

The Tripod



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The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.

The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance promotes public awareness of the Iditarod Historic Trail and its gold rush and Alaska Native heritage by encouraging education programs and historical research, assisting in the protection, improvement, maintenance and marking of the Trail and developing partnerships that foster stewardship commitments and support.

Time to renew membership



Thanks to the members who have renewed. Every member is an important part of our mission to preserve, protect and promote the Iditarod National Historic Trail.

Renewal forms have been sent to all members. If you have not yet renewed, please do so as soon as possible. If you misplaced your form, check our website for the dues categories and send your dues to the address above.

Our membership year runs from January 1 to December 31.

From the past...

“Iditarod Pioneer” December 14, 1912

CHRISTMAS TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN

That the children of Iditarod and district will be surfeited with toys this Christmas season is the opinion of those who have examined the sources of supply. Two stores there are in Iditarod that have displays calculated to bring joy to every child's heart, while the mechanical toys have given such pleasure to grownups that the storekeeper is kept busy all day exhibiting them.

The Northern Commercial Company is making a specialty of toys this year and has a variety of fine dolls and dolls' houses, ABC blocks, zig-zag games, wash tubs and boards, dark lanterns, squeaking dolls, buzzers, air guns, watches and picture books. Then they have a whole menagerie of animals, including teddy bears, rabbits, dogs, etc. A large proportion of the toys have been disposed of and those who want to make gifts to their little friends must make haste.

William Ansley's big store on Richmond street is in holiday attire, and he has a fine display of toys and other holiday goods, Bill's specialty this year is the mechanical toy, and he has a wonderful assortment.

Last year there was scarcely a toy in the camp, but this season the children are being as well served as if they were living in some great metropolis.

Hurst Bros., of the Imperial cigar store, are also making a specialty of Christmas candies in boxes or in bulk. As they are overstocked low prices prevail, and purchasers should look them up.

Mrs. T. L. Thurstan of the Postoffice candy store, will be very busy the next two weeks filling orders for homemade candies. The Postoffice candy store has made a great reputation, and you must order early if you do not want to be disappointed.

Elections

The results of the election for board of directors:

Seat I (Norton Sound Region): Stephanie Masters Johnson (Nome)

Seat J (At Large member #4): Jonathan Sewall (Seward)

Seat K (At Large member #5) Kristen Bey (Nome)

Board of Director officers elected to serve in 2021 are:



President - Judy Bittner, Anchorage
Vice- President-Jonathan Sewall, Seward
Treasurer-Leslie Schick, Anchorage
Secretary-Stephanie Johnson, Nome

Mystery author dies

Alaska murder mystery author Sue Henry, age 80, died in Anchorage on November 20. The first of her 17 novels *Murder on the Iditarod Trail* was published in 1991. It is a mystery set during the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Suddenly the top Iditarod contestants are dying in bizarre ways: first a veteran musher smashes into a tree, then competitors begin turning up dead, with each murder more brutal than the last. State trooper Alex Jensen begins a homicide investigation, determined to track down the killer. The novel won the Macavity and Anthony Awards in 1992 and was adapted for TV as “The Cold Heart of a Killer.”

Race Across Alaska Winter Challenge

Race Across Alaska Winter Challenge, a multi-sport challenge, is a great way to get outside while challenging yourself to stay happy and healthy during winter. You will also be helping to help build and maintain some of the best trails in the world. Here is how it works. You can run, walk, fat bike, indoor bike, cross-country ski or swim 125 miles, 225 miles, 350 miles, 850 miles, or 2,000 miles.

The goal is to log as many miles as you can over the three months of winter, doing any of six sports to get (virtually) from location A to B: • 125 miles = Anchorage to Seward, AK, that's 1.4 miles/day • 225 miles = Anchorage to Homer, AK, that's 2.5 miles/day • 350 miles = Anchorage to Fairbanks, AK, that's 3.9 miles/day • 850 miles = Anchorage to Deadhorse, AK, that's 9.5 miles/day • 2,000 miles = Ketchikan to Deadhorse, AK, that's 22.3 miles/day.

You will have the ability to log your miles, track your progress, collect virtual badges and see how you rank on the leader board daily. You can invite others to this challenge to help you to stay motivated all winter long. The challenge will start on December 21, the first day of winter and continue through March 20. The challenge is also a fundraiser for the Alaska Trails development of the Alaska Long Trail. For every racer that participates, \$10 will be donated to Alaska Trails, plus racers can donate additional funds to support the development of the Alaska Long Trail.

The challenge will have a Zoom Kickoff Party on December 21 at 4:30 pm AK Time to cheer everyone on, go over the details and wish everyone luck. Additionally, the challenge will have occasional pop-up Zoom and/or Zwift free workouts for anyone in the Facebook Race Across Alaska Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/824863588292365>

To register and find out more see: <https://www.raawc.com/Race/AK/Anchorage/AlaskaChallenge>

iTREC! 2020-2021

Due to COVID-19 instead of the regular Iditarod to Every Classroom! (iTREC!) training program, the 2020-2021 training features a collection of webinars. More information and detailed descriptions of the webinars are available at the Alliance website: www.iditarod100.org



Best Wishes for the New Year!

