

## **The Mountain Ear**

March 2020

### **President's Message**

You may have noticed that there was no President's Message last month. Well, I had my head in the clouds...literally. A two-and-a-half week trip to Colombia had me cross country paragliding with lots of other Missoulians in the Valle del Cauca. Maybe one day I'll give a presentation about it. It was truly amazing.

I'm already hearing folks talk about Spring, but we've finally received that much-desired white stuff! Many of us have been getting out every weekend and enjoying it with other members. If you are interested in learning more about back country skiing, be sure to ask! The cabin has been getting a lot of use this year too. Be sure to check the calendar for more trips in the back country. The longer days of Spring often bring the best ski touring of the year.

Be sure to save the date for our next presentation! On March 10<sup>th</sup>, Chris Dunn (former Rocky Mountaineers member who is flying to town from Denver) will talk about his climb of Lhotse (Everest's next door neighbor and fourth highest mountain in the world). Chris is hilariously funny and a dynamic story teller. You will not want to miss this event! It will utilize the entire taproom of Imagine Nation Brewing Company and will start at 6pm. See you there!

-Joshua Phillips  
TRM President

### **March Presentation**

**Tuesday, March 10th - IMAGINE NATION BREWING- 6:00-8:00pm**

**"The No-Holds-Barred True Story of Summiting Everest's Next-Door Neighbor-Lhotse-the World's Fourth Highest Mountain"**

Former Missoula resident and Rocky Mountaineer **Chris Dunn** participated in an approximately 3-month-long interdisciplinary research expedition in Nepal in spring, 2019. Along the way he summited two 6000-meter peaks and one 8000-meter peak: 27,940' Lhotse. This happened to coincide with one of the busiest and most fatal seasons on Everest. This presentation will showcase Chris's photography as he

tells an outdoor adventure story par excellence, filled with human drama, near-misses, and immense beauty.

The presentation will start at 6 pm at *Imagine Nation Brewing Company* on March 10th. Free and open to all!

### **Looking Ahead:**

**April - Nutrition for Mountain Athletes - Jessie Thomas (Sustainable Wellness)**

**May- TBA**

### **Upcoming Trips and Activities**

BC Skiing - **Bass Lake Overnight**- Sat-Sun, Mar 7-8

BC Skiing - **TRM Cabin/Little St. Joseph Peak** - Sat-Sun, Mar 14-15

BC Skiing - **Sky Pilot** - Sat. Mar 21

BC Skiing - **Trapper Peak** - Sun. Mar 29

BC Skiing - **Camas Point**- Sun. Apr 5

Skills Training- **Snow Climbing & Glacier Travel**- Sat-Sun, Apr 18-19

*Please visit our website for all the details on these trips and more! Also scan further ahead in the online calendar to see some future listed trips.*

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### **Education- Roundtable Chats!**

These events will be held at the second floor conference room at **Big Sky Brewing Company**. What is a TRM "roundtable"? Basically, we sit around a table and have a moderated discussion on a specific topic (Ice Climbing and Backcountry Skiing, for example); we will talk about necessary skills, gear, fitness and anything else that pertains to the topic. It isn't a lecture. Everyone is encouraged to participate. New to the sport? Come and learn. Lots of experience? Come and share!

### **Snow Climbing & Glacier Travel Basics - Thursday, April 16th**

This moderated talk will cover the basics of steep alpine snow climbing and glacier travel techniques as well as gear requirements. Perfect for those looking to move beyond mere summertime scrambles or those wanting to set their sights on big Cascade or Canadian peaks. Folks with experience are strongly encouraged to

attend as well to share their ideas and experiences! This event will also be held in conjunction with a 2-day field day this coming weekend.

### **Business Meetings**

The next quarterly business meeting will take place this **Wednesday, March 4th**. All members are very welcome (and encouraged) to attend! Please consider joining us and assisting with the direction of your club.

We will hold these meetings in the upstairs conference room at Big Sky Brewing Company. Meetings will start promptly at 6:00pm and wrap up no later than 8:30pm.

### **Trip Reports**

All reports from club trips can be found at:

<http://rockymountaineers.com/trip-reports/>

All future Trip Reports will be posted and archived on this site as well.

### **Club Officers**

President- Joshua Phillips

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