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Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org

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

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! 92nd Annual Banquet !

! Sunday, April 26th, 2015 at 4 p.m. !

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Ernesto's Restaurant (Beaverton)

8544 SW Apple Way, Portland, OR

Speaker: William Sullivan

Author of 18 books and Trails Club of Oregon Member

Registration form on the TCO website

Reservation Deadline: Friday, April 17th, 2015

For more information, contact Barbara Jones

socialchair@trailsclub.org

Pay Pal payment available on web site

Events

April 1 (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.

Today's hike is at Tryon Creek State Park.

Meet: 9:30 AM at the visitors center.|

Leader: Phil Crosby, 503-636-1853,
spiritone@gmail.com

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

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Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 700 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: 6 PM at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh

Class A Leader: Chaz Shaw 503-702-3094,
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Class B Leader: Catherine Schiedler 503-234-1839,
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April 2 (Thu) North Plains - Dairy Creek Rd Bike Ride - Class A/B

As the first ride this season we will ride from North Plains to the end of Dairy Creek Rd through beautiful Washington County farmland. The ride is basically flat and about 20 miles long. We will pass by the Glider airport.

Depart: 10 AM, from St. Edwards Catholic Church. 10990 NW 313th Ave, North Plains, 97133.

Leader: Gisela Piercy, 503 648-5885 or giselapiercy@gmail.com

Register with leader by 9 pm Wednesday.

April 4 (Sat) Catherine Creek Loop Hike - Class B

This is a great time of year to hike Catherine Creek and see the wildflowers before it gets too hot! This loop starts near Major Creek and works its way over to Coyote Wall. Distance: 8 miles, gain - about 2400 feet of gain overall.

Class B. Bring water and a lunch, a hat, sunscreen and wear long pants due to possible ticks and poison oak.

(Technu is effective against poison oak.)

Meet: 8 AM sharp in the Gateway Transit Center parking garage. Driving distance to the trailhead is 70 miles.

Leader: Jeff Lawton email: trailsclubtrips@gmail.com to RSVP or for more information or for my phone number.

April 4-5 (Sat-Sun) Beginner Backpack, Salmon creek - Class A

This will be a great opportunity to try out backpacking and trouble shoot your equipment without too much risk. We will hike in about 2 miles elevation gain 200 feet and make camp on the beautiful scenic Salmon river. Sunday morning hike back out. Lets bring items for a potluck for Sat night dinner.

Meet: 1 PM at Gateway Transit Center.

Leader: Veda Wilson 503-245-1539

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

This week we will go to the Portland Japanese Garden. It is impossible to describe the beauty and artistic landscaping, at its peak this time of year. About 30 of Trails Club Wed AM hikers went 2 years ago - Loved by all. Open to all members - Gardens are wheel chair accessible and there's no reason to exclude anyone. Shuttle available from gardens parking lot to entrance gate. Admission to the gardens is adults \$9.50 / Seniors \$7.75. You can purchase your tickets on line or at the gate.

Depart: 9:00 AM from Friendly House at NW Thurman and 26th, to walk up to the garden.

Note: This is earlier than the normal Wednesday hike Alternate Departure: 10:00 AM from the Japanese Garden Parking lot.

Leader: Ron Silvis, 971-998-4946, ronldrjsilvis@aol.com

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

We will hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 700 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: 6 PM at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh

Class A Leader: Gerda Eck 503-804-4214, gerdaeck@comcast.net

Class B Leader: Gini Bateman 503-475-8712, ginibateman@Comcast.net

April 10-12 (Fri-Sun)Tyee Hike & Dine

We had no snow for winter, but that means an early spring. So we can start summer activities at Tyee early this year! Lets celebrate. Nancy Overpeck has graciously volunteered to cook for us Fri night dinner and Saturday breakfast and supper. Ron Silvis will be opening the Lodge Friday Afternoon around 2PM - Then closing Monday afternoon. Anticipated Hike Saturday is Mirror Lake, 3 mile out and back. Possibly continuing on to Tom, Dick and Harry, another 1.5 miles, if conditions permit. Alternate hike - Horseshoe Ridge 6 mile out and back.

Lodge will be open Friday night to Sunday afternoon. Lets kick the season off with good attendance. LOOKING FOR COOKs for Sunday and Monday - Unless you want Ron cooking for you.

Register with Host: Ron Silvis 971-998-5042

ronaldrjsilvis@aol.com or
TripsChair@trailclub.org

April 12 (Sun) Banks/Vernonia bike - Class B

A Ride the beautiful Banks - Vernonia trail. We will meet at the trail head in Banks, ride 20 miles to Vernonia, and return on the same path. Bring a sack lunch or eat out at one of the restaurants in Vernonia. The trail is an old railroad grade so it is a fairly gentle climb to Vernonia. Rain or shine unless it is stormy.

Depart: 10:00 AM at Banks-Vernonia Trailhead in Banks.

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

April 15 (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: Lair Hill & Pill Hill Interpretive Hike: Join Ken Kane for a 4.5-mile loop which includes stops for brief descriptions about old South Portland history and the development of Oregon Health Sciences University. There is about 410 feet of elevation gain. More information about the hike at:

http://www.woodbloom.com/kenaud/OHSU_hike.pdf.

Depart: 9:30am at the corner of SW Corbett Ave. & Lane St. (near 0114 SW Lane St., Portland). Buses 38, 43, 45, 54, 55 and 56 run near the starting point. Be mindful of where you park -- some of the local streets are two-hours only. This hike will run closer to three hours. Lunch follows, for those who wish, at a nearby café.

Leader: Ken Kane, 503-522-9997, ken@woodbloom.com

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

We will hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 700 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: 6 PM at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh

Class A Leader: Chaz Shaw 503-702-3094, chaznw@gmail.com

Class B Leader: Eric Berg, ericwb@aol.com

April 16 (Thur) Adventures in Travel - Arles, France Home Stay Exchange

This month's program will be presented by Primetimers, John and Judy Rau. They will explain the concept of home exchanging, and showcase their latest adventure in Arles, where they stayed in a 500 year-old barn. They mixed with the locals for a month, used the host's car, and did lots of walking. We will learn about local castles, monasteries, hill towns in the Luberon Mountains, and local farmer's markets. They also visited Cassis, a Mediterranean town with fabulous fiords. Their past programs have been very informative, and this one should be no exception!

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@trailclub.org for more info.

April 17 (Fri) Burnt Bridge Creek - Frenchman's Bar - Class A/B

The short A level ride is an out and back on the Burnt Bridge Creek Trail. It is 16 miles long with scenic views. The B level ride follows this with 17 more miles and stops at Vancouver Lake for lunch and Frenchman's Bar on the Columbia. The total route has 850 feet of ascent. E-mail leader to register for the ride, saying whether you plan to ride the shorter or longer route. Registration required since ride may be rescheduled in rainy weather.

Depart: 10 am at Bernie and Lakeshore TH of Burnt Bridge Creek Trail.

Leader: Terry Lawson 503-819-9250, lawson.terry@gmail.com

April 17-19 (Fri-Sun) Nesika Work Trip

Come join us for the first work trip of the season. We will be doing spring cleaning; washing down mattresses, sweeping and mopping floors in dorms. Cut wood on the road needs to be brought into the lodge. Club member and outdoor author, William Sullivan, plans to join us as a working volunteer. He will show slides promoting his new Oregon Desert Book. Youth are welcome.

Meet at the upper gate at 9:00 AM Saturday if you do not have a key. Contact the host if you need driving instructions.

Register with: Linda Conrad: via e-mail lcgrconrad@aol.com or call 360-837-3787 , please let us know if you are staying overnight on Friday or Saturday and which meals you need. Register by Wednesday evening to give the cooks time to prepare.

April 17-19 (Fri-Sun) Camping at Champoeg State Park

Road trip to Champoeng State Park, (Short distance South of Newberg). We will RV camp in Ron Silvis 31 ft motor home. Sleeps six, can take 8 to state park - That means room for 7 more to accompany me. Have reservations for Friday night April 17 and Saturday night April 18. On the way to the park we will visit Tualatin Valley National Wildlife Refuge (3.7 mile loop day hike). Hiking trail available along Willamette River, campground has extensive trail system. Ample biking opportunities country right outside campground. RV has bike carrier 3-4 bikes. Bring yours or ride mine. Contact leader for meeting time, place and details.

Leader: Ron Silvis 971-998-5042
TripsChair@trailsclub.org

April 18 (Sat) Hamilton Mountain - Class B/C

This is a 7.6 mile 2000 feet elevation gain loop hike. Not only will we hike past Hardy falls but we will get to enjoy the views of the Gorge at lunch from the top. Bring plenty of water,snacks and lunch. This hike usually take around 4 hours. Potential for stopping by Edgefield's afterwards if the group is interested.

Meet: 8 AM at Gateway Transit Center.
 Leader Veda Wilson 503-245-1539

April 19 (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,
charleycv1@aol.com

April 19 (Sun) Eagle Creek to 4.5 Mile Bridge Hike — Stiff Class A

This classic gorge hike follows Eagle Creek, passes spectacular waterfalls, clings to sheer cliffs and crosses a deep slot-canyon. May not be a good choice for those who fear heights. Vehicles will need to display a NW Forest Pass.

Hike: 8 miles w/ 900' elevation gain Drive: 60 r/t miles
 Depart: 8:30 AM from Lewis & Clark State Park (I-84, exit 18)

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

April 20 (Mon) Life of Pie Ride Bike Ride — Class B

This ride is mostly flat. Most of the course is on bike paths with a few miles on Portland city bicycle streets. The bike path along I-205 can be a little rough. We'll be going downhill and riders may want to watch their speed.

The ride is 24 miles as on this map <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/6678699> , or if the weather's nice and the riders are interested, we can ride out to Kelly Point Park to make it 33 miles. Elevation gains of about 180 feet are hardly noticeable. Car parking is on the street.

Depart: 10:30 AM From Life of Pie Pizza at 3632 N. Williams on the east side of the street.

Leader: Sue Brickey, sab97206@comcast.net or 971-506-0931.

April 22 (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 a ramble through SW portland

Depart: 9:30 AM Multnomah Art Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, parking in the back.

Leader: Chuck Barrows, 503-244-4967
barrows4967@msn.com

April 22 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B

We will hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 700 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: 6 PM at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh

Class A Leader: Chaz Shaw 503-702-3094,
chaznw@gmail.com

Class B Leader: Catherine Schiedler 503-234-1839

catherineschied@gmail.com

April 29 (Wed) Morning Hike – Gladstone History Lesson - Class A/B

We will hike 4.5 miles (2 hours) on paved walks from Oregon City to the Gladstone Conference Grounds, and back along the Clackamas River to the lunch spot and parking. There will be a history lesson on Gladstone, and a visit to the Chautauqua site of 1895 in Gladstone Park, now the Gladstone Conference Grounds. We will visit the PowWow Tree as we walk back along the Clackamas River. There are plenty of restrooms.

Lunch at Stanley's Corner, River Rd and McLoughlin BLvd.

Depart: 9:30 AM at Clackamette Park in Oregon City. It is located behind McDonalds on McLoughlin Blvd, across from Oregon City Shopping Center, Exit 9 on I 205. Bus 33, 32, or 79 from Clack Town Center gets you there. Contact Leader for more info.

Leader: Barb Jones, 503-829-6424, 503-819-8983,
barbjones50@hotmail.com

April 29 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B

We will hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 700 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: 6 PM at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh

Class A Leader: Chaz Shaw 503-702-3094, chaznw@gmail.com

Class B Leader: Bob Link, 360-859-3745, fanmanr@aol.com

May 2 (Sat) Ridgefield NWR visit - Class A

A day of bird watching at Ridgefield NWR. The Cathlapotle Plankhouse should be open. After enjoying the birds, those who wish to can have dinner at a restaurant in Ridgefield. Entry fee is \$3 per car, cash only. Meet Portland: 8:45 AM to leave at 9:00 from Friendly House at NW Thurman and 26th.

For those in Washington, take exit 14 from I-5, go into the River S part of the refuge from 9th Ave. in the town of Ridgefield. Meet us in the parking area of the information booth 9:30-9:45.

Let me know if you are willing to drive.

Leader: Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, pollockkathy@ymail.com Thanks.

May 3 (Sun) Fernhill Wetlands, Gaston Bike Ride - Class B

This ride will lead us from Forest Grove by the wetlands through Gaston with an option around Hagg Lake depending on participants. We will back through Dilley past a vineyard with a possible stop. Depart: 10 AM from Rogers Park, 2400 17th Ave/Elm St, Forest Grove, 97116

Leader: Gisela Piercy, 503 648-5885 or giselapiercy@gmail.com

Register with leader by 9 pm Saturday

May 6 (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

May 6 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B

We will hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 700 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: 6 PM at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh

Leaders: TBD

May 13 (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

May 13 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B

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Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

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Meet: 6 PM at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh

Leaders: TBD

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 Mountaineering Center 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, 13505 SE River Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222, 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 (and other) 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.belknaphot springs.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):

Tent sites 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

RV sites \$38.15 for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each add. person)

Cabin 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)

Lodge rooms 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:

1. 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.	From Social Trustee, Barbara Jones 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.
Trails Club Bike Ride Schedule-2015	
Apr 2 (Thu) Helvetia/Dairy Creek-Gisela Piercy Apr 12 (Sun) Banks/Vernonia-Chaz Shaw Apr 17 (Fri) Burnt Bridge-Terry Lawson Apr 19 (Sun) Portland Loop-Maureen Covell Apr 20 (Mon) Life of Pie Ride-Sue Brickey May 3 (Sun) Fernhill Wetlands-Gisela Piercy May 7 (Thu) Sellwood Audrey Perino May 11 (Mon) Portland Buttes-Maureen Covell May 16 (Sat) Helvetia/Mason Hill-Gisela Piercy May 18 (Mon) Lacamas Lake-Terry Lawson May 21 (Thu) Trolley Trail-Gerda Eck May 26 (Tue) Banks-Vernonia-Gretchen Marble May 30 (Sat) 5 Covered Bridges-Chaz Shaw Jun 5 (Fri) WillametteValley Bikeway-Terry Lawson Jun 11 (Thu) Peninsula Park-Audrey Perino Jun 14 (Sun) Westside Trail-Chaz Shaw Jun 16 (Tues) Lake Oswego History Ride-Ralph Rogers Jun 21 (Sun) Grand Island-Lou Sowa Jun 27 (Sat) Petal Pedal-Gisela Piercy Jun 28 (Sun) Sawtell Pass, Canby-Maureen Covell	Jun 30 (Tue) Washington Co-Rich Fuhs July 6 (Mon) Washington Co-Rich Fuhs Jul 10 (Fri) Clackamas R Road-Terry Lawson Jul 16 (Thu) Kelly Pt Park-Audrey Perino Jul 18 (Sat) Westside Tour-Chaz Shaw Jul 20 (Mon) Washington Co-Rich Fuhs Jul 23 (Thu) Mosier Tunnel-Gerda Eck Jul 26 (Sun) Kansas City-Gisela Piercy Jul 30 (Thu) Buena Vista Ferry-Allen Burrell Aug 3 (Mon) Sauvie Island-Chaz Shaw Aug 10 (Mon) Blue Lake Park-Terry Lawson Aug 13 (Thu) Springwater East-Audrey Perino Aug 16 (Sun) Puget Island-Chaz Shaw Aug 20 (Thu) Willamette Valley/Gervais-Lou Sowa Aug 27 (Thu) Trolley Trail-JoAnn Klassen Sept 8 (Tue) Col River Hwy to Casc Locks-Allen Burrell Sept 10 (Thu) Willamette Pk to Zoo-Audrey Perino Sept 17 (Thu) Oktoberfest-Lou Sowa
From the Conservation Chair The Conservation Chair has agreed to continue as Resolutions Chair of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs.	I earnestly solicit Trails clubbers to suggest topics for action. Write your own resolution, I can help, we can form a subcommittee, or I can write it. I would like to see more participation. — Sydney Herbert,

**Trails Club Of Oregon
Board Of Trustees Meeting
March 10, 2015**

Minutes

George Milne called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM. All the board members were present. Kelly Marlin was also present.

After some informal discussion the board agreed by consensus to be the host club for the FWOOC convention at Menucha and to host convention members at Nesika on the Thursday before the convention.

The minutes as distributed by email were approved.

President's Report:

George is still trying to arrange a meeting with the administrators for the Columbia Gorge Scenic Area. We need to clarify access and road maintenance issues with them. He also said that our computer programs for club administration were in good shape and did not have to be replaced.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash Balance	2/28/2015	\$11,796.52
Beginning Balance	2/1/2015	\$11,350.37
Deposits		\$2,326.00
Checks/withdrawals		\$1,879.85
ending balance	2/28/2015	\$11,796.52

Vice President's Report:

Joel noted the addition of a schedule of bicycle events for the coming season. We approved the use of Tyee for an event hosted by Ron Silvis 4/24-4/26 and a Mazamas event. (Randy moved- Callista seconded)

We will be rekeying Tyee as the present keys and locks are becoming unreliable.

Membership:

Valentine J. Power, Sylvia L. Ashley, Bryan Sullivan, and Leah Sullivan were read for the first time.

Virginia Mary Johnson, Esther M. Jones, Beverly A. Wolfe, Paula A. Zellers were elected to membership.

The Sullivan's applications were both made on the same form. The club member who sponsored them intended to

sponsor both. It was moved to submit their applications in standard form next month. The motion was amended to approve the application for a first reading this month. The amendment and motion were approved.

Joan told us about the Metro Trails Fair which will have a session open to the public May 17.

Trips:

Ron Silvis would like to start a program of midweek class A hikes from Tyee. This initiated a lengthy discussion concerning our hiking program with a number of suggestions for improvements. There was general agreement we need more weekend hikes as well as midweek hikes.

Publications:

Randy says there was significant delaying getting the printed version of the Blazer back from the printer. He feels we will have to have an earlier hard and fast deadline for Blazer copy.

Social:

Barbara said 38 people had attended Marci Houle's presentation in February. Nancy Panich will present a program on El Camino De Santiago on March 19.

Barbara needs someone to host at Nesika on May 23-25. Randy volunteered and Merrill will help.

She has moved the cutoff date for the annual banquet to April 17.

Nesika:

Glen has been surprised by the ease of access to Nesika this winter. The young Mazamas were up to use the lodge in February. In general, everything is in good order. We need to clean the spark arresters to improve draft on some stoves and need to fix the spare tire for our trailer,

Tyee:

Callista told us that Tyee was open for 12 days during February. One of the locks which was replaced recently has been broken.

Russ Hunt was approved for a Tyee key. (msc Callista-Joel)

There was no unfinished business or new business considered.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM

Respectfully Submitted Merrill Hugo

April Presidents Message

The Trailers at Nesika

During the rebuilding of Nesika there were many members that contributed ideas, as well as their talents, that made it easier to complete such a challenging project. Two of those people were Scott Shanley and John Riley. Along with contributing hours of work at the lodge they designed and built three special trailers that simplified the transporting of materials from the turnaround into the lodge and are still in use today.

Prior to 1986 the club had different machines that pulled an old trailer on the tractor trail and each was nicknamed "The Monster" after the first such unit. When I first joined the club, getting materials from the parking lot to the lodge was quite an ordeal because the narrow trailer had a habit of tipping over and the small lawn tractor was not always capable of pulling it when loaded without a lot of people power helping out.

In 1986, Jerry Reneau persuaded the club to purchase a slightly used John Deere tractor to facilitate all the upcoming work that was planned. It was apparent we needed an improved trailer that could be effectively pulled behind the new tractor. George Milne took the old trailer home for the winter to figure out what improvements could be made. Scott Shanley and I decided on a design using a wider axle from a mortar mixer and removable sides for more versatility. The only part of the old trailer used was the basic bed frame. Scott designed the sides and latches and proceeded to weld up the new trailer. It has successfully hauled all kinds of heavy loads over the years. (See picture A)



A—Stakeside Trailer in Action

The design for the new men's dorm and the new lodge building would require a tremendous quantity of sand and rock to improve the tractor trails and to build both buildings. Hauling sand and gravel in the flatbed trailer was not efficient. Recognizing the problem, John Riley built a dump trailer out of an old oil tank that would carry 2000 pounds of sand or gravel and was hinged so it could be unloaded through a hatch at the rear. Drivers could go out to the piles of rock in the parking lot, load the trailer with the bucket on the front of the tractor, and drive the load back to the lodge. (See picture B)



B Dump Trailer Used for Building Drainfield

After discussing how to move logs from the parking lot into the lodge, it was mentioned that a trailer capable of steering front and back to maneuver around the corners on the tractor trail would be ideal. John Riley called me a week later and said he had come up with a design and would bring the trailer to the lodge for a trial run. It arrived at the next work party and John's design amazed everyone. Not only did it steer at both front and rear it also included hydraulic brakes! The first design could haul logs up to 32 feet long. After a couple of trial runs John loaded up the trailer and took it back to his

shop, adding brakes on the second axle and padded seats that could be removed to load the trailer and put back in place after the logs were on board. The rails connecting both ends of the trailer were extended and it could now carry the 45 foot log required for the top of the lodge. This trailer also carried both of the water tanks up the tractor trail. It is a component trailer and dismantles into two main sections and two long steel side rails and is compactly stored in the basement of Redwing waiting to accommodate another need. (See picture C & D).

This story is just a small example of the ingenuity and contributions of so many members, willing to work together, that help make the Trails Club of Oregon such a special organization.



Membership Notes - March 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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Empty Boots - Gloria Trantanella Keil

April 12, 1923 – Feb. 15, 2015

Gloria died peacefully at the age of 91 on the afternoon of Sunday, February 15th surrounded by most of her family. Gloria was born April 12, 1923 in St. Paul, MN to Ruth Nelson Trantanella and Theodore Trantanella. She was of Italian and Swedish descent. Gloria attended elementary and high school in St. Paul before enrolling at the University of Minnesota where she earned a B. S. degree in home economics. She worked for a year in a San Francisco department store before moving to Portland and joining The Oregonian newspaper where she eventually became "Nancy Morris, Food Editor". While at the Oregonian, she met another outdoor enthusiast, Harold H. "Bill" Keil who covered skiing for the newspaper. They were married on February 27, 1959 and honeymooned in Sun Valley, Idaho, which became a favorite destination of theirs. In 1961 they started building a cabin in Government Camp at Mt. Hood. It was their weekend home for many years. After raising their two children, she enrolled in Portland State University to gain a teacher's certificate and then taught in Portland Public Schools until retiring. She had a lifelong interest in skiing, camping, and hiking. She was a very active member of the Trails Club of Oregon. She belonged to a bridge group that played regularly for nearly 50 years. Gardening and genealogy were other favorite pastimes. Bill & Gloria traveled extensively including trips through Europe, Hawaii, Tahiti, and New Zealand. They also visited all 48 mainland US states during several motorhome trips. For her last 18 years, Gloria was afflicted with Parkinson's Disease which gradually limited her activities. Besides her husband, Gloria is survived by her younger sister Shirley Munson of Bayport Minnesota, sons Dick(Kieran), Greg(Claire) and grandchildren Cecilia, Thomas, Virginia, Michael and Kevin. She was preceded in death by her older sister Jean Bebeau. Gloria was a wonderful woman with many friends and interests. ...Bill Keil, husband



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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

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
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Depart: Meeting place, with address if possible, and departure time

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