



Spokane Mountaineers Newsletter

Finally, Fall Colors...

Learn more about what is going on with the Spokane Mountaineers.



President's Corner

Since we currently do not have a SMI President, the following is from the Vice President.

One of my favorite parts of Spokane is the dramatic changing of the seasons. Not only because of the beautiful new scenery that is ushered in, but also because it means there will soon be new ways to enjoy the mountains! Here at the Spokane Mountaineers we have proudly kept all of our climbing education courses full over the summer months. The courses included rock climbing, sport lead climbing, trad lead climbing, as well as high angle rescue and others.

But just like the seasons, our focus is shifting, and we are starting to write the schedule for our most prominent education course, Mountain School! By the end

of this month we will have our application open to accept around 30 new students into Mountain School that is designed to develop core mountain skills like snow camping, glacier travel, crevasse rescue, knots, and much more! The application is open all winter and the first session will begin at the end of February!

In the meantime, you will see many of our members enjoying cross country, downhill, and back-country skiing all winter, as well as operating our more technical climbing classes like Ice Climbing Seminar and Alpine School. Keep an eye on our website to see the full list of classes, and we are working towards having the brand new SMI website up and running very soon!

Rumor also has it that we will experience a thick heavy winter this year, and our fingers are tightly crossed! You have our permission to start your snow dances now!

Li Ciavola

Vice President - Spokane Mountaineers

THIS MONTH'S TOP STORIES

MEET SHUWEN WANG



Shuwen grew up in China and came to the States to pursue her Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences, which she received from Dartmouth Medical School. Next, Shuwen completed postdoctoral work at UCSF, followed by working as a researcher at Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey, PA.

In early 2014, Shuwen moved to the Spokane area and works at the WSU College of Pharmacy as an Associate Professor, teaching both Ph.D. and PharmD students. Shuwen currently lives in Liberty Lake with her husband, while her other family members live in California.

Before she got into enjoying outdoor activities, Shuwen liked singing Karaoke once in a while and occasionally doing some contradance in her limited spare time. Now that she is so consumed with the outdoor stuff, she doesn't sing or dance much. Instead, Shuwen enjoys reading, often finishing an average of 50+ books per year.

Shuwen actually joined the Spokane Mountaineers "by accident" in the spring of 2014 because she wanted to climb Mount Rainier, since one of her PA friends had achieved that goal using an RMI guide. However, Shuwen quickly realized she was not qualified to take Mountain School due to lack of any previous hiking, climbing or backpacking experience. Therefore, Shuwen began her outdoor (and Spokane Mountaineer) experience by taking Backpack School, through which she completed her very first real hike with the club. Shuwen followed that up by taking Mountain School in 2015 and climbed Shasta and Rainier through the club with Brian Hoots as the leader.

Besides those big climbs, Shuwen has completed numerous adventurous hiking trips in a number of our western states, including WA, ID, MT, OR, UT, WY, etc. Her all time favorite is the Wind River Range South to North Traverse. Nearly all of these adventures were completed with her amazing hiking buddy Tyler Nyman, another Spokane Mountaineer and prior board member. For those of you who follow the Spokane Mountaineer Facebook page or look on the website, you probably have seen numerous photos from many of those adventures.



Shuwen says joining the club truly changed her life and transformed her into a real adventurer. To give back to the club and share her passion with others, she has been quite active with the club in the following activities:

- Helping out backpack school each spring as an assistant instructor since 2015
- Successfully co-directing the 2018 Backpack School with Tyler Nyman

- Serving as a member of the Hiking Committee
- Leading group hikes and backpacking trips
- Serving on the SMI Board for 2 years

Thanks for all you do for the club Shuwen!

Activities



Monthly General Membership Meeting

presentations are organized and conducted by Vice President, Li Ciavola. With a ton of things competing for his time, Li decided with concurrence of the board to forgo any presentations for

September and October. John Rosskelly was initially set for a fall presentation, but had to reschedule and hopefully will be on tap sometime in the future. It's also possible the presentations will be conducted quarterly rather than monthly, but that is still being discussed by SMI leadership, so more to follow on that.

Please join us live from the Spokane Mountaineer website zoom link or on the Spokane Mountaineer Facebook page.

Key Announcements

Recent events that included inappropriate behavior and insulting and demeaning language from a club member toward other members prompted action from the Board of Directors. After an investigation revealed no real policy existed to specify

expected norms of behavior for club members, the Board drafted a Code of Conduct and Ethics. The goal in developing this new policy was to set the expectations for members and Leadership regarding demeanor and behavior when conducting club business. It also educates club members on the process to take when there is any concern about inappropriate behavior or language from other members.

This new Code is in the final review process before being codified as a policy. Once the review process is complete, it will be sent out to all members for information and understanding.

Winter Kinnikinnick information is due November 7.

Please get events entered and approved with the activity chairs and submit any trip reports to editorial@spokanemountaineers.org. Any activity leader having difficulty putting an event into the website can reach out to the activity chair(s) or send event details to ecomm@spokanemountaineers.org, and they will assist you with the event entry.

Outdoor Partnerships

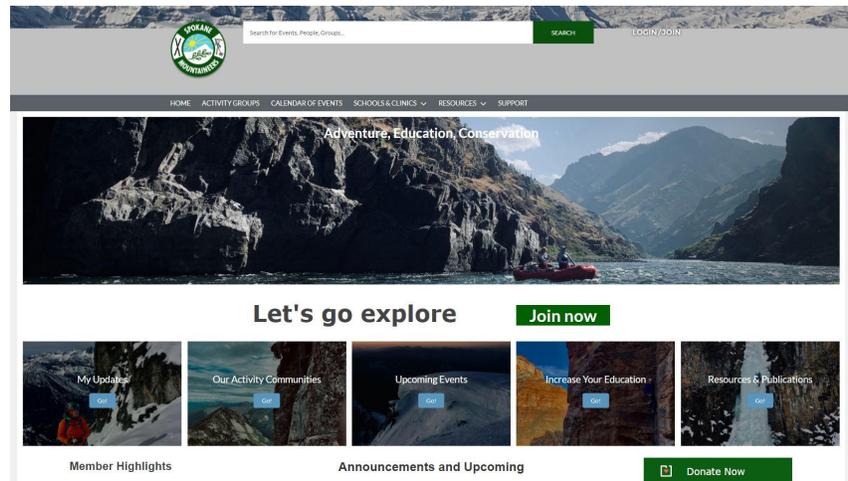


Volunteer trail work continued with many of the same partnerships as in the past. This included work at Waikiki Springs with the INLC and work at the Wilson Ranch with the DHC among others.



New Web Site and Membership Management tools coming soon.

As reported in the February newsletter the club has been working hard on a replacement web site. We have currently moved it out of our sandbox used to test the different tools incorporated in the site and started user acceptance testing with our club leadership.



Additional leaders accounts will be imported into the new system to test how well a broader import will perform for members accounts. If everything goes as planned we should have the site activated for you in early December. All current accounts will be transferred. When this occurs members will receive emails to log into the new system. Watch for additional details in your email and in the Winter Kinni.

Membership Renewal in 2022 from the Membership Committee.

If your membership is due to expire in the next 30 days, please renew in our current system.

Currently, the only **complete** online checkout and payment process available is using a PayPal account.

If you wish to pay by **Credit Card or Check**, please continue the renewal check-out process. When you get to the PayPal site, select "Cancel and return to Spokane Mountaineers." It will cancel the payment but maintain your account information for us to activate.

Then send an email to membership@spokanemountaineers.org, and we can issue you a PayPal invoice to your email that can be paid by credit card checkout on PayPal. We can combine multiple renewals on a single invoice.

If you wish to pay by check, send the completed membership application to PO Box 1013, Spokane, WA 99201-1013. Please be sure to include the email account you are paying to renew or activate. ([membership application](#))



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