



Trail Blazer

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TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2		

Events

May 4 (Sun) Hagg Lake Loop Bike Ride—Class B

17.7 miles of beautiful rolling terrain, 1511 ft of elev. gain, 69 miles roundtrip driving from Portland.

<http://ridewithgps.com/routes/4451418>

Meet at: Gateway Transit Center at 9 AM for carpooling. Or meet at Hagg Lake parking lot on the South end of the dam and plan to take off at about 10:30 am.

Leader: Chaz Shaw, 503-729-7560, chaznw@gmail.com

May 4 (Sun) Indian Point Hike—Class B

Let's hike this oldie but goodie in the Herman Creek area. We'll make a loop hike, going up the steeper Nick Eaton ridge trail, having lunch at Indian Pt. (those wanting to venture out to the scary parts may do so) and then coming down the Gorton creek trail. 8 mile r/t with 2600 ft elevation gain. 78 miles driving r/t. NW forest pass req.

Depart: 9:30 AM Gateway Transit Center

Leader: Brian Carlson 503-960-9451

owatta53@hotmail.com

May 07 (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: Sue Davis; 503-201-5922 suzydl16@comcast.net.

May 07 (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: Lotte Schmitz 503-722-2290

lotteschmitz@msn.com

May 8 (Thu) Bike and Dine, Sellwood Riverfront Park to Mississippi—Class A

Please join me for an easy ride and lunch! We'll start at Sellwood Riverfront Park and ride to the shopping district on N. Mississippi Ave. We'll have lunch at Por Que No (or elsewhere) and then ride back. About 15 miles round trip, part on the Esplanade, part on streets with a bike lane.

Depart: 10 AM Sellwood Riverfront Park (the Sellwood park down on the river by Oaks Park).

Leader: Audrey Perino, audrey53@comcast.net.

503-246-6462 or 503-522-9911 (cell)

May 14 (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: Jim Flick 360-684-4776 jjgff@hotmail.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 (Continued)

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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

ginibateman@comcast.net

May 15 (Thu) Adventures & Travel—TCO Bicycle Events

About every two years a volunteer steps forward and organizes a multi day bike ride for our club. In 2011 Allen Burrell organized a 180 mile bike trip to the panhandle of Idaho, the Coeur d'Alene Trails. This rails to trails path follows the history of the area through the Silver Valley, Bitterroot Mountains, the Hiawatha and the old Milwaukee line. In 2013, after hearing good things about a Natchez Trace bike ride organized for the TCO by Bev & Gary Mohnkern in the mid 90's, Gerda Eck set up a repeat of this journey. THE TRACE is a National Park byway from Nashville Tennessee to Natchez Mississippi, recounting history to the Indian tribes. It was on a French map in 1720, was designated a National Scenic Route by Roosevelt in the 30's and is now 444 miles long. This slide presentation will give you an idea of how the TCO bike group spends it's vacations. It also includes a 10 minute film of a "Coast to Coast 3000 mile adventure cycling journey" by Allen, Chaz and Gerda. Meet: Rose Villa Fellowship Hall, 13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie. Social: 6:15 PM, Program:7:00 PM For info contact Barbara Jones at socialchair@trailsclub.org or 503-829-6424

May 16 (Fri) McMinnville Wine Country Loop Bike Ride—Class B

We will ride west of McMinnville and make a loop thru farmland low hills at a leisurely pace. Highlights: McCabe Chapel, So Hill Cemetery and rest stop at a farmers market. Possible side trip to the erratic rock. Ride is generally flat with options for additional miles and hills. Approximately 25 + miles. For more info, contact Leader.

Meet: 10:00 am McMinnville City Park behind the McMinnville Aquatic Center. Take Hwy 99 W through Lafayette to McMinnville. 99 W becomes a one way couplet, turn right on Park Street (aka 4th St) at McMinnville Aquatic Center. Leader: Ralph Rogers
(cell) 503-560-2750 rrogers500@gmail.com.

May 17 (Sat) Three Spires Hike—Class A/B

This seldom-visited, gorge hike begins in the Herman Creek area. Along the way, we'll pass varied terrain including beautiful and hidden, Pacific Crest Falls. Enjoy lunch at the unique, "Three Spires" rock formation. Return to cars by a partial loop. Vehicles need to display a NW Forest Pass. Hike: 6.8 miles w/1,400' (cumulative) elevation gain. Drive: 60 r/t miles.

Depart: Lewis & Clark State Park (I-84, exit 18) at 9:00 AM.

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

May 17 (Sat) Oneonta and Horsetail Falls Loop Hike—Class A

Hike starts at Horsetail Falls, goes under Ponytail Falls, and up to triple falls for a snack or ? Return to Oneonta gorge. Hike 5.5 miles, 600' elv. gain. Drive 70 miles RT. Depart 8:00 AM Gateway park & ride.

Leader: Art Harvey 503-684-5897

May 17-18 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Work Weekend.

Come join us for the 2nd work trip of the year. We will continue to reduce the Raven's damage and get going on other projects. The young Mazamas may be joining us for this weekend. Hope to see some familiar faces.

Contact Glen Conrad at lcgrconrad@aol.com or 360-837-3787 before 5-15-14

May 18 (Sun) Portland Loop Bike Ride—Class B

We will do a 32-mile loop on Portland's dedicated bike paths and on roads with bike lanes or little traffic. Mostly flat with some uphill and views of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers and Johnson Creek.

Contact leader for start time & location. Leader: Maureen Covell, 503-954-4501, or charleycvl@aol.com

May 21 (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, 503-724-5467
andrewstorey@comcast.net

May 21 (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

May 24 (Sat) Mosier Twin Tunnel Bike Rides—Class A, B or C

The dedicated paved bike and pedestrian path on the old Columbia Gorge Historic Highway for the first 8 miles is easy (class A) After the town of Mosier we'll share the road on Hwy 30, it has some good hills to test your skills. On the class B ride we will pedal to Rowena Crest, aka as Tom McCall Overlook and a total of 25 miles. For the advanced bicyclers in our club, option C takes you on to The Dalles and returns via the 7-mile hill road to Mosier and back to the starting point near Hood River. Bring lunch, water, spare tube and 10 essentials, helmet is required on TCO rides.

Depart: 10am from Mark Hatfield State Park West (parking fee \$5. or State Park pass)

Leaders: class A will ride with class B through the tunnels and return to the car on their own.

Leaders: class B ride Gerda Eck 503-804-4214, class C ride Allen Burrell 503-288-3859

Please register for the ride.

May 28 (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 360-573-6878 or overpeck@wa-net.com

May 28 (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: Eric Berg ericwb@aol.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
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

Tyee Hike and Dine Schedule

Jun 14-15	Cook, Namhea Lew
Jul 19-20	Cooks, Roger and Karen Anderson
Aug 16-17	Cook, Kathy Pollock
Sep 20-21	Cooks, Jim Flick Asst. Callista Snively,
Oct 18-19	Cook, Catherine Schiedler.

Nesika Schedule —2014

Date	Event Description	Contact
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

Trails Club Bike Ride Schedule-2014

Jun 08 (Sun)	Puget Island	Gisela Piercy
Jun 12 (Thu)	Peninsula Park to Pier Park-Audrey Perino	
Jun 15 (Sun)	Banks-Vernonia	Chaz Shaw
Jun 20 (Fri)	Clackamas River Road	Terry Lawson
Jun 23 (Mon)	Old Columbia Hwy Trail-Moffitt Creek	Allen Burrell
Jun 30 (Mon)	Springwater-Fairview Loop-Terry Lawson	

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

THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP, BUT THE DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS MAY 23

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 their transportation, which totals \$20 per adult/\$10 per child under age 12.

TO REGISTER: Contact Vicki Wood to inquire about availability at 503-850-4366 or vw48@comcast.net. 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 your total payment **TO BE RECEIVED BY MAY 23** payable to the Trails Club of Oregon, and send to:
Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207

ALPINE WILDERNESS OUTING

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

Aug 09-16 Week One

Leader Paul Snively (FULL, Waitlist only),

Aug 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 participants. 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

Changes in the 2014 Alpine Outing

The Alpine Wilderness Outing Committee has decided to place the camp at Boiling Lake rather than West Oval Lake this August. The new campsite is about 12 miles south of the original site but is accessed by a different trailhead and will offer a greater variety of hiking trails from the camp. It should also be an easier hike into camp. Boiling Lake is on the edge of the Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness area which is sandwiched between Lake Chelan, North Cascades National Park, and the town of Twisp.

There are still spots for week two of the Outing which runs from August 16th to August 23rd. You may also want to put your name on the wait list for week one which starts on August 9th and ends August 16th

Boiling Lake was the site of the 2008 Alpine Wilderness Outing. There is a pit toilet there and a good water source nearby. The area around the lake offers a variety of good tent sites. The lake itself is shallow and is not suitable for swimming but we did enjoy a swim at Upper Eagle Lake which is a four mile round trip hike (700 ft. elevation gain.)

The hike in is almost 8 miles and 2500 feet of elevation gain. The camp will be at 6900 feet, but campers will need to ascend to 7400 feet to cross Horsehead Pass just east of the camp before dropping down to 6900 ft. Most of the day hikes will have much less elevation gain/ loss.

SPACE AVAILABLE FOR WILDERNESS ALPINE OUTING

There are still vacancies for the second week of the outing (Aug. 16-23rd). You may also want to put in your application for the wait list for the first week (Aug. 9-16th)

Note that the location for the camp has been changed and the hike in will be less strenuous than the one to Oval Lake.

Spend a week hiking in the beautiful Chelan/Sawtooth Wilderness in northern Washington State. You hike in with a day pack (almost 8 miles and 2500 feet elevation gain). When we arrive, the prior week will have set up the cook tent and the screen tent. The outfitter will bring in your personal gear as well as the fresh meat, vegetables, and some fresh fruit for the week. The rest of the food will have come in with the outfitter when he took in week one campers.

We will spend the week at Boiling Lake which has an abundance of trails nearby. The hikes are mostly A and B hikes but there are also opportunities to travel cross country and to make longer hikes as long as there are at least 3 people interested in C level hikes. Boiling Lake is shallow and not suitable for swimming but Upper Eagle Lake two miles away has wonderful cold swimming and good fishing. Cub Lake also provides swimming but it is four miles away.

The Trails Club Wilderness Outing is unique in that everyone pitches in to cook the group meals, wash the dishes, and haul water. On the other hand, you do not have to bring in any food, water treatment or the many other things that you would need to organize and bring if you were doing this on your own.

On the last day, we will be taking down the tents and getting everything ready for the outfitter to bring it to the trailhead.

Cost of the outing is \$425 for Trails Club members and members of other Western Federation of Outdoor Activities. Download an application on the website and return it with your deposit. If you have questions, contact Diana Forester at 503-288-7782 who is the leader for week two or one of the chairs for the outing, Callista Snively 503-330-7344 or Jim Flick 360-687-4776.

Goat Rocks Backpack Aug 10-15 (Sun-Fri)

Join us in exploring the enchanted beauty of Goat Rocks. We will enter into Lilly Basin via Packwood Lake on Sunday, and camp at Heart lake that evening. On 2nd day, move our camp to Snow Grass Flat and explore the area. For the 3rd day, we will camp at Marmot Meadow, south of Old Snowy, and explore Goat Lake. The group can then decide whether they would like to climb Old Snowy or go to Hawk Eye Point. For the 4th night, we will camp at Egg Butte, and then on the 5th night, Beaver Bill. We will conclude our journey by leaving through Packwood Lake to our cars on Friday.

Dogs friendly hike, if you plan to bring a dog, please notify leaders in advance.
Roger and Karen Yanhs Anderson, p74852@gmail.com, or 360-450-9199

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 cabinmates. 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

President's Message

The Trails Club of Oregon's lodge work season has already started at Nesika and will kick off at Tyee in July, snow permitting. The work party schedule for both lodges has been posted in the Blazer and on the Web Site.

Both of the lodge committees have met over the winter and have scoped out projects that must be done this summer and others that they would like to get done. With volunteers performing the tasks it is appreciated by the Lodge Chairs when members get involved in maintaining our facilities. We are among a few outdoor clubs that have the privilege to own a lodge(s) and it is advantageous to have them in prime condition.

This summer we would like to have both lodges available for people to visit at times other than work parties or planned social events. The hope is to have members that enjoy being at the lodges to open them at other times. It will even work during the week when announced ahead of time. These would primarily be a no host opening with no scheduled meals to prepare. However, if you are willing to host with a dinner and breakfast, that can be arranged also. Most of the traffic anticipated at these times will probably be day hikers.

To arrange for time at the lodges, first check the web site, then contact the Vice President, Bill Yandon. He

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maintains the TCO schedule and can tell you if there is another event scheduled at the time you want, even if it has yet to be posted. Another person you may want to contact is the Lodge Chair. Bill will check with the lodge chair to get permission for you to open a lodge. When Bill has the answers needed he will ask the Board for final approval.

For more information about how this will work you can email me at president@trailsclub.org or call 503-572-8512.

Let's Talk About It

2014 Awards

Ann Dudley received the Henry Waespe Award, and Gerda Eck received the Trip Leader Award at the banquet. Both received a bouquet of flowers. Both awards were highly deserved and well earned! Also, Pat Garvin, and Alice Wagstaff, were door-prize winners. Each received a certificate, good for next year's banquet.



George Milne & Anne Dudley By Joan Miller

2014 Banquet

The banquet was well attended by about 80 people, and the social hour was much enjoyed by the group. The tables were decorated with bright yellow tablecloths, and assorted pots of spring flowers, which one person at each table got to take home. Famous Dave's BBQ was enjoyed along with numerous salads and side dishes. Ice cream bars and cookies were served for dessert. The speaker, David Cobb, showed scenes from Iceland accompanied by music, and the last half of the program,

showed his three-week backpack trip from the north shore of Iceland to the south shore. In one of the national parks, there are huts spaced ten miles apart that can be reserved. The hiking looked to be quite enjoyable, The downside is high wind almost every day.

Trails Trodden

March Adventures and Travel Mar 20 (Thu)

March A & T was well enjoyed by 16 people. Deborah Cherachanko of Pacific NW Search & Rescue gave us some good tips, and was wildy entertaining with her sense of humor. These are some of the best ideas on how to be found in the woods: Stay Put, Don't Move if you are Lost!. Call 911 NOT your mother. Leave a note on floor of your car where you are going and when you will return, or tell someone else. Make boot prints on a piece of aluminum foil, and leave on backseat of your car. If you are lost, the Sheriff will open up your car. Carry spare light and lightbulbs. Do not rely on cell phone for your light. You may drop or lose it. Do not wear cotton. Besides a GPS, she recommends a map and compass. Les Schwab Tire Bags make great emergency rain gear. She recommended \$15 space blanket and not the emergency blankets which fall apart really fast and have no real warmth. Carry a whistle. If you hear your name being called, ANSWER! Barbara Jones, Social Trustee

Hells Canyon Bench Trail to McGraw Creek Hike/Backpack Mar 20-23 (Thu-Sun)

Five great people joined us for this 25 mile trek. Weather was sunny, nights were cold. All did well. We arrived Thursday 4:00 PM at Copper Creek trail head and hiked 3 miles in to the junction at Spring Creek with Bench Creek Trail. We camped on a nice little plateau at the Snake River. We then hiked to just short of Squaw Creek a great little grassy stand of trees at about 4000 feet with a small spring. The next morning we hiked up to the Bluff below Bench Creek Thu we were unable to go to the TH because of snow. We had great views of elk, deer, eagles and hawks. We took a picture of Wolf print. There was old bear fecal matter. No bears spotted. Next day we traversed the ridge to the south ending at McGraw Cabin. We spent the night by the cabin and the creek. We had a buffett of the extra food from everyone's packs; Cheetos with Humus, Cheese, Dark chocolate bars, etc. Hiked out on Sunday AM and were back home by dark. Total miles driven 696. Linda Conrad ,Leader.





Joyce Rasmussen & Jessie Tucker By Barbara Jones



Ann Dudley By Barbara Jones



Nancy Overpeck By Barbara Jones



**Nesika Playground Above and on Page 6
By Sylvia Milne**

Summary of Board Minutes

Trails Club Of Oregon Board of Trustees Meeting April 8, 2014

Call to Order—George Milne called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM. Phil Jackson was not present. George reported that he had been discussing the relationship of our club with the Mazamas in particular with regard to the parking lot project near the Mazamas lodge. He felt we had established a good working partnership with them. We will take on 8% of the cost of the new parking which should be between \$150,000 and \$200,000. We will also cover 8% of the \$4,000 continuing cost of snow removal. George distributed policy papers and materials to each of the trustees which he had retrieved from the club records. He passed out a draft for a club discipline policy. The minutes for the March 11 meeting were approved as presented. (Moved by Cindy Lee and seconded by Jeff Lawton) Jeff noted that the young Mazamas will now be at our lodge in May instead of April.

Treasurers Report—Cindy Lee

Cash balance	03-31-2014	\$24,366.54
Beginning balance	03-01-2104	\$23,487.26
Deposits		3,873.72
Checks/withdrawals		<u>2,994.44</u>
Ending balance	03-31-2014	\$24,366.54

Cindy raised her concern that we are about \$2,000 down on dues returns this year over last. This stems, at least in part, from the aging of the membership and the reduced dues requirement for older members. We debated the wisdom of raising dues.

Vice President—Bill Yandon said he had no key requests and no changes in the calendar. There was a consensus that we ask the Lodge Trustees to distribute the keys for their lodges.

Membership—Joan Miller had no first readings. John De Runtz, Joy Martin, and Catherine Rubenstein were elected to membership.

Joan moved that we discontinue Ben Lepp's membership for non payment of dues since he had attempted to renew his membership past the due dates. Jeff seconded the motion and it passed with no objections.

Web Site—Jeff Lawton told us that he, Randy Dietrich, George, and Lou Sowa will be meeting with Susan Langnes to develop the form of a new web site. Jeff explained that responsibility for the content of the website will be distributed to each of the individual trustees and committees. The webmaster will support the content providers and solve technical problems. Callista moved and Cindy seconded that we allot up to \$2,000 to develop a new website as described. The motion carried.

Trips—Jeff The status of the Strawberry Mountain trip was discussed. Jeff indicated that the sign up for

Meetup had increased by ten.

Social—Barbara Jones gave us the lineup for Adventures in Travel through June. The next program will be New York/ New York with Ken Kane and Audrey Perino. The banquet was recapped briefly. Food and program were great. People liked having six at a table. Some didn't like the buffet format and the arrangement of the hall could be improved.

Nesika Lodge—Glen Conrad had been up to the lodge today and found the overflow pipe had cleared and was running at a good flow. The road to the turn-around is passable and the Raven is still working. We may try offering a small salt block to the Raven as an alternative to our window casings. The first Work Weekend will be 4/26-4/27.

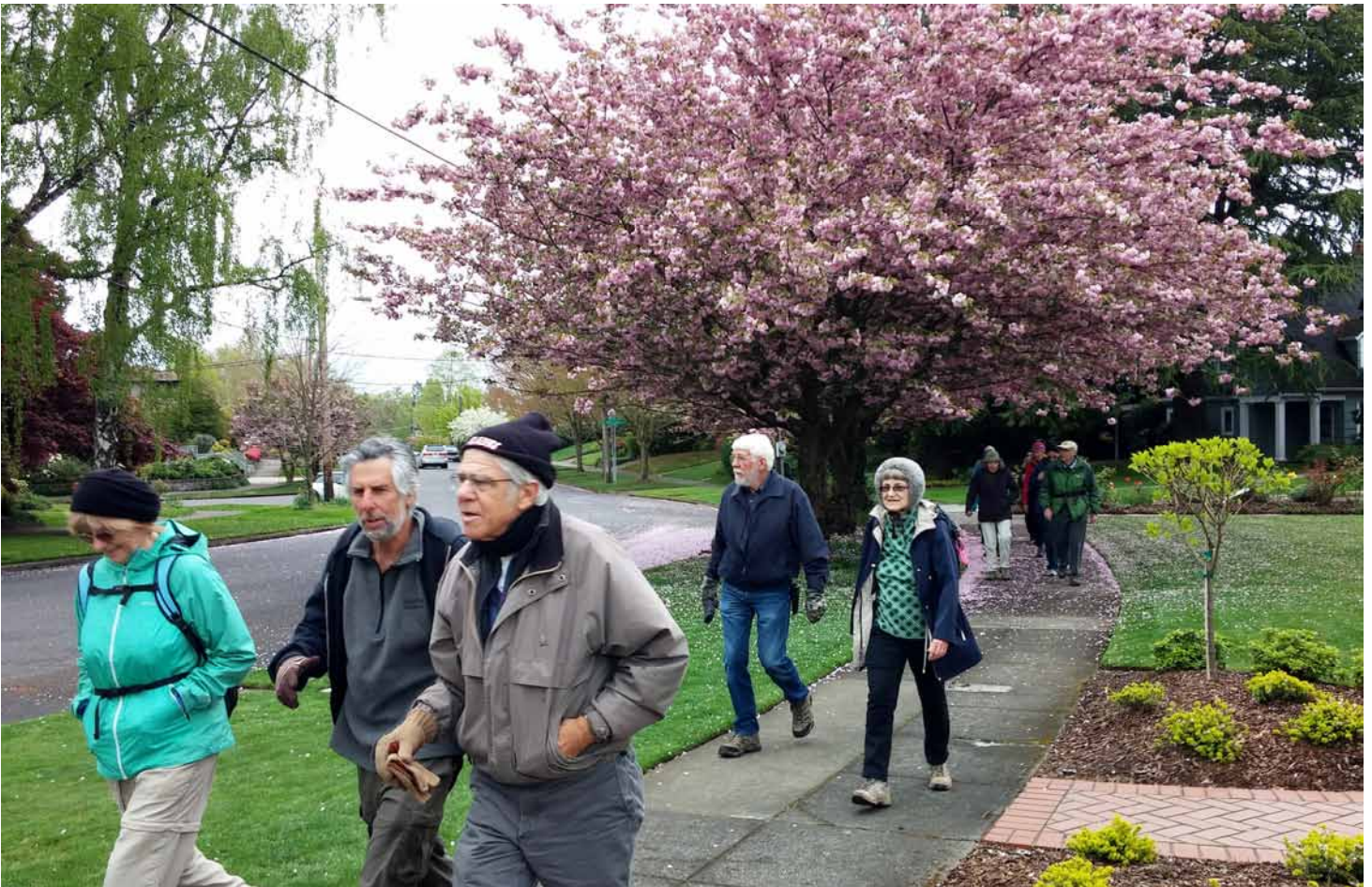
Tyee Lodge—Callista Snively said the lodge had been open spring break week and she had Work Weekend cooks lined up.

Conservation—Sydney Herbert will be drafting letters concerning oil trains and privatization of national park and forest recreation for the board to consider.

New Business—We had a brief conversation about advertising in the *Blazer* and on the website. At one time we had paid ads in the *Blazer* and maybe we want to go back to this practice. **Respectfully submitted Merrill Hugo, Secretary**



Wed AM Hike Downtown By Phil Jackson



April 16 Wed Morning Hike: Alameda Ridge 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.

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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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