



Tyee open from 7pm Friday night February 27th to 4pm
 Sunday March 1st. Hopefully there will be snow. Bring
 your own dinner Friday and lunches for other days. break-
 fast Saturday, dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday pro-
 vided. Gluten free options available. Call with other dietary
 needs. To reserve call Sheryl at 503-319-2989 or email at
 drwagnernd@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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Mar 4 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD. Contact Kathy Pollock for information. 503-341-9441. pollockkathy@ymail.com

Mar 6-8 (Fri-Sun) Macks Canyon to Mouth of Deschutes River Backpack - Class B Harris Ranch

This 23-mile trail extends from Macks Canyon north to the Deschutes State Park near the mouth of the Deschutes River. We will hike only around 5-7 miles day one as the going is slow. We will do up to 10-11 miles on Saturday and a little less on Sunday. Usually we are at the car by noon. Day 1 we will hire a shuttle driver to take our car to the takeout on Sunday. Usually we are at the car by noon. We will pass the historic Harris Ranch: A homestead formerly inhabited by pioneer settlers, Harris Ranch features a barn, corrals and even a sheep-shearing machine at this "Little House on the Prairie" style destination.

See full trip description at :

<http://www.trailsclub.org/events/backpack.html#Macks>

Contact Leader Linda Conrad 1cgrconrad@aol.com to register or for more information

Mar 11 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe.

This week we will start at Sellwood Riverfront Park, cross the Sellwood Bridge and climb to the top of Riverview Cem.; with super views while descending. The round trip is about 4 mi. & 400 v-ft.

Meet at: 9:30 at the (free) parking lot of Sellwood Riverfront Park on the E. bank of the Willamette R. It is just N. of the Sellwood bridge. If you need to cross the river, the Ross Island bridge will be faster. There are restrooms at the start, but none later. Oaks Park is just past our park. Bus stops are on SE 13th Ave near Tacoma St. or Nehalem St.

Leader: Ray Amsinger. 503-442-9228, plus Sue Brown (503-977-5091) . rayamsinger@hotmail.com

Mar 18 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the Leader,

Mike Harrison. 360-326-3084, 509-290-1565, harrimb585qf@gmail.com

**Mar 19 (Thu) Adventures in Travel,
Camino de Santiago**

Nancy Panich hiked alone for two months along the pilgrim trail from Saint Jean Pied du Port in France to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, and on to Finisterre and Muxia on the Atlantic Ocean. She shares with much humor the places and people that helped make this such an interesting 500 mile journey. Please join us to see her adventure and to learn from her experiences if you are planning on doing this pilgrimage. Social Hour 6:30 PM, program starts 7 PM Please bring a snack to share or \$1 donation to defray costs. Guests are welcome!

Location: Rose Villa Rec Hall, Fireside Room.

For more information Contact Barb Jones, SocialChair@trailsclub.org for more info.

Mar 20-22 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Family-friendly Snow Weekend

Finally there is snow and we can do some snowshoeing and sledding! Hosts are Diane Brooke and Mike Haasken. Would anyone like to be the cook? Lodge opens at 1:00 on Friday and closes at noon on Sunday. If we don't find a cook, we will all bring something and potluck.

Register with Diane Brooke

waterdi.diane.brooke@gmail.com (email preferred) or 503-781-2791

Mar 25 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

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

March 28 (Sat): Bunker Hill & Whistle Punk Hikes - Class: Stiff A

Two, Two, two hikes in one. Moderately steep ascent of Bunker Hill is rewarded with nice (weather permitting) views. Followed up with a stroll through rail-logging history on the Whistle Punk loop. Hope for dry weather. But be prepared for something else. Vehicles will need to display a NW Forest Pass.

Hike: 5.8 miles w/ 1,350' elevation gain; Drive: 90 r/t miles
Leave: 8:30 AM from Lewis & Clark State Park (I-84, exit 18)

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

March 28-29 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Open

Register with: host Ron Silvis ronaldrjsilvis@aol.com or 971-998-5042

April 1 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

This week's hike will begin at Tryon Creek State Park. Leader: Phil Crosby Blazer@trailsclub.org or 503-636-1853

April 8 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. For the starting location of this week's hike, check the website,
Leader: TBD

April 15 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

This week we'll explore the OHSU campus atop Pill Hill in southwest Portland. Time is 9:30 am . Starting place TBA. Leader: KenKane , ken@woodbloom.com or 503-246-6462

Meeting Places

Friendly House NW Thurman and 26th. Tri Met bus service on routes 15, 17 and 77 is nearby.

Gateway TC From I-205: take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple 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.

Mazamas Lodge is a common meeting place for Board meetings and other administrative functions. It is located at 527 SE 43rd Avenue, one block south of Stark St.

Rose Villa is a common place for club meetings.

Adventures and Travels meets in the Rec Hall, Fireside Room. Parking on Shroeder Lane, off of Courtney Rd by River Rd. Park before end of road, walk to multiple garage buildings on right, turn right, walk down ramp to your right. It is a yellow building, with a central arch on top, visible from River Rd. Follow Treasure House signs.

Target is a common westside meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185th Ave and drive south to Evergreen Pkwy turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr., Park and meet on the west side of Target's parking lot across from Starbucks Coffee. Tri Met bus service on routes 47, 52 and 89 is nearby.

Tryon Creek State Park is sometimes used for Wed. AM hikes. From I-5 South: Take Terwilliger exit, bear right, heading south past Taylor's Ferry Rd. and bear left at split to Boone's Ferry Rd, right at second roundabout exit, staying on Terwilliger. Park entrance is on right about one mile past roundabout. Parking is near the Nature Center.

Trails Ahead	
Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River June 26-28, 2015 (Fri-Sun) Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River is the setting for this 10th annual outing. The resort, which is about 300 miles roundtrip from Portland and midway between Sisters and Eugene off Hwy 126, has 2 mineral springs swimming pools and acres of landscaped gardens and trails. Visit the resort website at www.belknaphotssprings.com for photos and details on the lodging choices. Recreational opportunities in the area include: hiking, mountain biking on the McKenzie River trail, fishing, boating on nearby lakes, whitewater rafting trips, golfing and other natural hot springs. The outing is Fri. and Sat. nights, with an option of Sun. night on your own. Sat. and Sun. breakfasts and Sat. appetizers/campfire dinner will be provided. Fri. night there is an optional potluck dinner. Lunches are not included. There will be a 7-mile loop hike Sat. to view Sahalie Falls and Clear Lake. LODGING OPTIONS (per night, including tax): <u>Tent sites</u> for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each additional person) are \$32.70 near the outing group area or \$27.25 across the river on a footbridge <u>RV sites</u> \$38.15 for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each add. person) <u>Cabin</u> prices are divided by the number of people and range from \$152.60 for up to 4 people to \$277.95 for up to 6 people (\$10 each additional person) <u>Lodge rooms</u> range from \$109 for 2 people to \$152.60 for up to 4 people (\$10 each additional person) OTHER FEES include the cost and transportation of food/beverages/supplies, which totals \$21 for adults and \$11 for children under age 12. TO REGISTER (registration is open for TCO members and opens March 3rd for non-members): Contact Vicki Wood vw48@comcast.net or at 503-850-4366 to inquire about lodging availability; Mail a \$25 nonrefundable deposit and completed application/liability and medical form for each person to: Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207. These forms can be downloaded from our website at www.trailsclub.org in the "outings" section under "Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River". 3) The balance of your lodging fee is due May 25th. This outing is limited to a maximum of 40 people. TCO is not responsible for providing or arranging your transportation to or from the outing. You will be notified by email or mail when you have been accepted on the outing and the \$25 deposit will be credited to your balance.	2015 Alpine Outing in Washington's Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness August 8-15 (Sat-Sat) and August 15-22 (Sat-Sat) The 2015 Alpine Outing will be at Boiling Lake in Washington's Sawtooth Mountains. This was the site of the 2008 Alpine Wilderness Outing. It is an opportunity to hike in with a day pack (almost 8 miles and 2500 feet elevation gain) to our base camp. 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 for people who are interested in C level hikes. The Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness provides many delights: dramatic mountains, several picturesque lakes, and great hiking opportunities. 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. 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. Camp chairs will be provided. Only ONE PERSONAL GEAR BAG will be allowed. You will only need to carry a daypack on the hike into and out from camp. All backcountry 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 8-15 Leader is Brian Carlson. Week 2 will be from August 15-22. Leader is Paul Snively and Co-Leader Jim Flick. Each week will be limited to 12 people. 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 hour drive. We will have a pre-meeting for participants to meet, arrange carpools, and exchange information. TCO member applications will be accepted beginning March 1 and cannot be postmarked prior to that date. Applications will be accepted in the order of postmarked date and time. Applications from non-members and members of FWOC organizations postmarked after April 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 Organizer/Leader Callista Snively alpinewilderness1@gmail.com or 503-330-7344. To apply for a place on the outing: Complete the 2015 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 the Outing Leader. 2. Complete the forms and mail them with a NONREFUNDABLE DEPOSIT of \$200 payable to TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON. Address them to:

Trails Club of Oregon Alpine Wilderness Outing P.O. Box 1243 Portland, OR 97207 We will notify you by email or mail when you have been accepted on the outing. Your \$200 deposit will then be credited to your balance. Your final payment will be due May 1, 2015. Your final payment will be the total cost from above minus the \$200 deposit. If not received by May 1, our place on the outing will be assigned to the first person on the Alternates List. Alternates need to be aware that your \$200 deposit check will be held until you are accepted or it 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 the final payment if you cancel in the 30 days before the outing starts.	More About the Banquet Henry Waespe Distinguished Service Award The highest honor the Trails Club can bestow is the Henry Waespe Distinguished Service Award. This recognition is given to an individual who has served the Club both well and long. It is given not for a single achievement, but for a record of service to the Club in various capacities. It remembers Henry Waespe, who spent most of his lifetime serving the Club he loved. Nominations are to be sent in writing by March 31st to the club's PO Box, Attention: President. Let's Talk About Wishing a speedy recovery to George Milne and Glen Conrad. Hopefully, both will return to hiking very soon with their new knees! Don't miss Nancy Panich's A & T presentation on Camino de Santiago this month! What a wonderful experience! April's topic will be France, and May's will be China.
From Social Trustee, Barbara Jones	Leonard Murphy Article (Cont'd)
Banquet Please contact Barb Jones at socialchair@trailsclub.org if you would like to help with the Banquet on April 26. Hike and Dine Dates This year we will have dinners on 2nd Sat, since work trips have been moved to 3rd Sat for both lodges. Please contact socialchair@trailsclub.org if you would like to volunteer for one these dates or contact Nancy Overpeck, overpeck@wa-net.com. Call early to get the date of your choice! My thanks to all the great cooks who volunteered in 2014! We had a lot of memorable meals. We still need cooks at Tyee for Sept 12. Tyee Hike and Dine dates are: June 13, July 11, August 8, Sept 12, Oct 10 Volunteers Needed We need volunteers to help open/close and cook at holiday events at Nesika this year. Look for upcoming details for Memorial Day, May 23-25. Contact: socialchair@trailsclub.org if you can help with Memorial Day, 4th of July, or Labor Day.	.(Continued from February Blazer) <u>Trails Club Volunteers</u> The reader cannot fully understand nor appreciate the impact that the Trails Club of Oregon has meant to the development of the trails and protection of our natural resources of the Northwest without knowing about some of the volunteers and their contributions: SAMUEL LANCASTER - first president of the club Samuel Lancaster toured the highways in Switzerland and recognized a need to preserve and show off beauty of the Gorge. Along with Sam Hill of railroad fame and Sam Jackson of the Oregon Journal, they planned the organization and finances needed to build the highway that modeled after the European style, using artistic walls and bridges. It was primarily this vision and charisma that energized the Trails Club into being. HENRY WAESPE Joined the Trails Club of Oregon in 1922 when the club was very active in trail construction within the Columbia Gorge. He had been trained in the safe use of explosives in his native homeland of Switzerland and was willing to lead the construction of the foot trail on Eagle Creek for public use. As a result of his dedication, expertise, and countless hours devoted to this project, we now have one of the most popular hiking trails in the Northwest. Mr. Waespe was one of the people who checked out the 120 acres the Trails Club was proposing to purchase on Larch Mountain. He was concerned about the water supply as the creeks that run in the winter may not produce sufficient water for the anticipated hikers and campers during the summer. Convinced there was sufficient water, the
Cancellation	
March 14th Planning Meeting Cancelled The future planning meeting originally scheduled for March 14th has been postponed to a future date. We will continue to work on the details necessary to pull this event together. Hopefully, we will have information available in the near future.	

purchase was made on September 30, 1922. The Nesika Lodge was built on this land. Henry was instrumental in making the first water system at Nesika. In the year 1950 he served as the club president.

PAUL KEYSER

Early superintendent of Portland Parks, member of the Progressive Businessman's Club and Trails Club of Oregon charter member. Along with TCO member Fred Cleator (1943-1949), his Forest Service colleague Thornton T. Munger, who chaired the committee of fifty, and Ding Cannon, past TCO President (1940-41) and Chairman of Portland's City Club, he helped establish one of the country's largest urban forest reserves after large parcels of land in Portland's West Hills changed ownership.

Initially, land developers acquired the parcels with plans to subdivide them into suburban or summer houses. The land was surveyed into building lots but later forfeited to the City of Portland for non-payment of assessed taxes. A proposal was then made to incorporate the area into a City Park.

A program to create the proposed park was initiated by a Forest Park Committee of fifty under the auspices of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (FWOC). Garnett E (Ding) Cannon, then president of the federation, called together a public meeting of citizens to formulate a plan to effectuate the proposed park.

Keyser, as superintendent from 1917 through 1949, was interested in the proposal and gave his support as did City Commissioner Kenneth Cooper. Mr. Keyser toured by auto all areas that were drivable and then began the study that eventually materialized into the more than 5,100 acres of municipal forest, mostly second-growth with a few patches of old growth.

On June 9, 1947, the committee canvassed members and sent a petition to the mayor and city council asking that they dedicate all city-owned lands in the area for park purposes; ask Multnomah County to convey to the city its land, and adopt a policy of acquiring private lands within the designated boundary. In 1948, Forest Park was formally dedicated.

Trails within the park are named after TCO members Keyser, Cleator, and Cannon to recognize and honor their involvement as well as Bruno F. Kolkowsky who built 3.5 miles of the trail as a volunteer after age 75.

For more details on Forest Park, see History of Portland's Forest Park by Thornton T. Munger, published by Forest Park Committee of Fifty dated February 4, 1960 and "One City's Wilderness: Portland's Forest Park," by Biologist Marcy Houle, who has studied Forest Park for the Oregon Parks Foundation, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Multnomah County Planning Division.

(to be continued in future Blazer issues)



An early photo of Henry Waespe taken from the Trails Club Archive being compiled by Sylvia Milne and other TCO volunteers. You can contact her at: historian@trailsclub.org. The history archive is part of our 100 year anniversary celebration.

This article and others to appear in future issues, illustrate the influence that the Trails Club has exerted in improving the awareness and perception of value of the outdoors and associated activities in the region. - Editor

**Trails Club of Oregon
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 10, 2015**

Call to Order – George Milne called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM at the Milne residence. Board members present: George Milne, Randy Dietrich, Ron Silvis, Joel Reitz, Joan Miller, Barbara Jones

Phil Crosby - Blazer Editor, Art Stangell – Legal Counsel and Sylvia Milne – History Committee were also present. Cindy Lee, Glen Conrad, and Callista Snively, and Merrill Hugo were absent.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report—Cindy Lee – Provided in advance in her absence.

Finance summary

Cash Balance at	1/31/2015	\$11,350.37
Beginning balance at	1/1/2015	\$5,561.26
Deposits		\$6,657.85
Checks/Withdrawals		-\$868.74
Ending Balance at	1/31/2015	\$11,350.37

Vice President - Joel Reitz - No lodge requests needing board approval. The updated calendar was sent to board members before the meeting.

Membership - Joan Miller - The incoming dues are slowing. We are tracking reduced dues as more members use senior rates. There were no second readings this month. Many members using PayPal to pay have not filled out the on-line renewal form. Ways to encourage members to fill out the online form that is adjacent to the PayPal link was discussed.

Social—Barbara Jones – Cindy is working on a PayPal link for Banquet reservations.

JAN A&T there were 11 people present for Deborah Cheranchanko's presentation.

FEB A&T Marcy Houle will be our speaker.

MAR A&T Nancy Panich will show slides of her 2 month, 500 mile hike on Camino de Santiago in Spain.

APRIL A&T John/Judy Rau – France

MAY A&T Ken Kane and Audrey Perino – China

Nesika Holiday Schedule 2015:

Memorial Day weekend at Nesika May 23-25.

4th of July weekend at Nesika July 4-5.

Labor Day weekend at Nesika Sept 5-7.

Banquet discussion:

We discussed the annual banquet and the need to add some hors d'oeuvres and switch one dish to vegetables. We can provide our own deserts. Joan and Barb are

working on the menu.

Ron suggested having photo placemats. Barb is investigating the placemats. We could also use flowers or some other centerpiece.

The availability of T-shirts was discussed. Joan is investigating a company that sells shirts on-line with club logos.

June 13 Hike & Dine, Namhea Lew will prepare American-style Korean food.

We need hosts for the Hike & Dine events on 2nd weekends in the summer and fall.

July 11, August 8, Sept 12, Oct 10.

Trips - Ron Silvis - Ron asked about the goals for trip coordinator. We discussed how a mix of class A/B/C events per week and month was scheduled by previous trips coordinators.

Ron will host a 3-night RV weekend to the coast on the May 24th weekend, at 3 different state parks starting at Stub Stewart.

Publications— Randy Dietrich – Randy will check on the Blazer printer delay. It was to the printer on January 29th, but not yet received in the mail. The goal is to have them mailed before the end of the month. The printer needs to be able to provide post office ready copies pre-sorted and addressed.

The club website is up to date with events.

A request was made to add a history committee listing to the web site and Blazer.

The conservation committee also needs a listing and that committee has 9 members now.

The board was reminded that they need to proofread their content of the Blazer before publication.

When members opt-out of the paper copy of the Blazer, they are sent up to 3 e-mail notices to confirm the switch. This is to confirm we have the correct e-mail address. Many members checking the opt-out box on the renewal form have failed to confirm with an e-mail response.

The Membership Directory page count can be reduced by several pages by using 10-point font instead of 12. 10 point is used in the Blazer. The useful information contacts and FWOC list will be only on the web site and removed from the directory.

There is no member contact information listed in the public portion of the club web site. Contacts are only in print or the private section of the web site. The member directory is not on the club web site.

The PayPal link for banquet reservations needs a link from Cindy.

It is recommended that everyone should have a laminated emergency contact list in your pack.

Nesika Report - Glen Conrad - Provided in advance in his absence. On Jan 31, ten TCO members were able

to do road clearing on the way into Nesika. The road is open not only all the way to the parking lot, but the monster trail and walking trail have all been cleared to provide access into the lodge. On 3 separate days hardy trails club members have donated their time to have "wildcat" work trips. A special thanks to Pete Bryant who spent 5 hours of solo time on Friday, Jan 30, opening the road into the lodge. Due to the non-existent snowpack we are well ahead of the maintenance game at this point.

Tyee Report—Callista Snively – Provided in advance in her absence.

Tyee Lodge has been busy and used by many even with the lack of snow! Every weekend has had an event since and including MLK weekend. Ron Silvis had 39 men visit for a day retreat. Fifteen TCO members and guests stayed for the three-day weekend. We had eleven cancellations due to the lack of snow.

Pete Nelson and Nancy Overpeck were happy with the turn out for their event with the TCO and Cascade Prime Timers. However, they had challenges during the event. Please state that Hosts or Cooks are welcome to call me if they have any questions regarding the use of Tyee Lodge. If you can't find supplies or are having difficulties, please call my cell phone number that is posted at the lodge and is in the directory. I am happy to receive emails and phone calls regarding Tyee Lodge.

Think snow...

History Committee Report—Sylvia Milne

1. Library research - Historic TCO Oregonian news articles (see attached PDF) - Sylvia Milne & Susan Keller
2. 1923 Larch Mountain Lookout photo restoration - Tom Shanley (\$169)
3. Re-framed original photo for return to Nesika and framed the restored photo for Museum display - Sylvia Milne & Susan Keller
4. Historic Membership roster - Vicki Wood
5. Historic Blazer Scanning - Celine Stroinski being trained by Nadine Morris
6. Blazer Articles - Leonard Murphy
7. Government Camp Cultural Center Research, member artifacts stored (Lee Squier's climbing boots) - Nadine Morris
8. Prepared jump drive with scanned Trail Blazers for review of Lee Squier & Becky Knudeson
9. Request for Committee reports/photos.
10. Received Board Minutes from Merrill Hugo
11. Request to Board for reinstatement of Historian email address on 2nd page of the Trail Blazer & on the website home page

Shared articles linking Mazama and TCO in the early days of the club including an Oregonian article with a proposed Larch Mountain lodge.

President—George Milne The planning retreat will be de-

layed from the March 14th date. We need to find a venue and it was suggested to look into using a school.

Other Business

Pete Nelson recommended in an e-mail free lodging for board members. He stated that having board members at the lodges helps in new member recruitment and is a token of appreciation for the hours of service they put in for the club. No action was taken.

There was discussion for providing free lodging for the lodge chair and an assistant.

We need to encourage no-host opening of the lodges to make them available for members to use.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM

Respectfully submitted, Joel Reitz-Vice President

Conservation Notes

The Conservation Committee studies and acts. Under adopted policy, we limit our action to Mt Hood, the Columbia River Gorge, and Portland's Forest Park. Our action is approved by the Board of Trustees and is executed in the name of the Trails Club of Oregon.

The Trails Club is a member of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, a conservation coalition, which adopts resolutions annually for action by the member clubs. We may take action under this umbrella on a variety of issues. For example, under a resolution opposing the conversion of public lands to private ownership, we might oppose the sale of the State Elliott Forest. Or we could take action against Single Track Bicycling in Forest Park. The 2014 Resolutions can be found on the website of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs.

The Trails Club is a recreation organization. The Conservation program is directed toward preserving and protecting those places where we recreate, which we love and where we own property. We invite your participation on any level you choose: whether writing an email, attending a hearing, visiting an area under threat.

Sydney Herbert, Conservation Chair

From the Editor

I'm trying some new things in this issue. First of all, you may notice that the "boilerplate" section on page 2 has been expanded to include email addresses and that the email addresses are in a different, monospaced, font. I plan to use this "computer-ish" font for email addresses in the future (what about website addresses?).

We have been experiencing a kind of "walking" deadline in recent times that has resulted in late arrival for the print Blazer. If we can work together on this, those who depend on the print version will be better served.

Please feel free to make suggestions (I know I don't have to say that to some folks, but ...).



Wednesday Hikers near Tryon Creek State Park on a nice Feb. 11

Photo: Ken Kane

Membership Notes - February 2015

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 show-shoe 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 involving 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

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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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