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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
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Social hour 6:30 p.m, program starts at 7:00 p.m. Please
bring a snack to share or \$1 donation towards expenses.
Guests are very welcome!

Location: Rose Villa Rec Hall, Fireside Room and Art
Rooms.

For more information, please contact Nader Rahimizad,
socialchair@trailsclub.org or call 503-619-9567.

Mar 23 (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.

Depart: 9:30 AM from George Rogers Park at the south
end of downtown Lake Oswego. Parking lot and re-
strooms.

Leader: Ray Amsinger, 503-442-9228,
rayamsinger@hotmail.com

Mar 30 (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 hike at Tryon Creek State Park in SW
Portland. The trilliums should be blooming. Depart: 9:30
AM from Tryon Creek State Park Visitors Center.

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

Apr 6, 13, 20, 27 (Wed) Morning Hikes– 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

April 2-3rd: Nesika Road Clearing

To prepare for the work trip on April 22nd-23rd, Glen and
Linda will need help this year clearing trees off the road.
We still have two trees down on the road below the Green
Gate. One is just below Big John Creek. It is 24-30 inches
in diameter, bridging the road on a steep section of the
grade. The other is an old rotten alder Tree which fell
across the road just up the hill from Multnomah Creek
below Larch MTN trail. We also have some large rocks on
the road just below Peterson Creek.

We will need to move wood into the lodge from the
playground. The wood room is close to being empty. We
will turn on the water. Some repair is needed to pipes
below the tank and pump secondary due to movement of
earth and stressed pipes. Weekend will be free lodging
and meals for Saturday Lunch through Sunday Lunch. To
register call or email; Linda or Glen Conrad at
360-837-3787 or lcgrconrad@aol.com.

Meeting Places - are listed on page 8

Trails Ahead

Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River June 24-26, 2016 (Fri-Sun)

Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River is the setting for this 11th annual outing. The resort, which is about 300 miles roundtrip from Portland (midway between Sisters and Eugene off Hwy 126) has two hot mineral spring swimming pools, and acres of landscaped gardens and trails. Visit the resort website at www.belknaphotspings.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 ranges 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)

FEES include the cost and transportation of food/beverages/supplies, totaling \$22 for adults and \$11 for children under age 12. If you attend the hike there is a \$1 fee for members/\$2 nonmembers.

TO REGISTER (*registration opens Feb 1st for TCO members and March 1st for nonmembers):

1) Contact Vicki Wood at 503-850-4366 or vw48@comcast.net to inquire about lodging availability;
2) Mail a \$25 **nonrefundable** deposit and completed application/liability **and** medical form for **each person** to: Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 69061, Portland, OR 97239.

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 23rd and is nonrefundable unless someone on a waiting list wants your accommodations.

This outing is limited to a maximum of 40 people.

TCO does not provide nor arrange your transportation to or from the outing.

If accepted on the outing, you will be notified by email or mail and the \$25 deposit will be credited to your balance.

OLYMPIC PARK HIKING OUTING

July 10-15, 2016

We will stay at Naturebridge on beautiful Crescent Lake in the Olympic National Park in historic cabins with all meals provided and choose from a variety of A and B hikes daily. In the evenings we can meet in front of the fireplace or outside at the amphitheater.

Special diets can be accommodated. Cabins either have a bathroom inside or have a modern bathhouse with toilets, sinks and showers nearby. No one will have to climb up to an upper bunk.

Many hikes can start right from the cabins. We will also carpool and hike trails in the Hurricane Ridge and the Sol Duc areas. You can also bring your kayak or rent a boat to explore the lake, or venture by ferry to Victoria, BC.

Cost will vary depending on the number of participants from a low of \$425 to a high of \$450 for members (and members of Federation of Western Outdoor Club organizations). The non-member cost will be \$65 more than the member cost. The non-refundable outing deposit is \$200.

There will be a meeting to discuss hiking options, meet fellow participants and arrange carpools by May 22, 2016.

To sign up for this outing, download and complete the outing application and the medical form from the Trails Club website (www.trailsclub.org). Mail the completed forms with your \$200 deposit to Trails Club of Oregon, P.O. Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207. Checks should be made out to Trails Club of Oregon.

You also can sign up for this outing through Meet Up (<http://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/>) and use PayPal to submit your deposit.

Outing registrar is Diana Forester 503-288-7782

Outing leader is Gregg Baker.

Questions? Call Gregg at 503-284-3223

Now Hear This! TCO Banquet Silent Auction We are also planning a Silent Auction. Do you have something taking up space that you know someone can't wait to get their hands on? Donate it to the Trails Club for a fantastic Silent Auction experience during the banquet. You can have the thrill of watching your item go to the highest bidder, and they will have the pride of having won it! Maybe you will find something you can't live without. Be a part of a fun event that benefits the club and draws more members together! Have the gift of gab, a silver tongue? Maybe you could even be our auctioneer?! Contact Susan Taylor at 503-453-5762, alternately neumesian@hotmail.com with a new or very gently used item, artwork, or even a gift certificate. She will work with Nader to showcase your treasures in their best light. Anything not sold will be returned to its original owner. *** Seeking Volunteers to help with the silent auction and/or the banquet event ***	heading north so I headed that way. About a mile from the car I slipped. As I fell I heard a sharp crack from my ankle. It was about 1:15 pm when I fell, but it took until 4:00 pm before I was loaded into an ambulance and headed out of the park, for I had broken three bones in my ankle. Two and three quarters hours may seem to be a long time for a "simple" city evacuation but it might have been a lot longer and I might have been in much worse condition if not for several lucky decisions I made when I left the car. 1. I had two layers of down under a Gore-Tex jacket as well as a wool hat and gloves. Originally I planned to leave a layer in the car but kept it on because I had room in my day pack to stow it later. I also had an umbrella which both my dog and I appreciated when it started to hail during our long wait. 2. I had my charged cell phone in my jacket pocket. If I had put it in my pack I might not have been able to reach it because my injury prevented me from reaching around to get the pack off easily. By the way, no one came by for at least a half hour after I phoned 911. The person who finally came by and offered to stay with me was wearing very light running clothes and could have become dangerously chilled if he had tried to wait for much time. 3. I knew exactly where I was (just north of mile post 11.5) and was able to give this information to the responders. Later, they told me over and over how helpful this was. There are several observations that I want to stress from this experience. 1. Even close-in "easy" evacuations may take a long time. It was at least an hour before the first responders reached me. It then took a long time for them to figure out the best way to get me out. Do not assume that you will be out quickly even in the best of circumstances. 2. Local responders may not know the area. Forest Park has a very complex system of trails and access points. I was carried out on a Stokes litter with a wheel but none of the responders had knowledge of the terrain. The evacuation would probably have been much more difficult without the help from a passing runner who convinced the rescuers to take me downhill to Leif Erikson Drive rather than uphill to Firelane 1. 3. Be prepared. On a cold damp day, you will need a lot of clothes to keep warm if you are injured. Zip up your jacket right away. If possible get something under you. Keeping warm may delay the onset of shock. 4. Keep calm. Communication in these situations is imperfect. Try to do what you can to guide the responders to you and to advise them of your condition. Finally, I would like to thank all the people who helped me that day.
Do we have your current address and email? We will be printing the 2016 member directories soon. Please help us keep the directories up to date! If your address has changed since the 2015 directory, please let your club know. The same is true for your email address. We are trying to use email as much as possible to save paper and postage. Not sure? Send your info anyway! E-mail Jeff Lawton at: MembershipChair@trailsclub.org or send mail to: Trails Club of Oregon PO Box 69061 Portland, OR 97239-0061 Have you paid your 2016 dues? Our address changed this year and some folks sent dues to the old address and the Post Office failed to forward them. If your dues were returned, or if you haven't paid yet, please send them to: Trails Club of Oregon PO Box 69061 Portland, OR 97239-0061 Or use our online payment method at: http://trailsclub.org/events/PayPal.html#dues	
Let's Talk About (Ed. Note: This was sent to me by Diana Forester) Forest Park Fall Although most hikers know the importance of carrying the Ten Essentials, we often cut corners for short local hikes. On a chilly damp December Sunday I took my dog to Forest Park planning on a three or four mile walk starting at Firelane 1. I met a runner who told me that the Wildwood was clear of blowdown and not too muddy	

Ed. Note: One of the first things I noticed upon visiting Nesika was the beautiful double-oven woodstove in the kitchen. One time I cooked my sourdough pancakes for a work weekend Sunday breakfast, and they turned out to be the best I've ever done.

Different people had different stories about the stove, but here is the story from an expert, Trails Club Baby, Fern Anderson, as she related in 2004. Don't miss the chance to visit with her at the Banquet.

SAGA OF THE STOVES

Cooking at Nesika can mean many things. Meal preparation is necessary if folks are just staying there by themselves or with some of their family for just a couple of days, or it might mean cooking for 100 or more at a special celebration or convention. Cooking at Nesika also brings into play the many facets of just existing and living at Nesika, such as having enough wood chopped to get through the whole cooking process that is being prepared for and hot water to wash the dishes. Then there is the main appliance, the stove, or range, and this one item has gone through a number of phases at Nesika.

When I was a small girl, cooking was done on an old wood fired range with two ovens, similar to the one now in use at Nesika. I have no knowledge of anyone ever telling me where that first range came from, but I presume it was purchased used as the Trails Club was not overly fiscally blessed in the early days. Many wonderful meals came from that range by a number of dedicated cooks. The most outstanding meal to me was one of the Inez' meatloaf. We had two cooks by the name of Inez: Inez Mace and Inez Waespe. That meatloaf was just plain wonderful and no matter how many recipes I have tried, I cannot duplicate it. And they even produced an abundance of meatloaf gravy!

After World War II, many returning veterans joined the Trails Club, subsequently finding their wives in the Trails Club or bringing wives along and the club membership swelled in numbers, bringing many more to Nesika trips. The old range wore out in several areas of the iron, so the club seized an opportunity to purchase a World War II field range from Army surplus, and installed it at Nesika. It was bigger than the old range and was a wonderful appliance for a number of years. That range is the one I really learned to cook on. In the 1970s, the stove started showing signs of wear. This was noticed mostly on the top of the range where the iron pieces fitted together and near the back of the range where the iron was beginning to wear thin. Much discussion and research was done trying to find something new that would duplicate the range we had (or be even better). No more Army field ranges were available then; nothing was to be found. One of the members, Everett Beauchamp, decided he could completely rebuild the range and we would have a brand

new range. However, that necessitated taking the old range out and being without a stove until he had the new one built. He not only had to build a new range, he had to make patterns from the old pieces of range and then cast them in iron. This was not a quick process. We had anticipated that the club would be without a range for one year, but that one year stretched in to 2 ½-3 years until the new range was ready to install.

During the time that there was no range, several different stoves around the lodge area were put into play. There was a nice flat surface on the top of the stove that heated the water for the hot water tank and most of the hot drinks were made there. The hot water stove and tank were located in the woodshed just across the breezeway from the kitchen so it was handy. On our breezeway, we had a large dishwashing area, and also used this area to make salads. The breezeway had a roof of sorts on it (not too efficient in a downpour), and was outdoors, so it was nice in the summer and we put up with it the rest of the year. For stoves, several members donated their Coleman propane stoves that they used for camping for the duration of the stove rebuild. The one thing we lacked was a good oven, so all baked goods needed to be brought up already baked.

One work trip my mother and I were the cooks for about 25 people. We decided we'd fix fried chicken, mashed potatoes, and green beans on the potbelly stove in the girl's dorm. What a time we had! Two big frying pans just barely fit on the top of the stove. After we had fried the chicken we put it in big stainless steel pans covered with foil and set them underneath the stove to keep hot. Then we cooked the potatoes and green beans. We had that potbelly stove so hot it was glowing red on the sides. And while this was going on, one of us was heating rolls in a crazy double boiler thing we had rigged up with two turkey roasters on the hot water stove, also making coffee and drinks for dinner, and fixing the salad on the breezeway porch. Bear in mind that this potbelly stove in the dorm was about a city block away from the lodge where we ate. It all came together fine and we had a great dinner. Mom and I laugh to this day about cooking on that stove. Needless to say, the women went to bed that night with the dorm smelling of fried chicken.

How glad everyone was when the day came to bring in the new range! Everett had designed the new range so a lot of it could be taken apart to move it. Little did he know how that range would travel in coming years! The top warming tray is removable, as are both the oven doors, the firebox door, the round covers on the top of the firebox and the stove legs. It was a careful process bringing the large part of the range in on the tractor trailer, but it made it just fine. The new stove was in, put together, and finally functioning.

When it was decided in the 1980s to rebuild Nesika Lodge because it was basically falling into itself, many things had

to be done before the actual building could commence. The first thing that was done was to put new porches on the girl's dorm, both upstairs and down. Then the men's dorm was completely torn down and the girl's dorm became the only sleeping quarters with men up and women down, but if you wanted to sleep on the porches, anything went. The new men's dorm was built and it was decided that building would be our cooking and eating building while we tore down the main lodge and rebuilt it.

The Trails Club embarked on this massive rebuilding project, but it wasn't to be done just like a building project would in town. Remember, we can't get there most of the winter, so everything comes to a halt over winter and when spring does come, there's always things to take care of that Mother Nature has done to the place over winter before any task such as building can resume.

After the new men's dorm was complete, with a full basement and shower in the basement, the stove was readied for its move to that building. A fireproof place had to be built inside for it. All the removable parts were taken off and the range was once again loaded on the tractor trailer for the move of about a city block over to the men's dorm. There were men totally circling the range as it slowly moved along the trail and once there, the chore of getting it through the door took lots of muscle and many rolls of film. Again the range was reinstalled, and started humming away, both warming that building and fixing many meals while the old lodge was torn down and the new one built.

One of the range's biggest jobs was the week spent feeding the contracted log crew while staying at Nesika installing the logs for the new lodge. The club was responsible for fixing three meals per day that week for the log builders as well as for the many members who took time off to help haul logs, do chores around the place such as chop stove wood, keep fires going and be general "go-fers".

Many stories can be told about cooking on the range in the men's dorm. Most of them include being really hot, because that dorm took the afternoon west sun during the summer and cooking in there made the room like an oven. Luckily, one of the members, Todd Burk, rigged up a fan up in the peak of the roof by open windows to take care of some of the heat. Since dishwashing was also accomplished in a corner of the dorm, the dishwashers were always extra warm.

No matter which range was being used for cooking, old or new, there was always a trick to getting it started when one arrived at the lodge and the range was stone cold. The smoke from the firebox needed to be coaxed up the chimney which was always a little to the left of the firebox. Fortunately, there was a small square piece on the top of the range right in front of the chimney stack that could be lifted out; it was put there just for that purpose. After the fire in the firebox started burning, a rolled piece of

newspaper is lighted by the fire and held just under the chimney stack until the fire smoke travels the few inches to the chimney, thereby creating the necessary draft. If this isn't done (as many an unknowing novice has found out), the building quickly fills with smoke from the burning fire in the firebox with no place to correctly direct the smoke. This is one trick that is learned over and over again by those attending work parties at Nesika.

Finally, after about 5 years, the kitchen of the new lodge was completed enough to move the range back from the dorm. So the taking apart and moving process was again repeated. Now the range has been in the spot intended for it since that last moving day, faithfully heating, cooking and baking for the many hungry appetites that come through the forest to Nesika.

Long range plans call for a propane range to accompany the wood range, but these are dreams for the future along with new flooring and a wood fired hot tub.

The actual art of cooking and baking on the range is yet another chapter.

Fern Anderson 4/26/04

March 2016

Historian's Blog:

Last month I shared how the history committee is working with the community and exploring ways we might partner with Crown Point Community Historical Society and the Government Camp Museum to acquire long term exhibit and storage space to store club records in proximity to our lodges. This brought up the age old thought of storing club records in our own lodges and using them as museums. After all, that's where a lot of our members hang out. Unfortunately, the club doesn't heat either of our lodges year round, which accommodates storage of outing equipment, yet not fragile archives.

As our club shifts from scrapbooking to establishing an archival system with sophisticated equipment, a huge shift in everyone's thinking is required. Since 2012, the TCO History Committee has operated under a mission statement, which expands our direction as found in club bylaws to include the following points:

To understand club history

To be responsible for collecting, evaluating and organizing club history, documents/images to preserve the club's evolving story

To develop a system of long term storage & maintenance of club information/images in physical and digital form

To respond to internal & external request for information

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Trails Club History Committee Meeting – January 28th

The committee met on Thursday January 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Those attending were Nadine Morris, Christine Olsen, Jane Olsen, Sylvia Milne and George Milne. Excused: Celine Stroinski; Tom Shanley; Jean & Michael Stupek; Vicki Wood and Mary Bauman

Chairperson: Upon request, Sylvia read her report from the annual meeting, which reviewed committee activities and forecast for the coming year of 2016. See attachment. She reported on moving accounting records to Jeff Lawton's house, which were reviewed and special items retained at the library. This activity was done because of not renewing the lease on the additional room.

Value of History Committee's Efforts: The new board has only approved a one year extension of our lease. Our committee had asked for a three year option. Presently a majority of the board members are not convinced of the value of the library's collection. Sylvia has met individually with several of the board members. She is looking forward on Jan. 30th to meeting with the new president to show her the library and encourage her interest and support of the history committee. Sylvia will emphasize the progress that has been made with various other community groups on planning such projects as the interruptive sign for Larch Mountain. Her efforts have opened a number of doors for publicity about the Trails Club. Some of these contacts have been directly built on research done by the history committee.

Archival Document Boxes: Different from the banker box size archival boxes located on a shelf in the front office (#10), document boxes are located in the conference area of office #18 against a recessed wall. New labeling will soon replace the temporary labels arranged in alphabetical order. Oversized boxes on the top shelf contain maps, large sized photos and were largely donated by Michael and Jean (Townsend) Stupek. Two boxes with Tyee and Nesika plans and drawings are in the front office on the filing cabinets. Michael inventoried most of the lodge plans/drawings. Each of the collection boxes need to be review and accessed with a collection number.

New Projects: James Olsen visited the library. He is researching the building of the Multnomah Falls Trail to write an article for the Friends of Multnomah Falls newsletter. He is a former Forest Service employee. He wasn't aware of the Trails Club history through the Progressive Businessmen Club who developed the trail. This is just another example of the committee's efforts to reach out to the community and promote our club.

Suggestions: Perhaps William Sullivan, the author, would do an article for us. OPB has not been receptive to include us on Oregon Field Guide. "Oregon Experience" might offer an opportunity especially if we combine with other outdoor clubs.

Upcoming: Sylvia has an invitation in February to speak to

the Women's Forum group. She will probably speak to the history behind Bill Sullivan's power point.

Policy for Loaning Materials: A lengthy discussion was held on loaning materials. There is a need for a policy/ guide lines so that we can preserve especially items that can not be replaced. Presently the Historic Registration Ledger from Nesika has been requested. There is a microfilm from 1972 of this first book. Susan will explore making a copy in some form of this film, allowing the original to remain in the archive/library for preservation. If contacted well in advance, the committee would make this Historic Registration Ledger available for a few special events a year, with a committee member being responsible for its safety. Some type of copy (film, CD, thumb drive or e-mail) could be shared with any member. Requests to the committee can be made for copies of any materials in the library, with some being more accessible than others.

Review of Standing Committee Rules:

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENTS

Section 1. Committees:

- a. There shall be three classes of committees as follows
 - i. regular committee of which chairmen must be members of the Board of Trustees, consisting of the following six committees: Nesika Lodge, Tyee Lodge, Membership, Publications, Social, Trips.
 - ii. Standing committees are those defined in the Bylaws, with duties and duration established by the vote of the membership. The standing committees shall consist of the following committees; Auditing, Budget Advisory, Conservation, History, Investment, Memorial Endowment, Properties Advisory.

Section 16. History Committee:

The History Committee shall collect and preserve all publications of the Club and record the Club's activities and achievements.

Appraisals: It was suggested that we make arrangements for appraisals of significant items.

Budget: Sylvia reminded us of the need to prepare a budget before the summer as that is when the budget committee for the club begins its work. With this in mind the history committee will continue to explore opportunities for another location of the library.

Comments of committee members that couldn't attend:

Mary Bauman—I don't think the Historic Registry should be left at the lodge because of temperature and dampness, which would encourage mildew. Also, the lodge is occasionally broken into and the registry could be damaged or destroyed.

Sylvia shared an example of property missing from the lodge - special black & white photos of the original cabin at Nesika, taken by Dallas Swogger, were required by a government agency because it was considered a

historically significant building. Respecting the significance of these photos many years ago, Sylvia placed them in plastic sleeves and when she became historian she discovered they were no longer in the registry box or any of the cupboards in the new lodge.

Celine Stroinski - with training, she is willing to help copy documents.

Membership Challenges: Christine reviewed her perceptions of the changes in membership involvement and commitment to club values. How can we build on the traditions of the past and make for a vibrant and active community? A big question!

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Keller

Meeting Places

Friendly House NW Thurman and 26th. TriMet 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 (MMC) 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. Map of Rose Villa, follow route C or B to the Recreation Hall (Treasure House signs)

<http://trailsclub.org/events/Images/2014RoseVillaMap.pdf>

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 Blvd. 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 the right about one mile past roundabout.

Parking is near the Nature Center.

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In addition, the committee works under long and short term goals established at the same time and ones more specific to skills of the volunteer available as outlined in our extensive 2014 annual report. Ultimately, our goal is to provide a detailed index of our historic collection of documents, images and artifacts.

Though we are still in the process of organizing materials, in the last three years we've accomplished many goals. Thanks to George Milne, Joan Miller, Nadine Morris, Barbara Lauer, Caroline Jenkins, Celine Stroinski and Susan Keller (I hope I did not leave anyone out), we have many slides and albums scanned and labeled. In addition, Christine & Jane Olsen, Tom Shanley, George Milne, Joan Miller, Leonard Murphy and I developed exhibits and written stories for centennial events.

Because of our research, in an attempt to recreate early club history destroyed by a fire in the early 1920s, the club now has a great collection of stories (an index of more than 200 Oregonian articles on the Trails Club history from 1910 to 1923), which outlines the early beginnings of our club and that of our parent organization. In some cases our early information is now more accessible than that of Portland's downtown library or the Oregon Historical Society, as a result of Susan Keller and I spending hours researching wooden card catalogs, reading microfiche records and then transcribing the information.

In this electronic age people forget there is a process behind preparing for accomplishments and not everything is instant. Rome was not built in a day; and neither was the stone lodge many enjoy at Nesika. Undoubtedly, newer members and even those in long standing may not realize or remember the 10 long years of negotiating for the rebuilding of the lodge prior to 1989 when we dismantled it. Besides securing member support, a huge challenge, Nesika Lodge's reconstruction had to be coordinated with the formation of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic area. To accommodate the time span, the club had 2 dedication ceremonies, one in 1997 and the other in 2006.

Recently, to give the board a more accurate idea of the volume of records the history committee is processing within the leased space in Oak Grove, Celine Stroinski and I counted boxes and items. After two long days, we determined the physical size to be comprised of nearly 260

items. This inventory includes: 52 banker boxes; 90 archival document boxes; 5 oversized boxes, donated in part recently by Jean & Michael Stupek (building prints/plans, topical maps, photos etc); a metal card catalog, 21 binders/registries; 78 photo albums, many with outing journals; 11 exhibits boards and 16 reference books, including a 1915 book written by our first club president Sam Lancaster and donated by Gladys Basinger, along with a collection of poetry written by our second President Henry R. Hayek. This does not include our early Blazer collection at the Mazamas and accounting records, extra newsletters, shelves and a filing cabinet stored in the homes of Membership Trustee Jeff Lawton and Treasurer Cindy Lee.

Rather than just count, Celine and I decided to maximize our investment and map out the location of these items in Excel to help guide other volunteers working in this space. However, this spreadsheet is not to be confused with our accession log/registry. When updated, in a manner similar to that of the Mazamas, it will map out a detailed index of archival

document boxes, containing club records and member collections - some of which are now in banker boxes and 3 filing cabinets. Once the index is complete, we'll be able to mirror the system electronically. For now, though still under construction, the committee is excited that our club archives have become renowned in the community and key to establishing the club's part in Oregon history.

Sylvia Milne - Historian



Wednesday Hikers on Feb 17 on Marshall Park Bridge (Photo by Ken Kane)

**Trails Club Of Oregon
Board Of Trustees Meeting
February 8, 2016**

Draft Minutes

Pamela Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Board members attending: Cindy Lee, Linda Conrad, Jeff Lawton, Eric Berg, Randy Dietrich, and Joel Reitz.

Board members not present: Charles Shaw, Merrill Hugo, and Nadar Rahimizad.

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Art Stangell, Philip Crosby, Susan Taylor, and Celine Stroinski were also present.

President's Report:

Chris Monti could not attend. He was on the agenda to present a review of the investment fund status.

The minutes of the January board meeting were approved as distributed earlier.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash balance at	1/31/2016	
	\$11,874.87	
Beginning balance		\$6,614.20
Deposits	\$7,686.47	
Checks/Withdrawals	(\$2,425.80)	
Ending balance at 1/31/2016	\$11,874.87	

Financial statements: Check register, profit & loss
Previous Year Comparison as well as Profit & loss
Actual vs. Budget was provided.

US Bank account is reconciled as of January 31, 2016.
Copy of reconciliation and statement is provided to secretary.

We received a \$400 donation from Lee Squire toward solving the Tyee heating problem.

I have been in touch with our accountant and will get our financial records to her so she can file our corporate returns.

Reminder to Art that the Forest Service has asked us for an insurance accord for 2016. Art has not done this in the past, so Cindy will look into what is needed and what has been done in the past.

Publications Trustee's Report:

Randy needs to start on the directory. The directory will continue the short format as was done last year to save on both publishing and mailing costs.

Membership had some problems with some mail being returned instead of forwarded to the new P.O. box. The USPS was notified of the problem. The late fee will be waived because of the problem.

Membership Trustee's Report:

First reading for four member applications.

Resignation: Jane Storey, Ellen Stevenson, and Jeff Andrew.

Second readings for six new members were approved.

A discussion about lowering the junior membership age to 5 was tabled due to liability concerns.

Vice President's Report:

The second Mazama Outdoor School did not need to use Tyee for overflow. This was scheduled to start on the same day as this board meeting. In the future we need to designate someone to find a host when we agree to host Mazama overflow. It was done at the last moment for the event in January, with Gerda and Allen agreeing to host.

Trips Trustee's Report:

The contract was signed for the Olympic National Park outing. There was a discussion that official TCO events

need to be on the TCO web site and fees collected. It is up to the leader if the event is posted on the TCO Meetup site. Any member can post last minute events on the TCO Meetup site and are not subject to the participation site. The TCO Meetup site is meant to promote participation in events between members.

Tyee Trustee's Report:

No action is expected on the oil tank until spring when it is accessible.

Nesika Trustee's Report:

No report as there have been no visits this last month.

Social Trustee's Report:

January A & T had attendance of 22 people.

Feb 18 – Central and East coast Australia.

March 17 – ?? (seeking volunteers to organize A&T events)

April 21 - ?? (seeking volunteers to organize A&T events)

May 1st – Annual Banquet will be at Elephants on Corbett, 5221 SW Corbett Avenue, Portland, OR 97239

May 19 – Sonia Buist – Mt. Hood hiking trails

History Report:

Sylvia sent an account of her presentation to the Portland Woman's Forum on February 4th.

Business:

The use of Nesika for Adventurous Young Mazams on Feb 27-28 was granted.

The budget for 2016 was reviewed. Randy moved and Jeff seconded a motion to approve the budget.

We discussed ways to reduce expenses and increase revenue. Some minor changes were made.

The budget was approved.

We are searching for a presenter for the annual banquet. The club has a supply of TCO bandanas and will offer them for sale at the banquet and possibly use them in table decorations.

Pamela volunteered to host the December board potluck at her house in NE on December 11th.

A motion to not renew the office lease for 2017 was tabled.

A lively discussion of the archives resulted in some insight to what is needed to move forward on defining a strategy for the long term goal. Retaining the extensive work and momentum done by the history committee and making the archives accessible to all members are key goals. The need for searchable "meta data" is imperative for the collection. Randy made a motion and Cindy seconded to create a "History Inventory Committee" to make an inventory and create this strategy plan. Susan Taylor was appointed to head this effort and will work with the History Committee, bringing in advisors when needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Joel Reitz

Empty Boots - Lee Squier

Lee Squier June 9, 1918-Jan. 21, 2016

Lee Squier joined the club in 1946, the same year he met his wife, Janet Wagstaff, on the ski bus. They were married for 66 years. He was one of the crew who built Tyee. According to John Hook's memories of Tyee's construction, "Two guys, Ray Ellis and Lee Squier, may have done more work than any other two people in building, repairing, remodeling, maintaining and caring for Tyee." During those post war years, with much of the same group, Lee climbed all the peaks in the NW except Rainier. The Squiers were one of the many core families attending the week-long "Kiddie Kamp" each year. For many years, he and Janet hosted the spring vacation teen week at Tyee. He was Tyee lodge chair and attended many ski trips, hikes, backpacks and wilderness and senior outings.

In the years before ski lifts were at Timberline, he remembered his group of skiers wondering what they should call the run they were skiing (and climbing). As his brother, Cap, took off down the hill he hollered, "Pucci's Glade." The name stuck as evidenced by the Pucci chairlift. Lee taught countless kids to ski and skied for the last time a few months short of his 91st birthday.

He built his house outside Milwaukie by himself, following his experience with the Tyee project. The family of 5, and eventually 7, lived in the basement for eight years while he completed the upstairs. He had many involvements in his church and community, but most of



his best friends were in the club. He leaves five children and five grandchildren to follow in his tracks. A service will be held at First Baptist Church, SW 12th and Taylor, on March 6 at 12:30.

(From Lee's daughter, Rebecca Knudeson - ed. Photo from TCO archive)

Membership Notes - February 2016

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 Monday of the month). We wish to hear your input before the final vote into membership. Club member input is very important in this process.

Do you know a prospective new member? Send his/her name and address to membership@trailsclub.org for him/her to receive a couple of free Blazers. This is the best way to report guest information from hikes, lodge visits, and other trips.

First Readings:

none

Second Readings:

Tina Wrightson

Dennis Kearns

Janine Kearns

Joy Chaussee-Sippel

Roy DeRousie

Peter Marbach

Resignations:

Jane Storey

Ellen Stevenson

Jeff Andrew

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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 snowshoe 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
Day trip descriptions should be under 100 words.

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

Leader: Name, Phone, and/or email.

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