



Trail Blazer

Vol. 84 No. 3 For Information, call 503-233-2740 (Portland, OR) or access www.trailsclub.org. March 2011

Date	Day	Event Description
2	Wed	Morning Hike - Class A to B
3-6	Thu-Sun	Bend Winter Trip
4-6	Fri-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open
5	Sat	Ft. Vancouver/River Loop Hike-Class A
5	Sat	Ghost Ridge Snowshoe Tour-Class A/B
5-6	Sat-Sun	Nesika Work Weekend
6-9	Sun-Wed	Tyee Lodge Open
8	Tue	Board Meeting - 7PM, Mazama MC
9	Wed	Morning Hike - Class A to B
9	Wed	Forest Park Hike - Class B
9-11	Wed-Fri	Tyee Lodge Open
10	Thu	Snowshoe Hike – Class A
12	Sat	Pocket Creek Cross Cntry Ski.- Class A
15	Tue	Blazer Deadline
16	Wed	Morning Hike - Class A to B+
19-20	Sat-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open
20	Sun	Timberline Area Showshoe -Class - B
23	Wed	Morning Hike - Class A to B+
23	Wed	Forest Park Hike - Class B
25-27	Fri-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open
26	Sat	Franklin Ridge Loop Hike – Class B/C
31	Thu	Adventure and Travel: India
Apr 2-3	Sat-Sun	Nesika Weekend with William Sullivan, and Hike Class A

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

88th Annual Banquet
Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 6 p.m.
Monarch Hotel
12566 S.E. 93rd Avenue
(South of Clackamas Town Center)
Speaker: Photographer author Alan Bauer
Contact: Callista Snively
503-330-7344 or Kissta9@gmail.com
Reservation Deadline: Wed. March 30, 2011
Registration form enclosed & on the web

Annual Banquet Speaker

This year's banquet features Alan Bauer, professional freelance photographer and author, specializing in the natural history of the Pacific Northwest and coverage of local history. He will share his most enjoyed adventures and stories from the years he spent hiking Washington's South Cascades while working on the new Day Hiking series published by The Mountaineers Books.

2011 DUES REMINDER

Thank you to members who have sent their 2011 dues! If you have not mailed your dues yet, please send them to the club PO Box (\$50 under age 65, \$30 65+, juniors or Additional Family Members. Any questions, contact Vicki Wood at 503-659-1423 or vw48@comcast.net

Mazamas Used Outdoor Equipment Sale March 25

Every year the Mazamas hosts a Used Equipment Sale, where gently used climbing, backpacking, hiking and XC skiing gear is offered to the general public at great prices. The Sale will take place Friday, March 25th 2011. Here is the address of our webpage describing it in more detail: <http://www.mazamas.org/your/adventure/starts-here/C22/>

TRAIL BLAZER

Published monthly by the
Trails Club of Oregon
P.O. Box 1243
Portland, OR 97207-1243
Information Phone 503-233-2740

Organized 1915

Incorporated 1923

Member of the Federation of Western Outdoors Clubs

Subscription is included with membership. Non-member subscription by request to PO Box is \$25.per year.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to THE TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON

P.O. Box 1243, Portland, Oregon 97207-1243.

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 \$45 in dues for first household member, \$25 for each additional household member or those over 65 years of age and a \$15 entrance fee.

Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month ,7:00 pm, at Mazama Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave. at SE Stark St. Portland, OR

PresidentRandy Dietrich
Vice PresidentBill Yandon
SecretaryNancy Overpeck
TreasurerAudrey Perino
Trustee-LodgesGeorge Milne
Trustee-MembershipVicki Wood
Trustee-PublicationsPhillip Jackson
Trustee-Social.....Callista Snively
Trustee- TripsCarolyn Jenkins
Legal AdvisorArt Stangell

Administrative Assistant:

Virginia Larson
360-263-3541 503-750-9316
admin@trailsclub.org

Editor:

Phillip Jackson

Changes and other club correspondence should be mailed to:

Membership@trailsclub.org or
Trails Club of Oregon
P.O. Box 1243
Portland, Oregon 97207-1243

Trails Club T-Shirts

Please arrange to pick up your t-shirt if you have not already done so. There are 4 extra t-shirts if anyone would like to purchase one: (all in forest green)

Size M Short Sleeved Cotton w/ logo only, \$8

Size XL Short Sleeved Cotton with logo & graphic, \$8

Size XL Short Sleeved Dry Mesh (wicking) with logo & graphic, \$19

Size 2XL Short Sleeved Dry Mesh (wicking) with logo & graphic, \$21

Contact Vicki Wood, 503-659-1423/ vw48@comcast.net

Lodge Usage Clarification by the Board of Trustees

There is a minimum Lodge fee charge of \$50.00 for opening Tyee Lodge. This minimum is waived for a Hosted or Host Only event published in the Blazer or posted a minimum of 7-days prior on the Trails Club web -site. Please refer to the definitions below.

Hosted Event: The Host and/or Cook will provide meals.

Host Only Event: The lodge will be open without meals provided.

Incidental Use: An event that has not been published per the requirements above.

If \$50.00 has been collected for overnight fees, the minimum has been met.

Calling All Hike Leaders

Who:

Wednesday morning hike leaders

Summer Wednesday evening hike leaders

Weekend hike leaders including children's hikes, dog hikes and Club members who want to start leading hikes

What:

Join us for cookies and a brief "sign up for a hike invitation" followed by an afternoon hike winding along the many Alameda Ridge stairways and through an interesting older neighborhood.

Sign up to lead a summer hike. Only the date is needed at this point. Destination and details can be chosen later.

People will be there to assist you - Jane Storey, weekend hike coordinator for May, June and July; Jane Olsen, Wed. morning hike coordinator; Donna Covi, summer Wed. evening hike coordinator.

Have a cookie. Get a hike leader handbook. Got a hiking question? Let's discuss it. More cookies.

Go on an optional but fun hike led by Carolyn Jenkins, Trips Trustee.

When:

Saturday, March 5

The meeting begins at 12:45 PM. We only have the room for about an hour so please be prompt. The hike will immediately follow the meeting and start from the library front doors. Plan to return to the library between 3:30 and 4:00.

Where:

Hollywood Library,
4040 NE Tillamook St., Portland OR 97212
Meeting room is inside the library toward the back of the building. Park in the surrounding neighborhood and walk a block or two. The small library parking lot always seems to be full. Please let us know you plan to attend. Our hiking program needs a little boost.
Contact Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456
carolynjnkns1@netzero.net

**Coordinators Needed for Weekend Hikes,
Backpacking and Kayaking**

The Weekend Hike Coordinator's job is just a three month commitment. If you are a club member please consider asking other club members to lead a hike. Trail Blazer deadlines need to be met monthly. A list of members who are possible hike leaders is available. Here are the commitments needed now:

May–July, Jane Storey

August–October, Hike Coordinator needed

November–January 2012, Hike Coordinator needed

The Backpack and Kayak Coordinators are one year commitments. These Coordinators find leaders for kayak events or backpack events and oversee getting event notices sent in before the deadline each month.

For more information please contact Trips Trustee Carolyn Jenkins at 503-422-6456 or carolynjnkns1@netzero.net.

Events

Mar 2 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A to B

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.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Chuck Barrows 503-244-4967

Mar 3-6 (Thu-Sun) Bend Winter Trip

There may be last minute openings to fill. Cost is approximately \$160 for Trailsclub; members, \$165 for non-members, includes 3 nights at Phoenix Inn in Bend. Please contact Barbara Jones at 503-829-6424, or BarbJones50@hotmail.com if you are interested in this trip. Go to website for sign up sheet or contact me by phone.

Mar 4-6 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Lodge Open

Calling all 20-somethings and 30-somethings for a toddler-friendly weekend at Tyee. Singles, child-free (like your host), and fogies are all welcome, but be prepared for rugrats. Lodge opens Friday night at 5 p.m. and closes Sunday at 2 p.m. Bring your own Friday dinner and lunches. Meals served: Saturday breakfast and dinner, Sunday breakfast.

Host: Greg Hancock. Cook: Elizabeth Menozzi.
Register at 503-333-6295, 360-718-3409, or greghancock@yahoo.com by Wed., Mar 2.

Mar 5 (Sat) Fort Vancouver/River Loop Hike- Class A

This is a relaxed 4.5 mile hike along the Columbia River and through historic park lands. Flat, paved paths make this an all weather outing. We'll be back by noon.

Driving Directions: Exit I-5 in Vancouver onto Mill Plain going east, take 1st right onto Fort Vancouver Way, go left via traffic circle for a long block on Evergreen Blvd, and turn right into parking lot at the Ft. Vancouver Visitors Ctr. Depart: 9:15 AM from in front of Visitors Center. Leader: John Benson jtben@fastmail.us 503-334-8026

Mar 5 (Sat) Ghost Ridge Snowshoe Tour-Class Stiff A

From Barlow Pass, we will travel almost entirely cross country to the object of our affections; Ghost Ridge. Expect some steep climbing just before we top out. Efforts will be rewarded with great (weather-permitting) views of Mt Hood and Mt Jefferson. No cotton clothing. Vehicles will need to display a Sno-Park permit. Suggested car pool donation will be 15 cents per mile. Snowshoe about 5 miles with 780 ft. cumulative elevation gain. Drive 90 round trip miles.

Depart: 8:30 (w/ snowshoes) from Gresham Village Shopping Center (south side of Burnside)
Leader: Kelly Marlin, 503-665-6778

Mar 5-6 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Work Weekend

We are holding a special work weekend to clear the way into Nesika after the winter storms. There is a washout where the road meets the Multnomah Creek Bridge after the high water last month. Glen Conrad has installed a foot bridge that reaches from the bank to the bridge so foot traffic can get across. Please bring your gear in a backpack because we might need to hike into the lodge. To get the tractor working between the lodge and the bridge we will need to clear debris off the road. If you have shovels or tools to clear along the road please bring them with you. We will meet in the parking area by the green gate and make that the base camp until we can get food and supplies into the lodge. We will have Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast at the lodge. We are planning to stay overnight at the lodge. Register with Linda Conrad, 360-837-3875 on or before Wed., March 2nd.

Mar 6-9 (Sun-Wed) Tyee Lodge Open

For your enjoyment, our home in the mountains will be open. Come one day, come all. We are planning to make use of the Spring Season Pass on the downhill slopes. Therefore, the lodge may be empty during the day, but we will be there for dinner overnight and breakfast. Please register with Gerda Eck at 503-654-1353 or gerdaeck@comcast.net

Mar 9 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A to B

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.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Audrey Perino 503-246-6462

Mar 9 (Wed) Forest Park Hike – Class B

We will hike somewhere in Forest Park between Pittock Mansion and Newberry Rd. This will probably be more difficult than the regular Wed. morning hike. No streets or sidewalks, just the trails, roads, & firelanes in the park. There will be ups and downs, with at least 800' elevation gain. We will hike for at least 2 hours & cover at least 4 miles. This time of year expect some mud & slippery footing. Appropriate footwear & hiking poles suggested. Contact the leader for meeting place, time, and details. Leader: Rich Fuhs 503-690-5077 Rich.Fuhs@gmail.com

Mar 9-11 (Wed - Fri) Tyee Lodge Open

This is a joint event with Cascade Prime Timers and the Trails Club of Oregon. We will stay Wednesday and Thursday night at Tyee Lodge in Govt. Camp. (Tyee is located uphill from Mazama Lodge). Snow Shoeing and X-Country Skiing available. Will do a snowshoe hike on Wednesday and Thursday. Event includes four meals; two breakfasts and two dinners. Cost is \$50 for CPT members, \$40 for Trails Club members. Bring lunches, sleeping bag and towels. Meet Wed. March 9 at 9:40 AM at Government camp rest stop. Tyee is about 1/2 mile above Hwy 26/ timberline road junction. No alcohol is allowed at the lodge. Make checks payable to Trails Club of Oregon. Make reservations by March 6 with Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878 or Pete Nelson 503.591.0160. Six feet of snow reported as of January 31!!

Mar 10 (Thu) Snowshoe Hike – Class A

Starting at Tyee lodge we will snowshoe 2-4 miles into the white outdoors with an elevation change of 500 feet. Either up west leg road or Cross Town trail. After the hike we return to Tyee for some hot drinks and talk around the fire. Depart from: Tyee lodge at Government Camp 10 AM
Leader: Pete and Elaine Nelson 503-591-0160

Mar 12 (Sat) Pocket Creek Cross Country Ski.- Class A

From the Pocket Creek Snow Park this tour follows a road to the upper junction and return for a round trip distance of 5.4 miles with 400 feet in elevation gain. The return leg is a gentle but sustained downhill run for two miles. Skiers will need basic downhill control skills (snow plow, turning and stopping) to maintain control on the return portion of the trail. The tour passes through forest and open areas with good views of surrounding landmarks such as Bennett Ridge and Elk Mountain. Driving distance from Portland is approximately 130 miles round trip. Depart from: Gateway Transit Center Parking Structure at NE 99th and Pacific at 8:30 AM
Leader: Steve Gilbert 503-292-8099 or gilbert7989@msn.com

Mar 16 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A to B

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. Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Lila Grossman 503-227-0684

Mar 19-20 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Lodge Open

Looking for a place to get out of the cold? How about a weekend at Tyee? We'll have it open by 10:00 am Sat. in case your plans include lounging by the fire. If you plan to spend the day in the great outdoors, join us for an Irish feast at 6:00 pm. After a delicious breakfast Sun., work on a puzzle, check out the sledding hill, or finish that knitting project. If you're still around, we'll show you the door at 2:00 pm Sun. Hosts are Donna Aase and Merv Murphy. Register by 9:00 pm Wed, Mar. 16 with: Donna Asse 360-253-8420 or maase@hotmail.com to reserve a place.

Mar 20 (Sun) Timberline Area Showshoe Hike-Class - B

If the weather cooperates we'll hike up there, otherwise we'll hike lower down. Check you gear before you leave so you make sure you have everything you need, including the ten essentials. Five Miles, 1000 ft. elevation gain. Depart: Gateway TC at 9:00 AM
Leader: Brian Carlson 503-703-8598

Mar 23 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A to B

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. Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Phil Crosby 503-636-1853

Mar 23 (Wed) Forest Park Hike – Class B

We will hike somewhere in Forest Park between Pittock Mansion and Newberry Rd. This will probably be more difficult than the regular Wed. morning hike. No streets or sidewalks, just the trails, roads, & firelanes in the park. There will be ups and downs, with at least 800' elevation gain. We will hike for at least 2 hours & cover at least 4 miles. This time of year expect some mud & slippery footing. Appropriate footwear & hiking poles suggested. Contact the leader for meeting place, time, and details. Leader: Rich Fuhs 503-690-5077 Rich.Fuhs@gmail.com

Mar 25-27 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Lodge Open

Jean Naish is host for a special family event, a birthday party for three grandchildren (ages 8 & 6). There will be several guest families with small children. Members are welcome, but will need to bring their own food. Other than for party guests, she will not be serving meals. Register by Wed. Mar. 23 with Jean Naish 503-397-5570 or jlnaish@opusnet.com

Mar 26 (Sat) Franklin Ridge Loop Hike – Class B/C

Hike clockwise from Multnomah Falls on trails: 400, Oneonta, Franklin Ridge and Larch. Hike 12 miles with 2800 feet elevation gain. Pace will be approximately 2 MPH. Please contact leader for trail conditions as poles and Yaks or SnoTread may be required depending on conditions. Drive 48 miles round trip. Depart: 8 am from Gateway Park and Ride or 8:45 am from Multnomah Falls
Leaders: Tom/Susan Ward 503-722-2181 wardttt2000@yahoo.com. Tom cell 206-307-2809

Mar 31 (Thu) Adventure and Travel: India

Mike Hewlett and Jill Gaffi will present their experiences on their recent trip to northern India and Nepal. There are a lot of interesting things to see in India, a country of many contrasts with large crowded cities, but mostly rural farm land. They will present photos and video clips of many interesting palaces, temples, mosques, and monuments they visited. But, it's their experiences with the people they met and their way of life that generate the most lasting impressions. Refreshments at 7 p.m. Slide-show at 7:30 p.m. Rose Villa Fellowship Hall 13505 SE River Road in Milwaukie. For information contact Callista Snively 503-330-7344 or kissta9@gmail.com.

April 2-3 (Sat-Sun). Nesika Weekend with William Sullivan. (See Picture page 8) and Hike Class A

Come enjoy a great weekend with William Sullivan, an avid hiker and backpacker who will be spending the weekend with us at Nesika, giving us a picture show and promoting his newest books. Someone will meet people on Sat. 9:00 AM at upper Larch Mountain Road gate. If you want to come in Fri. to help set up, let Linda know. Dogs welcome in doggie camp, NOT in lodges, and must be on leashes and controlled. Owners must poop scoop. Register early, (maximum 60), with Linda Conrad at lcgrconrad@aol.com or 360-837-3875. Gregg Carson will lead a hike up from Multnomah Falls Sat. AM. 9 miles RT, elevation gain of 1500 feet. Meet at Gateway 7:30 AM or at Multnomah Falls 8:00 AM.

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 St between NW 25th Ave and NW 26th Ave. 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

Rocky Point Kayak/Canoe Weekend Friday June 17—Monday June 20, 2011 (Trip full, Alternates Only)

The 9.5 mile Canoe trail through the Marsh of the Upper Klamath Wildlife Refuge is fantastic. It is a bird watcher's paradise, and water lilies are spectacular in this quiet

water. Powerboats are prohibited on this section of the lake, so we'll have the area to ourselves for a spectacular paddle. One morning we will get up before sunrise to view the Pelicans at their feeding ritual - it is a site to behold, return to camp for breakfast, then set out to explore a hiking trail in the Sky Lakes Wilderness. All campsites are lakefront, they are small...but lovely. Rocky Point Resort also offers hook-up sites or cabins. If you desire that, please make your own reservation and let me know you are participating. Leader: Gerda Eck, 503-654-1353

Trails Club Weekend on the McKenzie River June 24-26, 2011

Hike, fish, kayak, trail bike, whitewater raft, golf, soak in the mineral springs pools and enjoy the gardens and landscaped grounds at Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River. Friday and Saturday night stay is required by the lodge. Two breakfasts and a Saturday campfire dinner will be provided for those interested. Saturday there will be an 8 ½ mile loop hike along the McKenzie River past 3 waterfalls and around Clear Lake. There are 6 cabins, 4 tent sites, and 10 RV sites reserved for our group. Lodging prices for the 2 nights vary from: \$65.40 total for 1-2 people (\$16 each additional person) in **tent** sites; \$76.30 total for 1-2 people (\$16 each additional person) in **RV** sites; **cabin** prices are divided by the number of people and range from \$141.70/for up to 2 people to \$457.80/for up to 6 people (\$20 each additional person.) Other fees include a \$2 pp (members) or \$4 (nonmembers) TCO activity fee and shared meal costs of \$13 for 3 meals. A \$25 deposit is required to hold your lodging reservation. The balance of your lodging fee is due May 23rd. Both checks should be made out to TCO but mailed to Vicki Wood, 2004 SE Waldron Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222. Check out the resort website at www.belknaphotspings.com for photos/info. The resort is about 300 miles roundtrip from downtown Portland.

* Reservations will be taken beginning March 1st. Members have priority until April 15th, then nonmembers may inquire.

Before you send a check please contact Vicki Wood to inquire about availability (or for more information): 503-659-1423 or vw48@comcast.net

Elkhorn Mountains Outing Monday, August 29.to Monday, September 5, 2011

The jagged spine of the Elkhorn Mountains near Baker City, Oregon, hides many of the same treasures that make the nearby Wallowa Mountains so popular: granite peaks, glacial cirque lakes, clear streams and wildflower meadows. We will car camp at the Anthony Lake Group Camp, elevation 7,130 feet, in the Elkhorns. The camp has tables, firepits, water, and vault toilets. Carolyn Jenkins will lead A-level day hikes ranging from 3 to 6.6 miles long. There will be B-level day hikes if someone

(Continued on page 6)

(Continued from page 5)

volunteers to lead them. Susan Saul will lead a B+-level, 4-day, 31-mile backpack along the view-packed Elkhorn Crest Trail. In addition to hiking, there are many other activities in the area: ride the Sumpter Valley Railroad Steam Train, tour the Sumpter Valley Dredge, visit the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, drive the Elkhorn Mountains Scenic Byway to the ghost town of Granite, swim or canoe in Anthony Lake, or ride the Baker City Trolley through the turn-of-the-19th-century downtown. The cost will be \$50 for members and \$65 for non-members. Participants are responsible for providing their own camping gear and food. For more details, see the complete outing description on the Trails Club website (Events/Outings). To reserve a spot, send the Elkhorn Mountains Outing application (available on the website) with your trip fee, payable to Trails Club of Oregon, to Susan Saul, 10102 N.E. 10th Street, Vancouver, WA 98664-3874. Please indicate whether you want to day hike or backpack. The trip fee is non-refundable. For more information, contact Susan Saul; 360-892-5643/susan103saul@gmail.com.

Coos Bay Area Hike Friday Sept 16 Class B

Hike the coastal headlands from Sunset Bay campground down past Shore Acres State Park, home of the old Simpson estate where there is a public garden which we can walk through, and then continue down to Cape Arago State park. Lunch on beach then return.
Hike eight miles, five hundred feet elevation gain.
Leader Brian Carlson.
Meet 9:30 Sunset Bay state campground site D-21

Tyee Work Weekends and Projects for 2011 (save the dates!)

Volunteers are needed to repair and re-supply the lodge for winter. If you enjoyed staying at Tyee in the winter, please volunteer for one of these weekends. Once a month work weekends begin in June. Volunteers receive free lodging and meals for the weekend. Work starts Sat. at 10 am and ends at 3 pm on Sun. Reservations are required. After dinner hikes are also a part of the weekend activities.

A Tyee Project Planning Meeting will be held on Sat. May 14 at 10 AM to discuss projects and lodge needs (lunch provided). Share your ideas for improvements to the lodge. Look for more information in May Blazer.

Cooks needed for all weekends_ Contact Stephen to volunteer 360-687-6169 or email: ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com

Tyee Work Weekends: (Sat-Sun)

Jun 25-26	Sep 24-25
Jul 23-24	Oct 22-23
Aug 27-28	

Cooks needed for all weekends Contact Stephen to volunteer:360-687-6169 or ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com.

Nesika Work Weekends:(Sat-Sun)

Mar 05-06	Jul 09-10
Apr 30 - May 01	Aug 13-14
May 21-22	Sep 10-11
Jun 11-12	Oct 08-09

Let's Talk About

Thank You, Randy, For All Your Support

A new year dawning and Trails Club of Oregon has a new webmaster. The transition has been seamless and without any hitch. I'm sure most Trails Club members didn't even notice any kind of discrepancies on the website. As the former webmaster, I would like to take this opportunity in saying thank you to Terry White for taking over the job, and thank Randy for all his years of support.

When I first took over as webmaster approximately six years ago, the former webmaster was leaving town and leaving the club. Trails Club site was written with Front page and in order to work the site, I have to learn a new software.

Before I can do anything with the website, there was another huge problem to deal with. Thousands of spam emails were in the club email addresses and the filter system only filters out approximately 40-45% of that spam. That means approximately 300-400 emails a day and maybe 10% of those were legit. What is more troubling was the fact that the filter system would toss the legitimate emails from club members into spam and I would not see them again. The hosting company wants more money to use their upgrade filter system. I didn't believe in handing them that kind of money even though it was club's money, so as webmaster, the job fell on me to come up with a solution, pronto.

Former webmaster left town and Trails Club's hosting company continues to send notifications to him occasionally. He got upset and demanded that I delete his email address or he would sue the club and me for harassment. I went around and around with the hosting company only to run into a brick wall because the last four digits of the credit card on file, or owner's password to get into the Administrator (Owner) account to delete that notification belongs to the former webmaster. No one else has the power to get into the account or to delete the notification.

Finally, with the help of our club treasurer Bonnie Berneck and former publication director Fendall Winston, and Database Administrator Randy Dietrich we were able to convince hosting service that I'm actually the legit webmaster and establish my credentials. After lots of going back and forth, we were able to turn off the notification to the former owner. Compare to our current transition, I would say the difference were night and day

Randy has been the Rock of Gibraltar ever since. Without

Randy, we would not have the website today or the ease of indoctrinate Terry White as the new webmaster. Randy was instrumental in rewriting most of the new site using only HTML & JavaScript. He did most of the graphics. Together, we were able to write a JavaScript to block spams and crawlers, and with the new updated website, we moved our website out of XO Hosting and went with GoDaddy. That saved the club at least \$150 to 200 per year.

Randy backed me up when I was planning my wedding, got married, and tromped off into New Zealand. He was here handling all the website when I was running between work, home and hospitals while my father was going through treatments. He was the rock when I was out of the country for months in Cambodia & Hong Kong or China. His contributions have been invaluable. Without Randy, we would not have this easy, navigable website. The information would not be as up-to-date and user friendly.

It has been a pleasure working with you, Randy, and I'm sure you will continue to be Terry's backup systems. I appreciate all the help you have given me.

Karen Yanhs Anderson

Summary of Board Minutes

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING February 8, 2011

Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Attending: Randy Dietrich, William Yandon, Audrey Perino, Carolyn Jenkins, Vicki Wood, Phillip Jackson, and George Milne. Absent: Nancy Overpeck and Callista Snively. Others attending: Art Stangell and Virginia Larson

Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2011 were approved with minor corrections (msc Vicki/Audrey).

Administrative Assistant's Report—Virginia Larson reported that her general duties had been completed for the month and she would report on additional items under their appropriate areas.

Treasurer's Report—Audrey Perino reviewed the financial statements with the board

Cash balance at	January 31, 2011	\$14,912.19
Beginning balance	12-31-10	6,277.39
January Deposits		10,259.45
January Checks		-1,624.65
Ending balance	01-31-11	\$14,912.19

The information to prepare our 2010 taxes has been delivered to our CPA.

Committees

Membership—There were 3 first readings, 3 new members and 2 life members elected. The list of resignations and terminations was read. It will be published in the next newsletter.

Trips: Volunteers are needed to coordinate the Weekend Hikes, Backpacks and Kayaks. The Weekend Hike Coordinator position has been split into four 3 month commitments. There will be a hike leaders meeting, Saturday, March 5th at the Hollywood Library. The TCO policy which recommends that all leaders have 1st Aid and CPR training was discussed. There are about 30 members interested in doing trail maintenance. A leader to coordinate this group is needed.

Publications – The membership and directory handbook will be updated, printed and available at the Annual Banquet. An emergency medical card will be added to the center of the directory this year. Members should keep their emergency information current and carry it with them on TCO activities.

Social—Callista Snively excused.

Lodges and Properties—George Milne reported on the recent Nesika lodge committee meeting. The Nesika work weekend dates have been extended due to winter damage to the roads. George is working with the Forest Service on this issue and indicated that a professional should be used for some of the repairs. Some scheduled Nesika projects will be placed on hold this year. Tyee Lodge has a leak around the chimney that will be repaired this summer. Cooks are needed for both lodges' work weekends.

History – The board is still looking for an historian.

Investments – Audrey Perino, Treasurer will attend the next committee meeting, Tuesday (2/15) and report back to the board about our investments.

Conservation- No report

Legal Counsel Report - Art Stangell reported on the status of estate donations left to the club.

Unfinished Business

The Lodge Scheduling Policy was discussed. Lodge weekends must be published on the web no later than the Friday a week before the event for it to be considered a Hosted Weekend. George is to submit a write up covering the scheduling and minimum fee requirements to the next newsletter.

New Business

TCO Email accounts – Randy reported on the new TCO email accounts and outlined their purpose.

Bylaw Changes – The board discussed some proposed changes to the Budget Advisory and Property Advisory committees. These would be presented and voted on at the Annual Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. (msc George/Audrey)

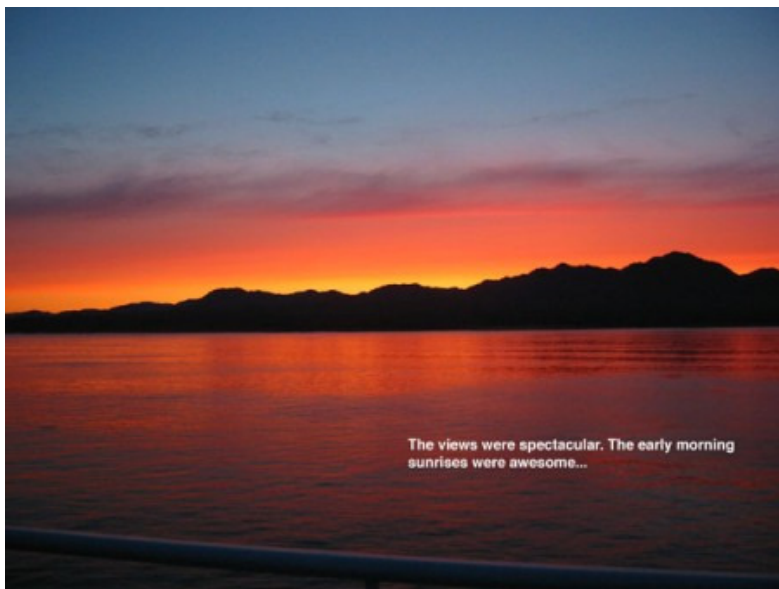
Respectfully submitted, Virginia Larson



Bill Sullivan Hike May 2009



Palouse Falls by Leonard Murphy June 2009



The views were spectacular. The early morning
sunrises were awesome...

Skagway, Alaska by Allen Burrell July 2004



San Juan Kyak by Susan Saul Sep. 2009

Membership Notes

If you have any feedback, positive or negative, about the following individuals who have received their first reading PLEASE contact one of the board members before the next board meeting (2nd Tuesday of the month). We wish to hear your input before the final vote into membership. Club member input is very important in this process.

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

1st Readings

Michael G Earp
718 9th St
Lake Oswego, OR 97034
503-636-5129
rinthst@hotmail.com
Sponsors: Susan Saul & Maxine Schwartz

Megan E Glor
2410 N Blandena St
Portland, OR 97217
503-735-1118
drwhimsy@gmail.com
Sponsors: Jane Garbisch & Brian Carlson

TJ Hester
2410 N Blandena St
Portland, OR 97217
503-735-1118
drwhimsy@gmail.com
Sponsors: Jane Garbisch & Brian Carlson

2nd Readings

Kortney A Dunn (Junior)
Kristi M Haveman
Kate Leonard

Changes

Dorothy Geneva Bliss:
genevabliss@gmail.com

Pete Bryant:
13456 SW Hawks Beard St, Apt 1132
Tigard, OR 97223

David Barkai:
david.m.barkai@gmail.com

Gregg Carsen:
59420 Alderwood Dr,
St Helens, OR 97051

Katie Crane:
3304 NE 43rd Ave,
Portland, OR 97213

Val Hammond:
7109 SW Vermont Ct,
Portland, OR 97223

Carol Johnston:
carol.johnston@vtinfo.com

Prebble LaDage:
prebblela@yahoo.com

Richard Markee:
rmarkee@frontier.com

Robert Miller:
7123 SW Canby Ln,
Portland, OR 97233

Theresa Morissey:
trnurss@yahoo.com,
503-407-8236

Christine Olsen:
PO Box 8,
Corbett, OR 97019

Catherine Schiedler:
catherineschied@juno.com

Barbara Schulties:
barbara.schulties@gmail.com

Glen Sproul:
glen_sproul@juno.com

Phil Szymkowicz:
philszy@frontier.com

Jeff Wallin:
jswallin@me.com

Paul Williamson:
pwilliamson8720@gmail.com

Resignations

Nancy Beamer
Carole Brown
Mary Churnside
Randy Danielson
Teri Danielson
Julie Gilliam
Evan Johnson
Phillip Johnson
Reuel Kurzet
Margy Markee
Elizabeth McLagan
Brenda Morris
John Morris
Melva Jean Murphy
Joanna Olson
Angel Pilato
Fox Power
Trish Reading
Joe Sanders
Robert Soto
Mary Steinle
Catherine Thomasson
Kate Williams

Deceased

Mary Ella Carson Brodie
(former member):
(Sept. 28, 1922—Nov. 11, 2010)

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON
P.O. BOX 1243
Portland, OR 97207-1243
Information Phone 503-233-2740
www.trailsclub.org

PRSRT STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
PORTLAND OR
PERMIT 2358

March 2011

Gentle Reminders

For activities such as bicycle, kayak, and x-c skiing check with the leaders for the difficulty level of the activity. Good equipment for the specific activity is required for all events.

For hikes and showshoe activities:

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.

Note: 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 leader if you have any questions about the trip 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.

Everybody should 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.

Be prepared to pay a small fee of \$2 for Guests, \$1 for Members for day activities.

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.

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.

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 of 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.

Editor: Phillip Jackson
503-639-6250
10544 SW Windsor Ct
Tigard, OR 97223

Send pictures, new events, corrections and anything else for the Trails Club of Oregon Web site to

webmaster@trailsclub.org.