



# Trail Blazer

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June 2019



Tree planting at Nesika: Sheryl G. Wagner

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29-30	Sat-Sun	Tyee: Hike & Dine: Korean Food

**Scheduling, fees, and lodge availability are updated on website [www.trailsclub.org](http://www.trailsclub.org)**

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

**New member voted in:** Catherine Poff of Wilsonville.

**First readings:** Heidi Spence of Portland (sponsored by Linda Conrad and Mimi Cogsworth) and Sean Lindeman of Gresham (sponsored by Linda and Bob Walker).

## REPEATING HIKES

### 2-Hour Conditioning Hike, Weds @ 6-8 PM, Class B

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. Start at 6 pm sharp and hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Parking is limited; arrive early to find a spot, sign in and pay the hike fee (if non-TCO) before 6 pm. Carry water, light source. Moderate to brisk: 5-6 miles, 500-800' elevation gain (not cumulative).

June 5 - Leader: Rebecca Knudeson

June 12 - Leader: Gini Bateman

### June 19 - "3-hour Triple Crown Solstice Hike"

to 9 PM, goes 9 miles to Council Crest, Hoyt Arboretum, Pittock Mansion, and back to Wallace Park, more significant elevation gain. Leader: Rebecca Knudeson.

### Morning Hike - Class A/B, Wednesdays 9:30 - noon

We hike 4 to 6 miles for 2 to 4 hours, usually somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area. Watch the web site for leader and meeting place information.

June 5 - (No leader yet)

June 12 - 4Ts trail from the zoo up to OHSU, then the tram down to south waterfront. The ride down is free.

Meet at west elevator across from the Forestry Discovery center near the zoo. Leader: Nancy Overpeck, 360-836-5464, 503-806-2900, [overpecknancy@gmail.com](mailto:overpecknancy@gmail.com)

June 19 - (Location TBD, Leader: Sue Holmes, 971-212-9540, [sueholmes28@yahoo.com](mailto:sueholmes28@yahoo.com))

June 26 - (Location TBD, Leader: Wayne Schweinfest, 503-253-3073, [WSchweinfest@msn.com](mailto:WSchweinfest@msn.com))

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



### Ramona Falls Hike

June 1 @ 9:30 am - 1:30 pm, Class A/B

This is a hike with very little elevation gain in the first half walking through Rhododendron forests which should be in bloom at this time. The second half is across the river and does have elevation gain. Usually there is a log to walk on to cross the river. You must be able to walk across a log. Total miles round trip is 7.1 See description here : [https://www.oregonhikers.org/field\\_guide/Ramona\\_Falls\\_Loop\\_Hike](https://www.oregonhikers.org/field_guide/Ramona_Falls_Loop_Hike)

Bring water and snacks. Most of the trail is shaded. This

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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.

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**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, take the above exit and instructions

**Mazamas Mountaineering Center (MMC):** 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.

**Target:** 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 at Boone's Ferry Rd split, right at second roundabout exit, staying on Terwilliger. Park entrance is a 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 and publicize these events to a wider audience. While we try to get every event in the Blazer and on the Trails Club website ([www.trailsclub.org](http://www.trailsclub.org)), some events, especially those planned on short notice, may not appear in the Blazer.

All events posted on the TCO Meetup site at:<https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/> are automatically added to our new web site. Use the Calendar menu item for a monthly calendar or use the Activities menu to filter events. Registration on the web site is not required to view the events.

Also: All may use the Payment menu item on our web site to use PayPal to pay your dues. You can pay for all members in a household in one transaction.



*Sharing a meal after tree planting: Sheryl G. Wagner*

**EVENTS, Continued...**

may be combined with a dinner at Tyee. Watch for details on a Hike and dine on the TCO website. I will update this info as well when we know we have a cook.


**Tyee: Are You Prepared for the Next Emergency?**

**June 1, 11 am - June 2 @ 1 pm**

Have you heard of the Cascadia Earthquake? That is the name of the "big one" the pacific northwest will eventually experience, and that we are long overdue for. Did you know that the State of Oregon, and Portland in particular, are almost completely unprepared should it happen in the next decade? <https://www.opb.org/news/article/watch-opbs-unprepared-documentary-teaser/>

The government says things will be up and running in two weeks. But is that real? OPB's calculations show that my neighborhood is likely to be without power for six weeks. How do you and I prepare for that?

**Speaker** Avery Horton has been involved in local disaster management training and has many years of experience running the Southwestern Oregon Preppers group. He will give a talk similar to this one he gave earlier this year: <https://coosmediacenter.viebit.com/player.php?hash=B4FAMP3Dkrz8> As an outdoor club we should be

better prepared than the average bear for unexpected camping, so lets get going! All attendees are encouraged to bring pictures or a sample of their preparation ideas to share. This is a great video showing how the fault is likely to rupture and what makes this quake a big one <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBVKqMeI11c>

Is it that difficult to have a two week food supply? Not really. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSgotSS222c>

Note: You do not have to spend the night, but we are a lodge with a men's dorm and women's dorm. We have all the amenities of home except Wifi. **Cost:** As always, members pricing for the night is \$15 (adults) and \$5 (kids), while non-members are \$25 (adults) and \$15 (kids). We have a men's dorm and women's dorm. The price for just a day is \$3. The member family cap price is \$40 and non-member is \$60. If this event becomes popular, the lodge may elect to bring in a cook at which point breakfast and dinner will be provided for \$12 (both meals). Otherwise we have a large kitchen and you are welcome to prepare your own food. Should not be difficult for this crowd :)


**Come to our Annual Banquet!**

**June 2, 2:30 - 5:30 pm, Bring a friend.**

**Location:** Fulton Park Community Center (just off SW Baubur Blvd.)

This year to keep the cost low we are going to do potluck. Bring one main dish and a desert or salad. The highlight of this year's banquet will be Contra, line and square dancing with a Band and Dance caller. Cost will be \$15 per person. Dress comfortable or in Western. Plan on getting out of your chair and moving. We will also have a sale table; bring used gear, plants, crafts to donate to raise money for the club.

Please register for this event and pay in advance via Pay-Pal in Payments menu (or at the door). <https://trailsclub.org/product/annual-banquet-and-dance/>


**Kansas City Loop Bike Ride**

**June 3 @ 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Class A/B**

This is a 25 mile ride on the westside through beautiful farmland on quiet country roads through Roy and Verboort. Meet at 10am at the North Plains Library, 31334 NW Commercial St, North Plains. Please sign up with leader by Sunday night. **Leader:** Gisela Piercy, 503 648-5885 or 503 536-5071 or giselapiercy@gmail.com


**Peninsula Park/Pier Park Bike Ride**

**June 6 @ 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Class A**

Please join me for an easy ride around North Portland. 15 miles round trip, flat, mostly on residential, low traffic streets. **Bring** a lunch for a picnic at Pier or Peninsula Park. Please make sure your tires are pumped. Should be beautiful roses at Peninsula Park! **Depart:** Meet at the corner of N Ainsworth St. and N Borthwick Ave at the south end of Peninsula Park for a 10 am departure.

**Leader:** Audrey Perino, audrey53@comcast.net , 503-522-9911 (cell). Call my cell if the weather is iffy—I don't ride in the rain or excessive heat!


**Tyee: Outdoor Cooking Day at Tyee Lodge**

**June 8, 11 am - June 9 @ 1 pm**

Do you love to cook outdoors or just want an opportunity to see it done, ask questions, and sample the results?

The class will be Saturday afternoon till dinner time, and lodge will be open that Saturday night to Sunday midday. Dutch oven cooking will be featured but I am sure there will be other methods on display as well. Come show case your gear and your skills!

Please contribute \$8 to dinner if you are just there to eat and learn, no fee is needed if you bring and demonstrate equipment. As always, members can spend the night for \$15 (adults) and \$5 (kids), while non-members are welcome to spend the night for \$25 (adults) and \$15 (kids). We have a men's dorm and women's dorm.

Host: Nathan TyeeWinter@trailsclub.org


**Blue Lake Park Bike Ride**

**June 9 @ 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Class B**

Starts at Gateway and gets onto bike paths – I205 path, Springwater Corridor, and Gresham-Fairview Trail before using city streets to go to Blue Lake Park for lunch. Then along Marine Drive (road and path) to NE 33rd, and return through city streets to the start. 35 miles, 850 ft of ascent. Shorter option to just come back from I205 and Marine Drive via I205 bike path to the start, which cuts 10 miles and 350 ft ascent off the route. **Depart:** 10 a.m. from in front of the Gateway Park and Ride on NE 99th **Leader:** Terry Lawson (971) 998-6072, lawson.terry@gmail.commake



## EVENTS, Continued...



### Nesika June Work Trip June 14 @ 9:00 am - June 16 @ 11:30 am

This work trip we will continue to work on the water line. The water pipe has been reconnected but the wiring for the pump needs replaced because of fire. We may need to do some more digging to get new conduit in. A few trees also need removed from the pipes path. We will be doing some brush clearing on the road and trails. Bring your tools. Would be nice if someone could bring in a weed whacker. A new sign is going up on the short cut trail. We will try to get another tent pad built. We will be watering trees every work trip. Since there are 600 that will take some time. We have a water hook up at the new tank so we hopefully will not have to carry too many buckets of water. We still have debris from fire to haul out with tractor. Thanks for everyone's help. Will be good to see you. I will **meet** people on Friday at Walmart Exit 16 on HWY 84 at 9:00 AM. Gate will be open on Friday and Saturday at 9:00 AM. Gate will be open on Saturday night for those who want to leave. Meals and lodging are free for the labor. Please state when you will be coming in and when you are leaving. **Host:** Linda Conrad, 360-837-3787 lgconrad@aol.net



### Tyee Work Party June 14 @ 8:00 pm - June 16 @ 12:00 pm

Perform routine maintenance, cleaning, take inventory of supplies and prepare the lodge for summer activities.  
**Host:** Aaron Bech 971-227-3771



### Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River June 21 @ 8:00 am - June 24 @ 5:00 pm

**A few spaces remain on this outing. Full payment must be made when registering.**

Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River is the setting for this 14 th annual outing. The resort, which is about 300 miles roundtrip from Portland (between Sisters and Eugene off Hwy 126), has 2 mineral springs swimming pools and acres of landscaped gardens and trails. Visit the resort website at [www.belknaphotsprings.com](http://www.belknaphotsprings.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, guided 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 there is an optional potluck dinner. Lunches are not included. There will be a 7+ mile loop hike Sat. to view Sahalie Falls and Clear Lake.

#### LODGING OPTIONS (per night, not including 9.8% tax):

- Tent sites for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each additional person) are \$30

- RV sites/no sewer are \$35 for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each additional person)
- RV sites w/ sewer are \$40 for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each additional person)
- (Limited) Cabin prices are divided by the number of people and range from \$175 for 2 people to \$275 for up to 6 people (\$10 each additional person)
- Lodge rooms range from \$115 for 2 people to \$140 for up to 4 people (\$10 each additional person)

**OTHER FEES** include the cost and transportation of food/beverages/supplies, which totals \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children under age 12.

TO REGISTER (\*registration opens Feb 1st for TCO members and March 1st for nonmembers):

- 1) Contact Vicki Wood at 503-850-4366 or [vw48@comcast.net](mailto:vw48@comcast.net) to inquire about lodging availability;
- 2) Mail a \$25 nonrefundable deposit the total lodging fee and completed application/liability and medical form for each person to: Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 67095, Portland, OR 97268. These forms can be downloaded here: [Mckenzie River Weekend Outing-Form-C-and-D-Participant-Application-and-Medical-Form](#)
- 3) The balance of your lodging fee is due May 13th and is nonrefundable unless someone is on a waiting list and wants your spot.

This outing is limited to a maximum of 40 people. TCO is not responsible for providing or arranging your transportation to or from the outing. You will be notified when your deposit and forms are received, and your \$25 deposit will be credited to your balance.



### Advanced Outdoor First Aid Class Certification at Tyee Lodge June 21 @ 8:00 am - June 23 @ 10:00 am

Class will start promptly at 8:00 AM Saturday morning and go for 8 hours with one hour lunch. Ending time will be 5:00 PM. Class will include hands on first aid out doors. It will include 4 hours of lectures and 4 hours of hands on. It is put on by Adventure Medical out of Bend. Wear comfort clothing. Cost of class is free to Club members who are hike leaders and those who want to lead hikes in the club. Also, if you want to join the club this weekend you would be able to get the class free for turning in membership fee and card. It is recommended that you come to the lodge on Friday night to be ready to take the class on Saturday morning.

**Lodge fees** apply at \$15.00 per member person per night or \$25.00 for guests. Meals will be served on Saturday at the cost of \$20. Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**To register** go to TCO Meetup site. If we can get 20 people we will be eligible for a %15 discount. If you are not on Meetup, then please call or text Linda Conrad at 360-907-5096 to Register or [lgcrconrad@aol.com](mailto:lgcrconrad@aol.com) . We will consider you registered when you have sent your nonrefundable meal fees in. You can mail to: Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 67095 Portland OR, 97268-1095, or go to the TCO web site: Pay-Pal in Payments menu. (continued...)

## **CONSERVATION NOTE**

On May 4 a group of Trails Club volunteers planted 1,360 seedling forest trees in the total burn area around Nesika Lodge. Thank you!! And a special thanks to Linda Conrad for organizing the work day for us. Usually newly planted forest seedlings are watered well by rain, but unfortunately our planting was followed by a heat wave, threatening their survival. If you are up at Nesika for any reason, and the weather has been dry, and the Nesika water is on, please take a few moments to fill a 5-gallon bucket and water a few of the baby trees. You can find them by their pink, orange or green flagging. Thank you!

Our featured organization this month is Cascade Forest Conservancy, which we would like to introduce to you with an article written by Barry Buchanan of the Mazamas Conservation Committee, and published last month in the Mazama Bulletin, reprinted here with Barry's permission:

### **CASCADE FOREST CONSERVANCY PROTECTS PUBLIC LANDS IN SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON**

*Barry Buchanan, Mazamas Conservation Committee*

On May 18th, 1980, Mt. St. Helens exploded, lowering its summit approximately 1300 feet, leveling large tracts of forest, generating massive mudflows and clouds of ash, reshaping the landscape. Two years later, after a land-swap agreement with commercial interests, a previously reluctant President Reagan signed a bill declaring 110,000 acres around the mountain as a national monument, protected for research, education and recreation. The transcendent monument sits within the boundary of the 1.3 million acre Gifford Pinchot National Forest (GPNF), home to Mt. Adams, Goat Rocks and Trapper Creek among other wilderness areas. In 1985, spurred in part by timber operations near the popular trails along the Lewis River, a citizen's action group named the Gifford Pinchot Task Force (GPTF) formed to help protect the national monument, to inventory old growth and advocate for conservation in surrounding forests, submitting alternative forest management plans to the Forest Service. Today they are known as the Cascade Forest Conservancy (CFC), a nonprofit dedicated to protecting and preserving the forests, streams, wildlife and communities in the heart of the Cascades through conservation, education, and advocacy.

Today CFC is focused on many initiatives in addition to forest protection - three are highlighted here.

#### *"Mt. St. Helens: No Place for a Mine"*

On the doorstep of an active volcano, along a beautiful, clean river – the Green River valley is truly no place for toxic mine tailings ponds which have proven prone to breaches.

Several attempts have been made to start up mining operations just outside the border of the Mt. St. Helens National Monument in the Green River Valley. The area was purchased by the National Forest Service using public funds originally dedicated for conservation and recreation. It is home to the Goat Mountain Trail, an equestrian camp, and bountiful wildlife, including critical wild salmon and steelhead populations (24 subpopulations listed under the Endangered Species Act). The Green River, a candidate for Wild and Scenic designation, feeds eventually into the Toutle, then the Cowlitz River watershed, which is densely farmed and supplies drinking water for communities in southwestern Washington. The river is designated by the state of Washington as an official Wild Steelhead Gene Bank. Most communities, conservation groups and recreation groups in the region have officially rejected the mining proposals. So far, three previous attempts to start exploratory mining by multiple companies have failed thanks greatly to CFC's efforts.

However, following a Forest Service go-ahead earlier in the year, on December 3rd, 2018, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) gave final approval to Ascot, a Canadian mining company, to begin exploratory drilling in the Green River Valley. CFC is leading a coalition of 31 conservation and recreation groups – including the Mazamas – to protect this pristine valley through legal, grassroots and legislative means.

#### *Climate Resilience*

Over recent years, Northwest hikers have been eyewitnesses to rapid changes in the Cascades. As warming is expected to move the timberline upward, shrinking alpine and subalpine zones. It is important to have the best possible understanding of the evolving needs of resident wildlife to support species adaptation and help preserve what we can.

CFC has researched and developed a Wildlife and Climate Resilience guidebook centered on three major categories of ecosystems - aquatic, forest, and alpine. The guidebook is an important resource to focus conservation and restoration efforts. It is published online to supplement planning by other groups and government agencies. Areas critical to wildlife habitat and migration must be identified, preserved where possible and in some cases restored, to reduce climate impacts on species. Based on research in this guide, CFC has launched several restoration campaigns.

## EVENTS, Continued...

The Lodge will be open Friday at noon and close Sunday at 2:00PM. We will do a day hike on Sunday for new membership. Destination to be determined.



### **Banks-Vernonia Bike Ride**

**June 28 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Class B**

We will start at the Banks trailhead and ride to Vernonia on a paved bike/walking/horse path. The trail was built on a former railroad bed and passes through beautiful forested land. There is a 7 mile gradual uphill section with 1 short steep hill. The rest is mainly flat or downhill. We will eat lunch at Vernonia Lake and return along the same path. 44 miles round trip. There is also an option to start from Buxton Trailhead, which shortens the ride to 30 miles round trip. Contact leader for start times, directions and questions. **Leader:** Maureen Covell 503-954-4501 or charleycvl@aol.com



### **Hike and Dine: Chef Namhea Lew & Assistant, Korean Food, Tyege Lodge**

**June 29 @ 10:00 am - June 30 @ 12:00 pm**

"Chef Extra Ordinary" Namhea Lew spends three days cooking Korean food that Americans like. Dinner served around 6 PM, some limited to 30 persons. Dinner and breakfast are \$ 20.00. Pay at Tyege Lodge. Reserve for overnight \$15 for members. Day only \$20: \$17.00 dinner + \$ 3.00 lodge fee. Guests overnight \$ 25.00. Extra money over the cost of the food will aid Trails Club budget. Make **reservations** or cancel by Wednesday morning week of event. Pete and Elaine Nelson will take the reservations for dinner and overnight, 503-591-0160 ; [Petermvnelson@gmail.com](mailto:Petermvnelson@gmail.com) Failure to cancel reservation will cost price of meal. We would love to have Tyege Lodge full (30) of members and guests for Hike and Dine. Hikes will be announced. Meet 10:00 am on Sat. June 29 Tyege Lodge for Hike.

## CONSERVATION, Continued...

For aquatic species, CFC is spearheading restoration work to build more side channels for streams along with riparian plantings to provide shade, reducing water temperatures. For forests, CFC is monitoring resident species, identifying critical habitat and old growth forest, biodiversity zones and wildlife movement corridors, prioritizing roads to be removed and restored. One interesting new project has been in the works over the past year; CFC is partnering with the Cowlitz Tribe and the Forest Service to strategically introduce more beaver to GPNF. Beavers, a once very plentiful native species, on their own, create stream side-channels, improve water quality and enhance fish habitat.

Alpine ecosystems are, of course, important for more than recreation. The wildlife we encounter on high altitude climbs and magically enhance our outdoor experience –

subalpine flowers, butterflies, pikas, marmots, martens, wolverines, and mountain goats – depend on the cold, rocky landscape and intermediate meadows. Alpine areas are important for consistent water supply to lower ecosystems. CFC has identified subalpine focus areas for monitoring on the southern and western slopes of Mt. Adams and Mt. Rainier. Other strategies encourage forestry practices that reduce encroachment of the subalpine by intense wildfire, support designation of subalpine "refugia", monitor vegetation changes to target restoration efforts, and collect seeds and pine cones for use in future restoration.

### *Citizen Science*

All of the important work above requires support from local communities and other organizations. CFC invites citizens to volunteer for conservation trips, providing training and equipment for data collection and environmental surveys of wildlife, streams, forest and roads. Restoration projects, such as post-fire seeding and riparian plantings, are also options for volunteer participation.

More recently, CFC is excited to offer special outings to engage youth and connect them to the outdoors. Young Friends of the Forest is a program that works with local middle schools and high schools to bring students into the forest field trips to learn about and help with conservation projects. CFC works closely with teachers to create experiences that align with curriculum. For some young people the experience can be life-changing as the first time they experience the outdoors, camping and wildlife.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Visit the Cascade Forest Conservancy web site ([cascadeforest.org](http://cascadeforest.org)) to learn more.
- Sign up for a CFC volunteer trip on the website.
- Make a tax-deductible donation at [www.cascadeforest.org/donate](http://www.cascadeforest.org/donate)
- If you live in Washington, please contact your local and congressional representatives and tell them you categorically oppose mining in the Green River valley.
- Download, read the Climate Resilience guidebook.

Wishing you all a spring and summer of good hikes and great backpacking, with enough rain to keep our baby trees alive and fend off another year of drought.

For the love of our forests, streams, rivers, and wetlands,

- *Your Conservation Committee*





## Board Meeting Minutes - May 7th 2019

### Treasurer's report – Cindy

#### Treasurer's Report— Cindy.

- Chris Monte has not responded about coming in June to report on investment funds. Hopefully he will come in June.
- The over 1300 trees which were planted on Saturday were almost all donation covered, only \$32 from TCO funds were used. We planted more trees than originally planned due to the amount of donations received.

Beginning balance, 2/1/19:.....	\$26,143.5
Checks & Payment (Withdrawals):.....	-\$6,473.86
Deposits:.....	\$3,327.00
Ending balance, 2/28/19 .....	\$22,996.65

#### Committee Reports:

**Nesika** – Glen. Work trip April 28th 20 people. Fixed 3 burn spots and breaks in the water pipe due to tree felling. The waterline now gives water to the water tank above which gives good pressure to shower. More wood was cut and stacked. Small amount of fire debris still needs to be moved out of the parking lot. Insurance company visited the lodge today and he was impressed and we passed inspection with flying colors. We are paying the application fee for permits for bunkhouse rebuild. over 1300 evergreen trees were planted around the lodge on Saturday.

**Tyee** — Aaron. No new tale to tell. Summer work parties discussed (fire- wood, supplies). Discussed approaching groups who might want to rent Tyee. It is underutilized by TCO members. There are available weekends to rent it out. Possible groups: Friends of the Gorge, Boys and Girls Club, Scouts, Mountain bike groups, private school outdoor programs. Nathen will write up a contract and suggest a price based on consulting with Boy Scouts and the prices they use to rent out their lodges. Joel to install new thermostat. Question: When do we switch from winter lodge use to summer lodge use? Answer: Summer is now. depends on overnight temps. As long as it will not freeze it is summer schedule.

**Membership**—Lori. New memberships are coming in regularly. Lots of dues came in since Lori mailed to members who had not paid. Lori working on getting welcome packages out to new members and she knows she is behind on that. New member voted in: Catherine Poff of Wilsonville. First readings: Heidi Spence of Portland (sponsored by Linda Conrad and Mimi Cogsworth) and Sean Lindeman of Gresham (sponsored by Linda and Bob Walker). Some older members resigned, mainly due to age related inactivity (being in nursing homes etc.).

**Publications** – Joel. First and second readings were not in Blazer except in meeting minutes. New editor will be instructed to put it in "membership notes". Joel has updated the website. Now there is inventory page for Tyee. Website allows people to submit events they would like to lead. Members can also submit articles (posts) to the website. Joel will have directory available at Banquet.

**Social**—Linda (absent) The annual banquet will be before next meeting. There is a social committee meeting soon for people who want to help with the banquet.

#### New Business -

- Discussed fee schedule board to be posted at Tyee so people can calculate for themselves what they owe for overnight and fees. Then the host does not have to do all the calculations.
- Suggested by-law change: membership qualifications should be lodge visit and an event rather than lodge visit and a 4 mile hike or 8 mile bike ride. Most long term members don't do these activities so we should not prevent people from becoming members if they do not want to schedule one of these activities with TCO.
- Provisional membership will not be a voting member, cannot be a host or get a key to a lodge. This is a clarification on the suggested provisional membership status that we will present to the club as a by law change in November.



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### Gentle Reminders

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

**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.

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 trip leader if you have any questions 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.

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.

### Fees

There is no charge to Trails Club members for day activities; non-members pay \$2. 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. Other fees may apply.

If you have RSVP'd 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](mailto: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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