

The Tripod



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



The Trail for all Seasons

The Alliance promotes public awareness of the Iditarod 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.



Membership dues

Thanks to the members who have renewed their membership and special thanks to those who gave donations to the Alliance in addition to their dues.

If you have not yet renewed your membership please do so as soon as possible.

Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance will be November 30-December 1.

The first day will be a workshop for the board members. The annual meeting of the Alliance will be on December 1 at the Lakefront Hotel in Anchorage, 4800 Spenard Road.

Don't forget to mail in your ballots and also your proxies, if you are not attending the annual meeting. We must have 25% of the members present in person or by proxy to have a quorum for the meeting.

Safety cabins article



The Summer 2016 issue of *Pathways Across America*, published by the Partnership for the National Trails System, contains an article by our President Judy Bittner, "Safety Cabins along Alaska's Iditarod National Historic Trail."

You can read the article on line: go to Partnership for the National Trails System, click on Resources, and on that menu click on Pathways Archive, the Summer 2016 issue will be the first one shown.

Looking for Christmas gifts?

The holidays are just around the corner, get a jumpstart on your shopping at the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance shop: www.iditarod100.org/shop.

Enter the code MEMBER2016 in the Notes to Seller during checkout and receive a **free** patch with any order over \$10.



From the past...

"Iditarod Pioneer" November 4, 1916

WINTER TRAIL OPEN

Mail for Seward Leaves Next Monday and Every Succeeding Week Till April 30

The first consignment of mail over the Seward trail will leave Flat on Monday next, and every succeeding Monday until the end of the contract term on April 30. This is according to instructions received by Tom Boyd, the carrier in charge of this end of the route, during the past week.

Contrary to the custom in previous years, the mail will be made up in Flat, which will relieve the local office of considerable labor, which will be transported to the Flat postmaster. This is due to the fact that the routing of the mail has been changed to include Ophir, and Iditarod becomes a way station thereby.

In all probability the mail from Seward for the Interior will leave on the same day, and to meet the contract requirements it should reach here not later than Saturday, December 2. However, it may be that an effort will be made to push the consignment through ahead of schedule. With good trails the trip can easily be made in twenty days. The last mail to be received here was on October 11, and thus a period of nearly two months will have elapsed during which the district has been entirely without mail service.

Mail will close on Sunday of each week at 5 p. m. at the Flat postoffice, and at 10 a. m. Monday at the Iditarod office.

Trans- Canada Trail

The not-for profit organization, Trans-Canada Trail, was created in 1992 with the goal of constructing a 24,000 km trail



spanning Canada from north to south and east to west. The trail is now 21,500 kms long and it is expected to be completed in 2017 as a part of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Dominion of Canada in 1867, when the separate British colonies of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick united.

iTREC!

The fall Iditarod Trail to Every Classroom (iTREC!) workshop was held in Seward on November 4-6. There are 16 teachers in the program this year.

The participants explained their proposed projects and spent some time on the Iditarod Trail in the Seward area.

On the 4th board members Dan Seavey and Lee Poleske talked to the teachers about the history of the Iditarod Trail and the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

25th anniversary honored

On October 24 the Seward City Council passed Resolution 2016-064 honoring the 25th anniversary of the Seward bike path saying:

The bike path has been enjoyed by the citizens of Seward for 25 years thanks to both the city and those organizations and individuals that made the bike path a reality.

The City of Seward will maintain the path so that future generations can enjoy it.

The City of Seward will continue to promote the bike path as the first miles of the Iditarod National Historic Trail.

"A dog is one of the few remaining reasons why some people can be persuaded to go for a walk." Jack Canfield