

Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events		
1-2	Sat-Sun	Backpackers Seminar
3	Mon	Snowshoe Planning Meeting
4	Tues	Bagby Hotsprings Hike
5	Wed	Wed Morning Hike
10	Mon	New Members Get-Together
10	Mon	TCO Annual Meeting
11	Tues	Dry Creek Falls Hike
11	Tues	Board Meeting
12	Wed	Wed Morning Hike
15	Sat	Blazer Submission Deadline
16	Sun	Tualatin Hills Park
18	Tues	Hike to Nesika Lodge
19	Wed	Wed Morning Hike
20	Thurs	Adventures and Travel
22	Sat	Marquam Hill to Council Crest
26	Wed	Wed Morning Hike
27-31	Thur-Mon	Thanksgiving at Nesika
27-28	Thur-Fri	Thanksgiving at Tyee
Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
Meeting places are detailed at the end of events section		
TRIP FEES: Members. $1; Guests $2; Carpool 15 cents/mile		

Announcements

Trails Club of Oregon ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008
7:30 PM
Rose Villa Fellowship Hall
13505 SE RIVER ROAD, MILWAUKIE, OR

New Member's Get-Together, 6:00 pm
Delicious desserts compliments of the Social Committee served from 7:00-7:30pm

Learn what our club has accomplished this year and vote for our new trustees!

Annual Meeting Voting Agenda

By-Laws Amendments Proposed

The Membership Committee has proposed an increase in annual dues. Dues were last increased in 1996.The proposal would make regular member dues $45 per year and senior, junior, and additional family member dues $25 per year. The entrance fee to join the club would remain the same. The By-Laws must be amended to change the dues, requiring a vote of the membership at a club meeting.

The By-Laws would be amended as follows (changes in **bold**):
Article II, Section 2(f): Annual dues for regular members shall be **$45.00.** Any additional family member living in the same household, regardless of age, shall pay annual dues of **$25.00.** Any regular member over the age of 65 shall pay **dues of $25.00**. *(Remainder of paragraph is the same)*

Article II, Section 3(d): Annual dues for junior members shall be **$25.00**. *(Remainder of paragraph is the same)*

The Board of Trustees has endorsed this proposal and is presenting it for a club vote at the Annual Meeting on November 10, 2008.

Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee has forwarded the following slate of candidates who have consented to be nominated:

Vice President: **Barbara Warren-Sams**
Secretary: **Matthew Newman**
Trips: **Jane Storey**
Publications: **Phillip Jackson**

Website Revisions Underway

Our website is currently under construction because we are anticipating moving our web hosting company to save the club money, and also to make our website more user friendly. When you navigate to our November Outings page, you might notice some discrepancies on graphics and colors schemes because that's part of the new website.
Randy Dietrich and I appreciate your patience and we will try to make this transition as smooth as possible. If you notice any big or small errors, please don't hesitate to contact us at webmaster@trailsclub.org. We will try our best to correct any errors as soon as possible. Furthermore, if you have any comments and inputs, we would like to hear from you also.
Sincerely,
Karen Yanhs Anderson
Trails Club of Oregon Webmaster

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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 $35 in dues for first household member, $17.50 for each additional household member or those over 65 years of age and a $15 entrance fee.

Board Meetings (2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm) @
Rose Villa Fellowship Hall, 13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie, OR

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Announcements - Continued

ORDER NEW "WICKING" TCO T-SHIRTS BY DECEMBER 8
We have a new design by Nadine Morris on 3 styles of t-shirts available for prepaid orders (think Xmas gifts!)
They will be on display at the annual meeting on November 10th and can be ordered at that time.
1) Forest green dry mesh (wicking) is a 100% polyester short sleeve for $18.50.
2) Light gray dry mesh (wicking) is 100% polyester with long sleeves for $19.50.
3) Forest green is 100% cotton with short sleeves for $7.50.
To order, send a check payable to TCO to
Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207. Indicate number and style of shirts ordered and sizes (unisex XS, S, M, L, XL in dry mesh----this style tends to run a little large, and S, M, L, XL, 2XL in cotton.)
The order will be filled on December 8th, so be sure your check is received by that date. It will be your responsibility to pick up your shirt(s) after arrival.

HOW ABOUT HOSTING TYEE ?

The last work party has readied Tyee for winter use. Thanks Steve Brown and those volunteers. The need now is for hosts to open the lodge throughout the snow season. Anyone who has been trained in the procedure to open and close the lodge is encouraged to sign up for a week-end. Plus keeping the lodge open during the Christmas break would make it possible to hand off opening and/or closing to the next host all that week and hopefully through New Years. Joan Ragan is the winter lodge coordinator. Please pick a date and call her [503-668-6622] to sign up. It was discussed that someone willing to cook, but unable to open and close, could be teamed up with someone who can do those tasks but is not eager to be the cook. Call the coordinator! Let's have a great winter sharing this lodge.

DO YOU CROSS-COUNTRY SKI?

The Trails Club needs a Cross-country Ski Coordinator for this coming winter. The role of the coordinator is to organize a schedule of ski trips and leaders. Our goal is to have one ski trip per weekend during the season. The Trips Trustee can provide names of past ski trip leaders as a starting point for organizing. We have found that holding one pre-season organizational meeting works well to build a schedule. (This is how Backpacking, Bicycling, Snowshoeing and Kayaking do it.) If no one volunteers for this role, TCO will not have any cross-country ski trips this coming winter. If you want to see TCO offer cross-country ski trips, contact Diana Forester at (503) 288-7782 or diana_forester@msn.com.



McGowen Lake Basin

Events

Gentle Reminders

- Class A –Shorter, less strenuous activity, Class B –Longer miles, more elevation gain, Class C –Long and difficult – strong experienced participants only. Harsh or unusual conditions may greatly increase the exertion and skill required. Please be prepared for level of the hike you are planning to take with the Trails Club.
- Good walking shoes or boots are required on the trail. Boots are recommended for B/C hikes.
- Bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Please, no alcohol.
- Pets allowed on designated trips only.
- Everybody should stay with the group and follow the hike leader. The hike leader is responsible for the group's safety. The hike leader is responsible for determining trails to be taken. Last, but not least, the leader has authority to determine if a hiker is prepared for the hike. Group safety must come first.
- If you have reserved for an activity at a lodge that involves 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

Nov 1-2 (Sat-Sun) Backpackers Seminar @ Nesika
We will have a planning meeting for 2009 backpacks; discuss new equipment that worked for you. Come with good ideas to share with the group. We will discuss and have a demonstration on blister care on the trail. Also, we have invited Ron Moak to come up and show us his new line of light weight back packs and tents. Prizes for the top 10 new devices or ideas on how to lighten your load. Leaders and organizers are Lisa Conrad and Linda Conrad. We will meet at the Gateway at 8:00 Saturday morning or Multnomah Falls by 8:30 Saturday morning, to hike up. Save room in your packs for food in case we can not drive in.
Register with Linda Conrad by October 29th - Phone: 360-837-3875 or Fax: 360-837-1040 or email at lcgrconrad@aol.com.

Nov 3 (Mon) Snowshoe Planning Meeting
The plan is to schedule a winter full of snowshoe activities for gerdaeck@msn.com or (503) 654-1353, or tell me if you have a favorite us for a bowl of soup and an evening of collaborating over the calendar? Please trail you would like to lead if you cannot attend..
Meet: 6 pm, Gerda Eck-Allen Burrell residence,
12178 SE 37th Ave, Milwaukie

Nov 4 (Tues) -- Bagby Hot Springs and Beyond Hike - Class B
Soak away your election day anxieties with Joe Sanders on this joint hike 'n' soak with members of the Downtown Unitarian Church. Bagby is an easy trip through beautiful old growth forest, but this hike will continue beyond the springs on a gentle uphill trail. The group will stop at the hot pools for a leisurely soak in a rustic setting on the return hike. Bring suits and towels but be comfortable with clothing optional soaking that others may practice. Hike 8+ miles with approximate 1,000 feet elevation gain.
Meet: 8:30 AM at Unitarian church (corner SW 12th and Main) or 9:15 AM at NW corner of Clackamas Fred Meyer parking lot. Anticipated return: 5:30-6:30 pm
Leader: Register with leader in case of change in plans. Joe Sanders (503) 292-4586 or joe.surfsand@gmail.com

Nov 5 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A to A +
We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike, call the leader.
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878
Come with the slower-paced walkers in the company of June Smelzer and Barbara Warren-Sams. Contact Barbara: 503-281-6094 or allseeandbeseen@yahoo.com for additional information.

Nov 10 (Mon) New Members Get-Together
Don't miss the New Member's Get-Together before the Annual Meeting. This will be a great time to meet other new members, ask questions about the club and talk to some of our committee chairs! Pizza, Salad and Beverages will be provided - Followed by desert at 7:00 and the Annual Meeting at 7:30. Monday, November 10th, 6:00 pm at Rose Villa Fellowship Hall, 13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie, OR Please let us know if you plan to attend by Saturday, November 9th
Virginia Larson at 503-750-9316 or admin@trailsclub.org

Nov 10 (Mon) Annual Meeting
Rose Villa Fellowship Hall 13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie Delicious desserts compliments of the Social Committee served from 7:00-7:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:30. Learn what our club has accomplished this year and vote on By-Laws amendments and for our new trustees!

Nov 11 (Tues) Dry Creek Falls Hike
This hike takes you to one of the lesser-known waterfalls in the Gorge. Start at Herman Creek Trailhead, then on the PCT past the Pinnacles to Dry Creek and up the creek a short distance to the falls. About 8.5 miles and 1000 ft. el. gain.
Meet: 8:00 AM at the right side of the Troutdale Outlet Mall parking lot.
Leader: Bill Kingsbury 503-281-4528 or
wfcrowntown@gmail.com

Nov 12 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A to A +
We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike, call the leader.
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Mike Harrison 503-659-7430
Come with the slower-paced walkers in the company of June Smelzer and Barbara Warren-Sams. Contact Barbara: 503-281-6094 or allseeandbeseen@yahoo.com

Nov 16 – (Sun)- Tualatin Hills Hike - Class A
We will hike from the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation Center and follow the Fanno Creek Trail to the site of the old Greenwood Inn on SW Allen near Highway 217 and return to the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation Center. Walking surface is level on the trail. Bring rain gear as the weather may be rainy. No need to bring lunch but carry water. This is a qualifying membership hike.
Hike: 5 miles round trip with very slight elevation gain.
Meet: 10 a.m. at Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation Center on the corner of SW Oleson and Garden Home Road across from Lamb's Thriftway.
Contact: Angelo Carella, hike leader, 503-384-0250 or Katherine Carella at Windermere 503-497-2126

Nov 18 (Tues) - Hike to Nesika Lodge - Class B
Join us for a beautiful trek up from Multnomah Lodge to the historic and tranquil grounds of Nesika Lodge, offering a babbling creek, lush woods and gradual elevation along the way.
Hopefully we'll get lucky and have some views at the top, but it's an invigorating and refreshing hike not too far from home regardless.
Bring water and lunch or snacks. Approx. 7-8 miles rt, 1800-1900 ' elev. gain, moderate pace. Meet: Gateway by 8:30 am, or in front of Multnomah Lodge by 9:30 a.m. Leader: Jane Garbisch (503) 314-2233.

Nov 19 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A to A +
We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike, call the leader.
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Gerda Eck 503-654-1353
Come with the slower-paced walkers in the company of June Smelzer and Barbara Warren-Sams. Contact Barbara: 503-281-6094 or allseeandbeseen@yahoo.com for additional information.

Nov 20 (Thurs) Adventures and Travel
Have you ever been to Bhutan? It hasn't been open for tourist very long. Nan Bogdan (member of Cascade Prime Timers) will share her adventure.
At: Rose Villa Retirement Center. 7:00 pm - refreshments and 7:30 pm program.
For information call Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878.

Nov 22 (Sat) Marquam Hill to Council Crest - Class A
We will ascend from Marquam Shelter to the 1,073 summit of Council Crest (less than 2 miles) where we look forward to a magnificent view of Portland. Perhaps we may walk to OHSU for a ride down and up the tram for another outstanding view of our city.
Meet: 10:00 AM: Marquam Shelter near SW Jackson Park Road and Terwilliger Blvd.
Leader: June Smelser: 503-668-4060, junesmeler@yahoo.com

Nov 26 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A to A +
We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike, call the leader.
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Richard Gaunt 971-404-1153
Come with the slower-paced walkers in the company of June Smelzer and Barbara Warren-Sams. Contact Barbara: 503-281-6094 or allseeandbeseen@yahoo.com for additional information.

Nov 27th-31st (Thur-Mon) Thanksgiving at Nesika
Come join us for a long relaxing weekend at Nesika. We will do Pot Luck for the weekend so bring your own food. The lodge will be open starting Wednesday evening through Monday afternoon. We will have day hikes and games available or just relax and read.
Register with Linda Conrad lcgrconrad@aol.com or call 360-837-3875.

Nov 27-28 (Thur-Fri) Thanksgiving at Tyee
Traditional Food Social at our home in the mountains. The volunteer Kitchen crew buys and cooks the turkey, makes the dressing and tons of gravy. You, the member/cooks donate your favorite Thanksgiving dish to the over-flowing buffet table. Join the Holiday feast 2:00 pm. For balance and variety a menu is suggested for your selection at the time of your reservation. Call by Saturday Nov 22 8:00 pm
Lila Grossman 503-227-0684 Make it an overnighter. Breakfast will be served. Pumpkin pie is on the Menu.

Meeting Places:

Gateway Park & Ride From I-205 take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple of 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 and follow the above exit and instruction.

Wallace Park is the usual meeting place for Forest Park and city hikes. Meet at Wallace Park on NW Raleigh between NW 25th and NW 26th. Parking is usually not a problem on Raleigh. Tri Met buses 15, 17 and 77 service is near.

Target is a common west side meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185th Ave and drive south to Evergreen Pkwy turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr., Park in the southwest corner of Target's parking lot. Tri Met buses 47, 52 and 89 service is near.

Trails Ahead

Mount Adams Flying L Ranch Winter Activities

February 20-22, 2009
$140 includes two nights lodging and 2 breakfasts. We will have a potluck dinner Saturday night, and x/c skiing and snowshoeing during the day. To reserve your spot send a check (made out to Flying L. Ranch) plus roommate preferences, if any, to: Elizabeth McLagan 1237 SE 34th Ave., Portland OR 97214.
Deadline: December 31, 2008. For more information contact Elizabeth at mclaganej@yahoo.com or 503-231-6587

(Senior) Outing Proposal
An idea for an interesting trip for next spring is to explore the areas affected by the ice age floods that forever changed the landscape of our Northwest. (The Missoula).
The Outing would be six days in length, would necessitate changing our lodging about four times and involve some short hikes. We would be joining hands with the Audubon Society of Portland which has volunteer knowledgeable geologists and birders to assist and inform. Transportation would be by rented vans.
This Outing is for the adventuresome and open to all ages at a time when the spring flowers are in bloom and the birds are heading north. If you would like to know more about this trip that could cover parts of eastern Washington, Oregon and parts of Idaho please call Leonard Murphy at 503/665-6449 so that he will know if there is sufficient interest to make this trip happen. Due to the logistics involved do not delay in submitting your name to Leonard as being interested.

Lodge Schedules

2009		
June 27-28 (Sat-Sun)	Tyee Work Trip	Stephen Brown
July 25-26 (Sat-Sun)	Tyee Work Trip	Stephen Brown
Sept 26-27 (Sat-Sun)	Tyee Work Trip	Stephen Brown
Oct 24-25 (Sat-Sun)	Tyee Work Trip	Stephen Brown

Let's Talk About

Senior Outing

We were blessed with excellent weather and a multitude of activity options this year. The group met at the Smith Homestead site which is near the Tillamook Forestry Center. It was in this beautiful setting that David Wells, a Tillamook Forester, told us among other things about the several Tillamook forest fires, the cooperative re-seeding programs and "The Great Coastal Gale" that blasted though the area in 2007.

Having the rest of the first day to do as we wished, most chose to visit the Munson Water Falls before checking into the Twin Rocks Friends Camp, our lodging for the first half of the outing. All were pleased with the home style meals and the beautiful surroundings. Walks on the beach and miniature golf quickly became favorite activities at Twin Rocks. We visited museums, the Latimer Quilt & Textile Center, and the Tillamook Cheese Factory.

The last three days found us staying at Depoe Bay. Numerous opportunities were taken to hike at Cape Lookout, Cape Perpetua and the Suspension Bridge over Drift Creek. We were delighted to observe several whales at Depoe Bay and to partake of the annual Salmon Bake in the City Park. Sunday it was back home with good memories and goodbyes to new found friends.

Silver Star Mountain

Members Bill, Bev and Bev started up Silver Star Mt. from the Grouse Vista trailhead Oct. 9, undaunted by the cold and fog and forecasts of rain and snow. The intrepid three had recently hiked in the Alps, so they were prepared for the rocky and relentlessly uphill trail. On the upper reaches of the trail the brilliant reds and yellows of the huckleberries and vine maples appeared ethereal through the fog. As they went out the trail to the Indian Pits the sun broke through often, highlighting the brilliant fall colors and the frost-tipped needles on the trees surrounding them. Huckleberries abounded on the bushes along the trail. Then, dark clouds and a chill wind moved in as they had lunch at the pits, so they headed back down to the trailhead. A few stray flakes fell as they descended, but the rain did not begin until they had started driving home.

Mt. Hood Solutions Summit Report

Some sixty five representatives of conservation and recreation organizations, government agencies and community leaders met at the Government Camp Mazama Lodge for a full day's agenda on September 26, 2008.

The morning session speakers shared their expertise on topics including trends in recreation planning on Mt. Hood, regional trends in recreation, the role of quiet recreation on public lands, and tools for quiet use planning.

The afternoon session was somewhat different in that the emphasis changed from how the public is now using our national forests to how to improve the present facilities, trails, etc. and cope with the ever-increasing recreational demands on the Mt. Hood National Forest.

There was a break out session in which the attendees listed what is presently lacking or going wrong and also what is going right on Mt. Hood.
A few listed were trailhead vandalism, trail maintenance problems, and lack of signage.

A highlight of the afternoon program was the presentation by Gary Larsen, Mt. Hood National Forest Supervisor: Crafting a 21st Century Vision for Mt. Hood. He shared how he perceived America progressing through the first, second and present centuries. Gary also mentioned that his staff has been reduced from about 500 full time employees to the present 136 full time employees.

The Director of BARK, the organization that brought us all together for this meeting, then closed the Session by asking, "What should be our next steps?" Some ideas tossed about were unified lobbying strategies, provide the summit info to the media, and have follow-up meetings to better monitor progress of assignments that will be made.

The goals of the Mt. Hood Solution Summit were met but much work needs to be done to build upon the visions shared, particularly in light of the severe cut in forest service funding and the need for volunteers for trail maintenance and public information.

Leonard Murphy



Mt. Rainier

Membership Notes

Do you know a prospective new member? Send their name and address to membership@trailsclub.org for them to receive a couple of Blazers for free. This is the best way to report guest information from hikes, lodge visits, and other trips.

1st Readings
L Joan Stevens
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painter82@earthlink.net
Sponsors: Mike Harrison, Jane Garbisch

2nd Readings
Linda C Anderson
James C Siewert
Judy L Williams
Michael D Williams

Reinstatement
Nick S Atanasov

Changes:

David Carlsmith new address:
5738 NE 37th Ave, Portland,OR 97211

Thea (TJ) Defeyter new phone:
503-548-7299

Katherine (Katie) Long: new married name/address/phone: Katie Crane, 18422 SE Giese Rd, Gresham, OR 97080, 503 621-8934

Melody Parker new address: 325 Rosemont Rd, West Linn, OR 97068

Bruce M Seymour new address: 3598 Cherokee Ct, West Linn, OR 97068

Terri Wethern new address: PO Box 2213, Vancouver, WA 98668

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Dec. 1 — Skating on Mirror Lake. P. Desiata, Leader. Watch papers.

INDUSTRIAL TRIP - WEDNESDAY - NOV. 20th
Our next industrial trip will be made Wednesday evening, November 20th. We are going through the big Inman-Poulsen sawmill, one of the largest plants of its kind in the city. If you have never seen the huge fir logs sawed into lumber, you will find it very interesting. Lumbering is Oregon's biggest industry and here is a chance to get acquainted with it at first hand.

Meet at the office of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Company on Grand Avenue near Division Street at 6:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 20th. This trip will be led by George Velguth, Tabor 6791.



On The Water



Neahkanie hikers

Long John Lake Backpack, September 26-28, 2008

Sounds of elk bugles, a sure sign of autumn, highlighted this 3-day backpack in the William O. Douglas Wilderness for three members and one guest. An elk bugle is an eerie sound when you are tucked in your tent at night or hiking down a wilderness trail by day. We heard elk both nights while camped at Long John Lake and sporadically during our 10.7-mile loop hike on the second day. The loop hike took us to the former lookout site on the 6,340-foot summit of Tumac Mountain, where we could see Mount Adams looming above the Goat Rocks to the south, the bare slopes of the White Pass Ski Area, Mount Rainier to the west, and Twin Sisters Lakes lying at the foot of Miners Ridge to the north. We descended to Twin Sisters Lakes for lunch and continued around the loop. It was a true wilderness experience: we did not encounter a single person on the entire hike. During the 3 days, we encountered less than 10 people, and they were mostly anglers. In all, we hiked almost 22 miles and gained about 2,500 feet, passing numerous nameless lakes and ponds on the Tumac Plateau.
Susan Saul, Leader

Summary of Board Minutes

(Complete report on Member's web page)
Trails Club of Oregon
Trustees Meeting October 13, 208

Susan called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Audrey and Diana Forester were absent.

The minutes of the September 9 meeting were approved as corrected.

Administrative Assistant's report- Virginia made no verbal report.

Treasurer's report- We have $ 5102.01 in the checking account, during the month we transfered $15,000 into the checking account and we had expenses of $24,091.26. The deposits for the month came to $16,660.

Membership- Vicki read L. Joan Stevens for the first time. Linda C. Anderson, James C Siewert, Judy L Williams and Michael D Williams were elected to membership.
(msc Vicki, Merrill) The board endorses the recommendation of the membership committee to amend bylaws Article II section 2f to raise the dues to $45.00 per year. The rate for extra family members and members over 65 will become $25,00 per year. Article II section 3d will be amended to raise the junior member dues to $25.00 per year.

Trips- no report We still need a ski trips coordinator.

Publications- no report

Social- There will be an Adventures in Travel Oct. 16 and a Hike and Dine at Tyee on Oct. 18 and 19. The Annual Banquet on April 26, 2009 will feature William Sullivan.

Lodges- (msc David, Randy) Mel Taylor and Susan Saul are authorized to host the Friends of Tryon Creek and the Lake Oswego Hiking group at Tyee from 7/6 to 7/10 2009.
(msc David, Randy) Randy Dietrich is authorized to host Boy Scout Troop 24 1/24-1/25 or 2/ 21-2/22 at Nesika.
(msc Randy, David) Virginia Larson be granted a key to Tyee. Michael Parker be granted a key to Tyee.
David presented a table of lodge fees which will be considered at our next meeting.
Virginia described how she will attempt to recover fees from people who are delinquent in paying them.

History- (msc Randy, Callista). The board accepts the proposed contract with the Mazamas for space to store our archives.
Investments- Susan reported on the October 2 meeting of the investments committee. We are committed to a 4% reinvestment rate for 2009. $60,000 from the money market account will be put into laddered CD's. We will not rebalance at this time.

Conservation- Leonard Murphy reported on the Mount Hood Solutions meeting. There is a summary of this report elsewhere in this issue of the Blazer. He shared with us some of the resolutions from the FWOC meeting.

Unfinished Business- We were reminded that committee reports and budgets are now due.

*New Busine*ss- (msc Fendall, David) Audrey Perino, Susan Saul, Randy Dietrich, Merrill Hugo, and Virginia Larson be appointed to the 2009 budget committee
Randy announced that the new website will be up and running in the next week. It will feature a page for each of our activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40

Respectfully submitted Merrill Hugo

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This may not be your father's or mother's Trails Club anymore. We live in a far more complicated and challenging world, and the Trails Club has had to change along with it.

We have to operate in a more business-like way to respond to 21st-century challenges like risk management. In the litigious world of 2008, we need to actively think about risk and place more emphasis on record-keeping and leadership and safety training. The Trails Club has been underwriting some training costs to ensure that our members get the necessary First Aid and kayak safety training. We are offering annual training for leaders because it is important that you understand your responsibilities if you are going to lead an activity or host at one of the lodges.

We also have to think more carefully about future budgets. Inflation is running at its fastest pace in 17 years, gaining 5.6 percent over the last year. Your wallet already knows this and the Trails Club is feeling the pinch, too. I frequently hear the assumption that the Trails Club is financially secure because we have some money in investments. Just like your personal investments, however, the Trails Club's portfolio has seen a substantial decrease over the past year. This is due to market conditions: the S&P 500 has declined by 40 percent since October 2007. No one knows when the economy will recover, so we need to look at our other income streams – dues, lodge fees, and trip fees – for ways to keep the Trails Club economically sound and in-step with inflation.

Costs to maintain two lodges have sky-rocketed with inflation, even when most of the work is done by volunteers. Just like your home, the lodges require payment of taxes, insurance, and utilities. The costs of "consumables" (toilet paper, paper towels, coffee, etc.) have also risen. Think about how prices seem to have gone up every time you go to the grocery store.

While changing with the times, we are still a small, intimate and informal club brought together by our shared enthusiasm for hiking, backpacking, and other outdoor activities. The reason we exist is still the same and in seven short years, we will celebrate the Trails Club centennial.

Enjoy the beautiful autumn days on our Northwest trails.

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Lodge Scheduling Guidelines and Procedures:

The following guidelines are used for scheduling and reserving our beautiful lodges for club sponsored and general membership usage. These guidelines help assure that training has been provided for all members wishing to host an event at a lodge and that lodge availability is fair to club members.

1. Only Members in good standing can schedule and open our lodges.
2. To host a lodge event you need to have been checked out for opening and closing the lodge, request a lodge key and request current instructions from the Lodge and Properties chairperson.
3. If more than five non-members per member will be at a lodge, board approval is required to use a lodge.
4. Private groups using the lodge will allow other Trails Club members to also use the lodge when space is available.

Lodge Scheduling Guidelines and Procedures:

1. Check for available date(s) by contacting the Vice President or the website at http://www.trailsclub.org/events/lodge-open2.htm.
2. Events chairpersons (Winter Sports, Social, etc.) also need to clear the dates with the Vice President.
3. Contact the Vice President to schedule the lodge date. If board approval is required, the VP will make the request at the next board meeting and notify you when you are approved. The VP will notify the webmaster to put your event on the Lodges calendar.
4. Once the lodge event date has been approved, it is your responsibility to submit a Blazer article to get your event on the monthly calendar.
5. A Lodge Host packet will be sent to you with all necessary forms. After hosting at a lodge the hosting forms must be completed returned, with the lodge fees, to the TCO PO Box1243, Portland, OR 97207.
6. When one or more persons uses one of the lodges without a host, then one person must collect the fees, fill out the forms and send both to the TCO PO Box.

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