



Trail Blazer

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June 2016

Upcoming Events		
Date	Day	Event Description
----- June -----		
1	Wed	Morning hike - A/B
1	Wed	Evening hike - A, B
5	Sun	Silverton Petal Pedal loop
5	Sun	Canoe Class - Alder Creek
5-6	Sun-Mon	Tyee Open / Membership hike
8	Wed	Morning hike - A/B
8	Wed	Evening hike - A, B
9	Thu	Peninsula Park to Pier Park Bike - A
10	Fri	Willamette Valley Bikeway - A/B
11	Sat	Milwaukie to Oregon City Bike - A
11-12	Sat-Sun	Icicle Creek Backpack - C
11-12	Sat-Sun	Nesika Mazama weekend
13	Mon	Milwaukie to Oregon City Bike - A
13	Mon	TCO Board Meeting - MMC
15	Wed	Blazer Deadline
15	Wed	Morning hike - A/B
15	Wed	Evening hike - A, B
18-19	Sat-Sun	Hike 'N Dine Tyee
18-19	Sat-Sun	Nesika Photography Weekend
19	Sun	Tour de Westside Ride - B
22	Wed	Morning hike - A/B
22	Wed	Evening hike - A
22	Wed	Triple Crown Hike - C
23	Thu	Smell the roses bike ride - A+
24-26	Fri-Sun	Tyee Work Trip
24-26	Fri-Sun	Nesika Work Trip
24-26	Fri-Sun	McKenzie River Outing
25	Sat	McKenzie Waterfalls - Clear Lake - B
27	Mon	McMinnville to Amity Bike - C
29	Wed	Morning hike - A/B
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----- July -----		
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20	Wed	Evening hike - A, B
22-24	Fri-Sun	Tyee Work Party
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Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2		
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June 8 (Wed). Morning Hike A/B

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Leader: TBD. Watch the web site for updates.

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Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!

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

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

Jun 9 (Thu) Peninsula Park to Pier Park Bike -- Class A

Please join me for an easy ride around North Portland. 15 miles round trip, flat, mostly on residential, low traffic streets. Bring a lunch for a picnic at Pier Park. Please make sure your tires are pumped. There should be beautiful roses at Peninsula Park. Call my cell if the weather is iffy—I don't ride in the rain!

Depart: Meet at the corner of N Ainsworth St. and N Borthwick Ave at the south end of Peninsula Park for a 10 am departure.

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

June 10 (Fri) Willamette Valley Bikeway - A/B

This ride will utilize the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway south of Champoege State Park. There are two routes with same beginning and end pieces, with the longer route adding 16 additional miles in the middle. The route is largely flat on rural roads with scenic distant views of the Cascade foothills. The shorter ride is 27 miles and the longer one is 43 miles. E-mail leader to indicate that you are planning to ride (the ride may be rescheduled if weather is poor), which length ride you plan to do, and for directions to the start point.

Depart: 10 a.m, St. Paul, Bankers Cup parking lot
lawson.terry@gmail.com

Leader: Terry Lawson 503-819-9250

June 11-12 Nesika Mazama weekend

Nesika Lodge will be open the weekend of June 11-12 from 9 am Saturday to 2 pm Sunday. We're hosting for a group of Mazamas and we will be talking about backpacking skills but leaving time for a day hike, board games and great food! Trails Club members and guests are welcome. Normal lodge fees apply. Host: Jeff Lawton, membership@trailsclub.org.

June 11 (Sat) Milwaukie to Oregon City - Class A

We will start at the SE Park Ave. MAX Orange Line station, head down River Road to Gladstone, cross the Clackamas

River on the bike/ped bridge at Cross Park, and then continue to downtown Oregon City. We will return to Milwaukie via the Trolley Trail. Total distance is approximately 20 miles, with a few short hills. About 60% of the ride is on streets, 40% on dedicated bike path. Optional lunch in downtown Milwaukie after the ride.

Meet: 10 AM at SE Park Ave. MAX Station, SE Park Ave. & SE McLoughlin Blvd. in Milwaukie. Parking is available in the Park & Ride garage.

Leader: Dave Crout 503-460-9782, or dave_sandy@comcast.net.

Contact leader for more information.

Jun 13 (Mon) – Bike ride from Jefferson - Class B

We'll ride a mis-shaped figure 8 out of Jefferson. We'll head NE toward Turner, pedal S to Marion, then head W (crossing our earlier route) thru Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge, before returning E & SE to Jefferson. Bring plenty of water, none along the route. Restrooms at start and mile 12. 37.9 miles, 1021' elevation change.

Depart: Parking lot of Jefferson School District, next to park, 1328 N 2nd St, Jefferson, OR, on Hwy 164 just S of Talbot Rd SE. Contact leader for start time.

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

June 15 (Wed) Morning Hike Class A/B

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

Leader: TBD. Watch the web site for updates.

June 15 (Wed) Evening Hike – 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).

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!

Class A Leader: Joan Miller, gojo250@gmail.com

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

June 19 (Sun) Tour de Westside Ride - Class B

We will ride a 22 mile loop with about 1200ft CEG. through the westside burgs of Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin and Sherwood. Some of the ride will be on multi-use paths and some on roads. Driving distance from Pioneer Square to the starting point is about 12 miles/25 mins. Bring plenty of water and snacks. We could stop for lunch or sweets in Sherwood. Confirm participation on TCO meetup or by emailing leader.

Depart: 10:00 AM

Big Al's
14950 SW Barrows Rd

Beaverton, OR 97007-7524

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

Ride with GPS route: <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/7500513>

June 22 (Wed) Wednesday AM Hike

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, then have lunch at a nearby café.

Leader: Audrey Perino, 503-246-6462, audrey53@comcast.net. Watch the web site for meeting place.

June 22 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A

We will hike from 6 pm until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills:

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).

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!

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

Class B Leader: No "B" hike scheduled.

June 22 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class C – 3 HOUR TRIPLE CROWN HIKE

We will hike from 6 pm until 9 PM-ish, first to Council Crest, then past the Zoo to Hoyt Arboretum and finally to Pittock Mansion. This is a timed hike; we will keep a steady pace of 3+ miles per hour in order to finish before dark. Please bring water and snacks; dress for the weather; carry a flashlight or headlamp.

Class C: Approximately 9 miles with ABOUT 1800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!

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

June 23 (Thurs) Smell the roses bike ride - class A+

Through Champoege Park on bike trails and on to country roads with a destination of the Heirloom Rose Garden on Riverside Road near the Willamette River in the St. Paul area. We often see and hear the ospreys on this ride, it has some gently rolling hills and will be most enjoyable at a leisurely pace. This ride is just short of 25 miles. Ice cream at the end of the ride.

Meet: 10AM at Butteville Store (call for directions) - if the forecast is over 80F, we will start at 9AM

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

June 24th-26th (Fri.-Sun.) Nesika Work Trip

We will be getting the staging done for the roofing in July. We will need all able bodied workers for June and July. We would like to try to get the roof on in one weekend. We will have a contractor in July who has donated his time to the coordination of the roofers. We are set up for OSHA and safety. I need people experienced in rock climbing to man the ropes and who have harnesses. I have purchased staging brackets for side of building, toe boards for roof and belay brackets for roof top to rope into. June we will be pouring the cement for the front deck. We need some muscle to unload the cement and to assist with pouring. We will continue with trail clearing. We invite families, non-members and members including children to our work trips. The gate just past the 10 miles marker on

Larch MTN road will be open on Friday at noon and Saturday AM at 9:00 AM. Be prompt. To register call Linda Conrad by Wednesday PM or email at lcgrconrad@aol.com.

June 25 (Sat) McKenzie River Waterfalls/Clear Lake Hike---Class B

Join the group from the Trails Club McKenzie River Outing for this gorgeous 7.5 mile (optional 8.5 mile) hike with 200 ft or less elevation gain. We'll view Sahalie Falls on the McKenzie River, then hike along the river to Clear Lake and complete the 5 mile loop around the lake, rest at Great Springs (the headwaters of the McKenzie River) and have lunch at Clear Lake Lodge. At the end of the hike, those who want to view breathtaking Koosah Falls will be lead downriver about ½ mile and back to the parking lot. Bring lunch, lots of water, sunscreen and a hat, as half of the hike around Clear Lake is in direct sun.

Depart: 10:30 am near the restroom at Sahalie Falls parking lot between mileposts #5 and #6 on Hwy 126, which is east from Eugene about 65 miles, or from Salem go 80 miles SE on OR 22 then about 5 miles S on Hwy 126.

Leader: Vicki Wood 503-515-7208 or vw48@comcast.net (inquire with any questions by June 23rd)

Jun 27 (Mon) McMinnville to Amity Bike ride – Class C

We'll start from McMinnville City Park. The route heads generally southwest through farm land along lightly-traveled rural roads. Then we'll head east for our lunch stop in the park in Amity. Our return to McMinnville starts with a loop to the north and then meanders through more farmland. We'll pedal along roads such as Peavine, Muddy Valley, and River Bend, and do a little climbing on Youngberg Hill (rolling hills) and McCabe Chapel. 42 miles, 1100' elevation.

Depart: McMinnville City Park. Departure time depends on weather. Contact the leader.

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

June 29 (Wed) Wednesday AM Hike

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, then have lunch at a nearby café. This hike will be up to Council Crest. Meet at NW 18th and NW Spring, down the block from the Vista Spring café. There is no restroom at the beginning of this hike. Leader: Mike Harrison, 360-326-3084, 509-290-1565.

June 29 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A, B

We will hike from 6 pm until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills:

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July 6 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

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

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

Leader: TBD This week's hike will begin at Friendly House at NW Thurman and 26th.

Leader: TBD

July 13 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

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

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

Leader: TBD

Jul 20, 27(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

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.

Trails Ahead

OLYMPIC PARK HIKING OUTING July 10-15, 2016

A FEW OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE

We will stay on Crescent Lake in cabins at Naturebridge with all meals provided. Cabins will either have bathrooms or we will have modern bathhouse closeby. Nearby hiking in the Hurricane Ridge, Sol Duc and Elwha River areas as well as hiking near the lake. Those who wish can also take a ferry to Victoria BC or bring a kayak to explore the lake .

Depending on the number of participants, cost will be either \$425 or \$450 for members (as well as FWOC members). Non members should add \$65 to the member cost.

You can sign up by downloading the application and medical form from the Trails Club website (www.trailsclub.org). Mail the deposit of \$200 and paperwork to the TCO at PO BOX 69061. Portland, Or. 97239. If you want to use PayPal, go to the Meetup site (<http://www.meetup.com/trails-club-of-oregon>).

Outing leader is Gregg Baker ([503-284-3223](tel:503-284-3223))

Assistant leader is Diana Forester ([503-422-8896](tel:503-422-8896))

Let's Talk About

Trails Club Banquet

The Trails Club Banquet was held on May 1 at Elephants on Corbett.

It was a warm, sunny day and we had a pretty good turnout, although your editor hasn't been able to determine the number of attendees

Dinner was presented buffet style with salmon and chicken as the main courses. Grilled vegetables, salad and pasta complemented the meal, with a selection of cakes as the dessert.

The program began with an interesting slide show presented by Randy Dietrich chronicling the (re)construction of Nesika Lodge and some of the surrounding structures.

Concurrently an auction, organized by Susan Taylor, raised money that will serve to help the club deal with some unforeseen expenses.

Pam Moore gave an inspiring President's Address against a backdrop of historical photos, emblems and mementos provided by the history committee. Bernice Schuchardt and Nadine Morris came in an hour early to set up the table decorations consisting of flowers from their own gardens.

Linda Conrad introduced Triple Crown Winner and long-distance backpacker, Erin ("Wired") Saver, who covered over 10,000 miles while hiking the three major north-south trails, the Pacific Crest Trail, the Continental Divide Trail, and the Appalachian Trail.

It was a good time to meet up with new fellow members and those we hadn't seen for a while and renew friendships. (Photos start here and on page 6, 7)







It works best if we have an integer multiple of four pages, so if I don't have enough content, I fill it with this - Editor



A Meaningful Rest

On May 11, Wayne Schweinfest led the Wednesday AM hikers through Forest Park. One of the Hikers, Gretchen Holden rested on a bench bearing a plaque that said, "Bruno Kolkowsky/1910/1990 This trail is his legacy".

Bruno, a Trails Club member, worked on the section of the Wildwood Trail between Springville Road and Germantown Road and was working on it the day he died.

According to the Sep. 13, 1991 issue of Northwest Neighbor, Bruno worked for years on that section of the Wildwood Trail often alone. Julia, his wife, worked as a trail guide at Hoyt Arboretum starting in 1977. Bruno would agree to work about four hours per day, but sometimes he would end up working for seven hours to reach his personally selected goal, clearing up to 100 feet in a day.

He would work ahead of the Portland Parks Bureau team that was surveying the route for him, often deviating from their directions in order to spare a tree that he liked.

From the Northwest Neighbor: "After completing about five miles of trail and winning the Parks Bureau Volunteer of the Year award in 1986, Bruno laid down his tools for the last time almost a year ago.

His wife, son John Kolkowsky and grandson Leland Slaughter hiked in to retrieve them, than gave them to the Oregon Historical Society this summer."

The Trails Club Historian and the archives sourced material for this article. - Editor



Photo by JULIA KOLKOWSKY

Bruno—from NW Neighbor article

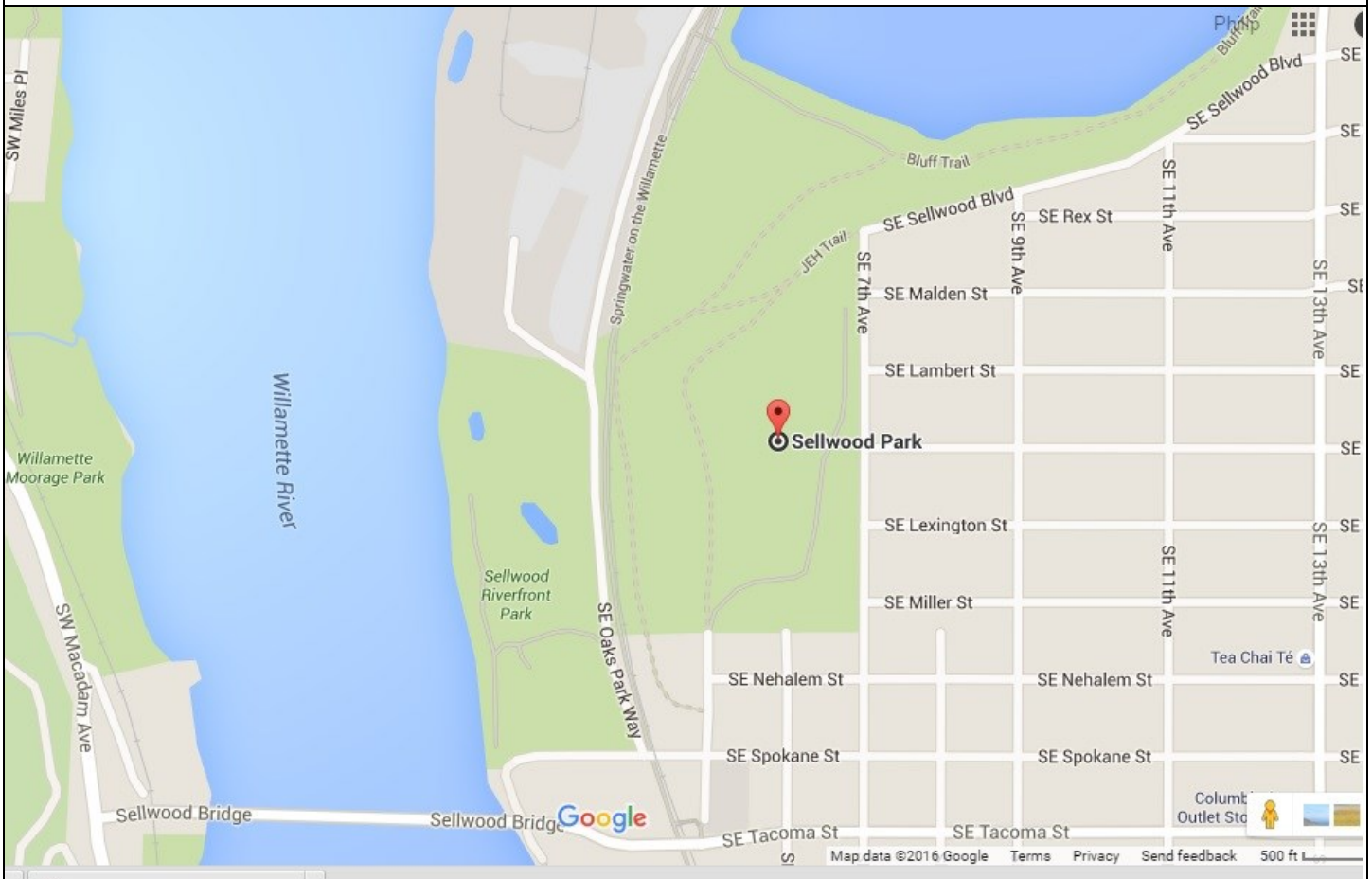


Gretchen Holden, resting

Trails Club Picnic - August 14

The Trails Club 2016 Picnic will be held at Sellwood Park, above Sellwood Riverfront Park, near SE 7th Ave. and Miller St. in SE Portland. This is a potluck event, but punch, hamburgers, hot dogs, etc., will be provided. Parking is at the north end of park and on-street, and easy drop-off and pick-up is available.

A number of trails are within easy access. Oaks Bottom is a wildlife refuge and facilities for group viewing are just off the trail that goes around the lake, which is bounded on the northwest side by the Springwater Corridor.



June 2016 Historian's Blog

In the midst of a lot of controversy, the history committee received a blessing. Callista Snively's testimony revealed itself while researching a current Board member's statement that office space for the History Committee was only given to produce something for our centennial. As I remembered, the minutes of a special meeting, held January 10, 2013, confirmed Board approved of both Short and Long Term Goals: (Next two years and beyond).

Callista's email message, dated Wed, Dec. 4, 2013 at 8:53 am, addressed the Board with a cc: to me, Glen Conrad, Joan Miller, and Barbara Jones and began, "Hello everyone. In the beginning, I will admit, I was very concerned about having the History Office. I did not vote in favor nor did I vote against it. My attitude has totally changed. I see

the History Office has proven to be very important for the Trails Club and for its members. TCO is both a social club and an activities club with two lodges. I think that the History Office has done an excellent job in bringing Trails Club members together working on History projects. The majority of our members do not hike, snowshoe nor ski. By working on the History projects, members are getting together and enjoying being actively involved with the Trails Club. This is what TCO Membership is all about. Being a club member is not just being involved with physical activities and visiting /working at the lodges.

As the spirit of being a TCO member continues to be uplifting for its members, more members will become actively involved. The more involved TCO members are, the more interest in becoming a member. More members bring more activities.

I see that the History Office is succeeding in many ways!

In the 2013 History Committee Annual Report it states that more than 1,000 volunteer hours have been logged in the last nine months. This is quite of few hours of club members working together!

There are ways to adjust the budget for this needed expense.

I want to have the History Office continue for years to come! The History Office or a TCO Office is very important for our club and its members both for now and in the future."

Callista Snively

Membership Trustee

Trails Club of Oregon



**Trails Club Of Oregon
Board Of Trustees Meeting
May 9, 2016**

Preliminary Draft minutes

Pam Moore called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.

Eric Berg was absent (excused). Merrill Hugo was absent (MIA). Kelly Marlin, and Tom Shanley also attended.

Previous minutes review was deferred to allow Merrill to appear.

Treasurer's report:

Beginning balance	4/1/2016		\$15,609.64
	Deposits		5,493.53
	Checks/Withdrawals		(\$1,274.45)
Ending balance	4/30/2016		\$19,828.72

Membership Trustee:

Discussion ensued regarding the dues process this year. Better tracking process needed for next year.

Discussed the need to publish names of those that have not paid (as per by-laws) before they can be dropped.

Wording to be softened due to problems this year with the PO box and tracking.

General agreement to give people until the end of June to pay their dues. Non-pay list needs to be prepared in the next week to get into the June Blazer.

Key Discussion

It was decided that the history office keys should use the same process as lodge keys. Keys to be approved by the board, and tracked in a key list.

Tyee Trustee:

Chaz mentioned that there is a Tyee work trip this month (Note - canceled due to snow the day after the meeting).

Publications Trustee:

Blazer content is being pushed well into the following month to deal with late delivery. Nothing we have tried seems to get Blazers consistently delivered before the first of the month.

2016 Directories are out. We will hand distribute as many as possible. The balance will be mailed sometime in the future.

Nesika Trustee:

All the wood off the road is in except for about 3 loads.

Planning to do prep for lodge front porch and dorm roof in May. Target to pour front porch in May, do dorm roof in July.

The Parking lot will be cleaned of all excess materials, equipment, and junk. The USFS has asked us to keep this area clean.

Some concern has been raised about the stoves in the women's dorm. The stoves will be inspected. We will consider replacement next year.

History Office discussion:

All board members should read the latest project plan (re-emailed today) before the next meeting.

Discussions:

Previously submitted Ideas for increasing membership were reviewed. Several are in action. Action items for others were taken on (See Pam's action item list).

Ideas for increasing lodge usage were discussed. This included the request from a scouting organization (not BSA/GSA) to use Tyee. Board is generally in favor of arranging usage by scouting groups assuming knowledgeable TCO members are present to ensure lodges are properly used. Requests would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Jeff is coordinating the "host Nesika all summer" effort. Chaz is looking for a summer coordinator. Lists of qualified individuals, for each lodge, were requested as a source of possible hosts. Key lists were suggested as a starting point.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Recorded by Randy Dietrich

Empty Boots - Mel Taylor

On March 18th we lost a Trails Club family member. Longtime member Mel Taylor, who loved and participated in many hikes, has passed away. If it were necessary to choose hiking partners for a long outing of several days Mel would be at the top of the list. He was like a traveling First Aid kit in that if any one had a blister on their foot or hand, or having personal problems Mel recognized it and was there to soothe the hurt. Mel loved traveling and visited many foreign lands with his long time friend Bernice Stearns. He was a very good gardener, the pride of the neighborhood with his vegetables.

The Wallows and the Sawtooths were among many of our outings he went on. He showed novice hikers how to ditch around their tents to keep the rain away and how to keep the smoke out of their faces with his teepee shaped fires. I shall never forget our outing at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge when the mosquitoes were so bothersome outside that we spent several hours in our cabin just guy talking. His children are missing that gentleman and understanding father. We are missing him too, as his prime example helped make our Trails Club the family it is. His memorial service is being planned for Saturday, June 25th, 2 pm at the First Methodist Church in Lake Oswego. Mel joined the club in 1990. (shown at the lower left in the accompanying photo - Ed.)

Submitted by Leonard Murphy



Membership Notes - May 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.

Note - Some of the names on this list may be the result of a US Postal Service mixup concerning the change in our post office box number. We are continuing to resolve this problem.

Do you know a prospective new member? Send his/her name and address to membership@trailsclub.org for him/her to

First Readings:	Julie Gienger	Allison Minges	Resignations:
none	Gary Holman	Polina Oh	Marcum Bell
Second Readings:	Marilyn Howell	Charlene Petrie	Don Black
none	Virginia Johnson	Ray Polani	Dennis Van Buren
Unpaid Dues:	Steve Jones	David Schreiner	Lila Grossman
Larry Alfieri	Jerilyn Krier	Carlene St. Thomas	Janice Haller
Sue Armstrong	Janet Mallon	Susan Thiel	Al and Emma Knot
Mariva Brodigan	Susan Marie	Lavon Watson	Peter Lent
Todd Burk	Avis McHugh	Marsha White	George Manley Jr
Jeremy Campbell	Douglas Medler	Judy Williams	Richard Markee
John Derbyshire	Nancy Medler	Paula Zellers	Dennis Rychlik
Randy Dickinson	Colleen Mershon		M. Rychlik
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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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