” contest were announced. Cumulative mileage from October 1st through April 30 was calculated by multiplying the length of each hike times the number of hikers on that hike. The club hiked 8,186 miles during this time. The winner with a guess of 8,414 was Mikki Santens. She received a \$50 REI gift card from the club. Runner up with a guess of 7,825 miles was JoAnn Thomas who received a \$25 REI gift card.
- A new contest, “How High Will the Hiking Club Climb Next Year?” was launched. It will be based on cumulative climbing elevation in miles of all hikes. Board members and their spouses are not allowed to enter.

September 2011

- Bob Sanders was recognized and thanked him for his two years of service as the Hiking Coordinator.
- Mikki Santens reported that the first social of the season will be Oktoberfest on Oct. 26 at the Pavilions. Rosemary Zakowski will coordinate the entertainment which will include games, accordion music, and dancing.

- In preparation for the Colorado hiking trip Barb Sanders and Jo Borden presented tips for high altitude hiking.

October 2011

- Guest speaker Peter Burggraaf talked about the history, people and work that went on at the Smithsonian Institute Solar Observatory on Harquahala Peak. Peter is the author of the book, "Carry Through If Hell Freezes Over - Living at Arizona's First Smithsonian Observatory on Harquahala Mountain 1920-1925". He illustrated his talk with slides of historic photos from the years the observatory was built and operational.
- Webmaster John Nuerenberg presented changes made. A classified section has been created for items for sale from members. Revised Procedures and Protocol passed by the Board are currently being posted.

November, 2011

- A video of the Ouray, Colorado Trip created by Barb Sanders and titled "High in the Rockies" was shown. The video gave a great picture presentation of all our members who were able to participate in this scenic trip. Barb presented trip organizer Joann Graham with a special copy of the video.
- Bob and Barb Sanders announced an overnight trip to Kingman AZ scheduled for October 16, 17, 18, 2012. They have already done prehikes in the area. The first day hikes would take place on the way to Kingman in the desert of Joshua Trees. The two following days of hikes would be in Wild Pines Mountains.

December, 2011

- A video of the Oktoberfest put together by Barb Sanders was shown.
- Treasurer Gary Wilhelm presented the proposed budget for 2012.
- Club membership was 255 as of November 30, 2011.
- Barry Bridges was appointed Chairperson of the 2012 Nominating Committee by the Board. Barry introduced the other members of the committee. They are Lyn Daniel, Ching Valde, and Al Eger.

January 2012

- Several quests from Sun City Festival's Hiking Club attended today's meeting. They previously met with some of our officers to learn about our hiking safety protocols and procedures.
- Guest speaker Claire Miller, Preserve Manager for the City of Scottsdale, presented history and plans for updates in the preserve. The City of Scottsdale has made recent purchases of more land. The trailheads of Tom's Thumb and Brown's Ranch are to be improved with facilities. More trails and improvements are planned. Claire presented slides showing plans for these areas.

February 2012

- Nominating Committee Chairperson Barry Bridges announced the slate for election of officers is complete. The nominees are Sally Nuerenberg for President, John Russell for Vice-President, Lan Seylar for Treasurer, Karen Mayfield for Secretary and Penny Spilios for Membership Director. The election will be conducted at the March membership meeting. Officers will start their term on April 1, 2012.
- Guest speaker Wayne Ranney, a geologist from Northern Arizona University, talked about the geologic history of Arizona. He is the author of the book "Ancient Landscapes of the American Southwest".

March 2012

- The new Executive Board for 2012-2013 consists of President Sally Nuerenberg, Vice-President John Russell, Secretary Karen Mayfield, Treasurer Lan Seylar, and Membership Director Penny Spilios.
- Cheryl Bartos presented information about the Memorial Benches in the White Tank Mountain Regional Park. Cheryl is planning a memorial for her mother. The park benches are steel pipe fabrication making strong frames. Rock benches are no longer available due to vandalism. Cost is \$900 and includes a plaque of 3 lines. Choice of site is available although some sites are full.
- Webmaster John Nuerenberg demonstrated with his computer projected onto a big screen how to navigate the website. John showed the membership how to use the left hand column to go to the different areas. Passwords are for the club members to search hike details and members list. Several officers and committee chairs have passwords for managing

databases. These passwords will be reset at the end of the officer's term each year. The photomaster controls the photo gallery. We own these pictures and club members can copy them to their own computer by right clicking. Minutes of Board and Membership Meetings since April 2010 are now stored on the website. Members are reminded to review minutes before each meeting to approve these minutes. The Club History is available back to 2000. There is a Classified Ad section. Members List can be edited only by the use of your C.A.M. number. Hike List can be sorted by date, miles, CBR, and location. GPS information is being added to the website, but it is only available to the committee at this time.

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2012 – 2014

April 2012

- The new executive board for 2012-2013 consists of: Sally Nuereberg, President; John Russell, Vice President; Karen Mayfield, Secretary; Lan Seylar, Treasurer; Penny Spilios, Membership Director; Nancy Eckart, Hiking Coordinator; Larry Timmons, Past President.
- John Russell conducted the meeting, as Sally was caring for her ill mother in Michigan.
- John honored Claude Eatherly as an Ad Hoc member of the board to look into hike ratings. The position was replaced by a committee.
- John Nuereberg announced a new password for the club website. All data will be backed up by John and Larry Timmons' computers.
- Barb Sanders and Jo Borden gave a skit on: "Stinky Backpacks" and "How to Stay Sweet on the Trail."
- Barb Sanders reported on a successful Morristown School hike and thanked members who participated.
- Nancy Eckart discussed the club sponsored out of area hike scheduled for October in Kingman, AZ to be led by Bob and Barb Sanders.
- Our program: Anne Marie Krueger of Banner Good Samaritan Hospital's Poison and Drug Information gave a presentation on "Bites and Stings—Venomous Bites and Stings of Arizona." Thanks were given to Ron Fox for securing our speaker.

May 2012

- Sally paid tribute to Joann Graham who organized the club trip to Ouray, CO and had recent hip surgery with complications. A list of support help from our members was taken to assist Joann in her recovery.
- Calendar pictures for the upcoming 2013 calendar were shown to the membership. The months of: October, March and April.
- Barb Sanders won the year-long contest: "How High Did the SCG Hikers Climb?" The total number of miles was 341.29 and Barb guessed 340.
- Barb Sanders and Jo Borden gave everyone a fun quiz to test their memory of the past year's "Tip of the Month" topics.
- Rosalie Borst announced that October 24 would be our annual Oktoberfest event at the pavilion.
- Bob Sanders shared the hike descriptions for the October trip to Kingman, AZ.
- Barb Sanders ended our meeting with a video of our: "Hiking Year in Review".

September 2012

- John Russell conducted meeting as Sally was still in WA state.

- Rosalie Borst discussed Oktoberfest and sold tickets before and after the meeting.
- Barb Sanders and Jo Borden discussed hiking equipment on their “Tip of the Month” presentation.
- Bob Sanders discussed the final preparations for the October Kingman hikes.
- Nancy Eckart discussed the new CBR rating system.
- Herb Norton and Penny Spilios shared the results of their summer meetings with CAM’s Board of Directors and the proposed changes to SCG Chartered Clubs. Each club will have to adhere to a new set of rules hammered out by club presidents to meet the demands of CAM and then change their own by-laws to effect these changes. The SCG Hikers board will be working on this in the months to come.

October 2012

- Prior to the general meeting a board meeting discussed the following: Herb Norton reported that CAM new rules will require a chartered club to hold any club functions, ex., Holiday Party, Volunteer Dinner, etc. that involve alcohol be held in a CAM facility with a security guard present. Also any social functions must be held in a large enough facility to include the entire membership. Rosalie Borst stated that to do this the cost may be prohibitive for some members. Lan Seylar discussed the pros and cons of raising dues from \$10 but said it was not necessary at this point. Nancy Eckart said there was much interest in more out of area hiking events and suggested a Spring and Fall consideration. All will be discussed with membership at a future date.
- Final tickets were sold for Oktoberfest and Mikki Santens discussed the menu and games.
- Many thanks and much applause was given to Barb Sanders and Jo Borden for their work over the years in planning terrific presentations entitled: “Tip of the Month”. It was suggested that the board felt it could be done from “time to time” as the need arises for the information and no longer on a “monthly” basis.
- Arnie Way discussed the first hike at Joshua Tree on the way up to Kingman as he will be leading this hike. Final thoughts on Kingman were given by Bob Sanders.
- Since no pictures were submitted for the 2013 calendar for the remaining months it was voted that we postpone the project until the following Spring.
- Barb Sanders gave a video presentation of the Morristown School including the history and our club’s involvement over the years.

November 2012

- Prior to the general meeting the board met and discussed the following: John Nuerenberg attended the CAM meeting and stated that only one member of a family may be on a charter club board during a term; CAM has not mandated any fast rules for social events yet. With this, the board decided to use CAM facilities only when necessary. Lan reported that our membership has not increased as expected so it looks likely that our club dues will have to increase for 2013.

- Sally Nuereberg thanked Herb Norton for rewriting a draft for CAM that fits our hiking club.
- Rosalie Borst announced that the Holiday Party would be at the Maestas' home for this year in December.
- Carol Ohls discussed a program of safety that includes AHA Heartsaver, CPR and AED and First Aid which better fits the needs of our club and encouraged hike leaders to take the class.
- Committee changes: John Nuereberg will take on the Publicity Chair and Dennis Jarc will be on the Website team along with Patti Wilhelm as Photomaster.
- Nancy Eckart announced that we will have a Spring out of area to Payson with 2 days of hiking and one overnight.
- Sally Nuereberg announced that the Hiking Coordinator needs to be an elected position so that the person in the position can vote on the board. After this, the position was re-named: Hiking Director.
- Barry Bridges announced that the Hiking Coordinator and Vice-President for 2013 are open. Vice-President should remain on as President. Penny Spilios agreed to remain as Membership Director (but will need to run in the election). Until this point the board was staggered as to years served.
- It was discussed whether to raise the dues but the membership voted to keep them at \$10.
- Our program was presented by Jim Holt from the Hiking Shack. He displayed and demonstrated hiking equipment from his store.

December 2012

- Barry Bridges announced 3 positions open on the board for 2013 (April starting date): Hiking Director, Membership Director, and Vice-President.
- Mikki Santens discussed the Holiday Party and finished ticket sales of \$7 for members and \$9 for non-members (if we had it on a CAM facility it would be upwards of \$20).
- John Nuereberg announced the new advertising techniques to pursue an increase in membership. Sharon Russell and Judith Bridges will be writing articles for the Grand Times. The committee will be responsible for putting up posters at the activity centers, advertise on Channel 22, and put up advertising on the big screen TV's at the centers and obtain speakers for our meetings.
- Barbara Ray discussed the October out of area hikes to Big Sur.
- Bob Sanders discussed having tax forms for participation in the AZ School tax program which can directly be given to Morrystown School.

January 2013

- Sally Nuereberg thanked Chuck Milton for compiling all the data on how many hikes each club member hiked throughout 2012. Our hiker of the year was Monica Amnetag who completed 60 hikes.

- Sally reported that CAM has not completed even one-half of the chartered club rules and regulation changes with input from all the club presidents. So nothing will change for a while. CAM will post pictures of our club on a SCG Facebook page that they have just established (limit of 20).
- Carol Ohls presented 9 hike leaders with heart stickers for taking the CPR certificate class. This is a new precedent.
- John Nuerenberg announced that Barb Wilder would be replacing Patti Wilhelm as Photomaster and the Publicity Committee will be putting together a Channel 22 presentation to attract new members to our club.
- Barb Sanders presented her creative video: "Kingman, Here we Come...", the 3-day out of area hike that she and Bob organized last Fall, 2012.

February 2013

- Prior to the general meeting the board met and discussed the following: Mary Willig and Sharon Russell will represent our club at the Newcomer's Coffee to attract new residents to our club (possibly dressed as hikers); the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held at the Mayfield's home (so far no word from CAM needing to do otherwise); the possibility of initiating a SIG (Special Interest Group) for GPS/High Tech; a photography off-shoot also was discussed as a possibility; it was agreed that all new members need to take the Introductory Hike as their first desert hike; specific leader of a hike should be addressed if someone is new; new wording for footwear on an Introductory hike will be incorporated on the website; Sally said a revised and updated website will be unveiled at the next general meeting; Nancy told the board that she and both Barb and Bob Sanders were taped by Channel 22 for a Hiking Club presentation that will be part of the Newcomer's Coffee and Oktoberfest (SCG) in the Fall.
- Sally Nuerenberg announced that all committee chairs would be composing a list of specific duties of each and a plea for volunteers to fulfill any void. These would be sent out to encourage more participation and ownership in club events.
- Barry Bridges reported for the Nominating Committee the proposed slate of officers to be voted on in March and assuming office effective, April, 1. The respective positions are: Sally Nuerenberg, President; Kris Fox, Vice-President (John Russell is not returning); Lan Seylar, Treasurer; Karen Mayfield, Secretary; Nancy Eckart, Hiking Director; Penny Spilios, Membership Director; and Larry Timmons, Past President.
- Three women braved the rain to complete the National Trail Trek: Carol Ohls, Cheryl Bartos, and Monica Amnetag.
- Rosalie Borst announced that the picnic hike was planned for March 12 after the 8.4 mile hike in the White Tanks.
- Carol Ohls announced that free Heart Saver classes were available at Sun City West.
- John Nuerenberg announced that our new website was up thanks to Dennis Jarc's amazing expertise. Club members could not only access the site from their computers but from portable devices like Kindle, smart phones, or tablets.

- Nancy's Moonlight Hike in the White Tanks was showcased in the Grand Times and coming in March will be a hike in the Superstitions.
- Larry Laursen, our CBR guru, presented a program on "The Little Secrets of CBR". He also discussed the possibility of forming our own Special Interest Group on using GPS and other tools. Members were encouraged to contact Larry or Sally as to interest in forming said group.
- Terry Dion mentioned trips she was hosting as hiking adventures to Iceland and Russia for this summer.

March 2013

- Prior to the general meeting the board meeting discussed the following: Sally announced that CAM now has a lottery system for meetings and events and that she has submitted the clubs' dates for 2014; John Krawczyk has thoughts of not doing the Historian position since everything is on the website; Larry suggested we form carpools to attend a meeting at the White Tanks to discuss their Master Plan for the park; more than a dozen people have expressed an interest in the SIG for GPS so John Nuereberg and Larry Laursen are submitting the paperwork to CAM to form the group; Anh Benbrook has proposed a possible out of area hike to Zion for April of 2014; another possibility is Tucson or Chirichuas.
- The membership unanimously voted in the slate of officers for 2013: Sally Nuereberg, President; Kris Fox, Vice-President; Lan Seylar, Treasurer; Karen Mayfield, Secretary; Nancy Eckart, Hiking Director; Penny Spilios, Membership Director; and Larry Timmons, Past President.
- John Krawczyk discussed his decision to leave the position of Historian. The membership voted to leave the decision to the board.
- Joan Oristian will be the new Social Chairperson and the picnic hike will raise the price to \$5.
- Sally told the membership that our club will be on the cover of the June Grand Times.
- Barbara Ray announced the Big Sur hike details.

April 2013

- The new executive board for 2013-2014 consists of: Sally Nuereberg, President; Kris Fox, Vice President; Lan Seylar, Treasurer; Karen Mayfield, Secretary; Penny Spilios, Membership Director; Nancy Eckart, Hiking Director and Larry Timmons, Past President.
- John Krawczyk announced he was stepping down as Historian and Meg Krawczyk was also leaving her post as safety aide. Both were thanked for their service. Three volunteer positions were now open: Historian, and 2 on the Nominating Committee.
- Long discussion on how to show our appreciation to Spirit of Grace Church for use of their parking lot on hiking days. It was decided that Sally would take a letter of thanks to the church and follow up with them on a possible money donation or contributions to their food pantry. It was resolved to contribute to their food pantry.

- Barb Sanders reported on the success of the Morristown School hike and did a video for the school and for the club's website.
- John Nuerenberg introduced Barbara Wilder as the new Photomaster and she discussed her experiences of hiking in Texas (at another Del Webb community).
- Joan Oristian announced the next social event was the picnic hike on April 18 with a cost of \$5.
- Carol Ohls added a pocket mask to the first aid kits for those hike leaders trained in CPR.
- John Nuerenberg announced a new addition to the club website of a SIG for GPS. A new log-in for it was discussed to keep it private for club members only.
- April Kramer has produced a 6.5 minute video about the hiking club which will be put online (SCG) for all to see.
- Nancy discussed the overnight hiking trip to Payson on April 4, 5, and 6.
- Anh Benbrook brought materials on Zion to share and boost interest in her trip there in Spring of 2014.

May 2013

- Chuck Milton announced he needs help with gathering statistics for who hiked the most hikes. Through March, there have been 742 hikes. Going through all the signatures is tough when people DON'T PRINT (as requested). A "mystery man" is in first place so far.
- No one has come forth to volunteer as Historian or for the 2 positions on the nominating committee.
- Sally shared excerpts from Morristown School students who wrote "thank you" to our club.
- The Morristown School's trail is in need of repair and a November project date was discussed.
- John Nuerenberg discussed 2 new website sub-headings on our club site: "New Hikers" and "Trip Planner" under the general heading: "Hikes".
- Sharon Russell wrote this month's Grand Times' article on "What a Hiking Club Does".
- Nancy discussed summer hikes and Bob and Barb Sanders' July 16 swim/hike at their home.
- April Kramer showed the Channel 22 video of our club filmed for the Newcomers' Coffee starring our very own: Nancy Eckart, and Barb and Bob Sanders. John Nuerenberg is trying to get the film on our own club website.
- At the end of the meeting both Roger Driver and Carol Ohls volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee.

September 2013

- Kris Fox chaired the meeting since Sally was still in WA.
- Kris thanked Roger and Carol for volunteering to be on the Nominating Committee.
- Nancy reported on the purchase of 2 SPOT devices to replace the very expensive satellite phone and services that the club had previously. This was a decision done by

the board over the summer via email. Since the purchase was less than \$500, the board could proceed without membership vote. (\$99 each and \$99 for yrly. Service)

- Joan Oristian, dressed as a cowgirl, invited the club to our Fall Social at the pavilion on October 23rd. The theme is “Western Roundup” and everyone is encouraged to dress up. Tickets will be sold at the October meeting.
- Kris and Judith Bridges talked about our club having an article every month in the Grand Times.
- Barb Sanders reminded everyone that she is collecting “Big Tops For Education” tabs and ink cartridges for Morristown School.
- Larry Laursen reminded everyone that he will be heading up the first meeting of the GPS SIG in November.

October 2013

- Sally announced that a back issue for June of the Grand Times may be available at the activities office for those who hadn’t seen it due to being back in their home state for the summer. Our club was on the cover and Sharon Russell had written the article inside.
- Nancy reported on the successful out of area hiking trip to Big Sur.
- Barb Sanders reported on a work project for Morristown School for November 13. She gave a brief history of the school, our involvement over the years and our help to create the nature trail and running track.
- Joan Oristian gave more details on the “Western Roundup” on October 23. A western singer will be the entertainment and the menu is from Dillon’s.
- Larry Laursen announced that the first meeting of the GPS SIG would be before our club meeting in November. There will be a round table discussion and general questions and answers. 15 members of our club have joined.
- John Nuerenberg notified the membership to watch for the November issue of the Grand Times which will feature our club trip to Big Sur and includes pictures.
- Nancy talked about the trip to Zion which will take place in March of 2014.
- In the closing comments: several requests were made to have overnight hikes closer to home, like Flagstaff or Tucson; Lan talked about his trip on the Inca Trail in Peru.

November 2013

- Prior to the November general meeting a board meeting was held and the following were discussed: Sally obtained from CAM the room reservations we requested for 2014; 2 budgets given to Sally by Lan (who couldn’t be present) were discussed—1) “operating budget” charging dues of \$15 and 2)the “alternative budget” keeping the dues at \$10—a vote of the board kept dues at \$10; Sally will meet with Nominating Committee to recruit board members for 2014 (with the exception of President and Past President); dates for activities and programs for membership meetings were set through March of 2014.

- Sally announced a special presentation by the Santens and Maestas couples who did the 500 mile Camino trek and were having a travelogue open to the public in December.
- Sally thanked Sharon Russell for her Big Sur article and Lyn Daniels for her article on hiking in Iceland, both in the Grand Times.
- Barb Sanders and Phil Santens both talked about the two projects scheduled to help the Morristown School. Two groups would go out at different times on November 13. \$100 was authorized from club funds to defray the costs of materials for these projects.
- Lan presented the chart of both budgets and told the membership what the board recommended.
- Mary Willig of the Social Committee reported that the Holiday Party will be held at the Agua Fria Room this year. Members will bring an appetizer and an unwrapped gift for "Toys for Tots". Tickets will be sold after the meeting for \$7.
- Carol Ohls suggested those wanting certification in CPR take the classes this year because they are free and next year will be \$15.
- John Nuerenberg announced he will be looking for a replacement for the coming year.
- Larry Laursen said the kick-off meeting of the new SIG was successful with 18-19 people in attendance.
- Nancy talked about the National Trail Trek for January and the 100 Mile Parks Challenge for Maricopa.
- Carol Ohls and volunteers presented an enactment of how to treat cactus wounds and showed what to do for snake or insect bites, and how to board up broken bones that occur on the trails. Also there was a demo on how to use the SPOT in an emergency.

December 2013

- Prior to the general meeting a board meeting took place which Kris chaired and the following was discussed: Kris stated that the Nominating Committee has been actively looking for board members to fill the slots for 2014; Kris suggested that some of the board positions could have assistants so as not to overwhelm a person from volunteering; Larry stated that the President or Treasurer would need to be present in the summer for check signing; Lan will recommend dues be \$10 at the next general meeting; Kris announced that the Danskins offered to lead a trip to the Chiricahuas next November 4, 5, and 6; Penny requested that we again introduce the Vial of Life for hikers to carry so leaders will have emergency info in case of an accident; some issues regarding behaviors that have occurred on the Introductory hike were discussed and how to resolve them.
- In "announcements" Sally congratulated the publicity committee for getting info to Sharon Blatnik so our articles could be printed every month in the Grand Times (Judith Bridges' article on "The Return to Our Regular Hiking Season" was in December). Also the members were apprised of Doris Benoit's condition after her biking accident.
- Lyn Daniels picked up more Vials of Life to distribute after the meeting.
- Lan presented the budget for 2014 and it was approved by the membership.

- The Nominating Committee of Roger Driver, Carol Ohls, Gary Petersen and Chuck Milton requested volunteers to fill the open board positions.
- Joan Oristian discussed the Holiday Party and stated that “Toys for Tots” was optional.
- John Nuerenberg announced that Sharon Russell will be writing an article for the January Grand Times.
- Claude Eatherly (subbing for Larry Laursen, who was teaching a class) stated that the next GPS SIG meeting would be in January before the club meeting and would be more detailed. John Nuerenberg is establishing a file for trail tracks.
- Barb Sanders presented a video of the recent work projects completed by the club at the Morristown School.
- Our club’s presenter cancelled so Larry Timmons reviewed the safety rules and protocols for the club.
- Anh Benbrook discussed the club’s trip to Zion scheduled for March 10th through the 13th or 14th.
- The Danskin’s trip to the Chiricahua Mountains in November, 2014 was announced.

January 2014

- Doris Benoit in appreciation of the club’s generosity in providing transportation, meals, etc. gave a “thank you” donation to the Morristown School.
- The Nominating Committee stated that many board member positions for the 2014 year are still not filled. The club has until February to accept applicants and the slate is announced at that time. Then the vote is taken in March. Sally let the members know if we don’t have a full board we cannot maintain a chartered club status.
- Sally reported that the Draft for Chartered Clubs had been reviewed and revised for over 1 ½ years by CAM. Any revisions/questions should be sent to CAM ASAP before final approval which could be in April or not until the summer.
- Claude and Sherry Eatherly announced that they would be presenting a seminar on hiking in the desert on January 8 in the Mesquite Room.
- Joan Oristian reported that 2 picnic hikes will be held: one in March and one in April with a light lunch and minimal cost.
- John Nuerenberg reported on how to make updates or edit your personal information on the website. If your email has changed it will be necessary for you to make that change so as not to miss club information as it gets sent out.
- John Nuerenberg thanked Sharon Russell for her January Grand Times article and announced Judith Bridges would write the February article. He also stated that in “Community Tidbits” in the Grand Times our club’s general membership meeting and new SIG information would be listed.
- Larry Laursen announced that there were 19 members present at the SIG meeting today and a good discussion took place.
- Nancy talked about the 3 day trip by the Danskin’s to the Chiricahuas November 4-6 with a 2-night stay in Wilcox, AZ.

- Anh Benbrook gave a video presentation of Zion National Park and told the membership that all the hikes are posted on the website for review. She left brochures and maps for members to peruse after the meeting.

February 2014

- Prior to the general meeting a board meeting was held and the following was discussed: poor membership renewal is a concern and Sally will send out an email blast to alert members to the February due date; the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was discussed and final thoughts will be discussed at the board meeting next month; the “Man and Woman of the Year” awards will be announced this month (gag gifts and a \$5 gift card from the club were decided); a schedule of programs for the general meetings was determined though April; Sally said they had a full slate of officers from the Nominating Committee and Karen had received no new applicants; Sally suggested we use a transparency of the general meeting agenda instead of running off 120 paper copies and it was agreed; an open discussion of why our club’s calendar year starts in April was best answered by Nancy which is that it coincides with our hiking schedule (many non-full-time residents are not here to vote in December, but most are here in March).
- The Nominating Committee consisting of Roger Driver, Carol Ohls (chair), and Chuck Milton presented a slate of officers for 2014: Kris Fox, President; Gary Petersen, Vice President (early in January Gary left the Nominating Committee); Jeff Franklin, Treasurer; Helga Hilderbrand, Secretary; Mikki Santens, Membership Director; Barbara Ray, Hiking Director; and Sally Nuereberg will remain on the board as Past President.
- Sally informed the membership on why the hiking club starts their calendar year in April.
- Sally reported on CAM’s “tweaking” of charter club rules over the past two years. Both Herb Norton and John Krawczyk have worked on the document on behalf of the club for two years and answered questions and concerns. The changes that CAM has made will not affect our club.
- Chuck Milton was congratulated for having compiled all the stats on the Hiker of the Year Awards. A list of the Top 10 hikers was read and hikers were recognized. Paul Careau had the most hikes at 50; followed by Monica Amnetag with 45 hikes.
- Barb Sanders presented a report on all our club has done over the past year for the Morristown School.
- Joan Oristian announced that the picnic hike for March 4th would be a 4.5 mile hike in the White Tanks with the theme of baseball (aligned with Spring Training). April’s hike will be discussed next month.
- John Nuereberg announced that “live” minutes and financial reports would be on the website and gave 2 email addresses: one for GPS SIG and one for the Photomaster.
- Larry Laursen reported 16 people in attendance at the GPS SIG that day. The group did a fun activity with their devices called: “Lost in the Woods”.
- Nancy and Anh reviewed last minute details of the Zion trip and Nancy told everyone more info would be coming from the Danskins’ trip in November.

- Barb Wilder gave a slide and music presentation of the Big Sur out of area Fall trip of 2013.
- To answer a question at the end of the meeting, Nancy reminded everyone to check the website the night before for “last minute” details and the morning of if the weather is an issue.

March 2014

- Two announcements: Sharon Russell wrote a 2-page article in the Grand Times for March; our club received a Certificate of Appreciation as a volunteer service award from the Morristown School.
- Carol Ohls as chair of the Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for 2014: Kris Fox, President; Gary Petersen, Vice President; Jeff Franklin, Treasurer; Helga Hilderbrand, Secretary; Mikki Santens, Membership Director, Barbara Ray, Hiking Director; and Sally Nuereberg in the position of Past President will remain on the board. A vote of the membership was taken and unanimously approved. The new board will take over in April.
- Sally thanked the current board members for their service. She also thanked the generosity of the club in coming to the aid of both Joann Graham and Doris Benoit in their time of need.
- Sally said long-time hiker and one of the founders of the club, Edlee Cornell, had died and it brought on a discussion of what we can do as a club for those who pass in the future. It was tabled for further discussion a later date.
- Joan Oristian announced that Pat Lorenz would be her co-chair. The first picnic hike is the next day and will have hot dogs and ice cream to go along with the baseball theme. The April picnic hike will be April 17.
- John Nuereberg reminded the members to look for photos of club hikes and events on the website and to send photos to Barb Wilder.
- John Nuereberg announced that Judith Bridges would be writing an April Grand Times article on the Chiricahuas.
- Larry Laursen reported that 12-13 members attended the GPS SIG meeting and they discussed how to track and store geo tracking photos.
- Barb Sanders gave a presentation entitled: “Are You Ready For Summer Hiking?”
- During the comments at the end the question of apple cider vinegar as a cure for cramps came up and Sally recommended that they read Chuck Milton’s article on that topic on the website.
- March 31 board meeting: both past board members from 2012/13 and the new board (with exception of Larry Timmons) attended and the following was discussed: length of term of a board member is NOT locked into 2 years; Kris requested of the new board if any member wanted to serve one year to let her know early so a replacement could be made in a timely manner; Kris suggested to develop more participation on the committees that each committee chair take time at the next meeting to discuss how fun their role is and how to be a part of it; since participation is down on bringing food to

the pantry at the Spirit of Grace a reminder to members should be made at the next meeting; the room reservation lottery system was discussed; Gina may come to the May board meeting to discuss the new by-laws for chartered clubs. At this point Kris Fox took over the meeting.

Sun City Grand Hikers History

2014-2016

April 2014

- The new executive board for 2014-2015 consists of Kris Fox, President; Gary Petersen, Vice President; Helga Hilderbrand, Secretary; Jeff Franklin, Treasurer; Mikki Santens, Membership; Barbara Ray, Hike Director; Sally Neurenberg, Immediate Past President.
- A motion to place a club memorial bench in the White Tanks was moved to an exploratory committee
- Barbara Ray read letter of appreciation from Morristown School for the hiking club's support and sponsorship of the Waterfall hike for 5th grade students.

May 2014

- The exploratory Memorial Bench Committee recommended the club not go forward with the idea. That was approved by the general membership.
- Bylaw committee, Herb Norton and John Krawczyk, working on two bylaw changes.

September 2014

- Bylaw Changes were sent to CAM for review and inclusion in our revised bylaws.
- Dave and Louise Danskin's trip to the Chiricahua's in November was discussed.
- Discussed purchase of new radios and chargers, no objection from the membership.

October 2014

- Club bylaw updates were approved by CAM
- Barbara Wilder presented a slide show of the March 2014 Zion Club hiking trip
- A Committee to begin setting the guidelines for EZ hikes has been formed and will meet this month.

- The Fall Social be Oct. 22 at the Pavillion.

November 2014

- Barb and Bob Sanders presented a short history of Morristown School and the contributions the hiking club has made to it. It was announced the due to changes in CAM rules, clubs could no longer use dues money for charity donations.

December 2014

- The new program for the EZ hikes is completed and those hikes are scheduled for Dec.-Jan.
- Kris presented a budget with three scenarios, keeping the dues at \$10.00, raising the dues to \$20.00, and raising the dues to \$15.00. The \$15.00 dues and corresponding budget was approved.

January 2015

- The new EZ hikes are scheduled through March and the committee is looking for feedback.
- A hiking trip to Sedona is being planned for March 2015.
- A slideshow of the hiking club's adventures over the last year.

February 2015

- There will be two picnic hikes, easy hike picnic March and difficult hike in February.
- Sedona March hiking trip was discussed.
- The TV 22 interview promoting the club is complete and will be airing soon.

March 2015

- The nominating committee led by Nancy Eckart, presented the slate of officers for the new year. As they were no opposed offices, the membership approved the slate.
- Allen Frankle was recognized as male hiker of the year and Monica Amneteg was female hiker of the year.
- Morristown School sent a Certificate of Appreciation to the club from the 5th grade class, thanking us for the hike and trip to DQ.

April 2015

- Kris welcomed this years slate of officers. Kris Fox, President, Gary Petersen, Vice President, Helga Hiderbrand, Secretary. Jeff Franklin, Treasurer, Barbara Ray, Hiking Director, Membership Director Mikey Santens, and Past President, Sally Nuereberg.
- Welcomed new photomaster Phil Santens and new webmaster Chuck Sadoris
- Barb Sanders announced the Morristown School pancake breakfast in April. She also gave a report on the Morristown School hike in March.

May 2015

- Three items recommended by the Executive Board were voted on; to dispense with the September club meeting, to clarify language for hike starting times and how the circle up should be conducted. All were approved.
- Year to date budget update was given

October 2015

- Presentation on the upcoming Moab hiking trip
- Fall Social to be held at the Pavilion for October 21 was discussed.
- A new website tab for upcoming events is being created.
- Discussed the White Tank Conservancy to see if there was interest in volunteering.

November 2015

- Nominating Committee chair Larry Timmons reminded members we needed volunteers for next years officers. Anyone interest should see him or the other committee members.
- Discussed the White Tank Conservancy at length.
- Club membership was 283 at 12/31/2017.

December 2015

- Larry Timmons again asked for volunteers for officers and introduced his committee, Nancy Eckart, Paul Careau, Marge Rider, and Mary Lussow.
- Ahn Benbrook was thanked for her work organizing the Moab trip and Judith Bridges and Sharon Russell were thanked for their great Grand Times articles for the hiking club.
- The December Social was discussed. Ticket price is \$20.00
- The budget for the upcoming year was reviewed and approved. The membership stands at 260.
- Phil Santens presented a slideshow of the 2015 Moab hiking trip.

January 2016

- The December Social was a success with 81 tickets sold. The Social Committee chair Pat Lorenz thanked her committee members.
- Volunteers are needed for the social committee.
- Chuck Saddoris went over changes to the website and how to get the most benefit from using it

February 2016

- The nominating committee announced the unopposed slate of officers for the next year. They are; Gary Petersen, President, John Kiss, Vice President, Gary Huffine, Treasurer, Pat Lorenz, Secretary, Marge Rider, Membership Director, Cindy Anderson, Hiking Director, and Kris Fox, Past President. It was moved and seconded that the officers be accepted and was approved by the membership.
- Kris thanked the nominating committee.
- The club had a total of 133 hikes, 252 hikers participated in these hikes. Hikers of the year were Carol Ohls and Allen Frankle.
- Barb Sanders announced the 100 year Morristown School Celebration. There will be a BBQ and games at the school on March 28.
- Kris brought up some items for feedback. They are; changing the dates of the socials to Fall and Spring, possibly collecting funds to donate and thank the church for use of their parking lot, and having only one picnic hike so everyone can mingle.

March 2016

- Carol Ohls and Helga Hiderbrand are organizing a hiking trip to the Superstition Mountains in November.
 - Heidi Wintersteen presented a slide show of hikes and activities over the past year.
 - Kris thanked all the officers and committee chairs and volunteers for all their hard work.
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Sun City Grand Hikers History

2016 – 2018

April 2016

- The new executive board for 2016-2017 consists of Gary Petersen, President; John Kiss, Vice President; Pat Lorenz, Secretary; Gary Huffine, Treasurer; Marge Rider, Membership; Cindy Anderson, Hike Director; Kris Fox, Immediate Past President.
- Louise Danskin announced that she would be offering periodic hiker fitness classes prior to some member meetings
- Read a letter of appreciation from Morristown School for the hiking club's support and sponsorship of the Waterfall hike for 5th grade students.

May 2016

- Viewed a slide show for the club's out-of-town trip to Tucson
- Announced March 2017 trip to Zion NP planned by Anh Benbrook October 2016
- Carol Ohls and Helga Hilderbrand described plans for their November trip to the Superstitions.

November 2016

- Club members participated in a three-day hiking trip to the Superstition Mountain Wilderness Area
- The nominating committee for 2017-2018 board officers was announced and consists of Nancy Eckart, Paul Careau and Bob Sanders.
- Grand Hikers participated in the SCG Newcomer Coffee with an informational table. There was a lot of interest shown by prospective members

December 2016

- Jane Fricke made a presentation on the newly formed White Tank

- Mountain Conservancy. She discussed future trail development at White Tank RP and Skyline Park. She also talked about volunteer opportunities at White Tank RP.
- Larry Timmons authored an article titled "Hiking Adventures" for *Grand Lifestyles Magazine*
- Claude and Sherry Eatherly and Bob and Barb Sanders were recognized for completing the 54-mile Prescott Circle Trail.
Monica Amneteg was recognized as outstanding hiker for 2016.
- Club membership was 259 members at 12/31/2016.

January 2017

- Grand Hikers completed 145 hikes with a total of 1,978 members and 72 guests hiking during 2016.
- There was a reminder of the importance of carefully reading the hike description before attempting any hike. It is best to call the hike leader if there are any questions about the difficulty level of a hike

February 2017

- The nominating committee announced that all existing executive board members have agreed to stand for re-election for the period April 2017 to March 2018. There being no other candidates, the board members were elected by acclamation.
- Final preparation details for the club trip to Zion in March were reviewed.

March 2017

- Club members toured the newly opened REI Distribution Center in Goodyear
- Phil Santens showed a slide presentation of the Grand Hikers 2016 year in review. Phil announced his retirement as club Photomaster and he will be replaced by Heidi Wintersteen.

April 2017

- Executive Board for 2017-2018 consists of Gary Petersen, President; John Kiss, Vice President; Pat Lorenz, Secretary; Gary Huffine, Treasurer; Marge Rider, Membership; Cindy Anderson, Hike Director; Kris Fox, Immediate Past President.

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- Heidi Wintersteen presented a slideshow on the March trip to Zion NP
- Larry Laursen announced his retirement as the club's GPS SIG coordinator
- We reviewed the requirements for proper hiker footwear

May 2017

- Discussed whether annual member dues should be increased in order to create a reserve fund in the event we need to upgrade the club's website. Determined that at present the club reserves are adequate.
- Discussed importance of hiker readiness for difficulty level of hikes and the need for hikers to read and understand the hike description before attempting a hike
Announced planning for a Fall 2017 hiking trip to Flagstaff being organized by Nancy Eckart.

October 2017

- Recognized summer hike leaders and thanked them for leading 21 summer hikes for a total of 221 hikers.

November 2017

- Announced plans for a Spring 2018 hiking trip to Palm Springs area organized by Dot Agather.
- The 2018 Nominating Committee is composed of Paul Careau, chairman, John Nuerenberg, Colette Viola and Jack McCaskill. The committee is looking for volunteers to fill the 2018 – 2019 executive board positions.
- Cindy Anderson announced the formation of two new positions to assist with Hike Director duties. The positions include Equipment Assistant and Website Clerical Assistant.
- Announced a new hiker mentoring program to assist new hikers in determining their hiking ability. Information was posted to club website.

December 2017

- Reviewed and approved proposed changes to the club's Bylaws and Working Rules. The changes included minor changes to Social Committee responsibilities, initiation of a \$10 per hike fee for non-members on

- outoftown hikes and clarification of reimbursement for out-of-town trip planning expenses
- Ron Fox and Larry Laursen agreed to work on modification of the Club's CBR hike rating process to utilize Google Earth instead of DeLorme software for development of hike length and accumulated elevation gain. After conversion to Google Earth elevation data, hikes will be designated as SA-G rather than SA-T in Current Info.
- Club membership was 283 at 12/31/2017.

January 2018

- Tina MacPhail presented information and directions for joining the SCG Hiking Club Facebook Group. This is a closed group that active hiking club members will have access to if they choose to join.
- Hikers were reminded to continue sending photos of club hikes to photomaster@scghikers.org for posting on the club's website.
- John Nuerenberg presented 2017 Hiker of the Year Statistics and the Top Hiker with 54 Hikes and 284 Miles was Allen Frankel.
A slide show was presented of the Flagstaff hiking trip. The slide show was prepared by Photomaster Heidi Wintersteen.
- Nancy Eckart was recognized for her many contributions to the Grand Hikers followed by a birthday cake to celebrate her 75th birthday.

February 2018

- The Palm Springs Trip is set for February 26-March 2.
- The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for 2018-2019: John Kiss, President; Gary Huffine, Vice-President; Chuck Wallace, Treasurer; Helga Hilderbrand, Secretary; Cynthia Janulaitis, Hiking Director; Dot Agather, Membership Director; and Gary Petersen, Past President. There being no other candidates, membership elected these candidates by acclimation.
- A slide show prepared by Photomaster Heidi Wintersteen was presented to highlight the Grand Hikers 2017 Year in Review.
- The Hiking Club experienced vandalism to a vehicle and property theft on a recent hike. Members were reminded not to leave valuables visible in cars left at the church lot or at trailheads.

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March 2018

- It was announced that the price of a daily use pass to the Maricopa County Parks will increase to \$7.00 on April 1, 2018. The price of an annual pass will stay the same.
- Dot Agather gave a summary of the Palm Springs Trip held on February 27-March 2. It was well attended with good hiking and accommodations.
- Barb Sanders presented a history and slideshow of how the Hiking Club adopted the Morristown School as a service project. The next event planned is the annual hiking trip to the Waterfall with the 5th Grade Students on March 7.
- A video of the SPOT tracking device was shown. If there is a medical emergency on a hike and no cell phone coverage, the SOS Function on the SPOT can alert emergency service personnel.

Sun City Grand Hikers History

2018 – 2020

April 2018

- The new executive board for 2018-2019 consists of, John Kiss, President; Gary Huffine, Vice President; Helga Hilderbrand, Secretary; Chuck Wallace, Treasurer; Dot Agather, Membership; Cynthia Janulaitis, Hike Director; Gary Petersen, Immediate Past President.
- Louise Danskin provided a hiker fitness class.
- Of the 272 members, 85 participated in the picnic hikes.
- A slide show was presented on the Palm Springs hikes.

May 2018

- Bob and Barb Sanders reported that twelve members attended the annual Morristown school pancake breakfast and silent auction.
- Cynthia announced the addition of the numeric rating of hikes, so members can determine if it's at the lower or upper end of the range.

October 2018

- There were 21 summer hikes with a total of 150 participants.
- Joe Vaccaro's article on the Palm Springs hikes was published in the Grand Lifestyles magazine.

November 2018

- The fall social event was a great success.
- The nominating committee for 2019-2020 board officers was announced and consists of Bob Zahler (chair), Larry Timmons and Penny Spilios.
- Grand Hikers participated in the SCG Newcomer Coffee and the Fall Festival with an informational table. There was a lot of interest shown by prospective members.

December 2018

- Heidi Wintersteen gave a photo presentation on club members' summer hiking activities.

January 2019

- Membership stands at 318.
- Barb and Bob Sanders announced their retirement as hike leaders. They were recognized for their 18 years of service to the hiking club.
- Ron Fox held a GPS SIG meeting where the basics of GPS and All Trails were discussed.

February 2019

- The nominating committee announced that all existing executive board members have agreed to stand for re-election for the period April 2019 to March 2020. There being no other candidates, the board members were elected by acclamation.
- There was a successful joint ramble with the photo club. There were 26 participants.
- The spring social was attended by 72 members.
- For the first time in many years the password for access to the club website was changed.
- Larry Timmons' article on fellow hikers was published in the Grand Lifestyles magazine.
- There are 246 members, 56 of which are new to the club.

March 2019

- Chuck Wallace announced his resignation as treasurer. Colette Viola was appointed to fill this position for the year term starting April 1, 2019. JoAnn Miller accepted the role as publicity chair. Herb Norton accepted the role as web master.
- The Tucson hiking trip was well planned by Barbara Ray. The wonderful trip was attended by 34 hikers the first three days and 19 hikers the last day.
- The hat was passed and a \$350 donation was made to The Spirit of Grace Church as a thank you for letting us use their parking lot.
- Ron Fox had a successful GPS SIG meeting with 20 members learning about the All Trails APP.

April 2019

- The executive board for 2019-2020 consists of, John Kiss, President; Gary Huffine, Vice President; Helga Hilderbrand, Secretary; Colette Viola, Treasurer; Dot Agather, Membership; Cynthia Janulaitis, Hike Director; Gary Petersen, Immediate Past President.
- Fourteen club members participated in the Morristown School hike in March. Several of the children's thank you letters were read at the meeting.
- Heidi Wintersteen presented a slideshow on the March trip to Tucson.
- Helga Hilderbrand gave a presentation on "Rattlesnake Myths".
- The need for a policy for guest hikers was discussed. Cynthia Janulaitis agreed to review this matter.
- The Spirit of Grace secretary and minister thanked our club for our donation.
- Announced planning for an October 2019 hiking trip to Prescott being organized by Carol Ohls.
- There are currently 251 members.

May 2019

- Thanked Curt Trilk for his hiking article published in the Grand Lifestyles magazine.

October 2019

- The New Comers hiking table was staffed by Dot Agather and Gary Petersen.
- The Prescott out of town hikes organized by Carol Ohls were a success.
- The planning for the 20 year celebration of the founding of the hiking club is underway.
- The 2020 Nominating Committee is composed of Paul Careau, chairman, Marilyn Torrence, Cindy Anderson and Marge Rider.
- Any electronic minutes and financial statements not shown on the website will continue to be electronically preserved by the web master.

November 2019

- Announced plans for a February 2020 hiking trip to Moab area organized by Cynthia Janulaitis.
- A video of the Prescott hike was presented.
- Shelly Smith agreed to become the Sunshine Person for our club. Anyone knowing of someone in need of a get well card, etc. should contact her.
- Announced new guest hiking forms to assist hiker leaders in determining the guests hiking ability. Also to provide medical and emergency contact information.

December 2019

- Colette Viola presented the 2020 proposed budget. The membership approved the budget.
- Club membership was 268 at 12/31/2019.

January 2020

- The board reviewed and approved proposed changes to the club's Bylaws and Working Rules and Procedures.
- Larry Timmons article on founding members of the hiking club and the planned 20 year celebration was published in the Grand Lifestyles magazine.
- The social committee did a fantastic job on the 20 year celebration. There were 163 past and current hikers in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the evening and asked that this type event be held periodically.
- Cynthia Janulaitis presented 2019 hiking statistics. There were 163 hikes covering 939 miles. The average distance was 5.8 miles with an elevation gain of 1,100 feet.
- A slide show of the 2019 hikes prepared by Photo Master Heidi Wintersteen was presented.
- Cynthia Janulaitis provided a hiker fitness class.
- There are 296 members.
- The Pay Pal program will be considered in the future for payments.
- Ron Fox had 12 members participate in his presentation on All Trails.

- A hiking trip to Big Sur is being planned by Barbara Ray for October 2020.

February 2020

- Reviewed and approved proposed changes to the club's Bylaws and Working Rules and Procedures.
- The 254 current club members were provided with the new password.
- The Moab trip occurred at the end of February.
- The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for 2020-2021: Gary Huffine, President; Dot Agather, Vice-President; Colette Viola, Treasurer; Cathy O'Brien, Secretary; Gary Petersen, Hiking Director; Shelly Smith, Membership Director; and John Kiss, Past President. There being no other candidates, membership elected these candidates by acclamation.
- Kim Bulmann accepted the position of chair of the social committee and Cynthia Janulaitis accepted the chair of the safety committee effective April 1, 2020.
- A slide show prepared by Photo Master Heidi Wintersteen was presented showing highlights of the 20 year anniversary celebration.
- The Hike Director will evaluate the trail surface rating system to improve consistency.
- For the first time hiking T-shirts with the Club logo were offered for sale.
- Carol Ohls addressed the coronavirus and precautions we should all take.
- Carol Ohls and Larry Timmons completed the 15.5 mile National Trail Trek.
- The club celebrated Larry Timmons' 80th birthday.

March 2020

- The Moab hikes organized by Cynthia Janulaitis were a huge success with 59 hikers the first day, 53 hikers on the second day and 57 hikers on the last day.
- The Peer council reviewed and approved proposed changes to the club's Bylaws and Working Rules and Procedures. They have been sent to the Activity Department for signoff.
- The picnic hike was held on March 5th.

- Barb Sanders presented a history and slideshow of how the Hiking Club adopted the Morristown School as a service project.
- Ron Fox chair of the GPS SIG asked for volunteers to help review the clubs hiking data base.
- Barbara Ray has set the hiking trip to Big Sur for October 12-15, 2020.
- Carol Ohls was recognized for her 8 years of service as the chair of the safety committee.
- On March 12, 2020 the CAM board voted to shut down the campus over concerns with the coronavirus through April 30. The closure will become effective at 5pm March 15th. The hiking club was exempted from this order, because our activities are off offsite and outdoors.
- Due to concerns related to the coronavirus and the need for social distancing, the hiking club board voted to suspend club-sponsored hiking effective March 18, 2020 until the fall hiking season begins.

Grand Hikers History 2020-2021

April 2020 began in the newly identified COVID-19 pandemic with new officers:

President, Gary Huffine
Vice President, Dot Agather
Treasurer, Colette Viola
Secretary, Cathy O'Brien
Hike Director, Gary Petersen
Membership Director, Shelly Smith
Past President John Kiss

Hiking had been shut down since March 18, 2020, with no re-opening plan. By early May the Sun City Grand Board of Directors asked each club for a plan to re-open when the timing was appropriate. The Grand Hikers Executive Board felt that there were several issues to be addressed to assure everyone's safety: Number of people per hike, advanced sign-up, number of hikes per week, where to circle up, signing of waiver form on line, intro hike concerns, out of town hikes and safety issues including sanitizing radios etc., first aid management on the trail, car pool safety, personal first aid and more.

Hike Director Gary Petersen volunteered, with able assistance from Safety Chair, Cynthia Janulaitis, to draft the Grand Hikers Reopening Plan and at the June 2, 2020 Zoom Board Meeting, the plan was approved by the board. From there, the plan was forwarded to the SCG Board of Directors for approval. By August the SCG Board complimented our club on how well written our COVID-19 plan was and agreed that we could begin hiking with our plan in October, 2020.

Fall hiking started slowly with fewer than normal hike leaders but by December 2020, hikes were full and our number of hikes offered were almost back to normal. We began the season with a maximum of 10 hikers per hike and only allowed hikers to participate in one hike per week. At first, we circled-up at the trailhead instead of the church but soon returned to meeting at the church.

To accommodate some of the new rules brought on by COVID-19 requirements, the club was able to offer online advanced sign up for hikes, Grand Hikers online waiver signature and beginning in November, members were able to pay dues online. Many thanks to our Webmaster, Herb Norton for these fantastic upgrades and the many other website items he tackled during the year.

During the course of the year all Executive Board meetings and Membership meetings were held via Zoom as all meeting rooms were kept closed by CAM. Although Zoom worked just fine for board meetings, our membership meeting attendance suffered greatly. Our member attendance suffered a 40% decline and our guest (potential members) attendance suffered by 80%. The board voted to budget a 20% decline in revenues for 2021 as we expected a 20% decline in membership. Fortunately, in February after all dues were paid, we experienced only a 10% decline compared to the same date the previous year.

During the winter and spring we were not able to offer any social events but hikers 65 or older were able to begin receiving COVID 19 vaccines beginning in February 2021. The hiking season ended quietly with most hikers able to receive vaccines before winter's end. Most of our Canadian hiker friends stayed in Canada for the winter due to COVID 19 restrictions.

Gary Huffine

Grand Hikers History 2021-2022

April 2021 began with the following officers:

President, Gary Huffine
Vice President, Kim Bulmann
Past President, John Kiss
Hike Director, Gary Petersen
Membership Director, Shelly Smith
Treasurer, Colette Viola
Secretary, Cathy O'Brien.

At the April Executive Board Meeting, it was decided that the club would relax the mask policy and not require masks at circle-up and on the trail. By May, the Board agreed to have no cap on the number of hikers on a hike and allow hikers to sign-up for as many hikes as they wanted. Meetings to still be held by Zoom. Plans are in the works for two out of town hikes in 2021-2022.

Sad news did reach the club in June, 2021 as word quickly spread of the passing of a current club member, Mary Lussow. Mary had hiked with the club in March but was suddenly taken with cancer. Mary was honored with a slide show tribute and speakers at our November membership meeting and again later in the month with a renaming of one of her favorite hikes along with a memorial hike. The inaugural Mary Lussow Memorial Gray Fox Trail - Nature Hike was held on November 17, 2021. Mary Lussow will be missed greatly.

With COVID 19 on the decline and booster shots becoming available, our October, 2021, membership meeting was held indoors; the first indoor meeting since March, 2020. CAM is no longer requiring COVID waivers and rules are relaxing all over. It feels almost normal and plans for the Cottonwood/Clarkdale/Sedona trip were announced to the delight of many hikers.

After a wonderful fall social in the Pavilion with catered Mexican food from Rio Mirage, (managed by Marge Rider and the Social team), the Cottonwood/Clarkdale/Sedona out-of-town hike was a huge success with over 70 club members hiking the three days. Marge Rider and her team did an excellent job leading hikes and interest in out-of-town hikes continues to rise.

In December the board accepted the recommendation of a committee formed by Shelly Smith with members Kris Fox, Larry Timmons and Marge Rider to more fairly reimburse the out-of-town hike leaders. The membership unanimously approved the new plan at the January 2022 meeting, plus, the new

budget and the revised Chapters 12 & 13 bylaws necessary to implement the plan. Other new systems in place since the beginning of the pandemic include: online registration for hikes, online dues and club social payments, pay trip fee (reimbursement for out-of-town hike leaders) online and online membership application.

At the February meeting, Photomaster Heidi Wintersteen shared a great slide show consisting of photos taken during hikes in 2021.

In March the new officers for 2022-2023 were elected and they are:

Kim Bulmann, President
Brenda Cooper, Treasurer
Barbara Ray, Hike Director
Gary Huffine, Past President

Kim Martin, Vice President
Sue Petry, Secretary
Leslie Paul, Membership Director

Membership numbers grew this year even beyond the normal for this time of the year (February) as we have seen an influx of more people joining the club over the winter to enjoy an outside activity where people feel safer from Covid 19.

At the beginning of March, the Winter Social (Again managed by Marge Rider and her social committee) was held outside in the Pavilion with a great meal catered by the local Olive Garden. (Originally scheduled in January but postponed because of a Covid 19 flare-up in January.) Later in March, the Volunteer Dinner was put on by the Hike Director (Gary Petersen) and the President (Gary Huffine). A success by all accounts as the club provided grilled filets of turkey, pork and beef and Ahn Benbrook donated wild caught salmon.

The last week of March found almost 70 hikers in Kanab, UT on an out-of-town hike. This amazing event was developed and managed by Cindy Anderson and her hike leader group who traveled to the area in November 2021 and then back again 2-3 days early to make sure the roads and hikes were as promised. Many thanks to Cindy who poured her heart into making sure all were safe and had a great time. This out-of-town hike was the first where the hike leaders were reimbursed according to the new system now in place.

This club continues to function at a high level because of the time and effort given by all of our volunteer members and the cooperative spirit of all our members. A big thank you to all who served on the board, as committee chair persons, hike leaders and other volunteers. What a pleasure it was to serve as your president for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

Gary Huffine