



LOVELAND MOUNTAIN CLUB
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President's Letter:

President's Message

Thank you to everyone who turned out on a very snowy night for our 42nd Anniversary Potluck Dinner. Over 40 of you enjoyed not only the great food, but also hearing Rich Griffeth of Bigtime Aventura talk about Hut to Hut hiking in Spain, France, Andorra and Patagonia. His pictures were amazing!

March for LMC means **CLUB ELECTIONS!** Fortunately, almost all of our Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs have agreed to continue for another year. We do, however have several openings that will need to be filled. Jane Davis will be stepping down from the two-person **Hospitality Committee**. I can't thank Jane enough for her years of setting up the refreshment table at our monthly meetings.

We also need 2-3 volunteers to serve on our **Program Committee**. Lynne Niemeyer and Linda Zimmerman have done a fantastic job finding and scheduling speakers for our monthly meetings. Linda will be transitioning out by August after doing an outstanding job for us.

Greg Coonfare, our **Vice President** would also like to find a replacement as his travel schedule will keep him away for most of this year. This is a very important job as it not only involves filling in for the President when she is not available, but also handling the audio/visual equipment for our speakers AND acting as Chairman for our Program Committee.

If anyone is interested in helping our Club continue to have exciting monthly programs and has an interest in filling any one of these four positions, please let me or any one of the Board Members know.

We also need a volunteer to be the November Weekend Hike Coordinator. This position requires someone to gather the hike information from the hike leaders who have signed up for weekend hikes in November and compile it and send it to the newsletter editor. If you are interested, please contact Penny Kragie at <mailto:pakragie@gmail.com>. There is a weekend hike planning meeting coming up on March 30th, please see details below.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Karen Goggin will be the Club's **Goodwill Ambassador**. We all know that we have members who are recovering from surgery, who have had

an accident, or who are dealing with an illness, injury or a loss of a loved one. If you find yourself in one of these circumstances or know of someone that is, please contact Karen at karenrae_angel@yahoo.com. She will make contact with the individual, send a card, or make a visit to our LMC member. We want our LMC members know that we care about them! You won't want to miss our March 2 Monthly Meeting as our speaker is Susan Jessup talking about the history and future of Sylvan Dale Ranch! And don't forget – our 2020 Dues are payable before April 30 (\$20 for individual and \$30 for couples/family). See you on the trail.

Betsy Mosehauer

betsy_mosehauer@msn.com

Club Meetings:

Monthly meetings are from 7 – 8:30 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3333 Duffield Avenue, Loveland, 80538, on the first Monday of the month (unless otherwise scheduled due to holidays). Monthly meetings are free and refreshments are provided by club members. **In an effort to reduce the club's contribution to landfill waste, we encourage you to please bring your own reusable mug or insulated container to each and every meeting if you plan to enjoy the provided beverages.**

Monday, March 2, 7 PM: Susan Jessup

Susan Jessup is 2nd generation owner of Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch west of Loveland. She will share with us the history of the Sylvan Dale Valley including the purchase of the Ranch by her parents in 1946 and the growth and challenges that followed up to the inspiring succession plan for keeping this legacy on-going for future generations. You might even pick up a few "life lessons" along the way!

Monday, March 30, 9:30 AM: Weekend Hike Planning Meeting

Please join us on Monday, March 30 at 9.30am to plan weekend hikes for May through October. We will meet at the home of Penny Kragie. Please RSVP at <mailto:pakragie@gmail.com>. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to lead a hike, email Penny with the date and destination, if you have one in mind. If possible give an alternative date as this will help with the scheduling. Hope to see you on the 30th.

Monday, April 6, 7 PM: Jane Davis and MJ Bergstrand, sharing their hiking experiences across England.

Editor's Notes:

Once again we have a nearly-full hike schedule for next month! Thanks to all our hike leaders for being willing to share their time and expertise with us.

When deciding on a winter hike, please note that the hike classifications are based on the distance and elevation gain, just as they are for summer hikes. Any hike that requires snow shoes or traction

devices will be harder than the same hike done without the extra weight on your feet and the extra care taken to maintain upright status on slippery trails. If you are a beginner at winter hiking, please take this into account when deciding how difficult of a hike you can manage. Our hike policy states that the hiking group only hikes as fast as the slowest hiker, so you don't need to worry about being left behind. On the other hand, our hikers are asked to be considerate enough to only participate in hikes where they have a reasonable chance of keeping up with the group. If in doubt, contact the hike leader for more information.

Melanie Pennington, Editor

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It is the first mild day of March:
Each minute sweeter than before...
There is a blessing in the air,
Which seems a sense of joy to yield
To the bare trees, and mountains bare,
And grass in the green field...
We from to-day, my Friend, will date
The opening of the year.
Love, now an universal birth,
From heart to heart is stealing,
From earth to man, from man to earth:
—It is the hour of feeling.

~William Wordsworth (1770–1850), "To My Sister"

Special Thanks to our February Hike Leaders:

Ted H., Jane D., Paulo A., Danielle B., Steve B., Carol W., Doug B., Robert L., and Jane M., volunteered to lead hikes last month. Thanks to all for your time and effort!

Hike Coordinators:

Weekend Hike Coordinator for 2020, Penny Kraigie: pakragie@gmail.com or 571-643-6803

Weekend Hike Coordinator for March, Dick Lottes: mailto:longs91peak@yahoo.com

Tuesday Hike Coordinators, Jane and Dan Maddigan: maddigan2@gmail.com or 412-680-8919

Thursday Hike Coordinator, Tom Bruch: tabruch@msn.com or 970-405-7794

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 for more information about club activities and membership.

Disclaimer: Members and guest hikers must sign the LMC Liability Waiver, which can be found at the end of this newsletter. Please submit the signed waiver at one of the club meetings, or mail it to the club at the above address.

- 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 (please see web site).
- 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.

- A. Up to 8 miles maximum round trip with elevation gain up to 1200 feet
- B. 8-12 miles maximum round trip with elevation gain of 1200 to 2500 feet
- C. 12-15 miles maximum round trip, and/or elevation gain of over 2500 feet. Steep or rough terrain may be encountered
- D. More than 15 miles round trip, and/or elevation gain over 3500 feet. Trips in this classification may require additional climbing skills
- E. 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:

Tuesday, February 24; Arthur's Rock:

Arthur's Rock is a Fort Collins landmark in Lory State Park with spectacular views of Fort Collins and the reservoir from the top. Round trip distance is 3-4 miles with elevation gain of slightly over 1,000'. Based on the elevation gain, the hike is classified as an "A" hike. Microspikes or other traction devices are recommended, and in the event of snowshoe level snow it could be converted to a snowshoe hike or an alternate trail in the Park. Please email robertlink97@comcast.net if you are interested in this hike.

Thursday, February 27; NCAR:

Two options are possible for this hike depending on trail/weather conditions. The first is an A/B hike of 7.6 miles with 2,811 ft. elevation gain. It is the Bear Peak Canyon Loop in the network of trails in NCAR. Our second option is a longer A/B out-and-back trail to Bear Peak West Ridge via NCAR and the Mesa Trail. It is 9.6 miles with 2,847 ft. elevation gain. The hike is limited to 8 hikers due to limited parking in the area. Contact Jane Maddigan at <mailto:maddigan2@gmail.com> to sign up or for more details.

Saturday, February 29: Caribou Ranch:

Caribou Ranch is a place steeped in history with mining, ranching, movie sets and a recording studio located about two miles north of Nederland, CO. This easy to moderately paced trek will be 4.5 miles RT with elevation change of 308' and top elevation about 8,800'. This Class A hike will loop around the Blue Bird Mine complex and the Delonde Homestead as well as a diversion dam on the North Boulder Creek. This hike takes place in a scenic setting and has a unique look in the winter. Depending on conditions as we get closer, we may use spikes or even snowshoes. For questions or to sign up, email Tom Bruch <mailto:tabruch@msn.com> or call at 970-405-7794.

Sunday, March 1; No Hike Scheduled: Contact Dick Lottes at longs91peak@yahoo.com if you would like to lead a hike on this day.

Tuesday, March 3; Lake Helene Snowshoe:

This scenic Class B hike begins at Bear Lake. Our round trip distance is 6.5 miles with 1,340 feet elevation gain. At our destination we will enjoy views of Tourmaline Gorge surrounded by its various 11,000-and 12,000-foot peaks. To join the hike, contact Danielle Brown at draker55@yahoo.com or 970-980-4642.

Thursday, March 5; Wild Basin Snowshoe:

Wild Basin hike is a very easy EZ-A hike 3 miles RT/100 feet elevation gain from the Wild Basin entrance of the RMNP on CO-7. March being the snowiest month in Colorado, we should snowshoe up the summer road until the Ranger's station (bathrooms), and continue until Copeland Falls. Snow on the ground will decide snowshoe or traction device. Bring both, and walking sticks. Only 8 hikers. Contact: Jean-Paul "Paulo" Alvarez chateamesa448@yahoo.com or cell: 410-693-7408.

Saturday, March 7; Black Lake:

Class B Snowshoe hike, 9.8 mile round trip with 1,500 feet elevation gain. From Glacier Gorge Trailhead take the winter trail to the Mills Lake/Loch junction, head to Mills Lake, crossing both Mills and Jewel on the way to Black Lake, which situated at the bottom of McHenry's peak. Contact Douglas at 970-672-7629 or <mailto:douglasbxtr@gmail.com>.

Sunday, March 8; No Hike Scheduled: Contact Dick Lottes at longs91peak@yahoo.com if you would like to lead a hike on this day.

Tuesday, March 10; Deer Mountain:

This 6.2 R/T hike begins at the Deer Ridge Junction on Trail Ridge. For most of the hike we will be in the forest, gradually climbing about 1,100 feet (only the very last part is steep). At the top you will relax and be rewarded with broad views of many mountains, Beaver Meadows, Moraine Park, and Estes Park. [Mailto:Ruggmor@aol.com](mailto:Ruggmor@aol.com) or call Carol at 970-685-4943 to sign up.

Thursday, March 12; Twin Lakes:

This rather aggressive snowshoe hike is out of the Wild Basin Area. We will hike toward Thunder Lake, taking the unimproved trail up toward the campsites. We will then leave the trail and bushwhack up a large hill to the small lakes nestled among the trees. We will then return the same way. Total mileage for the hike is roughly 9 miles and there is 1600' of elevation gain. Call Jane D. for more information or to sign up: 260-413-2686 or jcdflyfisher@gmail.com.

Saturday, March 14; Michigan Ditch Snowshoe:

This Poudre Canyon trail features a gradual incline with reliable snow on a snow covered jeep road that is used to maintain the Michigan Ditch, part of the trans-mountain water storage system that funnels water from the western slope to the front range. You get views of the Nokhu Crags, Never Summer Mountains, cabins and trees along a snowy landscape. The trail starts at Cameron Pass and can extend all the way to American Lakes but we will go about 2.5 miles up to the junction with the American Lakes trail and turn around for a 5 mile easy Class A snowshoe hike. Starting elevation is 10,248' with about 350' gain. For more information or to sign up, contact Tom Bruch at <mailto:tabruch@msn.com> or call 970-405-7794.

Sunday, March 15; Trail Ridge Road Snowshoe:

A level, out and back snowshoe. Trail Ridge Road is closed above Many Parks Curve - elevation 9,620 ft. and we will start from that parking lot and head out for about 1 1/2 hours and then return. We'll have views of Mummy Range, wind-sculpted snow and wind-and-fire sculpted trees as we head towards Hidden Valley area. Be on the lookout for birds: mountain chickadee, gray jay and white tailed ptarmigan. Traction devices/snow shoes and leg gaiters are recommended on this hike led by Ruth Hartman and Cine Webb. Please contact Ruth Hartman at 708-341-8810 or <mailto:ruth.hartman5719@hotmail.com> for meeting time and place.

Tuesday, March 17: Saint Patrick's Day Hike at Devil's Backbone:

Class A hike, 7-8 miles. As we hike the Wild, Hunter and Laughing Horse Loops we will discuss some of the history and natural features of this Open Space, including the Ditch, the Mill, and the birds that nest there. Please wear something celebratory and green in honor of St. Patrick. Hike will be led by Cine Webb and Ruth Hartman. Please contact Ruth at ruth.hartman5719@hotmail.com, 970-341-8810 for meeting time and place.

Thursday, March 19; Spruce Lake:

This hike will take us to Spruce Lake, a beautiful lake that is 0.6 miles northwest of Fern Lake. Along the way we will visit Arch Rocks, the Pool, and Fern Falls. We will also enjoy great views of Castle Rock and Gabletop Mountain. A 1-mile unimproved trail will finish our hike to the lake. This hike will be a class B hike of 9.6 miles round trip with elevation gain of 1510 feet. We will hike at an intermediate pace and will probably need spikes and/or snowshoes. Figure on a full day of hiking! A maximum of 8 hikers will be taken on this trip. Contact Ted Hartman at 970-292-8431 before March 17 for additional information.

Saturday, March 21; Doudy Draw & Flatirons Vista Loop:

Doudy Draw & Flatirons Vista Loop: This A hike will be a loop trail in Boulder. Beautiful views of the Flatirons on this 10 mile, 1,026 feet elevation gain hike. Hike is limited to 8 due to parking restrictions. Contact Jane Maddigan at <mailto:maddigan2@gmail.com> to sign up or for more details.

Sunday, March 22; West Glacier Knob:

This snowshoe hike will leave from the Glacier Gorge Trail Head. We will hike up to the Loch and then bushwhack from there to Serendipity Lake. From there we will climb the Knob, return back to the Lake, then visit 3 beaver ponds and another lake that we call Long's View Lake. From there we will return to the winter trail and hike back to the parking lot. This class A hike is 5 miles in length and has about 1250 feet of elevation gain. Call Jane D. for more info or to sign up: 260-413-2686 or jcdflyfisher@gmail.com.

Tuesday, March 24; Triangle Mountain:

Triangle Mountain is located about a mile this side of Glen Haven. The little used trail starts off very steeply but after a short distance it moderates. The hike is 6 miles round trip with 1300' of elevation gain and is rated A. The trail is a little hard to find in a few areas but we will persevere! The view from the mountaintop is one of the best in the Front Range, so the hikers will not be disappointed. Hike is limited to 11. Contact Ron T. at <mailto:rktuttle7@gmail.com> or call at 970-667-4479.

Thursday, March 26; Emerald Lake:

This easy A hike (or snowshoe, depending on the conditions) is about 4 miles out and back, with an elevation gain of 650 feet. Beginning at Bear Lake we will pass Nymph Lake and Dream Lake and continue on to Emerald Lake, with beautiful views of Hallet Peak and Flattop Mountain. For more information or to sign up for the hike please contact Penny Kragie at <mailto:pakragie@gmail.com> or Gabi Miles at 970-227-1497.

Saturday, March 28; Lake Haiyaha via Chaos Creek Snowshoe:

This Class B snowshoe trip is a loop from Bear Lake to Lake Haiyaha via Chaos Creek and back to Bear Lake. At our destination we'll enjoy views of turquoise ice and stunning winter perspectives of two 12,000-ft mountains: Otis Peak to the south and Hallett Peak to the north. We'll descend from Haiyaha by going off trail using GPS to guide us, then over Nymph Lake and down the southwest ridge of Bear Lake. We'll travel approx. 6.5 miles RT with 1,185 elevation gain. To join the trip, contact Danielle or Irene: Danielle at draker55@yahoo.com or Irene at iborchers@comcast.net.

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Tuesday, March 31: No Hike Scheduled. Please contact Jane Maddigan at maddigan2@gmail.com if you are interested in leading a hike on this date.

Thursday, April 2; Old Ute Trail:

Class A+ hike. Starting from the Upper Beaver Meadows Parking Area, we will casually follow the Old Ute Trail. It eventually reaches Trail Ridge Road and the Utes' prehistoric Hunting Grounds, but we will only go about 4 miles up (800' elevation gain), for a round trip of approx. 8 miles. The views of Long's and the Meadows are lovely, and we may see some wildlife. [Mailto:Ruggmor@aol.com](mailto:Ruggmor@aol.com) or call Carol at 970-685-4943 to sign up.

Tuesday, April 7; Horsetooth Reservoir Ridge:

This point-to-point class A+ hike starts at Reservoir Ridge/Michaud Spur Trail Head, extends south for a total of 6 miles with 1,300 ft. elevation gain and ends at a parking lot overlooking the reservoir. Limit of 8 hikers. Contact Danielle Brown by April 4 to join: <mailto:draker55@yahoo.com> or (970) 980-4642.

Hike Leaders: *If you lead a hike in RMNP, please call the RMNP Backcountry Office at 970-586-1242 and report any changes in trail conditions after your hike. They have requested our help as they cannot cover the hundreds of miles of trails. Also call this number the day before your hike for the latest road, trail and weather conditions at the Park.*

Interested in posting your "Club Hike" pictures to the club Facebook page?

- Please submit pictures for LMC Facebook posting to the new email account LMCphotos98@gmail.com.
- Please send photos to above address with hike destination and trip leader(s) as the email subject by end of day after hike

The number of pictures posted to Facebook is limited to 10 so the possibility exists that all your pictures will not be posted. Request you do not annotate your pictures, please. Visit our Facebook page Loveland-Mountain-Club to see photos from recent hikes.

Check out the Loveland Mountain Club website for more information about the club:

www.lovelandmountainclub.org

Useful Telephone Numbers:

Rocky Mountain National Park – Backcountry Office 970-586-1242

Rocky Mountain National Park – Emergencies 970-586-1204

Colorado Road Conditions 303-639-1111

Larimer County Emergency Number (connects to Sheriff) 970-416-1985 (or just dial 911)

Links to useful weather information can be found at joandfrede.com/wx/mountain_weather.ppt.

Loveland Mountain Club Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnification

Parties and Definitions. The individual whose name appears at the bottom of this waiver shall be referred to as "Participant." Loveland Mountain Club, Inc., is a Colorado non-profit corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Colorado and registered with the Colorado Secretary of State. Loveland Mountain Club, Inc., including its employees, agents, volunteers, instructors, guides, officers, directors, and members shall be referred to as "Released Parties." Loveland Mountain Club and its employees, agents, volunteers, instructors, guides, officers, directors, and members either partially or wholly sponsor, organize, direct, conduct, or pay for various recreational activities, events, and trips that include, but are not limited to: hiking; snowshoeing; mountain biking; skiing and geocaching (collectively referred to as "LMC Activities").

Specific Activity if Not a Member of LMC: _____.

Waiver: Participant desires to participate in LMC Activities. In consideration and exchange for allowing Participant to participate in LMC Activities, Participant, for him/herself, heirs, personal representatives and assigns, agrees **not to sue the Released Parties, and to hold harmless and release any Released from any and all liability and/or claims for any injury, death, accident, illness, property damage, or property loss** arising from Participant's engagement in the LMC Activities, including, but not limited to, those claims based on any **Released Party's alleged or actual negligence or breach of any express or implied warranty.**

Assumption of Risk. Participation in any recreational activity or LMC Activities carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. The specific risks vary from one activity to another. Some risks include but are not limited to: 1) minor injuries such as scratches, bruises, and sprains. 2) major injuries such as broken bones, eye injury or loss of sight, joint or back injuries, heart attacks, and concussions. 3) catastrophic injuries including paralysis and death and/or 4) exposure to unstable, steep, slippery terrain, wild or poisonous animals, insects or plants, altitude sickness, lightning, cold weather, avalanches, various other forces of nature, extreme remoteness from medical facilities, and/or equipment malfunctions. I understand and agree that I am solely responsible for my own safety and well being while participating in LMC Activities.

I have read the previous paragraphs and I know, understand, and appreciate these and other risks that are inherent in participating in LMC Activities. I hereby assert that my participation is voluntary and I knowingly assume all such risks.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless. I also agree to **indemnify and hold** Released Parties **harmless** from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities including attorneys' fees brought as a result of my involvement in any LMC Activities and to reimburse the Released Parties for any such expenses incurred.

Severability: Participant expressly agrees that the foregoing waiver and assumption of risks agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Colorado and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Acknowledgement of Understanding: I have read this waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, fully understand its terms, and **understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue.** I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, and **intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability** to the greatest extent allowed by law.

PARTICIPANT

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

If Participant is a minor under the age of 18 please **also** fill out the legal guardian's information below.

PARTICIPANT'S LEGAL GUARDIAN

Print Name _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Date _____