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Backpackers approach Mt. St. Helens. Photo: Nancy Zhang

Events Summary

All Wednesdays		Evening Hikes (see <i>Repeating Hikes, Page 3</i>)
26-6		Steamboat Spr., CO. To WY Backpack
31-3		Ozette-loop Washington Backpack
4-5	Fri-Sat	Goat Rocks Lake Backpack
8	Tues	<i>Board Meeting</i>
12	Sat	Canby Ferry Bike Ride
18-20	Fri-Sun	Goat Rocks PCT Hike
18-20	Fri-Sun	Neskia Work Trip
19-20	Sat-Sun	Tyee Work Triip

Scheduling, fees, and lodge availability are updated on website www.trailsclub.org

Empty Boots

Memories of Jerry Reneau

My childhood friend and forever Trails Club Member, Jerry Reneau passed away August 11, 2020. My parents were forever grateful that Jerry came into my life and kept me occupied with fishing trips, hiking trips and work trips with the Trails Club. Jerry was 7 years older than I, and a big kid when we were little kids. He was always the big kid at "Kiddie Campers" (later Camper's Outing), trusted by kids and adults alike to be in charge.

Jerry was best man at my wedding and I was his at his wedding. We kept in touch over the years through skiing, Trails Club work trips, wood cutting weekends for Trails Club at Nesika and to obtain firewood for each of us, as we both had wood stoves. Our careers took us in different directions, but we still talked on the phone and saw each other when we could and never lost touch. Jerry was a casual guy, working for the Forest Service in the fire suppression unit. I think I saw him in a suit only

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Empty Boots

Passing of June Smelser

Long time Trails Club member, June England Williams Smelser passed away peacefully in her home July 9, 2020. She had celebrated her 101st birthday with telephone calls, video calls and her son Duane's homemade chocolate cake with the local family on June 1st. We were glad we'd had a big celebration on her 100th as the covid virus limited what we could do this year.

June joined the Trails Club in 1949. She loved hiking. She section-hiked the Pacific Crest Trail before it was fully established. Her longest section was 800 miles in Southern California with other Trails Clubbers in 1976. When she was 86 years old she completed her last section in California with her daughter Gail. When backpacking became too difficult, she drove a support vehicle for her daughter Marianne's cross-country bicycle trips. Her kids and grandkids came to love outdoor adventures, backpacking, rock climbing, snowshoeing, skiing and

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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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EVENT CANCELATIONS

Please note that some events may be canceled at a future date, depending on late-breaking COVID-19 related issues, etc. Check the [website](#) regularly.

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.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Steamboat Springs to Hwy 70 in Wyoming August 26 @ 7:00 am - September 6 @ 5:00 pm

We will spend two days driving to CO. DISTANCE 1121 miles. Hike starts at Steam Boat Springs and goes to HWY 70 In Wyoming. Hiking Distance is 82 miles. We will not exceed 10 miles per day. We have two to three resupplies. One at Buffalo Pass, the second one at forest road 400. Glen says he will shuttle and resupply us. There is a campground at Steamboat Springs we can meet ther on Aug 28th and start hiking. I figure 8 days on trail and then start driving home on the 5th or 6th of September. Linda Conrad, h 360-837-3787 c 360-907-5096



Exploratory Backpack Ozette-Loop Washington August 31 @ 4:00 pm - Sept. 3 @ 6:00 pm

Bear canisters are required for this trip. This adventure begins with car camping at Lake Ozette for one night because of the 6 hour drive. We leave to go to Cape Alava from the TH at Lake Ozette at 1200 noon and hike 3 miles, make camp. Then we hike 3 miles on the beach to Sand Point and make camp, then Thurs hike 3 miles back to cars and drive home. Please make your own reservation for the backpack. It is \$8/person/night plus \$5/car. I will reserve a campsite at Lake Ozette and leave the campsite number/location under comments. Trail park pass is required. Bring 10 essentials. This will be a social distancing, mask wearing backpack. The Trails club of Oregon cannot be held liable for any events related to Covid-19. I drive a white Subaru Outback with Oregon plates. Veda Wilson vedawilson@comcast.net



Goat Rocks Lake Backpacking Sept.4 @ 9:00 am - Sept. 5 @ 6:00 pm

*** The six tent maximum has been reached *** You can waitlist in case someone has to cancel last minute.

On Friday, September 4, Mimi C. of the TCO is leading a backpack to Goat Rocks Lake. It will start out at 9am from the Snowgrass Flat Trailhead and Mimi's pace is 1.5-2MPH. The hike to the lake is 6.5 miles and 2400 feet of elevation up, and 750 feet of elevation down. The hike back (different route) is 6 miles, 1,000 feet elevation up and 2700 feet of elevation down. The weather is predicted to be mostly sunny to sunny, but as always be prepared for wind/rain/cold. The lake is at about 6600 feet of elevation and it likely will dip to frosty overnight. The hike is leaving early as tent space near the lake is limited. It is possible Mimi will have to divert to alternate camping spots above the lake or up/down the trail from

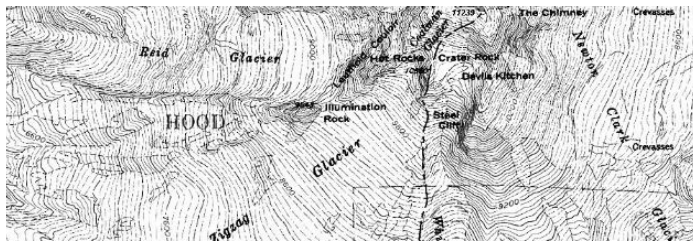
REPEATING HIKES

Evening Hikes - Class B, Wednesdays 6-8 PM

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. Arrive early to find parking, sign in and pay the \$2 hike fee (if not a TCO member) before 6:00.

Carry water, a light source and dress for variable weather. We hike about 6 miles in 2 hours, often with significant elevation gain.

Please check each week on the TCO website or Meetup to make sure we have a hike. We may need to cancel when we lack a leader. Leader: Rebecca Knudeson rknudeson@gmail.com 503-639-2234



the lake. With who is already going, she has spots for three more tents. If you would like to go, please join the waitlist and Mimi will follow up with you on equipment and your confidence in your ability. Due to covid she will not be organizing carpooling.



Canby Ferry Bike Ride Sept. 12 (Sat) Canby Ferry Bike Ride – Class C

Join me on a beautiful but challenging ride from Oregon City to Canby, across the Willamette, up and over Pete's Mountain to West Linn, and back to Oregon City over the Arch Bridge. This ride features the Oregon City Municipal Elevator, exploration of the Molalla Forest Road multiuse path in Canby, and of course the Canby Ferry. Add in scenic farmland and countryside south of the river, and great views north of the river, including an up-close look at Willamette Falls. Total distance is approximately 28 miles, with cumulative elevation gain about 1,500 feet. \$3 per bike on the ferry. Optional lunch at end of ride.

Note: Following the Trails Club COVID-19 policies, participation is limited to 10 participants. Please bring a cloth face covering and hand sanitizer. Carpooling is discouraged for people not members of the same household. In addition, participants will be asked to sign a COVID-19 acknowledgement, or alternatively, review the policies and email the leader indicating you accept the terms and conditions for participating in this activity. See the policies here: trailsclub.org/COVID-Policies.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES Continued...

Meet: 9 AM at Jon Storm Park, 1801 Clackamette Dr., Oregon City. Access Clackamette Dr. from southbound McLoughlin Blvd. by turning right at the signal prior to the southbound I-205 ramp. From the south, turn left at the signal just after the I-205 ramp which is noted by a sign for Clackamette Park. Park is at the south end of Clackamette Dr. Leader: Dave Crout 503-460-9782, or dave_sandy@comcast.net



Goat Rocks PCT Hike

Sept. 18 @ 8:00 am - Sept. 20 @ 7:00 pm

I am leading a hike on the PCT section through the Goat Rocks wilderness. This will not include the lake. We will start at the Snowgrass Flat Trailhead and end at White Pass, so there will be limited carpooling to move cars.

In 3 days we will 24 miles and 6,400 feet of elevation.

Day 1 – 6.3 miles and +2818/-504 stop at PCT mile 2276

Day 2 – 6.8 miles and +1268/-3427 ft stop at PCT mile 2283

Day 3 – 10.8 miles and +2314/-2733 ft stop at PCT mile 2295

Most of the miles will be between 5,000-7000 feet, so expect frosty nights. We will check the weather but no matter the forecast be prepared for cold/wind/rain.

There is room for 3 more people. We will have to meet at one place and then move people to their cars at the end. It will involve windows down, wearing masks, and 2 people per car. If you would like to go, join the waitlist and I will follow up to check your confidence in your gear and ability

Nesika Work Trip

Sept. 18 - Sept. 20

We will be working the week before to finish hauling in the 20 foot lumber. We are hoping to start building the weekend of work trip. If we start building we will have lodge open for 7 to 12 days. Anyone interested in working on building lodge let me know. Food for the work will be provided. We will also have trail clearing, finish outhouse, painting of outhouse. The gates will be open at 9:00 AM on Friday morning and Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. WE will also have gates open in PM. CALL LINDA CONRAD WITH QUESTIONS. 3609075096

Tyee Work Trip

Sept. 18 - Sept. 20

Organizer: Nathen Barton Email: TyeeWinter@trailsclub.org



Fun at the annual picnic. Sheryl Geldreich Wagner



Progress at Nesika. Photo: Trisha S.H.

JERRY RENEAU Continued...

three times: once at my wedding, once at his wedding, and finally at his father's Memorial Service. Jerry needed a suit for that service, but hated the idea of buying one. Neither of us were looking forward to a shopping trip, when my wife said, "go rent one". I don't think I have ever seen a happier guy at that Service. People were telling him how good he looked in a suit and he would grin and with great joy tell them he had rented it, including the shoes.

Jerry spent years going to work trips at Nesika. We knew Henry Waespe, for whom the "Point" is named and worked with him often at the lodge. He helped shore up the old Nesika Lodge with his cousin, Wayne Bauman, who at the time was Nesika's Lodge Chairman. I believe he worked on the new lodge, also. One of the proudest moments of Jerry's time with the Trails Club was when he was awarded the "Henry Waespe" Award, one of the club's highest honors for service to the club. Jerry loved the Trails Club.

I will miss the phone calls from Jerry, his laugh, the good times we had as younger men, and a friendship that lasted more than 70 years.

- Art Stangell



Light in the forest near Mt. St. Helens. Photo: Nancy Zhang

JUNE SMELSER Continued ...

bicycling, as she took us on Trails Club outings and spent weekends at Tye and Nesika. Winter wasn't complete without several weekends skiing out of Tye. She helped during many work trips at Nesiska and Tye Lodges. I think her favorite hike was up Multnomah Falls to Nesika. She led many hikes, served on committees and held offices, her last being club historian.

June grew up in Multnomah, attending Multnomah Grade School and Lincoln High School with her younger twin sisters. She liked hiking down to the Willamette River and around the area, and making doll clothes for her sisters' dolls. She graduated with a BA in French Literature from the University of Oregon and later earned a Masters in Library Science from Columbia University. She worked as a librarian at Multnomah County Library, Oregon City Library and then settled into the David Douglas High School library. A few years before she retired, she switched to Lake Oswego Junior High library. We were surprised to find out that she even read children stories on the radio when she was a young librarian.

After she retired she became active, volunteering with AARP and Oregon Retired Teachers Association. She led outings for the local senior center, taught computer skills at the library and participated in Toastmasters. She was fairly successful selling Golden Neo-Life supplements. She was her own best customer, working to stay healthy past 100. She participated in the Portland to Coast Relay Walk on AARP's Silver Sloggers team for 6 years. The last year she was the oldest participant. She frequently grew a vegetable garden. Always the librarian, she got into genealogy and started an extended family newsletter, Weedy Acres Gazette, that 215 family members contributed to and enjoyed reading.

June was married twice. Her first husband died in WWII leaving her with a baby daughter, Gail. She then was introduced to a man with 3 children, Jean, Kenneth and Rosanne. They got married and had Marianne, Duane and Michael. Mama kept us busy with music lessons, classes at the YMCA, Camp Fire, Scouts, 4-H, summer camps, Sunday school, skiing, camping and trips to Seaside to visit Grandma and Grandpa. We all completed college degrees and got married. We gave her 14 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and 5 great, great grandchildren (some were adopted). All but my Dad are still alive, pursuing our own adventures. June left a great legacy of love for nature and outdoor adventure. A memorial service will be planned when the virus subsides and allows us to travel and meet together.

- Marianne Phillips, June's Daughter

Board Meeting

Trails Club of Oregon Board Meeting Agenda Date: 8/4/20

Time: 7-9 pm Location: Zoom Attendees:

Sheryl Wagner	President
Beverly Drotter	Vice President
Bill Yandon	Treasurer
Rebecca Knudeson	Secretary
Lori Leach	Membership Trustee
Joel Reitz	Publications Trustee

Absent: Glen Conrad, Nesika Trustee; Linda Conrad, Social Trustee; Nathen Barton, Tyee Trustee; Susan Ashenfelter, Trips Trustee

1. Approved previous meeting minutes

2. Treasurer's Report, Bill

Beginning Balance	\$15,943.47
New account Checks and payments	\$1171.20
Deposits	\$504.26
Transfer from old account	\$3288.93
Closed out old account Ending Balance	\$18,565.46

Old Checking Account has been closed and funds moved to the new account. The Safe Deposit box is tied to the old account. It's unknown at this time if we will have to change boxes. Hopefully, the bank will allow us to "tie" to new account and not change physical boxes. Bill will meet with Cindy next week to get information from her on the Columbia Threadneedle account and how to arrange access. He will deal with the Safe Deposit Box at that time. Cindy needs to be present for him to sign for the box access. Chris Monti will not change investments now due to the uncertainty in the markets. Bill will attempt to set up a direct deposit from Fidelity into our checking account in order to streamline fund transfer. He estimates that for a \$10,000.00 Surety Bond, as required by the By Laws, the cost would be \$115.00 to \$120.00 per year. The last time we had a bond was in 2010 which cost \$114.00. He asked whether we wished to continue the purchase of a bond, change the By Laws, or reduce the bond. We will notify membership in September of the bylaw change to drop the requirement.

3. Committee Reports

a. Nesika – Glen absent, report send by email: Many thanks to the board for their support of the project at Nesika. The board has supported and we have accepted the bid for initial materials to rebuild a dorm. We now have a delivery date for the building supplies of Friday August 14th. We are asking for assistance of those who have the time and a four wheel drive to assist with getting materials from the brown gate into the Nesika parking area. Trailers

would also be appreciated. There was no work trip for July. We have not yet gotten the material mover back from Accurweld in Washougal. The next work trip is the week-end of August 18th to the 20th. Looking forward to starting our building project with the Atterbury Team in September. Club members are welcome to lend a hand on the construction. That announcement will be published as soon as we know when the Team is available.

b. Tyee Lodge - Nathen absent

Discussed the need for a list of procedural tasks at Tyee. Joel will set up a Wiki to collect procedures from experienced members. Joel reported that he installed 2 new range hoods and an electronic lock on the downstairs door at Tyee. Members with keys have been notified of their personal code. He fixed the broken window. The bottom element of the water heater in women's restroom is out. Discussed whether to have another work weekend this summer or just put out a list of tasks that need to be done.

c. Membership—Lori: Membership record is up to date. June Smelser died at 101 in early July. She joined in 1949. Memorial will be held at some point.

First Readings for Regular Membership:

- Deborah Chan, Portland, OR
Sponsored by: Nina Rohrs and Trisha Schultz
- Troy Schubert, Lake Oswego, OR
Sponsored by: Nina Rohrs and Rachel Eggers
- Ralph Bloemers, Portland, OR
Sponsored by: Linda Conrad and Candace Bonner
- Angel Mazon, Vancouver, WA
Sponsored by: Rachel Eggers and Julia Mace
- Chris Seubert, Beaverton, OR
Sponsored by: Nathan Barton and Julia Mace
- Charles Barker, Portland, OR
Sponsored by: Nathan Barton and Julia Mace
- C. Margarita Ferrer Vega, Beaverton, OR
Sponsored by: Nathen Barton and Julia Mace

Second Readings for Regular Membership:

- Amber Tilton, The Dalles, OR
Sponsored by: Bob Horn and Pete Recksiek

Membership: 11 golden, 3 junior, 36 life, 2 life/golden, 6 provisional, 241 regular, 299 total

d. Publications –Joel

Directory is complete. The 7 who requested it received a hard copy. Otherwise, access to it is on the website. Printed member directory is laid out on website for those who

want to print a directory. Discussed the need to replace our editor who is located in southern Oregon and currently impacted by fires.

e. Trips—Susan, absent Regular backpacks and Weds night hikes are ongoing.

f. Social—Linda, absent, report sent by email: It appears many people are excited about our Lacamas Lake Picnic. We will be promoting social distancing, wearing of masks, washing of hands. Please bring tables if you have them. I will be setting up what I have around 6:00 AM in order to secure an area for our activities. I am also asking for those of you who have yard games to bring them. I have a few.

The area we are to use is first come, first served. I am not sure that pot luck is safe. I encourage people to bring their own food. If you feel safe in sharing or partaking of other people's food that will be everyone's personal decision. See you all on the 22nd.

4. New Business

a. Possibilities for private rooms in Tyee, Nathen, absent, but arrived in the middle of the conversation. Decided to make a priority list of changes at Tyee with estimated costs to discuss at next meeting.

Next meeting, Sept.8 via zoom at 7 PM. Submitted by



Linda Conrad explores the lush post-fire regrowth at Nesika. Photo: Sheryl Geldreich Wagner

Bylaws Revision

Article VI, Section 5: ~~“Bonding Treasurer: Before the Club's funds, books of accounts and other records are surrendered to him by his predecessor, the Treasurer shall execute and keep in force during his term, a corporate surety bond in favor of the club for the protection of its funds in his possession and under his control. The amount of such bond shall be not less than \$10,000.00 and the premium for such bond shall be paid by the Club.”~~

The board proposes striking this section from our bylaws for the following reasons:

- The bond suggested is woefully inadequate to the amount of funds our treasurer regularly handles. The cost of an appropriate bond would be a significant expense in a time of reduced income and elevated expenses for the club.
- Our current practices require consistent oversight by co-signers of the treasurer's every withdrawal and disbursement of funds, as well as monthly scrutiny of all our accounts by the entire board, so we feel this is a redundant layer of protection.
- Treasurers are selected from long-term members who have demonstrated years of active participation and dedication to TCO interests and activities.
- This section has been inadvertently overlooked for the past 10 years without any impact to club operations.



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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.

Editor: Dave Hays

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