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NOVEMBER 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

4-6	Fri-Sun	Cottonwood Canyon Camping
13	Sun	Fall Social and Annual Meeting
18-20	Fri-Sun	Tyee is open
19	Sat	Tyee Pre-Thanksgiving Celebration



Fall Social & Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 13, 2:00-4:00

Fulton Park Community Center
68 SW Miles St, Portland

You're invited!

Come celebrate and connect!

Events include:

Live Music

Slideshow

Volunteer Recognition

Raffle

Bake Contest (theme: fall)

Dessert

Register for your free ticket:



[HERE](#) or TCO Website Calendar



Tyee Harvest Celebration. Photo: Helen Wang

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Paul Avallone

Ron Gladden

Tina Mendel

Nancy Taylor



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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 when the date is at least the 4th, 7:00pm, over Zoom. See the calendar on the TCO website for the link if you wish to attend. Contact the President prior to a meeting if you have an issue to bring to the board.

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.

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 listing of events. Registration on the website is not required to view the events.

Also: All may use the Payment menu item on our website to pay your membership dues. You can pay for all members in a household in one transaction.

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Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2022 7:00-9:00, Zoom

Attendees:

President	Bev Drottar
Vice President	Jennifer Samuels
Treasurer	Rachel Eggers
Membership	Lori Leach
Publications	Joel Reitz
Nesika Trustee	Glen Conrad
Tyee Trustee	Paul Cutter
Trips Trustee	Crisse Milner
Social Trustee	Julia Mace
History Chair	Linda Conrad

Excused:

Secretary	Rebecca Knudeson
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Meeting began at 7:00pm with a quorum of members attending by Zoom.

Membership Report

Applications received scanned into Dropbox. Membership payments made can be found on the Deposit Detail report in the Monthly Treasurer's Reports folder in Dropbox.

- OMSI after Dark tabling event was well received; one person sent in an interest request so far and member benefit connections were made at this event: 10% off at Mountain Shop any day, and discount at Next Adventure to be arranged.
- Working through paid and non-paid members to clean-up our directory and mailing lists.
- Will put Annual Meeting and 'fees are due' notices in the mail later this week.
- Julia and Paul put together social agenda for evening and an announcement flier for Lori to mail.
- Reports at the Annual Meeting: Each Trustee to send Beverly a few sentences of updates on their area for 2022.
- Provisional Members: cannot sponsor new members.

First Readings:

Bruce Peterson (Aloha) – Sponsored by Grant Nelson and David Noyes

Approved Second Readings:

Nancy Taylor (Corvallis) – Sponsored by Nina Rohrs and Glen Conrad

Paul Avallone (Portland) – Sponsored by Paul Cutter and Rebecca Knudeson

Ron Gladden (Vancouver) - Sponsored by Julia Mace and Pete Recksiek

Tina Mendel (Oregon City) - Sponsored by Julia Mace and Siena Gilbreth

- We have 54 unpaid people in the directory. Lori will sort this out on Friday, Oct 7 and take next steps with people.
- Nov Blazer to include names of 54 people who haven't paid 2022 membership dues. A member whose membership has been terminated for non-payment of dues may be reinstated by vote of the Board of Trustees after payment of all back dues and any other indebtedness; however, in lieu thereof, they may be reinstated by meeting the requirements for new membership, including the payment of an entrance fee. (\$15)

Treasurer's Report

Here is the Oct 2022 monthly report:

- We are almost to the end of summer, which means less work trips so less money going out there. We should also have more lodge income and we should expect membership payments for 2023 to start coming in soon.
 - Keys received for Tyee and Nesika from Stephen Brown. Rachel will give keys to Paul and Glen.
 - Super busy time of year for Rachel at work: communications for the treasurer may be slower than previously.
 - Upcoming expenses: Annual Insurance - Property and Board Coverage - 11/21 was \$11,000 and the 2022 Taxes
1. Checking Reconciliation Summary:
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|---------------------------|----------|
| Beginning Balance..... | \$17,911 |
| Checks and Payments..... | \$2,614 |
| Deposits and Credits..... | \$735 |
| Ending Balance..... | \$15,945 |

Full reports are available in Dropbox.

Publications Report

By-law change to present at the annual meeting to clean up language to agree with current practices:

“ARTICLE III: CLUB MEETINGS
Section 1. Annual Meetings: The annual meeting of the members of this Club shall be held in the Portland Metropolitan area, at a place selected by the Board of Trustees at 7:30 P.M. on the second Monday of in November of each year.”

Nesika Report

- Dorm steps & some of railings still need to be sealed to complete entrances to the new dorm.
- Woodstove installed in dorm (thanks to Paul Cutter for help.)
- Dorm is nearly completed
- Next work trip – move wood into the Lodge and dorm, work on overflow pipe by bathroom
- Winding down for the season

History Report

- Lots of clearing out at the last trip, got rid of trip reports prior to 1960.
- History corner coming together. Still needs 15 notebooks that go inside of folder boxes to match the others being used. Can't find this style on internet search. Patio wicker loveseat and table have been donated, ordered an oval rug.
- Next up: go through pictures and add to albums in chronological order
- Will make some displays and albums for future tabling events. (like OMSI)

Tyee Report

- September work party was a good mixture of work and play. Work first, then play. 3 in kayaks, 2 on SUP] on Trillium Lake on a glorious Saturday evening.
- Work completed: New paint in drying room and shower, thanks Sheryl, Loriann and Judy. Judy was our cook. French drain dug, a 4 person effort, Olivia, Helen, Loriann and me. (One could never imagine how much fun was had digging ditches!)

- Fire escape 90% complete, thanks Richard G and Joern.
- Last Tuesday Paul met the tree expert: Work completed and 2 trees neatly removed. Cost \$750.
- Next job is building the third wood bay, splitting, and stacking all that new wood.
- Honke Heating has been bought out, but they cannot give us the type of service we need, so Paul is calling other suppliers.
- Tyee needs to purchase & install 2 new toilets (\$400) in the women's restroom. Paul will purchase these for installation during Oct work party.
- Paul made motion: \$750 additional budget to cover felling of two trees, Crisse seconded. Unanimously passed.

Trips Report

- Thank you to everyone who has been leading and co-leading hikes and activities! September was a great month and there has been so much discussion about activities our trip leaders are hoping to lead in the coming months.

This month we had:

- 8 day hikes (this included the hike and dines as well as membership hikes)
- 4 backpacking trips (this included 2 backpack and dine trips)
- 1 camping event.
- 1 trip leaders planning meeting with a number of new leaders joining.

We continue to invite all that are interested to join in and help lead trips and activities. This is a great time to plan fall and early winter outings.

Social Report

October is a busy month for our lodges as we wind up work parties and prepare for winter. Tyee and Nesika are hosting Fall Harvest Celebrations after their Oct work parties. Social committee volunteers are helping plan these celebrations, which will include food, games, hikes and other seasonal activities.

Plan now to join this year's Annual Meeting and Fall Social, November 13th, 2-4pm at Fulton Center in Portland. This is a chance to learn about the work and activities that TCO

Board & members have done this year. There will be many social activities included such as: food, live music from one of our own TCO members, recognitions for many volunteers, raffle, a Bake Contest (yes, yummy desserts.) Get your free ticket at the TCO website, so we know how many people to count on!

Social budget is over on expenses due to problems planning an initial budget last January, without having enough information or experience to rely upon. Julia requested an increase to social budget by \$550 to cover the expense and facility rental for annual meeting. Passed unanimously. Julia also may access funds that have been budgeted for awards and recognitions.

Nominations

David Noyes and Sienna Gilbreath are showing interest in the Social Chair position. Beverly shared a proposal to run Nesika by monthly rotating hosts in a committee that meets monthly from January 2023 by Zoom. Committee would be formed of lodge key holders & prior cooks at Nesika. Bev will arrange to create a list of these people. Pete Recksiek, Jeff Lawton, and several other members have expressed interest in helping with this plan.

Other new business:

A proposed bylaw change suggested by a member was discussed. Since this board did not feel able to sponsor this as written, (due to the bylaw concerning remuneration,) requested that a revised form be directly sponsored directly by 10 TCO members at the annual meeting. Action: Glen will share this info with Linda, Linda will streamline request and bring to annual meeting

The process on how to reserve a TCO Lodge was discussed. Action: We requested Joel to try to make this process more transparent on the website.

An issue with a club member was discussed.

9:14pm Crisse moved to adjourn, Joel seconded, unanimous.



TCO BAKE CONTEST

@ TCO ANNUAL MEETING

Theme: Fall

****Prizes awarded****

Criteria:

Home baked

Originality

Overall Taste

Connection to the Theme

Please provide note with ingredients
(potential allergens)



A Word about the Furnace at Tye Lodge...

The oil furnace at Tye, made in 1989, led a good long life. The fire exchange chamber now has an irreparable hole in it and there are risks of carbon monoxide poisoning or fire. The TCO Trustees have approved a replacement and installation at a cost of up to \$15,000. Inimitable Tye Trustee Paul Cutter is on track to get the furnace replaced before West Leg Road closes for the winter. Stay tuned!





Representing TCO at OMSI. Photo: Beverly Drottar

Update on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Outreach Activities

The Trails Club of Oregon (TCO) wants to be an inclusive organization that helps increase access to outdoor activities for everyone; including people who identify as BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and people of all physical abilities and socio-economic status. With this in mind, the TCO Board formed a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Outreach Committee with the intent of increasing the diversity of the club and to find ways for TCO members to take part in activities that increase access to the outdoors for everyone.

TCO is collaborating with the Sierra Club and its partners to expand outdoor activities for youth participating in the Janus Youth Program. Through this collaboration, we hope that TCO members will serve as team leaders on day hikes with youth who are served through the Janus Youth Programs. This would give TCO members who are experienced hikers the chance to help young people experience the beautiful outdoors of Oregon and Washington while doing something they love.

We are hoping to get this program going early next year in time for the start of the hiking season. If you might be interested in being a part of TCO's efforts to increase diversity, support outdoor access for youth and want to be contacted when more information on the program becomes available, just email or text Chris Seubert: chriseubert@gmail.com, (443) 257-3303.



Tomlike Mountain Hike. Photo: Ron Gladden



Tyee Harvest Celebration. Photo: Helen Wang

Mclver Camping Trip. Photo: Beverly Drottar



Last chance to renew membership!

The following folks have not paid club dues for 2022 and will cease to be members at the end of this year.

Contact membership@trailsclub.org for information.

Please consider renewing today!

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| Nancy Archer | Attila Jurecska |
| David Becker | Peter Kokopeli |
| Ralph Bloemers | Matthew Laas |
| Laure Bordelon | Laura Lacy |
| Elizabeth Brashear | Linda Lancaster |
| Pete Bryant | Robert Link |
| Barbara Carlson | Anjanette Milazzo |
| Brian Carlson | Esther Needham |
| Glenda Chaite | Derek Nesland |
| Sara Chan | Elaine Newland |
| Deborah Chen | Leslie Nyquist |
| Lynn Cochran | Jane Olsen |
| Adam Cornwell | Michael Perry |
| Maureen Covell | Peter Prescott |
| Terry Dewhurst | Matthew Rawls |
| Christine Dunn | Susan Schrantz |
| Marlys Edwards | Ricky Soeung |
| Lilly Foxx | Lou Sowa |
| Gladys Garza | Diane Strand |
| Thane Gebbie | Nancy Taylor |
| Helen Gorman | Marie Van Patten |
| Brook Harris | Susan Ward |
| Art Harvey | Thomas Ward |
| John Heaton | James Winkler |
| Joan Holstrom | Mike Wolfson |
| Michelle Japhet | Zhen Yang |

A CHAPTER FOR THE NOVICE

The three primary functions of the Trails Club are construction, education and recreation. Because of its desire to be of help to those going into the out-of-doors for the first time, therefore, it presumes to offer a few suggestions for their comfort and safety.

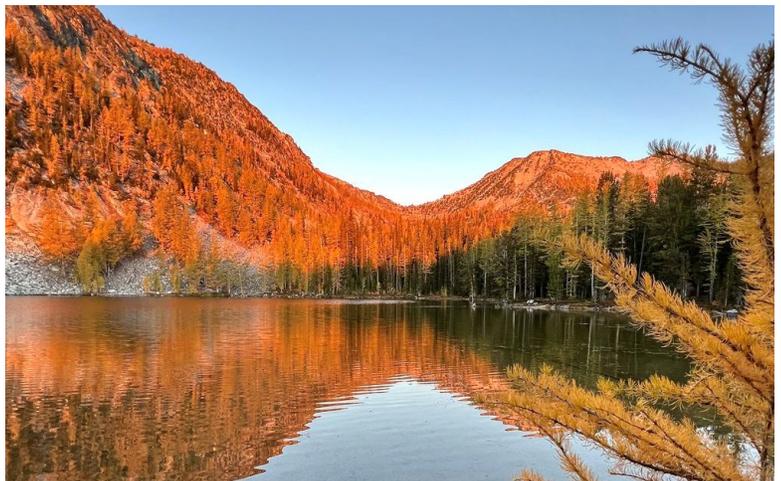
FOOD. Simple and nourishing foods should be taken and in such form as not to become stale. Among useful foods are:

- Bread in loaves and hard-tack.
- Butter.
- Jelly or jam.
- Hard-boiled eggs.
- Bacon.
- Ham.
- Coffee or tea.
- Milk.
- Peanut butter.
- Cold meats.
- Dried black figs.
- Dates.
- Nuts.
- Chocolate.
- Raisins.
- Oranges.

First-class concentrated foods of all kinds are highly recommended.

Don't drink much cold water while climbing; wait until you are on the way back. Don't eat when you are exhausted from a climb; wait until you get your breath and are a bit rested. Don't eat just before climbing, nor climb just after eating; remember, your legs and your stomach can't both work at the same time.

TCO Advice from 1918. Photo: Jennifer Samuels



Golden Lakes Backpack. Photo: Dolores Niebergall

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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