



Trail Blazer

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February 2018

Upcoming Events			Events
Date	Day	Event Description	
----- February -----			
2	Fri	Three Rivers Movie - MMC	Feb 2 (Fri) "Three Rivers" Movie presentation. MMC - See page 8.
3-4	Sat-Sun	Tyee Open	Feb 3-4 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Open - Host Only Tyee open from 3 PM Sat. thru mid-morning Sunday. I am hosting a night snowshoe the night of Feb 3. I expect to arrive at Tyee Lodge by 3 PM that day. We will be just coming off a full moon so hopefully we have a clear sky for a night snowshoe. At the moment the event is bring your own food but that could change should a large number of people RSVP. Register With: Nathen Barton, farmersbranch2014@gmail.com Please register by Jan 27.
6	Tue	TCO Board meeting MMC	
7	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	
15	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	
15	Thur	Blazer Deadline	
16-18	Fri-Sun	Tyee Open, Kids Free Weekend	
21	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	
23-25	Fri-Sun	Tyee Snow Fun Weekend	
25	Sun	TCO Hike Group Meet & Greet	
28	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	
----- March -----			
6	Tue	TCO Board meeting MMC	
7	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	
9-11	Fri-Sun	Tyee back pack planning, food drying	
15	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	
15	Thur	Blazer Deadline	
21	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	
23-25	Fri-Sun	John Day Back Pack: Class A	
28	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B	
30-1	Fri-Sun	Deschutes River Backpack – Class B	
Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org			
TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2			
Donations to the History Committee - A special fund has been set up to help pay the cost of the History office. Those wishing to contribute to the History fund can do so by sending a check to the club at PO box 69061, Portland OR 97239-0061. Mark the check "History"			
Donations in general will not be refused. They will be put to good use. Remember, this is your club. If, like your editor, you can't contribute physically as much as you used to, there are other ways ... Ed.			
Tyee Fireplace Insert Chaz notes that we have about \$1200 of the requested \$5000 estimated for the fireplace insert. Donors should include "Tyee Fireplace Insert" on the memo line if paying by check.			
			Feb 7 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader. Leader: Phil Crosby, 503-636-1853, ascot4433@gmail.com
			Feb 14 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader. Leader: Nancy Overpeck, 360-836-5464, 503-806-2900, overpeck@wa-net.com
			Feb 16-19 (Fri-Mon) Tyee Kids Free Weekend Come join us for the 4th annual Tyee Free Kids weekend. Adults pay the normal lodge fee. Kids are free. Food is potluck to keep costs down. Bring what you would bring for your family and plan on sharing with others. There will be planned activities and outdoor sledding along with some snow shoe trips up West Leg Road. Night hikes possible. Lodge is open Presidents' weekend, Fri through Mon (16-19), . Glen and Linda Conrad will open the lodge on Fri, hosting through Sun. Cheryl Wagner hosts Sun through Mon. Dorms will be COED to meet special needs Bring sleeping bags, warm clothes for the snow, food and snow shoes or X-country skis. Normal lodge fees apply for adults: \$15.00 for each member and \$25.00 for guests (per night). Sign up on Meetup https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/245997448/ Host: Linda Conrad (Fri-Sun), Sheryl Wagner (Sun-Mon) lcrconrad@aol.com drwagnernd@gmail.com

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The purpose of the Trails Club is to foster and stimulate interest
in hiking, climbing, skiing, camping and other similar outdoor
activities and to promote activities of a social nature for the
benefit of its members. The Club's interests and concerns are
conservation of natural beauty and resources of the country. All
Club activities are affected by the voluntary participation of the
members. Membership requirements include an approved
outdoor activity, a scheduled lodge visit, recommendations by
two members within a one-year period, approval by the Board of
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Feb 21 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2
to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area,
often in Forest Park.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or
call or email the leader.

Leader: Wayne Schweinfest, 503-253-3073,
wSchweinfest@msn.com

Feb 23-25 Tyece Snow Fun Weekend

Hop on your snowboard, skis, snowshoes or sled and
enjoy a great time in our winter wonderland!

Enjoy the toasty fire and cozy living room when you're
done. And don't forget game time! We have every kind
you can imagine along with puzzles. Tyece will be open
Friday at 1:00 p.m. until noon on Monday. Dinners and
breakfasts will be served with some gluten free foods, but
lunches and snacks are on your own. Families are
welcome. Hosts: Diane Brooke and Mike Haasken.
Email waterdi.diane.brooke@gmail.com to register or
ask questions. 503-781-2791

Feb 25 (Sun) TCO Hike Group Meet & Greet

Come see old friends and make some new ones. Take the
first step towards emerging from winter hibernation and
into hiking mode. Spring is coming! We will discuss hike
leader requirements and give you the opportunity to sign
up to attend or lead hikes.

Meet: 5 PM Old Market Pub - 6959 SW Multnomah Blvd,
Portland, OR 97223

Feb 28 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2
to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area,
often in Forest Park.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or
call or email the leader.

Leader: Audrey Perino, 503-522-9911,
audrey53@comcast.net

Mar 7 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2
to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area,
often in Forest Park.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or
call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

**Mar 9-11 (Fri-Sun) Tyece back pack planning and
food drying weekend**

Trails Club of Oregon is a hiking club. This weekend we
will prepare dried foods for back packing meals. Bring your
food dryer. We will prepare and possibly trade off dried
meal plans. Bring your food drying books and foods you
will need to prepare your dried meals. We will also try to
plan a back pack for every weekend throughout the
summer. There are many people who lead. The TCO is
interested in developing back pack leaders for all lengths
of hikes from 3-6 miles to 15-19 mile per day hikes.
Durations for hikes can be as short as one overnight to a
week long back pack or more on the beautiful trails in our
area and away. I will bring a large calendar and try to get
back packs and possibly day hikes scheduled with
leaders. We will discuss protocol and safety for hike
leaders. Bring your hiking books and ideas.

We will plan a day hike for Saturday leaving the lodge around 11:00AM. Meals will be provided Sat lunch - Sunday lunch. Standard meal charges apply (\$27.00 total). Bring your own food if coming up Friday. Standard lodge fees apply.

To Register go to TCO Meetup page. www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/246246748/

Host: Linda Conrad lcgrconrad@aol.com

Mar 14, 21, 28 (Wed) Morning Hikes – Class A

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leaders: TBD

Mar 23-35 (Fri-Sun) John Day Backpack: Class A

Total miles 12+

We will meet on Friday afternoon to drive to Cottonwood Canyon State Park. We will back pack the three miles down river to the pinnacles and set up a camp somewhere along the river. On Saturday we hike 3 miles back to the campground, then another 3 miles upriver to camp. We can day hike to the top of the ridge if desired. On Sunday we can hike out and do a day hike on the south east side of the river; approximately 6 miles round trip. The park has a great history display full of relics from the past. Bring your own food, warm clothes, rain gear, tent, warm sleeping bag, insulated pad, gloves, hat, long johns. I believe we can have a fire, but will research that. There are river otters, eagles, hawks, snakes, deer, mountain sheep. A beautiful area to explore. If you cannot make it Friday, we can plan to meet up with you on Saturday morning. See the Blazer back page for carpooling charges.

Register: On Meetup <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/246248473/>

Leader: Linda Conrad

Mar 30 - Apr 1 (Fri - Sun) Deschutes River Backpack: Class B

Our 5th annual Deschutes River Back Pack. We will hike from Macks Canyon to the Mouth of the Deschutes River, 22 miles, then drive to Mack's Canyon. We'll pay a shuttle driver to take our cars to the mouth of the Deschutes. The fewer cars the better. Cost/car for shuttle is \$100, divided among all hikers. We backpack 6 mi. day one, 6 mi. day 2 and 10 mi. out on Sunday, day 3. Day one has some mild up and down hiking in and out of old collapsed railroad culverts. Day 2 we will reach the Harris Ranch. Day three is an easy 10 mile hike out on a road with gentle downhill grade. There's a nice open barn we can chill in and build a fire in an old burning barrel out of the rain and wind. There's room for some camping in the open barn. Bring your own food, warm clothes; long johns, hats, gloves, rain gear, tent, sleeping bag, winter insulated pads, camp stove, first aid kit, water bottles, and rope to hang food as we have encountered bears. We've also spotted eagles, bears, river otters, deer, mountain sheep, raccoons, skunks and snakes.

Leaders: Linda and Glen Conrad.

Register: On Trails Club of Oregon Meetup site.

Meeting Places

Friendly House

NW Thurman and 26th. TriMet bus service on routes 15, 17 and 77 is nearby.

Gateway TCO

From I-205: take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple blocks and park in the Park and Ride garage. Meet at the SE corner of the structure (near the stairs) on the sidewalk (directly inside if it is raining).

From I-84: take I-205 and follow the above exit and instructions

Mazamas Mountaineering Center (MMC)

is a common meeting place for Board meetings and other administrative functions. It is located at 527 SE 43rd Avenue, one block south of Stark St.

Rose Villa

13505 SE River Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222, is a common place for club meetings
Adventures and Travels meets in the Rec Hall, Fireside Room. Parking on Shroeder Lane, off of Courtney Rd by River Rd. Park before end of road, walk to multiple garage buildings on right, turn right, walk down ramp to your right. It is a yellow building, with a central arch on top, visible from River Rd.

Follow Treasure House signs. Map of Rose Villa, follow route C or B to the Recreation Hall (Treasure House signs)

<http://trailsclub.org/events/Images/2014RoseVillaMap.pdf>

Target

is a common westside meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185th Ave and drive south to Evergreen Pkwy turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr., Park and meet on the west side of Target's parking lot across from Starbucks Coffee. Tri Met bus service on routes 47, 52 and 89 is nearby.

Tryon Creek State Park

sometimes used for Wed. AM (and other) hikes.

From I-5 South: Take Terwilliger Blvd. exit, bear right, heading south past Taylor's Ferry Rd. and bear left at split to Boone's Ferry Rd, right at second roundabout exit, staying on Terwilliger. Park entrance is on the right about one mile past the roundabout. Park near the Nature Center.

Meetup Website

The Trails Club Meetup site allows event planners to organize TCO events online. While we try to get every event in the Blazer and on the Trails Club web site (www.trailsclub.org), some events, especially those that are planned on short notice, may appear only on the TCO Meetup site at: <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/> Ed.

TCO on the Web

Do you get directed to a website that isn't what you want?

Remember - typing www.trailsclub.org in the browser address (URL) box always works. Ed.

Trails Ahead

**Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River
June 22-24, 2018 (Fri-Sun)**

Belknap Lodge and Hot Springs on the gorgeous McKenzie River is the setting for this 13th annual outing. The resort, about 150 miles from Portland, has two mineral spring-fed swimming pools and acres of landscaped gardens and trails. Visit the resort website at www.belknaphotspings.com for photos and details on the lodging choices. Recreational opportunities in the area include: hiking, mountain biking on the McKenzie River Trail, fishing, boating on nearby lakes, whitewater rafting trips, golfing, and other natural hot springs.

The outing is Fri and Sat nights, with an option of Sun night on your own. Sat and Sun breakfasts and Sat appetizers/campfire dinner will be provided. Fri night is an optional potluck dinner. Lunches are not included. There will be a 7 mile loop hike Sat to view Sahalie Falls and around Clear Lake.

LODGING OPTIONS (per night, including tax): TENT SITES for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each additional person) are \$32.94. There are 4 drive-up tent sites near the "group area" where we have meals, and 1 "wheelbarrow your gear" tent site across the river.

RV SITES for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each additional person) are \$38.43 w/no sewer hookup or \$43.92 w/ sewer hookup.

CABIN prices are divided by the number of people, ranging from \$148.23 for 1-2 people, to \$301.95 for up to 6 people (\$10 each additional person).

LODGE ROOMS range from \$120.78 to \$153.72, varying from 2 to 4 people (\$10 each additional person).

TO REGISTER (open Feb 1st for TCO members/ March 1st for nonmembers):

- 1) Contact Vicki Wood at 503-850-4366 or vw48@comcast.net to inquire about lodging availability (all lodging has already been reserved at the resort for this outing);
- 2) Mail a \$25 nonrefundable deposit and completed application/liability and medical forms for each person to:

Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 69061, Portland, OR 97239.

These forms can be downloaded from our website at www.trailsclub.org in the "outings" section under "Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River" (balance of payment is due May 14th and is nonrefundable unless there is someone on a waiting list who wants your accommodation). The outing is limited to a maximum of 40 people. TCO is not responsible for providing or arranging your transportation to or from the outing.

Randy Dietrich and Carla Haake - A Dual Commitment to Service - Sylvia Milne

PART 1 – THE STORY OF RANDY AND CARLA (based on notes from a 4.5 hour interview with Randy on January 8, 2018, personal experience and observations)

A true Oregonian, Randy Dietrich was born December 1, 1953 at Portland's Emanuel hospital. His Dad worked for BPA (Bonneville Power Administration), and he lived in the Laurelhurst neighborhood, attending Rose City Park Presbyterian Church. In 1972, he graduated from Benson High School.

As a result of church connections, Randy was hired during the summer before college as a seasonal "Boatman" to work at the East Lake Resort. Located right on the caldera of the Newberry Volcano, this resort offered fishing boats, bicycles, hiking and cabins. Years later, Randy organized a TCO Family Camp Outing at Fort Stevens for some ten years, with facilities similar to a campground near East Lake.

After his summer adventure, Randy registered as a freshman at Oregon State University, to pursue interest in an engineering career, joining Phi Kappa Theta. His only distraction was sharing his first term Physics lab with Carla Haake, later to become his wife. Spring term, beyond his wildest dreams, Carla walked into his lab, sat down at his table and asked if she could be his partner. His first thought, she probably thinks I was the one first term with the super-duper calculator. Torn by the thought of "being rejected by the cutest girl in class," he still felt obligated to explain the calculator belonged to Billy Byrd, his first term lab partner. So he fessed up. It turned out she was not impressed by the speed of data reduction produced by the new calculator replacing a slide rule. She just noticed his scores were high and wanted to improve hers, or so she said.

Next fall, Randy was sad when Carla didn't return, but surprised when she called the following summer to see if they could hang out. In preparation for their "date," he carefully picked out what he thought to be an appropriate movie, but found that she really preferred walking in nature. So from that point on, walking they did, all over NW Portland. No use spending money on a movie or meals out, when they both enjoyed just being together outdoors. Later, Neahkahnie Mountain & Opal Creek became favorite Oregon hiking spots, along with cross-country skiing and tent camping.

Randy and Carla had other commonalities; both their fathers were electrical (power) engineers. However, Carla lived a few places growing up. She was born May 1, 1954 in Eugene, living there through Jr Hi. Her family moved to Pasco WA, where she graduated from high school in 1972. Then, back to Beaverton while she was in college, and to Hood River just before she graduated. Finally her parents moved to The Dalles, where they still live.

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Following in their fathers' footsteps, Randy and Carla graduated with engineering degrees, Randy in 1976 and Carla in 1978. Why not in the same year? Well, having studied general engineering at Benson high school, Randy knew what he wanted and pursued it.

But, after a dry year of pre-engineering courses, unsure of her career path, Carla dropped out of college for a year, working for Tektronix (Tek) as a silk screener. Upon returning, she remained in general engineering until the middle of her second year, when she switched to Civil Engineering. Through practice, she became interested in Hydrology, spending time in nature to study "characteristics, distribution, and circulation of water on and below the surface of the land and in the atmosphere." But the switch to Civil Engineering extended her studies another year.

After graduation, Randy secured a job with Tek, continuing a long distance courtship with Carla as she finished her degree program. Shortly after she graduated, they married in a Hood River Lutheran church with a reception at the Haakes' home in Hood River. Randy retired 25 years later, becoming a consultant.

Carla, looking for just the right fit, worked several places over a ten year period including: Ch2m Hill, KPFF, and the Corp of Engineers. Then Carla found her dream job with the USFS – NW Region, where she worked for just under a year before "retiring" and becoming a full time mom and then a quilter. Many Trail Club members were recipients of her amazing talent. She presented me one, when I graduated from Marylhurst University in 1997 with a Social Science degree. My quilt is diamond patterns of black and white with bold red accents. Humm...

During our interview, Randy highlighted three interesting work assignments Carla completed during her 11 year career. She established a 100 year flood plain, by working in the field to identify water marks left by the 1964 flood. Never leaving her Portland desk, Carla produced design work for an irrigation plan in Saudi Arabia. Ensuring its consideration, she signed her work "CH", neutralizing gender. Also, she helped create a hydrology model for the Elk Creek Dam near Medford.

Before settling down to raise a family, Randy and Carla formed a partnership with her father in The Dalles and were open to sharing their outdoor experiences with different groups. They became co-owners of HD vineyard, located on 33 acres, hiring a manager, one with his own vineyard and wine label, to plant and sell their grapes. Randy and Carla spent many free weekends building Carla's folks a house and helping to prune the orchard and vineyard.

Laura Gainer, a Tek colleague of Randy's, introduced them to several outdoor groups. At a XC Ski-Tek outing at Crater Lake, Laura suggested checking Trails Club of Oregon, handing them a flyer. They looked it over and became excited about this organization that did many of the outdoor things they liked to do (Hike, Ski, and Camp) and started attending TCO hikes.

One of their great adventures on a Trails Club hike, starting at Multnomah Falls and hiking up the Larch Mountain Trail, was their first visit to the club's cabin. According to Randy, "On the trip to Nesika we really had no idea where we were going, just a hike in the gorge to a "cabin." Also, he claims, "At that time TCO members loved "surprising" people with Nesika and went out of their way to NOT talk about the lodge in detail" prior to arrival so they could see the look of amazement in the "newbie" faces.

As part of the cabin tour, there was mention of how this 'George guy' was the one who stepped through the decaying floor boards of the cabin's eating area and how at the next work party there was a plan to overlay the area with plywood. Excited by their visit to Nesika, Randy and Carla made plans to attend their first work party. As an experienced carpenter, Randy knew that covering up rotten boards with plywood was hardly a long term solution. But at that time, only George and members of the planning committee knew of the grander plans in store for the lodge.

Shortly after Randy and Carla's first introduction to the Trails Club, they decided to join. Sponsored by Laura Gainer and Lou Sowa (the grandfather of our website), they submitted their applications and were accepted into membership at the 1986 February Board meeting. For the next several years, they fully enjoyed the group experience, spending time hiking in the Columbia River Gorge with their new found friend Paul Sawyer. Then life slowed down, with the arrival of their son Eric born on November 13, 1989 (just after the club "razed" the old log cabin) and their daughter Kira on August 22, 1992. A direct benefit to the club, they became part of the "regulars" rebuilding and maintaining Nesika. For Randy and Carla, they gained extended family.

Now Randy and Carla's nest egg, located just outside the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, is known to grape buyers as the Hillside vineyard. As planned, the investment financed their children's college and allowed Carla's father to enjoy his retirement as a hobby farmer. Over the years, the Trails Club has benefited. At more than few work parties and outings, Randy has shared his bounty, such as fresh fruit from the orchard, along with dried fruit, juices and cider. Recipients are most grateful.

Another story Randy told, instantly brings a big smile to my face. The subject is Randy's meal prep at Nesika. To me, and maybe Fern Anderson, cooking at Nesika with a woodstove in the kitchen, begs for home-baked bread on the menu (neither of us are gluten-free), which then fills the lodge with that yeasty homey aroma. Keeping that in mind, Randy shared with me a time he was reading a book in front of the fire midafternoon when Fern Anderson approached him, asking if we had a cook. As confirmation, he gave her a rundown of his menu and food prep schedule. To him, cooking is more about timing, to allow for more enjoyable things, like not being tied to a hot stove. Most important to Randy, is fresh and nutritious food, not overcooked and served promptly, allowing for other activities.

To be continued... (First installment of a two-part article)

Surplus January Print Blazers Wanted - Katherine Carrella sent me this:

Thank you for publishing the article about Angelo. It means a lot to both of us.

She went on to ask if there were additional copies of the Jan. Blazer she could send to family members I had to inform her that we no longer print excess copies. Anyone wishing to donate theirs should contact her at: carella@mindspring.com

Remember - Dues are due! And remember dues for all adult members are now \$50.00/Yr.

The dues form can be downloaded from: http://www.trailsclub.org/tco_forms/yearly_dues.pdf
\$5.00 late fee applies after February 1. Send your payment to:

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Or use PayPal

From our new Conservation chair, Candace Bonner

Love it or lose it

Love it, stand up for it, take care of it, or lose it. Your Conservation Committee is back! Why does a Trails Club need a conservation arm? You can't enjoy hiking, backpacking and camping in the wild places you love if there are no wild places left, for starters. And the love part, the giving back part, of course goes much deeper than that. The Trails Club has a long and prestigious history in Oregon, and conservation activism has been a strong component of that history.

What is our mission? We have much in common with our sister outdoor club, the Mazamas, also with a long and prestigious history in Oregon, and which has kept conservation as a strong component of their mission. Both clubs are founding members of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs in 1932, a coalition of outdoor clubs continuing to advocate for conservation. The Mazama conservation committee is interested in working synergistically with TCO.

I have presented their proposed agenda to the TCO Board for consideration, as an agenda we would be willing to sign on to and work together to achieve with the Mazamas:

1. Protect Lands in the Public Trust

Wilderness Areas, National Monuments, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Oregon State Parks, National and Oregon State Forests are but a few of the names for lands held in the public trust. Our objective is to preserve these areas and their histories for future generations to experience, and for the critical ecological roles they play supporting human and environmental health.

2. Promote Healthy Northwest Forests

Oregon and Washington's forests are core to our NW identity. Our objective is to advocate for better stream protection, healthy timber harvesting practices, protection of old growth, and to promote understanding of the effect of our forested lands on local climate, rainfall, and mitigation of the effects of climate change.

3. Support an Inclusive Conservation Ethic

The areas where we climb, hike, and explore are more than just our backyards, they are complex and dynamic natural places that are home to plants and animals that we must protect to maintain the health of the natural world: its forests, rivers, and biological diversity. This objective is about being in balance with nature, not taking a dominant stance, and integrating this perspective into collective and individual actions, such as restoration activities, and care to "leave no trace."

The Mazamas have invited us to kick off our cooperation by joining them at a film presentation on Feb 2, 7 PM, at the Mazama Mountaineering Center, at 527 SE 43rd Ave. (43rd and Stark.) This is a "Three Rivers" presentation, three films about three rivers, beautiful places first degraded, but later restored, by human activity. These films have been shown to sold-out crowds, but this evening is free, with a suggested donation of \$5 to Pacific Rivers to support their advocacy. For more info on this, contact Kate Evans at kateevens97@gmail.com

So, your conservation committee is back, just getting off the ground. We (the royal we) are seeking 3-4 more members, TCO'ers willing to give time to advocating for the protection of the lands we love. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Candace Bonner Conservation@trailsclub.org

Our first meeting will be in February or March.

Editor's note - My internet service provider, Spiritone (and that of many others), went out of business in in a spectacularly messy fashion, rendering my e-mail address in the TCO directory worse than useless.

Use blazer@trailsclub.org to send items to the Trail Blazer instead.

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**Trails Club Of Oregon
Board Of Trustees Meeting
Minutes January 2, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Sheryl Wagner at the Mazamas at 7 P.M. All the trustees attended. Kelly Marlin, Bill Yandon , Candace Bonner and George Milne also attended.

The minutes for the December 10, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance	11/30/2017	\$49,212.37
Beginning Balance	11/1/'2017	\$22,998.02
Deposits	35,525.24	
Checks/withdrawals	9,321.39	
Ending Balance	11/30/2017	\$49,212.37

A check to Art Stangell for his Bar dues and insurance was issued at the end of December.

Randy inquired if we should be investing our insurance settlement until we need to spend the funds. Cindy will contact Chris Monti for his advice.

Nesika Trustee's Report:

Glen has contacted the Multnomah County Building Department concerning permitting for rebuilding at Nesika. The county will have primary responsibility for permitting on the project. We are encouraged to have a prefilling conference with them before advancing our planning. They require a \$250 fee to set this up. We will want to have this conference shortly after our restoration committee meeting.

Randy moved to authorize the \$250 for the fee. Motion carried.

The Forest Service plans to restrict access to Nesika until September 2018. We will need special permission for any trips to the site before then.

Aaron asked if we could get some value for the trees we felled and could we salvage any other timber. Since the site is so remote any commercial recovery is unlikely and with our current restraints milling in place doesn't look promising.

Tyee Trustee's Report:

Aaron has been working with Chaz on the operating plan for Tyee.

The gate valve for the fire hose cracked from freezing. Apparently draining the standpipe had been overlooked. Aaron wondered where there were comprehensive instructions for the operation of the lodge.

Membership Trustee's Report:

Lori didn't have paper ballots for the election of Echo Lu to membership. Randy moved we have an open vote. Motion carried. Echo Lu was elected to membership.

Publications Trustee's Report:

Randy questioned our practice of including address details with our first readings.

Trips Trustee's Report:

Raya reported some winter sports trips and announced a meeting for the Alpine Outing.

Conservation Committee:

Candace Bonner asked the board for some guidance on the conduct of the committee. The board favored we continue the practice of having our conservation committee take public positions on its own behalf. If it feels an issue is important for an entire club position it should bring the matter to the board. She passed out a planning document from the Mazamas which we liked. We encourage Candace to start us working with the Mazamas and others on conservation.

New Business:

Aaron moved to combine the Redwing Porch Donation Fund with the Nesika Restoration Fund. Motion carried.

Merrill moved we change our policy on guests at our lodges to "A member can bring 5 adults and their associated children as overnight guests." Motion carried.

Merrill moved that we thank Candace Bonner for preparing a letter expressing our concern about expanding mountain bicycling in Forest Park. Motion carried.

Randy mentioned the new website which Raya has developed and suggested we should get a look at in the next month or so.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merrill Hugo, Secretary

Membership Notes - January 2018

If you have any feedback, positive or negative, about the following individuals who have received their first readings, PLEASE contact one of the board members before the next board meeting (First Monday of the month). We wish to hear your input before the final vote into membership. Club member input is very important in this process.

Do you know a prospective new member? Send his/her name and address to membership@trailsclub.org for him/her to receive a couple of free Blazers. This is the best way to report guest information from hikes, lodge visits, and other trips.

New Member

Echo Lu

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Gentle Reminders

For activities such as bicycle, snowshoe, and x-c skiing check with the leaders for the difficulty level of the activity. Good equipment for the specific activity is required for all events. For hikes and snowshoe activities:

Class A—Shorter, less strenuous activity, typically 4 to 8 miles, less than 1500 feet elevation gain.

Class B—Moderate to difficult, typically 6 to 12 miles, up to 3000 feet of elevation gain.

Class C—Long and difficult, strong experienced participants only, typically over 8 miles, and over 3000 feet of elevation gain. Boots are recommended for B/C hikes.

Note: Harsh or unusual conditions may greatly increase the exertion and skill required. Be prepared for the level of activity you are planning to take. Contact the leader if you have any questions about the trip and to let him or her know that you will be attending. Bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Please, no alcohol. Remember to bring your Ten Essentials. Pets allowed on designated trips only.

Everybody should stay with the group and follow the leader. The leader is responsible for the group's safety. The leader determines which route is taken. The leader has authority to determine if a participant is prepared for the activity. Group safety must come first.

Be prepared to pay a small fee of \$2 for Guests, \$1 for Members for day activities.

Please contribute to any carpooling expenses at the rate of \$.15 per mile. With multiple riders the driver can collect up to \$.30 per mile shared by all the riders.

If you have reserved for an activity at a lodge involving food expense and are unable to participate you are obligated to do one of the following: cancel before the food is purchased, find someone to take your place, or pay for your share of the food.

All activities must be approved by the appropriate activity Coordinator or the Trips Trustee.

Newsletters

Send write-ups to: blazer@trailsclub.org

Submissions are due by the fifteenth of the month prior to publication.

Please use the following format:

Month Day (Day of week) Event Title - Class A, B, C

Description Text - Please include distance, elevation change, and round trip driving distance.

Do not capitalize full words, lines or sentences for emphasis
Day trip descriptions should be under 100 words.

Depart: Meeting place, with address if possible, and departure time

Leader: Name, Phone, and/or email.

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