



# Trail Blazer

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Vista Butte Snow Camping. Photos: Nancy Zhang



## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



### NESIKA LODGE WORK TRIP

(weather permitting)

Fri, Mar 12 - Sun, Mar 14

Host: Linda Conrad

The gate just past the 10-mile marker on Larch Mountain Road will be open at 9:00am on Friday and Saturday mornings. Food will be provided for those signed up. Please do not cancel as food will be purchased by Thursday for the weekend. We will brush the Cougar Rock Trail. We will finish our access trail to Franklin Ridge. We will be clearing any new trees that have fallen off of the road as needed. We need someone who can use chainsaw safely. We need chainsaw, nippers, limb saws, and polasky for ground breaking of trail, maybe shovels. Bring what you wish to work with. We could use a cook. We will leave Sunday before lunch as soon as the Lodge is clean. Be prepared to hike in from brown gate if needed. Bring tent, pad, sleeping bag for camping outside. COVID: wear masks in Lodge, stay six feet apart.



### LOWER DESCHUTES RIVER BACKPACK

Fri, Mar 19 - Mon, Mar 22

Host: Linda Conrad

We will meet at Macks Canyon trailhead and hike to the mouth of the Deschutes River. There is an option of only hiking three days and going out Sunday. We will camp night one at 17-mile camp. Night two we will camp at 8-mile camp. Day three you can either hike out or hike to the top of the ridge above 8-mile camp. After climbing to the top of the ridge, we will pack up and hike down to 4-mile camp by the walnut orchard. At this point, you can hike out. If you stay we will hike out Monday, hiking the higher ridge trail on Monday. There are outhouses on day two and day three.

Cost to shuttle your car is \$125. Register with Linda's Shuttle Service in Maupin. Bring 10 essentials, rain gear, warm clothes, hand sanitizer, three to four days of food, camp stove. Shouldn't need a four season tent. Be prepared to wear mask if closer than six feet from each other. Show respect to others on trail, use mask or pull buff over nose and mouth to pass other hikers.

## March Events

12-14	Fri - Sun	Nesika Work Trip (weather permitting)
19-22	Fri - Mon	Lower Deschutes River Backpack
Scheduling, fees, and lodge availability are updated on website <a href="http://www.trailsclub.org">www.trailsclub.org</a>		

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Welcome new member!  
Lucas Black

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Electronic subscription is included with membership.  
Non-member subscription by request to PO Box is \$25 per year.

Send address changes and club correspondence to:  
[Membership@trailsclub.org](mailto:Membership@trailsclub.org) or the address above.

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, 7:00pm, at Mazamas Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave at SE Stark St, Portland

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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, head east to 99th Ave, turn north, head 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, drive south to Evergreen Parkway turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr. Park and meet on the west side of the Target 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](http://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/](http://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](http://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.

# Board Meeting

Trails Club of Oregon Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 2, 2021 7:00 - 9:00pm

Location: Zoom

**Present:**

Sheryl Wagner	President
Beverly Drotter	Vice President
Bill Yandon	Treasurer
Rebecca Knudeson	Secretary
Nathen Barton	Tyee Trustee
Lori Leach	Membership Trustee
Joel Reitz	Publications Trustee
Jennifer Samuels	Blazer Editor (guest)

**Absent:**

Dolores Niebergall	Trips Trustee
Linda Conrad	Social Trustee
Glen Conrad	Nesika Trustee

**1. January meeting minutes approved by email**

**2. Treasurer’s Report** - Bill reported

Beginning balance.....\$14,026

Total deposits.....\$3,825

Total expenses.....\$654

Ending balance.....\$17,224

Memorial Fund withdrawal of \$1,100 covers the 2019-2020 charges for the Garmin. Moved and seconded to reimburse Sheryl retroactively for money she spent on special awards at the annual meeting.

**3. Committee Reports**

a. Nesika - Glen via email

We had a quickly scheduled work trip in January because there was no snowpack at the Lodge. We worked with members of the Trailkeepers of Oregon, doing an in and out to the Lodge on the weekend of 1/23. 14 people attended. We cleared the road all the way to the parking lot. We also worked on the Franklin Ridge connector, the Ornament Trail and cleared the Cougar Rock Trail. We removed about 40 trees off of the road. We hope this will give us a jumpstart on the work trips later this year. Many thanks to Rachel Eggers who spent a few days clearing the triangle of trails around the lodge. TCO provided hot soup and lunch. All COVID restrictions were followed.

b. Tyee Lodge - Nathen reported

Nathen minted keys. Derek Nesland applied for a key. Board approved. We have found two designers who are interested in working on Tyee. They may be able to look at the lodge in the spring or early summer.

c. Membership - Lori reported

First Readings:

**Elizabeth Brashear** (Portland) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Jennifer Samuels  
**Craig Gwydir** (Hillsboro) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Jim Hawley  
**David Noyes** (Hillsboro) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Jennifer Samuels  
**Carolyn Willis** (Vancouver) sponsored by Jennifer Samuels and Linda Conrad

Second Reading - accepted:

**Lucas Black**

Provisional (will confirm and move to First Reading if application and payment have been submitted):

**Mohamed Alyajouri** (Hillsboro) sponsored by Linda Conrad and Jim Hawley  
**Diane Strand** - no sponsors

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*Board Meeting Minutes (continued)*

d. Publications - Joel reported

He has sent out passes to the Adidas Employee Store and the Columbia Sportswear Store along with dues notices.

e. Trips - Dolores via email

There are some new backpacks planned. She's working on a process to streamline trip reports. We need more day hike leaders. Linda plans to lead a backpack in the next month.

f. Social - Linda absent

4. New Business

a. Bill is stepping down as treasurer. We thanked him for his conscientious work in assuming this role. Jennifer Samuels is considering taking over. She's a nonprofit director, has served on multiple boards and has been a treasurer. She will talk with Sheryl and think about it for a few days. If she wants to go ahead, we will vote on her via email.

b. FWOC

We discussed how TCO should vote on FWOC resolutions. We determined the voting can be handled at the board level. We will ask the FWOC to put the board on their mailing list so we will be familiar with their resolutions.

c. Crown Point Country Historical Society  
Joel brought up our monetary contribution at the start of their building project. The museum is now being built. We had thought we could use their building to store our archives. Lori will reach out to them to check about the possibility.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Submitted by Rebecca Knudson, Secretary



*Washington State's largest Ponderosa Pine  
Mt. Adams/Trout Lake Snowshoe  
photo: Jennifer Samuels*

**Reminder: Tye Lodge Use this Winter**

Tye Lodge use (both daytime AND overnight) is by reservation only until COVID restrictions are lifted. Please do not come to Tye unannounced. Tye reservations are listed on the Trails Club calendar (<https://trailsclub.org/activities/calendar>). During 'normal times' if there is a name on the calendar, that person is a host and you can visit Tye. For now, if there is a name listed they have reserved the entire lodge and you may not visit Tye, again due to COVID restrictions. You may reserve the lodge if you have been trained as a host and have a key. There is a new key system with a code. If you have not gotten a code, you will not be able to enter when the lodge is not in use. All key holders should have received a code. Log in to the Trails Club website to see your code or contact Joel Reitz ([publicationchair@trailsclub.org](mailto:publicationchair@trailsclub.org)). Please reserve the lodge by contacting [tyewinter@trailsclub.org](mailto:tyewinter@trailsclub.org) and make sure your reservation is on the club calendar.



*Vista Butte Snow Camping. photos: Nancy Zhang*



*Trout Lake Snowshoe. photo: Pete Recksiek*



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### Gentle Reminders

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

**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.

Editor: Jennifer Samuels

Send pictures, new events, corrections and anything else for the Trails Club of Oregon website to: [webmaster@trailsclub.org](mailto:webmaster@trailsclub.org)