



A special fund has been set up to pay the cost of building a porch and covered area behind Redwing. Those who wish can contribute by sending a check to the club at PO box 69061, Portland OR 97239-0061. Please mark the check "Redwing Expansion" to ensure it gets properly credited to the fund.

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Jan 13-16 (Fri-Mon) Cascade Prime Timers and Trails Club at Tyee Lodge

Three nights and four days at Tyee Lodge. Plenty of snowshoeing and X-country skiing right outside the lodge door. Bring your snowshoes and/or X-country skis. Overnight: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. January 13, 14, 15. Meals: Friday: Dinner, Saturday, and Sunday: Breakfast and Dinner, Monday: Breakfast. Bring your own lunches. Tyee will be closed at 3 PM January 16.

Hosts: Pete & Elaine Nelson and Nancy Overpeck.

MEET: 10 AM Friday at Restroom on east side of Government Camp or 10:15 AM at Timberline Road Sno-park (Sno-Park permits required).

Register with: Pete & Elaine Nelson
petermvnelson@yahoo.com (H) 503-591-0160

Your RSVP needs to include phone number, arrival, and departure time. Register early for a bottom bunk. If you cancel after Sunday January 10, you will be charged \$10/day for food.

Jan 14 (Sat) Snowshoe – Class A

Depart: Tyee Lodge at 10 am and snowshoe Government Camp area. Return to Tyee for hot drinks around the fire.

Leaders: Pete & Elaine Nelson,
petermvnelson@yahoo.com 503-591-0160

Jan 18 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

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

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

Leader: TBD

Jan 20-22 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Open

Details coming

Host: Raya Budrevich tripschair@trailsclub.org

Jan 25 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

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

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

Leader: Chelsea Kent, ncdkent@yahoo.com

Jan 27-29 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Open - Free Kids Weekend

Come join us Friday evening through Sunday for a fun kids weekend at Tyee. Bring your sleds. Kids are free. Adults pay regular price. Meals are bring your own food with Saturday night and Sunday AM being pot luck. There will be sledding, snow shoeing for adults, games for kids. Dorms will be CO-ED to keep family units together. Movies for kids in PM both nights. Timberline Road Sno-Park is shared with the Boy Scouts, so get there early. OR Snow park permit required.

Register: On the TCO Meetup Site or directly with host.

Host: Linda Conrad 360-837-3787 or lcgrconrad@aol.com

Reminder: TCO hikes are generally cancelled if weather conditions cause area schools to be closed. Always check with the trip leader if weather conditions make safe travel questionable.

Feb 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

Feb 3-5 (Fri-Sun) Cascade Prime Timers and Trails Club at Tyee Lodge

Two nights and three days at Tyee Lodge. Plenty of snowshoeing and X-country skiing right outside the lodge door. Bring your snowshoes and/or X-country skis. Overnight: Friday & Saturday Feb 3 and 4. Meals: Friday: Dinner, Saturday: Breakfast and Dinner, Sunday: Breakfast. Bring your own lunches.

Hosts: Pete & Elaine Nelson and Nancy Overpeck.

MEET: 10 AM Friday at Restroom on east side of Government Camp or 10:15 AM at Timberline Road Sno-park (Sno-Park permits required).

Register with: Pete & Elaine Nelson petermvnelson@yahoo.com (H) 503-591-0160

Your RSVP needs to include phone number, arrival, and departure time. Register early for a bottom bunk. If you cancel after Sunday, January 31, you will be charged \$10/ day for food.

Feb 4 (Sat) Snowshoe – Class A

Depart: Tyee Lodge at 10 am and snowshoe Government Camp area. Return to Tyee for hot drinks around the fire.

Leaders: Pete & Elaine Nelson, 503-591-0160 petermvnelson@yahoo.com

Feb 8 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A

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

Feb 15 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

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

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

Leader: TBD

Feb 17-20 (Fri-Mon) Tyee Open

Details coming

Host: Diane Brook

Feb 22 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

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

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 the Terwilliger Blvd. exit, bearing right, and head south past Taylor's Ferry Rd. bearing left at split to Boone's Ferry Rd., staying on Terwilliger. Right at second roundabout exit, to stay on Terwilliger. The park entrance is on the right about one mile past the roundabout.

Parking is near the Nature Center.

December 2016 Historian's Blog – Stable Funding for a Worthy Endeavor

Beginning a new century and preparing to assemble an annual report leans toward reflecting on the club's past with relation to inspiring the future. It seems the club's greatest challenges include performing a financial analysis, maintaining solidarity within the club and securing centralized space to preserve club records. Until our club budget is examined, the Board is asking members to consider pledging toward the history committee lease. Traditionally, historians stored records in their homes, yet after a hundred years, that is less of a reality.

Also, what we know now is that centralizing records is essential to preparing them for electronic storage and access. Some have suggested that this expectation is GRANDIOSE.

However, David Carmicheal, author of "Organizing Archival Records", maintains that to write off small archives is to lose the majority of our country's historical records. Trails Club history is an important supplement to both state and national history. Our connection to Sam Lancaster alone qualifies us. As one of several early club members to be remembered, his bronze plaque at Crown Point honors him for engineering the Columbia River Historic Highway. Also, he promoted construction of the Larch Mountain Trail and planned the Eagle Creek Camp Ground, a national model.

Despite all the uncertainty of office space being funded in 2017, the overcrowding from discontinuing the lease on a third office space and significant continuing donations, between January 2016 and October 2016 more than 30 different volunteers donated over 1,300 hours to preserve our club records and share our rich history. What a tribute to all those past Trails Club members and leaders, starting with those members of the Progressive Business Men's Club who became charter Trail Club members under the leadership of Sam Lancaster, after building the trail from the Benson Bridge to the top of Larch Mountain.

So what is happening to ensure that the history committee is set up to preserve our heritage?

In October the Board revisited the need to perform a financial analysis to answering some of these questions being asked of them. 1) What exactly are the expenses being subsidized by our investment funds, besides the lease on the history office 2) Who and what really determines our true needs? 3) Do those in charge have proprietary interests versus ones for the club as a whole?

Because this Board would like the membership to bear the expense of leasing space for an archival repository, in June the Board authorized George Milne to investigate the set up of an educational foundation as a nonprofit 501 {C}{3}, one to allow people a tax break for their monetary contributions.

Currently, the Board has created a special fund in the Trails Club ledger, to collect money toward the 2017 lease. This occurred at the June Board meeting, when Merrill tabled a motion to close the History Office and moved to adopt a motion proposed by Randy. While a thoughtful gesture on his part, besides this proposal relying on membership contributions, "If there are insufficient funds, the lease will be terminated unless the board votes to allocate the shortfall."

Randy mentioned the fact that in the past we relied on members to ease the club budget when Nesika was built. Well, yes we did eventually ask members to contribute financially (an option especially geared toward those unable to physically help), yet a lot preceded that decision. Major efforts were planned to engage the membership in the decision to partially self-fund the project, including a survey past President Walt Ruse initiated, as part of the Nesika's Future Committee.

The difference between then and now, the archival project began in a vacuum. In 2008 President Susan Saul, after her exasperation with searching for documentation of club access to Nesika in member basements and garages, took personal responsibility for centralizing our club records in a safe environment. While this was a sensible goal, neither the history committee nor the membership was really privy to that process. According to notes, Susan overruled the history committee's decision to store the club's records in Tyee's basement and resumed their role in preserving them.

Behind the scenes, Susan met with Barbara Marquam to learn about how the Mazamas archived their records and then hired a professional firm to inventory our collection and recommend next steps. During that process she gathered club records from the home of Historian June Smelzer, rented a storage unit for an inventory to be performed, made arrangements to store some boxes at the Mazamas and paid our part-time administrative assistant to work on the rest in her Washington home.

As a result, the history committee ceased to function from 2008 to 2012 when the club appointed me as Historian. Regrettably now, not realizing at the time there was a prior displaced committee; I reached out to a new group. Together, we advocated for work space in Oak Grove and rallied to accomplish long and short term goals set by the 2013 Board, as an extension of our bylaw duties. In the process, we learned about earlier goals, re-connected with the archivist from the firm Susan hired and contracted with him to be our consultant.

Brian Johnson; an Assistant Archivist for the City of Portland had oversight of the club's dedicated volunteers, ones willing to assume the arduous, yet fun for some, task of archiving our collection and preserving club history. His reputation became more apparent to the committee as members began researching how other archives operated and the Mazamas, besides recommending a book on organizing archival records, suggested we contact Brian.

This year, Brian demonstrated his love and respect for the work of small archives by donating his time (more than a \$250 value) to evaluate our progress. VERY impressive effort, he suggested alerting TV producers to run a story on our connection with Sam Lancaster. His only request, we tidy up first - hard to do when you are bulging at the seams - and replace the sticky notes used to identify individual archival storage boxes in progress. Some of us rewarded Brian by treating him to his favorite Flying Pie pizza.

In May, the history committee submitted both a Preliminary Draft of a Strategic Plan for the Board to adopt and our 2017 budget with long and short term goals aligned with past objectives.

Six months later, the Board reviewed the preliminary draft Strategic Plan and Jeff Lawton convinced the board to table adopting it, saying there were other options. Well yes there are, yet they cost more. In addition to budgeting for an annual lease we could invest in expensive software (with a monthly maintenance fee) to catalog our collection similar to the Mazamas and the Crown Point Community Historical Society. When asked, our consultant advised, given the nature of our collection, Carmicheal's method of arrangement and description for small archives is more than adequate and will prepare our collection for electronic access.

Again, thank you for considering a donation of any size to subsidize the lease for our continued work to preserve the club's legacy for future generations.

In your service,

Sylvia Milne, Historian

From the editor: Monetizing Nature

People exploit the outdoors to make money all the time. They sell us hiking boots, poles, apparel, etc. Some sell access in the form of rental cabins, campground fees, boat rentals, etc. However, with that access, the "outdoors" is changed. Responsible use involves minimizing and/or repairing damage and putting things right.

However, that is unlikely to happen with recent efforts to change the face and usage of Forest Park. Originally the park was intended for "passive use", with 48" wide trails (where feasible), largely due to the steep terrain and soils having high clay content and poor drainage.

Experienced and considerate hikers avoid the trails susceptible to damage, particularly in the wintertime, but recent actions in City Hall point to a different reality, as seen overleaf.

According to Save Forest Park:

Portland Parks and Recreation has sent out a survey to a select group asking them if they would like zip lines, a tram, food concessions, a large visitor center with classrooms, offices and a large parking lot at the new Forest Park visitor center.

It might be interesting to peruse:

<http://www.opb.org/news/article/unauthorized-forest-park-bike-trail-seen-vandalism/>

<http://www.opb.org/news/article/wildwood-trail-hiking-portland-oregon/>

Some might have been pleased by an excerpt from Oregon Field Guide about the discovery of pygmy owls in Forest Park. Unfortunately, that clip is unavailable at this time on the OPB website, <<http://www.opb.org/television/programs/ofg/episodes/2110/>> It is probably true that pygmy owls and some of the things shown on the next page are mutually incompatible.

What do you like about Forest Park? The next pages provide a glimpse at the plans for Forest Park and at least a bit of an idea about how you can make those feelings felt in our community.

As you can see be perusing the next two pages, there are many parties that have an interest in the future of the West Hills. Some, you may agree with - others. Not so much.

With the loss of our Conservation Chair, TCO's voice is even weaker as an influence in the planning process which will shape this place we will inhabit and leave for our descendants. We have recently seen what happens when parties are under-represented.

If you have a "dog in this hunt", let it bark.





And on the next page is a PDF of a meeting notice concerning the "Portland Off-Road Bicycling Master Plan", forwarded by <saveforestpark@gmail.com> . The website is: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/68157>
The meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions. It will doubtless be re-convened in the near future.

Marcy Houle, a friend of Forest Park and who took the above photos urges:

Contact Commissioner Amanda Fritz, Park Director Mike Abbate, project director Stephan Gunaw and consultant Dangermond Keane Architecture

City Commissioner Amanda Fritz amanda@portlandoregon.gov

Park Director Mike Abate Mike.Abbate@portlandoregon.gov

Project Director Stephan Gunaw stefanus.gunawan@portlandoregon.gov

Consultant Dangermond Keane Architecture info@dangermondkeane.com

Ask them why they are proposing activities and structures that violate the ordinance and environmental zoning law, the Forest Park Natural Resources Management Plan, that **mandates protection of the natural environment and a place for quiet reflection and passive use.**

Consider suggesting instead a 21st century virtual visitors' center, a phone app with maps, history, pictures of flora and fauna and what's out there today features. Low impact, low maintenance and progressive.

Go to <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/> and select "Events" to see the calendar. - Ed.

Ed. Note! - This is the notice for the meeting that was to occur on Dec. 15. which was cancelled due to the weather. For those who are interested, I believe that the notice for the rescheduled meeting will be posted on

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/>
select "Events" to see the calendar .



**PORTLAND OFF-ROAD
CYCLING MASTER PLAN**

Project Advisory Committee Meeting #9

MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 2016
LOCATION: 1900 SW 4TH AVENUE, 7TH FLOOR
TIME: 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.

MEETING PURPOSE: Review next steps in the site screening and system planning process.
Continue to review committee's ideas on candidate sites for off-road facilities, focusing on Northwest Portland.
Discuss planning principles and concepts for Forest Park.

AGENDA

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| 1. (Info) | Welcome, Overview of Agenda & Project Updates
<i>Adrienne DeDona, JLA Public Involvement</i> | 10 minutes |
| 2. (Info) | Site Screening and System Planning – Next Steps
<i>Kristen Lohse, Toole Design Group</i>
<i>Michelle Kunec-North, BPS</i> | 10 minutes |
| 3. (Input Activity) | Review and Refine Potential Candidate Sites
Focus on Northwest Portland
<i>Adrian Witte & Kristen Lohse, Toole Design Group</i>
<i>Adrienne DeDona, JLA Public Involvement</i> | 20 minutes |
| 4. (Input Activity) | Forest Park Planning Principles and Concepts
<i>Adrienne DeDona, JLA Public Involvement</i>
<i>Michelle Kunec-North, BPS</i> | 60 minutes |
| 5. (Info) | Public Comment | 15 minutes |
| 6. (Info) | Meeting Wrap up/Next Steps
<i>Adrienne DeDona, JLA Public Involvement</i>
<i>Kristen Lohse, Toole Design Group</i> | 5 minutes |

2017 Historian's January blog - A Thanksgiving to remember...

George and I took a 1500 mile road trip over the Thanksgiving weekend to pick up a TCO archive donation from Anne Cannon Nixon, Ding Cannon's daughter, in Petaluma. Why, aside from the chance for a road trip, would we do this?

First, to safeguard historical records documenting Ding's near-death incident, as Ding told me years ago when I showed up for a Wednesday hike in Forest Park unprepared for extreme weather conditions. Second, an opportunity to interview his daughter, who in her youth played with lifetime TCO member Fern Anderson, spending time in the Columbia Gorge/Multnomah basin with her Daddy, and later in life, helping him compile a notebook. One to account for his most valued learning experience, a wildcat backpack with veteran hikers and members of the Trails Club (Una Davies, Bernice Stearns, Dale & Mary Ellen Cowen) mid September, 1968 in the Goat Rocks Wilderness area. The goal was to help Dale complete his last 35 miles on the Pacific Crest Trail.

A 3-hour review of this notebook revealed much about Ding's character, revealing treasures such as a weathered dollar bill from his soaked wallet along with reports, related communication, follow-ups, and new articles from around the country. In particular, an Oregonian feature story pin-pointed what enticed Ding into the wilderness from his comfortable life as a well networked president of Standard Insurance. According to Ding, "It's the desire to get back to elemental things, the grandeur of the outdoors, the solitude and quiet of the wilderness...and the desire to test yourself and push on. You never know what you can do until you try. This time I almost didn't make it....I feel I've been resurrected." (Oregonian, Northwest feature story, "How to Come Back Alive" October 6, 1968)

In retrospect, unexpected extreme weather conditions and travel with those who had survived similar conditions, lacked one thing, a designated leader. As a result, no one took charge until there were no other options. When a medical emergency occurred - hypothermia set in with both Ding and Una, the last to add additional protective layers - the others formed a rescue plan. They decided to carefully bundle up Ding and Una and seek help while they still could. Though Ding appeared to be in the worse shape when the group left them, he survived the ordeal. Una did not.

On November 29, 2016, nearly 50 years after the tragic event in White Pass and the day after my interview with Anne in Petaluma, she emailed the following content, giving me permission to edit/print stories, plus excerpts from her Kindle book, "Mountain Climbing Horrors". This is what she chose to share with her Trails Club friends:

My mountain-climber father always read to my sister, Nancy, and me at bedtime. Our favorite book was called Mountain Mysteries. Each night we ran up the stairs and jumped into bed, ready for the next wild adventure.

I'm going to tell you about a climb as scary as those we loved to hear. And it was one my father was on. First I will share an unrelated terrifying aside: one day after I was married I was alone at my parents' house for some reason when the doorbell rang. A policeman was there asking for some socks my father had worn that hadn't been washed yet. Fortunately I found a pair in the hamper. It seemed he was lost in the woods and they were about to send bloodhounds out to search for him. Later I learned he walked out before the dogs had to be used.

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Daddy's nickname was Ding, and he had climbed all the peaks of the Northwest many times—Mt. Hood, Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Rainier, Mt. Adams, Mt. Baker, and Mount Shuksan, Three Sisters, Three Fingered Jack, Glacier Peak and Goat Rocks. Each rises to varying heights over 8,000 feet in Oregon and Washington. Also, he was known for his short-cuts, one of which I just learned is commemorated in Forest Park.

As a child (in the 1940s), I liked to go into the small room in our basement where all Daddy's equipment lay stored. The sweet smell of neatsfoot oil that he rubbed into his boots and gloves made me think of those exciting mountains. I knew the oil kept his equipment soft and pliable.

On the wall of that little 6 x 10-foot room hung things familiar to me, but foreign to kids whose fathers weren't climbers. They were: crampons (metal spikes that strap onto climbing boots); ice axe and pitons, which are metal spikes fitted at one end with an eye for securing a rope hammered into cracks in rocks. Much less interesting things I saw, too, like his canteen and eating tin with utensils inside.

Small and large knapsacks (backpacks) hung from long nails. Sleeping bags for us all lay on shelves in waterproof bags. (After nylon was invented, "mummy bags" were much warmer). Daddy had boots for hiking and others for climbing that sat on those shelves, up from a concrete floor where there might be dampness in winter. His possessions were all-important to him. Clothes in those days were made of wool and waterproofed lighter fabric. Sunscreen hadn't been invented, so to prevent sunburn he smeared a white substance on his nose and cheek.

Climbing was a summer sport, but getting in shape began in late winter. My father walked four or five miles to work in Portland, Oregon. With him trotted along our huge St. Bernard dog until they reached the Willamette River. At that point he sent Crunchie home, before walking another mile or so to his office.

By spring, climbers began hiking together to get their muscles back to their previous summer's strength. Starting with moderate trails they progressed to very hard ones. When I became 6 or 7 I loved to go with him to climb up a big rock slide near Nesika. That was very important and fun for me.

Finally it was time for climbing to begin. I remember my dad going to bed right after dinner Friday nights. Then after the rest of us were all asleep, about midnight, he'd get up and drive with others to whatever mountain they planned for that weekend. On each climb one person was always the designated leader who made important decisions.

First they set up a "base camp" where they ate. They always joked that Daddy's choice for everyone was hot, heavy gruel (cereal). "Ugh," his fellow climbers cried, making funny faces!

Then every climber began preparing for the climb, strapping on those crampons if needed already. Very carefully they tied themselves together with extra strong rope, using special knots. The leader decided the position of each person along the rope, with experienced ones always near the front and rear of those roped together. Every mountain climb depended on the climbers, the weather, the mountain itself. In those days there was no GPS, nor were there cell phones for help if needed.

For many years everything went safely. But there came a time of hair-raising, and once deadly, climbs that eventually led to my mother saying, "No more. Please, no more mountain climbing, Ding." Here is one I will tell you about:

Mount Rainier

This mountain, "masculine" in appearance, is 14,411 foot tall and located in Washington State. Looking back, it may not have been the best choice for a first climb, even though the person appeared up to the challenge. As always, a base camp was set up at a low altitude where climbers ate and stored any supplies they might need after their trip back down. Each one checked their gear, then got roped together in the order the leader wanted.

Their ascent up the huge mountain went well, a new climber between experienced climbers toward the rear. At the peak they ate lunch, and then signed their names in the ledger (notebook) that's always buried in a can on the top of every mountain. Often they searched for the last time they were there or names of people they knew, resting as they talked.

Weather reporting was what we'd now consider primitive, yet they were careful to get reports beforehand and watch the sky while they were climbing. They were keenly aware of any changes, and that day all looked fine. Before they started down they checked their ropes carefully. The new person was in the same place as before.

Part way down the inexperienced climber screamed! She'd lost her footing, and her body began cascading down the steep slope as she picked up speed. On that huge expanse of volcanic rock covered by snow and ice, being uncontrolled was extremely serious! Desperately the line of eight or so climbers heaved their ice axes into the snow, trying to stop. Though each axe had a wrist strap of leather, most were torn off their arms with the rising speed. For what seemed like a lifetime they careened downward, not in a line but spread helter-skelter over the slope. At times, even though still roped securely together, they spun around and the ones at the back were now in front, leading the slide.

But in an incredible bit of luck, that increasing speed turned out to save them from certain death.

As the group of terrified mountain climbers careened down the glacier, a huge crevasse appeared in their path. Luck was with them that day and the buildup of their tremendous speed carried them over the crevasse, maybe 8 or 12 or 20 feet in width. And the happy ending is that they all survived and climbed for many years.

What a great story! Thank you Anne for sharing your thoughts, stories, memories and donating your Daddy's notebook account of his Goat Rocks experience!

Also thanks to those who are supporting the cost of the club's history office by sending financial donations to PO Box 6906; Portland, Oregon 97239 marked for the "History Fund." Contributions from unknown sources at the Annual Meeting amounted to \$60 in twenties and sales of note cards with Tom Shanley's pen & ink sketches of the lodges \$125. As of this writing, donations from \$10 to \$700 have come from the following: Merrill Hugo, Tom Shanley, Angelo & Katherine Carella, Susan Taylor, Kelly Marlin, Fern Anderson, Lynn Cochran – Thank you all!

Stay tuned for updates on the establishment of an Educational Foundation.

Sylvia Milne, TCO Historian



Editor's Note: As of this writing, the Board vote is in process, but passage seems firm.

Trails Club of Oregon Lodge Meal Policy

The kitchens at both Nesika and Tyee are limited in the ability to accommodate the preparation of multiple meals for each mealtime. It has always been the policy of the Trails Club of Oregon to encourage one cook coordinating with a host to plan and prepare meals during open days at a lodge. Having one cook with cook helpers as needed to plan and prepare the meals for all members and guests simplifies the coordination of meal planning and preparation. To encourage lodge hosts to open a lodge when a cook cannot be found, the club started the policy of "host only" openings without meal planning. This led to a problem of too many cooks attempting to prepare meals in a limited kitchen. While many "host only" openings have a small number of attendees where there is no problem with multiple meal preparations, when the number of attendees increases, meal preparation becomes a problem. It is not acceptable to limit the number of attendees as this is contrary to club policy for the lodges to be open for all members up to capacity.

Meal Policy:

1. Provided meals: Hosts find a cook to plan and prepare meals. Attendees must sign up and commit to meals at least several days before the opening to provide the cook time to plan and purchase the supplies for meals. Established meal fees and payment commitments apply. An option is to have separate cooks responsible for each meal, distributing the task. Members who do not sign up by the deadline for meals cannot expect kitchen access or meals, even if there is room for overnight accommodation. Cooks should be able to provide menus for attendees with special diets so they can opt-out of particular dishes and provide for themselves with no preparation meals that do not impact the use of the kitchen for meal preparation.
2. No meals: No preparation or minimal preparation meals are provided by the attendees. This has been done in the form of "provide your own" meals during a "host only" opening and for lunches for many hosted days. No cook is needed for these meals, but "provide your own" meals should be minimal preparation (sandwiches or soup) meals. Limiting the use of the kitchen facilities will allow all attendees equal access to the limited facilities.
3. Coordinated Pot Luck meals: With this option the host assigns and coordinates multiple cooks from the attendees for each meal, like a pot-luck arrangement with each cook responsible for one portion of the meal. While this takes more coordination, it limits the responsibilities of each cook. The division could be between salad, main, desert, etc. For large groups, scaling a dish for more attendees is much easier than creating multiple dishes with the impact multiple dishes has on the limited kitchen. The host is responsible to limit the food preparation of each meal to the capacity of the kitchen. Meal fees charged to attendees depend on what food was supplied by each attendee. This is a flexible option, somewhere between hosted meals and no meals.

The host must decide and publish which of the three options above will be used for EACH meal during an opening. The "No meal" option is discouraged during popular weekends (winter and holidays), except lunches, because of the impact on the limited kitchen.

It is not acceptable to provide meals for a limited list of attendees and deny the kitchen facilities to other attendees. Any meals with participation limits need to have board approval. Participation limited events will not generally be granted access to the lodges for popular weekends.

Hosting opportunity

Do you love spending time at Tyee? How would you like to get paid for your time at Tyee? Occasionally, the Mazama lodge overbooks and asks us to host some of their members. They pay the standard member fees and a separate \$100/night stipend to the host. You must be a Tyee lodge key holder. No cooking required, they eat at the Mazama Lodge. Just open/close.

Contact Mya Dunn White to put your name on a list of Mazama hosts. integritydoc@aol.com

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**Trails Club of Oregon
Board Of Trustees Meeting
December 12, 2016
Minutes**

The board enjoyed a potluck hosted by Pam Moore at her place. The board thanks Pam for her hospitality. The potluck commenced at 5 P.M. the formal meeting was called to order at about 7 P.M.. All of the current board members were present. Tyee was represented by Bill Yandon. Phil Crosby and Glen Conrad also attended.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance	11/30/2016	\$8,149.54
Beginning Balance ..	11/01/2016	\$4,009.57
Deposits	16,836.42	
Withdrawals	12,696.45	
Ending Balance	11/30/2016	\$ 8,149.54

A transfer of \$15,000 from the investment account is included in the deposits for the month.

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We have a new accountant, Bruce Bloch. Bruce was recommended by our former accountants.

Nesika Trustee's Report:

Linda reported a good Thanksgiving event at the lodge with six potential new members attending.

She told us of significant rot in the posts supporting the women's dorm porch which will need replacing next summer. We should provide new masonry bases for the posts as we install them.

The committee will be working on plans for the dorm porches through the winter. Work needs to continue on the road.

Membership Trustees Report:

Jeff read Rich Shiga and Susan M. Horky for the first time.

Bethany Gay, Gabriel Nagmay, Hannah Gay, Leilani Speer, Linda Hernandez, Lorian McNeil, Lorrie Gay, Mike Summers, Miki O'Conner, Nancy Rapport, Nancy Zink, Peggy Anderson, Sheri Dover, and Tatiana Periera were elected to membership.

David L. Johnson and Paul Williamson were reinstated.

Publications Trustees Report:

Randy explained email addresses for our communications. He also explained the use of Dropbox and the need to have our policies saved there. Pam then charged each board member individually to have their policies placed in the drop box.

Tyee Trustee's Report:

Bill hasn't yet heard the results from the borings under the basement slab.

We need more members to host the people from the Mazamas mid week classes.

Bill thinks Chaz will be back mid month.

New Business:

Cindy has investigated liability insurance for the officers and the board. The premium will be about \$750 per year. The board felt we should pursue this.

Cindy wants to send next years proposed budget out in the near future.

Linda moved to continue kids free weekends for years to come. Merrill moved an amendment to have the kids free weekends in 2017. The amendment passed and the amended motion passed.

Pam appointed Susan Ashenfelter as Social trustee with Esther Jones as principal committee member. Cindy moved approval of the appointments. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 8 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Merrill Hugo

Membership Notes - November 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.

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Second Readings

Peggy Anderson
Sheri Dover
Bethany Gay
Hannah Gay
Lorrie Gay

Linda Hernandez
Lorian McNeil
Gabriel Nagmay
Miki O'Conner
Tatiana Periera
Nancy Rapport
Leilani Speer
Mike Summers
Nancy Zink

Changes

None

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Gentle Reminders

For activities such as bicycling and x-c skiing check with 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 and 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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