



Trail Blazer

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December Events

5	Sun	Hamilton Mountain Loop Hike
11-12	Sat-Sun	Mecca to Trout Creek Backpack
14	Tue	Trip Leader Planning Meeting
17-19	Fri-Sun	Tyee Open and Snowshoeing
30-2	Thu-Sun	Nesika Open for New Years

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



Deschutes River Backpacking. Photo: Paul Williamson

Welcome New TCO Members!

Alexandria Burkleaux
Jeff Churchill
Brook Harris

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Hamilton Mountain Loop Hike
Sun, Dec 5, 8:30am
Leader: Jennifer Samuels

Loop hike up to the Hamilton Mountain Saddle with beautiful views and forest.
8 miles, 2,100 gain, Trailhead: Beacon Rock State Park.
Signup and details: see Meetup



Mecca Flat to Trout Creek Backpack
Sat, Dec 11 - Sun, Dec 12
Leaders: Crisse Milner and Helen Wang

Join in on a one night backpacking trip along the Deschutes River from Mecca Flat to Trout Creek, 8 miles.
Signup and details: see Meetup



Trip Leader Planning Meeting (Zoom)
Tues, Dec 14, 7:00pm
Host: Crisse Milner

It's time to begin planning our winter trips! Please join us to share your ideas, get support and have fun this winter with other likeminded Trails Club members. Leaders of all types of trips encouraged to attend.

Signup: see Meetup



Ful Moon at Tyee, Snowshoeing
Fri, Dec 17 – Sun, Dec 19
Host: Julia Mace

Join us at Tyee under the full moon. Snowshoe trips are planning for the 18th and 19th. Stay tuned for more details.

More info: see TCO club calendar



Nesika Lodge open for New Years Eve
Thurs, Dec 30 – Sun, Jan 2
Host: Linda Conrad

Nesika will be open! Day hikes planned, movies and socializing at night.
Signup: see Meetup

Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2021 - Zoom

Attendees:

Sheryl Wagner	President
Beverly Drotter	Vice President
Rachel Eggers	Treasurer
Rebecca Knudeson	Secretary
<Vacant>	Tyee Trustee
Lori Leach	Membership Trustee
Joel Reitz	Publications Trustee
Dolores Niebergall	Trips Trustee
Paul Cutter	Possible Tyee Trustee

Absent:

Glen Conrad	Nesika Trustee
Linda Conrad	Social Trustee

1. Treasurer, Rachel reported

Beginning Balance.....	\$25,215
Checks and Payments.....	\$5,594
Deposits and Credits.....	\$1,235
Balance.....	\$20,856

Upcoming bills that need to go out shortly:
Property taxes: Multnomah County, Nesika, \$3,113.48; Clackamas County, Tyee, \$1,974.49; Bliss Roofing, Nesika, \$2,595.00; Honke Heating & Air Conditioning, Tyee, \$189.00

Rachel's employed work is getting crazy busy! When you send her a request, please make sure to specify right at the top if it is an urgent request. Then she will know she needs to take care of it right away. Otherwise, all requests will be batched and handled once every 2 weeks. It will likely be this way until the middle of January so please be explicit, patient, and clear with your requests.

2. Committee Reports

a. Nesika, Glen absent

b. Tyee Lodge, Paul reported
He built a shed that will keep snow off the back door so that we can close the water valve from the outside since the interior valve does not completely shut.

c. Membership, Lori reported

First Readings:

Joern Wettren (Portland) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Bill Yandon
Adonica Marshall (Boring) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Linda Conrad

Approved Second Readings:

Alexandria Burkleaux (Portland) Sponsored by Linda Conrad and Heidi Spence
Brook Harris (Portland) Sponsored by Nathen Barton and Carolyn Wills
Jeff Churchill (Portland) Sponsored by Linda Conrad and Derek Atterbury

Total Membership: 308
11 Golden, 3 Junior, 34 Life, 2 Life/Golden, 6 Provisional, 252 Regular

d. Publications, Joel reported
He put an online training link for first aid on our website. Next year we should revisit possible ways for our leaders to get first aid training.

e. Trips, Delores reported
October Trip summary:
Backpack events : 4
Day hikes: 3 (includes 2 membership hikes)
Wednesday night hikes: 4

f. Social, Linda absent
Nesika celebration will be held this Saturday. The Annual Meeting is 11/14, 2:00-4:00, outdoors at Willamette park, dress warmly.

4. New Business

a. Approved the use of Tyee by a summer ski camp from June 17-21, 2022. They expect about 25 kids and 3 adults. Paul Cutter has volunteered to host this group. Price: \$20 per person and \$100/night for the host.

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Board Meeting Minutes *(continued)*

- b. Key request for Loriann McNeil was approved.
- c. For the annual meeting, please send Sheryl by email any text and pictures you want to present. She will make slides for each Trustee. You are not expected to give a presentation/talk but you can if you want.

Next meeting: December 4 at Sheryl's home at 6:00

Submitted by Rebecca Knudeson, Secretary



October Membership Hike. Photo: Crisse Milner



TCO Annual Meeting. Photo: Dolores Niebergall



New Nesika Dorm! Photo: Glen Conrad



Deschutes River Backpack. Photo: Heidi Spence

Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 12, 2021

Voting Results:

Board Members:

- President (full term) - Beverly Drottar (was VP)
- Vice President (half term) - Jennifer Samuels
- Treasurer (full term) - Rachel Eggers (continuing)
- Tyee Chair (full term) - Paul Cutter
- Trips Chair (half term) - Crisse Milner
- Nesika Chair (full term) - we need a volunteer
- Social Chair (half term) - Julia Mace

Vote to amend the Bylaws: passed

And Awards!

Henry Waespe and the Can't Stop Won't Stop Award: Glen Conrad

Mary Lou Green High Miler and the Can't Stop Won't Stop Award: Linda Conrad

Hospitality Award: Trisha Schultz



P. Sydney Herbert
Mar 23, 1928 - Nov 5, 2021

P. Sydney Herbert passed away on November 5, 2021. Sydney was a member of the Trails Club from 1992 to 2019, and chaired our Conservation

Committee for many years. Sydney never stopped working for the causes she cared about, even after she had to move to assisted living. The tribute below is especially meaningful, as it is written by Michael McCloskey, one of the great figures in conservation in the United States. He was a major player in passing the Wilderness Act, and was the executive director of the Sierra Club for many years, instrumental as well in getting many of our national parks established, and over 100 environmental laws passed. Michael and Sydney continued the good work in their older years, much of it through the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. Those of us in TCO who knew her and worked with her will miss her strength, determination, and unremitting honesty, and her dedication to protection of the environment.

REMEMBRANCES OF SYDNEY HERBERT

by Michael McCloskey

Senior Conservation Policy Advisor, FWOC

Sydney Herbert was a long-time officer of the Federation of Outdoor Clubs. She served as a Vice President for Oregon. She also served for many years as a member of the Resolutions Committee, chairing it for a time. She attended many FWOC conferences.

Sydney had been active in the Trails Club of Oregon. At an earlier time, she was active with Oregon Wild (under an earlier name). She had also been active in the Audubon Society of Eugene. She was an easterner who fell in love with Oregon's environment—with its forests, coasts, and deserts. She came to Oregon when her husband took a teaching post at the University of Oregon.

Very bright and knowledgeable, she was dedicated, determined, and assertive. She started the process that led to the identification of remaining old growth. Then in the early 1980s, she enlisted law professors at the university in pursuing

appeals of old growth logging plans, that they characterized as "owl reduction plans." They set in motion the string of legal actions that eventually led to the Spotted Owl protection decisions. When she was in Eugene, she kicked off the drive to protect Eugene's wetlands, which came about. She also led the way to get the Drift Creek Wilderness protected in the Coast Range. She served for many years as a board member of a watchdog group for Oregon's coasts.

She often examined Environmental Impact Statements on projects that affected the areas she loved. She had a sharp eye for problems and filed comments that built an important record. She took a deep interest in plans that would have put damaging things in Portland's Forest Park, attending meetings, offering comments, and filing statements. She was an important actor in Northwest environmental protection. We owe Sydney a debt. We shall miss her.



Mary Stuart Steinle
Jul 31, 1924 - Oct 30, 2021

Mary Stuart (Brenton) Steinle passed away peacefully October 30, 2021 after a brief illness. She was 97 years old and will be sorely missed as our mother, aunt, teacher, friend and mentor.

Mary was recruited for the war effort at age 17 by Alcoa Aluminum in Portland. After marrying and having four children, she divorced, obtained her Masters degree at Reed College and taught at Estacada, Gladstone, and Corbett High Schools until her retirement. She was a master tailor and a master swimmer.

In 1972, she married her beloved husband, Arthur Steinle and they had great adventures together, hiking, skiing and traveling. Mary and Arthur were long-time members of the Trails Club of Oregon. She was preceded in death by daughter, Barbara; husband, Arthur; and seven sisters and brothers. She is survived by her son, Charles F. Brenton, Jr.; and daughters, Rebecca Brenton, Beverly Brenton; stepchildren, Robert Steinle, Anne Steinle, and Linda Steinle; nieces and nephews and many good friends.

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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

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