



# Trail Blazer

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August 2017

| Upcoming Events       |         |                                                        |
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| 6                     | Wed     | Evening hike - Class A, B                              |
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| 11                    | Mon     | TCO Board Meeting - MMC                                |
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| 27 | Wed | Evening hike - Class A, B |

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

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

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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.

## 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.

**... 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

### Aug 2 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 AM and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park.

This week's hike will meet at Sellwood Riverfront Park.

Leader: Linda Anderson, 503-318-2417, [lin-daaor@netzero.net](mailto:lin-daaor@netzero.net)

### Aug 2 (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. Parking is limited; arrive early to find a spot, sign and pay the hike fee.

Cost: \$1 for Trails Club and Mazama members; \$2 non-members.

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

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

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Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Leader: Catherine Schiedler,  
catherineschied@gmail.com

## Aug 3 (Thu) Springwater Trail to Boring Bike - Class A

We will ride the eastern part of the Springwater Corridor, the part we never do! The ride is slightly uphill on the way out and downhill on the way back, all on bike path. Total distance is 20 miles. We will ride from SE 145th out to Boring, have lunch at the Not So Boring Bar and Grill and then ride back. Call or email with questions. I don't ride in the rain or the excessive heat. If it looks like it is going to be really hot that day, let me know via email that you are interested in the ride, and we may decide to start earlier. In any case, if weather is iffy, you can call my cell to check if ride is a go.

Meet: On SE 145th between the Springwater Corridor and SE Ellis St., ready to depart at 10 am. This is just on the west side of Powell Butte Nature Park. Only way in is on SE Ellis St. Make sure you are NORTH of the Springwater Corridor. Google map the intersection of SE Ellis and SE 145th and you should find it. Make a RIGHT on 145th from Ellis and drive down to the bottom of the hill. Look for us right next to the entrance of the Springwater Corridor.

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

**Aug. 4-6th (Fri.-Sun.) Nesika work trip:** This makes up for the one missed in July due to the Oneonta Gorge Fire. We will concentrate on getting the forms poured on the west side of the Women's Dorm. Gates will be open at 9:00AM Fri. morning, 6:30 PM on Friday PM and 9:00 AM on Saturday AM. Bring saws and wood working tools; drills, hammer, etc. Those not working on the women's dorm can clear trails. We also need digging to be done working on the installation of the men's dorm outhouse lighting system coordinated by Lyn Cochran. Please Register on the TCO Meet-up site. You can also call Linda Conrad at: 360 -837-3787 or email at 1cgrconrad@aol.com.

## Aug 5 (Sat) Umbrella Falls Hike - Class A

This 4.7 loop hike gains 600 feet and visits a lovely waterfall. The hike is scheduled as part of the art weekend at Tyee but is open to all.

Meet: 9:30 AM at the Government Camp Parking Lot (where the restrooms are). Call me or text me at 503-422-8896 if you are joining us.

Leader: Diana Forester 503-422-8896  
diana\_forester@msn.com

## Aug 4-6 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Arts Weekend

Tyee open Friday and Saturday nights. Bring your arty stuff, reserve bunks, dinners for Fri eve, Sat breakfast, Sat dinner and Sunday breakfast. Lunches are on your own. Stretch out with our artsy yoga instructor to help wake up if you like. Hike to Umbrella Falls, 4.4 miles Sat at 9:30 AM from Government Camp rest area at Summit Ski hill with leader Dianna Forester if you wish. Get the beautiful flora, mountain, lake, creeks, lodge on paper or any media.

Register with: Celine Stroinski 503-239-6950 or [celinemoongodess@gmail.com](mailto:celinemoongodess@gmail.com)

Reserve by Wed, Aug 2, 2017 by 9 PM. Please bring cash or checks to pay.

**Aug 9 (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.

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

Leader: Sue Holmes, 971-212-9540, [sueholmes28@yahoo.com](mailto:sueholmes28@yahoo.com)

**Aug 9 (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. Parking is limited; arrive early to find a spot, sign and pay the hike fee.

Cost: \$1 for Trails Club and Mazama members; \$2 non-members.

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

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Leader: Chaz Shaw, [chaznw@gmail.com](mailto:chaznw@gmail.com)

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Leader: Gini Bateman, [ginibateman@comcast.net](mailto:ginibateman@comcast.net)

**Aug 10 (Thu) Banks-Vernonia State Park Bike - Class B**

This ride is all off road on paved trail from Banks to Vernonia and back. It is mostly flat with one short hill down and up. The trail is 21 miles from Banks to Vernonia and we retrace our route back for a total of 42 miles. An alternate version starts at the Buxton trail head, making the ride 14 miles shorter. We will have lunch in Vernonia where you can buy food/drink or eat your home-made lunch.

Depart: 10 AM from the Banks Trailhead

Leader: Allen Burrell, [burrell@teleport.com](mailto:burrell@teleport.com) or 503-288-3859

Please register with leader by Wednesday night.

**Aug 11-13 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Work Weekend**

Check the web site for details

**Aug 16 (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.

This week's hike begins at Friendly House at NW Thurman and 26th.

Leader: Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, [pollockkathy@ymail.com](mailto:pollockkathy@ymail.com)

**Aug 16 (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. Parking is limited; arrive early to find a spot, sign and pay the hike fee.

Cost: \$1 for Trails Club and Mazama members; \$2 non-members.

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

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Leader: Leader: Julie Dailey, [dailey68@me.com](mailto:dailey68@me.com)

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Leader: Leader: Bruce Seymour, [bruceseymour65@gmail.com](mailto:bruceseymour65@gmail.com)

**Aug. 19th-20th (Sat.-Sun.) Nesika work trip:**

This is the regular work trip. It will be run by Randy Dietrich. We will concentrate on the women's deck, but possibly starting the rock laying for the main lodge front deck. There will be trail clearing and of course more digging to lay the wiring for the men's outhouse lighting system coordinated by Lyn Cochran. Please register on the TCO Meet-up site. You can also call Randy Dietrich or email him. We are still looking for a cook for this weekend. If you are interested in cooking please call Linda Conrad at 360-837-3787 or email at [lcgrconrad@aol.com](mailto:lcgrconrad@aol.com).

**Aug 18-20 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Open**

Join us for a fun summer weekend at Tyee Lodge which can qualify you for Trails Club of Oregon membership. There will be a variety of activities to choose from, including hikes, swimming, and outdoor games. We ask that each guest bring a picnic side dish and we will hold a pie judging contest with a blue ribbon - bring us your best! Tyee will be open by 4 PM Friday and remain open until 2 PM Sunday. Dinner Saturday and Breakfast Sunday will be provided with leftovers for lunch on Sunday

For full details and to register see the TCO meetup at <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/239497103/>

Questions: Please contact host

Pamela Moore 503-860-8281, [pmoor1@gmail.com](mailto:pmoor1@gmail.com)

**August 19 (Sat) Old Cornelius Pass/Old Germantown Roads Bike - Class C**

This hilly ride explores the farmland and hills on roads north of Bethany including Phillips Rd., Old Cornelius Pass Rd., Skyline Blvd., and old Germantown Rd. Total distance is approximately 25 miles, with cumulative elevation gain about 1,800 feet.

Meet: 9 AM at Bethany Lake Park, NW 185th Ave. just south of West Union Rd. Park in small gravel lot on west side of 185th, or if full, try the shopping center lot at the NE corner of 185th & West Union.

Leader: Dave Crout 503-460-9782, or [dave\\_sandy@comcast.net](mailto:dave_sandy@comcast.net)

**Aug 23 (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.

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

Leader: TBD

### Aug 23 (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. Parking is limited; arrive early to find a spot, sign and pay the hike fee.

Cost: \$1 for Trails Club and Mazama members; \$2 non-members.

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

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Leader: Julia Mace, juliamace1993@gmail.com

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Leader: Rebecca Knudeson, rknudeson@gmail.com

### Aug 24 (Thurs) Trolley Trail Bike Ride - Class A

We will go at a leisurely pace from Milwaukie to Gladstone, cross the Clackamas River and return via River Road to our starting point. Bring a snack to eat half way through, there are new carts at the Milwaukie Orange Line max station, also some nice restaurants nearby for lunch at the end of the ride which is about 15 miles.

Meet: 10 AM at Jefferson Street boat ramp in Milwaukie

Leader: Gerda Eck, 503-804-4214

### Aug 25-26 (Fri-Sat) Elk Cove Backpack - Class B

We'll access Elk Cove on the north side of Mount Hood via the Vista Ridge Trail and the Timberline Trail. The views great once we reach the Timberline Trail and Wyeast Basin. Scenery should include the north face of Mount Hood, Mount Adams, Saint Helens, and Mount Rainier. Elk Cove itself is quite picturesque with views of the north side of Mount Hood. We'll spend the night at Elk Cove and explore the area if we have time.

Mileage will be approximately 4 ½ each way with about 1700 feet of elevation gain going in and about a 400 foot loss into Elk Cove.

To Register: contact leader prior to Tuesday August 22th at 8:00 PM

Leader: Bill Yandon, 503-538-3643 or cell 503-887-2932 wkyandon@gmail.com

### Aug 26 (Sat) Puget Island Bike - Class B

This is a ride of 37.2 flat miles exploring Puget Island and White Tailed Deer Sanctuary. Pack a lunch, snacks and plenty of water. Puget Island Ride with GPS : <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/14894959>

Depart: 10:45 AM from Puget Island near the ferry terminal.

The Oscar B Ferry departs from the Westport (OR) end every hour at 15 mins past the hour. So you would want to be there before the 10:15 AM departure. Allow time for parking and getting you bikes on to the ferry. Cost is \$2

per bike. <http://cathlametchamber.com/visitor-info/ferry-schedule/>

Distance from Portland City Center to Westport is 72 miles. 1hr 20 mins driving time,

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

On Meetup: <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/241724451/>

### Aug 27 (Sun) Trails Club Picnic

TCO members and future members are invited to a Trails Club of Oregon Picnic to be held at Gabriel Park. This will be a potluck-style get-together so bring your favorite dish. We will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, non-alcoholic drinks, condiments and dishes. Come and enjoy the park and your club friends.

Meet: Noon-5 PM,  
Gabriel Park - Area E  
6820 SW 45th Ave  
Portland OR 97219

(45th & Vermont, Picnic area and entry to picnic parking lot are on Vermont)

Contact: Susan Ashenfelter 503-453-5762  
neumesian@hotmail.com

### Aug 30 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 AM and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park.

This hike will be a tour of fountains. Please watch for updates or contact the leader for the meeting place.

Leader: Ken Kane, ken@woodbloom.com,  
ken@woodbloom.com , 503-522-9997

### Aug 30 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B

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Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Leader: Donna Covi, dcibike2@aol.com

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Leader: Lotte Schmitz, lotteschmitz@msn.com

### Sep 1-4 (Wed) Nesika Open House – Class A/B

We will provide drinks and snacks for the weekend. Come and enjoy day hikes and the peacefulness of the lodge. Bring your own food. Cost will be day use or overnight use. Plan on sharing the cooking and possibly pot lucking meals.

Register on the TCO Meet-up site

<https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/241789587/>

You can also call Linda Conrad at: 360-837-3787 or email at [lcgrconrad@aol.com](mailto:lcgrconrad@aol.com).

**Sep 6 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B**

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

For the starting location of this week's hike, check the website, [www.trailsclub.org](http://www.trailsclub.org)

Leader: TBD

**Sep 6 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B**

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Leader: TBD

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Leader: TBD

**Sep 8-10 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Work Weekend**

Check the website for details

**Sep 13 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A**

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Leader: TBD

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Leader: TBD

**Sep 27 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B**

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For the starting location of this week's hike, consult the website, [www.trailsclub.org](http://www.trailsclub.org)

Leader: TBD

**Sep 27 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class B**

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Leader: TBD

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Leader: TBD

**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 instructions

(continued overleaf)

**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

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

Aug 4 thru Aug 6 (new)

Sep 15 thru Sep17

Aug 18 thru Aug 20

Oct 20 thru Oct.22

### 2017 Tyee work schedule

Aug 11 thru Aug 13

Oct 13 thru Oct 15

Sep 8 thru Sep10

### Meetup Website

The Trails Club Meetup site 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](http://www.trailsclub.org)), some events, especially those that are planned on short notice, may appear only on the TCO Meetup site at: <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/> Ed.

### Greetings fellow TCO members!

For those of you who are new to the club, I'd like to bring you up to speed in regard to our heating situation at Tyee. A leak in our heating oil tank was detected in the fall of 2015. Temporary tanks were installed and remedial action initiated with a contractor. DEQ and USFS monitored the process. Remedial action was delayed until early summer 2016.

The old tank and contaminated soil were removed.

New, above ground tanks were installed in the basement wood storage area.

We currently have 550 gallons of fuel storage.

DEQ closed our case (hooray! - Ed.).

Last winter was colder than normal at Tyee and we had to take measures to reduce fuel usage. At this point we can either add an additional tank, leave it alone and hope that last winter's experience was rare, or do something with the fireplace to enhance our wood heating efficiency.

I am proposing that we add a fireplace insert and here is why:

- \* It will allow us to burn our wood more efficiently.
- \* It will prevent our oil heat from being sucked up the chimney.
- \* Most importantly, we will be polluting less from our wood and oil.

The cost for an insert is around \$5000 including installation. I would like to pay for this by initiating a fund raiser. We have about 350 members in the club. That breaks down to about \$15 per member. Of course, not everyone will contribute so contribute what you can. Any extra will go to the clubs general fund. I will start the fund with a \$200 contribution.

Chaz Shaw

## TCO on the Web

Some folks have experienced difficulties when going straight to Google, Bing or some other search engine and entering "Trails Club of Oregon" into the search box. They get directed to some other website that isn't what they want.

Remember - [www.trailsclub.org](http://www.trailsclub.org) in the browser search box (URL box) always works. Ed.

## 2017 TCO Directories

The 2017 membership directories are now available. Initial distribution was done and the banquet, and we will continue to distribute them at club events over the next few months. We will not be mailing those not claimed until later in the year in an effort to reduce costs. The directories cost about as much to mail as they do to print.

This year we will also be offering the directories in electronic form. Electronic distribution is not quite ready, but will be available through the web site soon.

If you know you will be unable to pick up your directory at a club event, and want it soon, please drop us a note at [membership@trailsclub.org](mailto:membership@trailsclub.org).

## North Cascades Outing July 22-29 (Sat-Sat)

North Cascades National Park hiking week/car camp. 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> >

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## August Historian's Blog

Outdoor activities at our lodges, outings of several days or more, continue to be a core Trails Club activity. For 12 years, Vicki Wood has graciously planned an outing at Belknap Hot Springs, a location also frequented by Trails Clubbers in previous years. Located in the Willamette National Forest of Linn County, Belknap is one of 14 points of interest listed on the McKenzie River National Recreation Trail Log. (24.8 miles start to finish)

Clear Lake is a favorite section of hike for the outing, yet many attendees venture off to view other points of interest. This year, due to the extra snow melt, Blue Pool (4 miles round trip) offered a waterfall as an added attraction. Seasoned hikers of the trail said the only drawback of having a water fall, viewing 5 shades of blue instead of 15 or more. The clarity of the water remained the same.

Hiking from the trail head, the path to the Blue Pool appears to be an easy walk through old growth forest. Then, after crossing several log bridges and viewing amazing water clarity, roots and lava spikes dominated the trail. George and I began to wonder how far we had traveled and if we should turn back. Two out of shape hikers, we both agreed we were not mountain goats, yet if we traveled at our own pace we could to it. In retrospect, we're glad we did, yet had we known the difficulties of the trail, we most certainly would have turned back. Definitely underestimated our water consumption needs.

Besides the natural beauty of the river trail, the one thing that surprised us was how everyone (including mountain bikers) we met on the trails were most pleasant and helpful, especially the trail crews. When we asked a United States Forest Service (USFS) Ranger if his crew was from Youth Corps (we'd seen one of their vans in the parking area), he said no. His crews were newly released from combat zones and part of a new Army program to ease reentry into civilian life. What a blessing for them and us. They seemed almost surprised, yet grateful, when we expressed our gratitude to them and the Ranger.

So easy to forget about the time and the cost of maintaining trails we like to hike on. We are fortunate so many groups are partnering with the USFS. In the past, numerous club members were trained and supervised under USFS protocols to ensure safety and engineering were consistent. I am especially remembering Bruno Kolkowski, Paul Sawyer and Dottie Blattner.

I am not aware of anyone right now, except new member Terry Hill, a volunteer for Friends of Multnomah Falls who wrote about "Trail Work Volunteers" in their newsletter, Focus on the Falls. He was pictured with a group including Trail Keepers of Oregon and the Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA), who worked on a large landslide which closed the Elowah Falls trail. According to Terry, "The partnership between the PCTA and the USFS helps keep trails like the Multnomah-Wahkeena Loop in good condition, which is a tremendous benefit to the public."

If you get a chance this month, check out the PCTA festival in Cascade Locks. See invitation for details.

Sylvia Milne, Historian, Trails Club of Oregon

## Gladys Basinger

From 1958 through 1979, Gladys backpacked the PCT with the Trails Club of Oregon totaling 891 miles. She received the all Washington award in 1966. In 1987, she picked up 20 more miles on the Oregon Section of PCT. In the early 90's the Backpack Committee discovered that Gladys had only 65 miles left to finish her Oregon PCT miles. So from 1993 thru 1997, the Backpack Committee (Christine Olsen, Susan Keller, Jane Olsen, Debbie Harrison Ken Becker) supported her effort to complete her last 65 miles. She finished her last section on the Oregon PCT from Timberline Road to Barlow Pass in a snow storm in Oct 1997. There was no time for a Red Carpet photo op in the middle of a snow storm. The photo op that day was of her friends who had backpacked with her in the 1960s, waiting for her to finish at Barlow Pass.

Next year, in early Fall of 1998, fellow members of the Trails Club returned to the Barlow Pass section of the OR PCT for cake and a photo op of Gladys finishing the OR PCT, crossing on the traditional Red Carpet of red bandanas.

- Christine Olsen

Right - A year later, at the make-up photo op at Barlow Pass. A delayed celebration, but we TCO people are big on celebrations!



Above - At Barlow Pass in 1997, waiting for Gladys to finish the PCT. The weather deteriorated substantially after this photo was taken.



## Pacific Crest Trail Days Celebration

The 11th annual PCT Days takes place Aug. 18-20, 2017 in Cascade Locks, Oregon! It'll be a fun weekend celebrating the Pacific Crest Trail. Join friends old and new for a few days of camping on Thunder Island, live music, a gear fair, games, hiking and more. This event is put on by Outdoor Viewfinder – for more information, visit [www.pctdays.com](http://www.pctdays.com).

## This little critter was our guest at Belknap - or maybe it was the other way around

I know that in aircraft design, you want to avoid excessively rearward weight distribution, but this seems to be overkill (Cautionary note - your editor is a retired engineer). See other photos on the next page. We all had a great time, hiking, soaking in the 102° pools, singing around the campfire, touring the area and, of course, eating.



Images from the Belknap Springs Outing



Left: A shot of the Blue Pool taken when Sylvia and George Milne took a hike from Belknap Springs.

The rare waterfall is the result of heavy winter and spring rains

Sylvia wrote:

A simple day hike for some, this trail along the river turned out to be the hardest 4 miles I've hiked in a long time through lava, rocks and big roots. The reward of looking down at my feet for nearly two miles, eating lunch balanced on a lava pinnacle, almost too tired to be hungry - just thirsty. The view, magical.



Above - Jane Olsen enjoys one of Randy's æbleskivers. His camping box is shown in the foreground.



Left - A post-prandial interlude while George Milne stokes the campfire.

**TCO Booth at Regional Trails Fair**

The Trails Club of Oregon was well-represented at the Seventh Annual

Barbara Walker Regional Trails Fair which took place Wed, June 18 at the Oregon Convention Center Plaza in Portland. This Fair is designed to be a networking opportunity for a wide range of trail advocates, from hiking and trail design to biking and public policy. The 40 trail organizations represented at the trails fair all share the same value of getting away from traffic and enjoying nature.

The Trails Club booth, manned by Cindy Lee and Pamela Moore, attracted a large number of interested outdoor enthusiasts. Cindy and Pamela were able to educate attendees on our club's amazing lodges and the value of TCO membership. The majority of attendees had not heard of Nesika or Tyee and many provided their contact details so that we could send them additional information.

Are you interested in representing TCO at the fair next year? Please contact the Board at [board@trailsclub.org](mailto:board@trailsclub.org).



Above - Pamela and a visitor at the Regional Trails Fair

### **From Charles, Shaw, Tyee Trustee**

Hi Fellow TCO Members,

I want to recognize Richard Gaunt for his contribution to the club and more specifically to the maintenance of Tyee Lodge.

Richard saw that the front porch needed replacing. He asked to take on the project and proceeded to design an improved structure. Richard, along with Allen Burell, Bill Yandon, Mervin Murphy, Charlie Adams, and others completed the main structure. Recently, new shakes were to be added to the roof. I was going to use something inexpensive to cover the roof but Richard asked to donate improved materials. These materials amounted to several hundred dollars.

Richard also contributed his creativity in solving some vexing structural issues with the fire escape. Please extend a hearty TCO thanks to Richard the next time you see him.

Chaz



### **FWOC President's Invitation to their Annual Convention**

August 25- 26- 27, 2017 at the Siskiyou Field Institute in Selma, Oregon

There appears to be a strategy by President Donald Trump and many congressional members to attack the conservation and environmental successes of the past. Their hopes, similar to the old divide and conquer philosophy, rely upon the assumption that individuals and organizations will only focus only on threats within their state or region.

Not considered, the power of grass roots efforts of a united federation of organizations able to focus on a wider range of issues. FWOC is a key force, if our members can come together and unite on a broader scope of opposition to these challenges. Lending signature support to letters and appeals, drafted by member organizations, is one way to build this solidarity.

Our primary focus this year is keeping public lands in the public domain. However, there are many other areas where we can share ideas and form coalitions to strategize how best to participate in the opposition to the devastating agenda dominant in Washington DC.

A definite reality, the escalating threat of turning our country's currently protected wonders to state or private ownership. The environmental and conservation efforts of us all will be required to overcome this threat. As we know logging, mining and drilling in any of these areas will negatively impact water, fish habitat, many endangered species and air quality locally, nationally and worldwide. Once the "takers" have done their worst it will never be the same. No amount of mitigation will revive our loss.

Also devastating, the fact Europe has decided they cannot trust the current US Administration to honor prior commitments on global warming and other environmental issues. We need to regain the trust of our global partners. Part of that entails convincing our country's elected officials to take a lead role in protecting our world's resources for future generations, including the home of this year's convention host – the Siskiyou Field Institute (SFI) nestled in this beautiful Oregon Siskiyou Forest.

Come and be a part of this year's convention where we will work together to become a viable solution to assure continued public rights to our many natural resources. Share your story and strategies with caring individuals and members of capable organizations, now operating on their own. Let's join the growing efforts among the conservation community and strategize on how best to speak up for what rightly belongs to ALL the people of our nation.

You are invited to join old friends, or make new ones, interested in taking part in this year's important discussions and adoption of new resolutions. For more "how-to" details review the article in this edition of Outdoors West and visit our website to review our resolution history, used effectively over the years to protect our natural environment. Thank you for taking the time to send resolutions to be considered for adoption during this convention by August 20th to Sydney.

FYI - Convention registration is a bit different this year. You will need to reserve your own lodging. The registration form details cost and availability of accommodations onsite, which is limited. Call SFI's phone number listed on the registration form as soon as possible. For your convenience other facilities, in close proximity, are listed.

The cost is \$85.00 per person. I look forward to sharing the weekend with all of you.

George Milne

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**Trails Club Of Oregon  
Board Of Trustees Meeting  
July 10, 2017  
Minutes**

Pam called the meeting to order at 7:05. Linda Conrad, Chaz Shaw, and Raya Budrevich were absent. Art Stangell, Sherie Stangell, and Phil Crosby were also present.

Cindy moved acceptance for the June minutes as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

|                    |                 |              |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Cash Balance       | 5/31/2017 ..... | \$ 23,395.01 |
| Beginning Balance  | 5/1/2017 .....  | \$ 23,079.45 |
| Deposits           | 7,123.95        |              |
| Checks/withdrawals | 6,808.39        |              |
| Ending Balance     | 5/31/2017 ..... | \$23,395.01  |

Cindy received two key deposits one from Veda Wilson and another from Beverly Drotter.

**Social Trustee's Report:**

Susan has set an August 27 date for a picnic. She plans to provide some of the food for the event. She will be asking for RSVP s .

**Membership Trustee's Report:**

Jeff read Michael Demshki, Jennifer Mountain, Pete Recksiek, Nancy Good, and Christina Faytich for the first time.

There were no second readings.

**Publications Trustee's Report:**

Randy has received very few objections to our changed paper Blazer policy. There were 48 copies in the July print run.

He is looking for alternative printers and mailers. We may ask for volunteers to take on the mailing.

Randy has met with Raya about the website. She would like more feedback from us concerning the website. We also need volunteers for a committee to work with her on the website.

**Tyee Trustee's Report:**

Cindy brought a letter from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality closing our remediation efforts on the suspected oil spill at Tyee. A copy of the letter is included with this month's records. Cindy also told us about a report on water quality from Government Camp.

The were about a dozen people at the last Tyee work party.

Chaz is still investigating improvements to the fireplace. Glass doors or an insert are two possibilities.

**New and Old Business:**

Following general discussion of possible improvements to the club there was no action on any new or old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Merrill Hugo

**Membership Notes - July 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.

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**Second Readings**

None

**New Members**

None

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## August 2017

### Gentle Reminders

For activities such as bicycle, snowshoe, and x-c skiing check with the leaders for the difficulty level of the activity. Good equipment for the specific activity is required for all events. For hikes and snowshoe activities:

**Class A**—Shorter, less strenuous activity, typically 4 to 8 miles, less than 1500 feet elevation gain.

**Class B**—Moderate to difficult, typically 6 to 12 miles, up to 3000 feet of elevation gain.

**Class C**—Long and difficult, strong experienced participants only, typically over 8 miles, and over 3000 feet of elevation gain. Boots are recommended for B/C hikes.

**Note:** Harsh or unusual conditions may greatly increase the exertion and skill required. Be prepared for the level of activity you are planning to take. Contact the leader if you have any questions about the trip and to let him or her know that you will be attending. Bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Please, no alcohol. Remember to bring your Ten Essentials. Pets allowed on designated trips only.

Everybody should stay with the group and follow the leader. The leader is responsible for the group's safety. The leader determines which route is taken. The leader has authority to determine if a participant is prepared for the activity. Group safety must come first.

Be prepared to pay a small fee of \$2 for Guests, \$1 for Members for day activities.

Please contribute to any carpooling expenses at the rate of \$.15 per mile. With multiple riders the driver can collect up to \$.30 per mile shared by all the riders.

If you have reserved for an activity at a lodge involving food expense and are unable to participate you are obligated to do one of the following: cancel before the food is purchased, find someone to take your place, or pay for your share of the food.

All activities must be approved by the appropriate activity Coordinator or the Trips Trustee.

### Newsletters

Send write-ups to: [blazer@trailsclub.org](mailto:blazer@trailsclub.org)

Submissions are due by the fifteenth of the month prior to publication.

Please use the following format:

**Month Day (Day of week) Event Title - Class A, B, C**

**Description Text** - Please include distance, elevation change, and round trip driving distance.

*Do not capitalize full words, lines or sentences for emphasis*  
Day trip descriptions should be under 100 words.

**Depart:** Meeting place, with address if possible, and departure time

**Leader:** Name, Phone, and/or email.

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