



# Trail Blazer

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## January Events

8-9	Sat-Sun	Tyee Open: Host Only
9	Sun	Beginner X-Country Ski Lesson
11	Tue	Board Meeting
18-19	Tue-Wed	Crafting on the Mountain
23	Sun	TCO Social at Champoeg
23-4	Sun-Fri	Bonita Canyon AZ Campground

Scheduling, fees, and lodge availability are updated on website [www.trailsclub.org](http://www.trailsclub.org)

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



**Tyee Open: Host Only**  
**Sat, Jan 8 - Sun, Jan 9**  
**Leader: Julia Mace**

There's limited availability for staying overnight, contact host if you are interested in coming up to the lodge during this time. Full Vaccination and masks inside lodge required.  
Signup and details: see TCO Club Calendar



**Beginner Cross Country Ski Lesson**  
**Sun, Jan 9**  
**Leader: Julia Mace**

Host is partnering with Wy'East Nordic to provide a beginner half day lesson for Cross Country Skiing. Bring a small pack with snacks and water. Dress for all weather possibilities. If renting equipment, select Basic Cross Country Package. Maximum of 10 people.  
Contact Wy'East with any questions: 503-313-2619 or [wyeastnordic@gmail.com](mailto:wyeastnordic@gmail.com)  
Cost of lesson: \$25.00 to Wy'East  
Event fee: TCO members: free. Non-members: \$2  
Signup: [juliamace1993@gmail.com](mailto:juliamace1993@gmail.com)



**Crafting on the Mountain at Tyee**  
**Tues, Jan 18 - Weds, Jan 19**  
**Host: Loriann McNeill**

Bring your supplies and join in the spirit of community crafting without distractions! Come see what others are up to! A fire in the fireplace will provide a cozy environment. Open to six women crafters who are TCO members. Masks required inside except when eating. Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations are required before the event, via an email to the leader. Meals are on your own, full kitchen is available for you to use. Standard member overnight fees apply. If you feel like skiing up here, you can do this on your own.  
Signup: Loriann McNeill at [loriann@wetter.com](mailto:loriann@wetter.com)



**TCO Social at Champoeg State Park**  
**Sun, Jan 23, 10:00-2:30**  
**Host: Julia Mace**

Save the date to join TCO at Champoeg State Park. This is a social activity that has something for everyone. Diverse hikes and activities are being planned, with the goal of including you!  
Picnic Shelter Oak #4.  
Info: More details coming soon!



**Bonita Canyon Campground Arizona**  
**Sun, Jan 23 - Fri, Feb 4**  
**Host: Linda Conrad**

Join in for cave exploring, hiking, botanical gardens. We will attempt to plan daily activities. You are free to join us or do your own thing. We will try to have campfires nightly. We are staying in Site 4. You will need to reserve your own campsite. Senior Pass lets you pay half price. Reserve site at: [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov).  
Signup: See Meetup

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[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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**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

Board Meeting Minutes, December 5, 2021  
Sheryl Wagner's home

- Attendees:**
- |                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Sheryl Wagner    | President            |
| Beverly Drottar  | Vice President       |
| Rachel Eggers    | Treasurer            |
| Rebecca Knudeson | Secretary            |
| Glen Conrad      | Nesika Trustee       |
| Paul Cutter      | Tyee Trustee elect   |
| Joel Reitz       | Publications Trustee |
| Crisse Milner    | Trips Trustee elect  |
| Chris Monte      | Investments Chair    |
| Beverly Drotter  | President elect      |
| Jennifer Samuels | Vice President elect |
| Julia Mace       | Social Trustee elect |
- Absent:**
- |              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Lori Leach   | Membership Trustee |
| Linda Conrad | Social Trustee     |

- Treasurer, Rachel reported  
Beginning Balance.....\$20,856  
Checks and Payments.....\$8,130  
Deposits and Credits.....\$3,612  
Balance.....\$16,339

The large expense of property Taxes for Nesika and Tyee went out in November.

*...Board Meeting Minutes continued*

Bliss Roofing payment went out on 11/30/21. Thought I had sent it out on 11/2/21 when I verified the amount and company with Sheryl but apparently I was mistaken. When Glen called me on 11/29, I checked my records and I never generated a check for it.

Mistake payment to my personal credit card account shows on the detailed reports on 11/12/21. The accounts are tied together since my name is on my US Bank REI credit card and the TCO checking account. When I made a payment to my personal credit card, I forgot to change the Pay From account box to my personal external checking account.

The TCO checking account is the default for payments since they are both held by US Bank. You will notice a deposit from my credit card to the TCO checking account immediately following the withdrawal.

Lots of membership deposits are coming into Paypal and the PO Box for 2022. Deposit detail shows the detailed member payments and is posted to the Drop Box.

Investment, Chris Monte reported

In the last couple of years, we decided to take more risk. Last March we made an investment. It did very well. Right now it doesn't make sense to invest more and are keeping the rest of the fund in a money market account.

## 2. Committee Reports

### a. Nesika, Glen reported

The lodge is winterized. Nine people came in on a membership hike. You need to call the Forest Service if you're going to drive into the east side of Multnomah Creek. Trees are constantly on the road, so driving in without clearing is unlikely. We have enough wood for the winter. We need to haul the water inside in kettles. We'll probably have 50 or more trees to cut through when we drive in this spring. We received \$130 in general, unnamed donations for cots.

### b. Tyee Lodge, Paul reported

In mid October Paul and a couple of others met with a Forest Service person about the trees around Tyee. They walked around the lodge, and he gave

verbal permission to take down 5 trees. Two of the trees are dead and away from structures so we could fell them. We can only use the part of trees that fall within 10 feet of the lodge, or within 5 feet of the road or trails for firewood. Two of them should probably be taken down professionally. The board approved doing the paper work to take down the 5 trees. We are allowed to push accumulated debris away from the lodge as a fire break.

We have a leaking valve that we will fix in the spring. For now, the turn off should be done out- side under the lean-to.

We had some water on the floor of the shop area. Paul dug a trench outside to funnel the water away from the building.

### c. Membership - Lori absent

### d. Publications - Joel reported

In August, Paypal raised their rates substantially. Stripe doesn't charge nearly as much and should let us do recurring, automatic dues payments. He will look into changing from PayPal to Stripe. If we decide to change, we will wait until February.

### e. Trips - Crisse reported

We had a slow November with 2 membership hikes, 2 day hikes and 1 Tyee event. We discussed possible qualifications and a process for becoming a hike leader.

### f. Social - Julia reported

She's looking forward to getting started in her position.

## 4. New Business

A. Assignment of an historian. We need to develop guidelines for the position. Any member who wants material to promote the club should be able to access it. Jennifer volunteered to draw up some ideas.

B. Outreach to members to get feedback. Joel can set up a survey to send out. We discussed possible questions.

Next meeting: January 11 on Zoom  
Submitted by Rebecca Knudson, Secretary

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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](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.

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