



Trail Blazer

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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

Love to Cook? We need you!

Tyee Lodge Work Weekends need cooks. Share your talents with others while enjoying being part of the group during the summer and fall work weekends. We appreciate our cooks! Dates available are June 21-22, July 12-13, Aug. 9-10, Sept. 13-14. (Oct 11-12 is taken.) To sign up or for more details, contact Callista Snively, Tyee Lodge Trustee at tyeelodge1@gmail.com or 503-330-7344.

91st Annual Banquet
Sunday, April 6, 2014
Social 3:00 p.m., Dinner 4:00 p.m.

Cost \$25
Carvlin Hall,

St Philip Neri Catholic Church
2408 SE 16th Ave/Division, Portland

Guest Speaker: David Cobb, Photographer
For more information, contact: Barbara Jones
socialchair@trailsclub.org or 503-829-6424

Reservation Deadline was: Mar 27, 2014
Contact Barb after deadline if you want to come.
Registration form on our website

Tyee Lodge Planning Committee Meeting Apr 03 (Thu) 7:00 pm

Everyone is invited to come to the Mazama Mountaineering Center 327 SE 43rd Avenue Portland, for the Tyee Lodge Planning Committee Meeting. Bring your ideas and suggestions for Tyee Lodge. We will be working on several projects during the summer and fall Work Weekends. For more information, email tyeelodge1@gmail.com or Callista Snively, Tyee Lodge Trustee, 503-330-7344 or Paul Snively, Work Weekend Chair 503-990-4674

Conservation Note

I am the new Conservation Chair and I enthusiastically invite you to join me in protecting the Gorge, Mt Hood and Forest Park. I expect to do most work via e-mail with occasional field trips and meetings to discuss strategy. I will train you. Sydney Herbert 503-244-4415
psydnehy1@msn.com

Events

Apr 02 (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, 503-244-4967
barrows4967@gmail.com

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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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Events

Apr 02 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM.
Return about 8:00 PM.
Leader: Gini Bateman, 503-475-8712 or ginibateman@comcast.net

Apr 09 (Wed) Morning Hike—Class A/B

Note: No meeting at Friendly House this week!
This hike will start at 9:30 at Sellwood River Front Park, If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike, call the leader.
Depart: 9:30 AM from Sellwood Riverfront Park (by the river, not on the hill).
Leader: Ray Amsinger, 503-442-9228 rayamsinger@hotmail.com

Apr 09 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM.
Return about 8:00 PM.
Leader: Bruce Seymour 503-722-2290 or Bruceseymour65@gmail.com

Apr 10 (Thu) Kansas City Bike Ride—Class B+

This will be our first ride of the season, hopefully enjoying spring weather, budding trees and shrubs in rural Washington County. The ride will take us from Hillsboro to Verboort via Kansas City Rd, about 20 miles, with very little elevation. Please bring a snack, water, spare tube or repair kit. Helmets are required.
Meet: 10 AM at McKinney Park, 575 NW Dennis, Hillsboro, OR 97124 This park is 3 blocks from the Hatfield Government Center, the end of the MAX train.
Leader: Gisela Piercy, 503 648-5885 or giselapiercy@gmail.com
Please register with leader by Wednesday night..

Apr 12 (Sat) Catherine Creek Labyrinth Loop Hike—Class B

Distance: 7.7 miles, 1200 feet gain. This hike is described on the WTA site at: <http://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/catherine-creek-the-labyrinth> Bring lunch or snack, water and dress for poison oak (long pants). No jeans or cotton please and no dogs. If the weather is really bad I will plan a close in alternate Gorge hike of the same length. Round trip mileage is 130 miles: please bring \$15 for your driver for gas and bridge tolls.
Depart: Gateway Transit Center parking garage.8:30 AM
Leader: Jeff Lawton trailsclubtrips@gmail.com

Apr 13 (Sun) Eagle Creek to 4.5 Mile Bridge Hike—Class A

This classic gorge hike follows Eagle Creek, passes spectacular waterfalls, clings to sheer cliffs and crosses over a

deep slot-canyon. Not a good choice for those who fear heights. Vehicles will need to display a NW Forest Pass. Hike: 8 miles w/ 780' elevation gain Drive: 60 R/T miles Depart: Lewis & Clark State Park (I-84, exit 18) 9:00 AM Leader: Kelly Marlin, 503-665-6778 or mazamamama@frontier.com

Apr 13 (Sun) Beaverton to Sherwood Bike Ride—Class B

A bike-friendly loop starting from Big Al's on SW Barrows Rd in Beaverton using the Fanno Creek Trail and Streets. Some flats and some hills. Some of the ride will be on the Fanno Creek path.

20 miles, Elev. + 979 / - 984 ft

Map: <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/3966801>

Depart: 9am, Big Al's 14950 SW Barrows Rd, Beaverton, Leader: Chaz Shaw, 503-729-7560, chaznw@gmail.com

Apr 16 (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: Glenda Chaite, 503-261-1355

Glenda@inbalanceservices.com

Apr 16 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM. Return about 8:00 PM.

Leader: Gerda Eck - 503-654-1353 Gerda@comcast.net

Apr 17 (Thu) Adventures in Travel, New York/New York

Audrey Perino and Ken Kane grew up four miles from Manhattan. Audrey loves the vibrancy of New York City. Ken prefers the solitude of upstate New York. They'll share both of their favorite places on April 17. They're busy compiling photos from many years of trips back to the Empire State to share images and places both iconic and relatively unknown. Social hour begins at 6:15 p.m., program begins at 7:00 p.m. at Rose Villa Fellowship Hall, 13505 SE River Rd, Milwaukie. This is a great time for guests to meet Trails Club members. Please bring a healthy snack, or consider a \$1 donation to help defray expenses. Please contact Barb Jones at Socialchair@trailsclub.org or call 503-829-6424 for more information

See "Watkins Glen Stairs" picture on page nine.

Apr 18 (Fri) Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway Ride—Class B

We will do a loop ride of 25 miles which uses the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway for about half of the miles and country roads for the rest, with a longer option of 10-20 additional miles for interested riders. Please e-mail leader indicating which option you are interested in,



New York City Foggy Night by Ken Kane



Behind the Falls by Ken Kane

as well as carpool offers or requests.

Depart: 10 AM from Bankers Cup Coffee Shop, 4193 Church Ave, St. Paul, OR. Leader: Terry Lawson 503-819-9250, lawson.terry@gmail.com

Apr 23 (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, 503-253-3073

Wschweinfest@msn.com

Apr 23 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM.

Return about 8:00 PM.

Leader: Donna Covi - 360-573-1294 dcibike2@aol.com

Apr 26-27 (Sat Sun) Nesika Work Weekend

Join us for our first Work Weekend of the 2014 season. Lea and Julie will be our cooks. We will freshen up the facilities for the summer and get underway on our projects. We will have indoor and outdoor projects. Register before Wednesday-night, April 23rd. with Glen at 360-837-3787 or at lcgrconrad@aol.com

Apr 30 (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: Audrey Perino, audrey53@comcast.net 503-246-6462 or 503-522-9911

Apr 30 (Wed) Evening Hike—Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain. Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM. Return about 8:00 PM. Leader: Catherine Schiedler catherineschied@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

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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

Trails Club Bike Ride Schedule-2014

Apr 10 (Thu)	Kansas City Loop	Gisela Piercy
Apr 13 (Sun)	Beaverton-Sherwood	Chaz Shaw
Apr 18 (Fri)	Champoeg Loop-	Terry Lawson
May 04 (Sun)	Hagg Lake-	Chaz Shaw
May 08 (Thu)	Sellwood-Mississippi "Bike and Dine"-	Audrey Perino
May 16 (Fri)	McMinnville	Ralph Rogers
May 18 (Sun)	Portland Loop	Maureen Covell
May 24 (Sat)	Mosier Tunnel	Gerda Eck

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 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 June 27-29 (Fri-Sun)

Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River is the setting for this 9th annual outing. 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 hiking, mountain biking on the McKenzie River trail, fishing, kayaking and canoeing, whitewater rafting trips, nearby 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 not provided. There will be an 8+ mile loop hike Sat to view Sahalie Falls and Clear Lake.

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

Other fees include food/beverage/supply costs and transportation, which totals \$20 per adult/\$10 per child under age 12.

TO REGISTER: Registration opened Feb 1 for members and opened March 1 for nonmembers. BEFORE you send a deposit, please contact Vicki Wood to inquire about availability at 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.

Complete the outing application and medical forms (available on the club website) and mail them with a **nonrefundable deposit** of \$25 per person payable to the Trails Club of Oregon, and send to:

Trails Club of Oregon

PO Box 1243

Portland, OR 97207

You will be notified by email or mail when you have been accepted on the outing and your \$25 deposit will be credited to your balance. The lodging balance will be due by May 24. It should also be made payable to Trails Club of Oregon and sent to the address above.

ALPINE WILDERNESS OUTING

West Oval Lake of Washington's Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Mountains.

August 09-16 Week One

Leader Paul Snively (FULL, Waitlist only),

August 16-23 Week Two

Leader Diana Forester (Available)

A group of twelve will meet at the Eagle Creek Trail Head and will hike Eagle Creek 410 then West Oval Creek 410A. The hike to base camp at West Oval Lake will be about 7.2 miles and ascend from 3000 feet to about 6860 feet. The Oval Lakes 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. 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 need to carry a day pack on the hike into and out from camp. Horse ride to the lake and back is available. All back country meals are provided; camp chores and cooking duties are shared by the partici-

pants. Menus will be delicious and will include fresh vegetables. 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 7 hr drive. We will have a pre-meeting for participants to meet, arrange car pools, and exchange information. Cost is \$425. This includes payment for food and the outfitter with mules to carry gear. Contact information is alpinewilderness1@gmail.com Callista Snively 503-330-7344 or Jim Flick 360-687-4776

Strawberry Mountain Outing at Lake Creek Camp Aug 29-Sep 4, 2014 (Fri-Thu)

OPTION 1--Full week (Fri-Thur) \$350

OPTION 2--4 day weekend (Fri-Mon) \$200

First meal Friday night, Last meal Thursday lunch. Separate cabins for families, women, men, and couples. We have access to 5 cabins with 10 bunks and 5 A frames with 10 bunks. All meals are provided by camp. Campers may stay in own tents or RVs with no reduction in fees.

(No RV hookups.) Registration opened February 15, with \$50 deposit. Balance due July 01. Please advise if you have any preferred cabin-mates. Lake Creek Camp is a family friendly camp with many recreational activities. Their website is www.lakecreekcamp.com. Barbara Meyer will be hike leader and will offer A & B hikes daily. Gregg Baker, bookmann@comcast.net, is outing leader. Jim Flick, jjgff@hotmail.com is Assistant Leader. Application is online under Outings. Mail application and deposit to TCO PO Box 1243 Portland, OR 97207

Trails Club History

TRAILS CLUB HISTORY COMMITTEE March 8, 2014

Meeting began at 1:10 PM at the TCO History Center. Attending were Sylvia Milne, chr., Christine Olsen, Louise Beauchamp, Barbara Lauer, and Susan Keller.

The agenda included Sylvia's report of recent activities and planning of future projects. She explained that we have two collections at the Center which are Historic and Administration. Our committee works with the Historic Collection.

Collection shelving in conference room has been up graded with the use of two shelving units which hold three "banker" boxes on each shelf. Archival storage boxes have been purchased and used for additional items. The space is well utilized and looks very organized. An additional two shelf oak book case was donated by the Milnes. Presently it holds Dottie Blattner's photo albums of TCO Outings and personal travel trips. Thanks to Sylvia for organizing these spaces.

Recent acquisitions included Dottie Blattner's collection of TCO memories. It is extensive and includes items from the late 1950's until now. She was an active member who

planned and participated in many events. This important collection will add much to our club history. We thank her family for this contribution.

Lee Squire was invited to the Center recently. He, Sylvia and George spent time reviewing and reminiscing while viewing the Ray Cummins (pres. in 1944) DVD about general events and another DVD about climbing activities. These are also recent upgrades of past 16 mm film acquisitions.

TC Club Blazers. Scanning is going well with the help of Joan Miller, Nadine Morris, Caroline Jenkins, Barbara Laurer and Jane Olsen.

Historic Minutes. Louise continues to extract interesting facts found in the old minute books. Presently she needs help with her computer system. It was suggested that she contact Randy Dietrich for assistance. She is doing this work at home.

PCT Records. Christine will continue to work with these papers.

Misc. Projects. Susan will contact Glaydis Basinger, Marie Deuell, and Gloria Keil. Long time members will be encouraged to share their memories of their history of the club. All these bits and pieces help the history committee build a collection that will serve the club for research and future planning. Vicki continues to work on the membership index file and this will be expanded by a related file for stories and correspondence for certain members.

Next meeting is planned for June 14th, Sat. & following meetings in Oct. and Feb. 2015. Sylvia will continue to guide our activities. Projects can include scanning, organizing records and developing new endeavors.

Volunteers are welcome. Come visit the Center and enjoy the wealth of materials that we have. Adjourned 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Keller

Let's Talk About It

CHANGES AFFECTING ENVIRONMENTALISM

Michael McCloskey Sr. Policy Advisor

Leavenworth, WA

September 14, 2013

Parts two and three .

Let's Now Look at Changes in the Political System

We are now facing a political system that is very different from the one in which we made so much progress in past decades. At least at the federal level now, because of polarization, it is almost impossible to move beneficial legislation through the Congress.

This has happened for a number of reasons: the political parties are more cohesive, with moderate, dissident factions having faded away. The large block of moderates that once existed made it easier to put together bipartisan blocks of supporters to pass legislation.

But habits of compromise between parties have also faded away. Compromise is no longer viewed as the key to legislating but instead as involving the surrender of principle. This happened because social issues, that so long held center stage, were often viewed in the context of "right and wrong," making it difficult to depart from rigid positions that were viewed moralistically.

Before social issues came to the fore, matters of economics used to predominate; the issue then was the distribution of wealth. When distributive issues were central, it was easier to compromise on matters of dividing up the economic pie. Compromises on issues of that sort involved merely matters of degree, not immutable principles.

However, with the great recession of 2008 economic issues are re-emerging and gaining greater attention. Hopefully in this era, the parties will once again discover the importance of compromise in making the political system function. Then again, it will be possible to legislate, and this includes on matters affecting the environment I must observe that I am not blind to the irony of an environmentalist hoping the political system will focus more on matters of economics.]

And it is also harder now for the public to register its views on issues before Congress; letters often are only opened after long delays, and email messages are discounted as being so easy they are almost worthless. And often, town hall meetings with constituents are avoided because of disruptions by radicals.

Let's Look at Changes in Our Constituency

Over this time, our constituency has also been changing. It used to be that young people were particularly fervent adherents of our cause, with less interest among older people. Well, now the aging boomer generation seems to be the heart of our movement. [One should remember that at the time of Earthday, they were just 20 year olds.

And now young people are not excited about backpacking in wilderness and national parks; the number of visitors to those places has stopped growing. And young people seem more preoccupied with a plethora of electronic gadgets and alas are less interested in exploring nature.

But is also true than a strong contingent of young people is devoted today to non-motorized outdoor activity: running, mountain biking, wind surfing, surf boarding in cold water (with wet suits), and other such pursuits, as with zip lines. They are constantly inventing new means to challenge the constraints of nature. What is not clear is how much doing this promotes appreciation for nature and its integrity. But at least they are outdoors and exercising without motors.

For almost a century, outdoor clubs have played a central role in the movement [with many of the key ones having been formed in the period of 1890-1920]. But many of them are gradually declining; younger generations do not seem much to be joiners. But, nevertheless, many of the larger groups seem to be finding ways to sustain themselves.

However, it should also be noted that in many traditional outdoor clubs, conservation seems to be accorded less importance. With the growth of local chapters of the Sierra Club, which focus primarily on conservation, many others have dropped the issue, which is often viewed as too political and

divisive. Now some hiking groups do not involve themselves in conservation at all. At the state and local level, wildlife groups are re-arranging themselves: groups devoted to consuming wildlife, such as hunting groups, are in marked decline, while groups devoted to appreciating wildlife, such as birding groups, do seem to be growing. Groups devoted to some individual conservation cause are also proliferating. And many bright, well-educated young people are finding careers staffing these new conservation/environmental groups. With all of this having been said, the overall movement at the state and local level is still strong, active, and diverse. As I have prepared to market my new book on *Conservation in Oregon*, I have taken a careful look at the entire movement in Oregon. It is incredibly diverse and well organized, and I am sure this is true in many other states as well.

Let's Look at Changes in Our Movement

Our movement has also evolved and changed over the past forty years. More of the groups are built around professional staff rather than volunteer activity. Partly this is because less volunteer time is available as more women are working. At the national level, almost no group is trying to monitor the overall field and keep track of trends, as a number once did. And indeed few national groups work both on issues of protecting nature [conservation] AND environmental issues as well. Fewer are viewing them holistically and as connected.

Indeed the national movement seems to be split into factions more than ever. Part have become focused on cultivating big business and trying to placate it, with partnerships, consensus projects, and mitigation [which, I believe, permits too many valued resources to be destroyed].

The mainstream faction still does retain its integrity, but with Congress polarized and lobbying less productive, it is searching for new and different ways to move forward. Some feel it may be through dispersed, pragmatic field projects, such as the Sierra Club's "Beyond Coal" project. Field tactics in this project are tailored to the specifics of each case.

And the radical faction in the movement has almost disappeared, with few expecting even greater gains than that the mainstream faction is seeking. Those who came of age in the 1960s are accustomed to thinking that mass protests are the key to making progress [which was true of the civil rights movement], and they long for their return. But it was never true of the environmental movement, which had only a brief dalliance with the politics of protest, with the exception of Greenpeace (which grew out of the anti-war protest movement). Most of the movement's progress in the 1970s arose out of focused lobbying, supported by cadres of engaged grassroots activists who pressed their members of Congress for support.

Too much "post-morteming," I believe, now seems to be going on over who is responsible for the failure to pass climate change legislation. The blunt truth is that the political times have been bad. But the faction making overtures to business does seem to be getting most of the blame.

But we are a movement that persists and has accumulated a record of many accomplishments. We show staying power, and the ability to defend our accomplishments. As a movement, we have grown: grown in caring about more and more issues, grown in tracking the unfolding science, and grown in wanting to engage these issues. And more of the issues have become strongly linked to science, which is growing in capacity and depth. And our many of our public initiatives also require the ability to litigate to enforce them and to overcome obstacles; we have now built a robust capacity to do this, building a body of case law, and enjoying considerable success in courts with experienced lawyers.

Conclusion

Where have all these changes left our movement? Clearly there are places where we have regressed [such as having fewer engaged young people, fewer successes at this time, less unity, etc.] But clearly there are also places where we have progressed [we have more engaged groups, a record of achievements, success in defending our accomplishments, etc.].

Some people who have been with us since 1970 judge us by whether we look like the movement they joined then. But time has passed and leaders have come and gone. And as we have worked down the list of issues to tackle, we must realize that things will tend to slow down as we put the easier issues behind us.

It is unfair to judge us by the standard of what we looked like at the outset. While we no longer have the enthusiasm of neophytes, we have learned our craft and have much to show for it. We must appreciate that we are an ongoing movement that has to evolve.

I would leave us with the thought that we have evolved well. We have more resources than ever, more experienced leaders than ever, and we have sustained a broad level of support among the public [though it does fluctuate]. We have induced changes in outlooks and attitudes: toward litter, recycling, and toward the value of clean air and water. We have spawned a profusion of organizations at the state and regional level which are not entirely caught up in the problems afflicting affairs at the national level. And more people are joining the movement credentialed by college degrees in environmental studies. Staffing and leadership of many agencies now reflects a more diverse menu of training options. Many agencies now plan their programs with environmental factors in mind.

Certainly challenges do abound, but we are equipped to meet them. I, for one, am confident that we shall carry on and continue to make things better than they would otherwise be.

Whether that will be good enough, is another question, but no one can foresee the future or do the impossible. We will do what we can, and with fervor and commitment.

Summary of Board Minutes

Trails Club Of Oregon March 11, 2014 Board Of Trustees Meeting

Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 7:00: PM. By George Milne. All Members of the board were present

President's Report—George updated us on the conditions in the administrative office. We don't have access to the programs on the computers from Virginia's office nor to the telephone. George is working on completing access. George passed out committee check lists and urged those of us working with committees to refer to them. He also reminded us that the board is the club's ultimate governing body. Cindy moved acceptance of the February 11 minutes, Glen seconded, minutes accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report—Cindy

Cash Balance	02-28-2014	\$23,487.26
Beginning Balance	02-01-2014	\$18,724.72
Deposits		5,989.24
Checks/Withdrawals		<u>-1,226.70</u>
Ending Balance	02-28-2014	\$23.487.26

Our tax return has been prepared and is ready to be signed. Cindy is working with Glen and the Forest Service to get our annual credit for work on the road including the Multnomah Creek repairs. Cindy will be reviewing our investment accounts before our next meeting.

Vice President's Report—Bill Agnes Prescott and Ron Silvis were approved for Tyee keys.

Membership—Joan Miller passed out a list of about 40 members who had not renewed. There will be further efforts to contact some of the people on the list. The list as it appears on March 17 will be published in the *Blazer*.

First Readings: John De Runtz, Joy Martin, and Catherine Rubenstein Second Readings: Larry Alfieri, Jerilyn A. Krier, Roberta A. Mansfield, Moshe Rapaport, Marsha L. White, and Inga Winters were elected to membership.

Trips—Jeff Lawton said we were up to 450 people signed up on meetup. He said the Mazamas were using two meetup lists based on age and activity level. We have at least two and possibly three backpack trips on tap. The Alpine Outing is full for the first week and has 8 signed up for the second week. The group from the Mazamas which met with Jeff at Nesika showed a lot of enthusiasm and plans to take part in the first work party at Nesika The bicycling group is becoming active.

Publications—Phil Jackson urged us to carefully look over the sections which pertain to us in the *Blazer* drafts for errors and get corrections back to him promptly.

Social—Barbara Jones reported a low registration for the banquet. This stems from some confusion on how folks getting the electronic version of the *Blazer* were expected to register and the tardiness of the last issue. There was discussion on how to rectify the problems. We may use a general email reminder or a phone tree.

There was discussion concerning a June hike and dine. A consensus for one at Nesika on June 7 & 8 developed. Joan moved and Glen seconded that we include complementary guest tickets for two people for one night at either lodge with the banquet tickets, motion carried.

Nesika—Glen says Jeff has the road to the green gate open and there is minimal blockage on the rest of the road and trail to the lodge. Water flow to the distribution box near Redwing is good. Flow between the box and Redwing's basement is blocked.

The wood supply is still good and the Raven is still active. George and Glen will attempt to get an ABS culvert donated for the Basin Road.

Tyee—Callista Snively reported two events at Tyee in February. The lodge will be open from Wed. 3/26/ to Sun. 3/30 for spring break. The Mazamas will be using Tyee four weekends in April.

The triple sink tap is still plugging up with debris and there was a leak in the waste under the sink. George suggested we should replace our water heaters with one smaller heater. He also described some lock and key problems with our locks at both lodges. The problems at Tyee appear to be more acute.

History—Sylvia Milne submitted minutes from the March 8, History Committee meeting and told us of the pleasure a number of folks have had in reviewing the history of the club from its founding and its activities through the years.

Adjournment: 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Merrill Hugo, Secretary



Nesika Playground



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.

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Jennifer Bohlin
Barbara Warren-Sams

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Carter Boggs
Larry Burt
Heather Campbell
Jeremy Campbell
Linda Centurion
Michael Cottam
Robert Criteser
Mary Ann Dewey
Michael Earp
Marti Farris
Kathy Fry
Sylvia Griswold
Denise Havens
Terrie Juba
Paul Later
Peter Lent
Ben Lepp
Tom Lowles
Tom Meyer
Carol Morris
Bob Pitzer
Terry Pitzer
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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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