

Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events		
Date	**Day**	**Event Description**
02-03	Sat-Sun	Backpack Seminar at Nesika
05	Tue	**Board Meeting—7 PM, Mazama MC**
06	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
11	Mon	TCO Annual Meeting
13	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
15	Fri	**Blazer Deadline**
18	Mon	Alpine Outing Meeting
20	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
21	Thu	Adventures in TIME Travel
27	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

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON
ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11
7:30 PM
Rose Villa Fellowship Hall
13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie, OR

Delicious desserts, compliments of the Social Committee served from 7:00-7:30 PM. Learn what out club has accomplished this year and vote on new Board Members

NEW MEMBERS' SOCIAL!

If you are a new member since the last Annual meeting watch your mailbox for your invitation to the New Mebers's Social at 6:00 PM on Nov. 11 before this year's Annual Meeting. You can meet other new members and Board members, talk to some of our committee chairs, have questions answered, and get a parking spot before they're all taken! Sandwiches, salads, and beverages will be provided, followed by dessert at 7:00 and the Annual Meeting at 7:30. We look forward to seeing you at the New Members' Social.

TCO BOARD NOMINEES FOR 2014

The Nominating Committee endorses the following TCO members, who have agreed to serve on the Board of Trustees if approved by the members at the annual meeting:

Officers:	President	George Milne
	Secretary	Merrill Hugo
Trustees:	Tyee Lodge	Callista Snively
	Nesika Lodge	Glen Conrad
	Membership	Joan Miller
	Social	Barbara Jones
	Trips	Jeff Lawton

Notice to all TCO members
Proposed Changes to Bylaws

The following proposed changes to the club bylaws are to be voted on by the membership at the annual club meeting on November 11, 2013 at Rose Villa. They have been unanimously approved by your current Board of Trustees. Please attend and make your voice heard. If you wish to see the actual text proposed, send your request by email to president@trailsclub.org.

1. ***Allow The Board of Trustees to vote by proxy.*** When a Trustee has a planned absence from a Board meeting, they may appoint a proxy to vote for them with 48 hours advance notice to the President.

2. ***Allow voting via e-mail for the Board of Trustees outside of the normal Board meeting times***. This allows decisions to be made when time is of the essence and waiting for the next meeting is not practical. Proxy voting will not be allowed via text messaging..

3. ***Raise the TCO trust fund base investment level to $400,000 with a growth factor of 3.5% per annum.*** It is currently at $365,000.

4. ***Promote both the Nesika and Tyee lodge chairpersons to Trustee status and eliminate the single***

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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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Lodges Trustee position. Both Lodges are a very important part of our club and it is felt that they both deserve to be represented on the board by their own Trustee.

5. ***Add the Secretary as a check signer in addition to President, Vice President and Treasurer.*** This will facilitate obtaining the required two signatures on all club checks.

6. ***Revise the body of the Bylaws to correct minor grammatical or spelling errors and punctuation.***

7. ***Add a non-discrimination statement at the beginning of the Bylaws:.***
The Trails Club of Oregon shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, sexual orientation or marital status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include leading or participating in club events and lodge activities and holding any office on the Board of Officers and Trustees. The use of "he" in these bylaws refers to persons of either gender.

Events

Nov 2-3 (Sat-Sun) Backpack Seminar at Nesika

Please join us again this year for our annual Backpack seminar. We will have 3 speakers discussing ways to reduce pack weight, where to hike, when to hike and to answer questions. We will discuss blister prevention. Slide shows will be presented by the speakers. We will have new books to check out for learning about backpacking. We will raffle new equipment. We can discuss where everyone would like to go and get more interest in members leading all classes of backpacks in our great North West. Registration fee is $50. This will cover lodging, food and our speakers (to cover and their travel). There is a $20 registration fee for those just comming for the day. We will have the lodge open on Friday if you are interested in coming up early, bring your own food. We will have a hike leader at Multnomah Falls at 8:00 AM Saturday AM to lead the hike into the lodge, or the gate will be open at 8:00 AM on Larch Mtn Road. Seminar starts at 10:00 promptly. Register with Linda Conrad by mailing check for the registration fee ($50/$20) to; 0.91 Taylor Road, Washougal WA, 98671 by October 30th. Maximum 50 people. We usually fill up early. If you have questions call Linda at: 360-837-3787 or email lcgrconrad@aol.com

Nov 06 (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: Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878
overpeck@wa-net.com

Nov 11 (Mon) TCO Annual Meeting

See announcement on page one

Nov 13 (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
Cell 503-522-9997 ken@woodbloom.com,,

Nov 18 (Mon) Alpine Outing Meeting

In order for the Alpine Outing to happen in 2014 and beyond, we need Alpine enthusiasts to step up to the plate and get actively involved. Come join us to discuss what we can do to keep our Trails Club Alpine Outing alive and well. Everyone is welcome! Date: Monday, Nov 18. Time: 7 pm to 9 pm. Location: Susan Green & Greg Baker's house. RSVP: Callista Snively: kissta9@gmail.com. Cell: 503-330-7344

Nov 20 (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 Cell 503-522-9911 audrey53@comcast.net,

Nov 21 (Thu) Adventures in TIME Travel

This month's slideshow will have a twist: no mountains, no trails and we'll never leave Portland We'll focus on the history of South Portland (roughly the area under the OHSU tram), which was the city's Little Italy and Jewish Quarter a century ago. Retired sociology professor Arnold Panitch and TCO member Ken Kane will take you on a multi-decade tour of Portland's first immigrant community—a neighborhood largely wiped out in the 1960s by urban renewal. From horse-cart peddlers and Carnegie Libraries, to kosher Italian delis and streetcar lines 125 years apart, South Portland has seen it all. Now you can, too. 7:00 pm Refreshments. 7:30pm Slideshow. Rose Villa Fellowship Hall, 13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie.More information: Lisa Osborn -- socialchair@trailsclub.org or 503-476-5638



Nov 27 (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, 898rick@gmail.net

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. TriMet buses 15, 17 and 77 service is nearby.
Target is a common westside 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 TriMet bus 47, 52 and 89 service is nearby.

Trails Trodden

Mt Rainier Outing - August 2013

Have you ever been to Paradise? I have with Trails Club of Oregon! Being a new member and new to the Pacific Northwest, I was amazed by the beauty and grandeur of Mt. Rainier. We experienced wild flower meadows, views of glaciers, waterfalls, mountain run-off streams. The splendor of the Skyline Trail enticed us to hike further than we expected - to reach Panorama Point. Amazed with spectacular views! Maybe next time we will hike to Camp Muir! I am already longing for my return.

Out of Sunrise. We hiked past enormous scree slopes to Freemont Lookout with spectacular 360 degree views. Watched two herds of mountain goats, marmots and ptarmigan. Another day we hiked to Second Burroughs Mountain and ate lunch staring into the crevasses of Winthrop Glacier.

At Sunrise we saw "The Google Man" imaging the trails for the National Parks. The Google Man carries an apparatus weighing approx. 42 lbs. that takes 360 degree pictures as he walks down the trail. Want to take a virtual hike of Rainier? Well maybe not...but watch the Street View Trekker for your fellow Trails Club hikers.

Another highlight, the Camp Park Host, Richard Gartrell, administered the Junior Ranger oath to all of us! We completed a 16 page activity book, learning much about Mt Rainier, environment and first people inhabiting the

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area. Richard administered the oath, each was given a Junior Ranger badge and park patch. We broke his current record of the oldest being 67. The honor goes to Jessie Tucker at 85. Congratulations!
Contributing writers: Sharon and Maggie Rickman, Diana Forester Debbie Chung, and Graeme Jack



The Google Man at Mt. Rainier
by Pat Sims

Let's Talk About

Recreation User Groups Meeting #1
Tuesday, October 15th, 2013, 4–7 pm
Cascade Locks Community Center

Purpose
Columbia Gorge recreation user groups came together to discuss the future of recreation in the Columbia Gorge and determine if there is value in creating a coalition of user groups to expand our effectiveness. This was the first of three scheduled meetings.

Meeting Summary
Twenty-four attendees representing 20 user interests discussed their concerns as recreation pressures expand and government agencies face shrinking budgets. The group discussed upcoming reviews of recreation management's plans for Oregon State Parks (2013 - 2014) and the Columbia River Gorge Commission and U.S. Forest Service (possibly late 2014 or 2015), and the opportunities and challenges that these reviews might bring. The group also discussed the political dynamics on a federal level in the Northwest and the opportunities that the ascensions of various elected officials can bring to the Gorge.

The various attendees discussed the opportunities and challenges each of their groups faces.
The **following challenges** were commonly mentioned among the attendees:
- Frustration working with one or more agencies = slow process
- Lack of knowledge amongst recreationalists knowing where to go to offset the over-used areas (over-crowding at prominent/popular sites)
- Lack of funding resources and volunteers to keep areas maintained (we're in survival mode)
- Concern about coal trains as a major threat to the Gorge experience
- Invasive species spreading and not being eradicated quickly enough
- Unmanaged lands are causing conservation damage and a larger plan could help fix this

Discussions amongst the 24 attendees took place about why we would create a unified, user-group recreation vision for the Gorge, and stated that a coalition is feasible if there is a collective interest. The consensus of the attendees was that they would like to see a coalition discussion move forward with a second meeting. That meeting would focus on goals, time frame, and common opportunities that would form its foundation; a straightforward vision with specific on-the-ground projects. Attendees also expressed an interest in the coalition considering itself a community dedicated to the entire scenic area – not divided by boundaries.

Four main areas where this group could collaborate (**common opportunities**) are:
- **Education** to recreationalists on where to alleviate over-crowding sites, outdoor preparedness, and promotion of partner organizations.
- **Stewardship**: working together with agencies to recruit volunteers, communicate on projects
- **Political power** in uniting recreation groups through one voice, lobbying for recreation projects
- **Increase funding** opportunities from public and private sources

Next steps
- Determine the vision of this coalition and then focus on the structure. Partner expectations? What do we call our selves? Who will shepherd this effort? Develop a clear set of priorities
- Make sure the coalition has clear separation between Friends of the Columbia Gorge
- Better understanding of political "power map," Land

Water Conservation Funds and various agency management plans as they relate to recreation
o Review potential timelines/deadlines as it relates to above bullet point

Critical Questions
- What goals might this coalition adopt and what would individual organizations not be willing to sacrifice?
- How do we ensure the linkage of recreation and conservation?
- What does success look like for this group?

The next two meetings are scheduled for 4-7 pm at the Cascade Locks Community Center:
- **Tuesday, November 12**
- **Tuesday, December 10**

Maegan Jossy
Outdoor Programs Coordinator
Friends of the Columbia Gorge

Trails Ahead

Cascade Prime Timers and Trails Club at Tyee Lodge. Jan 8-10 (Wed-Fri), 2014

Two nights and three days at Tyee Lodge located at Government Camp on West Leg Road 0.5 mile above Mazama Lodge. Overnight Wed & Thu Jan 8 and 9. Meals: Wed: Dinner, Thu Breakfast and Dinner, Fri: Breakfast. Bring your own lunches. Bring sleeping bag, toiletries, towel and washcloth. Cost: $40 for TCO members, $50 for non-members. MEET 10 AM at Restroom on east side of Government Camp **or** 10:15 AM on Timberline Road. Hosts: Pete & Elaine Nelson and Nancy Overpeck. **Reservations/more information: email or call PETE BY Sunday, January 5. petermvnelson@yahoo.com (H) 503-591-0160**.

Summary of Board Minutes

Trails Club of Oregon
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2013

Richard Gaunt called the meeting to order at 7 PM. All board members and the administrative assistant were present with the exception of Phil Jackson. Also present Randy Dietrich. and Art Stangal. Lisa moved and Bill seconded approval of the September minutes.

Administrative Assistant—Virginia reported that she was continuing with her routine duties and that she had been working with Jeff on leaders packets.

Treasurer's Report

Cash balance	09-30-2013	$2,263.45
Beginning balance	09-01-2013	$8,505.76
Deposits		780.50
Checks and withdrawals		-7,022.81
Ending balance	09/30/2013	$2,263.45

Cindy has requested the transfer of $10,000 from the Fidelity account to the general account to cover upcoming year-end expenses.

Vice President's Report—Bill said there were no noteworthy changes in the calendar.

Membership Report—Callista had no first readings. Robert E. Criteser, Ray G. Amsinger, Susan C. Brown, and Linda D. Atwater were elected to membership.

Trips Report—Jeff said we now have about 450 people signed up on Meetup and there would be a hike Saturday with 11 participants from Meetup.

He then went over some salient results from the survey he conducted. There was a 50/50 split of opinion on trip fees.

An overwhelming group would like to lead trips if the lead time from announcing the trip to the trip time could be shortened. There was general agreement on the board that a system of general announcements in the Blazer with detailed announcements on Meetup would give us this reduction in lead time.

Insurance—Art Stangal reminded us that we don't insure our leaders against liability. It is believed that some other groups do arrange such insurance. Art will contact representatives of from other groups to determine what they are doing. George suggested that we should raise the amount of insurance on the Nesika lodge building now it has been completed and has increased in value. Art will speak with our carrier about this.

Lodges—Glen told us that the trim in the women's dorm was painted, one of the snags along the tractor trail was felled by a contractor and was ready to be bucked up into firewood, and the roof over the porch behind the Gorge. Richard and Randy then detailed a number of improvements which have been finished at Tyee. The exterior painting of Redwing is finished.

The oil tank is full and Tyee is ready for winter.
Callista moved and Bill seconded issuing a Tyee key to Diane Brooke.

The Search and Rescue event hosted by Jeff and Cindy was a great success. We think this has further opened a cordial cooperative relation between this group and the club.
George moved and Bill seconded advancing $500 for food at the backpacking seminar.

Social—There was no Adventures & Travel presentation in October as a result of a communication mix up. Ken Kane will talk about Portland City walks in November. Lisa will be soliciting for more programs in the Blazer,
Lisa is making arrangements for the annual meeting on Monday 11/11/2013 at Rose Villa. She is also doing pre-

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liminary work for the annual banquet.

The October Hike & Dine will be at Tyee October 19 & 20.
History—There will be a workshop with the archivist on October 20.

New Business—We reviewed the agenda for the annual meeting. The next board meeting will be on November 5 before the annual meeting.

Mary Bauman and Loise Beauchamp are transcribing historical minutes into digital form.

The oral history interview with Lee Squire was a great success.
Nancy Overpeck is the remaining member of the memorial committee. She has been asked to recruit new members for the committee

Lisa moved and Bill seconded adjournment at a little after 9:00 PM.

The next board meeting is on Nov. 05

Respectfully submitted,

Merrill Hugo, Secretary



Mt. Rainier Junior Rangers by Debbie Chung



Mt. Rainier Paradise by Sharon Rickman





Oct. 2013 Nesika Work Weekend by Janet Mallon
Above and Right



Membership Notes

If you have any feedback, positive or negative, about the following individuals who have received their first readings, 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.

Second Readings

Robert E Criteser
Ray G. Amsinger
Susan C. Brown
Linda D. Atwater

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 prior to 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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