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TRAIL BLAZER	Events
Published monthly by the Trails Club of Oregon P.O. Box 69061 Portland, OR 97239 Organized 1915 Incorporated 1923 Member of the Federation of Western Outdoors Clubs (FWOC) Subscription is included with membership. Non-member subscription by request to PO Box is \$25 per year. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to THE TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON P.O. Box 69061, Portland, Oregon 97239 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. Board Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 pm, at Mazamas Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave. at SE Stark St. Portland, OR President Pamela Moore President@trailsclub.org Vice President Joel Reitz VicePres@trailsclub.org Secretary Merrill Hugo Secretary@trailsclub.org Treasurer Cindy Lee Treasurer@trailsclub.org Trustee-Nesika Linda Conrad NesikaChair@trailsclub.org Trustee Tyee Charles Shaw TyeeChair@trailsclub.org Trustee-Membership Jeff Lawton MembershipChair@trailsclub.org Trustee-Publications Randy Dietrich PublicationChair@trailsclub.org Trustee-Social Susan Ashenfelter SocialChair@trailsclub.org Trustee- Trips Raya Budrevitch TripsChair@trailsclub.org Legal Counsel Art Stangell Legal@trailsclub.org Conservation Vacant Conservation@trailsclub.org History Sylvia Milne Historian@trailsclub.org Editor Philip S. Crosby Blazer@trailsclub.org Changes and other club correspondence should be sent to: Membership@trailsclub.org or Trails Club of Oregon P.O. Box 69061 Portland, Oregon 97239	Oct 4 (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: Chuck Barrows, 503-244-4967, barrows4967@msn.com Oct 4 (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: Julie Dailey, dailey68@me.com Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative). Leader: Gini Bateman, ginibateman@comcast.net Oct 7-8 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Open - Mushroom weekend Cancelled - Nesika closed due to Eagle Creek Fire Oct 7 (sat) Nesika Recovery Meeting - Tyee Lodge Plans are still in the works, but we are going to have a meeting to share information and ideas and organize for the recovery efforts at Nesika. Tyee will be open Saturday night, meals are rumored to be provided free. More details soon. Host: Glenn Conrad, 1cgrconrad@aol.com Oct 11 (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 in Oregon City through parks and neighborhoods. Meet and park at Clackamette Park, Main St. and Clackamette Dr., just west of 99E. Leader: Erik Miller, 503-305-8240, erik@interactive-wealth.com Oct 11 (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!

THE TRAIL BLAZER - October 2017

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

Leader: Sondra, SondraT_17@hotmail.com

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

Leader: David Gaddie, d1gadd@gmail.com

Oct 13-15 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Work Weekend

See the web site for details

Oct 18 (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.

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

Oct 18 (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

Oct 20-22 (Fri-Sun) Nesika Work Trip

Cancelled - Nesika closed due to Eagle Creek Fire

Oct 21 (Sat) Pioneer Bridle Trail - Class A

Please join me for a bit of Oregon history on this lovely 5 mile one-way, downhill hike with a side trip to Zig Zag falls. This is a beautiful hike in the fall. Boots and poles are recommended. Please bring a lunch.

Please join us afterwards for Oktoberfest dinner at Tyee Lodge. Must sign up with Lori Leach by Wed the 19th for dinner and lodge stay (see below).

Meet: 10:30 AM at the ZigZag ranger station to car shuttle to trailheads located on Hwy 26.

Leader: Barbara Jones, barbjones50@hotmail.com or 503-819-8983.

Oct 21-22 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Hike and Dine Oktoberfest Celebration

Don your lederhosen and join us for an authentic Bavarian dinner at our beautiful mountain chalet, including fondue, rouladen, spaetzle, green beans, sauerkraut, green and potato salads, and more. Breakfast will be provided on Sunday morning. Lodge fees \$15 overnight for members, \$25 for guests, or \$3 day use fee. Dinner \$12 and breakfast \$5. Lodge will be open by noon Saturday.

Cooks: Lori Leach, Barb Jones, and Nancy Overpeck

Host: Barbara Jones

Register with Lori Leach at wepadd1e2@gmail.com or 503-758-9754

please register by 9 PM on Wednesday, October 18.

Oct 25 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

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

This week we will hike to Council Crest. Meet at SW Spring and SW 18th, down the street from Ainsworth school.

Leader: Mike Harrison, 360-326-3084, 509-290-1565, harrimb585qf@gmail.com

Oct 25 (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

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

Leader: Catherine Schiedler, catherineschied@gmail.com

Nov 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.

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

Leader: TBD

Nov 3-5 (Fri-Sun) 10th Annual Backpack Seminar - Tyee lodge

This year's speakers:

Erin Savor who has spent the last year touring the world on backpacks. She is a very informative and entertaining speaker.

Whitney LaRuffa who is the NW Long Distance Hiking Association President. He finished the CDT last year. He has completed the AT and will start the PCT in the next year or two.

Kate Hoch has contacted me and may speak. I am also in touch with a couple other possible speakers.

Ron Moak will display his light weight tents, backpacks and umbrellas. He will set them up for anyone who would like to try them out for the night.

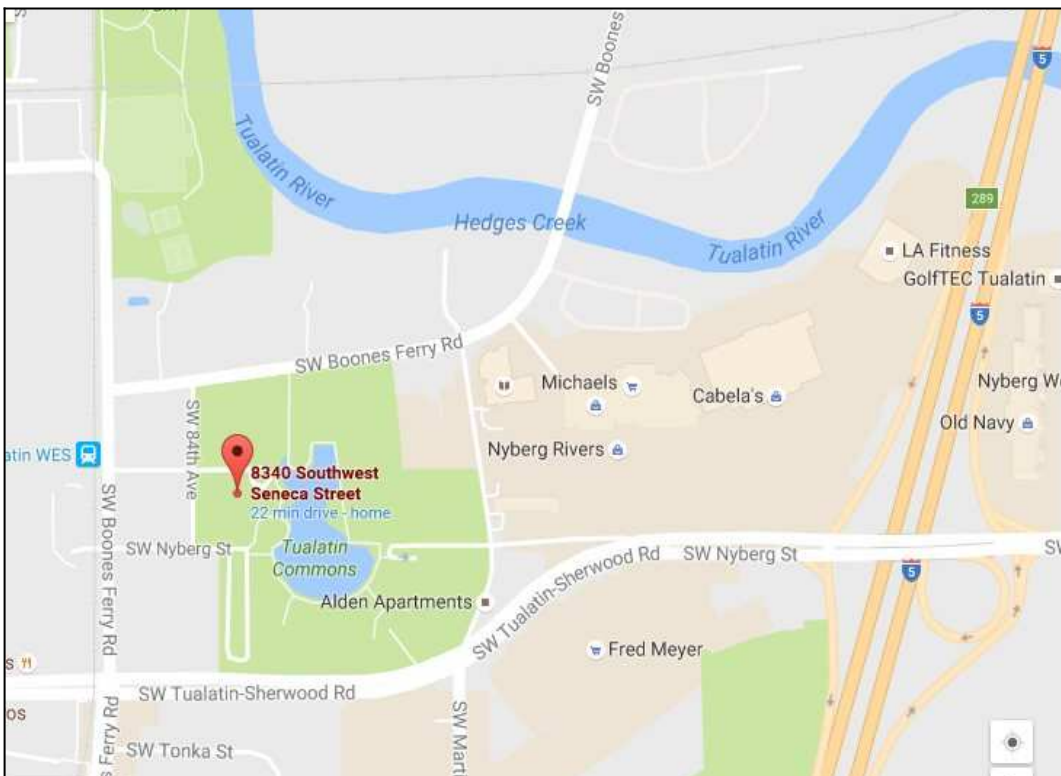
We will open the lodge on Friday at noon. Our cooks for the weekend are Karen and Roger Anderson.

Trails Club Annual Meeting is Monday, November 13

The annual member meeting of the Trails Club will be held this year on Monday, November 13 at the Winona Grange in Tualatin, at 8340 SW Seneca St. in the Tualatin Commons. There are several nearby public parking lots in the Commons, limited parking at the Grange and some street parking on Seneca.

Directions: Exit I-5 at Tualatin-Sherwood Road and drive west less than a mile. Pass Martinazzi Road and turn right into the large public parking lot or turn right on SW Boones Ferry Rd. and go two blocks to Seneca. The Grange is on the right in 1.5 blocks.

Please try to arrive around 6:30. The meeting will begin at 7 pm. The Grange is located on the NW side of the large Commons pond.



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The cost for the weekend is \$60 which includes Program, lodging, and lunch Saturday thru lunch Sunday. If you spend Friday night add on an extra \$15 if a member and \$25 if a non-member for Friday night lodging.

We will be having the seminar at Tyee this year since we have experienced a tragic fire at Nesika. There will be tent sites and bunks. The dorms hold around 40. When you register let me know when you are coming and if you are tent camping or dorm sleeping.

Parking will be determined by snow level. If there has been little or no snow, some cars can park at the lodge (access via West Leg Road). All extra cars will be parked at maintenance area at base of Timberline road. Snow park permits will be required for those not parked at the lodge. We also have a parking lot (sno-park) on the right about a 1/4 mile up Timberline Road. I will have someone to meet and greet newcomers there as needed at 9:00 Saturday.

To register: Register through Meetup at <https://www.meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/243263937/>. You must pay (via Pay Pal) when you register to hold your spot. Cost will be \$60.00.

For more information contact Glen or Linda Conrad at 360-837-3787 or cell at 360-907-5096.

Nov 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.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or

call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Nov 13 (Mon) TCO Annual Meeting

See the above notice.

Nov 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.

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

Leader: TBD

Nov 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.

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

Leader: TBD

Nov 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.

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

Leader: TBD

Meeting Places

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

Gateway 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

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. Park near the Nature Center.

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), 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.

TCO on the Web

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

Remember - typing www.trailsclub.org in the browser search box (URL box) always works. Ed.

Gallery of Images, Before, During and After



Red Wing, tractor and stakeside trailer



Laura Gainer, Paul Sawyer, Jan Hugo (fg). Helen Thomas (back to camera), Bruce Robertson (by) Gerry Reneau at table end.



Eagle Creek fire with milky way in the far background from Dog Mountain

Courtesy Big Tree Images
www.bigtreeimages.com



Posted on Facebook by Jeff Lawton, this aerial view shows the Lodge still intact, but the women's dorm on the left and Red Wing, lower right, are gone



Panoramic photo taken from the green gate entrance

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office



A view that was: Merrill and George, heading down to Nesika

Photo - Sylvia Milne

The photos on these pages and many more can be viewed on the Trails Club of Oregon Facebook website. The photos express the camaraderie and "can-do" spirit that enriches our members

If you are a Facebook member, you can join the group by typing "Trails Club of Oregon" into the Facebook search box, or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/303364637180/> if you want to do it the hard way. Ed.



Photo by Jess Selig



This photo was dated August 19, 2017

September Historian's Blog

Herman Erren, who became a Trails Club member in 1919 and the club's 14th President in 1931 amidst the great depression, brought new life into a club whose activities were seriously impacted by World War I. His revitalization efforts at the conclusion of the war resulted in the appointment of three committees: Outings, Membership and Education. Then in 1922, Erren served on Nesika's first Lodge Committee, and helped bring to fruition the Trails Club's beautiful rustic home overlooking the broad expanse of the Columbia River.

One might even wonder if he had something to do with the Preamble of our 1926 Trail Club Schedule, which defined our purpose thusly: "...The prime object of the Trails Club of Oregon is to foster nature study, and to promote outdoor recreation in the form of walks and outings, and to assist its members to fully enjoy the great outdoors: Building trails, preserving and making accessible many scenic places and to encourage its members to become enthusiastic advocates of the conservation of our forests and all natural resources..." If not, it appears that Erren took this message to heart.

According to a phone conversation with Fern Anderson, the bluff below Bickel Point, surrounded by Henry Waespe's stone wall, carries Erren's name because he probably built the trail out there from our original cabin. The bluff, once part of our property, became USFS property December of 1977, when we signed an exchange deed for 80 of our original 120 acres. Prior to that, Fern Anderson's brother Ken Becker claims their father Melvin Becker maintained the trail for many years. As of 2002, I can personally say his efforts are no longer visible.

On a 4th of July weekend in 2002, after cooking 80 or so weekends and listening over decades to exciting stories, I jumped at a chance to hike out to Erren's Bluff with Wayne Doty, led by Wayne Schweinfest. After a bushwhack to the bluff's highest point, looking up at the outcrop supporting the Nesika viewpoint gave me a greater appreciation for the fact Henry Waespe was able to execute a request from Lodge Chair Darrel Tarter. By replacing a few limbs surrounding the point's edge with a stone wall, Waespe significantly reduced the danger of someone easily falling over the viewpoint's edge.

Looking back on this day trip, I really never thought of it as dangerous, yet at the highest point my leaning against an unsupported tree could have been fatal – my late apologies to the leader and fellow hiker. I mostly enjoyed the magical feel of the wilderness we passed through, that is, until we approached a huge bowl shaped patch of Bear Scat. This remains the highlight of my 20 plus years of hiking with the club.

Besides Erren's love of this bluff and working to reorganize the Trails Club, we know from his memoriam (per the club's May 1943 Trail Blazer), "He was among the first to envision the annual gathering of members of the Western Outdoor Clubs." Established in 1932, Erren helped host a Federation Convention in 1941 at Nesika over Labor Day. Then he served the following year as the Federation's president, just prior to his sudden death in 1943. Both organizations grieved.

Also part of Erren's legacy is told by Fred H. McNeil, in an article he submitted to the Federation's Western Outdoor Quarterly entitled, *Outdoorsmen Form Forest Reserves*. McNeil shared how ten outdoor clubs were inspired by convention speakers. As a result of learning about pressing problems in the Forest Service, they approached their regional forester, proposing the establishment of a corps of trained woodman for emergency service during the fire season. The Forest Service accepted the offer and developed the Forest Service Reserves, as a third line of defense.

According to Celine Stroinski's 2016 November Trail Blazer article, *Connecting TCO Members, Eagle Creek Development and Forest Service Reserves*, "The first year, nearly 40% of the [Trails Club] membership took part in the Reserve Service." That being the case, the club probably contributed nearly 25% of the volunteers serving time in lookout towers throughout Oregon. These volunteers were club members, many of whom only had 1 week of vacation, which they usually used to attend club outings. Ready to service at any cost, they also volunteered to attend required weekly training sessions, including actual fire-fighting; a skill many brought to this public service, knowing the mountains better than many of the Forest Service men teaching them.

In-depth information on this subject may be found in the Trails Club archives in Oak Grove, viewed on Ron Kemnow's website: ronkemnow.weebly.com or experienced at the Mt. Hood Museum and Cultural Center in Government Camp. The museum has a replica of a lookout, a museum quality copy of the Larch Mountain lookout and museum records including Trails Club involvement with Oregon lookouts.

So, hope lies in knowing our beloved Nesika Lodge has been spared and our club has prospered in the past through trying times. The challenge will be identifying new opportunities – maybe conservation education – and using our earlier pioneer spirit to rethink our needs.

Sylvia Milne, Historian

PS – And, maybe the most important message contained in the 1926 Preamble, is the last sentence. It reads "All should make a special effort to make our hikes interesting and enjoyable and encourage YOUR FRIENDS TO attend our walks and BECOME MEMBERS."

From Jeff Lawton

When I watched the fire news during the first days of the blaze, I was saddened that so much attention was being given to the heroic efforts to save the Multnomah Falls Lodge. No mention at all of Nesika, at that time. It's not surprising. Too few people know who we are. Maybe if they did - maybe - USFS might have dumped some water on our property and saved our buildings.

So I've created a web site dedicated to Nesika Lodge. It doesn't give directions on how to get there, but there is a way to contact the club.

The purpose is twofold:

First, to tell the Nesika story and assist in fund raising efforts for recovery. Why should non-members help us? Nesika has done a lot for the community, from saving lost hikers to education (backpack seminar) to trail and road maintenance. I hope we can tell that story. And Nesika has created many happy memories for guests, friends and families of members. I hope it will continue to do so.

Second, to create a place where we can easily document our recovery progress, and show people who donate what their contributions are going for.

This is just a start. I would like to have some captions for many of the building of Nesika photos on the site. And you all may have additional photos, stories or other information we could include as well. I think there is enough of a framework here to give everyone an idea of what the site should look like.

This is a "responsive" site, which means it works on phone, tablet or desktop/laptop, however the desktop/laptop format is most pleasing due to the large number of photos on here.

The URL is NesikaLodge.com. (.net, .org and .info will also get you here.)

<http://www.NesikaLodge.com>

Respectfully,

Jeff Lawton

When Life Gives You Lemons ...

Our club has a history spanning more than a century. We've seen a lot! But lately we've seen the recent tragedy of the destruction of the outbuildings around Nesika lodge and probable damage to the means of accessing it.

We have an opportunity! The beating heart of Oregon is its forests. Nesika is sited rather deeply in a forest that has suffered damage from a serious conflagration. Assuming that we can reestablish access to the lodge, we can see the re-emergence of life in the forest - from the inside! We could share the witnessing of that process with others, especially schoolchildren and those interested in forestry and conservation, from a unique vantage point.

To do so could involve the creation of a foundation that could accept tax-free donations to support the construction and maintenance of dormitory facilities which could be shared with the club, using a cost-sharing basis that folks, more familiar with accounting procedures than I, could probably devise.

This means that the lodge and its properties would have to be at least partly dedicated to serving an educational function and appropriate administration and monitoring functions would need to conform to 501(c)(3) requirements. Since we are establishing a record of an evolving process, it is appropriate that some of the current assets of the History Committee become part of the foundation to ensure continuity of record. Also, re-establishing the Conservation Committee as a part of the foundation would aid in enhancing outreach and conform to goals stated in our by-laws.

Philip Crosby - Trail Blazer editor



2017 Convention at Siskiyou Field Institute

Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

<http://federationofwesternoutdoorclubs.org/index.html>

FWOC members gathered at our annual convention with a magnificent dawn view of Deer Creek Valley. The group enjoyed a diverse program "Keeping Public Lands in Public Hands."

The group also moved forward plans to retool the Federation's ability to promote the proper use, enjoyment and protection of America's Scenic Wilderness and Outdoor Recreation Resources during an upcoming executive committee planning retreat.

Editor's Note - The FWOC, an organization formed in 1932, partly by TCO members, merges the interest, energy, and influence of the many outdoor clubs in the West.

Its current President, George Milne, is a past president of TCO and one of the driving forces behind the Nesika Lodge rebuilding project that began in the 1980s.

Empty Boots - Victor Duke Hahner

Victor Duke Hahner, Trails Club member since November 1969 died September 1, 2017, following two brief illnesses at his home.

Vic was born in Lakeview in 1925 and was 93 years old. Vic and his wife moved to Portland in 1949 after serving in the U. S. Army during World War II. The Hahnners were seasoned hikers and campers, often spending vacations where they participated in wilderness outings. As members of the Trails Club they completed many hikes with us including portions of the Pacific Crest Trail and a portion of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. In addition, they were an active part of our conservation efforts with Forest Park through the Committee of 50.

Vic and his wife Patricia were always a delightful pair to hike with and loved sharing their many stories of travel by the evening campfires. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, sister Elizabeth Bailey and several nephews, nieces and cousins.



By-Laws Change Proposal

The board feels that a mid-day annual meeting on a weekend might be better for a large portion of our membership. We need to change the bylaws to make such a meeting possible. The following bylaws change will be voted on at this year's meeting.

Change this article from:

Section 1. Annual Meetings: The annual meeting of the members of this Club shall be held in the Portland Metropolitan area, at a place selected by the Board of Trustees at 7:30 P.M. on the second Monday of November of each year.

to

Section 1. Annual Meetings: The annual meeting of the members of this Club shall be held in the Portland Metropolitan area, at a place selected by the Board of Trustees within three days of the second Monday of November of each year.

Planned Vote By the Membership

When the board met on September 11 all present agreed "we should plan to continue to have a lodge at Nesika and will attempt to restore the property as best we can". The board would like reassurance that this is the will of the membership. We plan to have an advisory vote at the annual meeting asking if we should undertake the recovery process.

Editor's Note: The following petition has collected sufficient signatures to be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting

Proposed Trails Club of Oregon Bylaw Changes

Respectfully sponsored by Sherrie Stangell, per Bylaw Article IX, section 1, the undersigned Trails Club members propose a reinstatement of the Lodge and Properties Trustee position. This administrative position governs a Lodge and Properties Committee with two subcommittees overseeing our lodges, Nesika and Tyee. Abandoned in 2013, this Trustee position served our club well for more than twenty five years.

Nominated for the Lodge and Trustee position is Walt Garvin, who held the Trustee position for five years, and possesses the professional credentials to effectively deal with the governmental agencies and regulations relevant to the properties.

This change will restore the current Nesika and Tyee Lodge Trustees to chairperson positions, reinstating Article VII, Sections 1 and 6 as written in the 2011 TCO Bylaws.

Signees: (approximately 30 as of the time of this issue - ed.)

Dues Change Proposal - Board of Trustees

At our August meeting the Trails Club board decided to ask the members for a change to our dues structure. We would like to increase the dues for members over 65 years of age to \$ 50 and to do the same for additional members at the same household. This will give us a uniform dues structure for all regular members.

To do this we will need to amend the by-laws at the annual meeting. The amendment to the by-laws would strike the second and third sentences from section 2 f. of the current by-laws.

Draft Trails Club Of Oregon Board Of Trustees Meeting September 11, 2107 Minutes Pam called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Chaz Shaw and Raya Budreyvich were absent. A large number of members including Kelly Marlin, Art Stangell, Walt Garvin, Phil Crosby, Leonard Murphy, Chris Olsen, Jane Olsen, Esther Jones, Bill Yandon, Glen Conrad Nonmember Irene Crosby, also attended. Pam started the meeting with a heartfelt, upbeat plea to use our losses at Nesika as a means to come together and produce a stronger, more unified club. Cindy moved to accept the minutes from August 7 as distributed. Motion carried. <u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Beginning Balance7/30/2017 \$20,535.07 Deposits2,687.00 Withdrawals/checks.....3,532.26 Ending Balance7/31/2017 \$19,689.81 Cindy says there will be some adjustments to the accounting for the Alpine and Belknap outings . <u>Social Committee Report:</u> Susan reported that the picnic was a great event for about 15 people. <u>Publications Committee Report:</u> Randy is still looking for a printer who can produce a newsletter for us. Full service printers appear to be in short supply. <u>Membership Committee Report:</u> Daniela Mosley was elected to membership. Rory Reitz and Mimi Cogswell were read for the first time. <u>Vice President's Report:</u> Joel informed us that Ron Silvis would like to host about a dozen non members at Tyee on November 11. The board approved this use.	<u>New Business:</u> The assembled members then broke into four groups each to develop a list of items to be accomplished immediately to remedy the damages to Nesika from the fire. Each group produced a list and the individual items were scored by each member. Volunteers agreed to lead the work on the highest scored items. Glen Conrad is appointed chairman of the Restoration Committee. He will lead the work on the road and will also look to replacing the tractor and trailer. Art Stangell will investigate our insurance position and initiate any claims Glen and Linda with assistance from Randy Dietrich will investigate the condition of of our water and electrical system. and lead their restoration. Merrill will prepare for an advisory vote on Nesika restoration at the the annual meeting. Jeff Lawton will prepare the mechanisms for donations. Phil Crosby will publish material discouraging members and others from attempting to enter the property. The board thanks Tom Carter, Jeff Lawton, Susan Saul, Esther Jones, Sylvia Milne, and Glen Conrad for their efforts to provide us with the information we wanted on the conditions at Nesika. Pamala and the board recognized Linda Conrad, Nesika trustee, for her speedy response to the fire and timely decision to evacuate the lodge on Labor Day weekend. <u>Old Business:</u> Pam appointed Esther Jones, Randy Dietrich, and George Milne to further investigate the formation of an entity with 501 C3 status. Nominees for this fall are Sheryl Wagner for president, Cindy Lee for treasurer, Lori Leach membership trustee, Chaz Shaw for Tyee trustee, and Glen Conrad for Nesika trustee. The annual meeting will be at the Tualatin Grange at 7 PM November 13, 2017. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM Respectfully submitted, Merrill Hugo, Secretary
Membership Notes - September 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 (First Monday of the month). We wish to hear your input before the final vote into membership. Club member input is very important in this process. Do you know a prospective new member? Send his/her name and address to membership@trailsclub.org for him/her to receive a couple of free Blazers. This is the best way to report guest information from hikes, lodge visits, and other trips.	
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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

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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