Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events		
Date	**Day**	**Event Description**
5	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
9	Sun	Hamburger Hike--Class A
9	Sun	Pacific Crest Trail Snowshoe--Class A
10	Mon	TCO Outings Meeting, Mazama MC
11	Tue	**Board Meeting—7 PM, at Audrey Perino's House**
12	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
14	Fri	Lower Salmon River Hike – Class A
15	Sat	**Blazer Deadline**
15	Sat	Mt Hood Snowshoe--Class B
17	Mon	Christmas Ships Walk—Class A
19	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
22	Sat	Sandy River Delta Hike, Dog Friendly ---Class A
26	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
27	Thu	Kid Friendly Clackamas Area Hike-Class A
28	Fri	Teacup Lake X-C Ski--Class A/B
29–01	Sat-Tue	(Jan 01) New Year's at Tyee
02-04	Wed-Fri	TCO & Cascade Prime Timers at Tyee
3	Thu	Government Camp Snowshoe--Class A
5	Sat	Mystery Cross-Country Ski - 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		

Announcements

2013 Dues Reminder

2013 dues are payable by Jan 1, 2013. Please include the Dues Notice Form that is inserted in this 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, 503-330-7344 or MembershipChair@trailsclub.org

Annual Meeting Elects Officers, Trustees

The members in attendance at the Annual Meeting on November 12 elected this slate to the Board of Trustees:

Officers: Vice President Bill Yandon,
Secretary Cindy Lee
Trustees: Publications Phillip Jackson
Trips Carolyn Jenkins

Prior to the meeting, we welcomed new members at our fifth annual New Member Reception and gave them some orientation on how to get involved in the club.

Trails Club Outings Meeting

Trails Club Outings are wonderful!
Camaraderie with fellow outdoor oriented people.
Days spent in beautiful remote areas.
Trails leading to exquisite views.
Join us for an evening of outing evaluation and planning for new outings in 2013.
December 10 (Mon) at 7:00 PM
Mazama Mountaineering Center
527 SE 43rd Ave Portland OR

This is an opportunity for all club members to express their interests in outings. Outings Coordinator Susan Saul, Alpine Outing Chair Diana Forester, and Trips Trustee Carolyn Jenkins will be there to help lead the discussion. Alpine Outing leaders and participants from years past and present are very much encouraged to attend. So are interested club members who have never been on an outing. We need and value your input and help. Let's talk about outings with pack animals, car camp outings with daily hikes, locations, people and gear transportation, other ideas and concerns, etc. Trails Club people really enjoy our great outings. We want outings to continue in 2013 and the years beyond. Please come and enjoy this opportunity to express your outing ideas and help get next season off to a great start

Help Needed with Trips

We continue to need a club Weekend Hike Coordinator, Snowshoe Coordinator and Backpack Coordinator to promote these programs. Please let me know if you can help. For more information contact Carolyn Jenkins, Trips Chair, 503-422-6456 or tripschair@trailsclub.org.

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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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Winter Hosting at Tyee

Interested in hosting at Tyee this winter? Contact Mya White the Tyee Winter Coordinator. Integritydoc@aol.com

Trails Club Kayak Program Still Alive?

At the board meeting this month I made a motion to discontinue kayaking as a club sponsored activity. We have had no club sponsored kayaks for almost 2 years. There is no kayak coordinator to organize trips. The motion was passed by the board, but not unanimously.

Now there is a new development! At the Annual Meeting, several of our newest club members expressed interest in our club kayak program. With new interest and commitment from club members, the kayak program may come back to life. I will be happy to help form a kayak committee so that kayaking flourishes. Contact me at tripschair@trailsclub.org or 503-422-6456.

This plea goes out to all Trails Club members, both new and those who have been members a long time, if you would like the kayak program to offer trips again we need to plan trips and lead them.

Without interest and commitment from our club members, our kayak program will be dropped.
Carolyn Jenkins, Trips Trustee

Events

Dec 5 (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: Brooke Gutman 503-209-7179

Dec 9 (Sun) Hamburger Hike—Class A
This fun, little hike follows the Gorge 400 Trail from Eagle Creek to Cascade Locks for lunch (bring your own or purchase something) at the Char Burger. Return to cars by same trail. Hope for sun, prepare for something else. Vehicles need to display a NW Forest Pass. Hike 5.2 miles, 700 feet cumulative elevation gain. Drive 53 miles RT.
Depart: 10:00 AM Lewis & Clark State Park (I-84, exit 18)
Leader: Kelly Marlin 503-665-6778 or mazamamama@frontier.net

Dec 9 (Sun) Pacific Crest Trail Snowshoe—Class A
Beginning level snowshoe. Leave Barlow Pass Snow Park and follow the PCT for 1 ½ hours or so, eat lunch, then return. Distance traveled and elevation gain will be determined by snow conditions and group comfort. Fit snowshoes to boots before the trip so you know the bindings

work. Check our COLD WEATHER GUIDELINE FOR TRIPS on the Trails Club Website. Cars need a Sno-park permit. We will cancel if there is not enough snow. Call leader with questions.
Depart: 9:00 AM Gateway Park And Ride.
Leader: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

Dec 10 (Mon) Trails Club Outings Meeting

See announcement on page one.

Dec 12 (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: Richard Gaunt 971-404-1153

Dec 14 (Fri) Lower Salmon River Hike—Class A

An easy, slow poky, beautiful trail along the river. Hike 5 miles RT with 100 feet elevation gain. Drive about 85 miles round trip. Drivers need a trailhead parking permit. Leader: Celine Stroinski. Call 503-239-6950 or email celine5760@aol.com before the trip please.

Dec 15 (Sat) Mt Hood Snowshoe—Class B

Dust off those snowshoes and join me on our first trip of the season. Maybe a four to five hour snowshoe, distance depending on conditions. Location to be determined later as conditions allow. Contact me after the 12th for details. No cotton clothes allowed. Cars need a Sno-park permit.
Leader: Brian Carlson owatta53@hotmail.com or 503-960-9451

Dec 17 (Mon) Christmas Ships Walk—Class A

On this night, the Christmas ships cruise down the Willamette from River Place Marina to Lake Oswego. We'll walk north along the river to meet them. Total hiking will be about 2.5 miles. We'll start at Willamette Park--enter off SR 43 (Macadam Ave.) at SW Nebraska Ave, a mile north of the Sellwood Bridge. Once in the park, turn left and park in the lot on your right at the far north end of the park (if this lot is full, there are other lots farther south in the park). If you're interested in pre-hike food or drink, meet at Fulton Pub starting at 5.30 pm (not an official part of the event). Pub is at 0618 SW Nebraska St. which, enters Willamette Park,. The pub is just west of SW Macadam Ave. You can park on the street near the pub and then walk down to meet the hikers. I may cancel if it is pouring rain. If the weather is doubtful, call my cell to see if the hike is on. Meet at 6:45 pm for a 7:00 pm departure from the far north parking lot in Willamette Park (parking is free at 5 pm)
Leader: Audrey Perino, 503-246-6462, cell 503-522-9911 or audrey53@comcast.net

Dec 19 (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: Ken Kane 503-246-6462

Dec 22 (Sat) Sandy River Delta Hike, Dog Friendly—Class A

Take a break from the pre-holiday rush. Hike approximately 5-6 miles along the Sandy River to meet the Columbia River, then along the Columbia to the bird blind. Well behaved dogs allowed on this hike. If the group so chooses, finish in a coffee shop in Troutdale or Edgefield McMenamins.
Depart: 9:00 AM from Gateway Park and Ride
Leader: Paul Cutter 360-260-1673 or paulcutter1958@gmail.com

Dec 26 (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: Gerda Eck 503-654-1353
gerdaeck@comcast.net

Dec 27 (Thu) Kid Friendly Clackamas Area Hike—Class A

For kids of all ages! Treats along the way! Hot apple cider afterward! Hike a real forest trail here in town! It's just a short drive to Mt Talbert Nature Park for our hike! Bring all the kids, or just yourself, and a sense of adventure! Also bring sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing for the weather. Children must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. The hiking distance and time will be determined by the comfort of the group.
Depart: 10:00 AM from Gateway Park and Ride
Leader: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

Dec 28 (Fri) Teacup Lake X/C Ski—Class A/B

We'll ski approximately 5.5 miles on the outer loop at the Teacup Lake Nordic Club's ski area. Mostly level (some short up and down sections) route 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. Donations to the Nordic Club are $10.00 (suggested for use of area). Contact leader for meeting time and place before 8:00 PM, Thursday, December 27.
Leader: Bill Yandon, 503-538-3643, cell 503-887-2932, or wkyandon@earthlink.net

Dec 29-Jan 1 (Sat-Tue) New Year's at Tyee

Join us for a New Year's celebration at Tyee Lodge. The family friendly weekend includes movie nights (Sat-Sun) and game night on New Year's Eve (Mon). We will be snowshoeing to enjoy the fireworks at midnight! Paul and Callista Snively will be your hosts with Mya White as your cook. For dinners, we are having salads with homemade lasagna (Sat), baked ham (Sun) and a turkey feast on New Year's Eve. Breakfast will be included. Hot homemade soup and sandwiches for $5 or bring your own lunches. Bring snacks for New Year's Eve to share. Plan

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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 newyearlodgeevent@gmail.com by Saturday, Dec 15. Limited to 44 people. Early registration is recommended.

Jan 2-4 (Wed-Fri) 2013 Trials Club and Cascade Prime Timers at Tyee Lodge

We will spend two nights and three days at the lodge, where there is plenty of XC skiing right outside the door. Bring your snowshoes and/or X-country skis for the planned trips on Wednesday and Thursday. Chief cook: University of Alaska Professor Nancy Overpeck (retired), and Co-hosts Pete & Elaine Nelson. Meals served are Wednesday: Dinner, Thursday: Breakfast and Dinner, Friday: Breakfast. Bring your own lunches. Cost: $40 for TCO members. Meet at 10 AM in the parking area on Timberline Road Call PETE BY Sunday, December 30.
(H) 503-591-0160

Jan 3 (Thu) Government Camp Snowshoe—Class A

Meet at Tyee Lodge and depart at 10 AM. Snowshoe in the Government Camp area possibly the new Cabin Creek Trail. Return to Tyee for hot drinks around the fire. Carpool transportation from Portland not available for this snowshoe since the leaders are staying at Tyee.
Leaders: Pete & Elaine Nelson 503-591-0160 petermvnelson@gmail.com

Jan 5 (Sat) Mystery Cross-Country Ski—Class A

Depending on snow conditions, we will ski Trillium or Teacup Lake. Teacup Lake has a daily fee. Ski 4 l/2 to 5 miles. Sno-park permits needed by drivers. Sign up by Friday, Jan 4 at 6:00 PM. I'm staying at Tyee Lodge for a couple of days, so I will arrange car pools coming from town by phone.
Leader: Barbara Jones 503-819-8983 (cell) or e-mail Barbjones50@hotmail.com to sign up and carpool help.

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

2013 TRAILS CLUB BEND WINTER TRIP
Feb 28-Mar 02 (Thu-Sat)

Once again Barbara Jones will lead a three night Bend Ski Trip. It starts Thursday February 28, 2013 and goes through Saturday night March 2. Staying Sunday night is optional. You can downhill ski, cross-country ski, snowshoe, shop, go to movies, museums, etc. Cascade Prime Timers Ski Club members will be joining us as guests. The group will stay at the Phoenix Inn in downtown Bend, 300 NW Franklin, phone 888-291-4764. Rooms can accommodate several people. You are responsible for making your room reservations and for arranging the shared cost of the room with any roommates. Make your reservation directly with Phoenix Inn, under Trails Club reservations. Room reservations need to be made by February 18, 2013. You are responsible for cancelling by 4:00 pm Feb. 27, if you need to do so.
Room rates:
A room with a king bed or with two queen beds is $119.90. The cost is $60 per night each for 2 people.
A family suite with one king and two queen beds is $185.90. The cost is $47 per night each for 4 people.
The hotel has an indoor pool, spa and ski lockers. Rooms have a microwave and refrigerator. Breakfast is included with the room fee. There will be a hotel discount on lift ticket prices.
Along with the motel fees, all other expenses will also be paid by each person. We usually organize group dinners at a local restaurant. Please contact Barb for the Trails Club application form and medical form, or download them from our website at trailsclub.org. You will find these forms with the Bend Ski Trip article in the Outings section. You can sign up for this outing immediately. There is a $10 fee for Trails Club members. For non-members, including Cascade Prime Timers, there is a $15 fee. Make check payable to Trails Club of Oregon. Mail the check along with the two completed forms to Trails Club of Oregon, P. O. Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207 For more information please contact Barb Jones at 503-829-6424 or Barbjones50@hotmail.com.

Let's Talk About

Quick Note:

A Cold Weather Guideline for Trips is available at www.trailsclub.org in our Winter Sports section and in the Hiking section. Winter is a great time to be outdoors, if you are prepared! Check out some ways to be ready.

Lost Couple at Nesika
Nov 11 (Sun)

We had another lost couple tonight that found Nesika in the dark. They called 911 on their cell phone when they found the lodge. Then they Googled Nesika Lodge and contacted

Mya White. I had Mya call them back and she gave them my number. I was able to direct them to the lock box behind the lodge and into the men's dorm. The husband immediately got to work lighting a fire in the stove to get warm and dry off. The Multnomah Sheriff's search and rescue called them at that point. The couple was ready to spend the night in the men's dorm and hike out in the morning but the search and rescue people insisted on coming in tonight to escort them out. Search and rescue advised the lady they were familiar with
Nesika and would be there in approximately two hours.
It felt really nice to be able to provide shelter, warmth and water to this couple.
George Milne, Trustee, Lodges and Properties

Nesika Backpack Seminar 2012
Nov 2-4 (Fri-Sun)

The "Annual Backpack Seminar" at Nesika was incredible. The four speakers are very knowledgeable, long distance backpackers. All of the presentations included wonderful and interesting pictures, information and stories. The handouts included PCT maps, PCT CD's Foot Care "blister kits", etc.

Ron Moak of Six Moons Design, a local Beaverton company, brought his Ultralite backpacks and tents. Two of the tents were set up in front of the lodge for people to test drive for the night. Ron's presentation was on backpacking across Scotland from coast to coast. More info at SixMoonsDesigns.com

Rees Hughes gave his presentation on backpacking the John Muir Trial in California. He read from two of his books about the Pacific Crest Trail which can be purchased through Mountaineersbooks.org.

Mary Wood's wonderful presentation on her 800 mile solo trek on the "Arizona Trail" showed the beauty of the desert in the sun and through snow storms. Her trail journal is online at postholer.com.

Erin Saver shared her stories, photos and videos of her experiences hiking the Pacific Crest Trail solo for five months in 2011. She survived the high snow, high fast rivers and forest fires. Her blog/journal written on her "iphone" is at "walkingwithwired.com".

More than fifty people attended the weekend, 30 of which backpacked in from Multnomah Falls. All appreciated the delicious meals and snacks prepared by Karen and Roger Anderson along with their dedicated kitchen assistant Cindy Lee. Our appreciation goes to Linda and Glen Conrad and Jeff Lawton for this wonderful event.
Joan Miller

Trails Club History

Fern Anderson's First trip to Nesika

In 1938, on Fern's first trip to Nesika, she is encircled by family in front of the original cabin. Back row from left to right: Martha Pfaff-Becker (Fern's mother); Melvin Becker (Fern's dad) and Freda & husband Ed Neubauer (Melvin's mom & Ed's dad were sister/brother).



This trip occurred after Melvin served as auditor (1934) and during his term as president (1938), which preceded Ed's term (1936-1937). Other note worthy facts 1) Dec 5, 1977, as notary, Melvin signed an exchange deed for the club, which named the Forest Service as the agency to acquire 80 of the club's 120 acres originally purchased on September 30th 1922 from Evelyn Nicolai, unmarried 2) January 1, 1979, the year after his cousin died at age 90, Melvin, recorded his 50th trip to Nesika at New Years.

In 2007, Fern Becker-Anderson was awarded the Henry Waespe Distinguished Service Award for her long and varied service to the club, as treasurer, in efforts to save Nesika, cooking for work crews, welcoming visitors to Nesika (Indian for OUR) bringing flowers, cookies, being a second grandma to kid's of those working in the rebuilding of early TCO cabin, reestablishing & maintaining a fern garden in front of the new lodge, caring for the woodstove & outhouses, and keeping the rats fed.
Fern has written memories of earlier days, some of which are being recorded in Clarence Mershon's latest book which will include a chapter on the Multnomah Basin.

In a quiet and unassuming way, Fern serves as the club's evangelist, with 444 trips into Nesika as of Sep. 2012. She greets visitors with her famous chocolate chip cookies, and often shares her long TCO experience by bringing out her special pictures and documents.
In September, her trips to Nesika finally exceeded Ed Neubauer's 442 trips, including 23 at New Years.

In Memory

Darrel Tarter
July 24, 1912—July 12, 2012

Darrel wanted to reach his 100th birthday in late July and achieved that and not a day more. For a long time, he was the longest-term Trails Club member. Now that will be somebody else. It's tempting to call Darrel "Mr. Trails Club", but other names also come to mind: Henry Waespe and Ding Cannon, especially.
Darrel promoted naming the Nesika view point and Distinguished Service Award both for Henry. Henry was the father of club buildings; Ding was the member with connections, dominated summer outings, and had many other organizational interests. But Darrel"s interest was the Trails Club (& the 10th Mountain Division of the US Army). He and Nancy participated in all categories of TCO events for many decades, hosting pic-nites and post-skating parties in their home way back. He climbed, backpacked, kiddie-camped, day-hiked, skied, skated, etc. and lived his life with gusto.
Darrel was a huge factor in building a ski-lodge, eventually named Tyee. Beforehand, he coordinated club ski bus trips to Hood. His stories were legendary, and, as his daughter Darrelyn said, they all contained an element of truth. He outlived most club members who experienced WW II. He loved the forests and often said the Trails Club was "the greatest thing on God's green earth".
Darrelyn can be contacted at 503-964-2005, 2316 NE View Place, Gresham 97030.

Summary of Board Minutes

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 06, 2012

Call to Order—Richard called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Attending: Richard Gaunt, Carolyn Jenkins, Audrey Perino, Nancy Overpeck, Bill Yandon, Phillip Jackson, Callista Snively, Lisa Osburn, and George Milne. Others attending: Virginia Larson, Administrative Assistant, Sylvia Milne, Historian, Joan Miller, and Cindy Lee.
Approval of Minutes—approved as corrected (MSC) Audrey/Callista.

Administrative Assistant's Report—Virginia Larson reported duties completed as assigned. The new Post Office for our PO Box is at 1st and Madison. The review of job description and evaluation of work of Administrative Assistant will be on Monday, November 19 at Audrey Perino's, at 7:00 PM after the Budget Committee meeting and pot luck.
Vice President—Bill Yandon reported that winter scheduling will be set up with Mya White.

Treasurer's Report—Audrey Perino provided the reconciled bank statements and the financial reports to the secretary for our records. The YTD and monthly financial reports were reviewed and discussed by the board.

Cash balance at October 31, 2012		$1,233.55
Beginning balance	10-01-12	$8,066.91
Deposits		1,496.50
September Checks		-8,329.86
Ending balance	10-31-12	$1,233.55

Treasurer requested disbursement of $10,000 from the investment account to pay property taxes, insurance bills, and for two AED purchases in November. Budget Committee will meet on November 19, at 5:00 PM. (Committee consists of President, Treasurer, Virginia Larson and Joan Miller members at large, and George Milne, Properties).
Board discussed dividing the Treasurer's position into two jobs, bookkeeping and treasurer.
The bookkeeper prepares spreadsheets, reconciles bank statements, and provides monthly financial reports. The Treasurer is a Board member and performs the requirements of TCO Bylaws. (Complete Treasurer's report on file).

Committees
Membership—Callista Snively reported 1st readings:
Val Ray Sherer, Allen J. Otis, Rick Krahn, Dorothy Grazul, and Ronald E. Silvis.
2nd Readings: Linda M. Hardie, Sue Armstrong, and Larry E. Barnes. Unanimously approved.

Trips—Carolyn reported trips reports for October not received by Nov 6. A "soup and sign-up" event was held for trip leaders on October 25. Attendees signed up for 14 trips including hiking, skiing and snowshoeing. The updated booklet "LEADING TRIPS" was presented and handed out. Backpackers held a week-end seminar on the 24th with guest speakers and 54 people attended. Alpine Outing bills are still outstanding. Refunds and reimbursements for the Outing need to be sent.
A motion was made to discontinue the kayaking activity of TCO, (MSC) Carolyn/George. Passed, but with a minority against this discontinuation.
A Trip Coordinator is needed for Weekend hikes**.**
(Complete report on file).

Publications—Phillip Jackson asked for reviewers for December Blazer. George and Audrey volunteered.

Social–Lisa Osburn reported: Room arrangements have been made with Rose Villa for Adventures and Travel programs and Annual Meeting. Banquet arrangements have been made at the Monarch Hotel with selection of speaker in process. Refreshments will be provided for the Annual Meeting. Jeff Lawton will be hosting backpackers only Thanksgiving at Nesika. (The road is closed for winter). No host or cook has been found for Thanksgiving at Tyee. Christmas and New Years activities at Tyee will be announced.
(Complete report on file).

.**Lodges and Properties—**George Milne reported that the road to Nesika is closed for Winter. Tractor will be stored at Nesika. The small tractor needs repair and may be sold. Peterson Creek Bridge needs repair. Tyee Lodge is ready for snow. The deck is completed outside the kitchen door and over the winter entrance. The Dickson Memorial Chair (hidden in the woods, only seen in the summer) will be repaired with cash gift from family. A new fire escape and sleep deck plan is being considered. The possible plans were discussed. An idea was presented to build an annex to Tyee; this annex would contain additional bedrooms for families or for our elderly members Tyee will need a lodge chair starting this coming summer. Many, many thanks to Steven Brown for your years as Tyee Lodge Chair**.** Approval of a key for Bill Yandon. (MSC) George/ Audrey. Pictures of lodges and their repairs will be shown at the Annual Meeting.

History—Sylvia Milne continues to work on finding TCO documents. Interesting and original plans for our lodges were distributed for the Boards perusal.

Investments—Committee will have a report for Richard to read at the Annual Meeting.

Legal Counsel Report—Art Stangell excused

Unfinished Business—AEDs for the Lodges were purchased, which include a video to help with training. Linda Conrad is willing to help in training also.

New Business—An update of our web site is being planned to include the ability to email members for hikes and activities on short notice and also pay on-line for major trips and banquet.

Adjourn—9:00 PM. (MSC) Bill/ Lisa. Next Board Meeting for current and new members December 11 at Audrey's.

Respectfully submitted—Nancy Overpeck, Secretary



Lower Salmon River Hike Oct 20, by Joan Miller

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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2nd Readings

Linda M Hardie
Sue Armstrong
Larry E Barnes

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Oct-April
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December 2012

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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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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