

AE Skiers who participated in the club's last two trips to Telluride undoubtedly will have met (or at least seen) Hawkeye Johnson. Some of us were fortunate to have been able to ski with him.

Charismatic and loads of fun, Hawkeye (Mike) is a former CT resident and he is prominent in Telluride as an adaptive ski instructor and philanthropic fundraiser. As an instructor with TAS (Telluride Adaptive Sports), he can often be seen on the mountain with blind skiers, amputees and individuals with Down Syndrome. It was a chilling experience to watch him during one of his lessons with a blind skier.

Hawkeye has earned the Triple Crown of long-distance thru-hiking, twice completing the Appalachian Trail, the Continental Divide Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail. Since 2007, through his foundation, GoHawkeye Foundation, Hawkeye has raised in excess of \$50,000 for adaptive sports in the Telluride area. Just this past summer, his 250-mile hike raised \$8300.

GoHawkeye, as a non-profit 501(c)3, is now a registered organization with AmazonSmile. This is a program where Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organizations selected by customers. Shop at smile.amazon.com and you will be donating to help the GoHawkeye Foundation. It's a simple step: Register at smile.amazon.com, designate GoHawkeye Foundation as the charitable organization of your choice, and once done, all you need to do is go directly to smile.amazon.com to make your Amazon purchases in the future. There is no extra fee nor are there extra steps for you to take in order for your donation to go directly to GoHawkeye.

Read more about Hawkeye Johnson and his amazing efforts at his website: GoHawkeye.org.

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