

Tommyknockers Tale

March 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 Snow Report

With the arrival of March we are about 2/3rds of the way through the snow season and it's looking like the 2024-2025 will be below average - not terrible, but still disappointing. The February snowfall in the San Juans was below average and as result the snowpack on the Hardrock course is only at 70% of the historical average. In Silverton, the February snowfall was about 24" (compared to the average of 30")

and the total seasonal snowfall of 78.7", more than 10" below the average of 90".

On the bright side, we've had more seasonal snow than last year when March 1st saw a seasonal total of only 64" in Silverton. But it's still looking like a dry spring, so fire concerns are becoming a reality. Silverton typically gets 30" of snow in March, so we'll see if the current trend changes. See for yourself as measured at the [SNOTEL site](#) on top of Red Mountain Pass. Of special interest is the Snow Water Equivalent, which measures how much moisture is in the snowpack.



Hardtalk Podcast

Join Chris and Dan this month as they feature two great conversations: one with Hardrock legends Mark and Margaret Heaphy, who have over 25 Hardrock finishes between them and the other with "[Your Diet Sucks](#)" founders Zoë Rom and Kylee Van Horn. Check Hardtalk out wherever you get your podcasts.

Hardrock Gives Back

Hardrock believes that giving back to the ultra community is important. We ask that each of you find a local ultra event and give 8 hours back. You can document your hours by going to your OpenSplitTime account or by following directions [here](#). Please remember that your giving back needs to be completed by **June 15th** and your form must be uploaded to OpenSplitTime by **June 23rd**. *If we don't have your service form by then, we'll give your starting spot to someone on the waitlist.* Also, did you know you can double check to make sure we have received it on our [entrants page](#)?



Say hello to Ouray

Each month we'd like to give our communities a chance to say hello to you. Here's the "Switzerland of America", Ouray:

Greetings, fearless wanderer! Nestled amid the grandeur of the San Juan Mountains, Ouray extends a warm greeting as you tread upon the trails of determination. As you navigate the breathtaking landscapes, remember that our quaint town stands as both a sanctuary and a testament to your endurance, marking the halfway point at an elevation of 7,792 feet. May the altitude inspire your spirit, and the second half of your journey be as rewarding as the heights you've conquered thus far. Keep forging ahead with the heart of a true mountain explorer!





Fido a Hardrocker??

We all love our dogs and many of us have spent many a mile on the trail with them. For the health and safety of all during the race, on-course runners AND pacers are only allowed to run with their pups (and family if you like) from the intersection of the Shrine Road and Nute's Chute to the finish (about 1.5 miles).

Hardrock Zoom Sessions

This month's zoom session is entitled "What to Expect" and will feature Hardrock Aid Station Director Brad Bishop as well as experienced crew members and aid station captains. Join 17x Hardrock finisher Chris Twiggs on Thursday, March 20th at 6:00 MDT as he welcomes his guests. Here's the zoom [link](#). Have a question for the panelists? You can submit it [here](#). All sessions will also be recorded and available on our [YouTube Channel](#).



And while we're talking about aid stations, let's talk parking. As in 2023, we will be implementing parking and crew access guidelines at our aid stations. Of particular interest will be Cunningham Gulch, Animas Forks and Chapman Gulch. We'll be reviewing these at our zoom session this month as well as getting the word out so that you and your crew can plan accordingly.



Hardrock Happy Hours

We're looking forward to seeing all of you at our Happy Hours! These social events are great ways to get to know other members of the Hardrock community, meet Hardrock staff and even walk away with some SWAG from Hardrock and our partners. If you call the Front Range of Colorado home, we'll be at [Shoes and Brews](#) in Longmont on April 18th, starting at 5:00. Watch for other Happy Hour dates coming soon.



Runners Manual and Course Description

We've begun to field questions about when the 2025 Runners Manual and Course Descriptions will be available. Generally speaking, we'll finish those up in late May and get them out in June. In the meantime, if you'd like a preview, here's the [2024 Runners Manual](#).

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](#)

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.

We acknowledge the land the Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run 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.



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