



**LOVELAND MOUNTAIN CLUB**  
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## **President's Message**

Ron Tuttle has served as our Vice President and Program Director for the past two years and has done an amazing job of finding interesting speakers! Thank you Ron for all that you have done. The Board has recognized that this is a Very Big Job. We have formed a committee to share the load of finding and setting up the Speaker Programs. Thank you to Josie Beck, Jim Disney, Lynne Niemeyer and Linda Zimmerman for serving on this new committee!

Our Speaker at the March 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting will be Stan Havlick, who will speak about his adventures at Los Glaciares National Park in Argentina and Antarctica.

Thanks to everyone who attended our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Potluck and brought great food and fellowship! Jim Disney had prepared a 40-Years photo presentation, but we had some technical difficulties with the Church's Wi-Fi connection and were unable to show it. Jim will show the presentation at the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

I am pleased to announce the New Hike Coordinators for this year. Jane and Dan Maddigan will be the Tuesday Hike Coordinators, taking over for Karen Goggin. Tom Bruch will coordinate the Thursday Hikes, taking over for Ted and Ruth Hartman. Penny Kragie is the Weekend Coordinator, taking over for yours truly. Thank you to these new Coordinators and to those who have served so faithfully in past years in this critical role!

On Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>, Penny Kragie hosted the Weekend Planning Meeting, for April through September hikes. Twelve members attended and volunteered to lead hikes, and 5 other members sent in emails. Thanks to all for volunteering! Offering weekend hikes is important for new or current members who are working and cannot hike during the week. *There are a few openings left to lead your favorite hike on a Saturday or Sunday!*

**2018 Dues are payable now! The deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Why the deadline?** Last year we were trying to track down members into July and August who had not yet paid their dues. So if you have not yet paid your dues, please see our Treasurer Gabi Miles at the March or April meeting, or mail your check to: **Loveland Mountain Club, PO Box 983, Loveland, CO 80539.**

**Steve Bergstrand 970-292-8804 or 916-600-2209 cell/text or [stevebergstrand73@gmail.com](mailto:stevebergstrand73@gmail.com).**

## Club Meetings:

All meetings are from 7 – 8:30 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3333 Duffield Avenue, Loveland, 80538.

**Monday, March 5:** We are lucky to welcome Stan Havlick back again, this time presenting on his adventures in Los Glaciares National Park in Argentina and Antarctica. Stan, who lives in Eldorado Springs, is a ski instructor, triathlete and mountaineer. In the summer of 2006, he completed a 14 year quest to cycle nearly 20,000 miles coast-to-coast across all of earth's six bike-able continents, being the first person to do this. He has climbed in the Himalaya, Karakorum and on Denali as well as all the other major mountain ranges.

**Monday, April 2:** Darla Sidles, the new Superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park, and Estee Murdock, the new Director of the Rocky Mountain Conservancy, will give us an update.

**Monday, May 7:** Jim Disney will offer up his 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative photo show. We will also see member's slide shows of hiking vacations: several short talks, 10 minutes each, with photos of members hiking vacations. Email Jim Disney at [jameshdisney@comcast.net](mailto:jameshdisney@comcast.net) to volunteer.

Thanks to Ron Tuttle for lining up these great talks!

## **Editors Notes:**

A note from board member Betsy Mosehauer: Starting with the March 5 Loveland Mountain Club Meeting, there will be a "Lending Library" available at the back table. You can bring any books you'd like to share and pick up a book you'd like to read.

A note from hike leader Dick Lottes: Please be careful when crossing icy parking areas at the trailheads. Use your traction devices and your trekking poles to and from your car. Several people have fallen on the ice in the parking areas. The restrooms at the trailheads can also be quite dangerous due to icy conditions. Stay safe and prevent falls by using those great traction devices until you are safely on the trail or in your vehicle.

A note from Ted and Ruth Hartman: Tom Bruch will be taking over as the Thursday hike coordinator starting in April. Tom is a newer member of the club who has already volunteered to lead some hikes. Tom is very enthusiastic about taking on this position. Ruth and I have been coordinators since 2012, and though we have enjoyed it, I think it is time to get some fresh ideas into the position.

We all owe Ted and Ruth a debt of gratitude for all the work they have done coordinating hikes for the past 6 years!

***This club is run by many volunteers who give generously of their time and resources to keep the club running smoothly. Our treasurer, Gabi Miles, donates her time and expertise to help with the club finances. She is in charge of collecting membership dues and she needs your help. Only 40% of the members have paid their dues this year! Please be a responsible member of the club and pay your dues before April 30<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$20/individual or \$30/family. You can pay at our monthly meeting on March 5th or mail a check to the above address. Thanks to all who have already paid.***

Melanie Pennington, Editor ([mlpenning@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mlpenning@sbcglobal.net))

People do not decide to become extraordinary. They decide to  
accomplish extraordinary things.  
Edmund Hillary

### **Special Thanks to our February Hike Leaders:**

Steve B., Doug B., Carol W., Josie B., Walt, Jane D., Lynne N., Karen G., Pete L., Ruth H., Ted H., and Jane M. braved the wintry weather to lead hikes in February. Thanks to all for your time and effort!

### **Hike Coordinators:**

Weekend Hike Coordinator for 2018: Penny Kragie [pakragie@gmail.com](mailto:pakragie@gmail.com) or (571) 643-6803

Weekend Hike Coordinator for March – Dick Lottes - (970) 229-0045

Tuesday Hike Coordinators – Jane and Dan Maddigan - (412) 680-8919

Thursday Hike Coordinators – Ted and Ruth Hartman - 970-292-8431 (Tom Bruch will be taking over in April)

### **Important Hike Information**

Loveland Mountain Club welcomes non-members to join us for any of the hikes we offer. Membership is encouraged after two hikes. Visit [www.lovelandmountainclub.org](http://www.lovelandmountainclub.org) for more information about club activities and membership.

- **Disclaimer: A hiker assumes the risk of any injury to person or property resulting from any of the inherent dangers and risks of hiking, snowshoeing or participating in any of the club's activities, including driving or riding to and from the trailhead, and may not recover from the Loveland Mountain Club for any injury resulting from any of the inherent dangers and risks aforementioned.**
- All participants must contact the hike leader to participate in a hike. Contact the hike leader at least three days prior to the activity
- Hike leader should notify participants in case of change of weather, etc. Participants should inform the hike leader if they are unable to make the trip
- If you want to go on a hike, pay attention to the hike classification (see below) to ensure that you are up to the challenge. Hike leader should discuss individual skills with each participant to ensure they are ready for the hike
- Participants should refer to the suggested hiking equipment list
- When hiking, lead and rear hikers should be readily seen. Person in front should wait for the slower hikers
- The last two cars of each trip should leave together so no one gets stranded
- Hike leader needs to be assertive as necessary; if in doubt, the hike leader is in charge and should not be questioned

- There should be a minimum of four participants. If there are not four, it is no longer a club activity
- Participants should pay gas money to the driver and bring a change of footwear and a bag for dirty boots

### Classification ratings

**EZ Hikes:** Hikes of less than 4 miles and less than 600' of climbing; these hikes will be highlighted in yellow.

- Up to 8 miles maximum round trip with elevation gain up to 1200 feet
- 8-12 miles maximum round trip with elevation gain of 1200 to 2500 feet
- 12-15 miles maximum round trip, and/or elevation gain of over 3500 feet. Steep or rough terrain may be encountered
- More than 15 miles round trip, and/or elevation gain over 3500 feet. Trips in this classification may require additional climbing skills
- Designates peaks of any classification as dangerous. Basic mountaineering skills and/or the approval of the leader will be required

Some hikes will not exactly fit these ratings and may be designated A/B or B/C, etc. to convey the real nature of the hike. In those instances, pay close attention to the stated distance and/or elevation gain and discuss with the hike leaders when you call them to arrange to join the hike.

### Hike Offerings

#### **Saturday Feb. 24; Wild Basin:**

This will be a class EZ, casually paced snowshoe hike in Wild Basin and will be approx. 3 miles round trip. It is an excellent beginning snowshoe hike with a rewarding view of Hidden Falls. This 100', frozen waterfall is formed from a seep as snow melts and freezes, forming an ice column that is enjoyed by the technical ice climbers. There will be approximately 150' of elevation gain. Call Ruth or Ted before Feb. 23 at 970-292-8431 for more information or to sign up for the hike.

**Sunday, Feb. 25:** No hike scheduled. Please contact Lynne Niemeyer at 309-824-5790 if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

#### **Tuesday February 27; Boulder Canyon and Dushanbe Teahouse:**

Class A+ hike, out-and-back hike with little to no elevation gain along the stream through Boulder Canyon. We will start in Boulder & hike about 4-6 miles round trip with arrival at the Dushanbe Teahouse in Boulder at 12:00 noon. The Teahouse is a rebuilt structure from Tajikistan presented as a gift to its sister city of Boulder. The hike is limited to 12. Please contact Jane Maddigan at [maddigan2@gmail.com](mailto:maddigan2@gmail.com) by February 21st for details and sign-up.

#### **Thursday March 1; Loveland Bike Trail:**

Easy walk under 4 miles and flat. We will start at 7 Lakes Park and explore Boyd Lake and perhaps further. Call Glenda at 970-669-2347 or email [seely.ge@comcast.net](mailto:seely.ge@comcast.net) for more information or to sign up.

## **Saturday March 3; Bear Lake:**

This should be a fairly easy snowshoe hike between 3 and 4 miles, elevation gain around 500 feet, starting at Bear Lake to Bierstadt lake and if weather allows we'll do the loop around the lake. I heard we could see moose. If you're interested, call Josie Beck at 970-632-3229.

## **Sunday March 4; Embryo Lake:**

This snowshoe hike crosses The Loch and requires some off trail hiking to get to Embryo Lake. The hike distance is about 7-1/2 miles and there is about 1500 feet of elevation gain, topping out at 10,300 feet. Class B hike. Call Jane D. for more details or to sign up for the hike: [jcdflyfisher@gmail.com](mailto:jcdflyfisher@gmail.com) or 260-413-2686.

## **Tuesday March 6; Pineridge Reservoir:**

This 4-mile hike will start from Spring Canyon Park in Fort Collins. We will go over the little ridge and down and around the Dixon Reservoir and back along the Foothills and Valley Trails to the Ridge Trail. There is a hundred feet of elevation gain. Contact Linda at 970-310-8163 or [ljmzimm@gmail.com](mailto:ljmzimm@gmail.com) for details or to sign up for the hike.

## **Thursday March 8; Lon Hagler Reservoir:**

This hike will be between 4 to 5 miles and will be an easy hike. We will be going around the lake where we will be able to see the mountains to the west and on the east we will have the view of the lake and the open fields. After this we will go down a short distance for a hike on the east side of the lake in the fields for a relaxing walk. The weather will determine what wildlife we will see. Contact Lupi at 970-667-7913 for time and meeting place.

## **Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>; Sky Pond:**

Class B Hike 8.0 mile round trip with 1,800 feet elevation gain, snowshoe hike, from glacier gorge TH hike up the drainage to the Loch, climb up Timberline falls to the majestic Sky Pond cirque. Contact Douglas 970 672 7629 or [douglasbxtr@gmail.com](mailto:douglasbxtr@gmail.com) for time and meeting place.

**Sunday March 11:** No hike on the schedule. Contact Dick Lottes if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

## **Tuesday March 13; Mills Lake:**

Beautiful Mills Lake will be a 5.5 - 6 mile R/T hike, depending on where we can park. Be prepared with both snow shoes and spikes. We will call this a Class A hike and will meander casually to enjoy the views and breathe without too much laboring. Call Carol to sign up 970-685-4943 or email [Ruggmor@aol.com](mailto:Ruggmor@aol.com) for time and meeting place.

## **Thursday March 15; Grace Falls:**

From our starting point at the Bear Lake trailhead (9,450') we will take what will likely be a well-tracked route that crosses Two Rivers Lake (10,620') about 3 miles in, then reaches Lake Helene (10,580') just beyond. Snowshoes may or may not be needed to this point but Micro Spikes or similar shoe traction

devices are recommended. Snowshoes will be required from Lake Helene to Grace Falls and back as we drop into the Odessa Gorge. Wind permitting, we will take a break before descending to the falls at an awesome viewpoint on the rocks to the north of Lake Helene. A sharp, snowy descent followed by a rising traverse will put us at the base of the ephemeral Grace Falls (10,260'). This can be a magnificent wall of blue ice in the winter. We will likely wander about a bit in the flats below Grace Falls and look for a sunny, windless lunch spot before climbing back out of the gorge by retracing our outbound tracks. Overall, this will be about a 7.5 mile class B+ effort with about 1,600' of gain/loss and a trailhead to trailhead time of about 6 hours. Our pace will be comfortable but one should consider this a moderately difficult hike in winter conditions. We will make a very slow (safe) descent on the steeps below Lake Helene and an equally slow ascent upon our return from the falls to the lake. I will meet the group at 9 AM at the ranger station at the Bear Lake Trailhead in Rocky Mountain National Park. If you would like to sign up for this hike or have any questions, contact Pete Langer at 970-227-3614 or [langner\\_pete@hotmail.com](mailto:langner_pete@hotmail.com).

**Saturday March 17:** No hike on the schedule. Contact Dick Lottes if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

### **Sunday March 18; Walker Ranch, Boulder:**

We will be doing the 7.50 miles/900' elevation gain Walker Ranch Loop. Be sure to bring micro spikes & snowshoes as who knows what the weather will be like. Email Kathy Langan for details or to sign up: [langandesign@yahoo.com](mailto:langandesign@yahoo.com).

### **Tuesday, March 20; Bobcat Ridge- Valley Loop Trail:**

This is a 4-mile round trip. Class=EZ with minimal elevation gain. Call Ruth H. for details at 970-292-8431.

### **Thursday March 22 Wathen Trail:**

This will be a class A hike including Horsetooth Falls and the Wathen Trail, a less used trail in the popular Horsetooth Mountain Open Space. It will be done at a casual pace and will be about 7 miles round trip with an elevation gain of about 800 feet. Traction devices may be required. Hikers are requested to sign up before March 20. Call Ted Hartman for the meeting place and time at 970-292-8431.

**Saturday March 24:** No hike on the schedule. Contact Dick Lottes if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

### **Sunday March 25; West Glacier Knob:**

This snowshoe hike will start by going up to The Loch. From there, we will move down the summer trail before going off trail to Serendipity Lake. After climbing The Knob, we will return to Serendipity and proceed off trail down a drainage to a beautiful little lake that we call Long's View Lake. After visiting Little Bear Lake and 3 more tarns, we will return to the trail and hike back to the Glacier Gorge parking

area. This hike is approximately 5 miles with about 1500 feet of elevation gain, Class A hike at a slow to moderate pace. Call Jane D. to sign up or for more details: 260-413-2686 or [jcdflyfisher@gmail.com](mailto:jcdflyfisher@gmail.com) .

## Tuesday March 27; Devil's Backbone:

This is a 6.2-mile round trip hike with approximately 300 feet of elevation gain. We will hike to the Keyhole and then continue on via the Hunter Loop to the Laughing Horse Loop. If you'd like to join us please call Gabi Miles at 970-227-1497 or Penny Kragie at 970-663-5674.

## Thursday March 29; Mahoney Park Loop Hike:

Enjoy the great views on the Ginny Trail leading up to Bobcat Ridge. We will hike along the ridge and then drop into Mahoney Park where we will have lunch. Then we hike down the DR Trail and back on the rolling Valley Trail. This is an 11.2 mile round trip Class B hike, with an elevation gain of about 1500 feet to the top of the Ridge. Check out <https://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/finder/bobcat> for more information. Casual pace. Contact Ron Tuttle at 970-667-4479 or [rktuttle7@gmail.com](mailto:rktuttle7@gmail.com) for meeting time and to sign up for the hike. Eleven people max.

**Saturday March 31:** No hike on the schedule. Contact Dick Lottes if you would like to lead a hike on this date.

## Tuesday April 3; Rabbit Mountain Open Space:

This 4-mile loop hike by Lyons has several hundred feet of elevation gain up the hill and around with great views of the mountains to the west. Contact Linda at 970-310-8163 or [ljmzimm@gmail.com](mailto:ljmzimm@gmail.com) to sign up.

## Thursday April 5; Black Lake and Above:

Our snowshoe hike today is a winter classic - Black Lake (and above) in the Rocky Mountain National Park. Black Lake is set in a deep well of vertical rock surrounded by ice-covered walls. Of special note, our route above Jewel Lake will be through the **Black Lake drainage which can only be done in winter**. From Black Lake, our intent is to continue up (+500') its inflow creek into the Upper Glacier Gorge to a rock outcrop where, weather permitting; we will stop for lunch in an incredibly scenic setting. Longs Peak, Keyboard of the Winds, Pagoda, McHenry's, The Stoneman, the sheer face of Spearhead gleaming in the sun, and even the distant Mummy Range will be our companions. Our pace will be comfortable to all but this is, nevertheless, a difficult class B+ winter outing at about 9 miles roundtrip with 1,950' of gain and the possibility of having to break trail. We will return the way we came utilizing the seat of our pants when possible for some of the steeper descents. Though much of the route will likely be on packed trail, **you must bring snowshoes!** Also recommended are some kind of shoe traction devices like Micro Spikes. I expect this hike to take about 7 hours trailhead to trailhead. **I will meet the group at 8 AM at the Glacier Gorge Trailhead** in Rocky Mountain National Park. If you would like to sign up for this hike or have any questions, contact Pete Langer at 970-227-3614 or [langer\\_pete@hotmail.com](mailto:langer_pete@hotmail.com).

