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# MAY EVENTS

Event information, sign-up and scheduling are available on

TCO Website Calendar <u>https://trailsclub.org/activities/calendar</u> 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



# Champoeg State Park | St. Paul, OR Memorial Building & Pavilion

FOOD ~ PRIZES ~ MUSIC ~ SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER!

Lifetime & Gold Members: \$15 | \$10 early-bird thru May 1

**TICKETS:** 

<u>Members</u>: \$15 | \$12 early-bird thru May 1

Guests/Non-Members: \$15

June 24-26

LINE UP OF FESTIVITIES:

May 2022

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

Oct 21-23

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

SAVE THE DATES: 2022 Tyee Work Parties						
See TCO Calendar for more details						
May 20-22	Julv 29-31	Sept 23-25				

Aug TBD

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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, 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.

President	Beverly Drottar
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# **EVENT CANCELATIONS**

Please note that some events may be canceled at a future date, depending on late-breaking COVID-19 related issues, etc. Check the <u>website</u> regularly.

# **Meeting Places**

**Friendly House** NW Thurman and 26th. TriMet bus service on routes 15, 17 and 77 is nearby.

**Gateway TCO :** From I-205: take the Glisan Street exit, head east to 99th Ave, turn north, head a couple blocks and park in the Park and Ride garage. Meet at the SE corner of the structure (near the stairs) on the sidewalk (directly inside if it is raining). From I-84: take I-205, take the above exit and instructions

**Target:** A common westside meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185th Ave, drive south to Evergreen Parkway turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr. Park and meet on the west side of the Target parking lot across from Starbucks Coffee. Tri Met bus service on routes 47, 52 and 89 is nearby.

**Tryon Creek State Park:** Sometimes used for Wed. AM (and other) hikes. From I-5 South: Take Terwilliger Blvd. exit, bear right, heading south past Taylor's Ferry Rd. and bear left at at Boone's Ferry Rd split. Right at second roundabout exit, staying on Terwilliger. Park entrance is a right about one mile past the roundabout. Park near the Nature Center.

# **Trails Club of Oregon & Meetup Websites**

Our website (<u>TrailsClub.org</u>) 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 (<u>Meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/</u>). 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 (<u>www.trailsclub.org</u>), 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 use PayPal to pay your dues. You can pay for all members in a household in one transaction.

# 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	
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 Blaich (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: <u>steph.noll@oregontrailscoalition.org</u>



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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#### May 2022

#### 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; nonmembers 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