



# Trail Blazer

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May 2016

| Upcoming Events  |         |                                            |
|------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------|
| Date             | Day     | Event Description                          |
| ----- May -----  |         |                                            |
| 1                | Sun     | Tual. Valley Scenic Bike (Pt. 1) Class A/B |
| 1                | Sun     | <b>2016 TCO Banquet</b>                    |
| 4                | Wed     | Morning hike - Class A/B                   |
| 4                | Wed     | Evening hikes - Class A, B                 |
| 5                | Thu     | Bike & Dine SW PDX Riverfront - Class A    |
| 5                | Thu     | Mult. Trail to Angels Rest Hike - Class B  |
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| 9                | Mon     | Hamilton Mountain Hike - Class C           |
| 9                | Mon     | TCO Board Meeting - MMC                    |
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| 11               | Wed     | Evening hikes - Class A, B                 |
| 13               | Fri     | Lacamas Lake Bike Ride - Class B           |
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| 18               | Wed     | Evening hikes - Class A, B                 |
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| 25               | Wed     | Evening hike - Class A/B                   |
| 26               | Thu     | Tual. Valley Scenic Bike (Pt. 2) Class A/B |
| 28-30            | Sat-Mon | Memorial Day Weekend at Nesika             |
| 30               | Mon     | North Plains to Dairy Creek Bike - Class B |
| 30               | Mon     | Ramona Falls - Class B                     |
| ----- June ----- |         |                                            |
| 1, 8             | Wed     | Morning hike - Class A/B                   |
| 1, 8             | Wed     | Evening hikes - Class A, B                 |
| 5                | Sun     | Canoe Class - Alder Creek                  |
| 5                | Sun     | Tyee Open - See "This Just In"             |

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|-------|---------|---------------------------------|
| 5     | Sun     | Tyee Hike - See "This Just In"  |
| 11-12 | Sat-Sun | Icicle Creek Backpack - Class C |
| 13    | Mon     | TCO Board Meeting - MMC         |
| 15    | Wed     | <b>Blazer Deadline</b>          |
| 15    | Wed     | Morning hike - Class A/B        |
| 15    | Wed     | Evening hikes - Class A, B      |
| 22    | Wed     | Morning hike - Class A/B        |
| 22    | Wed     | Evening hikes - Class A, B      |
| 29    | Wed     | Morning hike - Class A/B        |
| 29    | Wed     | Evening hikes - Class A, B      |

**Scheduling is updated on web site [www.trailsclub.org](http://www.trailsclub.org)**

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

## New Feature!

The Upcoming Events and Events listing will not be in order if articles arrive after the Blazer deadline. Instead, they will be listed at the end of the Events section. See page 6.

The name of that section is "This Just In".

## Events

### May 1 (Sun) Tualatin Valley Scenic Bike way (1st part) Class A/B

We will ride the first part of this Scenic Bikeway from Rood Bridge Park in Hillsboro to Forest Grove on back roads through scenic farmland. Lunch will be at Rogers Park in Forest Grove and then return to Hillsboro. Total mileage is about 30 miles.

Meet: 10 AM at Rood Bridge Park, 4000 SE Rood Bridge Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97123.

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

Please register with leader by Sat., April 30th.

### May 1 (Sun) TCO Banquet 4:30 - 7:00 PM

Please join your fellow outdoor enthusiasts at our Annual Trails Club of Oregon Banquet!

This year we are excited to announce that we will be holding a silent auction and we have a special guest speaker: Erin "Wired" Saver, well-known Triple Crown long distance backpacker. Erin has completed over 10,000 miles of hiking on major trails, including the thru-hiker's coveted Triple Crown.

This years Banquet will be held at Elephants on Corbett.

# TRAIL BLAZER

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**Board Meetings:** 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 pm, at Mazamas Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave. at SE Stark St. Portland, OR

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## May 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. This week we will hike through the arboretum and have lunch at the Cascade Grill just inside the zoo gate. No entrance fee required.

Meet: 9:30 AM - at the Hoyt Arboretum visitors center at 4000 SW Fairview.

Parking is free on the street but the lots cost, so carpool if you can.

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

## May 4 (Wed) Evening Hikes – Class A, B

We will hike from 6 pm 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 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Depart: 6PM sharp! from Wallace Park between NW 2 5th and 26th on Raleigh.

Class A Leader: Deb Ralls, debbieralls@yahoo.com

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

## May 5 (Thu) Bike and Dine – SW Portland around the Riverfront - Class A

Please join me for an easy ride and lunch! We'll start in SW Portland, ride up to the Steel Bridge to the eastside, cross the Hawthorne and then go back to the eastside on the Tilikum. We will stop at OMSI for lunch in their excellent café, and then ride across the new Sellwood Bridge back to SW Portland. About 12 miles round trip, almost all bike path, so an excellent ride for beginners. Please bring a lock to lock your bike at OMSI. I don't ride in the rain, so check with me that morning if the weather seems iffy.

Depart: 10 AM corner of SW Virginia and SW Nebraska. This is near Porcelli's Restaurant if you need an address.

Leader: Audrey Perino, audrey53@comcast.net  
503-246-6462 or 503-522-9911 (cell)

## May 5 (Thurs) Mult. Trail to Angels Rest Hike – Class B

We will hike up Multnomah Trail (441) to Waukeena Trail (420) to Waukeena Springs and up 2 more miles to Angels Rest trail (415) for Lunch. Total distance is eleven miles, the out and back to Angels Rest is four miles. Once those 13 switch backs are done in the first mile it becomes just a serene walk in the Gorge with a multitude of cascading falls and Gorge views to die for. Elevation gain to Angels Rest at 2,000 ft, Expect to complete hike between 5 and 6 PM making the commute home manageable.

Meet: 10 AM at my house: 1260 NW Bella Vista Court, in Gresham or 10:45 outside the Multnomah Falls gift shop at 10:45.

Leader: Ron Silvis 971-409-9710 ronldrjsilvis@aol.com

Please RSVP or call if you have any concerns or questions.

**May 7 (Sat) Dog Mt. hike - Class B**

Enjoy the views and the flowers on a classic Gorge hike. If you haven't been on this hike before be ready for 2700 feet of elevation gain. Hike itself is 6.9 miles R/t. Lunch at the top. And then take a different route down. We won't go up the steepest trail. My pace is relaxed. Wind is always a possibility so be prepared for any weather. And poison oak is present.

Depart: 8 AM Gateway Park and Ride to get a parking space at the trailhead. NW Forest pass required. Meet near center part of ground floor parking garage. I am driving a black Honda Civic.

Leader: Brian Carlson 503-960-9451  
owatta53@hotmail.com

**May 9 (Mon) Hamilton Mountain Hike – Class C**

Please join me for a hike up Hamilton Mountain. It is an 8 mile loop past Hardy Creek's 2 falls (Hardy and Rodney Falls) to Hamilton's Peak at 2,800 ft. The best views don't happen until we get to the saddle in another half mile. Elevation gain at the peak is 2,000 feet. We will have lunch at the saddle then decide whether to add another 2 1/2 miles our hike by continuing on up. We will take Don's cutoff on the way down. Expect to be back to the parking lot between 5 and 6 thereby greatly alleviating commute time home. Washington State Discovery Pass required, I have one; otherwise \$5 parking fee.

Meet: 9:30 AM - At my house: 1260 NW Bella Vista Court, in Gresham or 11:00 AM at the Trailhead.

Leader: Ron Silvis 971-998-5042  
ronaldrjsilvis@aol.com

Please RSVP or call if you have any concerns or questions.

**May 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.

Depart: 9:30 AM from Friendly House at NW Thurman and 26th.

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

**May 11 (Wed) Evening Hikes – Class A, B**

We will hike from 6 pm 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 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Depart: 6PM sharp! from Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh.

Class A Leader: Catherine Schiedler 503-234-1839,  
catherineschied@gmail.com

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

**May 13 (Fri) Lacamas Lake Bike Ride - Class B**

We will ride around Green Mountain and Lacamas Lake with nice views of the lake and areas of Vancouver and Camas. The ride is 26 miles with 1050 feet of total ascent, with a lunch stop at Lacamas Lake.

Depart: 10 AM on SE MacGillivray Blvd just east of SE Chakalov in Vancouver -

email leader for directions.

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

Register with leader via e-mail — may reschedule if bad weather.

**May 13-15 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Work Party**

Hi Fellow TCO Members. It's time for the Tyee spring spruce up. We are fortunate to have Christine Olsen cooking for us this work party. (always lead with food).

Here are some of the tasks for the work party:

- Test Emergency Lights
- Test Smoke Alarms
- Test Fire Hoses
- Check Fire Extinguisher certifications
- Check for roof damage
- Check for leaks in attic
- Clean stove and oven
- Clean refrigerator
- Clean cabinets in kitchen and supply room
- Check Decon traps
- Re-stock wood
- Wash windows
- Remove storm windows
- Burn pile
- Spray for ants
- Take down Avalanche signs
- Check bridges for soundness (lower bridge needs reinforcing).
- Check rope along trail.

Please contact Chaz Shaw tyeeChair@trailclub.org by Wed May 11th so we have a meal headcount.

You may also use Meetup to sign up.

<http://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/230334635/>

**May 16 (Mon) Dog Mountain Hike – Class B**

Please join me Me for a hike up Dog Mountain. The Balsamroot should be gloriously ablaze on our way to the pastoral summit for Lunch. This hike is rated strenuous, we will take the Augsperger Trail route up, adding 0.6 miles to the 6.9 mile hike but it spreads out elevation gain to 2,700 feet in 3.7 miles. My pace is leisurely.

Meet: 9:45 AM - At my house: 1260 NW Bella Vista Court, in Gresham to car pool or 11:00 AM at the Dog Mt. trailhead. NW Forest Pass Required.

Leader: Ron Silvis 971-409-9710 ronaldrjsilvis@aol.com

Please RSVP to leader for this hike. Call or email any questions or concerns you may have.

**May 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.

Depart: 9:30 AM from Friendly House at NW Thurman and 26th.

Leader: Glenda Chaite, 503-261-1355, glenda@inbalanceservices.com

**May 18 (Wed) Evening Hikes – Class A, B**

We will hike from 6 pm 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 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Depart: 6PM sharp! from Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh.

Class A Leader: Catherine Schiedler 503-234-1839, catherineschied@gmail.com

Class B Leader: Bruce Seymour, bruceseymour65@gmail.com

**May 19 (Thur) Bike the Trolley Trail - class A**

We are repeating the lovely ride from the Milwaukie Riverfront Park through Oak Grove and Gladstone on the bike path called Historic Trolley Trail to the Clackamas River where we will have a rest and snack. The return is via the bike path along I-205 for a short distance and then on neighborhood streets to make a nice loop. Total mileage is 17 miles with very little elevation gain. Biking is half on dedicated bike path and half on city streets. We can have lunch in downtown Milwaukie after the ride.

Meet: 10 AM at Milwaukie Riverfront Park, McLaughlin Blvd and Jefferson St

(there is a traffic signal) enter the parking lot on the next driveway after the light. Coming from the South, take the turn lane before the Jefferson St signal.

Leader: Gerda Eck 503-804-4214

Please register with leader, thanks.

**May 19 (Thu) Adventures and Travel - A Walking Safari in Kenya**

Sonia Buist M.D. will talk about the magic of a walking safari in Kenya and briefly about her experience directing a global program teaching lung specialists in low income countries how to do clinical research. She is Professor Emeritus of Medicine at the Oregon Health & Science University, the author of 2 hiking guides to Mt Hood (Hikes & Walks on Mt Hood and Around & About Mt Hood: exploring the Timberline Trail), and has hiked extensively in Europe. Her work takes her (every year) to Africa, Latin America, Turkey, India, Indonesia, China and Vietnam. When she can, she adds on a few days to explore and get to know the people of the countries she visits.

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 Barb Jones, barbjones50@hotmail.com or call tel:503-819-8983

**May 20-22 (Fri-Sun) Nesika Work Trip**

We will continue wood hauling, road work, trail clearing and start on the main lodge porch. We will continue with our fire break around the lodge. Bring weed whackers and brush trimming tools. If weather is nice we will do some painting on dorms and outbuildings. Bring wood working tools to set up for July roofing project. If you have harness, we could use someone on roofs to sweep winter debris.

We still need a cook if anyone is interested.

Meet at Larch Mountain Gate at 9:00 AM Sat AM. We will have gate open for 15 minutes. Then locked. If you want to come in on Friday to help set up let us know when you register.

To register: Contact Linda Conrad 360-837-3787 or lcgconrad@aol.com

Register online at the TCO Meetup.

When you register let me know what day you are coming and how long you are staying.

**May 21-22 (Sat-Sun) Badger Creek Exploratory Backpack - Class A**

We'll hike up the Badger Creek Trail on the east side of Mount Hood, going between three to five miles in with about 400 feet of elevation gain. Distance depends on where we decide to spend the night. Trail follows Badger Creek and is generally a quiet forested trail to hike. This backpack is open to those who are new or returning to backpacking.

Register With Leader: Bill Yandon (Home) 503-538-3643 (Cell) 503-887-2932 or wkyandon@earthlink.net prior to Tuesday May 17th at 8:00 PM

**May 21 (Sat) Nesika Membership Hike - Class B+**

A beautiful trek up from Multnomah Lodge to the historic and tranquil grounds of Nesika Lodge, offering a babbling creek, lush woods and gradual elevation along the way. Trails Club folks will be at the lodge working so it will be open for your visit. Bring water and snacks. Approx. 8 miles rt, 1700-1800' elev. gain., moderate pace.

Departing 8:30 AM from Gateway Park & Ride Garage, or 9:15 AM from Multnomah Lodge gift shop.

Leader: Jane Garbisch 503-314-2233

**May 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.

Depart: 9:30 AM from Friendly House at NW Thurman and 26th.

Leader: Ron Silvis, 971-998-5042, ronldrjsilvis@aol.com. ronldrjsilvis@aol.com

**May 25 (Wed) Evening Hikes – Class A, B**

We will hike from 6 pm 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 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Depart: 6PM sharp! from Wallace Park between NW 2 5th and 26th on Raleigh.

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

Class B Leader: Bob Link, fanmanr@aol.com

**May 26 (Thu) Tualatin Valley Scenic Bikeway (2nd part) Class A/B**

This time we will start in Forest Grove, Rogers Park, and ride on back roads to Banks and back. Again it is basically a flat ride on back roads through scenic farmland about 30 miles total. Lunch will be in Banks at the Banks/Vernonia Trailhead.

Meet: 10 AM at Rogers Park, 18th and Elm St, Forest Grove.

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

Please register with leader by Sat., May 25th.

**May 30 (Mon) – North Plains to Dairy Creek Bike Class B**

Head NW from North Plains through farm land to Dairy Creek. Follow the East Fork of Dairy Creek north through the valley, a gentle climb with the land gradually closing in on the road. Turn around at the bridge on NW Greener Rd. 27+ miles,

700+’ elevation gain. Driving distance 8 miles from NW 185th Ave & Hwy 26.

Depart: Contact the leader for meeting place & time.

Leader: Rich Fuhs; 503-690-5077 Rich@gmail.com

**May 30 (Mon) Ramona Falls - Class B**

Please join me for a hike to Ramona Falls. If I had a favorite hike, I think this would be it. The hike is 7.1 mile balloon loop rated easy in the book; I think I would need to change that to moderate, 800 feet elevation gain in 3 miles. I will hike this before 30 May to determine best place to cross stream.

Lunch at the Falls and celebratory mocha on the way home worked well last time.

Meet: 10 AM at my home 1260 NW Bella Vista Court, Gresham or Safeway Parking lot

10:45 in Sandy before proceeding to the trailhead.

Leader: Ron Silvis 971-998-5042 ronldrjsilvis@aol.com

Please RSVP to leader for this hike.

**June 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.

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

Leader: TBD

**June 1 (Wed) Evening Hikes – Class A, B**

We will hike from 6 pm 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 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Depart: 6PM sharp! from Wallace Park between NW 2 5th and 26th on Raleigh.

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

Class B Leader: Lotte Schmitz, lotteschmitz@msn.com

**June 5 (Sun) Canoe Class on moving water and water rescue**

Alder Creek has agreed to put on a moving water and water rescue class for a small group of people. Currently we have 2 openings. Cost is \$50. per person for a 4 hour class. Equipment and canoes provided.

To register : call Linda Conrad 360-837-3787 or lcgconrad@aol.com

**June 8, 15, 22, 29 (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

**June 8, 15, 22, 29 (Wed) Evening Hikes – Class A, B**

We will hike from 6 pm 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 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Depart: 6PM sharp! from Wallace Park between NW 2 5th and 26th on Raleigh.

Class A Leader: TBD

Class B Leader: TBD

**June 11-12 (Sat-Sun) Icicle Creek Backpack - Class C**

Icicle Creek Backpack up Icicle Creek in WA outside of Leavenworth. Total Miles: 20. Elevation gain: 3000 feet.

We will meet Friday evening and camp in Campsite at Eight Mile Creek to prepare for our AM BP. Goal will be Lake Margaret for Saturday night and come down Chatter Creek. You will need three season tent, shoe spikes and Ice axe. You will need a Forest Pass to park overnight. Limit 8.

Register With: Linda Conrad 360-837-3787 or email lcgconrad@aol.com

## This Just In

### May 28-30 (Sat-Mon) Memorial Day Weekend At Nesika

Join us at Nesika Lodge for a family-friendly Memorial Day weekend. Saturday night's feast will include southern style pork ribs flown in from Corky's Barbecue in Memphis, TN along with southern side dishes. Dinner will be \$12 (\$5 extra for the ribs, assuming enough people sign up -- if not, menu might be different). Dinner will also be served Sunday night and breakfast on Sunday and Monday mornings.

Come for the weekend or just for the rib dinner Sat. night. There will likely be a 6-7 mile hike on Sunday. Reserve NO LATER THAN Tuesday, May 24, so we can order the ribs in time. Further details on gate opening times, etc., will be on the website sometime in May.

Reservations: Audrey Perino - [audrey53@comcast.net](mailto:audrey53@comcast.net) or 503-246-6462.

### May 23 (Mon) Table Mountain hike - Class C

Please join me for a hike to Table Mountain. The "60 hikes within 60 miles of Portland" book describes this hike as Strenuous. I have not done this yet, but WILL within the next couple of weeks. This is an 8.5 mile out and back strenuous hike. Tentatively, the hike starts at Bonneville Resort. check out their web site at:

[www.bonnevilleresort.com](http://www.bonnevilleresort.com). As for me I intend to stop for a soak after finishing this, as described in the book, "LEG BUSTER"..

Meet: 8 AM at my home 1260 NW Bella Vista Court, Gresham before carpooling up the Gorge on 84. I expect a full 8 hour hike so please be on time.

Leader: Ron Silvis 971-998-5042 [ronaldrjsilvis@aol.com](mailto:ronaldrjsilvis@aol.com)

### June 5 (Sun) Tyee Open

Charlie Adams and Celine Stroinski will open Tyee at noon to take advantage of Mazama dinner and speaker. Dinner will not be served Sunday night at Tyee.

**Hike** - A leisurely membership hike of 4 to 6 miles will start at noon at the Summit parking area near the restrooms.

A TCO sign will be visible. Please call ahead.

Mazama Lodge is having a no host dinner Sunday evening and Speaker Mike Cafferata, District Forester for the Forest Grove District of the ODF will talk about the Salmonberry Trail, Link from the Valley to the Coast. Please make your own dinner reservations with Mazama Lodge.

Monday morning will include a quick healthy breakfast at Tyee. The lodge will close by noon.

Call Celine or Charlie at 503-239-6950 or email to [celine5760@aol.com](mailto:celine5760@aol.com) by Wed. June 1 eve. if possible.

## 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.

## From the Editor -

There are two additions to this Blazer. The first is the **This Just In** section immediately following **Events**. The second is a **To the Editor** on page 9.

The first concerns the hassle of dealing with frequent revisions caused by items arriving after the "Deadline", postponing the time of the first review, and ultimately delaying the arrival of the Blazer both on the web and in mailboxes.

The second represents an attempt to improve the Blazer as a NEWSletter. The decade I've spent in the Trails Club has exposed me to the breadth of interest, competence, and passion existing within the club, things that should be highly regarded, even honored by the membership.

But those attributes are often correlated with a lessened regard for that which lies outside one's particular areas of interest. That can lead to misunderstanding and resentment.

I doubt that there will be a dedicated space for the letters - some months, there may not even be any - but this issue has a letter on page 9, just after the Historian's Blog.

Perhaps utilizing the Blazer as a forum can help in broadening our perception of the range of interests, and even passions in our club.

Since the Blazer comes out once a month, there is a lot of time for you, if so inclined, to formulate a reasoned response.

Think of it as a game of really slow volleyball. I hope it works out. - Blazer Editor

**TO REGISTER:**

- 1) Contact Vicki Wood at 503-850-4366 or [vw48@comcast.net](mailto:vw48@comcast.net) to inquire about lodging availability;
- 2) Mail your full payment 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](http://www.trailsclub.org) in the "outings" section under

"Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River" (due May 16th and nonrefundable unless someone on a waiting list wants your accommodations).

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.

**Trails Ahead**

**WEEKEND OUTING ON THE MCKENZIE RIVER  
June 24-26, 2016 (Fri-Sun)**

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER AND PAY FULL BALANCE IS MAY 16TH**

A few lodge rooms, RV and tent sites remain at Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River for this 11th annual outing. The resort, which is about 300 miles roundtrip from Portland (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.belknaphotspings.com](http://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)

Lodge rooms range from \$119.90 to \$136.25 for 2 people (\$10 each additional person)

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

**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 varies depending on the number of participants from a low of \$425 to a high of \$450 for members (and FWOC members). 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](http://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

## Membership Notes

### Nesika Open All Summer!

Wouldn't it be amazing if Nesika were open every weekend this summer? Let's see if we can make it happen! This is hosting with a twist. The idea is to have somebody at the lodge to greet folks passing through or groups that hike up (more than you might imagine). You don't need to buy food or cook, just put on a pot of coffee and we'll announce it as a pot luck weekend. Overnights bring their own food for dinner. And we can arrange to have some breakfast basics on hand.

If you want to plan a weekend with a large number of guests and put on a big feed, that's even better. If you know the lodge procedures, please step up and offer to take one weekend between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Contact the lodge chair, Linda Conrad, and our VP Joel Reitz to be sure the schedule is clear.

### Send us your email

The TCO database needs your current email address.

Please email Jeff Lawton, Membership Trustee,  
Membershipchair@trailsclub.org



**Above:** Firewood waiting for the ride to Nesika Lodge over the tractor trail.

**Below:** More blowdown-produced firewood being cut and split.



**Not Fooling Around** - On the first weekend in April, we had a very good turnout. We were able to saw, cut and split all 12 trees down on the road leading in to Nesika. We believe we have about 8 cords of wood sitting in the parking lot, thanks to the 39 people who came with trucks and trailers, chain saws, splitting mauls and their hard work. At the lodge we were able to do our spring cleaning. All windows were washed. All mattresses washed. Surprisingly, all of the food served at dinner was eaten. No left overs. Everyone was full and content. Thanks to the great cooks and helpers.  
Nesika Trustee - Linda Conrad

May 2016

### Historian's Blog

A twenty minute presentation to the Board in April gave the History Committee an opportunity to share our office plan, supported with past history, goals, a demonstration of our preservation methods and exciting discoveries helpful in telling our story, the reason we invest in preserving our history.

Up until 2013, given early club records were destroyed in a fire, evidence of our early history relied upon an almost unreadable fiche copy of a newspaper story, no date or citation, and a manuscript written by Charles C. Keyser and transcribed by Ken Becker, now available on the web. Through centralizing our collection and researching historic newspapers online, we are in a better position to clear up some mysteries. Now we know why the transcription of Keyser's text referred to a brochure, and then rambled on twelve pages. He wrote two similar stories; one of three pages to introduce what we believe to be our second brochure, with President Lancaster's being the first.

The fiche news article turned out to be a front page story in the October 15, 1915 Oregonian featuring the dedication of the Larch Mountain Trail and the launching of the Trails Club of Oregon. Though the print read easier than the fiche, the photos were a bit blurry. Then Jerry Reneau spoke with USFS colleague Bill Carr regarding Larch Mountain history, resulting in a scan of the cabin photo in that news article, produced from Bill's original slide.

The committee is most grateful for Jeff Lawton steering us onto researching historic newspapers using online search. As a result, Susan Keller discovered more than two hundred articles from about 1915-1923, describing early club activities. Locating is one process and printing is another, with many still on fiche, needing transcription. Similar to the City Club, which is coming into their 100th year, with our new scanner, software and cloud space, this information will someday be even more accessible.

Though "keyword searchable" data is most desirable, the preparation to make it available is arduous. Over the last several years, while some of the committee was researching our collection of boxes to find interpretive information to create centennial exhibits, others were writing stories, creating a historic membership data base, mapping out a hundred years of outings and scanning both slides and newsletters. The later is now paying dividends. As a result of 5 volunteers (Joan Miller, Nadine Morris, Barbara Lauer, Jane Olsen, Carolyn Jenkins and Celine Stroinski), donating more than 300 hours to organize and scan Trail Blazer pages, in 4.2 hours, Susan Taylor learned a new software program and made the 1940 Trail Blazers searchable. This next week, we'll see how long it takes without the learning curve.

As exciting as it is to be instantly gratified with searchable text, as with the October 10th article showcasing our beginning, in order to interpret text, we need to know its background to make it relevant. So, now a group of us will be working with Carmicheal's guide, "Organizing Archival

Records", while others work to preserve outing stories contained in magnetic albums that are part of Dottie Blattner and Marie Deuell's collections. Depending on the size, it can take up to 5 hours with a team of two working together to photocopy the pages, mark their sequence and location, carefully extract the photos and tuck them into archival sleeves – all while wearing white cotton gloves to protect the photos.

The other huge project is the more than 5,000 slides which need to be scanned. According to George Milne, who vacationed vicariously through scanning Norm Green's outing slides, a single person can scan 4 slides at a time in about 10-15 minutes (including documentation) over the duration of maybe 2-3 hours.

So, let us know if you enjoy researching/writing, arranging and concisely describing information (archiving our collection), photocopying, patiently loosening photos from the grip of sticky stuff (preserving albums) or scanning. Though the work can be grueling, the gifts of camaraderie and watching our history come alive compensate.

Sylvia Milne, Historian

### To the Editor

I have been a member for about 10 years, a short time compared to many of you. And that's one of the things I enjoy about the Trails Club...its longevity...its history. It was a wonderful feeling to become not just a club member but part of Oregon history, having come from the great lakes of Minnesota.

I am writing in support of our TCO history committee and their archival process. I think the history committee under Sylvia Milne's leadership is doing a great job in organizing, protecting and shaping our archives into a body of work for our enjoyment and historical reference.

I understand one archival room has been unfunded and our 100 year register is up at Nesika, an unprotected environment for such a historic document. This is not just TCO's history; it's Oregon's history. Someday down the line our notes could be transformed into practical stories like are heard from Garrison Keillor on Prairie Home Companion. You just never know. Let's take care of our history and work towards preserving it.

Regards,

Diane Brooke

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**Trails Club Of Oregon  
Board Of Trustees Meeting  
April 11, 2016**

**Preliminary Draft Minutes**

Pam Moore called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. Linda Conrad was absent. Sylvia and George Milne, Jane and Chris Olsen, Susan Taylor, Susan Keller, and Tom Shanley also attended.

The minutes for the March meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

|                          |                 |             |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance        | 3/1/2016 .....  | \$14,646.10 |
| Deposits .....           | 4,464.14        |             |
| Checks/withdrawals ..... | 3,500.60        |             |
| Ending Balance           | 3/31/2016 ..... | \$15,609.64 |

**Membership Trustee:**

There were no first or second readings.

Jeff has noticed that a large number of members have not yet renewed. He will be sending out reminders by first class mail.

**Vice President's Report:**

Joel reported one minor conflict between events. Otherwise, the calendar is fine.

**Trips Trustee:**

Eric wanted some clarification on the linkage between placing announcements into the Blazer and and onto Meetup. A lengthy discussion followed with further questions on the use of Facebook for announcements. Further discussion came at the end of the meeting.

Generally, we should not use Facebook to organize events. Ideally, announcements for events should be submitted to Publications. The submission should request desired links to Meetup or Facebook.

Submit events too late to place in the Blazer to Publications and/or Meetup. Nader, Eric, and Jeff will work on an announcement form.

**Tyee Trustees Report:**

Chaz has inventoried the consumables, tools, and spares at Tyee. He did this after discovering a spare light fixture hiding somewhere in the lodge after going to town for needed repair parts for a faulty fixture.

He was troubled by the broken snow retention bar on the roof. This led to a primer on the unfortunate roof design and a review of some of the attempts at correction over the years.

Chaz will be gone for a few weeks. Joel will field calls and coordinate while Chaz is gone.

**Publications Trustee's Report:**

Randy told us we have a Dropbox and he has put out an email on how to use it.

The data base for the directory is up to date and tardy renewals will be included in the directory.

**Social Chair:**

Nader informed the board that he didn't want to continue as social trustee.

Reminders for the banquet will be sent to the membership by e mail.

**Nesika Trustee's report:**

A number of board members attending an early April work trip complimented Linda's organization for the work. The road has been cleared and about 8 cords of wood delivered to the turnaround. Necessary repairs have been made and the lodge and dorms cleaned.

Linda's list of work for the summer includes reroofing the women's dorm, renewing the front porch on the lodge and replacing Red Wing's rusted out doors.

**History Committee:**

Sylvia delivered a report summarizing her recollections of the History Offices development. The history committee plan for the immediate future includes:

- continuing with Susan Taylor's help to make our newsletters and eventually other documents 'keyword searchable'.
- Preserving albums of club outings and WW II club service
- Preserving slide collections - This involves electronically scanning slides
- Organizing and transcribing new articles concerning the club
- "Conducting interviews and maintaining partnerships to build a reservoir of interpretive information"
- "Spearheading the installation of an interpretive sign on Larch Mountain"

Sylvia passed around number of projects from the committee and a number of artifacts of interest.

**Old Business:**

It was agreed that proceeds from the silent auction at the banquet should go into the general fund.

Pam showed us designs for Trails Club signs. We liked the banner design and will get one. Pam asked the question, "what does the Trails Club stand for?" Chris Olsen told us of her experiences with the club and described how she really appreciated sharing a love of the outdoors and the mutual support among the members.

We would like a motto "Members enjoying the outdoors together" included on the banner.

Randy described past hosting practices at the lodges which have resulted in greater use of the lodges. He feels each lodge should be used every weekend over the summer. The board would like to see each lodge committee include a "lodge host recruiter". Jeff volunteered for the Nesika position and Chaz will find somebody for Tyee.

Pam asked for guidance on the President's Hike. George and Randy told her what they had done.

Meeting adjourned at 9 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Merrill Hugo, Secretary

**What a Surprise!** - On April 13, Ken Kane led an interesting hike through the West Linn area including the Camassia Nature Area. The basalt bluffs got just enough of a scrubbing from the Bretz floods to provide a boggy, rocky but shallow environment that is ideal for camas lilies. Photos by Ken Kane



As the Ice Age was ending, meltwater formed Lake Missoula in western Montana. It was blocked from flowing to the west by a huge ice dam. As the water level rose, pressure increased at the bottom of the lake, causing the melting point of the water that formed the dam to rise. When the ice near the bottom of the dam reached the melting point, the dam would fail catastrophically, causing a vast flood over Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. These torrents would then flow to the west, rather like the text in this box, toward the Pacific Ocean, forming and modifying the

Channeled Scablands, the Columbia River Gorge and many other unique features found in the Northwest. An interesting reference can be found in "Bretz's Flood" by John Soennichsen, Sasquatch Books, [www.sasquatchbooks.com](http://www.sasquatchbooks.com) - Ed.



### Membership Notes - April 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](mailto: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:**  
none

**Resignations:**  
none

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## May 2016

### 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](mailto: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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