



TOMMYKNOCKERS TALE

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Happy Spring!!

April brings with it warmer temps and no April showers so far ☺. Estimates for snowpack this year range anywhere from 50% to 57% of normal. Course Director Charlie Thorn sends out monthly updates to the [listserv](#) that are also included on our [homepage](#) & [Facebook](#) pages. You can view [historical snowpack data](#) on our website as well. (Right: Bear Creek Trail on March 12)



The Lucky 145

April tends to be the month when we start to see some movement on the [wait list](#). If you have wait listed friends and fellow runners who are asking you if you are feeling ok or if you'd like to go for a night training run down a dark alley be aware that their motives may not be totally altruistic! If for some reason, you find yourself unable to join us in July, please let us know as soon as possible. The people on the wait list will love to take your place!

Need a place to stay?

We've fielded questions about where, if anywhere, are there [places to stay in Silverton](#). We're aware that lodging is tight and we're working on some options: Cascade Village and Purgatory Ski resort both have vacancies. They are located about halfway between Silverton and Durango. Also, don't forget about Ouray. Hardrock doesn't put the same type of lodging pressure on Ouray as it does on Silverton, and Ouray does offer some great lodging options. We're also working on some designated camping spots in and around Silverton...stay tuned on this one.

Hardrock & Art

We currently have 2 crowd sourcing art contests in progress - the contest for the 2018 finisher's poster and the contest for the [2018 t-shirt design](#). The art selection committee has almost finished their work on the finisher's poster. Look for an announcement in the next week or so. The t-shirt contest is still open, please [email Dale](#) if you'd like more information on that one.

(Right: Steve Collins models our 2016 shirt design)



Runner Tracking

As most of you are aware, part of your Hardrock entry fee goes toward providing you, your crew and your friends and neighbors the use of a [SPOT tracking device](#) that you will wear during this year's run. The benefits and advantages are many. Once again we are happy to partner with [MAProgress](#) and [OpenSplitTime](#) to provide accurate and up-to-date coverage. Part of the success of runner tracking is where you wear your device during the run. **We ask that the device be worn on your shoulder so satellite transmission can be optimized.** As you begin to think about what you will be wearing during Hardrock, please plan for allowing space for the tracker.



Thanks to Our Partners

We have a few more offers to share with you from our partners. We're happy to welcome a new partner as well as welcome back a longstanding one. Thanks to both of them for sharing their products with us!!



What is that you say?

This month's featured part of the Hardrock organization is our [Communications](#) group. As you might imagine, maintaining a solid communications network in our environment is no small feat (no pun intended). This dedicated group of volunteers serves a multitude of functions and we couldn't do what we do without them. They are responsible for the placement and operations of multiple radio transmission repeaters, coordinating and conducting radio transmissions between field operations and headquarters and serving as an integral part of our emergency services plan. Our ability to keep track of you and being prepared to respond to any type of emergency we or you encounter is greatly facilitated by their efforts. Thanks Communications, you're the best! KDOPUM out!



That's it for this month! Keep up with us on our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for all that's happening as we get ready to see you all in July!!!