



Trail Blazer

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March 2018

Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event Description
----- 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
----- April -----		
3	Tue	TCO Board meeting MMC
4	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
8	Sun	Trips Committee at the Lucky Lab
11	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
15	Sun	Blazer Deadline
18	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
21-22	Sat-Sun	Tyee Open - Mindful on the Mountain
25	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B

Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org

TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2

Donations to the History Fund -

Donations to help preserve a 100 years of Trails Club History are greatly appreciated - A special "History Fund" has been set up to pay the cost of storage & preservation work space in Oak Grove. Those wishing to contribute to the fund may send a check to PO box 69061, Portland OR 97239-0061, payable to the "Trails Club of Oregon." Please refer to "History Fund" on the designation line of the check. .

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

The fireplace fund has met its goal. See the Treasurer's report in the Minutes and the announcement on page 6.

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**Trails Club Banquet
Sunday, May 6, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
McMenamin's Kennedy School
5736 NE 33rd Ave, Portland, OR 97211**

More info on page 6

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Events

March 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

March 9th-11th (Fri-Sun)Tyee back pack planning / food drying weekend

The 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 of a hike leader. 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 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/
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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
Trustees, and payment of \$50 in dues and a \$15 entrance fee.

Board Meetings: First Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm, at
Mazamas Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave. at
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March 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: TBD

March 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: Sue Holmes, 971-212-9540, sue-
holmes28@yahoo.com

**March 23-25 (Fri-Sun) John Day Back Pack: 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 will hike 3 miles back to
the camp ground and then another 3 miles up river and
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 and sun shine. 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 I
will research that. There are river otters, eagles, hawks,
snakes, deer, mountain sheep. A beautiful are to explore.
If you cannot make it Friday, we can plan to meet up with
you on Saturday morning. There is a cost is for car pool-
ing.

Register: On Meetup [https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-
of-Oregon/events/246248473/](https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/246248473/)

Leader: Linda Conrad

March 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: Ken Kane, 503-522-9997, ken@woodbloom.com

**March 30 - April 1 (Fri - Sun) Deschutes River Back-
pack – Class B**

Our 5th annual Deschutes River Backpack. We will hike
from Macks Canyon to the Mouth of the Deschutes River,
22 miles. We drive to Macks Canyon and will pay a shuttle
driver to take our cars to the mouth of the Deschutes. The
fewer cars the better. Cost per car for shuttle is \$100. This
will be divided among all hikers. We then back pack 6
miles on days one and two and 10 miles out on Sunday,
Day 3. Day one has some mild up and down hiking in and
out of old collapsed railroad culverts. Day two we reach
the Harris Ranch. Day three is an easy 10 mile road hike
out on a gentle down hill grade. We have a nice open barn
we can chill in and build fire in old burning barrel. Nice
place out of the rain and wind. There is room for some
camping in the open barn.

Bring your own food, warm clothes, long johns, hats, gloves, rain gear, etc, tent, sleeping bag, winter insulated pads, camp stove, first aid kit, water bottles.

Be prepared to hang food as we have encountered bears. We have 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.

April 4, 11, 18, 25 (Wed) Morning Hikes – 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

April 8 (Sun) Trips committee at the Lucky Lab

The trips committee will get together to socialize and plan hikes for the season.

When: Sunday April 8th, 5 PM

Where: Lucky Lab - 915 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland, OR 97214

Why: Another opportunity to meet at a central location and sign up to lead hikes and enjoy some socializing.

April 21-22 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Open - Mindful on the Mountain Retreat

Please join weekend immersion of yoga recreation, self-care directed by Meredith, a certified yoga instructor. Discussions on mindfulness and grounding practices as well as taking principles of yoga off the mat will be facilitated. Participants can expect a weekend of relaxation, self inquiry, kinship, and the Great Outdoors.

Day one Includes guided meditation, breath work and yoga movement, We will have time for journaling, hiking, snow shoeing (weather permitting!), and free time. Lunch and dinner provided.

Day two includes, a morning yoga class, a gratitude send-off activity, and breakfast.

Cost is \$75 for TCO members / \$85 for non-members and includes. meals, lodge overnight fee, workshop and supplies. The event will be limited to 17 participants.

Watch the TCO Meetup Site for more details and signups. TCO members interested in early registration should contact Julia Mace juliamace1993@gmail.com no later than March 10, 2018

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.belknaphotspotsprings.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 2 – 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) Years after Laura Gainer introduced Randy and Carla to the club, the club honored them both for their committed service. They both received Henry Waespe Awards, Randy in 2005 and Carla May of 2013, before succumbing to her courageous battle with cancer.

Carla became a star player of the club's Conservation committee, given her professional training and environmental interest. Well versed on the issues, Carla represented the Trails Club well at Federation of Western Outdoor Club conventions during discussions in conjunction with adopting resolutions. The Federation still grieves their loss of her expertise.

As Membership Trustee, Carla was passionate about expanding the club, very organized and an excellent record keeper. She led hikes, helped host weekends at both lodges, and initiated an annual quilting event at Tyee. She chaired the Memorial Endowment Committee, which still remains vacant. Her immaculate records are stored in the TCO Archives, awaiting the next chair.

Foremost, Carla understood the value of camaraderie and supported Randy's commitment to working on projects at Nesika. As a young mother, she joined him there whenever possible.

Randy's 31 years of endless service to the club, benefiting so many aspects, may be best defined as his commitment to whatever he believes is best for the organization.

As Lodge and Properties Trustee, Randy holds a club record for his 8 years of service. In this capacity, and over the years, he has executed myriad projects. They range from designing major systems to carpentry work and learning new skills. Provided the generator is running, we can thank Randy every time we flip a switch to turn on a light in the new lodge, for sharing his professional training and experience to create the electrical system. And furthermore, we can thank him for working alongside licensed Electricians Bruce Robertson and John Bartlett to install the hardware. A fun fact, the wagon wheel part of the lighting fixtures in the new lodge came from the old log cabin. Their long chains are in the TCO archives, courtesy of John Bartlett.

Over the years, Randy was involved in two major system upgrades at Nesika to provide water and electricity to the buildings. During the rebuilding of the men's dorm water was rerouted through the (new) basement and shortly after the main electrical distribution was moved from the old wood shed to the side of the "bus stop" wood shed during the reconstruction of the main lodge. The basement plumbing included a basement shower. So, for those who avoided using the shower Henry Waespe attached to the old log cabin for fear of being scalded (me), you can thank Randy and

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his advisors for the improvement. Phase 2 consisted of connecting the new lodge to the utilities including installing a new main power panel and a whole new plumbing system including a septic system and real flush toilets. Thank Merrill Hugo for the overall plumbing plan and general engineering on the water system. Unfortunately the initial try at a water system had too little pressure to run modern plumbing components, so a phase 3, which added a pump and a water cistern up the hill, was required. Most recently, Randy helped Merrill and others to update the Women's Dorm, which then perished in the Eagle Creek Fire.

Randy's stone and finish carpentry work is showcased on the floor to ceiling fireplace in the main lodge, designed by the 'George Guy.' We can thank both Randy and Jerry Reneau for the beautiful, yet rustic mantel. Jerry cut the wood slab from a tree behind the lodge with an Alaska mill (a rig using a chainsaw to cut a log lengthwise into slabs - Ed.). Randy finished it.

As one of George's star stone laying pupils, Randy took the initiative when George stayed home a summer to heal his lingering bronchitis, and finished laying stone from the mantel upward on the front side. Randy's motivation, he wanted to clear the lodge floor of engraved stones, sent by Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (and also the one Gerda hauled down off the Swiss Alps). More than just a pile of stones, they were laid out by Doug Atterbury and the 'George Guy' in a sequence for installation. Randy's goal, to finish the fireplace before the 1st social event, a Halloween Party planned by Sylvia Milne. Fortunately, Sylvia's son Scott Shanley, journeyman bricklayer, was able to finish laying all the stone on the sides and back of the fireplace around the wood stone alcove, including the special ones.

The historian in Randy inspired him to work with documenting the rebuilding projects he supported, first working with Doug Atterbury and the 'George Guy,' and then later on his own. The first project, a dual projection slide show with music and narration (now on a shelf at the Milne house), captured the 1988 rebuilding of the men's dorm, accomplished in just 11 days. We owe a huge thanks to the professional project management skills shared by the 'George Guy,' who led a masonry crew for the foundation and basement walls and Todd Burk, framing contractor, who supervised carpentry for building above the basement walls. Despite the rustic setting, together they met an amazing schedule.

Then later, prior to the 2006 dedication, Randy created a DVD slide show from hundreds of photos and slides to document the rebuilding process. Most recently, he turned over the prints in the DVD to the TCO archives and helped place them in archival sleeves, creating two 3" albums. We club members owe a huge thanks to Randy, and all those who contributed photos/slides, including Fern Anderson, Lynn Cochran, Carla Haake, Laura Gainer and so many others.

Following receipt of his Henry Waespe award, Randy has continued to serve the club as needed. This may explain why he accepted a nomination for TCO President (2010-11) in the midst of a stressful time dealing with Carla's cancer diagnosis and treatment.

As the Current Publication Trustee, Randy maintains the website, inherited years ago from Karen Anderson, and oversees the professional printing and mailing of the Trail Blazer, composed by Phil Crosby, Editor. The website, a work in progress, is currently being updated by a new member Raya Budrevich; working to convert it from obsolete HTML 4 flat files to CMS – Work Press. In addition to printing The Trail Blazers, Randy prints Membership Handbooks and Directories, and has created a means of easily accessing email lists, mailing labels, nametags etc.

In 1990, Randy started to design a database for the Membership Trustee, a several year process. The goal was to eliminate "hand calculating" golden memberships, etc. and retyping the membership directory each year. The process included pulling data from the card system into a database and then merging it with the publications database Doug Atterbury maintained created in D-Base3, designed to generate labels for Darrel Tarter, to mail Trail Blazers. The original TCO data base was in FileMaker Pro, the current database is in Access.

In 2015, Randy helped Vicki Wood create a historic data base into Access. Whereas this process took him only a few hours, without his previous work in the process above, and Vicki's more than 150 hours of entering data into Excel, it couldn't have happened. In the end, Randy's knowledge and experience helped Vicki preserve a century of Trails Club membership and create an exhibit of Charter Members, including her great uncle, Darwin Utter. Special thanks to both Randy and Vicki. At a result, the Charter Member Exhibit was featured at the Trails Club's Centennial event, sponsored by the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum, located at Government Camp, the home of our display cabinet.

A quiet essence of Randy, not captured in stories about projects, minimalist cooking, or leadership, is his ability to instantly turn work to play. It happens when he picks up his guitar and strums tunes or accompanies a group gathered around a stone fireplace or a campfire. The transformation is magical.

Special thanks to Randy for sharing his and Carla's stories. What an honor and a privilege to relive their early life and to share their remarkable commitment and dedication to keeping the Trail Club spirit alive.

Sylvia Milne, Historian

Trails Club Banquet Announcement

The Trails Club of Oregon Annual Banquet will be held at the McMenamins Kennedy School Gymnasium on Sunday, May 6th from 4 pm to 7 pm. McMenamins is widely known for good food and drink, and this wonderful expansive space, including an attached outdoor courtyard, should allow us all the space we need to make this event a great showcase for the club.

This will be a great party. We want to invite not just our wonderful members but also our friends who want to be involved in the club, particularly those expressing a wish to support the recovery of the club from the tragic fire last Fall. We will be asking \$40 per person as this will just barely cover the space, the food and speakers' gratuities. Please let us know if you are gluten-free or vegetarian, or have any other special needs so we may accommodate them. Coffee and tea service will be provided starting at 3:30 for a social hour, as well as a no-host bar.

As in years before, we will be asking for donations for a silent auction of new or gently used camping/hiking/sports gear and newer items of interest. This year, with the access to a large courtyard, please consider bringing potted trees or plants for sale that you believe people might want to take home for a small donation to the club. This can include starts for garden plants or quality indoor plants that could be appreciated in a new home. Just a heads up; the venue prohibits food items from home.

For any inquiries about attending, donating items or reserving table space, please contact Susan Ashenfelter at SocialChair@trailsclub.org. Speaker(s) will be announced soon, but please feel free connect with me to make any suggestions.

This is a great opportunity to get together and talk about important events and adventures that members have been a part of in the past and may be a part of in the future.

McMenamins Kennedy School has free parking and is wheelchair accessible. It is located at:
5736 NE 33rd Ave, Portland, OR 97211

Something Big is Coming

Please Join Us for the Historic Ground Breaking of the Crown Point Country Museum
Saturday April 7, 2018 11:00 A. M.
36901 E Historic Columbia River Highway
Corbett, Oregon 97019 (across from the fire station)



New Stove Insert for Tyee

Tyee Lodge will receive a wood stove insert this spring thanks to member donations. Thanks to: William Fulton, Chaz Shaw, Inge Winters, Joanne Tracy, Brenda Gandolfo, Nathen Barton, Susan K. Taylor, Rebecca & Kim Knudeson, Gerda Eck, Allen Burill, Susan Saul and especially Timothy Kutscha, whose generous gift completed the fund. Work will begin once the road to the lodge is clear.

Trails Club of Oregon Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/6/2017

Time: 7-9pm

Location: Mazamas

Attendees:

- Sheryl WagnerPresident
- Joel ReitzVice President
- Cindy LeeTreasurer
- Tamera Anderson.....Acting Secretary
- Glen ConradNesika Trustee
- Aaron BechTyee Trustee
- Lori Leach - absent.....Membership Trustee
- Randy Dietrich.....Publications Trustee
- Susan Ashenfelter - absent.....Social Trustee
- Raya Budrevitch - absent.....Trips Trustee

1. Approved minutes from previous meeting
2. Guest business
 - a. Special event yoga/mindfulness retreat at Tyee for April 20th weekend was discussed. Event was approved by board with the stipulation that the event would first be advertised in the Blazer with an email to RSVP to.
 - b. Crown Point Historical Society partnership: Sylvia updated us on the status and importance of partnering with Crown Point Historical Society. Board approved donating at the Platinum level with \$1,000. History archives will hopefully be stored there. Special thank-yous to the History committee was discussed.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash balance	12/31/2017	\$47,217.66
Beginning balance at	12/1/2017	\$49,212.37
Deposits		\$3,556.55	
Checks/Withdrawals		(\$5,551.26)	
Ending balance at	12/31/2017	\$47,217.66

Donation received from Tim Kutscha in the amount of \$3745 toward Tyee Fireplace insert. Total donations for that stand at \$5000. Fundraising goal was met

The Columbia Memorial fund was discussed. We do not have access to it right now as old member names are on the account. Cindy will work on that.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Nesika Restoration – Glen: Decision by the Nesika restoration committee was to put in request to the Forest Service to rebuild Redwing only. Club will decide later what types of extra structures we want to build.
- b. Tyee Lodge – Aaron: Tyee operating plan: club discussed way the requirements for community access to Tyee lodge was appealed in the past. Aaron is ready to fill out paperwork and present this to the powers that be.
- c. Membership - Cindy read two member application names. Names will be posted in the Blazer next month. No second readings. Lori was not here but forwarded her numbers of the renewal club dues: 29 regular member payments via mail, 2 life members - no payment necessary, 60 regular member payments via PayPal since 12/3/17. There may have been more payments but the post office where our PO box is located burned and the mail in the box at that time has not been made available.
- d. Publications – Randy: Link to new website is now on the TCO website. People should check it out and provide feedback.

5. New Business

- a. Personal information of members in the membership directory and on the “first reading” information in the Blazer was discussed. It was decided that the first readings would only include name and city. Members can opt out of information in the directory on the membership renewal form.

Respectfully submitted: Sheryl Wagner, Cindy Lee

Membership Notes - February 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 Tuesday 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.

First Readings

Kari Hays Portland, OR Sponsored by Mike Haasken and Sheryl Wagner	Sarah Pitzman Portland, OR Sponsored by Raya Budrevich and Sheryl Wagner
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March 2018

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

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