



Spokane Mountaineers Newsletter

Fall Is In The Air...

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

President's Corner

Last November, when the Board appointed me to the position of President for one year, I had no idea how much would get done by all of us despite the continued pandemic. It has been an incredible year and some of the highlights for me have been:

- Searching for a new approach to our digital member tools & website and building a new platform (Coming very very soon!)
- The many schools and programs that have innovated and delivered success!
- The amazing line-up of speakers and presentations
- New operational efficiencies for volunteers added like online annual election and new IT resources

In terms of the last item we just completed our first ever digital election! No more wasting trees and stamps! Thank you to everyone who took two minutes to cast their vote. With the election complete we can announce the following:

Three NEW members on the Board of Directors:

- Karen Vielle
- John Mckee
- Kelly Lynch

Welcome and congrats to the new Directors!

I will officially return to my position on the Board of Directors and John Miskulin has renewed for another term.

As I go back to a director position I still plan on staying involved teaching climbing programs, working on organization development and most importantly seeing our new digital experience launch later this fall.

Best regards to all and keep climbing!

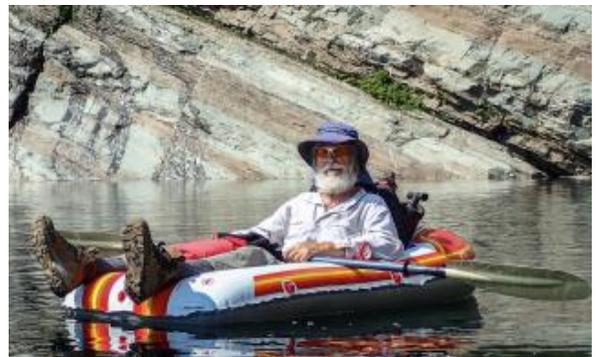
Matt Jeffries
President
Spokane Mountaineers

THIS MONTH'S TOP STORIES

MEET CHIC BURGE (Cont.)

Last issue we featured Chic Burge, the Club Historian, in the Spotlight. Unfortunately, we left out some key portions of Chic's bio, especially as related to his work with the Spokane Mountaineers, that we wanted to include in this issue.

In addition to enjoying hiking from a young age, Chic started skiing with his uncle on Mount Spokane early on as well. In fact, Chic states he has skied 61 of his 75 years. After graduating from Lewis and Clark High School, Chic joined the Washington National Guard and received an honorable discharge in 1971. Later, he moved away from Spokane to attend college, where he first got the climbing bug from friends.



After joining the Spokane Mountaineers, Chic completed Mountain School in 1985. Following that, he assisted in Mountain School as an instructor and restarted the Backcountry Ski School. He also organized classes in Avalanche Safety.

Chic was elected to the Board of Directors in 1989 and served as Club President for two years starting in 1993. He later volunteered to be Secretary following the resignation of the incumbent and spent the next six and a half years in that position. After another stint as Club President (2000-2001), Chic became the Club Historian, a position he stills holds today.

So, you can see with all that Chic has contributed to the Spokane Mountaineers, why he was elected as an Honorary Member in 2004. Thanks Chic!

Activities



Monthly General Membership Meeting presentations are organized and conducted by Vice President, Li Ciavola. For the August 23 meeting, Li landed a true mountaineering legend, Chris Kopczynski, as the featured guest. Chris is currently the President of the Dishman Hills Conservancy and is a past President of the Spokane Mountaineers (1970). For those unable to join this live, it is well worth the effort to listen to the recording via the media tab on the Spokane Mountaineer Facebook group. Chris mentioned he got the climbing bug while on a trip with his family to the Canadian Rockies in 1963 and from that time dedicated himself to becoming a world class mountaineer. The presentation was filled with both pictures and tales from expeditions to the summits of the world's greatest peaks to include Everest, Makalu, the Eiger, Matterhorn and the rest of the seven summits. To learn more about the life of this amazing Alpinist, check out his book "Into Thin Hair" that can be purchased at Auntie's Bookstore downtown.

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

Key Announcements

THANK YOU to our Board of Directors and Officers who are completing their terms of service at the end of the month.

Marge Andrews Brad Herr Patty Kollenborn Tyler Nyman Shuwen Wang

THANK YOU to all of our leadership, school directors, instructors, trip leaders and volunteers who kept the wheels on the bus rolling during this past year. The members benefit from your services and activities you support. We appreciate your commitment to the club and our outdoor community.

Elections

From the last edition of the SMI Newsletter, you saw how the election process moved on-line with the adoption of **Election Runner**. During this cycle you should have received two emails for this year's election. The first was to introduce the process and the second for the actual election.

As the President stated above, the results were tabulated at the most recent board meeting on October 4. One significant improvement was in the number (and percentage) of club members actually participating in the election as compared to recent elections. Please let us know if you have any feedback and/or recommendations for improvement of this process.

board@spokanemountaineers.org. Thank you for your participation!

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

Lots of trail work has been accomplished through a variety of partnerships to include the WTA, INLC, Friends of Mt. Spokane and Friends of the Scotchman Peaks. The Friends of Mt. Spokane specifically called out the Spokane Mountaineers to thank them for much needed assistance on the Deep Creek



Trailhead in Riverside State Park. Specifically, a large downed tree blocked the trailhead and Level 4 Fire Restrictions limited the ability to clear the trailhead using chainsaws. Several Mountaineers (Lynn Smith in particular) assisted in the effort to clear the large tree using CrossCut saws. The mountaineers' expertise and willingness to assist was lauded by the rangers and other volunteers.



Membership Renewal in 2021 from the Membership Committee

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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