



Tommyknockers Tale February 2025 Edition

We try to keep this short, sweet and entertaining. If there is anything in here that you need more information on or are curious about, just reach out to us at dale@hardrock100.com.

Hardrock Hall of Fame

As part of our 30th running of Hardrock celebration, we will be inducting our inaugural class of the Hardrock Hall of Fame. This class includes many who were instrumental in creating the Hardrock Hundred or whose name has become synonymous with Hardrock. What they all share is that by their actions, attitudes and abilities, they have represented and contributed to the Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run in a positive and significant manner. We'd like to introduce you to the inaugural Hardrock Hall of Fame class: Kirk Apt, John Capps, Dale Garland, Gordon Hardman, Betsy Kalmeyer, Lois MacKenzie, Charlie Thorn and Blake Wood. Watch for how we are going to help celebrate this class as we get closer to July!

(Please) Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

It was a cold but relatively dry January in the San Juans due to the increasing strength of the La Niña weather pattern. In a La Niña pattern, the jet stream traverses the northern Rockies leaving the San Juans (literally) high and dry. As of January 31st only 51.9" of snow has been recorded in Silverton (lowest amount since 2017-2018 when there was no snow at all on the Hardrock course in July). Not a welcoming correlation. For comparison, the 30-year average snowfall by February 1st is about 90". The peak snowfall in the San Juans occurs in February and March with typically 30" in each of these months. Fingers crossed we get at least the average amount of snow to lessen the fire danger as we move into spring. If you'd like to monitor things yourself, here's a great [link](#) with lots of data!

[Hardtalk Podcast](#)

If you haven't listened to our Hardtalk podcast, we strongly encourage you to check us out. This month we are featuring a great conversation with 2025 Hardrock entrant Leah Yingling. Check Hardtalk out wherever you get your podcasts.



Say hello to Silverton

Each month we'd like to give our communities a chance to say hello to you. Let's start with Silverton!

Silverton, Colorado sits at 9318' elevation nestled high up in the heart of the San Juan Mountain Range. This little mountain hamlet is home to the Hardrock Hundred Endurance Race and hosts the start and finish line. Silverton is your basecamp to adventure and offers all high alpine endurance sport activities year around. Welcome to life at 9318'!

Hardrock Zoom Sessions

Please join us for monthly zoom sessions to help answer questions and share information leading up to your Hardrock experience. Join 17x Hardrock finisher Chris Twiggs as he and his guests share their knowledge and experience about becoming Hardrockers. This month's panel is our Veterans Panel on Thursday, 2/20. Check your email for the zoom link as well as the link to submit questions. Here's the rest of the schedule:



Feb 20	6 pm MDT	Veteran's Panel
March 20	6 pm MDT	Preparing and training for Hardrock
April 17	6 pm MDT	The Hardrock community-the towns of Hardrock, Camp Hardrock
May 15	6 pm MDT	Crewing and aid stations at Hardrock
June 19	6 pm MDT	The Hardrock course (conditions, marking, etc.)



Welcome Nitecore

We'd like to give a warm Hardrock welcome to a new partner, [Nitecore](#), who will join us in Silverton in 2025. Watch for more info on their partnership coming soon.

Ways to stay in touch with Hardrock:

Just a reminder, the best ways for you to keep up to date on what is happening with Hardrock are our [website](#), [listserv](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

We acknowledge the land the Hardrock 100 traverses is the ancestral homeland of the Ute, Puebloan and Diné people. Information about this land is often told from dominant perspectives, without full recognition of the original land stewards. We invite others to join us in this acknowledgment to heal, renew and reaffirm the First Nations' history and continued presence in Colorado and pay tribute to these traditional homelands and its people.

Hardrock is conducted on public lands under special permit from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service. Thank you to both for helping make Hardrock possible.

That'll about do it for this month. If there is anything we can do for you, please don't hesitate to reach out.