



# Trail Blazer

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March 2017

| Upcoming Events                                                                              |         |                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------|
| Date                                                                                         | Day     | Event Description                       |
| ----- March -----                                                                            |         |                                         |
| 1                                                                                            | Wed     | AM hike - Class A/B                     |
| 3-5                                                                                          | Fri-Sun | Tyee Lodge Open                         |
| 4                                                                                            | Sat     | Tolinda Ridge Trail Loop Hike – class B |
| 4                                                                                            | Sat     | Tyee Snowshoe - Pete & Elaine Nelson    |
| 4                                                                                            | Sat     | Hike                                    |
| 8                                                                                            | Wed     | AM hike - Class A/B                     |
| 10-12                                                                                        | Fri-Sun | Tyee Lodge Open                         |
| 11-12                                                                                        | Sat-Sun | Backpack                                |
| 13                                                                                           | Mon     | TCO Board Meeting - MMC                 |
| 15                                                                                           | Wed     | AM hike - Class A/B                     |
| 15                                                                                           | Wed     | Blazer Deadline                         |
| 18-20                                                                                        | Sat-Mon | Tyee Lodge Open                         |
| 19                                                                                           | Sun     | Snowshoe                                |
| 22                                                                                           | Wed     | AM hike - Class A/B                     |
| 29                                                                                           | Wed     | AM hike - Class A/B                     |
| ----- April -----                                                                            |         |                                         |
| 5                                                                                            | Wed     | Morning hike - Class A/B                |
| 10                                                                                           | Mon     | TCO Board Meeting - MMC                 |
| 12                                                                                           | Wed     | Morning hike - Class A/B                |
| 15                                                                                           | Sat     | Blazer Deadline                         |
| 19                                                                                           | Wed     | Morning hike - Class A/B                |
| 26                                                                                           | Wed     | Morning hike - Class A/B                |
| Scheduling is updated on web site <a href="http://www.trailsclub.org">www.trailsclub.org</a> |         |                                         |
| TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2                                                           |         |                                         |

## Events

### Mar 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: Nancy Overpeck, 360-836-5464, 503-806-2900, [overpeck@wa-net.com](mailto:overpeck@wa-net.com)

### Mar 4 (Sat) Tolinda Ridge Trail Loop Hike – class B

Get those buns ready for hiking season, 6 miles 1700ft elevation gain. [http://www.oregonhikers.org/field\\_guide/Tolinda-Ridge\\_Trail\\_Loop\\_Hike](http://www.oregonhikers.org/field_guide/Tolinda-Ridge_Trail_Loop_Hike)

Always carry the 10 essentials with you and be prepared for inclement weather.

Meet: 8:45 AM at Forest Park Tolinda Ridge Trailhead (off Germantown rd) We leave promptly at 9 AM

Leader: Raya Budrevich - [photuris@gmail.com](mailto:photuris@gmail.com)  
503-750-6680

### Mar 8 (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, check the website

Leader: TBD

### Mar 15 (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, check the website

Leader: TBD

### Mar 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: Wayne Schweinfest, 503-253-3073, [WSchweinfest@msn.com](mailto:WSchweinfest@msn.com)

### Mar 29 (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: Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, [pollockkathy@gmail.com](mailto:pollockkathy@gmail.com)

### April 5 (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.

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The purpose of the Trails Club is to foster and stimulate interest in hiking, climbing, skiing, camping and other similar outdoor activities and to promote activities of a social nature for the benefit of its members. The Club's interests and concerns are conservation of natural beauty and resources of the country. All Club activities are affected by the voluntary participation of the members. Membership requirements include an approved outdoor activity, a scheduled lodge visit, recommendations by two members within a one-year period, approval by the Board of Trustees, and payment of \$50 in dues for first household member, \$30 for each additional household member or those over 65 years of age and a \$15 entrance fee.

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For the starting location of this week's hike, check the website

Leader: TBD

### April 12 (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, check the website.

Leader: TBD

### April 19 (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, check the website

Leader: TBD

### April 26 (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, check the website.

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 the roundabout.

Parking is near the Nature Center.

### 2017 Nesika work schedule

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Apr 7 thru Apr 9   | Aug. 18 thru Aug. 20 |
| May 19 thru May 21 | Sep. 15 thru Sep.17  |
| Jun 23 thru Jun 25 | Oct. 20 thru Oct..22 |
| Jul 14 thru Jul 16 |                      |

### 2017 Tye work schedule

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Jun 9 thru Jun 11  | Sep 8 thru Sep10   |
| Jul 7 thru Jul 9   | Oct 13 thru Oct 15 |
| Aug 11 thru Aug 13 |                    |

### Meetup Website

Recently, some events have been posted on the meetup website. These may not appear on the Trails Club website < [www.trailsclub.org](http://www.trailsclub.org) > or in the Trail Blazer.

Those wishing to check out the TCO meetup site can do so at: <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/> Ed.

### Trails Ahead

#### Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River June 23-25, 2017 (Fri-Sun)

Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River is the setting for this 12th annual outing. The resort, which is about 150 miles 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.belknaphotsprings.com](http://www.belknaphotsprings.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 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 for 1 or 2 people (\$8 each additional person) \$38.15 w/no sewer hookup or \$43.60 w/sewer hookup. Cabin prices are divided by the number of people, and range from \$147.15 for 1-2 people to \$299.75 for up to 6 people (\$10 each additional person).

Lodge rooms range from \$119.90 to \$152.60, varying from 2-4 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.

TO REGISTER (open Feb 1st for TCO members/ March 1st for nonmembers): 1) Contact Vicki Wood at 503-850-4366 or [vw48@comcast.net](mailto:vw48@comcast.net) to inquire about lodging availability; 2) Mail a \$25 nonrefundable deposit and completed application/liability and medical form for each person to: Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 69061, Portland, OR 97239. These forms can be downloaded from our website at [www.trailsclub.org](http://www.trailsclub.org) in the "outings" section under "Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River" (balance of payment is due May 15th and is nonrefundable unless there is someone on a waiting list who 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.

## Backpack Event with Linda Conrad

### July 1-13 (Sat-Thu) Cumberland Pass North Class C

As a Long Distance Backpacker I have always enjoyed linear hiking. That is hiking from point A to Point B. I am looking for 2 to 4 people to include at least one to two other women to hike with me in Colorado doing the southernmost 120-130 miles.

I am currently asking around for a shuttle driver. We would give the shuttle driver use of the car for no charge. The Shuttle Driver would need to provide their gas for extra travel outside of getting us to and from the trail heads and resupply at Wolf Creek Pass. We would fly out of Portland to Denver on July 2nd or late afternoon of July 1st and fly home on July 13th.

For more information, please contact Linda Conrad [lcgrconrad@aol.com](mailto:lcgrconrad@aol.com) and see: [http://www.trailsclub.org/events/backpack.html#cumb\\_bp](http://www.trailsclub.org/events/backpack.html#cumb_bp)

## North Cascades Outing

North Cascades National Park hiking week/car camp. July 22-29 (Sat-Sat) We'll stay at Upper Goodell group camp. It has a large covered area with 8 picnic tables, one restroom, water available in a nearby campground.

16 people max. \$30 member, \$35 non-member for the week with a limit of 16 people.

Send the application, liability, and medical forms to the Trails Club PO box with your payment.

Forms can be found on the Trails Club web site < <http://www.trailsclub.org/events/outings.html> >

Leader Brian Carlson 503.960.9451 [owatta53@hotmail.com](mailto:owatta53@hotmail.com)

## Appreciate Trails Club Volunteers

The Trails club offers a wide variety of activities. Most of us are active in some club activities, and never think of others, so we perceive the club through the lens of our activities. When we think of "the Trails Club" then we think of those things we do with the club, and the other people doing the same things. And we think of the people "running the club" as those that make our chosen activities happen.

We tend to forget that there are many people making other activities happen. There may be dozens of volunteers you never think about who are keeping other activities alive. There are a handful of people (board of trustees) volunteering to do the business work of the club which mostly involves the not-fun tasks needed to keep the club running.

All of these people are volunteers. They take on the work of running the club because they want the club to succeed and they want club activities to keep happening. Some take on tasks because they love the activity and the people they meet when leading. Some take on tasks that may be little effort for them, but difficult for others, but need to get done. Some volunteer because they just want to help out.

Volunteers will continue to run the club as long as they find it enjoyable. When the joy of doing something with people you like (the only compensation our volunteers get) is

outweighed by the work involved, or by criticism for "not doing it right", volunteers quit. Often nobody wants to step in to take over. This is a particular problem for our board positions. That work typically ends with a pile of paperwork processed, or making a decision that **someone** will not like, rather than taking a group of people to the top of a hill for an awesome view.

This work is just as important as leading a trip, but much less visible, and much less appreciated.

Next time you feel the need to criticize the job that a TCO volunteer is doing, please consider:

- They are doing it for free.
- They are doing it for **you**.
- They are doing in their "spare time". They are not paid professionals. Family, careers, and life in general come first.
- They are doing the best job they can.
- If you think you could do a better job, are you willing to commit the time and energy to do it?

We should actively appreciate everything each volunteer does for the club. If someone is struggling, we should do everything we can to help them succeed.

Randy Dietrich, Publications Trustee

## Paper Trail Blazer Phase Out

The board has decided to begin phasing out paper copies of the Trail Blazer to reduce printing and mailing expense.

- 1) Starting with the July 2017 Issue we will send paper copies only to those members that have specifically requested paper copies. This will be an opt-in process, rather than the opt-out process we have been using for e-blazers. If we do not hear from you by June 30, 2017, the paper will stop coming, and you may only get the Blazer from the TCO web site, [www.trailsclub.org](http://www.trailsclub.org).
- 2) Members requesting paper will continue to get paper copies at no charge through the end of 2017, but starting January 2018, there will be an additional charge of \$25/Yr for paper copies.

We expect this action will save us several thousand dollars each year.

To request a paper Blazer, please send an e-mail to: [membership@trailsclub.org](mailto:membership@trailsclub.org)

## Greetings from Nesika!

Hello from our home in the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. We thought everyone would like an update as to the happenings at Nesika in 2016. It was a very busy season for work trips and for scheduled events. We had almost 700 people visit the lodge last year. Our work season totaled 8 trips, including an extra trip in the spring to remove trees from the access road. In April with the assistance of 45 volunteers the club moved about 8 cords of firewood off the road and into the parking area. In May and June we prepared the Hennerly to get reroofed in the summer. The roof was placed in July and at that time we discovered that the siding on the Cupola of the main lodge needed to be replaced due to water and raven damage. With the help of the Atterbury family we completed this project in August during the hottest weekend of the year. Throughout the work season, the club removed the wooden front porch of the main lodge and replaced it with a new cement porch. Many thanks to Merrill Hugo and Randy Dietrich for spearheading this project. We also managed to keep the lodge busy almost every weekend from May to November. There were mushroom hunting classes, watercolor classes, photography classes, a wedding and of course Linda's 9th annual backpack seminar in November. We were fortunate as well to have the lodge open for Thanksgiving Weekend and Glen and Linda's annual open hosting between Christmas and New Years.

The Trails Club has 2 lovely lodges that are just waiting for members to visit! Keep both in mind for the year ahead and keep your eyes on the lodges schedule for the coming events of 2017. We would like to give special thanks to all of our work trip cooks for all the delicious meals and special dietary needs which were gladly met. Thank you for entrusting us with Nesika.

Respectfully,  
Glen and Linda Conrad.

## Attention all Trails Club Members:

It is time for 2017 Henry Waespe Award nominations. I encourage all of you to take a moment to send in your nomination for the Club member that you feel has been of most service to the organization.

Please e-mail your nominee's name along with the reason(s) for your nomination to:

President@trailsclub.org

The deadline for submission is March 15, 2017.

Thank you,

Pamela Moore, President, Trails Club of Oregon

About the Award:

The highest honor the Trails Club can bestow is the Henry Waespe Distinguished Service Award. This recognition is given to an individual who has served the Club both well and long. It is given not for a single achievement, but for a record of service to the Club in various capacities. It remembers Henry Waespe, who spent almost a lifetime serving the Club he loved.

About Henry Waespe:

Henry Waespe was an early member of the Trails Club, serving as President in 1950. Henry participated in building the Eagle Creek and Salmon River Trails, as well as the rock wall at Bickel's viewpoint near Nesika Lodge. This wall bears a plaque with his name and overlooks Waespe Point.

## Historian's Blog

"Got Your Back" comes to mind, when describing my early understanding of being a Trails Club Member in good standing. The end of January, George & I attended two celebrations of life services. One for a family member of two Trails Club members with whom we are friends – the other with Gerda, Alan, Art & Sherrie Stangell held for George and Arlene Brennfleck, two golden Trails Club members. We all remembered the Brennflecks with fondness — Gerda, for them sponsoring her club membership, Art, for his association with them and their family in Kiddie Campers/Teener group activities and George & I as newbies becoming active as the Brennflecks became less involved. What I remember the most, was George Brennfleck's great smile, his jovial, welcoming persona and the feeling he would be there for you.

Following the Brennfleck service, those of us who stayed for the reception experienced a glimpse of first generation Kiddy Camper/Teener camaraderie. A strong representation of the original groups gathered to give the Brennfleck family support and to share memories. Seated around a large table (which could have been a campfire), decorated with favors (much like I remember from early TCO banquets) they reminisced about their great Trails Club experiences, each memory containing an element of self-sacrifice. Then, as if George himself were present, his daughter rose up to lead the crowd in singing a few camp songs, one in a round. What a great tribute to the Brennflecks and the Trails Club.

For a hundred years, leadership has followed the bylaws, originally established by our founding charter members, many from the Progressive Business Men's Club who built the Larch Mountain Trail. The Brennflecks, along with many others

like George and I, also volunteered with church and scouts. This qualification made us all prime candidates to join a club managed by volunteers. We knew what we were getting into, understood the need for long term service/leadership and counted on everyone doing their part, some more than others, depending on their circumstances. The outreach goal was mentoring friends and acquaintances in accordance with club bylaws and policies/procedures, many unwritten.

I joined the club during a time where you were expected (not negotiable) to go on two four mile hikes and spend the night in one of our lodges during a social event or work party. Many of us with families chose work trips for economic reasons. Either way, it was a great way for members and potential ones to check each other out to determine if Trails Club membership was a good fit.

In more recent years, requirements have become more relaxed and one-on-one mentoring of the original club culture is less the norm, especially as people find the club through internet connections. In the midst of this change, our leaders are faced with maintaining an organization and two lodges. Active committees are being rebuilt to handle the work load.

Points to ponder - I find it interesting how the business world is surviving a gradual encroachment of entitlement. According to last week's Oregonian, some innovative businesses are done wooing college graduates with generous salaries. Now the focus is weighted more on paid college internships, midrange salaries, and the promise of more.

Years ago, prior to voting on whether to rebuild our disintegrating log cabin, George and I attended an old timer's event at Tyee. Here Ding Cannon inserted an element of surprise into his scheduled talk. After calculating participation, he asked a group ready to vote against a proposed building project, to reconsider. His reason, so the younger generation could experience the camaraderie developed among those who helped build Tyee. His words carried a lot of weight.

As a result, a stone tribute in the Gorge reflects the vast number of volunteers who sacrificed summers of their lives for the benefit of the general membership. So one wonders, what future project will develop a similar outcome? Retooling the club (huge undertaking, even for those of us with extensive professional volunteer management skills)? If so, we hope it takes less than the 17+ years George and I invested in planning/leading the Nesika building project. Enjoy!

In your service,  
Sylvia Milne, Historian

#### To the Membership

Any event with a dozen eye witnesses will generate a dozen stories with varying degrees of divergence. Our historian's blog in the January Blazer illustrates this one more time. When we were researching the history of our Nesika access we were able to find much of the material we needed in the extensive collection maintained by club historians. Arlene Ellis and June Smelzer had maintained the collection in good shape and our group was able to retrieve much of what we needed from the boxes stored in June's spare room out between Sandy and Estacada. Information from early Club minutes was retrieved easily from the Oregon Historical Society where we had deposited them.

#### Wet Hikers Stopped Here On Feb. 15 for a Photo After Lunch Photo - Ken Kane.



The wall is located on the south side of NW Overton in the 1600 block. Thanks, Ken.

Our board was involved in the decision to place materials in the Mazamas building. My memory says we didn't feel that storing them at Tyee was wise due to distance from Portland and the conditions of storage.

We should always remember that our perceptions often differ from those of others and our memories can be suspect.

With concern  
Merrill Hugo

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**Trails Club Of Oregon  
Board Of Trustees Meeting  
February 13, 2017**

**Minutes**

Pam called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.. All the board members attended. Art Stangell, Glen Conrad, Phil Crosby and Chris Monti also attended.

The minutes for the January meeting were approved as distributed. Merrill suggested having well drafted motions presented initially will expedite the club's business.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning Balance .....1/1/2017 ..... \$4,318.54

Deposits .....1,139.00

Checks/withdrawals .....1,740.49

Ending balance.....1/31/2017 ..... \$3,717.05

**Publications Trustee's Report:**

Blazer was distributed on time this month and Phil has a new laptop.

**Membership Trustee's Report:**

Jeff reported that about one half of the membership has renewed and many members are taking advantage of PayPal.

Brianna Cain and Susan Garland were read for the first time.

Eddie Hooker, Amy Evans, David Ingerson, Beth Myers-Shenai, and Krystyna Wolniakowski were elected to membership.

**Nesika Trustee's Report:**

Things look good at Nesika.

**Tyee Trustee's Report:**

Chaz says we are down to about ½ capacity on oil. Measures to stretch the supply and/or resupply were discussed. Installation of a fireplace insert might be a good idea.

There was a minor electrical outage which the power company rectified quickly.

Linda reported a successful kid's weekend.

**Social Trustee's Report:**

Susan brought us a list of possible venues for the banquet. The board would like to use Ernesto's on Beaverton Hillsdale Highway

**Old Business:**

How should we define an official Trails Club Hike? An abortive attempt at a definition was attempted. The basic elements appear to be the hike should appear on both our website and Meetup and should be vetted by a representative of the club. We look forward to a final policy for adoption at our next meeting.

**New Business:**

Chris Monti reviewed the general investment climate and how the club has been using our investment account. There has been a rising market for the last several years and we have been taking cash from the account totaling about \$150,000. The dollar value of the account appears stable but the real value has depreciated. Costs of construction and repairs have been appreciating rapidly. A future downturn in the market is almost certain and we should be prepared. In summary, we cannot continue to run deficits of about \$20,000 per year.

The board then considered the proposed budget for 2017 on an item by item basis. Cindy will present the adjusted budget to us by email and we can vote to adopt it.

Art Stangell presented a draft for an easement on our road to Nesika.

Randy moved that we approve the draft document and instruct Art to present it to the Forest Service. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Merrill Hugo

**Membership Notes - February 2017**

**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**

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Sponsored by Glen Conrad and Jeff Lawton

**Second Readings**

Amy Evans  
Eddie Hooker  
David Ingerson  
Beth Meyers-Shenai  
Krystina Wolniakowski

**Changes: None**

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## March 2017

### 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.

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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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