



Trail Blazer

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Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
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TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2		

Announcements

2014 Dues Reminder

Thank you to members who have sent in their 2014 dues. If you have not mailed your 2014 dues and it is not post-marked by February 1st, please include a \$5 late fee. If you have misplaced the 2014 Dues Notice form, or if you receive the e-Blazer, the form can be downloaded from the website, trailsclub.org. Any questions, please contact Joan Miller, membershipchair@trailsclub.org or 503-524-0562

Meetups

Our club now has three ways to advertise trips. We can post trips on our web site, in the Blazer and on the Meetup site. Meetups are optional, and the event hosts post the event on Meetup themselves. If you want to post Meetups, please contact me, Jeff Lawton, at trips@trailsclub.org or trailsclubtrips@gmail.com. If you need help posting a trip, I am happy to assist.

Events

Feb 1 (Sat) Bennet Pass X-country Ski—Class B

Join me on my first trip out this winter. Bennet pass is a road with a gentle slope up. At 2.5 miles in, is an area called the Terrible Traverse, where the snow piles at a steep slope and you have to cross it to continue. I have not gotten that far yet but would like to see it. We'll see what the group wants to do. Bring ten essentials, proper clothing, (no cotton) and a lunch. Drivers, don't forget snow park permit. Five to six miles r/t and a 700 foot elevation gain. Drive 120 miles.

Meet: at the Gateway T/C for an 8:30 departure.

Leader: Brian Carlson - 503-960-9451 or owatta53@hotmail.com

Feb 1-2 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Open

Tyee open for a family snow/ski weekend. Spend the day at Tyee or crash there after a day on the slopes. Opening Sat Feb 1st at 8:30 am. Closing Sun Feb 2nd at 4 pm.

Dinner and breakfast provided, and gluten free options. Contact Sheryl Wagner for reservations and other special dietary needs: 503-319-2989 or drwagnernd@gmail.com

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

Leader: Ron Silvis, 971-998-5042 ronaldjsilvis@aol.com

Feb 5 (Wed) Night Hike—Class A

Break out your headlamps and join us for a Wednesday night hike in Forest Park. We'll climb up along the creek through Macleay Park in NW Portland, visit the old stone house, then climb to the Pittock Mansion where we'll have beautiful views of the city lit up below us. This 800 foot elevation gain hike will get your heart pumping and chase away the winter chill. Bring warm clothes, a hat, gloves, headlamp or flashlight, raingear and a little snack. Trek poles help on wet and slippery spots. Pace: 2.5 mph. Depart: 6 pm from the traffic circle just west of NW 29th and Upshur where Macleay Park begins. This is within walking distance of the 15 and 17 buses.

Leader: Jeff Lawton trailsclubtrips@gmail.com

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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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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) Government Camp 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: Tyee, Depart 10 am Leaders: Pete & Elaine Nelson, 503-591-0160 or petermvnelson@gmail.com

Feb 8-9 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Open

Tyee lodge will be opened for a family friendly weekend on Sat. February 8th and closed on Sun. February 9th at 2pm. Dinner Sat. and Breakfast Sun. will be served. Register with: Brian Powers at knappa@wbcable.net or 503-758-9753 by Wednesday the 5th at 9:00 p.m.

Feb 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: Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Savier St and NW Thurman St at 9:30 AM. Leader: Richard Gaunt, 971-404-1153 898rick@gmail.com

Feb 16 (Sun) Snow Bunny Lodge Area Snowshoe Tour --Class A/B

Suitable for beginners. No cotton clothing, please. From Snow Bunny Sno-Park, we will clomp along old logging roads and obscure trails. Lunch at a high point with limited (weather-permitting) views. Vehicles need a valid Sno-Park permit. Snowshoe: 5.2 miles w/ 700' elevation gain Drive: 90 r/t miles (Note: Suggested carpool donation will be 15 cents per mile, per passenger) Depart: 8:30 AM with snowshoes from Gresham Village Shopping Center (south side of Burnside, directly across from the big, Fred Meyer store) Leader: Kelly Marlin mazamamama@frontier.com or 503-665-6778

Feb 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: Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Savier St and NW Thurman. St at 9:30 AM. Leader: Kathy Pollock 503-753-0560 or pollockkathy@ymail.com

Feb 20 (Thu) Adventures and Travels—Columbia River Gorge

TCO member Janet Mallon will relate her adventures as a State of Oregon Asst Park Ranger last summer .with a powerpoint presentation from Angel's Rest to Rooster Rock including Vista House. Lots of fun facts and prizes. Please bring a healthy snack. Would appreciate \$1 donation from those not providing food to help replenish our fund for these events. There is a time change. Refreshments and socializing 6:15 p.m., program begins at 7:00 p.m., Rose Villa Fellowship Hall, 13505 SE River Rd, Milwaukie. Barbara Jones: SocialChair@trailsclub.org or 503-829-6424.

Feb 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: Friendly House on NW 26th Ave between NW Xavier St and NW Thurman. St at 9:30 AM. Leader: Phil Crosby, 503-636-1853, or ascot@SpiritOne.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 Xavier 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

Hells Canyon Hike—Class B Mar 20-23 (Thu-Sun)

We will leave town early Thursday AM.and drive to Hell's Canyon Reservoir. The Goal is to hike the 3 miles to the Bench Trail junction on Thursday PM. We will then hike up the Bench Trail as far as we are able per snow conditions on Friday. Saturday we will hike back to Junction with McGraw Creek Trail. Milage to be determined by snow. Sunday we will hike to McGraw cabin and down to Hells Canyon Reservoir Trail 6 miles and drive home. Limit 8. To register call Linda Conrad at 360-837-3787 or email at lcgrconrad@aol.com.

Father's 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 Father's 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 Father's 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 Father's 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

Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River Jun 27-29 (Fri-Sun)

Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River is the setting for this 9th annual outing, which is open for member reservations on Feb. 1st and nonmember reservations on March 1st. The resort, which is about midway between Sisters and Eugene, has 2 mineral springs swimming pools and acres of landscaped gardens. Check out the resort website at www.belknaphotsprings.com for photos and details on the lodging options. Recreational opportunities in the area include

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hiking, biking on the McKenzie River trail, fishing, kayaking/canoeing, whitewater rafting, natural hot springs and golfing. The outing is Fri. and Sat. nights, with the option of Sun. night on your own. Sat. and Sun. breakfasts and Sat. appetizers and campfire dinner are included. Fri. night potluck dinner is an option. Lunches are on your own. There will be an 8+ mile loop hike Sat. to view Sahalie Falls and Clear Lake.

Lodging options include: **Tent sites** \$32.70/night for 1-2 people on the lodge side of the river or \$27.25/night across the river from the lodge (\$8 each additional person); **RV sites** \$38.15/night for 1-2 people (\$8 each additional person); **Cabins** ranging from \$152.60 to \$277.95/night, divided by the number of people; and **Lodge Rooms** ranging from \$109/night to \$152.60/night, divided by the number of people. All these prices include tax.

Other fees include food costs, transportation of food and supplies, and TCO trip fee which totals \$20 per member/ \$22 per nonmember. A \$25 nonrefundable deposit plus completion of the outing application and medical forms (available on the TCO website) are required to hold your reservation. Your balance is due May 24th. Both checks should be made out to TCO and mailed to the club at PO Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207.

BEFORE you send a deposit, please contact Vicki Wood to inquire about availability 503-850-4366 or vw48@comcast.net. (Do **not** call between March 15-31, as she will be traveling. Email inquiries will be honored by date received). The maximum number of people on this outing is 50.

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.**

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

History

TRAILS CLUB HISTORY COMMITTEE January 11, 2014

Sylvia Milne, chairman, presided over the meeting on January 11, 2014 held at the TC office and archives center in Oak Grove at 1:00 P.M. Present were Jane Olsen, Joan Miller, Louise Beauchamp, Nadine Morris, Carolyn Jenkins and Susan Keller.

Sylvia presented an overview of recent Trails Club history, as related to the committee's functions. She had prepared a notebook using materials from various sources including two folders received from TC Administrative Assistant on December 21, 2013. The following are highlights which she shared:

1. Susan Saul's efforts about researching the road access into Nesika.
2. History Committee Minutes November 10, 2007 from June Smelser and probably Ken Becker's minutes.
3. Chart of Smelser's Inventory System of boxes.
4. History Collection—accession log (created in the last few months with 30 new entries).
5. Mazama Archives—TC boxes have been removed and placed in our Oak Grove Business Center location. History Committee budget item of \$365 should be reviewed by the board and assigned to another committee. Presently the TC board meets at the Mazama Mountaineering Center.
6. Oregon Historical Society—Susan Saul on May 5, 2009 was able to obtain our records given in the early 1960's because we had never signed the original donation paper of OHS. More TC information in Butterworth collection.
7. Barbara Marquam & Susan Saul met Dec. 6, 2007. Barbara shared information about setting up and archiving a collection. Barbara is a volunteer archivist at the Mazamas.
8. Ken Becker's TC Blazer Collection
9. Professional archivist hired at the recommendation of Saul. Our administration assistant worked with Brian Johnson, the archivist, prior to Jan. 2009 as noted in his final report to the board. Note: the present committee has

retained Brian for helping to set up our Oak Grove archives. There was \$1500 in funds left over from Brian's first work. He recommended Max Johnson to help us. They have offered suggestions on purchasing necessary materials, processing and use of volunteers.

Summary: Archiving is about inventorying and accessibility to collection. Members can use these materials to help the club plan for the future. Having the records in one location is essential for research and access.

Louise reported on her work of reviewing the historical minutes from the club founding. These are handwritten minutes from 1923 until 1948. There are three folders. She is making a list of interesting items in each minute so one can quickly find a topic. Jane may be helping her with this project. Example: information about the small TC membership pin. Annual reports show valuable information and should be presented each year at annual meeting. For example: Arlean Ellis' report showed that there were 24 albums and an additional 2 albums made for the 75th anniversary. This is helping in locating these items. The 24 albums were disassembled by Virginia Larson and presently are in protective sleeves in new books. These will allow for additional items to be added as they are donated.

Lou Sowa started a bike committee history which is presently with Allen Burrell. Sylvia recommended that we should explore contacts and membership with Troutdale Historical Society, Crown Point, and Government Camp Museum. What is our status with the Govt. Camp Museum? Nadine is familiar with our past connection with them. Is there display space or use of the building? The club donated \$5,000 during Leonard Murphy's conservation committee work. Nadine and Joan have been scanning the Blazers. Carolyn may join them in this effort. They will develop a written procedure to help train others. Barb Lauer has been trained to scan. All TC records have been removed from Larson's residence and are now at the Oak Grove location. Office items: Sylvia and George picked up 2 shelves at City Liquidators at sale prices (\$99). Magic Jack (donated by Fendall Winston) for the phone messages has worked out well by recording the phone messages to an email form. Board needs to budget for this service. Committee toured the other office space options in the building, including newly approved storage space. Sylvia will continue to work with volunteers and recruit more. Dues renewal forms have some ideas. Next meeting is to be in March. Adjourned about 3:30 P.M.

Submitted by Susan Keller

Summary of Board Minutes

Trails Club of Oregon Board of Trustees Meeting January 14, 2014

Call to Order—George Milne called the meeting to order at 7 PM. He told us that he had met with Virginia Larsen who had given him a document with a detailed list of what

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she had been doing for the club. This document will be appended to the minutes. He also said that he and Richard Gaunt had moved equipment and records from Virginia's house to the club facility in Oak Grove. Merrill moved and Cindy seconded to change the order of the agenda to allow the development of some rules for email voting after consideration of the December minutes. Motion carried.

George reminded the group of the motion to renew the lease on the Oak Grove office which passed with two board members abstaining and one voting no.

He reminded us of a second motion to obtain additional space for the Oak Grove office which passed with two board members abstaining and one voting no.

Minutes Approval The minutes for the December meeting were approved with the above email vote results included here. We then discussed rules for the use of email voting and agreed on the following features: It should be used rarely and only in real emergencies for matters which involve substantial expense or changes in policy. Routine matters such as permission for lodge usage which require board action can be handled by email. All replies must use the reply all option. The motion must be clearly laid out in the original communication and the members asked if they agree. The matter should be handled by email. If more than 2 members feel the matter should come to a board meeting email will not be used. The president will record votes and inform the board. The motion and the results will be made part of the minutes for the next board meeting. Rules reflecting this will be submitted to the board.

Treasurers Report—Cindy

Cash Balance At	12-31-2013	\$17,793.96
Beginning balance at	12-01-2013	\$5803.16
Deposits		4,032.60
JP Morgan Chase deposit		15,000.00
Checks/withdrawals		-7,041.80
Ending Balance at	12-31-2013	\$17,793.96

She noted that we have pulled \$68,000 from our investment account this year, \$23,000 for the Multnomah Creek Bridge repair, and \$15,000 for working capital at the end of the fiscal year.

Vice President—Bill

Bill moved, Callista seconded to allow Sheryl Wagner to host an event at Tyee Feb1 & Feb. 2 motion carried.

Bill moved, Glen seconded to issue a key to Paul Cutter motion carried. Bill said the calendar looks a little thin at the moment.

Membership—Joan

First Readings: Sandra J. Dalrymple, Mary E. Felix, Celia A. Grayson, Betty L. Powell, Mark O. Scheehear, Sebastian Powers-Leach, and Pascal Powers-Leach Sebastian and Pascal will be junior members.

Second Readings: David Schreiner and Leea Voetberg were elected as members. Jan Kessler was reinstated. George commended Callista and Joan for their hard work taking care of this year's membership at the office.

Social—Barbara then listed the presenters for forthcoming Adventures and Travels.

Nesika lodge- Glen told us of a water blockage between the junction box near the SE corner of Redwing and the overflow pipe which will have to be attended to. Meanwhile we can get water if we attach a hose to the bib in the junction box. He then told us about the lost boy who came into Nesika during the Christmas break. The major take home from the incident is when we call 911 from Nesika we get Skamania County 911. They will transfer us to Multnomah County if we ask.

Tyee-Lodge—Callista said Tyee had been open 25 days from December first and January 12 with a total of 75 participants. The triple sink faucet has been replaced. There was a build up of material in the hot water line. The maximum number of cars parked during this period was 11. Our fee income was \$1370. George announced that phones will be changed to Magic Jack. Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted

Merrill Hugo, Secretary

President's Message

On Friday January 17th Lou Sowa and I attended the meeting of the Columbia Gorge Historic Highway Advisory Committee. We were able to introduce the Trails Club of Oregon to the Committee and let them know Samuel Lancaster was one of the individuals that founded the Trails Club of Oregon and was also our first President. Lancaster was the engineer that built the Historic Highway that was completed in 1916, so we had a common connection.

It was a long agenda, but the reason was the amount of work that was being reported by each of the Committee's member organizations. The amount of additional highway that they have managed to add for recreational use in 2013 is amazing and there are many more miles coming. With several people focused on parts of a plan, or operation, the more success there is in accomplishing the overall plan.

Following the announcement that our Admin Assistant, Virginia Larson, was moving to Indiana, she left us a list of what chores she was doing for each of the committees. The Budget Committee recommended that we not fill the assistant position this coming year. Several members immediately volunteered to take responsibility for most of the administrative work Virginia was doing. They were eager to become involved in club operations again and have volunteered to do the work necessary to keep things running smoothly. However there is planning and work she was doing that needs to be addressed by our committees. We got into the habit of having a paid staff doing the work that was traditionally the responsibility of our committee system. The result was that the number of members active on committees dwindled for the lack of satisfaction that comes from participating in planning and implementing programs. It is time to rebuild the committee system so we have continuity in leadership when Board and Committee positions become vacant. Committees functioned extremely well for over 91 years and there should be no reason we can't do so again. All our committees need

volunteers to help accomplish goals, learn how the club currently operates and participate in planning the necessary changes needed to keep an organization healthy in an ever changing environment. Many members filled in the areas of interest when submitting the annual dues. We will be contacting the committee chairs to advise them of the interest you marked. If you did not check any selections, please consider speaking with the chairperson of any activity you enjoy to find out how you can assist in the committee's task. I said it before; we have a strong Board willing to give their time to insure the Trails Club of Oregon has successful leadership. Please join them in that effort. Any contribution of your time can be of great help.



**TCO We are on our way-Squaw Mtn
May 30-31,1921 by Henry Waespe**



**TCO Tired & Hot Gang-6-miles in 75 minutes-
Squaw Mtn Outing May 30-31, 1921**

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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Sponsors: Sheryl Wagner and
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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

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