

Welcome to the GVR Hiking Club Hall of Fame

This Hall of Fame honors members who made significant contributions to the activities of the club and its members. A common trait shared by these honorees was their outstanding ability to make hiking a truly safe and enjoyable experience for fellow hikers.

In 2022, the GVR Hiking Club Board of Directors revamped the policy for eligibility in the Hall of Fame. This policy is found in the GVRHC Policy Manual.



Bob Porterfield – Inducted 2023 / Leader 2004-2020

Bob joined the GVRHC in November 2002 and led his first hike in 2004. He led hikes for 17 years leading 176 hikes and sweeping another 98 hikes for our club. He served on the club's Board as the Orientation Chair and other positions culminating as the President in 2007/8.

Bob was our Assistant Hikemaster in 2015/16 and Hikemaster in 2016/17. This is when he formed a committee to update the seasonal ratings for all our hikes. He also developed, through analysis, the number of hikes to be run each week for each level, still in use today. Bob also developed a computer system support for the Hikemaster allowing them to focus on their duties. After updating the process for Leader training, he recruited the second largest number of Leaders and Sweeps ever for the club - 17.



Helen Zaukas – Inducted 2022 / Leader 1996-2021

Helen joined the club in 1985 and became a leader in 1996. She served as Hike Master in 2010-2011. Helen retired as a leader in 2021, and during those 25 years as a leader she led 298 hikes, swept 209 and developed many new hikes. In 1991, Helen was the first non-leader to join the Board and, in the ensuing years served as Orientation Chair, Secretary, Vice President and President. During this time, she initiated the first hike-leader appreciation dinner, developed the first club directory, helped develop the orientation program, and initiated annual club dues (replacing the practice of putting a quarter in a coffee can on hike day – some members used slugs!!)

In 2003, she led the rerating of all hikes as difficult, moderate, or easy within the A, B and C-hike categories, and added their trail and road conditions. In 2006, she helped initiate the seasonal ratings of all club hikes. Later, she saw that the club email wasn't being monitored and took on the roll herself for many years. On induction to the Hall of Fame, Helen was the club's longest active member (37 years) and had more hike miles with the club – 8,000 – than any other member ever.



Frank Surpless – Inducted 2022 / Leader 2003-2021

Frank served as Hike Master in 2012-2013 and volunteered with the club in many other roles over the years. He led his first hike – Little Wild Horse Tank – in 2003 and his last – Lower Madera Canyon Trail – in 2019. He retired as a leader in 2021 having led or swept 191 hikes. He developed a slew of new hikes, mentored new leaders and sweeps, served as an orientation presenter, and edited the Trail Tales newsletter. Frank always had a smiling face and a story to tell when leading a hike.

The following honorees were inducted prior to 2022. All are former hike leaders. They are shown in the order of when they first became leaders.



Bill and Jane Necker – Leaders 1981-1986

In 1981, the GVR Director asked the Neckers to begin a walking group. They declined but expressed their interest in hiking instead. When GVR gave its support Bill and Jane put an article in the Green Valley News. Thursday was a good day for them. About 35 people showed up to hike the Madera Canyon Nature Trail as far as it went (about where the store is now.) Those on that hike expressed an interest in continuing so Bill and Jane scheduled a hike to Josephine Saddle two weeks later. Bill started keeping records of hikers. The GVR director suggested awarding patches for which GVR paid. Bill designed the 50-mile patch and the 250- and 500-mile rockers. In March 1984, on a trail in Madera Canyon, Bill organized the group to be a charter GVR club. As more people heard about the club attendance snowballed. Bill and Jane resigned as leaders in 1986.



Bernadette (Bernie) Green – Leader 1981-1992

Bernie began hiking with the Neckers in September 1981 and became a leader in October. She served as Vice President in 1984/85 and President in 1985/86. She was Trail Maintenance Supervisor in 1988/89. She continued leading until 1992.



Cameron Beckwith – Leader 1983-1993

Cameron joined the club in December of 1982 and became a leader in 1983. He was Hike Master from 1984 thru 1986, President from 1986 thru 1988, Publicity Chair in 1988/89, and Secretary in 1990/91. Besides helping find many new trails, Cameron initiated nametags, the monthly bulletins, first aid kits, and the necessity and use of good boots. He also stressed the importance of drinking lots of water. Before the organized orientation sessions, he expected leaders to take new hikers aside at lunch break to tell them about rules of the club. Cameron resigned in 1993.



Irene Ritch Flower – Leader 1983-1993

Irene joined the club in January 1982, and became a leader in 1983. She served as Secretary from 1984 through 1986, Vice President from 1985 through 1987, Treasurer in 1990/91, and again as Vice President in 1992/93. Her knowledge of flowers and birds was a great asset to the club and hikers. Irene resigned as leader in 1993.



Vince Morrison – Leader 1984-1992

Vince's first hike with the club was in May 1982. He became a leader in 1984. He was part of the group that initiated the search for new trails, many of which we are still traveling. He became Records Keeper in 1985/86, Assistant Hike Master from 1986 to 1988, and Records again during 1987/88, President in 1989/90, and Vice President in 1990/91. Vince coined our slogan "Safe and Enjoyable Hiking." He resigned in 1992.



Harry Frye – Leader 1984-1992

Harry joined the club in 1983 and became a leader the next year. Harry not only helped develop new hikes, but also initiated a way to identify leaders' cars for signing in on Thursday mornings. He started the printed Hike Trail descriptions for the club in 1991 in the form of a manual. It was intended to "aid hike leaders in scouting hikes, and to provide them with historical and regional information." He resigned in September 1992.



Bill Fritz – Leader 1984-1996

Bill joined the club in January 1984 and became a leader the same year. He served on the Board as Assistant Hike Master in 1985/86, Hike Master from 1986 through 1988, President in 1988/89, and Vice President in 1989/90. He helped develop many trails. His knowledge of geology was greatly appreciated. He resigned as a leader in April 1996.



Svend Kristensen – Leader 1984-1996

Svend joined the club in 1984 and started leading hikes the same year. He resigned in December 1996. Svend loved scouting new areas and seemed to have a “built-in compass.” As he was known to say, “I may be lost but I always know where I am.” He moved back to Denmark in 1999.



Mag Turner – Leader 1985-1993

Mag joined the club in February 1984 and began serving as a leader in November 1985. She served on the Board as Publicity officer from 1986 to 1989. She and Mary Ann Morrison (wife of Vince) began the club’s potlucks. Mag resigned as hike leader in April 1993 but continued to serve as an Assistant Leader until 2002.



Marv Partin – Leader 1985-1997

Marv joined the club in 1984 and became a leader in November 1985. He served on the Board as Assistant Hike Master in 1992/93, Hike Master in 1993/94, Vice President in 1994/95, and Trail Maintenance Supervisor in 1995/96. Marv resigned as a leader in 1997.



Lillian Monson – Leader 1985-2007

Lillian began hiking with the club in January 1984, became a leader in November 1985. An early Board Treasurer, she opened the first checking account. Starting with the 1000-mile award she designed patches, the Logo, and T-shirts. Lillian compiled the first Club History in 1988. Suggesting and naming a newsletter for the Club, she was Editor of “Trail Tales” from 1991 to 2004. She was especially happy to serve on both the Orientation and Dues Committees. Her suggestion to compile information of hiking areas later led to the Club Library. She received the first 5000-mile award in February 2004 followed by the first 5,500 patch in September 2006. She joined the Emeritus Leaders April 26, 2007, after leading the Madera Trail Twist, but continued as an Assistant Leader until 2009.



Wally Morrell – Leader 1986-2002

Wally joined the club in 1984 and started as a leader in January 1986. He served on the Board as At-Large Representative in 1986/87, and as Vice President from 1987 through 1989, Assistant Hike Master in 1994/95, Hike Master in 1995/96, and Treasurer in 1996/97. In 1988 Wally invited anyone who wanted to hike the day after Thanksgiving to join him. It was so well attended that in 1989 the club's Board decided to schedule one club hike for credit the Friday after Thanksgiving each year. It was decided to honor the current President, whether that person was a leader or not, by having the President lead the hike, thus the "President's Hike." Wally is credited with naming several locations on hikes after hikers and leaders. He had so many standing "comments" that they have become known as "Wallyisms." He resigned in 2002.



Bob Lund – Leader 1986-2002

Bob began hiking with the club in January 1984 and started leading hikes in February 1986. He served two terms as Hike Master from 1989 to 1991 and as President in 1991/92. It was during this time he decided, with Board approval, that the month of June should be a vacation for the Hike Master. Among a number of things put in place during his term of office were obtaining a post office box, a logo to be used on bulletins and club stationery, and a newsletter to keep hikers informed about the club. Bob chaired the committee for Orientation and Registration, which was begun on a trial basis in January 1993. He chaired the committee to develop the annual dues program. This was initiated January 1, 1995. He also headed the committee for the Operations and Historical Records file in February 1999. In the club annals at least, "Lund's Peak" is named for him. Bob resigned in 2002.



Fred Collins – Leader 1986-1998

Fred joined the club in 1985 and became a leader the next year. He served on the Board At-Large in 1988/89, Treasurer in 1989/90, and President in 1990/91. Fred wrote and directed a comedic production of "Hikers on the Trail" that was presented to members at a February potluck with such success it was repeated a few years later. Fred resigned in April 1998.



Betty Belknap Hummer – Leader 1986-1992

Betty joined the club in February 1983 and became a leader in December of 1986. She served as Board Secretary for three years from 1986 to 1989. She resigned as a leader in 1992.



Margaret Bieber – Leader 1987-2004

Margaret's first hike was October 21, 1981, shortly after the club was started. She became a leader in January 1987. In the autumn of 1982 she and her husband Ed received their first patches. She was elected to the Board serving At-Large in 1987/88, Records Officer in 1988/89, and Social Chairman in 1989/90. She also assisted the Treasurer and helped with the Orientation sessions. Margaret received her Leader Emeritus patch in November 2001.



Milt Foster – Leader 1987-2006

Milt joined the hiking club in 1986 and became a leader in 1987 when Bill Fritz was Hike Master and took a chance on him. In addition to Bill, Milt credits Wally Morrell and Charlie Delbecq for teaching him how to lead hikes and have a lot of fun doing it. One of the best things Milt discovered in his 20 years of hiking with the club is that hikers are wonderful people. Milt's favorite hike is Sycamore Canyon off Ruby Road because of its beautiful pools and unusual rock formations. On December 21, 2006, Milt led his farewell hike to Daniel's Mine. On the same hike he received his Leader Emeritus patch.



Win Durant – Leader 1987-2002

Win started hiking with the club in the mid 1980s and became a leader in February 1987. He served on the Board At-Large in 1987/88, Treasurer in 1988/89, Records Keeper in 1989/90, and Assistant Hike Master in 1995/96. Win resigned as a leader in 2002.



Charlie Delbecq – Leader 1987-2002

Charlie Delbecq started hiking with the club soon after he and his wife moved to Green Valley from Illinois. His first hike as a leader was to Pantotoc Canyon on January 8, 1987. With his droll sense of humor he made his hikes fun. After having surgery on both knees, he continued hiking over rough terrain. The last hike he led was in May 2002 when he took the group to Rogers Rock. Charlie served on the Board as Treasurer from 1992 through 1994.



Marion Kole – Leader 1988-1994

Marion started hiking with the club in 1987. She served on the Board as Social Chairman in 1990/91 and as Treasurer in 1991/92. After she resigned as a leader in 1994, Marion continued to lead the occasional hike during the winter months. She wrote many poems for hikers honoring their accomplishments.



Frank Jappel – Leader 1989-2000

Frank joined the club in October 1988. He was appointed a leader when he agreed to be Assistant Hike Master in 1989. He served as Assistant Hike Master in 1989/90 and in 1990/91, was Hike Master in 1991/92, served as President two terms from 1992 through 1994, and was Orientation Chairman in 1994/95 and again in 2000/01. He resigned as a leader in 2000.



Tracy Ackerman – Leader 1990-2008

Tracy Ackerman joined the club in December 1987 and served 19 years as a leader from 1990 through 2008. He has been hiking so long that the date of his first hike is unrecorded. Tracy served the hiking club in numerous capacities, including Records Person, Vice President, President, Assistant Hike Master, and two terms as Hike Master. After Tracy became a leader, the club's inventory of hikes was significantly expanded because of his efforts. Tracy and his wife Connie loved to go off trail and scout new hikes for the club to use.



Charles B. (Chuck) Rogers – Leader 1990-1995

Chuck joined the club in 1989 after having hiked in the Santa Ritas for 10 years. He became a leader in 1990 and resigned in 1995. In October 1994, he celebrated his 80th birthday sharing cake with the club on top of Mt. Wrightson. Rogers' Rock is named for him.



Lee Kuiken – Leader 1990-1997

Lee began hiking with the club in February 1988. She became a leader in 1990 and resigned in 1997. Lee served on the Board as Social Chairman from 1993 –1996. She was the Name Tag chairman for five years and was also active in giving Orientation presentations.



Andy Juhasz – Leader 1990-2005

Well known for his hat, jacket, golf club, and lunchtime nap, Andy retired from leading hikes in 2005 after 15 years. Andy became a leader in 1990 and led his first hike to Seven Falls in February of that year. He served as Records Keeper from 1992 to 1995. Lodestar Mine will always be associated with Andy as he led it so many times. In 2002, when he turned a young 86, he was honored with having the Florida Trail to Andy's Overlook hike named after him. Andy retired from the Air Force as a Colonel in 1969 after 28 years of service.



Freddie Carter – Leader 1990-2007

Hiking and climbing mountains has always been an important part of Freddie Carter's life. The first woman to reach the highest point in all 50 states, she is a member of the American Alpine Club and a Life Member of the Alpine Club of Canada. In 1989 when Freddie was considering moving to Green Valley she met GVHC hikers on Picacho Peak (she looked the group over very carefully). After moving to Green Valley and joining the club, she became a Leader in 1990. Freddie's last time to lead was May 2007, and she retired in February 2008. She served as Treasurer from 1994 to 1996. Freddie's slide show presentation of her exciting hiking and climbing treks in Canada, the Himalayas, Alps, the Matterhorn and Jungfrau was not to be missed!



Clayton Smith – Leader 1991-1997

Clayton joined the club the first month he stayed in Arizona in 1984. In the mid 1980s, the club began to maintain the Nature Trail in Madera Canyon under the Forest Service's Adopt a Trail Program. Clayton worked monthly on the maintenance of that trail and helped the club construct the blacktopped trail for use by hikers with handicaps. Clayton was a leader from 1991 to 1997.



Winnie Kruper – Leader 1991-2006

Winnie joined the club in late summer 1989. She became a leader and led her first hike on December 26, 1991. In 1992, Winnie was appointed to the Board and served as Social Chairperson and Secretary. During 1997/98 she served as Assistant Hike Master and then Hike Master in 1998/99. She served as Membership Chairperson in 1999/2000 and again in 2000/01. Throughout this period, Winnie continued to lead hikes until her retirement in 2005.



Jim Perkins – Leader 1993-2005

Jim joined the club in January 1991. He led his first hike on February 11, 1993 and was elected to the Board in 1993. He served as Assistant Hike Master in 1993/94, Hike Master in 1994/95, and Vice President in 1995/96. He rewrote hike bulletin data in 1993/94 for computer input, catalogued the club's hikes on a spreadsheet, and printed the first hike bulletins from the computer in 1994. In 1996 he headed a committee that developed the Policy Manual to augment the club's Bylaws. In 2001, he initiated the club's website. Jim served on other committees over the years and concluded his tenure by authoring, scouting, and finally leading the El Pilar North hike on February 12, 2004.



Jan Dalen – Leader 1993-1997

Jan joined the club in January 1990. She became a leader in 1993, but in September 1997 decided it was time to give up leading and become an assistant. Jan served as the club's Vice President from 2002 to 2004.



Kate Foster – Leader 1994-1997

Kate started hiking a few months after moving to Green Valley in 1986. At the persuasion of the Hike Master at the time, she agreed to become a leader in the spring of 1994. That made Kate and Milt the first “couple” leaders since the Neckers. She resigned in 1997.



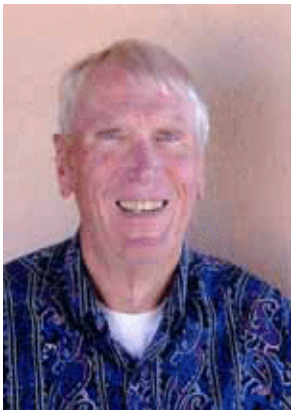
Ken Fleshman – Leader 1994-2015

Ken began leading about 1995 and served as Hike Master from 2001/02. He took real pleasure in being able to share his enthusiasm for the mountains and desert with other members of the club. At first he led all levels of hikes, but for the last several years led only C on which he was able to share his knowledge of the history and geography of our hikes. Some of his favorite hikes over the past 20 years have been on the Arizona Trail and especially the stage from the Box Canyon trailhead south. He had dreamed of hiking the whole trail someday, but now says “it isn’t going to happen”.



Tad Bird – Leader 1995-2005

Tad’s first hike was November 18, 1993. His first time to lead was to Bog Springs on November 30, 1995. He served as Orientation Chairman in 2002/03 and was an Orientation presenter for several years. He enjoyed leading and explaining where the hike was, where it was going, and what was being seen. This involved chatter, imaginative stories, and great arm waving. Hikers will remember him for his fun stories, such as one told when viewing the rock formations on the Tumacacori Ramble “Alice Algae was a real good cook, She could cook anything under the sun. Freddie Fungus was a real Fun Guy. Freddie and Alice took a Lichen to each other and started hanging around together on rocks and cliffs and boulders. You see them everywhere.” He said of leading “it has been fun.” He resigned in 2007.



Ted Haartz – Leader 1995-2006

On January 14, 1993, Ted took his first club hike to Pena Blanca. In December 1995, Ted began leading hikes. For the 1996/97 year he was Assistant Hike Master, and served as Hike Master in 1997/98 — a season plagued with rainy weather adjustments! He then served a three-year term as Treasurer, from 1998 through 2000. “Having ascended Mt. Wrightson even before joining the Hiking Club, the choice of hikes has been difficult. For all of the hikes I’ve led or been on, Silver Hill and Black Mountain are my favorites, and Elephant Head in my younger days and San Cayentano a decade later were the most challenging.”



Jim Moore – Leader 1996-2006

Jim started leading hikes in May 1996 and led his last hike in 2006, after a decade of serving as a leader. Jim also served on the Board as Treasure and was Assistant Hike Master and Hike Master during the years of 1997, 1998, and 1999.



Bob Kotz – Leader 1997-2007

Bob joined the club in 1994. He soon started volunteering with a club group doing trail maintenance in lower Madera Canyon one morning a month. He became a leader in the spring, 1997. In 1999 Bob headed a committee to compile information about various hikes and many maps for the leaders to use. He was Assistant Hike Master in 1999/2000 and Hike Master in 2000/2001. As Hike Master he succeeded in getting written descriptions completed for the numerous hikes that did not have them. He also resurrected many old hikes by scheduling each week a few hikes that had not been done for three or more years. Bob retired as a leader in 2007. Bob said that the people that he associated with in the GVHC are the greatest!



Mayme Specht – Leader 1998-2011

Mayme Specht first hiked with the club in 1996. She became a leader in 1998 and served in that capacity until she retired in 2011. She was elected to the Board in 2006 and served as Treasurer from 2006 through 2009. She served as Exalted Ruler of the Green Valley Elks Lodge in 2002/2003, being that Lodge's first female Exalted Ruler. In January 2012, Mayme was appointed Leader Emeritus in recognition of her many years of service as a leader.



Jack Hummel – Leader 1998-2002

Jack's first hike was in January 1995. He was a leader from 1998 until March 2002. The Hummels were part-time residents of Green Valley, spending part of the year at their home in Alaska.



Tom Johnson – Leader 1998-2013

Tom joined the club in late 1996 and was soon helping with trail maintenance. He led his first hike in October 1998 to Hope Camp Trail. Tom retired as a leader in October 2013 and received his emeritus badge on January 14, 2014 at the Leaders' breakfast. During his tenure as leader, Tom was active in opening up many new hikes for the club. He is still an active hiker. Over the years Tom has also worked as the club's historian. He has written and edited many articles about the history of southern Arizona relative to the hikes the club does and posts them online on the club's website. He also has a small lending library of Southern Arizona material, which is available to club members.



Merle Batty – Leader 1998-2010

Merle joined the hiking club in 1992 and led hikes for 12 years. His first Lead was Aspen Grove in 1998. He served as Trail Maintenance Chair 1993, 94, 95, 96 and 98. Merle was Assistant Hike Master from 2004/05 and Hike Master from 2005/06.



Dick Paige – Leader 1999-2010

Dick joined the club in 1998 and was soon sweeping hikes. He became a leader in 1999. During his tenure as leader he scouted and authored many notable club hikes. Dick was Assistant Hike Master in 2001/2002 and served as Hike Master in 2002/2003. As Hike Master, Dick helped move the club into the computer and GPS era. Under his direction, the hike write-ups were put online for easy access to the leaders. He taught several courses on the use of GPS units. His passion now is photographing the beautiful western states. Dick received his emeritus leader patch in April 2012.



Pat Caves – Leader 1999-2002

Pat started hiking in November 1995. She became a leader in 1999 and resigned in 2002.



Peggy Smith – Leader 1999-2008

Peggy Smith called it quits in 2008 after leading and sweeping hikes since early 1999 in order to avoid being unceremoniously buried along the trail. She loved every minute of wrangling hikers, coaxing bear off the trail, trying to discover every elusive bird, wildflower, tree, bug and large rock on which to sit and leave glasses. She actually enjoyed being Assistant Hike Master in 2004/05 and Hike Master in 2005/06, losing only a few friends over that job. Driving for each and every hike no matter how terrifying avoided the problem of leaving jackets that were never returned. Joyfully working on potlucks in order to avoid chairing anything was a strategy that worked. She wishes happy trails to the club forever and urges everyone to be sure to drink V8 on every hike.



Barry Murdoch – Leader 1999-2009

Barry Murdoch first hiked with the club on November 25, 1994, the President's Day hike. He led his first hike to Dutch John Spring on October 28, 1999. Service on the Board included Membership Chair in 1998/99, Vice President in 1999/2000, and President in 2000/01. He was Assistant Hike Master in 2005/06 and Hike Master in 2006/07. For a number of years he was an Orientation presenter. Barry was instrumental in changing the club's records to an Excel program, writing many of the formulas. He worked out the parking logistics when the club parking was moved to the west side of GVR's West Center. As Hike Master, he trained nine new Leaders who named themselves "Murdoch's Marauders." Barry resigned in 2009. A Memorial in his memory was on January 23, 2010.



Patty Greimann – Leader 1999-2015

Patty led hikes for 14 years. After joining the club in 1995, she went on to serve as Vice President in 2004/05 and President from 2005/06. She also served as the Awards Chair in 2006/07. She says "the GVRHC has provided me with an 'extended family' coming from Alaska and the opportunity to meet wonderful people who share my love of the great outdoors." Patty really loved 'bushwhacking' so some of her favorite hikes were Buenos Aires Cumero Peak, Amigo Basin, and Bartolo Basins.



Vicki Mattox – Leader 2000-2011

Vicki joined the club in 1984 and became a leader in 2000. That same year she served as the club's President. Prior to that, she was the Membership Chair and then Vice President. She actively led hikes until 2012. She received her emeritus patch in January 2013. She was a donor to the Ramsey Canyon Nature Conservancy Preserve and served on the board of the Canyon's Overseers before the Conservancy took over the care of the Canyon. Her name is on a plate outside the Preserve Bookstore honoring her many contributions.



Marylee Adamson – Leader 2001-2015

Marylee joined the GVRHC in 1999. She led hikes for 14 years beginning in 2001. She started the wildflower identification hikes and became known as the "Queen of the Flower Hikes". She had fun identifying the flowers and passing the knowledge on to the hikers. She was proud to say that she led all levels of hikes and wrote up several new hikes. Her favorite hike was Bren Ridge – she loved the ridge hikes!



LaVern Schroeder – Leader 2001-2014

LaVern started hiking in 1996 and began leading hikes in early 2001. During her 14 years as a leader she led 82 hikes and was the assistant leader for about 90, mostly for husband Dan. She led A, B, and C hikes in almost every mountain range around and, although a snowbird, received her 3000-mile patch in 2013. Her many highlights as a leader included introducing hikers to Arizona's hiking and history; working with devoted Hike Masters, leaders, and assistant leaders; training new leaders; and leading the Crest Trail Hike. The privilege of being a hike leader for 14 years and developing many friendships while hiking was a significant phase of LaVern's life.



Dan Schroeder – Leader 2001-2017

Dan took his first hike in Oct 1996, had his first assignment as sweep on the Christmas hike in 1999, led his first hike on 1 Feb 2001 and his last one on 16 Mar 2017. During that span of 17 years Dan led 119 hikes with his wife LaVern usually the sweep. Other HC responsibilities included Treasurer for 2000 – 2003, choosing Terrain Navigator map program in Spring 2001 (along with Ken Fleshman), Assistant Hike Master (2010-2011), Hike Master (2011-2012), self-appointed Map Meister (2012-2015) making maps of hikes for the Leaders' website. This last job was made possible with the help of more than 20 Leaders who supplied GPS tracks. Those regions in southern AZ that rank among his top areas for hikes are the Atascosas, Agua Caliente Rincon area and Robles Pass-Tucson Mtn Park. He worked hard to follow the dictum of Tracy Ackerman – "Make every hike interesting."



Walt Prue – Leader 2001-2011

Walt joined the club in January 1993 and began leading hikes in 2001. He actively led hikes until early 2011 when he was 87 years old, a club record. For many years he served as an Orientation presenter, sharing his vast knowledge with prospective hikers. He received his emeritus patch in January 2013.



Budde (Bud) Boysen – Leader 2002-2015

Bud joined the club in 1998. He led hikes for 14 years and was a regular on the Tues. Scout Group that wrote up many new hikes. Bud was the Assistant Hike Master 2006/07 and Hike Master 2007/08. He also served on the Orientation Team to welcome perspective new members to the club. "He loved exploring, finding new trails or no trails, refining them with his hiking buddies so he could share those hikes with the club." Bud was not afraid of challenges. As you can see by the hikes he developed and lead into some trackless areas, he took on many. He took great pleasure in showing hikers his discoveries as he was telling them: "In Nebraska this would be a state park". His followers were almost always treated to a good joke or story and remembrances of hiking with our early club leaders.



Ron Barry – 2002-2015

Ron started hiking with the club in Oct 2000 and became a Hike Leader in Jan 2002. He became Webmaster in 2002, Assistant Hike Master in 2003, and Hike Master in 2004. He retired from Webmaster and Hike Leader in 2015. He continued to hike with the club for several years.



Bill Becker – 2003-2013

Bill joined the club in January 1999 and began leading hikes in February 2003. He actively led hikes until January 2013 when he received his emeritus patch. He was known for his exploring nature and added many new hikes over the years to the club roster.



Bill Cummins – Leader 2003-2011

Bill joined the club in October 1999 and began leading hikes in November of 2003. He actively led hikes until early 2011. He continued as an assistant leader for several more years. Bill received his emeritus patch in January 2012.



Phil Gray – Leader 2004-2014

Phil first hiked in January 1999 and led his first hike in April 2004. He was President for three terms: 2002-3, 2003-4, and 2007-8. Served as Awards chair twice: 2001-2 and 2008-9. He helped keep hike records for 14 years, worked on Trail Maintenance for two years, By-Laws Committee for one year, and Orientation presenter for several years. Almost all of the Phil's hikes are favorites, but especially he remembers Mt. Wrightson, Carr Peak, Starr Pass Hidden Trail, Helvetia, Brown Canyon, Sycamore Canyon, Madera Canyon, Carrie Nation Mine, Wilbur Ranch, Atascosa Lookout, and Box Camp. Phil was awarded his emeritus badge January 2014 when he retired as a leader.



John Brant – Leader 2006-2012

John joined the hiking club in March 2004 and became a leader in 2006. He headed up trail maintenance in 2006 and was active in trail maintenance for several years after that. He enjoyed developing new hikes for the club.



Beverly (Bev) Rosenthal – Leader 2007-2015

Bev trained as a Leader under Barry Murdock's time as Hike Master. She was in a group known as Murdock's Marauders. She led hikes for 8 years after joining the GVRHC in 2005. A couple of her favorite hikes to lead were the Tumacacori Ramble and Indian Kitchen. One of her favorite comments was "isn't this just fantastic?". She never seemed to take our beautiful scenery for granted. Bev served as the Awards Chairman from 2010/13 better known as the "Patch Fairy".



Larry Boehms – Leader 2008-2015

Larry joined the GVRHC in 2005 and became a Leader in 2008. He served as Assistant Hike Master from 2012/13 and Hike Master from 2013/14. This is when he started the Mt. Wrightson "C" Hike. He wanted C hikers to be able to experience Mt. Wrightson. It was a huge hit. His favorite hike was "the hike I am on" and his second favorite was the first hike he led – Sycamore Canyon. He said, "I will always be grateful for the variety of experiences and wonderful people I met through the Green Valley Hiking Club". Larry led hikes for 8 years.