



Running Wild | August 2022

Run Wild Missoula Executive Director: Snow Joke Update

The Cheetah Herders, were a unique and charming running club in the Seeley Lake area. They crafted the Snow Joke race all the way back in 1980! (Not to be remiss about also establishing the Le Grizz 50-miler two years later.) Western Montana is a tiny neck of the woods and its quite rare to find such long-standing events, especially with Snow Joke in the heart of Montana winter.

This organization built some long-lasting race traditions, comical signage and seemly laissez-faire spirit (although I think this is by design) that pushes the Snow Joke into icon status.

I personally have fond memories of listening to the Joker's Creed, reciting the 'Ranger's Pledge' and frequently being startled at the start line by Pat Caffrey's shot gun. I proudly display my sashes at home.

And who didn't often wonder, how they managed to make a loop course uphill the whole way? My sentiments are not unique, contributing to a flourishing race spanning four decades.



After the Cheetah's retired from their events, almost 10 years ago, ownership has changed a few times. Worth noting, as this is a common question we receive, RWM has never owned the Snow Joke, but simply helped assist with race and course management for the past handful of years. But at this time, we will step away and let the Snow Joke continue without RWM involvement. We plan to focus on our hub of community events that promote our mission and support our core values.

On behalf of RWM, we wish the Snow Joke and all those affiliated and running to enjoy the long, amazing tradition that has been established. Perhaps I'll see you up there... it's been a long time since I ran 13.1 miles... uphill... in the snow!

Enjoy Every Step!

Trisha

Tony Banovich High School XC Scholarship



Run Wild Missoula is proud to announce the Tony Banovich High School Cross Country Scholarship Fund. Tony was a passionate coach for all levels of running, nevertheless, he strongly believed that all high school levels created impact for students. He saw high school running as the launching pad to lifelong runners.

It is in his honor and with his spirit in mind that Run Wild Missoula through the Tony Banovich Memorial Fund is offering 34 high school XC scholarships for gear and races.

For more information, click [here](#).

BOP News!

Run Wild Missoula welcomes runners and walkers at any pace. We make

that welcome even more inviting with activities aimed at the Back of the Pack (BOP) Our program is always evolving, reflecting the interests of members. BOP Socials are a great way to meet other runners and walkers in our community of all paces!

- Join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays for an interval focused run/walk! We are excited to announce that **Kaya McCutcheon** will be leading our Tuesday & Thursday groups!
 - More information can be found [here](#).
- The August BOP Social will be the long awaited BOP Birthday Bash and Reunion happening on Sunday, August 21st. For more information, click [here](#).

Stay up to date about BOP Socials by joining the [Run Walk Run Wild](#) Facebook group or subscribing to the Monthly BOP bulletin by emailing backofpack@runwildmissoula.org.



River City Roots Run • August 27th

River City Roots Festival is our region's largest arts and music festival. River City Roots Fest draws more than 15,000 individuals to the heart of Downtown Missoula for a variety of fun activities and exceptional music and of course the 4 mile Roots Run!

For more information & to register, click [here](#).



Last Wednesday Beer Run • August 31st

Join us at **Lolo Peak Brewing** on Wednesday, August 31st

A 3 and 5 mile course will be offered. Our beer runs are open to everyone - Run Wild Missoula membership is not required. As outlined in our "Rules of the Run," for safety reasons, we ask that dogs are not present during the Beer Run.

Questions? Please contact our [Chancellor of Libations](#)

More info, click [here](#).



Annual Member Meeting • September 14th

Save the date for the **2022 Annual Member Meeting** on Wednesday, September 14th at Imagine Nation Brewing! There will be an optional group run/walk at 5:30 p.m. We'll then treat you to dinner before we begin our Annual Meeting of Members around 6:30 p.m.

Come find out what your club has been up to this past year and see what's in the works for 2023! The Run Wild Missoula Board of Directors will give a report, acknowledge exceptional volunteers and ask for your input. As always, there will be time to socialize with running and walking friends.

We kindly ask that you RSVP so that we know how many folks to expect and any dietary restrictions!

For more information & to RSVP, click [here](#).



Fierce Fab 5k • September 25th

Save the date for the 2022 **Fierce Fab 5K** (formerly known as Diva Day) on Sunday, September 25! The Fierce Fab 5K encourages and supports all women, transgender, non-binary, or otherwise marginalized people because of their gender identity. It also support our male counterparts who celebrate women and are working to grow equality and awareness. Same great race, different name!

For more information and to register, click [here](#).



Mntwi l Nl?ay Virtual Half Marathon • September 1st - 30th

Wondering what's next after your Missoula Marathon or Half? Run Wild Missoula is honored to offer a Virtual Half Marathon with 100% of race proceeds going to [All Nations Health Center](#); to deepen our commitment to learning more about and supporting our local Indigenous communities.

All participants receive half marathon training plan, custom finishers medal and 1/4 fleece pullover.

Additional information and registration, click [here](#).



Missoula Marathon Committee

Although the 2022 Missoula Marathon has come and gone, we are already looking into 2023! Do you want to be a part of the weekend's excitement? The Missoula Marathon Committee has some open spots. Commitment includes monthly meetings (weekly as we approach race day), additional meeting with others from your particular area, then execution of your position including setup and tear down on race day. Take your volunteerism to the next level and join our group!

For more info or to inquire, please email [Trisha](#).



RWM Club Miles

So far this year, we have run or walked 57,509 miles! RWM Members who run or walk over 1200 or 2000 miles in one year will receive a Run Wild Missoula customized gift. Even if you didn't run or walk over 1200 miles, we still encourage you to post your miles! We love to see how much activity our club really does.

To register for the 2022 Mileage Club, click [HERE](#).

*** You will need to re-register for the Mileage Club if you did it last year to continue logging miles ***

[Video: How to log miles](#)

For more information about Mileage Club, click [here](#).

If you have any questions, email [Sally](#).



Around Town

[Robert's Run](#), Hamilton, MT

[Hoofin' it on the Ranch 3k, 5k, 10k!](#), Powell County MT

[Paddle, Bike, Run!](#), Powell County MT

[Canine Classic](#), Greenough, MT

[Cedar Creek Marathon](#), Columbia Falls, MT

[Zootown Challenge](#), Missoula, MT

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