



## President's Message

As the second week of Moab concludes, I am struck by what amazing members we have who are willing to lead adventure trips for the Club. Don Winsor is an absolute star. This year he led not one but two Moab weeks, because there was such a long waitlist for the first week. Don knows Moab well as he has a house there and is sharing his insider knowledge with us. He also leads the Zion trip in the Fall and leads mountain biking over the summer and skiing at PCMR. Below you can see the reviews of the two Moab weeks with photos.



We also have members who are leading their first trips.

Lauren Nadler is leading a biking trip to northern Majorca, Spain in the Fall. She is using a UK-based cycle touring company that she has done five previous personal tours with, so she knows them well. The week includes seven days of cycling, climbing and riding some of Majorca's epic routes. There will be a guide for each group level. The cycle touring company covers Majorca logistics and everyone books their own flights to Majorca. 39 people have signed up.

Andrew Stephens is leading a fly fishing trip in June. The trip includes two night's lodging at Red Canyon Lodge and a full day of guided fishing on the legendary Green River – a fishery that holds an estimated *12-15 thousand* hungry brown and rainbow trout *per mile*.

Mary Lynne Hulme is leading a cat-skiing trip to Soldier Mountain, Idaho. The two-day trip includes skiing the lift-served terrain at Soldier Mountain, followed by a fun après scene and dinner at the Soldier Mountain lodge. Day 2 is the backcountry ski day in the cat with professional guides and hot lunch in the yurt on the mountain. Twelve people had signed up, but sadly, it was postponed this winter because of lack of snow. The good news is it will take place this coming winter.

If you have a place that you know well or an activity that you love, why don't you consider leading a trip for the Club. It's not difficult to do. We can connect you with people who've done it before. You're not expected to carry any of the financial burden. People get themselves to the location. They book themselves into whatever hotels you suggest they use or via an outfitter you set up. We'd love you to introduce us to the places you love. Maybe you live in Napa or Sonoma part time

and could lead a wine tasting trip or a wine tasting combined with hiking or biking trip. Maybe you know the San Diego area well and could lead a hiking trip there. Or you live on the East Coast in the summer and could share your corner of the East Coast with us. Or maybe you just have a city that you love to visit and you could help people enjoy that city with insider tips.

If you are interested in leading a Club event, or getting involved in leading regular activities, reach out to me at [stephensonkate38@gmail.com](mailto:stephensonkate38@gmail.com).

We have had a lot of new members over the past few months/year and we want to welcome you. Many are already getting involved and helping lead activities. We feature two below. Longer term members, if you see someone you don't know at an event, reach out to them.

### **May Events**

There were 24 events in May. They comprised 9 hikes, 2 MTB, 4 road bike events, 4 golf events, 1 knit and stitch, 2 TGIFs and 2 special events.

### **Sports Events**

#### Hiking:

There were nine hikes this month, one semi-strenuous led by Ellen Sherk (1), two moderate plus led by Ellen Sherk (1) and Donna Sims (1), and six moderate led by Chuck Mollard (2), Dana Morgan (1), Deb Black (1), Ellen Sherk (1), and Jeri and Rob Brooke (1).

#### MTB:

There were two MTB events led by Michele Levasseur (1) and Rich and Mary Laudon (1).

#### Road Bike Rides:

There were four bike rides. Three A- level rides led by Keith English (2) and Keith English and Anne Keyser (1) and one easy ride led by Tony Edwards (1).

#### Golf:

There were four weekly golf sessions at Park City Municipal course led by John Logan, Mike Garcia, Jeri Brooke and Ann Deutschlander.

### **Social Events**

#### Knit & Stitch:

One Knit & Stitch event at Lucky Ones Coffee organized by Caryn Harkins and Jennifer Gurss.

#### TGIF:

There were two TGIFs this month, hosted by Lisa Power and Mike Benson and Mary Lynn Hulme and Irene Tandler.

#### Special Events

There were two special events – Moab weeks 1 and 2. Thanks again to Don Winsor for his leadership, and to all the participants who led biking or hiking.

We want to thank Summer Sports Director Jackie Oken, and the early summer activity coordinators: Don Winsor – Mountain Biking and Moab trip, Dana Morgan - May hiking coordinator, Bill Benz – Road Biking and Michael Garcia, John Logan, Jeri Brooke and Ann Deutschlander – Golf. Thanks also to Caryn Harkins and Jennifer Gurss who lead Knit & Stitch throughout the year.

Until next month.

Kate Stephenson  
**President**

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## New Member Profiles

This month we thought it would be fun to share a few of our newer member experiences with the Club. Why they came to Park City, how they found out about the Club and how they got involved.

### Mary Becherer and Rick Davis

Fun fact: "We sure do love being retired!"

Rick and I rented in Park City this past winter and hope to buy a condo to move full time this year. We were introduced to the Club by Bub Carlson 20 years ago, doing a few Club hikes and ski days whenever we would come and visit Bub. We enjoy hiking, biking and skiing and volunteering in the community in whatever capacity we can. We felt very welcomed by all members and found it helpful as newbies to get a printout of the first few weeks of schedules and then adding team leader and ski patrol phone numbers into our phone contact list. We can't think of anything to improve the experience for newcomers at this time. We have no pets and there are so many wonderful places on this earth it would be a hard choice- so the moment we have right now where we are today is the moment to behold. We enjoyed skiing, uphill skiing, a hike and a few TGIF's - all in all we learned a lot about Park City from the members who were very gracious to share their knowledge. We have lived in the Rockies and the Sierra's and feel we are ready for the Wasatch. Nothing super special to share about us except we sure do like being retired!



### Ellen Liu

My husband Sheldon and I have lived in Park City for 3 years. We moved to Park City to enjoy the mountains in our retirement after spending 28 years living in Salt Lake City. I found out about the Club through Ellen Sherk - we volunteer together at Recycle Utah. So far I have only tried hiking with the Club. I also got involved with volunteering because Ellen Sherk volunteered me, and I said yes, because I wanted to get more involved in my community. I am leading June hiking. I found it a bit intimidating at first, but Jackie Oken has helped me with the process.



My favorite place that I have visited is Fairbanks, Alaska. I flew up there in February - chasing the aurora borealis (which I got to see – twice - and that was amazing!). Otherwise, I had absolutely no expectations except to spend some time with my sister, and we got to walk with reindeer, visit the 'North Pole,' an antique car museum, and an ice carving/ice sculpture competition.

Apart from hiking, I also enjoy knitting/crocheting, photography.

A fun fact is: I think I'm white (I am SO not - 100% Chinese, born in the US).

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**Moab 2026 Week 1: May 3-8 (8th Annual)**



The annual Moab trip became so popular this year that organizer Don Winsor had to add a second week. This is a recap of Week 1.

Each day featured hiking options and/or MTB rides. There were hikes of varying difficulty including Hidden Valley with its beautiful views and many petroglyphs, Fisher Towers with a ladder to climb and panoramic vistas, Longbow Arch, Devil's Garden/Primitive Trails in Arches NP featuring tricky footwork on slickrock, Ken's Lake, Corona Arch with a chain to grapple, and Moki Mesa. Several people went on additional hikes to Dead Horse Point and Fiery Furnace in Arches.

There were moderate+ MTB rides to Dead Horse State Park and Seven Up. At Dead Horse State Park, members rode to the Mason No.1 Cable System, which is 600' above the Potash ponds, and at Seven Up members shuttled to the top then had an almost 9-mile ride mostly downhill. There was some fast and jittery riding at times, but no injuries on either ride! There were also two MTB beginner+ rides to the Moab Brand (Bar M) National Recreation Area, featuring panoramic views of Arches National Park.

Don Winsor hosted socials on two evenings where everyone was invited to bring appetizers, discuss plans, and recap the week's events. One evening we had dinner on the patio at Pasta Jay's in downtown Moab. On May 5th, Kathy Kelleher hosted a delightful Cinco de Mayo margarita party at her campsite and served shrimp/chicken/beef fajitas, and members brought lots of sides. Later around the campfire, we played a fun humming game where you try to Name That Tune, and discovered that Mike Benson is a wonderful singer! The last evening Don hosted "dinner on the rocks" at a special campsite by the Slickrock Trail with gorgeous views of the valley, and we toasted marshmallows for s'mores by the campfire.

We are deeply grateful to our wonderful leaders for their patience and dedication—Ellen Sherk, Kathy Kelleher, Lisa Hunter, Sheri Thomas, and Kas Shanks—and particularly to Don Winsor for masterminding the entire week's events, meeting locations, restaurant reservations, and communications, and generously shared his detailed knowledge of the Moab area with us.

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**Moab Week Part 2, May 17-22, so good we did it again!**



Due to overwhelming demand, Don was generous enough to schedule a second Moab trip. The numbers dwindled a bit from initial sign ups but this allowed us to pivot quickly when weather didn't cooperate. There were 10 of us in total, several somewhat newbies to our Club, which made for a much more intimate experience. It was certainly fun to have members along who had not been to this truly inspirational part of Utah and see the wonder in their faces.

Day 1, started with the usual potluck gathering at **Don's Garage** (he needs a sign for that). Inquisitive neighbors next door, visiting from South Carolina popped over and marveled at our fun gathering and Club endeavors. We discussed possible changes for the following day. It was to be Fisher Towers but after a night of predicted rain (and it sure did rain), we needed a hike less prone to flash flooding. Decisions were made together.

Day 2, began with some of us meeting for coffee at Dos Más, a new coffee shop by the visitor center. This became a regular occurrence each morning since Don knows the people who started this small shop and wanted to give them some business. Dos Más has good coffee with unique twists, yummy pastries, interesting art and gifts. We highly recommend. Mary and Rich led us to hike Park Ave and then iconic Delicate Arch in Arches NP. It was cloudy, cool and blustery but not crowded! We then attended a well-deserved dinner at Pasta Jays outside under the heat lamps.

Day 3, was cool, breezy, but sunny with puffy clouds. Perfect for our Fisher Tower hike led by Mary and Rich. Once again, uncrowded and peaceful. Don left our hike to scout out some of the primitive trails around Onion Creek for future adventures. We snacked at our end point on top of big flat red rocks enjoying the 360 views. Why waste a perfect afternoon, so at 3:30 pm the Mountain Bikers went out to the Mud Springs new Adaptive designed trail system led by Don. It was an e-bike friendly ride - which all of us had except for Gordon! He was a rock star and hung right with us. The trails are much more forgiving than most other Moab rides, and we look forward to the forthcoming extension of this trail system.

Day 4, Gail and Bruce led a hike to Longbow Arch. At 3pm the mountain bikers met at Dead Horse Point to ride the trails and take in the stunning views. The rest of our posse then met at the visitor center deck for appetizers and beverages. The center closes at 5 so we had the place to ourselves. We then relocated to Mary and Rich's campsite at DHP for sloppy joe's, and coleslaw. Bruce Rounds played us familiar tunes for true camping ambiance. A fire was started and Don brought all the fixings for smores, Yum! We were then treated with a classic desert sunset painted across the sky.

Day 5, Don led a hike to Corona Arch and some other offshoots. Dinner at Moab Brewery capped off the day. The group got smaller as some left early and Mary and Rich chose to stay at Dead Horse Point.

Day 6, Don led a hike for 5 to Moki Mesa and then the "remainders" parted ways.

Thank you to the leaders of activities but I think we were all leaders on this trip, Don, Bruce, Gail, Mary, Rich, Gordon, Renee, Margo, Marissa and Valerie. A big thanks to Don of course for his hospitality, generosity, planning and making it fun for all of us wrinkled teenagers!

Til next year.....

## Facebook

Please join our new Facebook group so you can post pictures and possibly see the latest news

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

## Photos

Have you taken any pictures on club outings that you'd like to share?

Please send them to [photos@pcmsc.org](mailto:photos@pcmsc.org) and post them to

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















**Weather can cancel an event, please check the calendar and/or contact the leader if there might be a chance that the activity will be cancelled.**



## **Birthdays!**

**See who's got a birthday this month**



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