Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events		
Date	**Day**	**Event Description**
3	Sat	Snowshoe Hike at Mt. Hood—Class A
7	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
10	Sat	Surprise Hike—Class A
13	Tue	**Board Meeting 7:00 PM, at Callista Snively's House**
14	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
15	Thu	**Blazer Deadline**
18	Sun	Mt Hood Snowshoe—Class B
21	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
28	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
30	Fri	Teacup Lake XCntry Ski—Class A/B
30-01	Fri-Sun	New Year's at Nesika Backpack Class A
30-02	Fri-Mon	New Year's Weekend 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		

Announcements

2012 Dues Reminder

2012 dues are payable by Jan 1, 2012. Please include the Dues Notice Form that is attached to the December Blazer and on the website. If dues are not received by Feb.1st a late payment fee of $5.00 will be assessed. If you have questions contact Callista Snively at 503-330-7344 or MembershipChair@trailsclub.org.

Fewer Weekend Hikes Being Led!

Last year in November we had 10 hikes on weekends (and some other days). In November this year we had only two weekend hikes. Of course, the Wednesday morning Hike program moves along very well under Jane Olsen's continual care. Thanks Jane! But we no longer have a weekend hike coordinator so no one is actively asking our members to lead these hikes. A hike coordinator would be welcomed and would get our program moving again. Let me know if you would like to help with this - even for a short time.

Few members are stepping forward on their own to schedule a hike, and this is very understandable. However, even without a coordinator, you can still pick a day and send in your write-up for a hike in January. Please send it to me before December 15 to meet the Trail Blazer deadline. I will pass it along to our website and Trail Blazer. Thanks for your help.

By the way, Backpack Coordinator and Kayak Coordinator are also needed.

Carolyn Jenkins Trips Trustee 503-422-6456 tripschair@trailsclub.org.

ORDER NEW BLUE TCO T-SHIRTS



By popular demand, our t-shirt color has changed back to royal blue, and the front graphic will now be smaller (about 6 ½ inches wide verses 10 ½ inches). They are available in long or short sleeved, and Dry Mesh (polyester wicking) or100% cotton.

Sizes are (unisex) XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

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To order, send a check payable to TCO to Trails Club of Oregon, P.O. Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207. Indicate fabric, LS/SS and price for each shirt ordered.

Please include a contact phone number and understand that it will be your responsibility to pick up your order upon arrival. Questions? Call Vicki Wood 503-515-7208 or vw48@comcast.net

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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 $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

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Hello Snowshoers.

Time to plan for another good season of activities up on the mountain. I'm looking for a few good, (or mostly good) leaders who would be willing to lead trips for the club this winter. Any type trip would be appreciated, so you're free to decide where and how long a trip you do. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have concerning leading a trip. Thanks.
Coordinator Brian Carlson 503-252-3608 or owatta53@hotmail.com

Events

Dec 3 (Sat) Snowshoe Hike at Mt. Hood—Class A

If the weather cooperates we'll get out for and enjoy the first trip of the year. Somewhere in the Government Camp area probably. An easy hike of a couple hours at a slow pace. If you are new to the sport this would be an excellent time to try out your new snowshoes. (Will not stop to rent) If weather looks better for going the next day we may go then. Call or email leader Brian Carlson, for more information. 503-703-8598 or owatta53@hotmail.com

Dec 7 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/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 St. at 9:30 AM
Leader: Gerda Eck 503-654-1353

Dec 10 (Sat) Saturday Surprise Hike—Class A

Bring at least $15 in small bills for carpool expenses, in case the round trip is 100 miles. Bring lunch and water. Hike not more than 8 miles with 1000 feet elevation gain. Check the new Cold Weather Guideline at www.trailsclub.org, in the Hiking section, for hints on how to stay warm and happy. Back to Gateway hopefully by 4:00 PM, could be sooner. Destination decided by Friday before hike, call for more information.
Leader: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456.
Depart: Gateway Park and Ride at 9:00 AM.

Dec 14 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/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 St. at 9:30 AM
Leader: Audrey Perino 503-246-6462

Dec. 18 (Sun) Mt Hood Snowshoe— Class B

Instead of shopping today let's get up to the Mt.and enjoy the snow. Weather and snow conditions will determine where we go. We'll stop along the trip for a lunch break. Please be aware of clothing and equipment requirements for a safe and fun trip. For more information about requirements or destination call or email the leader, Brian Carlson at 503 703 8598 or owatta53@hotmail.com

Dec 21 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/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 St. at 9:30 AM
Leader: Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878

Dec 28 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/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 St. at 9:30 AM
Leader: Wayne Schweinfest 503-253-3073

Dec 30 (Fri) Teacup Lake XCntry Ski—Class A/B

We'll ski approximately 5.5 miles along the outer loop at the Teacup Lake Nordic Club's ski area. Mostly level route with some short up and down sections and with great views of Mount Hood's east side. The plan will be to do the outer loop, stop for lunch, and then possibly do another short loop. Leader will tend to lead a slower, casual pace. Suggested donations to the Nordic Club are $10.00. Contact leader for meeting time and place before Thursday at 8:00 PM.
Leader: Bill Yandon, 503-538-3643, cell 503-887-2932, or wkyandon@earthlink.net

Dec 30-Jan1 (Fri-Sun) New Year's at Nesika Backpack—Class A .

Come and enjoy a laid back weekend at Nesika for good food and companionship at New Years. We will have a bring your own food Pot Luck weekend. Bring your favorite hike pictures and we will do projector shows. We could also play a movie if desired. We will do a hike up Larch Mountain on Saturday AM. Be prepared with snow shoes, instep crampons, flash light and small stove with kettle. Cost is lodging plus $5.00 fee for coffee, tea, propane and condiments. To register call Linda Conrad at 360-837-3875 or lcgrconrad@aol.com.

Dec 30-Jan 2 (Fri-Mon) New Year's Weekend at Tyee

Join us for a New Year's celebration at Tyee Lodge. The family friendly weekend includes Movie Night (Fri eve) and Game Night on New Year's Eve (Sat). Snowshoe to enjoy the fireworks at midnight! Paul and Callista Snively will be your host with Krin Hunt as your cook. Dinner and breakfast will be included. Bring your own lunches. Plan on having fun in the snow, sledding, XC, snowshoeing or relaxing in the lodge by the warm fire. For registration and more information contact Callista Snively at kissta9@gmail.com or cell 503-330-7344 by Wed Dec 21 before 7:00 p.m.

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.

Let's Talk About

Quick Note

Sometimes get cold on a winter activity? We can help. The new Cold Weather Guideline is available on www.trailsclub.org in our Winter Sports section and in the Hiking section.

Tyee Winter Notes from Chair

Always amazed how short summer is in the mountains. Our June Work Weekend shoveled drifts of snow to clear entry drive. By October, fall storms brought rain and cooler nights. Now, snow covers the Westleg Rd. closing it for another winter. During the five work parties we accomplished the following: completed rebuilding the winter entrance, roofed the porch/deck, framed and sided the south roof extension, assembled scaffolding to repair damaged chimney flashing (thank you, George!), renovated shower enclosure with FRP, replenished wood storage, cleaned lodge, brushed out trails, burned slash, repaired kitchen stove (thank you, Joel & Allen!), and replaced refrigerator. To all the volunteers who participated in the summer work weekends, "Thank You!'

The Kitchen door to the roof/deck is closed until next summer when we can complete a floating deck, handrail, and screened food storage.

Winter opening closing is now in effect. Winter Hosts must be trained in the procedures by an experienced winter Tyee Host. Additionally, written instructions at Tyee must be followed precisely in order to prevent damage to the building and its contents. Host needs to take full responsibility when performing these important procedures.
Stephen Brown Tyee Chair

Thank You Annual Meeting Cooks

Thank you to all the great cooks for the delicious desserts at the Annual Meeting. I really appreciate your help in providing the variety of yummy desserts. The food was enjoyed by all. Callista Snively Social Trustee

Trails Ahead

Trails Club and Cascade Prime Timers Gathering at Tyee Lodge. Jan 4-6 (Wed-Fri)

Lodge will not close on Friday as Gerda Eck will host the Weekend. Please call Gerda for weekend reservations. Join in a "membership" ski or snowshoe (if snow is poor). Room rate $10/day for TCO and $15 for guests. Meals $10/ day for breakfast and dinner (two breakfasts two dinners $20). Bring your own lunches, sleeping bag, pillow and towels. No alcohol. Cook Nancy O. Host Pete Nelson. Meet at 9:30 a.m. Rest Room Govt camp (if you don't know where to park for Lodge. Meet at SnoPark on Timberline Road at 10:00 a.m. 1 mile after left turn onto Timberline Road from Hwy 26.
Please make reservations with Pete 503-591-0160 or petermvnelson@gmail by Sunday, January 1st.

Suttle Lake Winter Trip JAN 25-29 (Wed-Sun)

Make reservations early and come and enjoy the very cozy Wesley Meadows Lodge at Suttle Lake. This camp is run by United Methodist Church and Oregon Episcopal Diocese. We can downhill ski at Hoodoo, cross country ski or snowshoe at Ray Benson Sno-Park or other areas in the Metolius or Sisters area. You can also relax or visit Sisters. Price for four nights Wed thru Sat night, including food & trip fees, is $165 for Trails Club Members. Cascade Prime Timers are invited to come for a guest fee of $170. Bedrooms have twin beds. For a minimum of 20 people the camp will cook all our meals. We committed to a minimum of 15 people overnight. If less than that, there may be a price increase. There may be no refunds for food costs after January 18. The Lodge has a complete kitchen and group hall with a woodstove. Go to www.gbgm-umc.org/suttlelake/index_files/Page416.htm to see pictures. We provide our own bedding and towels. Contact Barbara Jones at Barbjones50@hotmail.com or 503-829-6424 before Jan 11, 2012 to register & to request Outing forms. Outing forms and check made payable to Trails Club of Oregon will reserve your spot and are to be mailed to Trails Club of Oregon, Attn: Suttle Lake Winter Trip Coordinator, PO Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207-1243

Future Outing Feb 22-24 (Wed-Fri)

Combined TCO and CPT at Tyee Lodge. Plenty of skiing and snow shoeing.
Nancy Overpeck Cook and Pete Nelson Host

ALPINE OUTING SEEKS KITCHEN MONITORS

Each of the two Alpine Outing sessions will need a volunteer to be the "Kitchen Monitor", formally known as the "Kitchen Goddess". The work involves shopping for the non perishables before the August 1, 2012 packing session. Before leaving for the outing, the Monitors will also need to purchase the fresh food and the ice for the coolers. On the first day of the outing, each Monitor is responsible for seeing that the food is organized and that the participants can find ingredients for the meals. The Monitor will also make sure that whoever is cooking the meal understands where to find ingredients and what is on the menu.
The dates for the outing are Aug. 5-12 for the first session and Aug. 12-19 for the second. We will be in the Bighorn Crags area of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness of Idaho. Monitors will have the undying appreciation of the participants and will have a space reserved for them at the top of the list. Also, they will not be part of the normal chore rotation of cooking or washing dishes. However, all participants (volunteer or not) will pay the same fees as the rest of the group.
If you are interested in volunteering as the Monitor, contact Diana Forester at 503-288-7782 or diana_forester@msn.com.

In Memory

Nancy W. Tarter

Nancy joined the Trail Club in 1946 and was a active member for many years. She passed away on October 25th and she will be missed by her friends in the Trails Club. Along with the many trips that she led, she and her husband Darrell also hosted skating trips to Oaks Park in the mid-50's and presented their trips around the United States (1955) and to Europe (1963) at Adventure n Travel. She served on the board as Vice President in 1976 and as Trips Trustee in 1988. Master of Ceremony for the 53rd Banquet in 1976 was another one of her many roles. She earned the Mary Lou Greene "High Miler Award" twice (1987 & 1990) and the "All of Oregon PCT" plaque. In the summer of 1989 she was the leader for the Summer Outing to the Stehekin Mountains and later led a Senior Outing in 1995 to the same general area. In 1997, she received the club's highest honor the Henry Waespe Award. Nancy was a wife, mother, grandmother and I'm sure many other things but many of us will remember her as Trail Club Member and friend.

Dorothy L. (Amoth) Soderback May 18, 1914 Nov. 05, 2010

Soderback, Dorothy L. (Amoth) 96 Dorothy was a member of Trails Club of Oregon, Sons of Norway, Swedish Society Linnea, and Vasa. She is predeceased by her husband, Carl. Dorothy is survived by her sons, Wesley and Clifford.

Summary of Board Minutes

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

Call to Order—Randy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending: Randy Dietrich, Bill Yandon, Nancy Overpeck, Carolyn Jenkins, Vicki Wood, Phillip Jackson, Callista Snively, and George Milne. Others attending: Virginia Larson, Administrative Assistant. Audrey Perino excused.

Approval of Minutes-–October 11, 2011 were approved (msc)Vicki/Carolyn.

Administrative Assistant's Report—Virginia Larson reported normal duties completed as assigned, announced Columbia Gorge 25th anniversary celebration November 18, and new book on the market "The Pacific Crest Trailside Reader." On November 21st she will meet with Deb Ralls regarding the historical documents and pictures.

Treasurer's Report—Audrey Perino (excused) reported that bank statements and bank reconciliations are on file.
Cash balance at October, 31, 2011 $2,332.06

Beginning balance 10-01-11	$11,322.87
October Deposits	909.50
February Checks	-9,900.31
Ending balance 10/31/11	$2,332.06

Property taxes have been paid. We will have a $2500 insurance bill. Additional money will be withdrawn from investment account if needed.

Committees
Membership—Vicki Wood reported first reading, Bill F. Rude,. Second readings: Orion Landden and Trudy D. Weathers. Unanimously approved.
Resignations: David Barkai and Barbara Schulties.

Trips—Carolyn Jenkins reported that the meeting for Winter trip leaders had 14 members. Some volunteered to lead (December—April) two snowshoe trips, four X-country and three Wed, a.m. hikes .

Callista reported 20 attended the potluck for the Alpine Outing 2011 reunion and 2012 Alpine Kick Off. Susan Saul chaired the meeting. Diana Forester, with six members to help, volunteered to lead the 2012 Alpine Outings. Callista suggested the need for all Outing trips checks be sent directly to TCO post office box. Question arose regarding transporting large camping equipment to trail head for Alpine Outing. TCO has a club trailer that could be used.

Publications—Phillip Jackson asked for proof-readers for the December Blazer. Callista and Virginia volunteered.

Social—Callista Snively reported Gerda Eck and Cathy Scheidler hosted 40 people at Tyee for the October Hike 'N Dine. Everyone enjoyed the salmon dinner and the whole event.

November 17th will be an Adventures and Travel with Steve Levy's program on "Autumn in the Grand Tetons." Next event December 30th through January 2nd hosted by the Snivelys at Tyee Lodge. A family friendly week-end will celebrate New Years.

Lodges and Properties—George Milne reported that the meditation group had to be turned down for August 12 - 18, 2012 use of Tyee Lodge, due to our TCO members' using it at the same time.

Tyee has a new refrigerator and one water heater was removed. Winter deck is not yet completed.

Property Advisory Committee approved budget for engineer's work on Multnomah Creek Bridge. Motion to approve $2500 engineering plan for Bridge, (msc) George/ Callista.

The temporary Bridge will be covered and closed for winter. The only **road** access to Nesika until spring will be hiking from "first" parking lot (2+miles from Lodge). Chimney work to protect from heavy snow at Nesika is completed.

History—Deb Ralls will meet with Virginia Larson.

Investments—Chris Monti will report at Annual Meeting.

Conservation—Leonard Murphy no report.

Legal Counsel Report—Art Stangell no report.

Unfinished Business—Budget committee will meet November 21st at 2 p.m. at Audrey's.

New Business—Annual Meeting will be at Rose Villa Retirement Center November 14 at 7 p.m. and potluck for new members at 6 p.m.

Good of the order—December 13, TCO Board Meeting for current and new members will be at Callista's home at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn—8:50 p.m. (msc)George/Phil.

Respectfully submitted,—Nancy Overpeck, Secretary











At Left: Wed. Morning Hike- Healy Heights By Gerda Eck

Above & Above Left, Frank Church Wilderness By Susan Saul



Frank Church Wilderness By Susan Saul

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

Bill F Rude
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503-630-5685
Sponsors: Diana Forester & Gregg Carson

2nd Readings

Orion Landden
Trudy D Weathers

Resignations

David Barkai
Barbara Schulties

Changes

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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.

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