



Trail Blazer

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January Events Summary			
All Wednesdays		Morning Hikes (see Repeating Hikes)	
7	Tues	Board Meeting	
8	Wed	HIKE PLANNING - Sellwood Pub	
18	Sat	Tamanawas Falls Hike	
19	Sun	ONC XC ski bus, Portland to Teacup	
19	Sun	Tyee Lodge: "A Night in the White"	
25	Sat	ONC XC ski bus, Portland to Teacup	
Scheduling, fees, and lodge availability are updated on website			

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

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First readings: None.

Second Readings approved: Peter Puhvel, Patrick Redmond, Daniel Tye, Marie Van Patten.

Save The Date!

Weekend on the McKenzie River Outing June 12-14th 2020 (Fri-Sun), Optional Mon. June 15th

<u>Limited site reservations this year</u> (because of a huge snowstorm in late Feb, the resort phone and email was out for several days when reservations opened for 2020--by the time I could get through, the "usual" weekend was not available and some sites already taken).

Hike, fish, kayak, trail bike, whitewater raft, golf, soak in the mineral springs pools and enjoy the gardens and landscaped grounds at Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River.

Two breakfasts and a Saturday campfire dinner will be provided. Saturday there will be an 8+ mile loop hike along the McKenzie River to view Sahalie Falls and around Clear Lake.

February 1st will be the first day members can sign up, March 1st for nonmembers. RV sites, tent sites, lodge rooms and a few cabins will be available. Limit of 40 participants.

Lodging and signup details in the February Blazer.

- Vicki Wood, Outing Leader



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Hike Planning January 8 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, <u>Sellwood</u> <u>Public House</u>

Join us in the game room (21 and over only please) where we will be planning next year's big events. Some of the events will be led by Trails Club members. Other hikes will be more informal. Why not plan your own hike? Even if you show up late it's better to be there than not at all. You might miss out on planning a great backpack or trip with people you like to hang out with! Have a drink and eat with us. Organizer: Susan Ashenfelter Email: neumesian@hotmail.com

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THE TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON P.O. Box 67095, Portland, Oregon 97268-1095

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: Usually first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm, at Mazamas Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave. at SE Stark St. Portland, OR

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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.

Trails Club of Oregon & Meetup Websites

Our website (<u>TrailsClub.org</u>) is the official site for club events and information. There is also a Trails Club Meetup.com site that allows event planners to organize TCO events online, and publicize these events to a wider audience (<u>Meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/</u>). However, all events posted on the TCO Meetup site should be added to our TCO website as well (and this no longer happens automatically, unfortunately).

While we try to get every event in the Blazer and on the Trails Club website (<u>www.trailsclub.org</u>), some events, especially those planned on short notice, may not appear in the Blazer.

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.



...EVENTS Continued



Tamanawas Falls Hike January 18 @ 7:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tamanawas Falls is beautiful this time of year!

Hopefully we will get to see it frozen. We will hike from the Polallalie trailhead which will make this a 6 mile loop hike as opposed to the normal less than 3 miles crowded route. This is a Trails Club of Oregon event so the fee for non-members is \$2.

Looking forward to seeing everyone! A few reminders:

- 1. Spikes are required for this hike. If you do not have the required gear you will be turned away at the carpool meetup location.
- 2. Drivers will need a NW forest pass and have a vehicle that has studded tires or chains.

REQUIRED GEAR:

Waterproof Boots, Microspikes, Trekking Poles, Noncotton clothing, 2L of water (minimum)

Recommended Gear:

Waterproof pants, Rain shell, Packable down jacket, Warm gloves, hand warmers, Snacks, Small first aid kit, Paper map of the area, Extra cell phone batteries and cord, Warm hat, Wool socks, Sunglasses, Sunscreen, Camera (you are going to want pictures...), Change of clothes for the car ride back.

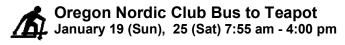
Driving Notes: We will be organizing carpooling at GatewayTransit Center. Drivers need to have chains or snow tires. We will be taking HWY35 out of Hood River and this highway can sometimes get "interesting". Drivers will also need to have a US Forest Service pass and an Oregon Sno-Park Pass. Carpool fee per passenger will be \$15 paid in cash directly to your driver. Please have exact change available. I drive a silver Honda Ridgeline.

Disclaimer: I am only an unpaid volunteer, not a paid guide. You are responsible for your own health and safety during and on the way to and from the hike.

Website: https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/267138693/

Organizer: Rachel Eggers https://trailsclub.org/ organizer/rachel-eggers/

Venue: Gateway Transit Center, 1249 NE 99th Portland, OR 97220



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Tyee Lodge: "A Night in the White" January 19-20

Monday Jan 20 is MLK day. The morning before I will have Tyee lodge open, and that night my kids and I will be camping outside in the snow. You are welcome to join us, or stay inside where it is warm. Or go inside during the night if you get cold.

It is very possible the lodge will be opened that Friday or Saturday, so check back in at the calendar to see how this weekend evolves!

Parking will be in the lower lot, and a snow pass is required in winter.

The usual lodge fees apply. \$15/night for members, \$25/ for guests. \$5 for minor children of members, and \$15 for minor children of guests. You may join the TCO that day to obtain member rates.

The \$8 deposit is to cut down on the number of noshows.



REPEATING HIKES

Morning Hikes - Class A/B, Wednesdays 9:30 - ~noon

We hike 4 to 6 miles for 2 to 4 hours. Watch the web site for leader and meeting place information.

- Jan. 1, 22, 29: We hike 4-6 miles for 2-3 hours in the Portland area, often in Forest Park. Watch this site for leader and meeting place. Watch the web site for this hike's leader and meeting place.
- **Jan. 8**. We will meet at Friendly House, NW Thurman and 26th Ave. for 9:30 departure to Washington Park and Wildwood trail. Leader: Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, pollockkathy@ymail.com.
- **Jan. 15**. Please watch the web site for meeting place. Leader: Sue Holmes, <u>sueholmes28@yahoo.com</u>.



Trails Club of Oregon Board Minutes Nov. 10, 2019, Hollywood Senior Center

2:50 Meeting called to order. Number of members present: 45

Attendees: Sheryl Wagner
Beverly Drottar
Cindy Lee
Rebecca Knudeson
Glen Conrad
Aaron Bech
Lori Leach
Joel Reitz
Linda Conrad
Nathen Barton
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President
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Treasurer
Secretary
Nesika Trustee
Tyee Trustee
Membership Trustee
Publications Trustee
Social Trustee
Trips Trustee

President Wagner reviewed the year with a slideshow of activities, trips, and work parties.

Nesika Reviewed

Water pipes and pump, generator shed, and outhouse were all restored. 1300 seedlings were planted. We had lots of communication with the county about restoration efforts on Redwing and with the forest service regarding road access. Every time we use the road we need to coordinate with the USFS because the area is still closed to the public due to the fire. A slide show illustrated the reforestation after the fire. We will need to continue to cut back volunteer growth around seedlings for years to come.

Tyee Reviewed by Aaron.

Finished sealing the siding where the back fire escape was removed. Work parties prepared the lodge for winter including fuel, wood and supplies. The ant and rodents seem to be remedied. The room where outing equipment was stored was cleared out. Check with Aaron if you want any equipment. We will post the items in the Blazer. The Forest Service's special use permit for Tyee's land was discussed. We need to serve the community (youth, disabled) and/or do volunteer work in the area to maintain the special use permit.

Publications Presented by Sheryl. (Joel absent)



New website had 36,000 visits this year. The website lists events, has the member directory (for registered members only), a payment portal, and the Blazers. We still have paper directory. Blazers are emailed to 7 print subscribers. Meetup has 3531 subscribers and Facebook, 1082. We need a Blazer editor since our present editor is living in southern Oregon. We are considering the discontinuation of the print version of the directory.

Membership

Register online and check your information to make sure it's correct. Remember to pay your 2020 dues. This year we've had 43 new members for a total of 319 members (262 regular, 36 life, 14 golden, 5 junior, 2 life/golden). Last year we had 300 members. Meetup has 3543 members.

Treasurer Cindy Lee was absent.

In 2018 we received \$32,477 from insurance for the fire. We had \$4996 in cash donations for Nesika. In 2018, we paid \$752 for director and officer insurance and \$8839 for liability Insurance. Our insurance has increased this year. See the Blazers for monthly money in and out.

Investment Review

Most of our investments are protected because of a bylaw change in 2013. We need money for essential properties projects, desired properties projects and supplement club activities. The signatories on the Memorial Endowment are from long ago, one deceased and one, unknown. We will need to get 2 current active members on the account. We are working to get access to the account. The signatories can be appointed by the president and approved by board.

Changed this year:

We closed the history office, instituted a provisional membership trial run, had Columbia Outlet store access (expected to be 3 times a year), and had more outreach (scouts).

Look forward to next year:

We want to find a new home for the archives and a new historian, rebuild Red Wing, plan events, and get new members.

Vote for officers:

- President: Sheryl Wagner will continue
- ♣ Tyee trustee: Nathen Barton switched from trips
- ♣ Nesika trustee: Glenn Conrad will continue
- ♠ Membership: Lori Leach will continue
- ♣ Treasurer: Bill Yandon newly elected
- ↑ Trips trustee: Susan Ashenfelter volunteered from the floor and was appointed by the president to complete the final year of Nathen's term. Moved, seconded and approved the slate of officers above.
- Approved the placing of signatories on our US Bank account: Beverly Drottar, Rebecca Knudeson and Bill Yandon

Approved the removal of Merrill Hugo from the account.

Investments In the absence of an investment committee, the investment officer and board have decided to reduce the inflation rate used to 2%. This will allow more funds to be used for more aggressive investing or for needed useable funds.

Bylaw Changes

All the following changes as publicized in the October Blazer were moved, seconded and approved except those * with asterisks which were approved with the noted minor changes.

Article II: MEMBERSHIP, section 2. (Provisional Members) Moved, seconded and approved to add a provisional member category with 1 abstention.

Clean up wording:

ARTICLE II:MEMBERSHIP about publication (d) and secret ballot (e).

Moved, seconded and approved measure

*ARTICLE III: CLUB MEETINGS
Section 3. Notice of Meetings: Change the "mailed" requirement to "Every member shall be notified".

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTICLE IV: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES. Section 2. Nominations: Eliminate the requirement of

Moved, seconded and approved.

past president.

*ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENTS, Section 8. Publications Committee: eliminate the Newspaper announcements. Change "prepare" to "publish."

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENTS, Section 13. Investment Committee: No specification of the percentage rate.

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTILE IX: GENERAL PROVISIONS, section 1. Amendments: Take out **written** notice.

Moved, seconded and approved.

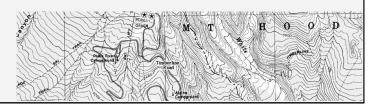
*ARTICLE IX: GENERAL PROVISIONS Section 4. Designation of Club Activities: struck "so designate by the board of trustees and."

No event shall be treated or advertised as a Club function unless "approved by a board trustee and published in the Trail Blazer or on the Trails Club web site" except that the leader of a trip or an event may substitute or reschedule for a good cause another trip or event.

Moved, seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned 4:40

Submitted by Rebecca Knudeson, Secretary

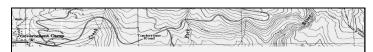








Clockwise - Lost Basin hikers, a "GBH," and one of Santa's hiking elves. Photos: Guy Meacham



Trails Club of Oregon Board Minutes December 8, 2019

Attendees: Sheryl Wagner President Beverly Drottar Vice President Bill Yandon Treasurer Rebecca Knudeson Secretary Glen Conrad Nesika Trustee Nathen Barton Tvee Trustee Lori Leach Membership Trustee Social Trustee Linda Conrad Susan Aschenfelder Trips Trustee

Absent: Beverly Drottar Vice President Joel Reitz Publication Trustee

1. Approved minutes of November meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report: Cindy

Beginning Balance 9/1/19	\$17,323.06
Checks and Payment (withdrawals)	\$3504.60
Deposits	.\$2251.45
Ending Balance 7/31/19	\$16,069.91
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3. Committee Reports:

Nesika Lodge - Our application to replace Redwing has been okayed by Multnomah County. Now it has passed to the City of Gresham because they will do the building inspections. The construction permit will be an additional fee. Ralph Bloomers called about continuing their video work that they did on the Nesika fire. They will place a couple of cameras to do time lapse photography during the winter. Trail Keepers of Oregon wants us to organize some of our people to work with them to clear trails around Nesika.

Tyee Lodge - Replaced a toilet seat in the women's restroom. Need to remove the open mice bait

dishes. The hot water faucet in the pot and pan sink is leaking. Nathen will be doing the winter scheduling. Bill Yandon is still working on the opening and closing instructions.

Membership

(New member packets, possible changes suggested by member).

Second readings were approved:

Peter Puhvel, Patrick Redmond, Daniel Tye, Marie Van Patten. One perspective member was declined membership.

Lori is in the process of ordering new patches. Costs could be as high as \$500. Up to \$600 was approved for the patches. She will change the verbiage on the letters to applicants to reflect the new provisional membership. Dues are coming in.

Publications - Joel absent.

Trips - Linda had a meeting to plan trips. Four attended. She will hold a trips/social meeting once a month. We currently have about 4 regular hike leaders and are trying to get more. The January meeting is on the 8th at Sellwood Pub, 6:00. The February meeting will be at Six Moon Designs, date TBA.

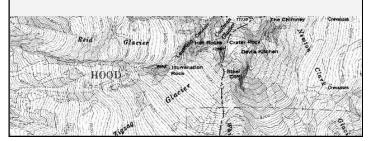
Social - See the trips comments above.

Linda discussed the annual meeting. The board will bring refreshments and ar- rive at 2:00 at Hollywood Senior Center. She anticipates having a social event to plan backpacks and incorporate other social/ planning activities.

4. New Business:

- a. Susan Ashenfelter appointed as Trips
- b. Discussed the current logo and the appeal of the retro vibe on the previous logo/patch. We will discuss later.
- c. c. Outreach: working with TKO and meeting monthly to plan trips and social events. We are in contact with Post 58, a mountaineering group for teens.
- d. Banquet tentatively scheduled for April 26. Will try to get Fulton Community Center.

Next board meeting: Jan 7, 7:00 pm, at Mazamas



GONSERVATION NOTE

Happy New Year TCO'ers!

Here is a list of New Year's resolutions for climate activists. See whether one or two seem relevant to your life, or post your own suggestions on our Facebook page.

- **♣** Drive less: walk, bike, use public transportation.
- Buy less, use less, waste less: mend, repair, re-use.
- **♣** Support local: buy locally grown food, locally grown wood (build local alliance) locally produced clothes.
- ♣ Get plastic out of your life as much as possible: use wax paper, cloth, reusable grocery bags, washable net produce bags.
- ▲ Eat for the planet's health and your own health: eat a more plant-based diet with less meat, and try to follow the Japanese rule of eating only until 4/5 full; eat small servings on small plates giving yourself permission for seconds, thirds, fourths until you reach your 4/5 full, cleaning your plate each time. Pay attention when you shop, and buy only as much food as you will eat.
- **▲** Take the no pesticide oath.
- ♠ Pay attention to how much you are using: water, electricity, gas, and work on using less.
- ♣ Get outside to hike, walk, backpack, camp: pay attention to the small, everyday beauties of this planet, as well

- as the breath-taking waterfalls, mountains, and vistas, so you know viscerally what is at stake.
- ▲ Do one big thing: choose one threatened place you care about to fight for, or one endangered species needing protection, or one organization to volunteer with.
- And yes, when the sun comes out, close your eyes and turn your face to the sky, and rejoice in the life-giving warmth and light. But also, when the rains come, close your eyes and turn your face to the sky, and rejoice in the life-giving water we so need, opening your eyes to the beauty of the rain-washed world. Our streams remain low, and our snowpack is way below what our streams and forests need. Welcome the rain we Oregonians love to lament!

May this a a good year for every one of us, and may it be the year we reverse the trend of worsening global warming, and begin the healing of our beautiful earth.

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!!!

- Your Conservation Committee



Oregon Nordic Club Sponsors:

Cross Country Ski Bus from Portland to Teacup's groomed trails







Skip the driving headaches! Enjoy a relaxing bus trip to Teacup cross country area on Mt. Hood to ski 12 miles of groomed tracks.

Meet new friends, enjoy exercise and fresh mountain air.

Learn to Cross Country ski: classic or skate ski lessons available at additional cost. Possible snowshoe tour on either Feb. 1 or 8; check calendar for listing:

https://onc-pdx.org/about-onc/master-calendar/

Dates: Sun., Jan. 19 and Sat., Jan. 25, 2020

Sat., Feb. 1 and Sat. Feb. 8, 2020

Depart: 7:55 am Gateway MAX or 8:45 am Sandy

Return: 4:00 pm to Sandy or 5:00 pm to Gateway MAX

Transportation cost per person:

\$18 for Oregon Nordic Club (ONC) members

\$23 for non-ONC members

No refunds - although you may send a substitute person.

Plus \$10 donation upon arrival to Teacup's trail grooming expenses.

Skiers aged 11-17 must be accompanied by an adult. Under age 11 not accepted.

Additional details at: https://onc-pdx.org/xc-ski-bus/

(Meet location directions, what to bring; registration for lessons, ...)

Contact coordinator Ken by email if additional questions: xcskibus@gmail.com

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January 2020

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; nonmembers 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

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.

Editor: Dave Hays

Send pictures, new events, corrections and anything else for the Trails Club of Oregon website to:

webmaster@trailsclub.org