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MAY EVENTS

Event information, sign-up and scheduling are available on

TCO Website Calendar

<https://trailsclub.org/activities/calendar>

Meetup

www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon

3	Tues	Board Meeting
4	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
6-8	Fri-Sun	Nesika Work Trip
10-24	Tue-Tue	Appalachian Trail
11	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
15	Sun	TCO Annual Banquet
20-22	Fri-Sun	Tyee Work Party
25	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike

Welcome New TCO Members!

Olivia Bakke
Peat Bakke
Kim Barnett
Diana Bartolme
Carlene Blaich
AnaMaria Bruce
Julie Cline
Sharon Epstein
Michael French
Atul Ingle
Rahul Jain
Victoria Knutson
Kendra Madrid

Jerry Manuell
Micaela McCoog
Kenneth Potter
Francis Pham
Henny Rademacher
Robin Rohwer
Sharon Selvaggio
Jacques Thibodeaux
Thomad Thrall
Cheryl Wilson
Brooke Winter
Jiao Ye

TCO ANNUAL BANQUET

SUNDAY, MAY 15 | 1:00-6:00



**Champeog State Park | St. Paul, OR
Memorial Building & Pavilion**

FOOD ~ PRIZES ~ MUSIC ~ SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER!

TICKETS:

Lifetime & Gold Members:

\$15 | \$10 early-bird thru
May 1

Members:

\$15 | \$12 early-bird thru
May 1

Guests/Non-Members:

\$15

LINE UP OF FESTIVITIES:

1:30 p.m. – Welcome &
Remarks

1:45 p.m. – Guest
Speaker with Q&A

2:45 p.m. – Music &
Socializing

4:30 p.m. – Dinner &
Festivities

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Chandra LeGue, author of
"Oregon's Ancient Forests: A Hiking Guide"

MUSIC: Six Pack Possum

Register by May 1 for early-bird pricing [https://trailsclub.org/events/TCO Annual Banquet](https://trailsclub.org/events/TCO%20Annual%20Banquet)

SAVE THE DATES: 2022 Tyee Work Parties

See TCO Calendar for more details

May 20-22

July 29-31

Sept 23-25

June 24-26

Aug TBD

Oct 21-23

Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2022 7:00-9:00, Zoom

Attendees:

President: Bev Drottar
 Vice President: Jennifer Samuels
 Treasurer: Rachel Eggers
 Secretary: Rebecca Knudeson
 Membership Trustee: Lori Leach
 Publications: Joel Reitz
 Tyee Trustee: Paul Cutter
 Trips Trustee: Crisse Milner
 Social Trustee: Julia Mace

Absent:

Nesika Trustee: Glen Conrad

Regular Business:

March minutes approved by email.

1. Treasurer’s report, Rachel

Beginning balance.....	\$9,146
Checks and payments.....	\$323
Deposits and credits.....	\$4,098
Balance.....	\$12,786

- She dropped taxes at Bruce Bloch’s office last week. They will file an extension for us. It won’t cost us any additional money. We have until October to file.
- Rachel will be away during the May meeting. She will send her report ahead of time and address any questions when she returns.
- The PO Box renewal for the next 6 months is going through within the next week. The cost was increased to \$83.00
- The Memorial Fund check came through for reimbursement of 2021 trainings. It was deposited in March.

2. Jennifer will take minutes for May meeting in Rebecca’s absence.

3. Membership report, Lori

Provisional Members:

Nicole Beatty (Vancouver); **Joynene Neal** (Tigard)
Duncan Stenzel (Portland); **Ron Gladden** (Vancouver); **Cheri Rumelhart** (Turner)

First Readings:

Brenda Gaither (Vancouver) Sponsored by Sheryl Wagner and Attila Jurecska
Nancy Schmidt (Dundee) Sponsored by Sheryl Wagner and Attila Jurecska
Eric Strehlow (Vancouver) Sponsored by Sheryl Wagner and Attila Jurecska

Approved second Readings:

Olivia Bakke (Portland) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Sheryl Wagner; **Peat Bakke** (Portland) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Brad Huit;
Kim Barnett (Tigard) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Jennifer Samuels; **Diana Bartolme** Sponsored by Pete Recksiek and Nina Rohrs; **Carlene Blach** (Beaverton) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Jennifer Samuels; **AnaMaria Bruce** (Washougal) Sponsored by Pete Recksiek and Nina Rohrs; **Julie Cline** (Stevenson) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Jennifer Samuels; **Sharon Epstein** (Milwaukie) Sponsored by Gisela Piercy and Debi Baker; **Michael French** (Portland) Sponsored by Pete Recksiek and Trisha Schultz; **Atul Ingle** (Portland) Sponsored by Pete Recksiek and Nina Rohrs; **Rahul Jain** (Beaverton) Sponsored by Kate Fitkin and Trisha Schultz; **Victoria Knutson** (Silverton) Sponsored by Crisse Milner and Sheryl Wagner; **Kendra Madrid** (Vancouver) Sponsored by Pete Recksiek and Trisha Schultz; **Jerry Manuell** (Vancouver) Sponsored by Nina Rohrs and Trisha Schultz; **Michaela McCoog** (Portland) Sponsored by Nina Rohrs and Trisha Schultz; **Kenneth Potter** (Canby) Sponsored by Pete Recksiek and Linda Conrad; **Francis Pham** (Forest Grove) Sponsored by Pete Recksiek and Nina Rohrs; **Henny Rademacher** (Estacada) Sponsored by Bill Rude and Paul Cutter; **Robin Rohwer** (Portland) Sponsored by Kate Fitkin and Pete Recksiek; **Sharon Selvaggi** (Oregon City) Sponsored by Gisela Piercy and Glen Conrad; **Jacques Thibodeaux** (Mollala) Sponsored by Jennifer Samuels and David Noyes; **Thomad Thrall** (Forest Grove) Sponsored by Paul Cutter and Glen Conrad; **Cheryl Wilson** (Portland) Sponsored by Crisse Milner and Jennifer Samuels; **Brooke Winter** (Portland) Sponsored by Rachel Eggers and Jim Hawkins; **Jiao Ye** (Beaverton) Sponsored by Pete Recksiek and Trisha Schultz

Board Meeting (continued)

Member reinstatements:

Kathleen Berry
Bob Walker
Sylvia Ashley

4. Publications report, Joel

It was a busy month. He made many changes on the website. He added the ability to book for the annual banquet. We're heading toward being able to book anything on our website for members first and Meetup after that. He's thinking he might try a new payment portal instead of PayPal. It would allow for a recurring payments such as yearly dues. A potential member is interested in using our website as a training vehicle for her studies.

5. Nesika report, Glen reported via email

The water system has been charged for the season, and Nesika is ready for qualified hosts to schedule events if they desire. The road has been cleared of downed trees and debris. There are several piles of split wood on the road to be hauled in to the parking area and then to the lodge. He purchased 15 additional cots and we have now reached our sleeping capacity for the Green Fern dormitory. Candace surveyed the growth on the trees we planted. The trees that have survived are doing well. Some of them are up to 3 feet tall. Hope to see you at the April work weekend on the 22nd.

6. Tyee report, Paul

Usage slowed in March, but they had a fine time last weekend. The snow keeps coming, 4 feet right now. There will be a slow start to work parties until West Leg opens, and we can access the outside of lodge. Indoor work begins in 2 weeks mainly focused on insulation, dorm upgrades and fireplace stonework cleaning. He paid 2 teens to carry in the insulation. Meadows ski school youth program will use the lodge in June hosted by Paul. He will need to complete the "Safe Sport" video training and do a background check (required for any adult who is at the lodge). Boy scouts would like to use Tyee. We discussed how to manage background checks for youth usage of Tyee. On

November 12-14, Boy Scouts have booked Tyee for a reserved event.

To encourage youth use, we moved, seconded and approved to charge membership rates for youths using the lodge in a youth group (18 and younger). Adult chaperones would pay standard fees. The board may consider different fees for disadvantaged groups.

We discussed the form required by the Forest Service to track the usage of the lodge by youth, disadvantaged, and minority persons. We may provide a place for lodge users to voluntarily provide a demographic response. We also discussed the Forest Service's Operational Camp Permit which is the basis of our yearly fee for the use of government land on which Tyee stands.

7. Trips report, Crisse

They have had lots of conversation about summer plans. Last month, we had 4 day hikes, 2 backpacks, and 1 planning meeting. She put together a template for Meetup posts. Only 1 of the events this month required vaccinations.

8. Social report, Julia

The Cape Horn Conservancy day is planned for 4/9/22. The day includes trail work, a hike, a community lunch and brief CHC presentation.

It's time to celebrate! Come get to know your fellow TCO members. Join us for the Annual Banquet on 5/15/22. Tickets are now on sale through the TCO website. The Annual Banquet will include a presentation by Oregon Wild speaker Chandra LeGue, music by Six Pack Possum, and a catered meal by MJ Smokehouse and Elegant Catering, all located in the beautiful outdoor setting of Champoeg State Park Memorial Building and Pavillion. The Annual Meeting will be in November with finger food at Fulton Community Center, \$98/hour. She'll check on the specific day.

New Business:

1. Adjustments to COVID-19 guidelines

We discussed outdoor only events being billed as vaccinated only events. We are all

very concerned about the issue. There are pros and cons. It's a balancing issue as the pandemic changes. Currently we don't feel that the Club should mandate a policy for outdoor activities. New hike leaders who feel comfortable with unvaccinated are welcome to lead. Wednesday night hikes are open to all regardless of vaccination status. We do have leaders who do not require vaccinations for outdoor activities. We will reassess our Covid-19 policy for the Club as the pandemic changes. We respect the independence of the hosts/leaders to set their own requirements. Crisse has trip reports for the month. Often the overnight/backpacking trips have had a vaccination requirement. We plan to revisit this issue regularly as long as Covid-19 is a problem.

2. Oregon Outdoor Recreational Summit
A 3 day meeting will be held October 27-29 centered on the recreational use of Government Camp and the west side of Mt Hood. It will be held at the Mt Hood Resort in Welches and in surrounding areas. Paul is willing to attend. We will publicize the event to our membership ahead of time for other interested participants

Meeting adjourned at 8:58
Next meeting, May 3, zoom

Submitted by Rebecca Knudeson, Secretary

[2022 Oregon Outdoor Recreation Summit](#) Oct 27-29, 2022

The summit will convene Oregon's diverse outdoor community to learn, build relationships, and find solutions to the challenges in developing and elevating outdoor recreation opportunities for all.

[Our call for session proposals is open now.](#) We'd love to know what you have to share with Oregon's outdoor recreation and trails community.

More information:
steph.noll@oregontrailscoalition.org



Lyle Cherry Orchard Hike. Photo: Dolores Neibergall

Get involved with TCO!

Annual Banquet: Seeking Door Prizes!

We're looking for about 15 door prizes in the \$5-\$10 range. Prizes can be hike/outdoor related, like OR or WA State Park day passes or a NW Forest Service day pass. Other items could be wine, potted plants, gift cards, small camping items...useful and classy.

Contact: paulcutter1958@gmail.com

Tyee Lodge

We're looking for either a volunteer or a professional business to hem drapes. We have about 8 84" drapes that need to be cut in half and hemmed.

Contact: paulcutter1958@gmail.com



TCO with Cape Horn Conservancy. Photo: Nina Rohrs

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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.

Blazer Editor: Jennifer Samuels

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