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Woods of Memorial Natural Area. Photo: Ken Kane

“Trails Ahead”

August 15 - 22 Camp & Hike

If you would like to do some hiking up at the Mt. Baker Wilderness area this August, Brian Carlson and Greg Baker will be leading day hikes out of the Excelsior Campground from Aug. 15th through the 22nd.

Many different hikes of differing levels to choose from during the week. For more info e-mail Brian at owatta53@hotmail.com

April Cancellations

Activities Canceled for the Month

As you might have guessed, the ongoing pandemic has led to the cancellation of all TCO activities for this month. Keep an eye on the [calendar](#) for when events start up again. This issue of the Blazer will list a few that are scheduled in future months, such as many planned bike rides, but as always - check online for the latest information on changes, postponements, or cancellations.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

1st readings:

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TCO Bike Rides Planned

These rides are planned for the remainder of the summer season, but as usual, check with the website and/or ride leader for late-breaking news, postponements, or cancellations. The TCO website is the office location for event information.

- May 11 (Mon) .. Bike & Dine: Riverfront/Mississippi-Audrey Perino
- May 16 (Sat) ... Buena Vista-Allen Burrell
- May 23 (Sat) ... Scio 5 Covered Bridges (Camping)-Chaz Shaw
- Jun 6 (Sat) Sandy River/Dodge Park-Dave Crout
- Jun 11 (Thu) Peninsula Park/Pier Pk-Audrey Perino
- Jun 14 (Sun) ... Mosier Tunnels and 7 mile Hill-Allen Burrell
- Jun 20 (Sat) Two Creeks Vancouver-Chaz Shaw
- Jul 9 (Thu) Kelly Pt Park-Audrey Perino
- Jul 12 (Sun)..... Canby-Sawtell Hill-Maureen Covell
- Jul 16 (Thu) Milw-Lake Oswego Loop-Allen Burrell
- Jul 18 (Sat) Tour de Westside-Chaz Shaw
- Jul 25 (Sat) Old Germantown Rd.-Dave Crout
- Aug 9 (Sun) Puget Island/White Tail Deer (Camping)-Chaz Shaw
- Aug 13 (Thu) ... Bike & Dine: Springwater to Boring-Audrey Perino
- Aug 15 (Sat) Boring/Redland-Dave Crout
- Aug 22 (Sat) Butteville-St Paul-Allen Burrell
- Sept 3 (Thu) Willamette Park/Zoo-Audrey Perino
- Sept 12 (Sat) ... Canby Ferry-Dave Crout

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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: 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 (TrailsClub.org) 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 (Meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/). 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 (www.trailsclub.org), 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.



CONSERVATION

NOTE

This month your conservation committee would like to introduce you to a local non-profit combatting climate change:

FIGHT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

Kyla Yeoman

350PDX* is a diverse, people-powered movement with an ambitious vision to address the causes of climate disruption, coupled with the experience needed to get there.

We're creating a world where fossil fuels are kept in the ground, our society is 100% powered by renewable and community-owned energy, we're surrounded by vibrant, carbon-rich forests, people have quality family-wage jobs, and our communities are resilient.

Because we recognize that the causes of climate disruption are the same root causes as other environmental, social, economic and racial injustices, we follow the strong leadership of those impacted first and worst. We put pressure on politicians, industries and businesses to change the extractive and exploitative systems people live in. We want the easiest choice for everyone to be the sustainable one. That's why we're focused on systemic change rather than individual behaviors.

We know this is ambitious, but we actually do have the power to make it happen. They have the money, we have the people. 350PDX's mission is to inspire you to act, to give you the skills and knowledge you need, and to give you the opportunity to engage in real, meaningful, effective action that will fully address the climate crisis, and bring about a just and

equitable future for all. We also focus on mobilizing believers rather than deniers. With 72 percent of Oregonians supportive of climate action, we have more than enough people if we all show up.

That's where you come in. We've saved a seat for you, and can't wait to help you find your climate action "home". We have strategic teams focused on fossil fuel resistance, transportation, forest defense, and the Green New Deal. We have neighborhood teams, family-friendly teams, and affinity group teams. We even have an arts team that makes activism creative and joyful! You may see us in the streets during big climate marches, but behind the scenes are people strategizing, researching, writing, collaborating and creating. We're building a movement and we want you in it.

*350PDX is a local group affiliated with 350.org. The number 350 comes from the scientific safe upper limit of how many parts per million of carbon dioxide should be in the atmosphere. Before the industrial revolution, it was roughly 270. We are currently at around 415, meaning we are overstepping this important planetary boundary and need to stop emitting greenhouse gases and bring that number back down to 350 or below as fast as possible.

What can you do?

Go to the 350PDX website and find a climate change action that fits your concerns, and join in! <https://350pdx.org/get-involved/>

For the love of our beautiful planet,

- *Your Conservation Committee*

Virtual Outings

Here's a few ways to "get out" when you can't really get out:

Stay At Home - Festivals and Events

Online music festival and events calendar:

<https://www.stayathomefest.com/>

The Hidden Worlds of the National Parks

Follow rangers on a journey to places most people never go.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/national-park-service>

Virtual Museums

12 Famous Museums And Galleries You Can Visit Virtually From Your Own Couch:

<https://www.boredpanda.com/famous-museums-offering-virtual-tours/>

Stay safe and well, everyone.



Face masks are back in fashion! Photo: Sheryl Wagner

TCO Facemask Released from Federal Stockpiles!

Vice President Pence has announced that our Trails Club buffs make good face masks. If you would like to buy some for \$15 each, contact [Linda Marie Conrad](#), [Susan Ashenfelter](#) or [Sheryl Wagner](#) to have us send them to you. There will be shipping charge unfortunately since we are not meeting anywhere for awhile.

Editor's Note: I added a little humor here, obviously. That said, let's not hoard! Order just what you need.



Board Meeting Minutes

March TCO Board Minutes March 3, 2020, 7-9 pm, Mazamas

Trails Club of Oregon Board Meeting Agenda

Attendees:

Sheryl Wagner, President
Beverly Drottar, Vice President
Rebecca Knudeson, Secretary
Bill Yandon, Treasurer
Susan Ashenfelter, Trips Trustee
Joel Reitz, Publications Trustee
Glen Conrad, Nesika Trustee
Lori Leach Membership Trustee
Linda Conrad, Social Trustee

Absent: Nathen Barton, Tyee Trustee

1.) Approved the minutes of the February meeting.

2.) Treasurer's Report — Treasurer's Report, Bill Yandon

Beginning Balance old account	\$3496.23
Checks and payments.....	\$69.48
Ending Balance old account 2/29/20	\$3426.75
Beginning Balance new account	\$17,201.36
Deposits.....	\$2,001.30
Checks and payments.....	\$319.37
Ending Balance new account 2/29/20	\$18,883.29

Bill has an appointment with our tax people this coming week. Cindy is still working on our investment fund with Columbia Threadneedle. Vicki Wood is alternating with Bill to collect mail.

3.) Committee Reports

Nesika: Glen reported the Redwing rebuild project has gone through the 14 day public comment period. Waiting to hear of any comments. Our property will be listed on Forest Service maps as Trails Club.

Tyee: Nathen absent. Basement door needs weather-stripping or a sweep seal at the bottom.

Membership Lori reported. 1st readings:

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Publications: Joel reported. We are sending out 4 paid paper Blazers and 5 comped.

Trips: Susan reported. Have had good attendance on a couple of trips, all on MeetUp. The monthly trip planning events at local venues have been well attended, mostly nonmembers from MeetUp.

Social: Banquet on 4/26 at Fullton Community Center.

3. New Business

Camera at Tyee: Joel will research systems.

Mazama key: Susan moved that we begin a discussion with Charles Barker about developing a contract that will allow him to rent Tyee from us for overflow on Mazama events. Beverly seconded. 7 in favor, 2 abstained, 1 opposed. We decided to ask Charles to attend a board meeting so we could discuss the situation with him as a group.

Renting Tyee: Nathen is working on getting a quote from a cleaning service. Has looked into additional insurance requirements.

Wilderness first aid class: Approved sponsoring a 1st aid class on 3/28 at Bound to Happen in Gladstone. Club will pay \$90 for each member participant. Nonmembers will pay the full fee, \$90. Members will receive priority as attendance is limited. Unanimously passed.

Next meeting 4/7 at the Mazama's

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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

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

webmaster@trailsclub.org