

# The Mountain Ear

March 2019

## President's Message

Hello everyone-

Well apparently spring isn't happening this week. If it weren't for the longer days it would seem we are heading into the depths of winter right now. Which I, for one, am actually ok with. I know, the sun is nice. Green grass, wildflowers, warm rock- its all good. But I just am not quite ready to lay down the ice tools or powder skis. Bring on winter (at least for a couple more weeks!)

We do have quite a bit happening with the club over the next few months. Please consider joining us for our quarterly business meeting next Monday (meeting agenda below). We would like to have more folks involved in the affairs of the club. The following Tuesday is our monthly presentation- Jeff Shapiro will be on hand to regale us with tales of his climbing life (see below). And, be sure to check out our upcoming roundtable events and field practice sessions. (See our website calendar for all the details). Don't forget to mark Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for our annual BBQ and day of activities.

Membership renewals and officer elections are right around the corner. Take a look below for more information on these as well.

As always, I would like to encourage you all to reach out and be involved! Have an idea? Don't be shy! Let us know what we can do better and/or consider stepping up and leading the way. We are always in search of expanding our base of qualified trip leaders. The more trips and activities we can put on our schedule, the better the club will be for everyone.

Happy Adventuring!

*Forest Dean*

## March Feature Presentation

**Jeff Shapiro- Climbing Expeditions to India and China**

Tuesday, March 12th - Imagine Nation Brewing Company- 6:00-8:00pm

For this month's feature presentation we are excited to welcome Jeff Shapiro! Jeff will be discussing recent climbing expeditions to India and China, as well as a variety of his other mountain related pursuits.

Jeff Shapiro is a professional climber and pilot who has devoted his life to the mountains.

Whether climbing rock, ice, or flying, he strives for "full value adventure and self exploration". Over the 30 years of his climbing related life, he finds the greatest rewards in focus towards attempting new routes in the greater ranges. First ascents on the NW face of Mt Grosvenor in the Daxue Shan range of western China and of the south face of Brammah II in the Kashmir Himalaya are two recent highlights. Jeff is also a world class hang glider pilot, wing suit BASE jumper, a professional paraglider pilot and a father. When he's not climbing or flying, he's a philanthropist, a writer and a master falconer. When not making the world his playground, he calls Missoula home.

Show begins at 6:00pm. We will be utilizing the entire taproom for the presentation this month. Come by, grab a beer and a seat, and enjoy an evening with Jeff and The Rocky Mountaineers!

Looking ahead:

*April- **Jesse Crocker**- 2018 Tour Divide Mountain Bike Race*

*May- **Ben Darce**- Manaslu Climbing Expedition*

### Upcoming Trips and Activities

BC Ski/Camp- **Southern Mission Mtns**- Fri-Sun, March 1-3

Ice Climbing- **Mission Falls**- Sat, March 16 (Tentative)

Snow Climb- **East St. Mary's Peak**- Sun, March 17

Roundtable- **Maps and Compass**- Tue, March 26

Field Day- **Maps and Compass**- Sat, March 30

Roundtable- **Snow and Glacier Travel**- Thurs, April 11

Field Days- **Snow and Glacier Travel**- Sat-Sun, April 13-14

Climb- **Bell Mountain (Lemhi's)**- Fri-Sun, April 26-28

BC Ski/Snowshoe- **Trapper Peak**- Sat, April 27

*Please visit our website for all the details on these trips!!*

[www.rockymountaineers.com](http://www.rockymountaineers.com)

### Looking out a ways....

Back in the January newsletter, I noted some longer range trip and event plans for the club. I thought I would give a little update here. Hopefully some of these will be of interest to you and you'll want to block the time off on your personal calendar now!

*May- Annual club BBQ and spring trips day- May 4<sup>th</sup>*

*June- Summer Solstice Party, Activities, 24 Hours of Sentinel- June 15*

*July- Mt. Forbes climb (Banff NP)- July 4-7*

August- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Glacier Classic- August 16-18

September- Wind River Range- August 31- Sept. 8  
- Welcome Back Party and Awards- Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

October- TRM Cabin Workday- Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>

December- Bozeman Ice Festival- Dec. 11-15

### **Business Meetings**

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

- March 4
- May 6 (Annual Meeting)

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. (and yes, we can drink beer while we meet!)

### **Board of Director Elections**

As we approach the end of our fiscal year (April 30) it is time to start thinking about nominations for our Board of Directors. A new Board will be elected at our Annual meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> (members will have the opportunity to vote on the slate of officers via electronic format prior to that). Any current dues paying member who will have retained membership for at least one year as of April 30<sup>th</sup> is eligible to be an officer (must be 18 years of age). Members can nominate themselves or other members. We have four positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary. All are one year terms with a maximum of two consecutive terms (except Treasurer- 4 terms).

The current Board will be recommending its nominations at our March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. HOWEVER, anyone meeting the above criteria is eligible. If you would like to get involved in the direction of the club, please don't hesitate to nominate yourself or at least let us know you are interested!

### **Membership Renewals**

The Rocky Mountaineers Memberships run from May 1 to April 30. We are thus only a couple of months away from your current membership expiring. (If you have joined since January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, your membership will be good through April 30, 2020). Hopefully The Rocky Mountaineers brings some value to your life and you would like to maintain your

membership! Please consider going to our membership page on our website and renewing now. We certainly appreciate your camaraderie and support!

### **Trip Reports**

All reports from club trips can be found at: <http://therockymountaineers.blogspot.com>  
All future Trip Reports will be posted and archived on this site as well.

### **Club Officers**

President- Forest Dean

Vice President- Joshua Phillips

Secretary- Kelsey Wellington

Treasurer- Susanna Phillips

## **THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS**

### **Business Meeting Agenda**

**March 4, 2019- 6:00 PM**

**Big Sky Brewing Company- Conference Room**

- 1- Call to order (Attendance)
- 2- Approval of December Meeting Minutes
- 3- Treasury Report
- 4- Old Business Items
  - A- Website Status
    - 1- Content (Club Bylaws, Archive, etc)
    - 2- Trip Function
  - B- Merchandise Order
    - 1- Banner
    - 2- Shirts, Hats, Beanies, Stickers, other?
  - C- Cabin
    - 1- Status
    - 2- Insurance
- 5- New Business Items
  - A- Education
    - 1- Roundtables at BSBC
    - 2- Field Days
    - 3- Other ideas
  - B- Presentations
    - 1- March
    - 2- April/May
    - 3- Future
    - 4- Location
  - C- Trips and Events
    - 1- Never-ending need for filling calendar
    - 2- Events:
      - a- May BBQ and Events
      - b- Summer Solstice event

- c- Glacier Classic
- d- Wind River trip
- D- Trip Leader Benefits
  - 1- Training (First Aid, WFR, Avy training, etc)
  - 2- Other ideas
- E- Achievement and Recognition
  - 1- Lifetime Awards
  - 2- Peak Lists
  - 3- Seasonal Awards
- F- Collaboration with BSBC for Concert next summer
- G- May Annual Meeting and Elections
  - 1- Nominations
  - 2- Voting procedure

6- General membership comment period

7- Adjourn (8:00pm)