



Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events		
Date	Day	Event Description
1	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
1	Wed	N Y's Day Hike to Nesika—Class B
2	Thu	Membership Snowshoe from Tyee—Class A
2-5	Thu-Sun	Tyee Open
8	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
8-10	Wed-Fri	Cascade Prime Timers and Trails Club at Tyee Lodge.
9	Thu	Snowshoe—Class A
14	Tue	Board Meeting—7 PM, Mazama MC
15	Wed	Blazer Deadline
15	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
16	Thu	Adventures & Travels—New Zealand
22	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
29	Wed	Morning Hike—Class A/B
Feb 5-7	Wed-Fri	Cascade Prime Timers and Trails Club at Tyee Lodge.
6	Thu	Snowshoe—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

First Annual Trails Club of Oregon Used Gear Sale
January 18, 2014
10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Tabor Space Dining Room
5441 SE Belmont St., Portland

Do you have gear you no longer need or you received a "white elephant" or two as a gift during the holidays? This will be the place to sell or barter away your gear.

Gear includes:

All kinds of outdoor clothing and accessories, shoes, boots, climbing gear, backpacking and camping gear, books, skis, bikes, kayaks, and canoes. Space is limited, so please do not set up tents for display. If you have a bike or boat to sell, bring a picture of it, and its specs. This event is open to the public and other hiking groups.

IMPORTANT INFO:

Setup time is 10 AM the day of the sale. There is a \$5 seller's fee, which goes towards the room rental. If you're interested in selling your gear, please contact Carlene St. Thomas at: satinthomas@gmail.com to be placed on the seller list.

Tabor Space dining room is located in the basement of the church and is accessible from the sidewalk on the west side of the church. Please use the parking lot just west of Tabor Space across the street. Be courteous when parking on the streets and do not block residents' driveways. The Tabor Space cafe sells coffee, pastries, and other light fare and will be open during the sale.

Thanks! Jeff Lawton

Events

Jan 1 (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: Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Savier St and NW Thurman St at 9:30 AM.

Leader: Wayne Schweinfest Wschweinfest@msn.com, 503-253-3073

Jan 1 (Wed) New Year's Day Hike to Nesika—Class B

Begin the new year in a fun and healthy way. Join friends, old and new on this traditional trek to our gorge home high above Multnomah Falls. Prepare for any weather. The trail may be naughty or nice, so bring trekking poles and Yak-Traks (or similar traction devices) for your boots. Bring a lunch to enjoy while we warm ourselves in front of the huge, stone, fireplace. Hike: 8 miles w/1,800' elevation gain Drive 30 RT miles.

Depart: 8:30 from Lewis & Clark State Park (I-84, exit 18)

Leader: Kelly Marlin, mazamamama@frontier.com or 503-665-6778

Jan 2 (Thu) Membership Snowshoe from Tyee—Class A

Snowshoe the Government Camp area from Tyee Lodge.

Location depends on weather and snow conditions.

Return to Tyee for hot drinks around the fire.

Meet: 10 AM Tyee Lodge Leader: Callista Snively kissta77@gmail.com or cell: 503-330-7344

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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,

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Changes and other club correspondence should be mailed to:

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Jan 2-5 (Thu-Sun) Tyee Open

Tyee lodge will be open for a family-friendly extended weekend. Opening on Thursday Jan. 2 and closing on Sunday Jan. 5. Please RSVP to Mya White at Integritydoc@aol.com or 503-330-7009

Jan 8 (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: Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Savier St and NW Thurman. St at 9:30 AM. Leader: Jane Storey andrewstorey@comcast.net or 503-724-5467

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

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 & 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.

Jan 9 (Thu) Snowshoe—Class A

Snowshoe the Government Camp area. Depending on weather and snow conditions, Camp Creek, Trillium Lake, or Crosstown trail are all possibilities. Return to Tyee for hot drinks around the fire. Meet: at Tyee, Depart 10 am Leaders: Pete & Elaine Nelson, 503-591-0160 or petermvnelson@gmail.com

Jan 15 (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: Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Savier St and NW Thurman St at 9:30 AM. Leader: Chuck Barrows barrows4967@msn.com ,or 503-244-4967

Jan 16 (Thu) Adventures & Travels—New Zealand

January's A & T will cover the trip to New Zealand by Richard Gaunt and Terry Dewhurst early in 2013. It will include aspects other NZ presentations often leave out, with an occasional attempt at humor. Topics such as driving on the left, language differences, and humorous signs, as well as the usual spectacular scenery, will be covered. If you haven't been to NZ, you will see why it's a worthwhile destination. Bringing a snack to share (potluck) or a small donation for food, would be greatly appreciated! 7 pm Refreshments, 7:30 pm Slideshow, Rose Villa Fellowship Hall, 13505 SE River Rd, Milwaukie, Lisa Osburn: riversdream@msn.com or 503-476-5638

Jan 22 (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: Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Savier St and NW Thurman St at 9:30 AM. Leader: Nancy Overpeck overpeck@wa-net.com or 360-573-6878

Jan 29 (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: Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Savier St and NW Thurman St at 9:30 AM. Leader: Gerda Eck gerdaeck@comcast.net 503-654-1353 or 503-288-3859

Feb 5-7 (Wed-Fri), Cascade Prime Timers and Trails Club at Tyee Lodge.

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, Feb 5 & 6. 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 10:10 AM on Timberline Road. Hosts: Pete & Elaine Nelson and Nancy Overpeck. Reservations/more information: email or call Pete by Sunday, Feb 2. petermvnelson@yahoo.com (H) 503-591-0160.

Feb 6 (Thu) Snowshoe—Class A

Snowshoe the Government Camp area. Depending on weather and snow conditions, Camp Creek, Trillium Lake, or Crosstown trail are all possibilities. Return to Tyee for hot drinks around the fire. Meet: at Tyee, Depart 10 am Leaders: Pete & Elaine Nelson, 503-591-0160 or petermvnelson@gmail.com

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.

Wed Morning Hikes meet at Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Savier St and NW Thurman St

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. TriMet bus 47, 2 and 89 service is nearby.

Trails Ahead

Tyee Schedule —2014

Date	Event Description	Contact
Jun 21-22 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Callista Snively
Jul 12-13 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Callista Snively
Aug 09-10 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Callista Snively
Sep 13-14 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Callista Snively
Oct 11-12 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Callista Snively

Nesika Schedule —2014

Date	Event Description	Contact
Apr 19-20 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad
May 17-18 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad
Jun 14-15 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad
Jul 12-13 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad
Aug 09-10 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad
Sep 13-14 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad
Oct 11-12 (Sat-Sun)	Work Weekend	Glen Conrad

Fathers' Day Weekend KOA Astoria Family Camp Outing June 13-16 (Fri-Mon)

Join Trails Club members and their guests at the annual TCO's Astoria KOA Family Camp Outing for Fathers' Day weekend. Fun for all ages. There are a variety of choices for lodging. Two-room cabins (sleep 6), One-room cabins (sleep 5), RV spots (with water/electricity) for RV's or for tent camping. Prices depend on lodging choices and number of people. When Lewis and Clark arrived in Astoria in 1805, they liked it so much they built Fort Clatsop and settled in for a while. It's likely that this scenic, historic town, the oldest American settlement west of the Rockies, will have the same effect on you. Nearby are the charms of the Columbia River and Pacific Ocean: fishing, beachcombing, whale watching, sandcastle building, and clam digging. KOA offers an ocean of activities and special events as well as an indoor pool, hot tub, sauna, Jumping Pillow, theater, mini golf, giant chess set, bike rentals, Wheelhouse cafe, and *All You Can Eat* pancakes daily. Also, for Fathers' Day weekend the KOA will provide several special crafts and activities for all ages. Reserve your cabin/camp location by February 1st. Limited number of sites and the KOA fills up quickly for this Fathers' Day special family weekend. For more information, prices and registration contact Co-Leaders Callista Snively or Mya White. Email address is tcofamilycamp@gmail.com or 503-330-7344

Strawberry Mountain Outing Lake Creek Camp near John Day Aug 29-Sept 4 (Fri-Thu) Details on website

West Oval Lake Backpack or Horseback July 18-21 (Fri-Mon)

Join us on a scouting backpack trip. Location is same as this year's Alpine Wilderness Outing; West Oval Lake in the Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness. It is a 7 hours drive with a total of 375 miles. The hike is 14.5 miles round trip. We have an outfitter with horses reserved for the people who would like to ride in and walk out or ride out on Monday. The plan is to spend Friday night in the western town of Winthrop at Hotel Rio Vista. On Saturday morning, meet the outfitter at the Eagle Creek Trail Head. Hike or ride to the lake and camp two nights. Everyone responsible for own gear, cooking and carpooling. Limited to 12. Form available on website.

Leader: Callista Snively alpinewilderness1@gmail.com or 503-330-7344

2014 ALPINE OUTING IN WASHINGTON'S LAKE CHELAN-SAWTOOTH WILDERNESS Aug 2-9 (Sat-Sat) and Aug 9-16,(Sat-Sat)

The 2014 Alpine Outing will be at West Oval Lake of Washington's Sawtooth Mountains. For those who participated in the 2008 Alpine Outing, West Oval Lake is just North-West of Boiling Lake. This time we will meet at the Eagle Creek Trail Head. We will hike Eagle Creek 410 then West Oval Creek 410A. The hike in will be about 7.2 miles and ascend from 3000 feet to about 6860 feet. The Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness provides many delights: dramatic mountains, several picturesque lakes, and great hiking opportunities. A number of peaks are between 8000' to 9000' in elevation. This is higher country. Be prepared for the altitude. As a team, we will have to carry all camping gear the last 1/8th of a mile to the base camp near the lake on Week One and Week Two will take the gear back to the hitching post. Horses are not allowed to be any closer to West Oval Lake. A professional outfitter will transport up to 35 lbs. of personal gear for each participant, as well as the group food and camp equipment. Only ONE PERSONAL GEAR BAG will be allowed. Arrange to bring your own chair. If desired, sign up for TCO camp chairs (5.5 lbs). Camp chairs may be arranged to be used for both weeks. You will only need to carry a day pack on the hike into and out from camp. All back country meals are provided; camp chores and cooking duties are shared by the participants. Menus will be simple but tasty and will include fresh vegetables.

Week 1 will be from August 2-9 led by Diana Forester; Week 2 will be from August 9-16. Leader is Paul Snively and Hike Leader is Gary Holman. Each week will be limited to 12 people. Mollie Peters will maintain registration records. We are looking for someone to be Food Goddess for Week 1. JoAnn Evans will be Week 2 Food Goddess. Participants are responsible for providing or arranging their own transportation to and from the outing. Driving distance from Portland to Twisp, WA is about 377 miles one-way, about a seven-hour drive. We will have a pre-meeting, probably in July, for participants to meet, arrange car pools, and exchange information.

TCO member applications will be accepted beginning February 1 and cannot be postmarked prior to that date. Applications will be accepted in the order of postmarked date and time. Applications from nonmembers and members of FWOC organizations postmarked after March 1 will be accepted if space is available.

Cost will be \$425 for Trails Club members and members of FWOC organizations; cost for non-members will be \$500. If you have any questions contact Outing Co-Leader Jim Flick, alpinewilderness1@gmail.com or 360-687-4776. To apply for a place on the outing:

1. Complete the 2014 Alpine Outing Application and Medical Forms, which are available on the TCO website. If you prefer to have the forms mailed to you, please contact Outing Co-Leader Callista Snively at alpinewilderness1@gmail.com.

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

**Trails Club of Oregon
Alpine Wilderness Outing
P.O. Box 1243
Portland, OR 97207**

You will be notified by email or mail when you have been accepted for the outing. Your \$100 deposit will then be credited to your balance. Your final payment will be due June 1, 2014. Your final payment will be the total cost from above minus the \$100 deposit. If not received by June 1, your place on the outing will be assigned to the first person on the Alternates List. Alternates need to be aware that their \$100 deposit checks will be held until they are accepted or they 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 payment is not guaranteed. No refund will be given on final payment if you cancel in the 30 days before the outing starts.

Let's Talk About It

Virginia Larson

It is with a sad heart that I announce that Virginia Larson is leaving the Trails Club and the Northwest. Her husband has already started a new job in Indiana and Virginia will be joining him early in the new year. Virginia has been a faithful and very knowledgeable administrative assistant to the Board of Trustees for some years in addition to doing considerable volunteer work. She has been a host and cook at our lodges, worked extensively on club archives and much, much more. She will be missed. I'm sure that I speak for the Board and her friends in the Trails Club in wishing her all the best in her new endeavors.

Happy Trails, Virginia!
Richard Gaunt

Meetups

To get to our Meetups Site, Go to trailsclub.org. On the home page click on "Visit Our Meetups Site"

2014 Dues Reminder

2014 dues are payable by Jan 1, 2014. Please include the Dues Notice Form that was in the December Blazer or is 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 Joan Miller, 503-524-0562 or MembershipChair@trailsclub.org

President's Message

We are embarking on the 99th year of the Trails Club of Oregon. The official formation date for the club was October 15, 1915. We will be working towards planning a celebration next year of which we will be very proud.

My introduction to the Trails Club, was a midnight hike to Nesika on July 4th, 1980. It was cold, dark and wet on the hike up and I could not understand why people would want to do this. I was not an experienced backpacker and I swore I would not make this trip again. I complained all the way up the trail.

Even with no stoves available at the time, it felt so good to get into a warm sleeping bag and I went right to sleep. When I woke up the next morning the sun was out and I discovered a very special and beautiful place. Now I understood why people would hike up the hill from Multnomah Falls. The hike down was one of the most rewarding and beautiful events in my life to that time. A few months later I had a similar experience at Tyee, another beautiful place especially in the snow, and another wonderful lodge.

We spent the morning at Nesika enjoying the sunshine and I was told the history of the Trails Club and of Nesika Lodge. I was also told that there was a group of members that suggested Nesika be abandoned in lieu of a place at the coast. As not yet a member, my companions were shocked when I said "we cannot let that happen". I completed my two required hikes and an overnight lodge visit and applied for membership.

When I was a new member I asked if I could attend a Nesika Futures Committee meeting that was working on determining the future fate of the lodge. I was accepted by an active committee of over twelve individuals and we reported to the Board that Nesika must not be abandoned and requested the Committee become the Nesika Planning Committee, which was approved. Our purpose was to determine if we could rebuild the existing building or need to build a complete new building. The analysis was that a new building would be more cost effective over a twenty-five year period and would also last much longer.

The Planning Committee became the Building Committee following an overwhelming majority vote at the Annual Meeting of 1987. You undoubtedly know the result of the

dedication of Trails Club members in accomplishing such an enormous goal.

I tell you this because the Board of Trustees has decided that there will be a Trails Club Futures Gathering, a strategic planning meeting, to look at what changes we need to make to insure continued success in our future. Time always changes the environment in which we operate. I am asking members to take an active part in these discussions so each and every person can share their interests and ideas. When we work as a collective group on any project we have success, like building our lodges, and we can build the much needed community a volunteer organization needs to succeed. You have a dedicated Board of Trustees that volunteer their time and energy to work towards these goals and your participation will be appreciated. The date, time, process and specific information for this meeting will be announced as soon as the schedule and details can be determined. Please consider participating in our future.

George Milne

Summary of Board Minutes

Trails Club Of Oregon Board Of Trustees Meeting December 8, 2013

Call to Order—Richard Gaunt called the meeting to order at his home at about 8 PM following a bountiful potluck enjoyed by the current board members and most of the incoming board members. Art Stangell also attended. George Milne moved acceptance of the minutes as presented. Callista Sniveley seconded, and motion passed.

Administrative Assistant—Virginia told us she would soon be moving to Indiana and would resign her position.

Treasurer's Report—Cindy

Cash Balance at 11-30-13	\$5803.16
Beginning balance 11-01-13	\$6,556.86
Deposits	1,247.95
JP Morgan chase deposit	10,000.00
Checks/withdrawals	<u>12,001.65</u>
Ending Balance	\$5803.16

Taxes and insurance were the major expenditures for the month.

Vice President's Report—Bill said Tyee was scheduled to be open over the New Year's holiday.

Trips Report—Jeff explained the Carolyn Jenkins trip had not been incorporated into the Meetups list since she should have contacted him before using Meetups.

He moved and Callista seconded we appoint Jim Flick to lead the Alpine Outing; motion carried. He moved and Callista seconded that we approve an outing to Strawberry Mountain Lodge to be led by Greg Baker; motion carried. He proposed dropping the \$2/day activity fee for the outings. George moved and Bill seconded a motion to do this; motion carried.

He said that he and Randy Dietrich would like to rebuild

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our website using Wordpress. They will build a site parallel to ours which at some point we can exchange for the current one.

Jeff feels that we should increase the incentives for outing leaders. Callista moved and Jeff seconded that the food assistants (goddesses) on the outings be required to pay only 1/2 fee for each trip. The motion carried.

Publications—Phil said he had a terrible time doing the December Blazer and felt bad that it was so late.

Social—Lisa reviewed recent social activities and announced that she would be taking care of Adventures and Travels.

Lodges—Steve Brown contacted George with praise for this summer's work at Tyee. Tyee parking; there will probably be changes for parking at Tyee before next fall. The Mazamas have downsized the planned parking area so we will have less room and lower up front costs. We will be responsible for 10 spaces at an estimated cost of \$30,000. We will also need to pick up continuing operating costs. Conservation; George attended a meeting of the Columbia Scenic Highway Advisory Board where there was some surprise that our club was not strongly represented since our members were involved in the creation of the Scenic Highway. The Columbia Gorge Scenic Area Coalition will be meeting Dec. 10. George will attend.

New Business—Merrill moved and Bill seconded a motion to give the Search and Rescue group the combination for the lock box at Nesika. Motion Carried. There was a brief discussion of the need for some strategic planning.

George and Phil moved adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at about 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted Merrill Hugo, Secretary

History

2013 Trails Club of Oregon History Committee Annual Report

Thanks to the foresight of this year's Club Officers and Trustees, systems are being developed by the history committee to assure local access to the club's history as we prepare for our upcoming centennial on October 15, 2015. Our double office suite on the Trolley Trail is equipped with areas to process collections, copy, enter data, scan and comfortably accommodate 6 volunteers. We have 9 feet of wall shelving, an 8 foot conference table, 12 folding chairs, 4 filing cabinets, two computers, and other necessary equipment. The building has a common kitchen area with fridge, microwave, sink and table to serve up to 8 people.

After many planning meetings, in early May the historian and committee members began to meet with archivist Brian Johnson and his protégé Max Johnson (not related) to develop a plan. Brian assessed our collection in 2008 and both consultants work in the field, Brian for the City of Portland and Max for Multnomah County.

and both consultants work in the field, Brian for the City of Portland and Max for Multnomah County.

Our collection consists of images, documents and artifacts and our long term goal is to scan as much as possible to a hard drive for viewing. Our archival processing goals include an inventory of board meeting minutes an accessions log to identify each member collection with a control number and box lists for each collection. Our project is a draw for those with a passion to learn how club history will help serve the future and offers a variety of projects.

The end of January, five years after Brian Johnson accessed the TCO history collection in Portland, Virginia Larson transitioned the collection from her home in Washington to the new history repository in Oak Grove located by George Milne. Close to his home, he donated countless evenings to scanning hundreds of outing slides, while virtually vacationing in many alpine wilderness areas. He also helped with office set up, served as a liaison to the TCO budget committee and in his spare time he trained Joan Miller to scan newsletters. Now, Joan and Nadine are the scanning queens, just waiting to mentor another two-some (easier to work in pairs). Christine Olsen donated a collection of loose photos from her back pack days on the Pacific Crest Trail and served with Susan Keller and Tom Shanley on an initial planning committee. Fendall and Tom shopped, donated and set up equipment, while lending their collective electronic and political leadership advice. Jane Olsen called potential members to learn of their interest in the history committee and edited several critical documents. She is currently typing an inventory of Crown Point Country Historical Society newsletters she plans to donate. Fern showed up early last fall and cheered us on. We are proud to say parts of her Nesika stories will be showcased in Clarence Mershon's last book which will include the Multnomah Basin.

Early in February, Art met with George and Sylvia to review over thirty years of files supporting his volunteer service as legal counsel. Afterwards he released most of the files to the new repository. Barbara Jones and Jessie Tucker added to Ken Becker's banquet inventory spreadsheet and Jessie helped organize member correspondence. Ann Dudley joined us early in the year and retrieved the bicycle history. Susan, Jane and Sylvia researched information at the Oregon Historical Society on the Progressive Business Men's club which founded our club, only to learn 4 hours disappears too quickly; to be continued. This fall, Mary and Wayne Bauman returned years of TCO Board Minutes from their garage, which unknowingly contained our corporate seal. Mary learned how to inventory the minutes and agreed to develop a template which she would use to inventory several more years of minutes she located further into her home cleanup project. Louise Beauchamp visited the history office to learn about potential opportunities and agreed to research past family involvement to retrieve any significant publications history. In addition, she offered to type handwritten main points of Board minutes starting in 1923, the year our club purchased property and incorporated.

This last weekend, Julie Davies and Carolyn Jenkins joined us and helped us set up loose photos from the Tarter collection to be scanned. The same afternoon, Randy Dietrich, who dropped

members. The amazing discovery for Vicki, one of her relatives was a founding charter member. The historian has submitted articles to the Blazer, interviewed members for future stories and managed the new office and volunteer support. As a result of her enthusiasm for member history and wide-spread connectedness, she was involved in a 2.5 hour interview with Lee Squier videotaped in the history office by Brian Wagstaff, Lee's nephew. We are close to showcasing a portion of it on our website. One of the committee's best investments, a journal to log hours, which reveals the history office has facilitated more than 1,000 volunteers hours in the last nine months which equates to more than \$22,000 worth of volunteer time for a \$3,600 office investment.

Respectfully Submitted Sylvia Milne, TCO Historian



Tyee in Winter By Anonymous



Wednesday Morning Hikes By Phil Jackson



Canemah-Oregon City Hike By Ken Kane

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.

First Readings:

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& Terry Lawson

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& Linda Conrad

Second Readings:

Linda DeLucia
Mollie J Peters
Daniel A Van Rossen
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Severt Lawyer
Russ Hunt
Krin Hunt
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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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