



# Trail Blazer

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## JUNE 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](http://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon)

2-4	Fri-Sun	Nesika Work and Social Weekend
3-5	Sat-Mon	Tyee Open
7	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
14	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
21	Weds	Weds Eve Solstice Hike
24-25	Sat-Sun	Tyee Work Party
28	Weds	Weds Eve Conditioning Hike
30-2	Fri-Sun	Nesika Work and Social Weekend

### Get involved at TCO!

**Seeking a Treasurer!** TCO is seeking a Board Treasurer beginning Jan 2024. Contact Board Pres Bev Drottar

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**Conservation Committee**  
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**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee**  
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**History Committee**  
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### Welcome New Members!

Nellie Long Deeshi Donnelly



TCO folks enjoying our Annual Banquet and pre-banquet hike on Sunday, May 21. A Champoege State Park Ranger spoke about the history of the area and BBQ lunch and music from Six Pack Possum were enjoyed by everyone. Photos: Craig Gwydir



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Electronic subscription is included with membership. Send address changes and club correspondence to: [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 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](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.

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 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 | April 4, 2023 7:00-9:00 | Zoom

## Attendees:

Bev Drottar (President); Jennifer Samuels (Vice President); Lori Leach (Membership); Joel Reitz (Publications); Paul Cutter (Tye Trustee); Craig Gwydir (Trips Trustee); Dave Noyes (Social Trustee); Crisse Milner (Nesika Trustee)

## Absent:

Rebecca Knudeson (Secretary); Rachel Eggers (Treasurer):

## Regular Business:

April minutes were approved by email prior to The Blazer publication.

## Treasurer's Report, Rachel

Beginning Balance 2/28/23:	\$16,847
Checks and Payments:	\$2,627
Deposits and Credits:	\$305
Cleared Balance:	\$14,525

Taxes filing in mid-April. Documents received in PO Box:

- Annual State of Oregon Corporate Filing
- Bill for Domain Listing
- Key Application for Pearl Zadnik
- Trip Log from Craig

## Membership Report, Lori

First Readings:  
None

Approved Second Readings:

**Nellie Long** (Portland) Sponsored by Paul Cutter and Beth Meyers-Shenai

**Deeshi Donnelly** (Portland) Sponsored by Julia Mace and Paul Cutter

Total Membership: 273

10 Golden; 1 Junior; 35 Life; 1 Life/Golden; 7 Provisional; 1 Provisional Jr., 219 Regular

## Publications Report, Joel

Nothing to report.

## Nesika Report, Crisse

We had a spontaneous road clearing event hosted by Linda and Glen Conrad on May 6th. A HUGE thank you to them and to the hardworking crew who came out to help clear between 35-45 trees, clip back shrubbery and plant some baby conifers near the lodge. It was hard work but much fun was had by all. We were able to clear the roads all the way to the parking area just below the Lodge. There are a few more trees to be cleared off the monster trail and the short cut to the lodge but things look good as of May 6th.



Ranger Talk at Annual Banquet. Photo: Craig Gwydir

Our next event is another one-day work party scheduled for May 20th hosted by Pete R and Crisse M. We will clear any additional trees that may have fallen and Glen C will be bringing his trailer so that we can split and haul wood along the road to Nesika. This work party will focus on getting the lodge ready for the season by splitting/stacking and filling the wood bins in the lodge as well as turning the water on, checking diesel and propane, and ensuring the tractor is ready for the summer work parties.

We are still awaiting a meeting with the county and the contractor who will be working on Larch Mt Road. Road work has not started as of yet and the road has not been closed at this point. We will notify TCO members as soon as we have information about our access and any guidelines the county/contractors may provide to us about our ability to gain access.

Paul Cutter noted he would be bringing in the laminate flooring for the dorm with Glen Conrad this next week and will be planning a date for this work soon.

### **Tyee Report, Paul**

A very quiet month at the lodge. Still about six feet of snow in early May. I met with Megan, the Director of Ancient Forests of Opal Creek and Mati for their expedition planner at Tyee in early May for a "show me tour". This was for them to help plan the Waldorf School visit in early June.

I have also contacted The Forest Service regarding the annual user permit form that we should send in annually.

Change of personnel yet again, they are trying to locate the form. I'll gather information when the form is mailed.

When the Tyee driveway is snow free I shall be scheduling the chimney and duct cleaning, followed by the furnace install, probably in July.

### **Trips Report, Craig**

We had 2 day trips in April and 1 Trip Leaders Planning Meeting. There have also been Wednesday night conditioning hikes posted on the Trails Club calendar during April.

The "Backcountry First Aid and CPR" course has been delayed due to lack of available instruction staff. There has been no progress in securing a date for this. I have exchanged multiple emails with the Oregon Trails Coalition and they have been unable to secure a CCC instructor for a Saturday course. I am looking into course alternatives.



*Cape Horn Social/Hike. Photo: Craig Gwydir*

Free "Trails Club" branded bags were given out at the Cape Horn social hike. It is expected more "Trails Club" branded items will be given away at the Champoeg State Park Social event. There has been no progress on a "Bull Run Watershed" day trip tour - still pending. Waiting for future tour dates to be available.

I have a TCO board action item to produce a list of questions for folks who wish to take the "Backcountry First Aid and CPR" course.

### **Social Report, David**

Third social of the year held at Cape Horn on 4/29. Craig G and 2 other Assistant Leaders led a hike, David Noyes and Paul Cutter served lunch. A total of 32 participants attended and there was a presentation by Cape Horn Conservancy.

4th social of the year is 5/21 Annual Banquet at Champoeg St. Park. Park location is Oak Grove Shelter. A pre event hike will take place led by Craig G. Event begins at 1pm. Catering by Mo's Smokehouse And Elegant Catering. Music by Six Pack Possum. If there are any agenda items needed by Board members, please contact David Noyes Please also include in the Social Trustee report that we currently have 42 paid meals( 50 minimum to caterer). Another email blast is needed from Publications Chair Joel.



**Cape Horn Social/Hike. Photo: Craig Gwydir**

### **History Report, Linda**

We will have our first meeting at Nesika the Memorial weekend. Lodge will be open for 4 days. Goal is to organize pictures and develop a video for our club to show at outdoor functions. I am also looking for someone to go through old blazers and do monthly write ups for the Blazer to promote the club's history. Our food will be potluck. We may provide some items. We will probably order some posters when we have our plan intact. The weekend is also open for those not working on history who want to come up and hike. PS we will be canceling

the June History meeting. Too much Nesika for 3 weekends in a row.

A discussion was had around the pros/cons of a printer and it was determined that Craig will follow up with a discussion with the historian around use of printing service rather than a printer. We discussed having a gift card that will allow the historian to print photos at will. This will allow her to get the best prints with the most current printing materials. A motion was made to provide a pre-paid card that would allow the historian to print photos and documents as needed and get the best quality. Motion was seconded and approved.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. 501c discussion: anything new to report? Rebecca: A follow up on inquiries to outdoor clubs about non profit status: I sent emails to the Mazamas, the Mountaineers, The Obsidians, The Mt St Helens Club and the Chemeketans. I heard back from Tom Vogl, CEO of the Mountaineers. He wanted to set up a phone or zoom meeting to talk about how their non profit works. I didn't have time because of my trip prep. We could arrange a conversation with him later. It'd be good if Jennifer and/or Lori could participate since they know more about the issue than I do. I have his email. St Helens Club responded also. They have 501c7 status that sounds like what we must have. I haven't heard from the others. I don't think the Chemeketans are a 501c3. We know the Mazamas have it. We just need to find out who would be able to help us with their experience.

Adjourned at 7:50 | Next meeting June 6 Zoom | Submitted by Crisse Milner



### **Bernice Marie Schuchardt**

(1934-2023)

Our family and friends lost a strong, vibrant and headstrong woman on March 24, 2023 when Bernice Marie Schuchardt passed away comfortably in her sleep. She was preceded in death by her sister, Dorothy Pool and her husband Lawton Schuchardt. They were married for 46 years. Lawton died in August of 2000. Bernice is survived by her brother Louis Vaughn, five children: Linda Conrad, Ron Schuchardt, Lori Williams, Stephen Schuchardt and Richard Schuchardt. She has six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Growing up she enjoyed fishing with her father, Ernest Vaughn and cooking and sewing with her mother, Bertha Vaughn. She was known for helping her mother make pies for the Montana road crews. After high school she worked a season at Yellowstone Park as a cook in the historic Yellowstone Lodge.

Bernice went to business college and worked as a secretary in Oregon where she married Lawton and had their five children in Portland. She worked at the papermill in West Linn until it closed in 1996. She then went back to school and got her Associate Degree as a Legal Secretary and worked for three different legal agencies in Portland before retiring. While working for the papermill she ran the Hood to Coast Relay for over fifteen years on the "Beaten to a Pulp" relay team. She also ran the Portland and Seattle Marathons several times.

For hobbies Bernice and Lawton square danced with Pump House Rounders and later enjoyed country western dancing at the Flower Drum in Portland. They also went on country western dance cruises. Bernice and Lawton Bowled with West Linn Mill workers. Bernice also enjoyed mushrooming with her son Ron, Stephen and friends Marilyn and Gary.

In the late 1960s Lawton and Bernice joined the Trails Club of Oregon. They hiked and completed the Pacific Crest Trail in Oregon and most of it in Washington. They enjoyed cross country skiing and going to the two Trails Club lodges, Nesika and Tyee where Bernice loved to cook. Bernice also volunteered as Publisher of the Blazer and Secretary of the Trails Club.

Lawton and Bernice climbed Mt Hood, Mt St Helen's (before it blew) and Mt Adams with the Mazamas. Bernice was a Golden Member of the Trails Club of Oregon with 56 years membership.

Lawton and Bernice both enjoyed hosting students from the AFS exchange program and hosted at least nine students for a full academic year. They also visited many of those students in their home countries of Peru, Ghana, Italy (many times), Costa Rica, Greece, and others. Bernice remained active with AFS and facilitated new family interviews, placements, incoming and outgoing orientations, and camps.

In her later years Bernice volunteered at OMSI in Portland as well as the Hancock Field station where she had her own cabin as a cook helper. Bernice lived a full life and was well loved by family and



Silver Falls Hike. Photo: Craig Gwydir



Angora Peak Hike. Photo: Craig Gwydir



Nesika Road Clearing. Photo: Nicole R

### Get involved at TCO!

**Seeking a Treasurer!** TCO is seeking a Board Treasurer beginning Jan '24. This position requires a long transition - so we're looking now! Basic duties include regular bookkeeping, check writing, monthly board meetings and other duties. Interested? Contact Board Pres Bev Drottar

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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 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](mailto: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](mailto:webmaster@trailsclub.org)

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