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APRIL 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

28-1	Tues-Sat	Tyee Open
4	Tues	Board Meeting
22-23	Sat-Sun	Backpack to Nesika Lodge
29	Sat	Cape Horn Edu / Hike Event

Road Access to Nesika Lodge

TCO has received notice that Multnomah County will be closing Larch Mountain Road until Spring 2024 for a major paving project. We are in the process of figuring out what this means for access to Nesika via Multnomah Basin Road - stay tuned.

Get involved at TCO!

Lodge and Road Clearing Committees

Contact Crisse Milner: Nesika Trustee at NesikaChair@trailsclub.org

Conservation Committee:

Conservation@trailsclub.org

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee:

Diversity@trailsclub.org

History Committee:

Historian@trailsclub.org

Welcome New Members!

Marcy Delage
Mary Beth Sadlouskos
Jordana Sardo



Deschutes River Backpack. Photo: Cynthia Lee

Save the Date!
TCO Annual Banquet
Sunday, May 21, 2023
Champoeg State Heritage Area
Catering! Music!



Tracy Hill Hike. Photo: Craig Gwydir

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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 | March 7, 2023 7:00-9:00 | Zoom

Attendees:

Bev Drottar (President); Jennifer Samuels (Vice President); Rachel Eggers (Treasurer); Rebecca Knudeson (Secretary); Lori Leach (Membership); Joel Reitz (Publications); Paul Cutter (Tye Trustee); Craig Gwydir (Trips Trustee); Dave Noyes (Social Trustee)

Absent:

Crisse Milner (Nesika Trustee)

Regular Business:

February minutes were approved by email prior to the Blazer publication.

Treasurer's Report, Rachel

Beginning Balance 2/28/23:	\$15,300
Checks and Payment:	\$2,186
Deposits and Credits:	\$1,153
Cleared Balance:	\$14,267

Complete reports can be found by the Board in Dropbox: <https://www.dropbox.com/home/Trustees%20Share/Monthly%20Treasurer's%20Reports>

Membership Report, Lori

First Readings:

Liz Hall (McMinnville) Sponsored by Olivia Bakke and Craig Gwydir

Kassie Swanson (Vancouver) Sponsored by Linda Conrad and Dolores Niebergall

Emily Swensen (Portland) Sponsored by Linda Conrad and Craig Gwydir

Ling Fong (Camas) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Jennifer Samuels

Approved Second Readings:

Jordana Sardo (Portland)

Mary Beth Sadlouskos (Beaverton)

Marcy Delage (Salem)

Reinstated:

Vicki Bordon, Pete Bryant, Lynn Cochran, David Conrad, Lisa Conrad, Siena Gilbreath, Robin Kinnaird, Ute Kongsbak, Donald Neff

Total: 271.

10 Golden, 1 Junior, 35 Life, 1 Life/Golden, 6 Provisional, 1 Provisional Junior, 217 Regular

Publications Report, Joel

We have published our final paper Blazer. We have tried to contact all members who were receiving one. Our Facebook page has been increasingly spammed. Bev has deleted most of the unwanted posts. Eric Zimmerman has volunteered to be an administrator to help alleviate spamming. It's been working well so far.

Nesika Report, Crisse via email

We are getting ready to begin our road clearing and work parties for the spring and summer. Dates

for work parties are on the calendar and will be posted to Meetup as the dates approach. We continue to seek members who will participate in road clearing and/or work parties. We are hoping to add some fun components to our work party weekends like movie and game nights as well as some hiking events to increase member participation and usage of the lodge. Crisse will do a scouting hike as we get closer to the first road clearing date (set tentatively for April 8) and will have a better idea of what we are looking.

We are hoping to do a one day event to clear the road to the lodge, so please let us know if you are willing to help.

The main project to accomplish this coming summer will be to lay the floor in the dorm. We received a donation to cover the cost of the flooring material and want to thank long time member Robert Steinle for this donation. In addition, there are a few items we hope to work on this summer including replacing some of the cracked windows in the lodge, cleaning up the space where the women's dorm used to be so that we can utilize it for more tent sites, updating the first aid kit, and other small organizational tasks.

Contact Crisse Milner if you are interested in road clearing and work parties, or if you are interested in hosting events at the lodge.

Tyee Report, Paul

Late February started with a huge snowfall, about four feet over ten days. February was active at the lodge, starting with a fun 'Kids are Free' weekend. Ten children and ten adults enjoyed indoor games and crafts thanks to Beverly. Outdoor games included sledding and snow people construction. Thank you to Linda Conrad for organizing and hosting this event.

The snowshoe and dine was very well attended with thirty-five of us sitting down to lunch. Jennifer, David and Julia led the snowshoe and Paul C cooked for thirty-five. A big thank you to them!

Following the lunch, the Tyee winter games (a snowshoe race, snowball six pin and timed sledding) took place. Thanks to Sheryl Wagner for organizing.

There are fourteen Boy Scouts and leaders currently at the lodge. They are undoubtedly having fun in the four feet of very light snow. Many, many thanks to the five hosts who have stepped up to the challenge of electric heaters and trying to maintain lodge heating. The first night is always a challenge, often starting at a chilly 25°F. It's been a very successful winter to date.

One of our cars was broken into this month in our lot on Timberline Road. It's best to park in Government Camp.

Paul will contact our insurance representative on April 1 to arrange a date to photograph the lodge.

Trips Report, Craig

It was a light month for Trails Club trips with 1 day hike, 1 trip leaders planning meeting, 1 car camp and 1 snowshoe event. The snowshoe event was part of the Tyee "Hike and Dine" reported by Paul Cutter. Plans this month:

1. The March "Hike and Dine" seems well supported. Thank you folks!
2. Craig made contact with the Portland Water Bureau Education Dept. We are planning a "Bull Run Watershed Tour". It will be an amazing one-day tour of the Bull Run for the Trails Club. Craig



Hike and Dine Snowshoe. Photo: Craig Gwydir

expects to rent a bus (20-25 people). This will be an educational tour of the Bull Run with short hiking segments suitable for all ages and a bag lunch at a cabin overlooking "Bull Run Reservoir #1." Craig will try to arrange entrance inside the 90 year old dam. The event will probably be on a Saturday or Sunday in the summer. TCO folks will pay the cost of their tour and will be given priority over non-TCO folks.

3. Craig has a Zoom meeting with Teal Harbin (Base Medical) on Tuesday regarding a First Aid certification course for the Trails Club. Base Medical provides education courses for the Mazamas, but they are too advanced for our needs.
4. Craig made contact with "Oregon Trails Coalition" regarding a First Aid certification course. They prefer teaching at Clackamas Community College's Oregon City Campus, but can schedule for Tyee. This is a second source for a First Aid certification course.
5. Craig contacted the US Forest Service Recreation Staff Officer of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and the USFS Trails Manager for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. These folks decisions about which trails are decommissioned in the Gorge.
6. The committee is scouting trails for suitable dog hikes. We found some excellent places to hike with dogs 35 minutes west of Beaverton. These areas are rarely used, road grade and legal day hiking supported by a (new) Tillamook Forest hosted trailhead.
7. Trails Club swag - Julia M and Joel R have been helpful getting this off the ground. Thank you both!

Social Report, David

Goals from the Social Chair:



Hike and Dine Lunch. Photo: Craig Gwydir

- Additional "Happy Hour" socials throughout the year at rotating establishments
- Build our TCO community by providing opportunities for members and interested individuals to connect and socialize in 2023.
- Provide inclusive events to TCO members, their guests and families and interested individuals. Be welcoming to individuals of diverse backgrounds and abilities.
- Follow State COVID mandates at events.
- Include as many volunteers as possible in the planning and execution of the events by reaching out in the planning phase one-two-three months prior.

Bylaws: Section 9. Social Committee: The Social Committee shall plan and conduct all entertainment programs and other such social functions sponsored by the club, including the annual banquet, except such events which are authorized by the Board to be conducted by other committees.

There are 7 social events on the calendar for this year. See the Tyee report for the February 18th Hike and Dine. Two new membership applications may have been signed by potential sponsors and a few others were interested. Another Hike and Dine is scheduled at Tyee on March 12th. Craig G and Julia are leading a snowshoe and Jennifer is cooking. Currently 23 are signed up on the Meetup site. On April 29 we will have a social at Cape Horn with hikes and a ranger presentation.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Outreach Update, Julia Mace via email and Paul

TCO continues to collaborate with the Sierra Club's Inspiring Connections Outdoors program and its partners to provide outdoor activities for youth. Monthly hikes are planned through December this year on the weekends. Currently Chris Seubert is supporting this program. Pending good road conditions on March 11th, Tyee will welcome Sierra Club and The Janus Youth Program to warm up with a cup of cocoa during their day of snowshoeing at Government Camp.

The DEI Committee has learned about a 12-mile trail in and around Port Townsend, Washington (northeast of Olympic National Park), called the Chetzemoka Trail. The trail has 18 interpretive signs that provide information on the history of the Native Americans and early European settlers in that part of the Olympic Peninsula. The DEI Committee believes that a Trails Club-sponsored hike/car camping trip focused on the Chetzemoka Trail would be of interest to many TCO members. Chris Seubert made contact with the Chetzemoka Trail Project Leader, Celeste Dybeck, and plans to travel to the peninsula in the coming weeks to see if one of the three campgrounds in and near Port Townsend would be suitable base camps for a hike. The DEI Committee is exploring the possibility of making connections with other groups in Portland that focus on diversity and inclusion outdoors. Julia Mace has had some discussions with members of the Portland Chapter of POCO (People of Color Outdoors). The DEI Committee members expect to meet with members of POCO to discuss possible joint activities this year. A few ideas explored include hosting POCO at Tyee for a camping and canoeing weekend and a beginner backpacking experience. If any TCO members are interested in joining the DEI please reach out via email: diversity@trailsclub.org

NEW BUSINESS

Partnering with OR Nordic Club, Paul and Julia Mace via email

In a search to find fellow skiers, Julia joined the Oregon Nordic Club recently. While reviewing their website she noticed they partner with the Mazamas for discounted rates at their lodge. It was moved and seconded to let Oregon Nordic Club members with proof of membership use Tyee at member rates through April 2024. At that time, we will reevaluate the impact of this decision on TCO. The motion passed with 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

501c discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting concluded with a private discussion exclusively limited to the Board.

Adjourned at 8:25 | Next meeting, April 4, zoom | Submitted by Rebecca Knudeson, Secretary

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 conditions may increase the exertion and skill required; be prepared. Contact the trip leader if you have any questions and to let him or her know that you will be attending. Bring the 10 Essentials and please, no alcohol. 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.

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

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