



Trail Blazer

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April 2017

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----- April -----		
5	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
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8-9	Sat-Sun	Nesika Work trip cancelled due to snow
10	Mon	TCO Board Meeting - MMC
12	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
12	Wed	Evening hike - Class B
13	Thu	Dairy Creek Rd Bike Ride - Class A/B
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18	Tue	Sellwood Riverside Park - Mt. Tabor - Class B
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23	Sun	Burnt Bridge - Frenchman's Bar Bike - Class A/B
26	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
26	Wed	Evening hike - Class B
----- May -----		
3	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
6	Sat	Annual President's Hike - Class B
6-7	Sat-Sun	Weekend st Nesika
7	Sun	!!!!!!! TCO Banquet - See page 5 !!!!!!!
8	Mon	TCO Board Meeting - MMC
10	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
15	Mon	Blazer Deadline
17	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
24	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B
31	Wed	Morning hike - Class A/B

Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org

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

Donations to the History Committee -

A special fund has been set up to help pay the cost of the History office. Those wishing to contribute to the History fund can do so by sending a check to the club at PO box 69061, Portland OR 97239-0061. Please mark the check "History Fund" to ensure it gets properly credited to the fund.

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.
- 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 or by US mail to:

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Donations to Redwing Expansion -

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.

... and donations in general will not be refused. They will be put to good use. Remember, this is **your** club. If, like your editor, you can't contribute physically as much as you used to, there are other ways ... Ed.

Events

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.

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

Leader: Chuck Barrows, 503-244-4967,
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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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April 5 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B

We will hike from 6 PM until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Please carry a flashlight or headlamp and dress for changeable weather.

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!

Leader: Catherine Schiedler,
catherineschied@gmail.com

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, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

April 12 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B

We will hike from 6 PM until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Please carry a flashlight or headlamp and dress for changeable weather.

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!

Leader: Lotte Schmitz, lotteschmitz@msn.com

April 13 (Thur) Dairy Creek Rd Bike Ride - Class A/B

This will be the first ride of the season enjoying spring along Washington County farm roads. The route is almost flat, about 24 miles long. If there is interest we will stop at the Helvetia Tavern for lunch after the ride.

Meet: 10 AM at the North Plains Public Library, 31334 SW Commercial St. North Plains, 97133. Parking is on both sides of the street or in back. We can use their restrooms.

Please RSVP by 9 pm on Wed. and check with leader if weather is bad.

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

April 18 (Tues) - Tax free ride: Sellwood Riverside Park - Mt. Tabor - Class B

Don't let Mt. Tabor tax you. Leader may lead from behind up the hill. Bring a snack to eat at the top while you wait for everyone to arrive. This is a social ride 10-12 on city streets, requiring alert safe riding behavior.

Route: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/17535799>. Ride may include a diversion through Brooklyn Yard (not included above). Final route will be available a few days before ride). Total elevation 1000 ft., distance between 20-25 mi.

Depart: 10 AM - Sellwood Riverside Park parking lot. Arrive by 9:45 for meet and greet. Don't be late.

Leader: JoAnn, joannk4fun@yahoo.com

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, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: Marlys Edwards, 503-956-1630, marlysoe@hotmail.com

April 19 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B

We will hike from 6 PM until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Please carry a flashlight or headlamp and dress for changeable weather.

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!

Leader: Catherine Schiedler, catherineschied@gmail.com

April 23 (Sun) - Burnt Bridge Creek - Frenchman's Bar Bike - Class A/B

The short A level ride is an out and back on the Burnt Bridge Creek Trail. It is 16 miles long with scenic views. The B level ride follows this with 17 more miles and stops at Vancouver Lake and Frenchman's Bar on the Columbia - bring lunch to eat at Vancouver Lake. The total route has 850 feet of ascent.

E-mail leader to register for the ride, saying whether you plan to ride the shorter or longer route. The ride may be cancelled and rescheduled in bad weather - contact leader if you are uncertain whether the ride is being cancelled.

Depart: 10 AM at Bernie and Lakeshore Dr. TH of Burnt Bridge Creek Trail - there is parking on Bernie.

Register with Leader: Terry Lawson 503-819-9250, terry@gmail.com

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, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: Sue Holmes, sueholmes28@yahoo.com

April 26 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B

We will hike from 6 PM until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Please carry a flashlight or headlamp and dress for changeable weather.

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!

Leader: Gini Bateman, ginibateman@comcast.net

May 3 (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

May 6 (Sat) Annual President's Hike – Class B

Depart: 8 AM from Gateway Transit Center or 9 AM from Trailhead near Beacon Rock Campground

Leader: Pamela Moore 503-860-8281

For more information and to sign up on Meetup: Presidents Hike Hamilton Mountain - Meetup <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/237689404>

May 6-7 (Sat-Sun) Host-only weekend at Nesika

A low-key weekend where people bring their own food and stay over Saturday night. Please bring food to share for a potluck dinner Saturday evening. I'll be scheduling 2-3 times to open the Larch Mountain gate on Saturday morning to let people in.

Contact: Tim Kutscha, tim_kutscha@yahoo.com (503)593-9608

May 10 (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

May 17 (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

May 24 (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

May 31 (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

Note: See Trails Ahead for upcoming events and Randy's note on club finances on page 9. Ed.

Meeting Places

Friendly House NW Thurman and 26th. TriMet bus service on routes 15, 17 and 77 is nearby.

Gateway TCO 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.

Trails Club Bike Ride Schedule-2017

Apr 13 (Thu) Dairy Creek Rd
Leader: Gisela Piercy

Apr 18 (Tue) Tax Free Ride-Mt Tabor/Sellwood
Leader: JoAnn Klassen

Apr 23 (Sun) Burnt Bridge
Leader: Terry Lawson

May 4 (Thu) Bike-n-Dine: Riverfront/Mississippi
Leader: Audrey Perino

May 7 (Sun) Blue Lk Park
Leader: Terry Lawson

May 13 (Sat) I-5/I-205 Bridge Loop-
Leader: Chaz Shaw

May 18 (Thu) Rood Br/Fernhill Wetlands
Leader: Gisela Piercy

May 20 (Sat) Dodge Park
Leader: Dave Crout

May 21 (Sun) Covered Bridges
Leader: Chaz Shaw

May 30 (Tue) Mosier Tunnels
Leader: Catherine Schiedler

Jun 1 (Thu) Smell the Roses: Butteville/Heirloom Gardens
Leader: Gerda Eck

Jun 4 (Sun) Lacamas Lake
Leader: Terry Lawson

Jun 8 (Thu) Peninsula Park
Leader: Audrey Perino

Jun 13 (Tue) Portland Hills
Leader: Maureen Covell

Jun 16 (Fri) Bike-n-Dine: Frenchman's Bar
Leader: Chaz Shaw

Jun 19 (Mon) Sauvie Island
Leader: Gisela Piercy

Jun 27 (Tue) Molalla River
Leader: Sue Brickey

Jul 1 (Sat) Buena Vista
Leader: Allen Burrell

Jul 6 (Thu) Cascade Locks/Yeon/Mult Falls
Leader: Gerda Eck

Jul 9 (Sun) Willamette Valley
Leader: Terry Lawson

Jul 13 (Thu) Kelly Pt Park-\
Leader: Audrey Perino

Jul 22 (Sat) Trolley Trail/Lake Oswego
Leader: Dave Crout

Aug 3 (Thu) Bike-n-Dine: Springwater to Boring
Leader: Audrey Perino

Aug 10 (Thu) Banks/Vernonia-
Leader: Allen Burrell

Aug 19 (Sat) Old Germantown Rd
Leader: Dave Crout

Aug 24 (Thu) Trolley Trail/ORCty
Leader: Gerda Eck

Aug 26 (Sat) Puget Island
Leader: Chaz Shaw

Sep 7 (Thu) Willamette Park/Zoo
Leader: Audrey Perino

Sep 10 (Sun) Oregon City
Leader: Terry Lawson

Sep 16 (Sat) Canby Ferry
Leader: Dave Crout

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 Tyee work schedule

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

The Trails Club has a Meetup site that allows event planners to organize TCO events on-line. While we try to get every event in the Blazer and on the Trails Club web site (www.trailsclub.org) , some events, especially those that are planned on short notice, may appear only on the TCO Meetup.

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

Trails Club Annual Banquet May 7 (Sun)

Location: Ernesto's Italian Restaurant, 8544 SW Apple Way, Portland, OR 97225.

Ticket price is \$35 per person.

We are excited to be offering great food, great company, great speakers and even opportunities to learn something about history of the Club. We want to highlight the recent achievements of our members and thank our volunteers for their much appreciated service. Show up to support the club and each other in our great adventures! Find people to go out and adventure with!

By popular demand we will also be holding a silent auction. Please contact Susan Ashenfelter via email at SocialChair@trailsclub.org if you have an item to donate for this very fun auction, the proceeds of which will go to building maintenance for the Trails Club. Somebody's lightly used gear, items of interest, art or plants may become your treasure!

Social time begins at 4:30pm, Dinner will be offered at 5 pm and speakers will begin at 6 pm. Tea, coffee and a no-host bar with beer and wine will be provided. Please RSVP by April 28th. If you would like to take advantage of gluten-free options offered please RSVP by April 21st.

To reserve tickets please mail in checks for tickets to:

Banquet
Trails Club of Oregon
PO Box 69061
Portland, OR 97239

Trails Trodden

Deschutes River Hike - March 3,4,5

Eleven trails club members enjoyed a 3 day 23 mile hike on the lower Deschutes river canyon trail. The weather was acceptable with minimum rain during the days. Saturday nite was spent at the historic Harris Ranch. The hay barn was turned into a kitchen and group campground. Enough firewood was found to provide a meeting and greeting spot for the evening and Sunday morning breakfast. The last eleven miles hiked on Sunday was under bluebird skies.

Thank you all for making the hike. It was a great way to start off the backpack season.

Linda Conrad

Trails Ahead - overleaf

Nesika Folk Music Weekend

June 10th-11th; (Sat.-Sun.)

Cost is \$55 for guests and \$45 for members. Please register on Meetup and pay on that site. Ted Kaye is leader of several monthly music circles in Portland. He has graciously volunteered to do a Folk song weekend at Nesika. It will include 2 "Sing a Longs", (all are welcome to join in singing), Singing around campfire, Musical Jam sessions, and day hikes in the Multnomah Basin. We invite those who play music to bring your instrument. We will be providing "Rise up singing" books for people to join in with song. This is a first of its kind at Nesika and has been requested in the past. We will provide Saturday Lunch and Dinner and Breakfast on Sunday. Sunday Lunch will be leftovers. Come join us for a weekend of music at our great lodge and bring your instruments. Lodge will be open Friday if you so desire to come up early. You still have to pay an extra night lodging. Hosted by Glen and Linda Conrad. Gate on Larch MTN road will open at 8:30 on Saturday AM and remain open till 9:00 AM. We will have gate open once on Saturday evening and once on Sunday around 1:00 PM. Gate is just past the 10 mile marker on Larch MTN road at the snow gate. If you wish to hike up, let us know and we will arrange a hike leader. You will need to bring your own food for Friday night and Saturday AM or potluck.

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 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 1) Contact Vicki Wood at 503-850-4366 or vw48@comcast.net to inquire about lodging availability; 2) Mail a \$25 nonrefundable deposit and completed application/liability and medical form for each person to: Trails

Club of Oregon, PO Box 69061, Portland, OR 97239.

These forms can be downloaded from our website at www.trailsclub.org in the "outings" section under "Weekend Outing on the McKenzie River" (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 1cgrconrad@aol.com and see:
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

George Milne's New Position

Past Trails Club President George Milne is now president of the Federation Of Western Outdoor Clubs. The FWOC represents and is supported by 41 member clubs and chapters. TCO members that are interested can access; <http://www.federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org/>

Historian's Blog

Joining a health club is quite different than becoming a Trails Club member, yet both are health related. One is a facility you visit, maintained by paid employees, who focus on your individual fitness plan through the use of exercise machines. Everything is neat, clean and convenient. The other is a group of people who rely heavily on individuals responding appropriately to the unknown, doing their fair share, planning relevant and enjoyable activities while preserving access to the natural world.

The success of both groups could be measured by their number of members, yet one is based on what the organization can do for them as opposed to what they can do for the organization. Rather than experiencing a physical tune-up from a "high tech" piece of equipment, the Trails club is more about how a person can meet their needs through group experience. The "burn" is not about pushing limits on a machine, it is about carrying a passion for what you can contribute that will benefit the group.

In nature, an indicator of healthy conditions is a May fly hovering over a body of water. In a similar way, the wellbeing of the Trails Club could be measured by the number of diverse committees functioning in accordance to our established by-laws. A less quantifiable indicator might be how each person chooses to navigate group experience. A couple of things I've noticed about members who've been young a really long time and been active in club leadership, they know when to temper and/or replace ego driven needs with ones which benefit the club as a whole.

Not long ago, on a warm sunny day, I remember reaching out to a fairly new member locked behind a gate, unable to leave the club's remote property by car without benefit of a key. And to think George and I almost didn't answer our phone. After working hard in our yard, we were relaxing in our lawn swing, drinking ice tea, listening to the soothing sound of water bubbling over irregular pieces of stones, and observing birds and squirrels. Yet when we realized a member needed our help, we responded immediately. It's just what Trails Clubbers do, small acts of kindness.

Probably more challenging than climbing the highest peak, is admitting you are no longer able. Years ago now, I remember Fern Anderson's father, Melvin Becker – the guy who for many years braved the iciest winters to bring in the New Year at Nesika - rocking in front of a warm fire and lamenting the adventures of his youth. Other new members and myself assured him that his new contribution was just being there, sharing his inspirational stories. Until I reached a similar time in my life, I had no idea how honoring those words might have been.

Recently I realized another thing we do as Trails Clubbers; we assume the best in people and if need be we attempt to resolve differences in a peaceful manner according to club guidelines. Similar to my parents reminding me my actions always reflect on the family name, I know it is my duty as Trails Clubbers to live up to a standard set by those who entrusted me with a legacy I revere.

Sylvia Milne, Historian
Trails Club of Oregon

Letter to the Editor:

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation to Trails Club of Oregon for access to your archives.

We have visited nearly a thousand lookout sites in the western states in our quest to preserve as much lookout history as we can. We have also visited many forestry offices, museums, and historical societies; and also three regional offices of the National Archives, searching for original sources.

It is a pleasure to know that the members of the Trails Club had the foresight to collect their historical materials in one place. This is a very valuable asset to historians--so much history has been lost because it was scattered.

There is a veritable treasure trove in your archive, and we dug up many gems of information valuable to our research, with the able assistance of historian Sylvia Milne.

The Trails Club archive rates among the most useful of all that we have visited. It contains an amazingly large collection of historical data and photographs.

The archivist is organized and dedicated. She quickly and efficiently went through the files and found the materials requested, acting as a "human card catalog." Although this is a work in progress Ms. Milne is, in my humble opinion, well on the way to cataloging one of the most useful historical archives in the northwest.

From the moment we walked in, we experienced a warm, welcoming aura as we viewed the tastefully arranged photos that lined the walls. Ms. Milne shared a brief but fascinating history of the club; then listened intently to our needs, and immediately produced results.

There is a good start in cross-referencing the materials, so that information not found in one file may readily be located in another. One of my observations was that, while we were looking for very specific information on one topic, there is a breadth of information in this collection that would be a valuable resource for others who are interested in forestry or lumbering, for example.

It was delightful to hear Ron, the Head Honcho of our research team, exclaim, "That's a treasure!" and "This is fun!" and "I'm excited!"

Sylvia Milne is probably the best organized historian we have dealt with in our thirty years of historical research--and that's saying a lot. And her hospitality would be hard to replicate. The Trails Club has a noble history, and it is fitting that its history be preserved.

The results of our research into the history of fire lookouts may be viewed at ronkemnow.weebly.com.

La Vaughn Kemnow, Historical Researcher

BICYCLING

The bicycle committee formed in the spring of 1985. Carol Lang, Wiley Swogger, and Lou Sowa were the members behind the idea. Dallas Swogger helped persuade a reluctant board that bicycling was compatible with the aims of the Trails Club. There were some who thought that bicycling did not fit with a hiking club.



Linn County Covered Bridge Bike Trip



Linn County Covered Bridge Bike Trip

Bicycling (continued)

We decided that Wiley should be the first chair because Lou and Carol had just become members. There were six organized trips in 1985. The total distance of these trips was 210 miles. Our first big trip, and a good one for getting into shape was to Hagg Lake. This lake located about Thirty miles southwest of Portland. The trip is mostly rolling hills and very scenic. It is ideal for families and beginners. The principle biking participants that year were Wiley Swogger, Lou Sowa, Carol Lang and Laura Gainer. Angelo Carella lead a trip on Sauvies Island, where we stumbled onto the annual strawberry festival. Lou Sowa led trips in the South French Prairie, and Champoege areas of the Willamette Valley. The Willamette Valley is an outstanding area of Northwest Oregon for riding, mostly flat with some rolling hills and not much traffic. The area offers many parks, small towns, and historic cemeteries. Our final trip was from Lake Oswego to Mt. Angel attending the Oktoberfest. Wiley Swogger was the chair of the committee for 1985-86.

Since 1985 the bicycle committee has remained as an active committee completing at least a dozen rides each season. Lou Sowa, one of the founders, remains active. Over the years several people have served as chair person. In the past several years Gisela Piercy served five years as Chair and now for the past number of years Allen Burrell has continued the leadership. - Louis Sowa

Sydney Herbert

Last month our long time Conservation Chair turned in her resignation. Those attending her monthly meetings over the many years she served in that capacity know she is most knowledgeable about the environmental issues we have encountered. Sydney has been like a lighthouse beacon in the darkness. Like an engineer, she has researched Northwest issues, provided oral critiques at the public hearings and written to our political reps about our concerns, traveling on her own time and expenses from Eugene to Seattle. She also has been very active at our FWOC annual fall conventions leading the Resolution Committee reports for the forty or so club memberships. A bio of her participation in conservation issues would take pages just to highlight her accomplishments. Sydney Herbert we honor you and thank you for this volunteer work. Leonard Murphy

Club Finances

Each year the TCO board establishes an operating budget to run the club for a year. The budget tells each committee what money they have to operate for the year. Typically this involves collecting requests from the committees, or looking at past years expenses, looking for numbers that are really off, and making some estimates of the next year's income.

Lodge operations dominate our club expenses. Over 60% of our expenses are related to the lodges. Our next biggest expense in 2016 was the history project at around 14%. When we exclude the rent cost this drops to about 3%. Next is publications, primarily Blazer printing and mailing, at around 12%. The rest is for everything else we do (Trips, Membership, Social, etc.) none of which are big by themselves.

Our club income comes from member dues, lodge fees, and trips fees. About 54% of the income comes from Dues. About 40% come from lodge fees. The rest comes from trips and activity fees.

This income has been paying for only 50% - 60% of our club total expenses. The rest has been taken from our investments fund, as needed, to balance the budget. In addition we have had some extraordinary lodge expenses (Nesika bridge, Tyee oil tank) costing a significant amount. All of this has impacted the overall value of our investment fund.

The TCO board has been struggling the past few months with the 2017 budget. There is concern that we cannot continue balancing the budget using investment funds, at least at the current levels, without eventually exhausting the club investment fund.

For the past 8-10 years we have had a rising stock market. Our investments have done well. But we have been consuming those gains to cover the operating costs of the club and meet the emergency needs of our properties. We have taken over \$100,000 out of our investment fund in that period, and that has impacted the true value of that fund. The common opinion is that the club has "lots of money" in the investment account and can afford to spend a lot each year. But the truth is that a market downturn, which many experts think is long overdue, could easily reduce our investment fund to a level where the by-laws prohibit taking any money from the fund. This would make funds unavailable for lodge emergencies, and force us to make immediate cuts in spending to balance the budget.

This is the source of the push to reduce club costs in most areas. Publications costs are reduced by using less paper and more electrons. We have to consider what we need to do at the lodges, rather than what we would like to do, and be as careful with our project dollars as is prudent. We also will be looking for ways to increase income by increasing paid lodge usage, and increasing the membership of the club.

We will try to close the deficit gap by controlling expenses and increasing usage, but there may be a need to reconsider our dues structure and and/or lodge fees as well. We have tried to keep lodge fees low to encourage lodge use and make it affordable for families. But the fees are very low even compared to other "bunk room" facilities.

Note: Numbers cited here are from the treasurer's report for 2016 covering Jan to mid Dec 2016. The cost of the oil tank mitigation was removed from the calculations.

Randy Dietrich, Publications Trustee.



Tyee Lodge February 26 2017 Facebook photo by Bryan Carroll

Editor's Note - The Mazamas Mountaineering Center (MMC) was unavailable for the monthly TCO Board Meeting due to flooding. I was recently notified that the Board Meetings were moving to the third Monday of the month. So the Minutes may be delayed by one month. Instead, here are the History Committee Minutes.

Trails Club – History Committee Meeting March 4, 2017

The TCO History committee meeting was held on March 5th at the TCO Archives in Oak Grove, Or. at 3 p.m. Attending were Sylvia Milne, Tom Shanley, Christine Olsen, Jane Olsen, Jessie Tucker, Nadine Morris, Barbara Jones and Susan Keller.

Sylvia presented the meeting's agenda which committee members had received by email. See the attached agenda. Tom and Christine volunteered and were

approved to serve as co-treasurers. Tom will keep the financial records and Christine will communicate with the TCO Board. Voucher forms were provided. Susan will serve as secretary.

Office Lease is pending. The renewal date was Feb. 1st, 2017. Owner needs a completed form. TCO president's signature is only on the first page. Additional initials/signature are needed on several other pages. The committee is asking that Merrill Hugo (TCO Board Sec.) obtain the missing signatures and forward the completed lease to the building owner.

Finances: The development of a foundation to support the archives is still a good option. George Milne is not able to devote time this year. Donations have been received, some honoring the Brennflecks. Cindy has promised an accounting.

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Future Location for the Archives: Mazamas have no space at their clubrooms.

Mt Hood Museum has our exhibit case but no additional space. However the Crown Point Museum is planning for a building in Corbett. Partial funding has been secured through a bond measure. It could be a very good fit for TCO as it is in the Metro area and Gorge. Continued effort will be made to work with them. Committee approved a \$50 donation to Crown Pt. and another to Mt. Hood Museum in Govt. Camp.

Research at Archives: See the agenda for details. It was concluded that no charge would be assessed for use of the archives as TCO will receive PR benefits from these projects.

Larch Mt. Interpretive Sign: The design has been prepared and funded by the Forest Service. Sylvia reviewed the text and submitted a few minor changes. The next step is funding for the sign and planning for dedication events. Sylvia shared an early photo of the summit of Larch Mt. discovered in the Bill Carr collection and was taken by an early botanist on a glass negative. It is a rare find. Also it was suggested that we have a summer trip to locate the site of the original fire lookout.

TCO Directory: Suggestions for a format that is cost effective were discussed. Ideas included developing a club handbook to include history, recognition awards like in the past directories. This would be presented to new members and available to other members for a token fee. Create a membership list perhaps in an "excel type" format which could only be several pages. This then could be mailed to each member on a first class stamp. The directory has evolved over the years from a very small

booklet to the present format. Just thoughts about cutting costs, as the present directory is nice. It is to be noted that contact information is always available in the Blazer and on the website.

TCO Electronic Media: Lou Sowa is reformatting the VHS to CD and to an external hard drive. At the end of the meeting the CD of Darrel Tarter's was played. It was a great treat to watch and hear him related TCO History.

TCO Board Membership: Requirements for membership with a special consideration for volunteer efforts somehow to be added. An example would be earned credits for all kinds of efforts. The individual would have to submit their tally.

Publications: The Gorge magazine this winter with its article on Nesika was a colorful and welcomed PR. A new coffee type book on the PCT Trail was displayed. It includes a comment about TCO member Fred Cleator's early vision of the trail. Also displayed was Human Links by Ann Cannon Nixon which contains the tragic story about the Goat Rocks Trip (Trail Blazer, Vol. 90 #1). It was a "wild cat" trip of TCO friends where Una Davies died of exposure. Ann used the TCO archives for some of her research.

Committee Activities: Refer to the agenda for archival projects and exhibits.

These activities are on going. Sylvia maintains the office. The next meeting will include an update on these areas.

Next Meeting: Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 30th from 4 until 6 at the Archives.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Keller

Membership Notes - March 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 for him/her to

First Readings

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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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