

# 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 Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance promotes public awareness of the Iditarod Trail and its gold rush and AlaskaNative 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.



**Alliance membership dues for 2018 are now due.** A renewal form was enclosed with last month's newsletter. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so soon. This is also a good time to up-grade your membership.

### Annual meeting and election of board members

The annual meeting of the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance will be held in Anchorage on November 29 and 30.

The first day will be a workshop for the board members. The annual meeting of the Alliance will be on November 30 at the Lakefront Hotel in Anchorage, 4800 Spenard Road.

Ballots and proxies will be sent to members on November 9.

Deadline for return of ballots and proxies will be November 22.

Board seats up for election and candidates recommended by the nomination committee:

Seat I-Norton Sound: Stephanie Masters Johnson

Seat J at large # 4: Jonathan Sewall

Seat K: at large #5: Annie Bill

To conduct business at the annual meeting we need at least 25% of the members present in person or by proxy, so it is very important that you send in your proxy if you cannot attend in person.

### 50/40

Next year will be the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System Act as well as the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the 40th anniversary of the creation of the Iditarod National Historic Trail.



With the passage of the National Trails System Act in 1968, America was given a gift, the creation and protection of some of Americans' favorite places to discover the great outdoors. Trails that celebrate outdoor adventure and history. For more

information go to: [www.trails50.org](http://www.trails50.org)

Congress established the Iditarod as a National Historic Trail in 1978. A May 17, 1978, Senate report noted that the Iditarod National Historic Trail "...offers a rich diversity of climate, terrain, scenery, wildlife, recreation and resources in an environment largely unchanged since the days of the stampede. It is the isolated,

## From the past...

"Fairbanks Daily News-Miner" September 21, 1915

### TWO PIONEERS ARE HELPED BY BUNNELL

Martin Louis of the Iditarod will be sent to the Pioneers' Home. He is a man 55 years of age who has spent 22 years of his life in Alaska. He is suffering from partial paralysis. Governor Strong agreed to admit the old-timer to the home provided he was not suffering from a contagious or infectious disease, and so Judge Bunnell has advised the proper sources in the Iditarod to send Mr. Lewis to Sitka. The money will be taken out of the indigent fund.

There is now confined in the hospital at Flat, in the Iditarod country, an old timer by the name of Alex Cornwall. Fate has dealt severely with this trail blazer. He was in the Kuskokwim last summer, suffering greatly from what proved to be appendicitis. A revenue boat put into the mouth of the river and the doctor aboard the vessel was told that there was a man in great distress a little distance up the river. The doctor hastened to the cabin in which the pioneer was suffering, diagnosed the case, and decided that in order to save the life of the man an immediate operation was necessary.

Accordingly the operation was performed. Almost immediately thereafter the doctor had to leave and Cornwall lay there without immediate attention and with his wound still open and refusing to heal. Last winter he was taken over to Flat City and placed in the hospital where he has been ever since. Dr. Aueringer has taken charge of the case and has done everything possible to relieve the unfortunate man who is without funds. He has been given permission to enter the Pioneers' Home at Sitka by Governor Strong, and Judge Bunnell is willing to pay his expenses to Sitka.

But the poor man is too ill to move. It is not thought that he will live much longer, his side being open, and his general condition very bad. Judge Bunnell will probably pay the physician whatever he deems the fund can stand, for Dr. Aueringer has certainly been a faithful and patient friend to Cornwall. There seems but little chance of Cornwall ever leaving the hospital this fall.

primitive quality of this historical environment that makes the National Historic Iditarod Trail proposal unique. Nowhere in the National Trail System is there such an extensive landscape, so demanding of durability and skill during its winter season of travel. On the Iditarod, today's adventurer can duplicate the experience and challenge of yesteryear."

## Connected

On August 26, 2017, Trans Canada Trail along with partners and supporters, marked the official connection of The Great Trail across Canada with celebrations, almost 200 in total, in every province and territory.

At the celebration in Ottawa, Hudson's Bay, the major partner in the project, announced the result of its fundraising effort: \$1,000,000 to support The Great Trail across Canada.

And while August 26 marked the official cross-country connection of the Great Trail across Canada, now spanning 24,000 kilometers and touching 15,000 communities, Trans-Canada Trail plans to continue its work, to turn roadways into greenways where possible, to make the trail more accessible to all and to usher in a new chapter where the trail will grow, improve and thrive for years to come.



## Grad student seeks input on outdoor recreation survey

Christian Mogensen, a graduate student at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, is conducting a survey regarding people's experience with outdoor recreation. The survey is part of Mogensen's effort to collect data for his graduate project.

His project centers around getting people more involved with outdoor recreation, and the benefits associated with outdoor recreation activities. Mogensen is also the outdoor adventures assistant coordinator at DRAW, UAF's Department of Recreation, Adventure and Wellness. If you have any questions, you can contact Mogensen at: [cgmogensen@alaska.edu](mailto:cgmogensen@alaska.edu)

The survey takes about 10 minutes, and is open to everyone over 18 years old. Find the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6QFG7Z3>