



Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events		
Date	Day	Event Description
3	Sat	Mineral Jane Trail to Barlow Ridge Snowshoe—Class B
3	Sat	East Gorge Hike--Class A/B
3-4	Sat-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open
3-4	Sat-Sun	Adventurous Young Mazamas at Nesika
7	Wed	Morning Hike--Class A/B
10	Sat	Silver Falls Hike--Class B
10	Sat	Weygandt Loop Cross Country Ski--Class A/B
10-11	Sat-Sun	Herman Creek Backpack—Class A
11	Sun	Hike Catherine Creek West and Rowland Loop--Class A
13	Tue	Board Meeting—7 PM, Mazama MC
14	Wed	Morning Hike--Class A/B
15	Wed	Blazer Deadline
15	Thu	Adventures & Travel: Turkey
17	Sat	First Aid Class
17-18	Sat-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open
18	Sun	Tom, Dick and Harry Mt. Snowshoe--Class B
21	Wed	Morning Hike--Class A/B
24	Sat	Forest Park Hike--Class B
24-25	Sat-Sun	Tyee Lodge Open
28	Wed	Morning Hike--Class A/B
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

Special Cards to TCO Members

Do you know a TCO Club Member who is, or are you planning yourself to have surgery? Someone who is sick? A death in the family? Or congratulations? Please contact the Membership Committee with suggestions of whom to be sent greeting cards. Callista Snively membershipchair@trailsclub.org or 503-330-7344.

89th Annual Banquet
Sunday, April 15, 2012 at 6 p.m.
Monarch Hotel
12566 S.E. 93rd Ave,
(South of Clackamas Town Center)
Contact: Lisa Osburn
503-476-5638 or
socialchair@trailsclub.org
Reservation Deadline: Fri, March 30
Registration form enclosed & on the web

Still Time to Register for Our Yearly First Aid and CPR Day

The training will be by John Stubbs of Northwest Responder as in the past. Emphasis is on "When Help Is Delayed First Aid." This class was well received by 16 people last year. If your certification is about to expire, come and join us and a new card will be given. Certification lasts for two years. This will be free for Trails Club members and it is recommended that all activity leaders have these certifications. To make this class happen we need minimum attendance of ten people. Meet Saturday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) at Rose Villa Fellowship Hall, 13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie. Start at 9:00 AM (participants must be on time) and go to about 4:00 PM. Lunch (bring your own) is from 11:30 to 12:00 noon. Register with Carolyn Jenkins by March 3 at 503-422-6456 or tripschair@trailsclub.org.

Needed: Coordinators for Weekend Hikes, Backpacks and Kayak Trips

If you are a club member please consider scheduling fellow club members for hike leads. A list of members who are possible hike leaders is available. A Backpack Coordinator and a Kayak Coordi-

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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.

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nator are also needed. All these Coordinators find leaders 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 TripsChair@trailsclub.org

Events

Mar 3 (Sat) Mineral Jane Trail to Barlow Ridge Snowshoe—Class B

We will start from Barlow Pass Snow Park and connect to the Mineral Jane Trail for a short distance, where we will go off trail and connect with the Barlow Ridge Road. This is a steady uphill climb for several miles. New snow and whether or not we have to break trail will determine actual miles, but count on a minimum of 5 miles. Bring plenty of water and lunch. Snow park permit will be required for drivers. Round trip driving distance 115 miles.

Depart: Gateway Transit Center at 8 AM.

Leader: Gini Bateman 503-475-8712 or ginibateman@comcast.net.

Mar 3 (Sat) East Gorge Hike—Class A/B

Hike 5 to 7 miles somewhere east of Hood River in either Washington or Oregon. Explore the dry side of the Gorge. The leader will consider the weather, group size and the interest of the group. Possible hike examples are the Deschutes River Trail or Catherine Creek area.

Depart: 9:00 AM from Main Street in Troutdale on the east side of town. Meet under the parking lot sign "Troutdale House." This is across (north) from City Hall.

Leader: Gary Holman 503-261-3571

Mar 3-4 (Sat-Sun.) Tyee Lodge Open

Family friendly weekend in the snow. Build snow caves, sled, snowshoe, ski or play board games. Join me for weekend of winter fun. Training available to learn winter opening/closing. Possible Friday night opening.

Need assistant cook for Sat. dinner/Sun. breakfast.

Reservations: Stephen Brown 360-687-6169 or bgbrown9501@centurylink.net by Feb. 29th.

Mar 3-4 (Sat-Sun) Adventurous Young Mazamas at Nesika

Contact Jeff Lawton

Mar 07 (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. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St. at 9:30 AM

Leader: Mike Harrison 971-279-2707

Mar 10 (Sat) Silver Falls Hike—Class B

Hike 4 to 7 miles depending on weather and preferences of group, with 500 to 900\feet elevation gain. This hike had to be canceled in January due to closures in the park.

Come and do it now!

Depart: 9 AM from Gateway Park and Ride

Leader: Mel Taylor 503-639-9160 or cell 503-888-7203

Mar 10 (Sat) Weygandt Loop X/C Ski—Class A/B

This tour begins at the Tilly Jane Snow Park and follows a loop of forest roads and unmarked ski trails for a round trip of 6 miles with 600 feet elevation gain. The tour offers views of the east Mt. Hood basin. Although the tour is classified as Class A, sections of the trail require intermediate x/c ski skills. Driving distance is 180 miles round trip. Depart Portland at 8:30 AM and return by 6:00 PM. Pre-registration with leader required.

Leader: Steve Gilbert 503-292-8099 or skibum7989@comcast.net

Mar 10-11 (Sat-Sun) Herman Creek Backpack - Class A

Approximately 9 miles round trip. We will start at Cascade Locks and hike to the Herman Creek Camp at the junction with Gorton Creek. We will spend Sat. night by a nice campfire. There is running spring water here just down the hill from camp. You will need rain gear, tent, warm sleeping bag, (two lunches) dinner and breakfast which can be cooked on your stove or over a campfire. No limit, this is a big camp site. We will day hike on Sat. up Herman Creek after we set up camp. Meet at TA Travel Parking area in Troutdale 7:30 AM Sat. (just to the east of McDonalds). Application form and Emergency Contact form need to be received by leader before the backpack. These forms and helpful backpack information are available under Backpack Participant Information at www.trailsclub.org. Register: Linda Conrad 360-837- 3787 or lcgrconrad@aol.com.

Mar 11 (Sun) Catherine Creek West and Rowland Loop Hike—Class A

Walk 4.1 miles with 1150 feet elevation gain. Enjoy early spring wildflowers and great views of the Columbia River Gorge. Drive 126 miles round trip.

Depart: 8:00 AM from Gateway Park and Ride

Leader: Kent Meyer 360-574-0784

Mar 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. For 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

Mar 15 (Thu) Adventures & Travel: Turkey

Steve Levy and Sue Van Loon present a program on their recent trip to Turkey, journeying by local bus from Istanbul and its Hagia Sofia, Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace to the classical ruins of Troy, Pergamum and Ephesus; from the crystal travertine shelves of Pamukkale to the breathtaking land and seascapes of the renowned Turquoise Coast, with its hiking trails, bays and villages, where evidence of ancient civilizations abound and contrast sharply with modern Turkey.

Refreshments at 7:00pm; Slideshow at 7:30 pm.

For more information, contact Lisa Osburn socialchair@trailsclub.org or 503-476-5638

Mar 17 (Sat) First Aid Class

"When Help Is Delayed First Aid" plus CPR Day. See Announcements on page one.

Mar 17-18 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Lodge Open

Tyee will be open for an enjoyable weekend in the snow and around the cozy fireplace. Please make reservations by 9 p.m. Wed., March 14.

Host: Catherine Schiedler 503-223-7400 or catherineschied@juno.com

Mar 18 (Sun) Tom, Dick, and Harry Mtn Snowshoe—Class B

This is a 6 mile trip with 1700 feet elevation gain. We have views of Mirror Lake and Mt. Hood on a clear day. Trail starts from a small parking lot off Hwy 26 just 2-3 miles away from Government camp village. Driving distance from Portland 100 miles round trip.

Depart: Call for details.

Leader: Nick Atanasov 503-593-0551 or nickgnd@yahoo.com

Mar 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. For 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

Mar 24 (Sat) Forest Park Hike—Class B

Let's start spring on Springville Road! Hike 6 miles with 1500 foot elevation gain, with the final 1000 feet in just 1.2 miles. Rain or shine (let's hope for shine). Lunch afterwards at nearby eatery for those interested.

Depart: 9:30 AM from parking lot at Springville Road off Skyline. Look for Springville Road sign on right while driving on Skyline, then proceed down road to parking spaces on the left. Please call leader if more complete driving directions are needed.

Leader: Larry Solomon 503-206-6580

Mar 24 - 25 (Sat - Sun) Tyee Open

Looking for a place to get out of the cold? How about a weekend at Tyee? We'll have it open by 11:00 am Saturday, in case your plans include lounging by the fire. If you plan to spend the day in the great outdoors, join us for dinner at 6:00 pm. After a delicious breakfast Sunday morning, you can 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 Sunday afternoon. Your hosts are Donna Aase and Merv Murphy. Contact Donna by 9:00 pm Wednesday the 21st to reserve your place.

Host: Donna Aase 360-253-8420 or dmaase@hotmail.com

Mar 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. For the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St. at 9:30 AM

Leader: Carolyn Coleman 503-635-5991

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 and meet on the west side of Target's parking lot across from Starbucks Coffee. Tri Met bus service on routes 47, 52 and 89 is near by.

Let's Talk About

Quick Note:

Our "Outings Policy and Procedures" information has been updated and is on our website. Some registration information has changed. Improved refund policy explanations are available. Application forms are available on line too; look under Outings in the Event Calendar section. Thank you to everyone who worked on this!

Trails Ahead

Eagle Creek Backpack—Class A May 5-6 (Sat-Sun)

We'll take the Eagle Creek Trail in the Columbia Gorge past scenic Punchbowl Falls and Tunnel Falls, hiking high above the creek in some sections. Trail has many scenic sections blasted directly out of rock with cables strung for handholds. Camping will be at campsites along the creek after hiking about 7 miles total and an elevation gain of 1200 to 1300 feet. We'll return to trailhead Sunday.

Contact leader for more information. To register, Application form needs to be received by leader before Wed May 2. This form, the Emergency Contact form and helpful backpack information is available at www.trailsclub.org under Backpack Participant Information. Leader: Bill Yandon 503-538-3643, cell 503-887-2932, or e-mail wkyandon@earthlink.net

Weekend on the McKenzie River July 6-8, (Fri--Sun)

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 resort.

Two breakfasts and a Saturday campfire dinner will be provided. Saturday there will be a 9 plus mile easy loop hike along both sides of the McKenzie River past 3 waterfalls and around Clear Lake. Outing Leader Vicki Wood has reserved 6 cabins, 5 tent sites, 8 RV sites and 7 lodge rooms for our group.

Lodging prices for the 2-night stay:

Tent sites: \$65.40 total for 1 or 2 people (\$16 each additional person)

RV sites: \$76.30 total for 1 or 2 people (\$16 each additional person)

Cabins: Prices are divided by the number of people and range from \$294.30 for up to 4 people to \$555.90 for up to 6 people (\$20 each additional person);

Lodge rooms vary from \$218 for 2 people to \$294.30 for up to 4 people.

Other fees include a \$2 per person (members) or \$4 (nonmembers) TCO activity fee, and shared meal costs of \$13 per person for 3 meals.

NOTE: Member applications will be accepted beginning March 1. Nonmembers applications will be accepted beginning April 1. Any application postmarked earlier than March 1 will not be accepted.

To apply for a place on the outing:

1. Download the 2012 McKenzie Outing Participant Forms from the web page www.trailsclub.org/events/Outings.html#McKenzie
2. Before you mail an application, please contact Vicki Wood to inquire about lodging availability (or for more information): 503-515-7208 or vw48@comcast.net
3. Complete the forms and mail them with a **nonrefundable deposit** of \$25 payable to the Trails Club of Oregon to: **Trails Club of Oregon PO Box 1243 Portland, OR 97207**

You will be notified by email or mail when you have been accepted on the outing and the \$25 deposit will be credited to your balance. The final outing payment will be due by June 1. It should be made payable to TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON and sent to the address above.

Check out the resort website at www.belknaphotssprings.com for photos/info. The drive is about 300 miles round trip from downtown Portland.

2012 ALPINE OUTING TO BIGHORN CRAGS IN IDAHO

August 5-12 and August 12-19, 2012

Trips Full, Alternates Only

It's time to get those applications in—Now for members and March 1 and later for non-members.

We are still looking for a second volunteer to act as Kitchen Monitor.

For more information see the Jan. Bulletin or check the club website.

A professional outfitter will transport your gear as well as the group food, cook tent, camp chairs, and camp equipment. All backcountry meals are provided; camp chores and cooking duties are shared by the participants. Menus will be simple, but tasty, and will include fresh vegetables.

Member applications postmarked February 1, and later will be accepted. Non-members and members of FWOOC organizations applications postmarked March 1 and later will be accepted if space is available.

Cost will be \$350 for Trails Club members and members of FWOOC organizations; cost for non-members will be \$400.

To apply for a place on the outing:

1. Download these forms – Alpine Outing Application, Release of Liability, and Medical Information – from the Trails Club website (www.trailsclub.org). The forms are included in the description of the Bighorn outing in the Outing section accessed from the Activity section.

2. Complete the forms and mail them with a NONREFUNDABLE DEPOSIT of \$100 payable to TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON.

Send to:

Trails Club of Oregon
P.O. Box 1243
Portland, OR 97207

You will be notified by email or mail when you have been accepted on the outing and the \$100 deposit will be credited to your balance. The final payment of \$250 will be due May 1, 2012. Alternates need to be aware that your \$100 deposit check will be held until you are accepted or it will be returned to you if no opening occurs. Refunds of the final payment due to your decision to cancel (should you decide to do this) will be processed after the outing has concluded and all of the outing expenses have been accounted for, so a full refund of your final balance is not guaranteed. No refund will be given on final payment if you cancel in the 30 days before the outing starts. Bill Kingsbury and Gary Holman will be the leaders for the outings. Diana Forester, Callista Snively, Joyce Rasmussen, and Pete Nelson will also be planning the outings. If you have questions, call Diana Forester at 503-288-7782 or email at diana_forester@msn.com.

Coos Bay Area Hike—Class B

Sept 14 (Fri)

Hike the coastal headlands south 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 browse through, and then continue on to Cape Arago State Park where we will have lunch on the beach and then return. Hike 8 miles round trip with 700 feet elevation gain. Make a weekend of it and stay for the Bay Area Fun Festival. There's a parade on Saturday morning, a car cruise-in in the afternoon, and then a contra dance at a nearby town grange hall.

Depart: 9:30 AM from Sunset Bay Campground site D-21.

Leader: Brian Carlson 503-703-8598 or owatta53@hotmail.com

Tyee Schedule —2012

Date	Event Description	Contact
Jun 09-10 (Sat-Sun)	Mazama Overflow	George Milne
Jun 23-24 (Sat-Sun)	Tyee Wk Wkend	Stephen Brown
Jul 21-22 (Sat-Sun)	Tyee-Hike & Dine	Lila Grosman
Jul 28-29 (Sat-Sun)	Tyee Wk Wkend	Stephen Brown
Aug 03-05 (Fri-Sun)	Quilt Retreat-	Carla Haake
Aug 18-19 (Sat-Sun)	Tyee-Hike & Dine	Lila Grosman
Aug 25-26 (Sat-Sun)	Tyee Wk Wkend	Stephen Brown

Nesika Schedule—2012

Date	Event Description	Contact
Apr 28-29 (Sat-Sun)	Nesika Wk Wkend-	Glen Conrad
May 19-20 (Sat-Sun)	Nesika Wk Wkend-	Glen Conrad
May 26-28 (Sat-Sun)	Mem Day Wkend-at	Nesika
Jun 09-10 (Sat-Sun)	Nesika Wk Wkend-	Glen Conrad
Jul 14-15 (Sat-Sun)	Nesika Wk Wkend-	Glen Conrad
Aug 11-12 (Sat-Sun)	Nesika Wk Wkend-	Glen Conrad

Summary of Board Minutes

Trails Club of Oregon Board of Trustees Meeting February 7, 2012

Call to Order—Richard called the meeting to order at 7:01 P. M. Attending: Richard Gaunt, Bill Yandon, Audrey Perino, Carolyn Jenkins, Phillip Jackson, Callista Snively, Lisa Osburn and George Milne. Others in attendance: Virginia Larson, Administrative Assistant. Excused: Nancy Overpeck.

Approval of Minutes—December 13, 2011 minutes were approved (msc) George/Lisa.

The January Board meeting was canceled due to weather conditions. Urgent matters were voted on by email and a few membership activities were reported. Their inclusion into the minutes below was approved by the board. (msc George/Callista)

Membership—Callista Snively reported First Reading: George A. Ridlon, James G. Flick and Elaine Newland. Second Reading: Brian J. Dunn and John P. Weathers. Reinstatement: Nick (Atanas) S. Atanasov. Vote unanimous. Resignation: David Prescott.

(covered in membership committee report) Callista handed out many membership applications during the January 14-16 Tyee Lodge event.

Trips—The Outing Policy and Procedures were reviewed over a few weeks and finally approved by the Board of Trustee. The Board agreed that the necessary changes had been made to financial aspects of the Outings Policy. Future study of other issues will be taken up at a later date.

Administrative Assistant's Report—Virginia Larson reported duties completed as assigned. The accounting of the Suttle Lake Outing was finalized and submitted to the Treasurer. Membership dues are still being received and reported to Membership, Database Manager and Treasurer. The first of the Alpine Outing applications and deposits are coming in to the PO Box. The member interest responses have been distributed again to the trustees. The approved Outing Policy is now posted on our web site.

Treasurer's Report—Audrey Perino presented both the December 2011 and the January 2012 financial reports.

1. Cash balance at December 31, 2011 \$4,895.25

Beginning	12-01-11	\$4,050.98
Deposits		5,087.00
Checks		-3,375.73*
Ending balance	12-31-11	\$5,762.25

*corrected after reports were printed/2012 expense moved to January.

Cash balance at January 31, 2012 \$8,723.97

Beginning	01/01/12	\$5,762.25
Deposits		7,064.41
Checks		-4,102.69
Ending balance	01-31-12	\$8,723.97

Financial statements presented Check Register, YTD Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison and YTD Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual.

Copy of the U.S. Bank Checking account reconciliation and statement were provided to the secretary (all documents on file).

Audrey reported that the club ended 2011 below budget. The income from the lodges was down but almost all of the expense areas were at or below budget. The Bonding for signers on the investments is still being investigated and our funds have not yet been transferred out of Morgan Stanley. The investment committee will be contacted about the delay. Outing refunds and non-member rates were discussed. The board suggests that the non-member rates be about 15% above the member rate.

Committees

Membership —Callista reported First Reading: Pamela I. Moore, Paul Cutter, Simon Ray-Cutter (Jr. Membership) Betty Sherman. Second Reading: George A. Ridlon, James G. Flick, Elaine Newland. Vote unanimous. Resignations: Ron Austin, Bill Kiggins, Alan Kotz, V. Jeff Power, Steve Stevens.

The board was provided with a short list of members who are scheduled to be terminated for non-payment of dues. A Membership snowshoe is scheduled for Saturday, February 18, starting at Tyee Lodge. The club will be represented at the Clackamas County Wellness, Safety and Sustainability Fair in Oregon City on Wednesday, April 25.

Trips—Carolyn Jenkins proposed that the Trip Leader Award, presented the last few years at the banquet, become a permanent club award (msc George/Lisa). She will provide publications with information about the award and start promoting it to club members. High Miler and Traveler awards applications due March 1st. Twelve club members have signed up for the First Aid and CPR class scheduled March 17th. Coordinator positions for Weekend Hikes, Backpacks, Kayaks are open and opportunities to lead hikes available. Guidelines dealing with the publication of proposed trips to be added to the Publication Policy and Procedure. Discussed the purpose of the Club's two medical information forms, both will continue to be used. The Trip Committee is considering a Trip Leaders training class, more information to follow.

Publications—Phillip Jackson asked for proof-readers for Mar. Blazer. Callista, George and Lisa volunteered. Virginia stated 25-30 members have changed from paper to e-blazers during the dues collection process.

Social—Lisa Osburn reported that the Jan. Adventures & Travels, featuring Brian Carlson and Gary Holman's travels in Death Valley, CA, was well attended (35-40 people). The Feb. A&T will be on South America, presented by Callista Snively. Steve Levy will share his travels in Turkey at the March A&T. We have all but two (May & November) of this year's A&T presenters scheduled! Our main focus is the Annual Banquet, April 15th at the Monarch Hotel. The main course options will be Flat Iron Steak, Chicken or a Vegetarian Pasta dish.

Lodges and Properties—George Milne informed the board that the plans to rebuild Multnomah Creek Bridge continue to move forward. He will be seeking three bids and is concerned about the limited time frame we have to complete the project. Glen Conrad reported that both the road and Nesika Lodge are in good shape. We have only one large tree down across our road and Peterson Bridge needs replacing. A Nesika Lodge Committee meeting will be held 7 PM, Wed. February 22nd at the Mazamas. It was also reported there are about 60 trees down across Multnomah Trail and large wash outs on Wahkeena Trail. Volunteers are already working on clearing these trails.

Requests for Lodge Usage—Mazamas (AYM) request use of Nesika, March 3 & 4, (msc George/Bill) Mazamas (Timberline event) request use of Tyee, June 9 (msc George/Audrey) Carla Haake (Quilting Group) request use of Tyee, August 3–5, (msc George/Callista) Snively Family (Reunion) request use of Tyee, September 28-30 (msc George/Bill)

New Business –

The Board discussed two incidents between members that occurred in January. It was reported that one of the issues had already been resolved by the appropriate chairperson. The Lodge Trustee has agreed to follow up on the other issue and report back to the board. In the future, the Board will review the Disciplinary Procedure that is part of our By-Laws to see if any clarification or revisions are needed.

Adjourn—9:09 P. M. (msc George/Lisa)

Respectfully submitted—Virginia Larson

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

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Sponsors: Callista Snively and Merv Murphy

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Sponsors: Kathy Pollock and Wayne Schweinfest

2nd Readings

George A. Ridlon
James G. Flick
Elaine Newland

Resignations

Ron Austin
Bill Kiggins
Alan Kotz
V. Jeff Power
Steve Stevens

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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.

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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

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