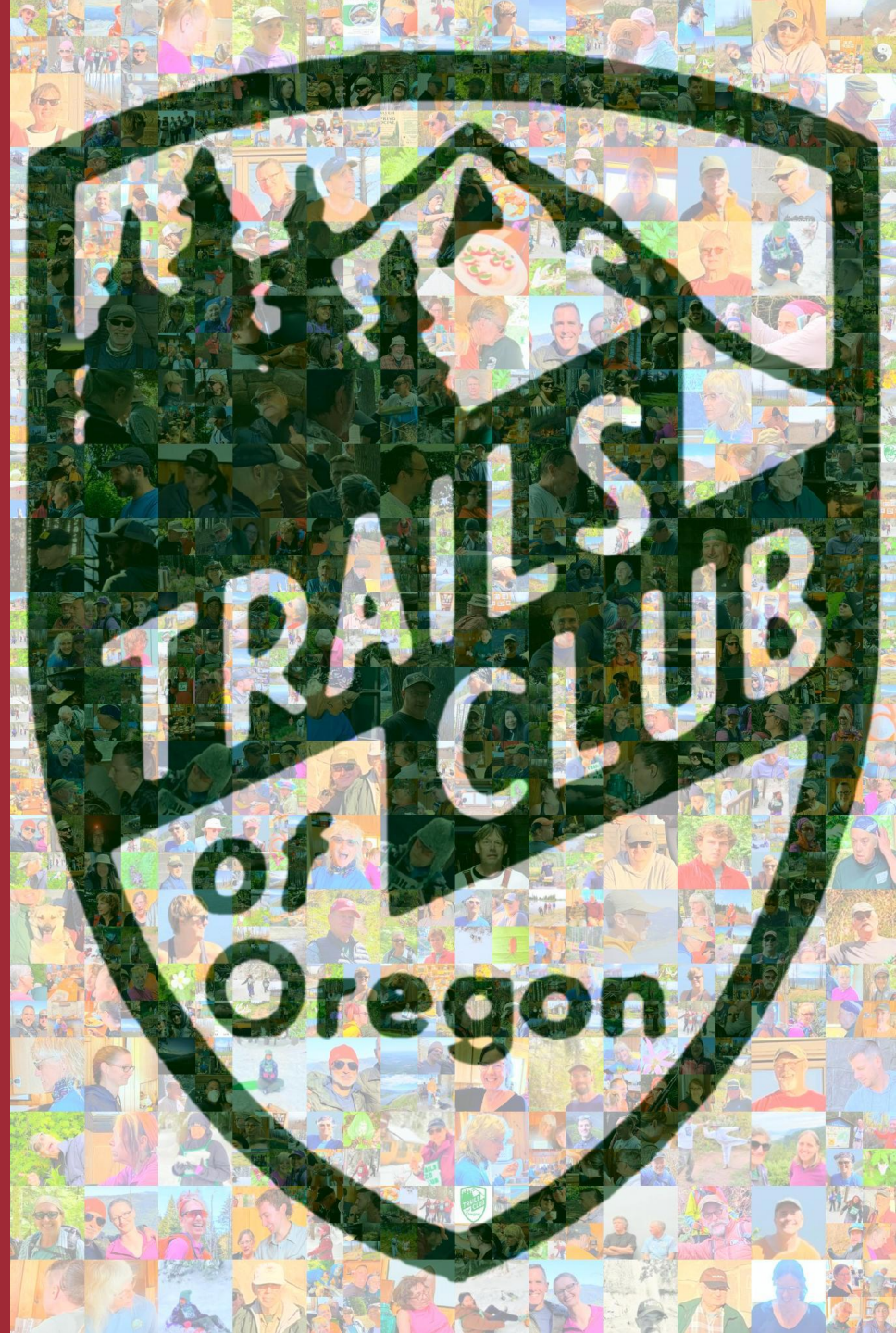
Annual Meeting

Trails Club of Oregon

Sunday, November 8, 2026



Welcome

Sign in, say hi to a neighbor, and help yourself to the refreshments.

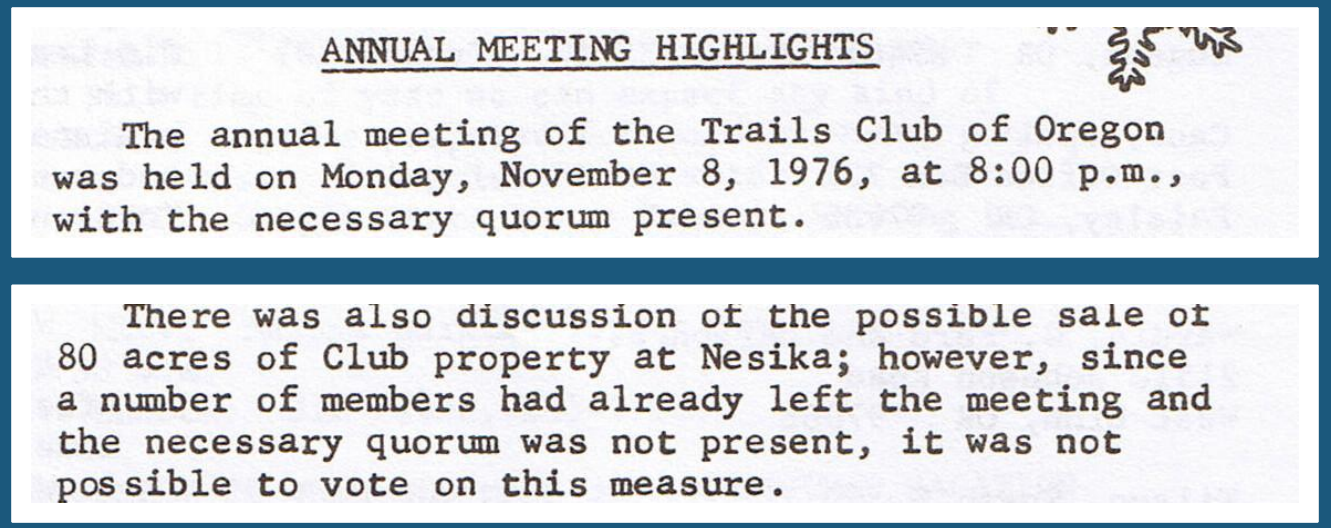


Volunteers on the Nesika porch, April 2026

Agenda

Welcome
President’s message
Money and members
The lodges
Out on the trail
Publications and social
Committees and volunteers
Henry Waespe Award
Open seats and elections, then dessert

Exactly 50 years ago today



ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The annual meeting of the Trails Club of Oregon was held on Monday, November 8, 1976, at 8:00 p.m., with the necessary quorum present.

There was also discussion of the possible sale of 80 acres of Club property at Nesika; however, since a number of members had already left the meeting and the necessary quorum was not present, it was not possible to vote on this measure.

The Trail Blazer, December 1976

Same date.
Same reports.
Same quorum worries.

Fifty years on, please stay so we can vote. Dessert comes right after.

Your 2026 Board



Bev Drottar

President



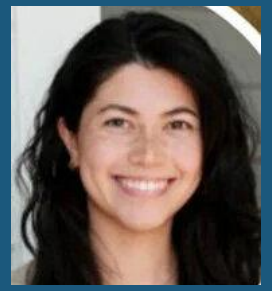
Eric Zimmerman

Vice President



Rebecca Knudeson

Secretary



Sydney Jackson

Treasurer



Lori Leach

Membership



Joel Reitz

Publications



Pete Recksiek

Nesika



Eric “Zinger” Eisinger

Tyee



Craig Gwydir

Trips



Sebastian Powers-Leach

Outreach

Committee chairs



Jeff Churchill

Social



Linda Conrad

History

Dave Letcher

Conservation



Dolores Niebergall

Leave No Trace

We are a 501(c)(3)

March 2, 2026

The IRS recognized the Trails Club of Oregon as a tax-exempt public charity.



- Gifts made since that date are tax-deductible
- Donors will get year-end receipts
- Day-use fees and the $2 hike fee became donations
- BottleDrop: fill a blue bag, and the refund comes to the club

How the club has changed



Annual dues	**$4**	**$7**	**$25**	**$50**
	1952	1973	1988	2016
Members	**238**	**441**	**465**	**273**
	1952	1985	1988	2026

The meeting

1954: Oregonian Hostess House, 8 p.m. “Don’t expect German pancakes or banana splits.”

2026: Sunday, 2 p.m., in Beaverton.

Membership

Lori Leach

273

members in October, up from 251 last November

Member type	Oct.
Regular	216
Life	33
Provisional	8
Golden	8
Life/Golden	5
Junior	3

- New Life members: Kathleen Mace and Pete Nelson
- New QR code card for activity leaders to hand out



Welcome to our new members

Lori Leach

Inge Winters
Kent Greenen
Silke Brunning
Maggie Klaus
Janet Mallon
Wendy Maihack
Brenna Stahr
Sydney Jackson
Delaney McGee
Elizabeth Markhart
Brian Felder

Kimberly Felder
Darlene Jordan
Paul Dragulin
Rita Allotey
Austin Ludwig
Alexis Nixon
Serge Kiselev
Richard Turner
Kim Streuli
Graham Garner
Morgan Garner

Mark McKelvey
Anne Deis
Rick Lathrop
Beth Silva
Julie Norrander
Wendy Lou
Kassandra Griffin
Jesse Debord
Aden Debord
Leea Voetberg
Catherine Dalziel

Zlatco Tanovic
Debra Dia
Sierra Wolf
Brian Francis
David Hoffman
Atif Zaman
Doreen Roozee
Glen Schrank
John Kilty
Helen Kilty

Empty Boots

Every pair of boots is still on the trail

Happily, no members were reported as leaving us this year.

Money coming in

November 2025 – October 2026

Income	FY 2025	FY 2026
Membership	$10,275	**$13,600**
Nesika Lodge	$1,030	**$2,038**
Tyee Lodge	$8,371	**$10,956**
Trips	$310	**$48**
Misc	$1,230	**$0**
Gifts and funds received	$10,938	**$10,087**
Total income	**$32,155**	**$36,729**

Where the money went

November 2025 – October 2026

Expenses	FY 2025	FY 2026
Admin	$7,568	**$7,605**
Membership	$218	**$156**
Nesika	$31,961	**$15,730**
Tyee	$10,926	**$17,991**
Memorial fund reimbursement	$2,589	**$1,294**
Social	$2,023	**$1,844**
Publications	$514	**$454**
Historian		**$250**
Total expenses	**$55,799**	**$45,324**
Net from operations	**–$23,644**	**–$8,595**
Investment income	$31,490	**$41,220**
Net income	**$7,846**	**$32,627**

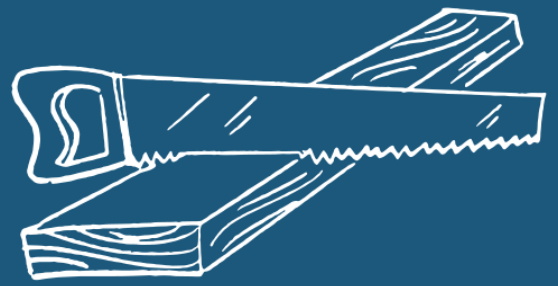
The story so far

- 2026 budget adopted
- 2025 taxes completed
- Insurance deductible raised, saving almost $1,000
- Books moved to nonprofit QuickBooks

Double your impact

$11,000

matched so far: $5,000 from members, doubled



- A lifelong member matches gifts dollar for dollar, up to $5,000, plus a $1,000 bonus
- Runs through November
- Give to
  - greatest need
  - education and outreach
  - Tyee
  - Nesika
- trailsclub.org/donation
- Just $0 more from members completes the $5,000 match
- **…and unlocks the $1,000 bonus: $11,000 for the club**

New stretch goal: $16,000



- **Our anonymous donor is extending the challenge!**
- Members give $5,000: matched dollar for dollar, plus a $1,000 bonus = $11,000
- Then he matches another $2,500 in member gifts, dollar for dollar, through November 30
- **Reach both: $16,000 for the Trails Club of Oregon**
- trailsclub.org/donation

Policies and practices

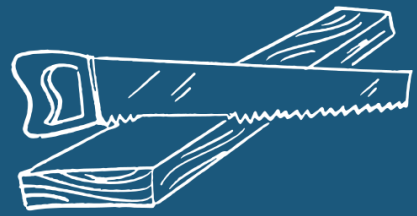
- Day use at both lodges is now by donation, with locked donation boxes on site.
- Outside groups pay $5 per person for day use, which the Board can waive.
- The $2 non-member fee for hikes and events is gone.
- We are trying optional donations in place of a small card fee, to make paying online less of a hassle.

Nesika Lodge

- Dorm electrical finished, with lights in the dorm and shop
- New water pump replaces a 30-year-old one
- New spring box cover, hauled up by four volunteers with ropes and pulleys
- Curled siding replaced; about 24 volunteers on April 25
- Dave Letcher transplanted 27 Douglas firs
- Thanks to Nina, Trish and Nora for feeding the crews
- Thanks to Rob, Ken and Bob for their hard work and dedication which I get all the credit for
- Thanks to Craig and his Stormy Trails Crew for keeping the Basin trails clear



Firewood duty, April 25



Many hands at Nesika



Running the log splitter, April


Painting siding, September


Lunch at the lodge, September


Fourth of July weekend


Three in the Kubota, June

After the December storm

- December's storm sent tons of Eagle Creek fire debris down Multnomah Creek
- The Multnomah Creek bridge foundations were scoured; the Forest Service has closed it to vehicles
- Permits are in process, repairs to the bridge should begin next summer
- Open on foot: about 2 miles from the green gate
- The Basin Road water bar work has been completed by the Forestry Service, but the road still has some clearance issues that need to be resolved



Hiking up Wahkeena to the lodge, January 10, after the storm



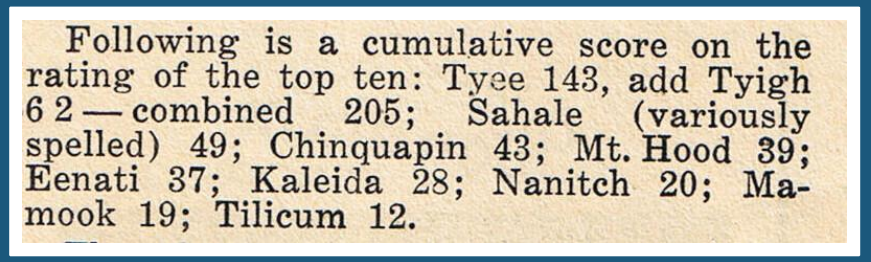
Monster Trail, before



After. Photos: Dave Letcher

What is in a name?

In 1951, members ranked 45 names for our Mt. Hood lodge. Six of the top nine came from Chinook Jargon, the trade language shared by Northwest tribes.



Following is a cumulative score on the rating of the top ten: Tyee 143, add Tyigh 6 2 — combined 205; Sahale (variously spelled) 49; Chinquapin 43; Mt. Hood 39; Eenati 37; Kaleida 28; Nanitch 20; Mamook 19; Tilicum 12.

The 1951 ranking, The Trail Blazer, December 1951

Final vote, April 1952

Tyee 28, Mt. Hood 11, Sahale 8, Kaleida 6. *The name is Tyee Lodge.*

Tyee
chief, leader

Tilicum
people, friends, kin

Eenati
across, the far side

Chinquapin
a native Cascade nut tree

Sahale
high, above, the sky

Nanitch
to look, to see

Mamook
to make, to work

Nesika
we, us, ours: our other lodge

Long before these names, this land was home. *Our lodges stand on the homelands of the Multnomah, Clackamas, Molalla, Wasco and other peoples, the original and continuing stewards of these lands.*

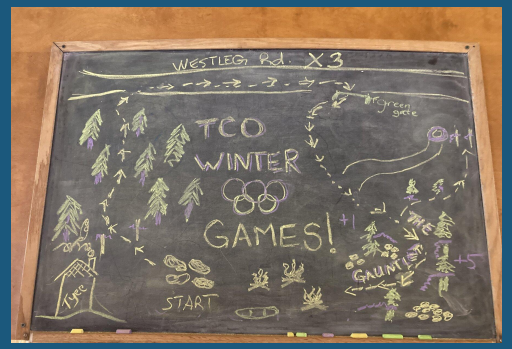
at Tyee

Eric “Zinger” Eisinger

- 26 volunteers at the May work party: 3 cords of firewood, 2 trees down, squirrels out
- Foundation leak found and fixed with 400 lbs of concrete
- Forest Service cleanups at Kiwanis Camp Road and Estacada earn about $34 an hour off our rent
- Grasshopper Fire: Level 1 “Be Ready”; volunteers packed up the lodge’s history just in case
- December storm: 5 days without power, no damage
- Two 3-foot steel shield signs now mark the driveway
- New power pole goes in November 10



Paul Cutter hands Tyee to Eric Eisinger. Photo: Juergen Steinhart





Tyee work party

Eric “Zinger” Eisinger



Zinger at the splitter. Photo: Sheryl Wagner


Marybeth and Lori in the basement. Photo: Sheryl Wagner



Olivia at the games closet. Photo: Sheryl Wagner

Trails Trodden

Craig Gwydir

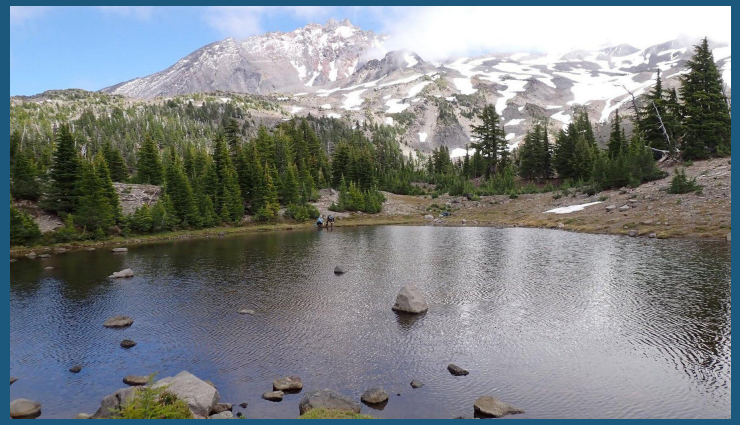
- Tom Thrall hosted the Obsidian Loop and Broken Top backpacks
- Lower Deschutes backpack, Macks Canyon to the mouth: five hikers, 24 miles over 3 days in March
- Wednesday night hikes: at least 27 evenings, with a "chill" hike added beside the B-level hike thanks to Lori
- Stormy Trails kept the Basin trails open all year
- $2 non-member fee dropped; special edition caps as an “incentive”

48 trips on Meetup with 230+ RSVPs, including 23 Wednesday evening hikes. Welcome, new leaders Glen Schrank, Leea Voetberg and Sebastian Powers-Leach, and welcome back, Tom Thrall and Ron Gladden.



Paradise Park, October

Trails remembered



Arrowhead Lake, Obsidian Loop. Photo: Craig Gwydir



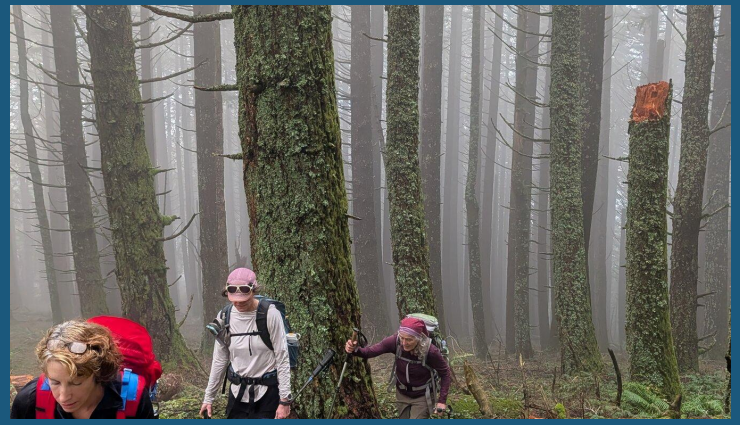
Rainbow below Broken Top. Photo: Craig Gwydir



Deschutes River backpack, March



Tom, Dick and Harry Mountain, September



Augspurger Mountain in the fog, January



Dog Mountain. Photo: Dolores Niebergall

Outreach

Sebastian Powers-Leach

- Brand new committee: first meeting January 25
- First Tyee Open House, July 11: 9 guests, tours, a history talk and a raffle
- Intro to Backpacking overnight at Tyee, led by Tom Thrall with Julia Carroll
- Tabling at Cedar Mill Library; building a list of hosts for youth groups
- Thanks: Julia Carroll, Tom Thrall, Nora Tanner, Mary Beth Sadlouskos, Greg Barrell and Eric Zimmerman

Join Us!

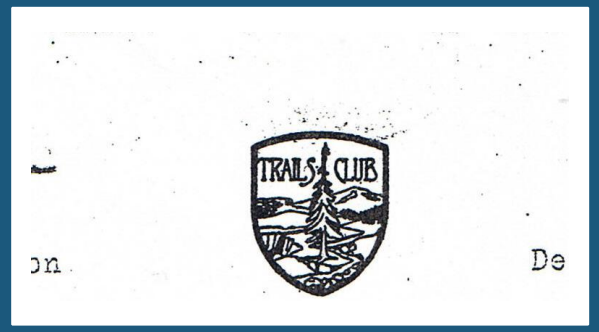


The club banner at the Tyee gate, Open House day

<u>Upcoming Events:</u>

- January 29-31–ONC Crossover Weekend
- Outside youth groups (3 in the next 6 months)

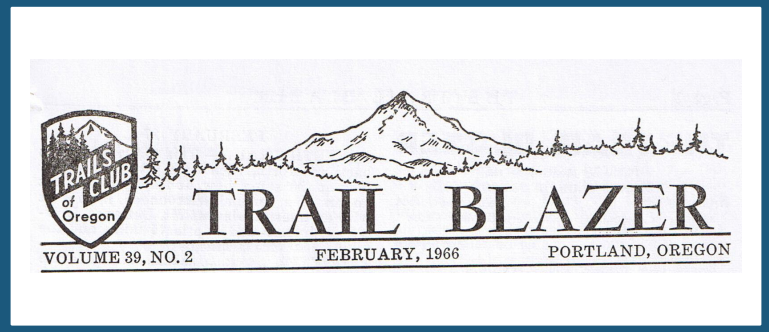
Two mastheads, one shield story



Dec. 1928 The Bulletin, Vol. 1, already wears the old tree shield



1932 to Jan. 1966 Hand-drawn Mt. Hood and firs, named by a member contest



Feb. 1966 onward The new shield and a modern mountain

1962

Glenn Day designs a “new emblem” for the club’s patches.

1965

“We are using a new emblem, so the Trail Blazer masthead needs modernizing!”

Today

Two 3-foot powder-coated steel shields mark the Tyee driveway, thanks to Eric Eisinger.



The new shield sign. Photo: Eric Eisinger

Publications

Joel Reitz

	2025	2026
Blazer open rate	40%	**39%**
Events posted	143	**139**
Member accounts	288	**251**
Website visits	10,325	**21,032**
Paid through the website	$15,134	**$23,358**
Meetup subscribers	4,921	**4,828**
Facebook	2.6K	**2.9K**
Instagram	68	**73**

- New PO Box 19891
- Mobile payment form for lodge fees
- Club email moved to Google Workspace
- Donation thermometer on the website
- Wanted: a Blazer editor, and your trip reports!

Social

Jeff Churchill

- **Spring Social at Sellwood Park**, June 6: 31 of us in the rain
- **Late-Summer BBQ at Blue Lake Park**, September 5
- **2027**: a spring membership-drive social with Outreach
- **Passing the torch**: Jeff is stepping down as Social Chair, and we hope Emerson Miller will take the reins
- **Join in**: the Social Committee always welcomes helpers
- **Thanks**: Emerson Miller, Loriann Wettern, Craig Gwydir, Rob Nollenberger and Brew Dr. Kombucha



Spring Social. Photo: Bev Drottar



Late-Summer BBQ Social, September

Pre-Thanksgiving Celebration Potluck

35 sat down to dinner last November, just ahead of the snow.



By the fire, November 2025



Game time



“We keep Joel in the cupboard”

This year: Saturday, November 21, dinner at 1:30. Paul Cutter brings the turkey and gravy and hosts the lodge; you bring a dish.

Coming up this winter



Nov. 14	Free Leave No Trace class, Hillsboro REI
Nov. 21	Pre-Thanksgiving Celebration at Tyee
Nov. 28	Post-Thanksgiving Triple Crown Hike
Dec. 24–27	Christmas at Tyee
Jan. 1–3	Start the New Year at Tyee
Feb. 12–15	Kids Stay Free Weekend at Tyee
Feb. 12–16	Ski and snowshoe outing near Mt. Bachelor
Feb. 20–28	Death Valley day hiking week
TBA	Winter Games 2027 at Tyee



Conservation

Candace Bonner and Dave Letcher

- June conservation and history event at Nesika
- Invasive species removal and native reseeding mapped around the lower fountain
- Pollinator counts started as baseline data
- Native fir trees replanted around Nesika



Surveying at Nesika, June



ALTERNATE: skipped in the slideshow (no Conservation update this year)

Leave No Trace

Dolores Niebergall

- Dolores became Oregon State Advocate for the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics
- Love Your Lakes at Duffy and Santiam, Reese and Husband lakes: 6 bags of trash, 10 unauthorized fire rings removed, 16 maintained
- Cedar Mill Library talk and 28 Camas Scouts
- Educational Posts on TCO FB page including special Earth Month Edition
- Trailhead host training at Detroit Ranger Station
- Next: free class at Hillsboro REI, November 14



Photos: Dolores Niebergall

History

Linda Conrad

- The club's history lives at Nesika: Blazers and directories now organized in the new bookcase in the main lodge
- Nearly every Trail Blazer since 1928 has now been found and catalogued, with scanning still underway
- 8,501 Meetup album photos saved to the club's Drive
- Help wanted: Linda would love help finishing the reorganization at Nesika. Find her at dessert!



Scanning at History Weekend



A stack of club history



Thank you, volunteers

Named in this year's reports

Rob Parker
Dave Letcher
Ken Potter
Glen and Linda Conrad
Nina Rohrs
Ember Parker
Bob Walker
Ron Gladden
Paul Cutter
Sheryl Wagner
Tom Thrall
Julia Carroll
Nora Tanner
Mary Beth Sadlouskos
Candace Bonner
Greg Barrell
Sanjana Sachdeva
Trisha Schultz
Olivia Bakke
Leea Voetberg
Juergen Steinhart

Trails Club Awards

Henry Waespe Distinguished Service Award

The club's highest honor, for long service rather than a single achievement.



Beverly Drottar

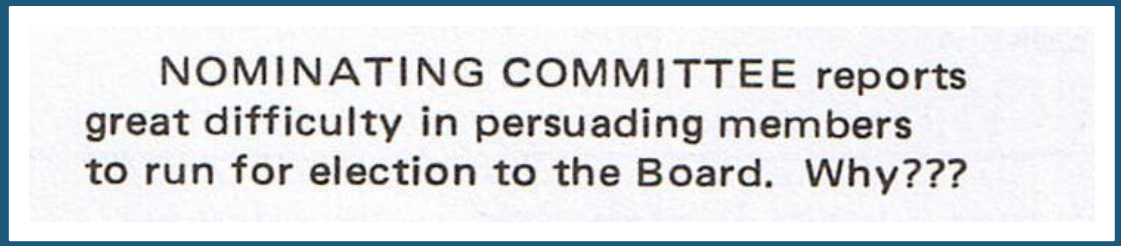
- Member since August 2015; eight years on the board: Vice President 2019–2021, President 2022–2026
- Shepherded us to 501(c)(3): from the 2023 member vote through new bylaws in 2024 to IRS recognition on March 2, 2026
- Kept the club steady through board turnover, opening her home for board meetings
- Rolled up her sleeves: the club's first forest cleanup, and Leave No Trace with the Camas Scouts

Notice

Two seats still need a name

President
Half term
Your name here?

Treasurer
Half term
Your name here?


NOMINATING COMMITTEE reports great difficulty in persuading members to run for election to the Board. Why???

This isn't new. The Trail Blazer, October 1969

"If asked please consent to have your name placed upon the ballot."

The Trail Blazer, August 1969

Time to vote: your next Board

Seat	Nominee
President (half term)	No nominations
Vice President	Eric Zimmerman
Treasurer (half term)	No nominations
Secretary	Rebecca Knudeson
Publications	Joel Reitz
Outdoor Education and Outreach Trustee	Sebastian Powers-Leach
Trips Trustee	Craig Gwydir

Nominations from the floor are welcome, yourself included, if the nominee is here and agrees to serve.
Contested seats go to a written, secret ballot.

Adjourn

Enjoy the refreshments and vote for your favorite dessert.

Reigning champion: Juergen Steinhart, last year's best dessert, a delightful fruit salad! Who can top it?



EVERYBODY OUT!

Old folks, young folks, everybody come—to St. David's Parish House, 1216 S. E. Morrison street, for the annual meeting, 8 p. m. November 11 (armistice day).

Five trustees are to be elected for the 1947 board, and several important and exciting matters are also to be voted on. Remember, it takes at least 50 voting members to make a quorum! Associate members, friends and others are invited also.

Coffee, cake, tea and cream will be served afterward while everybody gets caught up on doings for the past year. (BYO sugar.)

The Trail Blazer, November 1946

Caught on camera



Bigfoot joins the February membership hike


Soup's on


Masked for work party duty



Wasp nest warning, taken seriously


Ringing the triangle, Nesika


Gnomes guarding the trailhead


Over the log, and through the woods


Rocket and Copper getting hike rewards

Let's Talk About.....

…Rob Parker chasing a Nesika rat across the grass with a barbecue spit. Unsuccessfully.

…the squirrels evicted from under the Tyee kitchen deck.

…a pair of bear cubs on West Leg Road.

…four volunteers, ropes and pulleys, and one very heavy spring box cover.

…a new pub-quality dart board at Tyee.

