

The Mountain Ear

February 2021

President's Message

Just like that, January is over. But hold your horses, it's still cold outside and snowing somewhere! Our attempt for last month with the Wednesday XC and Rando skiing was interrupted by lack of snow and icy trails. I'm hopeful for more snow soon!

Our first ever Winterfest was a great success! We are already looking forward to offering it again next winter.

Our first ever Zoom presentation was very well attended. We are in the process of confirming our zoom presentation for next week (see below) and the following months. Should be some great speakers.

We are also looking to add more trips! Keep checking the calendar in the near future to see what is going on.

Susanna G Phillips,
President/Treasurer

Zoom Presentation: Orienteering

Mark your calendars for next Tuesday, February 9th at 6pm! Our Monthly Presentations continue with a dynamic duo this month. Boris and Allison of Grizzly Orienteering!

Join Allison Brown and Boris Granovski of Grizzly Orienteering for a presentation about the sport of orienteering: using map and compass to navigate through unfamiliar terrain. A sport that was first developed as a Scandinavian military training exercise in the 19th century, orienteering has spread throughout the world and taken on many different shapes and formats. Boris and Allison will provide an introduction to orienteering, share the paths that brought them into the sport and hooked them for life, and talk about the joys and challenges of bringing orienteering to Montana.

The Zoom link for the presentation is <https://zoom.us/j/97889951589>. Hope to see you there!

Winter Conditioning Wednesdays

We continue to attempt to offer an activity every Wednesday evening as a way to get and stay in shape with fellow members. The plan to transition from Sentinel hikes to XC and BC skiing has not gone well due to the dismal winter conditions. However, we keep hoping! This Wednesday we will attempt our first Winter Rando Wednesday- to be held up by Snowbowl this week. Please keep an eye on the calendar and our Facebook and Instagram pages as we will continue to attempt to set up these events over the next couple of months. The bottom line: some kind of skiing or hiking event will take place every Wednesday evening at 6pm!

Upcoming Trips and Events

BC Ski- **Mini Gash Point (Bitterroots)**- Sat, Feb 6
XC Ski- **Pack Creek (Lolo Pass area)**- Sun, Feb 7
Ice Climb- **Finley Creek (Rattlesnake)**- Sat, Feb 20
BC Ski- **East St. Mary's Peak (Missions)**- Sun, Feb 21
Snowshoe- **Deemer Peak (Plains area)**- Sat, Mar 6
BC Ski- **Little St. Joseph Peak (Bitterroots)**- Sat, Mar 13
Snowshoe/Overnight- **Stuart Peak (Rattlesnake)**- Sat-Sun, Mar 20-21

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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TRM Business Meeting

Our next quarterly business meeting will take place at 6:00pm on Tuesday, March 2nd. Due to the ongoing COVID situation, we will be conducting this meeting via Zoom (or a mix of Zoom and in-person). All members are welcome (and encouraged) to attend! For meeting log-in instructions, please contact Alden Wright (alden@wrightmontana.net).

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.

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