



Trail Blazer

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7	Wed	Portland Morning Hike
TRIP FEES: Members. \$1; Guests \$2; Carpool 10 cents/mile		

Gentle Reminders

- Class A –Shorter, less strenuous activity, Class B –Longer miles, more elevation gain, Class C –Long and difficult – strong experienced participants only. Harsh or unusual conditions may greatly increase the exertion and skill required. Please be prepared for level of the hike you are planning to take with the Trails Club.
- Good walking shoes or boots are required on the trail. Boots are recommended for B/C hikes.
- Bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Please, no alcohol.
- Pets allowed on designated trips only.
- Everybody should stay with the group and follow the hike leader. The hike leader is responsible for the group's safety. The hike leader is responsible for determining trails to be taken. Last, but not least, the leader has authority to determine if a hiker is prepared for the hike. Group safety must come first.
- If you have reserved for an activity at a lodge that involves 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
- The Trips Trustee will approve all hikes.

Rendezvous is often the MAX Gateway Transit Park & Ride lot. Take Glisan exit off I-205. Head east to 99th Ave. then turn north. The old meeting place at Gateway - in the SE corner of the surface parking lot is now fenced off and there is only paid parking so don't park there. Continue north a little further along 99th Ave and use the new parking garage that has just been completed. There are 690 spaces available and they are free with a 24-hour limit

Announcements

Hikes for Kids and Young-at-heart

I plan to go on a monthly "expotition" for children and adults. My great-grandchildren are six and eight. They would like to explore a few local hundred-acre woods with other children about five to ten years of age. Please join us as we investigate the natural and not-so-natural areas around us. We'll walk around for three hours with a snack midway and lunch at the end or maybe even go to a nearby restaurant. Check EVENTS each month to find where we plan to go. For more information, or to lead one of these "expotitions" call June Smelser, 503-668-4060 or junesmelsers@yahoo.com

Found an ipod on January 1, 2007 during the weekend at Tyee. Please contact Virginia Fuller by phone 503-520-1622.

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New Trails club Office Assistant Job Posting

At the December 6, 2006 Board meeting a proposal was presented for hiring a part time administrative assistant to the Board. A committee (consisting of Randy Dietrich, chairman; Merrill Newman; Bonnie Berneck; and Rich Carville) was formed to research the feasibility of the proposal. This summarizes the conclusions of that committee.

Previous club administrations foresaw the need for a paid administrative/executive assistant and provided for this eventuality in the club bylaws. Article 1, Section 1, paragraph f of the Bylaws states as follows:

"notwithstanding the specific duties assigned to the officers in Article VI and to the committees and committee chairmen in Article VII, the Board of Trustee may employ and compensate an executive assistant to perform any such duties of a routine nature as it may designate."

Today, many of our members have limited time to spend on committee or officer positions. Having an assistant to handle detail work will improve the functioning and efficiency of the Board and committees and encourage more of our members to volunteer for these positions.

The committee has recommended that the board exercise the option presented in the Bylaws to hire an administrative assistant to the Board. The money for this is available from our investment fund.

The board has decided to adopt and implement the proposal. The next steps are finding and hire an administrative assistant. We prefer to fill this position with a trusted and respected club member with 5 or more year's membership and some leadership experience in the club.

Duties of the administrative assistant

The duties of the position will likely evolve over time. It will include routine, on-going duties as well as possible special projects. The initial focus is on well-defined routine tasks, with more duties and special projects added as the need and opportunity arises.

Routine/Immediate/On-Going tasks:

- 1) Accounting assistance: Make club bank deposits, and enter deposits and all invoices for payment into QuickBooks, and print checks.
- 2) Mail pickup and distribution
- 3) Assist with set up the club computer, and on-going maintenance including back-up and archiving.
- 4) Process and track trips documentation: receive and review trips reports, and insure reports are turned in timely. Enter or disseminate information from reports as to be determined.
- 5) Process and track lodges documentation: Receive and review lodge reports, and insure reports are turned in timely. Enter or disseminate information from reports as to be determined.
- 6) Attend board meetings.

Compensation

We are offering a salary \$20.00 per hour and require approximately 10 -15hours per week to start.

If you are interested in taking the job of our club administrative assistant, Please send a resume to the club president Craig Sharpe.

2007 Nesika Work Plans

Some of the folks most heavily involved with Nesika met at my place back in December and produced the following schedule for the major tasks at Nesika during 2007. For the April 21 & 22 work trip we will clear the road, open the lodge, and form up the propane storage shed slab. We may also clear the vine maple from near the lodge. During

the May 19 & 20 trip we will remove the roof and joists over the porch of women's dorm and pour the slab for propane storage. The June 9 & 10 trip will be devoted exclusively to washing and sealing the lodge's logs. The July work trip will be the big push. Starting with removing the barn boards from the women's dorm on Thursday July 12 and then adjusting the framing and installing the new windows and sheathing over the course of the weekend. In August we will replace and paint the barn boards and maybe paint Redwing. In Sept. we plan to replace the porch roof and in October to bring in the wood from the woodshed and prepare the lodge for the winter.

There will be a number of other projects we want to work in through the summer as we have time and help. The sheathing for the women's dorm will have to be painted before installation. Some other projects which someone may want to claim as their own are provision of hand washing facilities near the outhouses, provision of water risers and fire hoses near the buildings, improving the drain field area with landscaping and picnic facilities, installing permanent lights on the way to the men's outhouse, improving food storage in the lodge with a refrigerator or an ice box, designing and building a permanent island counter for the kitchen and improving the lighting in the kitchen. We should also work at maintaining the steps near the lodge. The steps to the men's outhouse will need to be reset and it has been proposed that better steps be provided on the path to the lower level of the women's dorm.

As you can see from there is something for all of us at any skill level to help maintain our lodge in the Gorge. Please plan on coming up for at least one of our work trips.

Merrill Hugo

Events

Jan 24 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe.

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Lila Grossman 503-227-0684

Jan 27 (Sat) Oxbow Park – Class A

We will enjoy both the forested side of the park and Sandy River views. Lunch under cover if it rains. Trails may be muddy in places but we will also be walking on pavement part of the time. Walk 5.5 miles with rolling up and down elevation gain. Round trip drive is about 40 miles. No park fee since we park outside and walk in.
MEET: 9:00 a.m. at Gateway Transit Center parking garage.
LEADER: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

Jan. 27-28 Tyee Open

We'll be opening Saturday by 11:00 am and closing Sunday at 2:00 pm. Spend your time enjoying the fireplace, sledding, skiing, crocheting, etc. Whatever you do to occupy yourself, we'll provide a hearty dinner Saturday evening and a delicious breakfast Sunday morning. It's a family friendly weekend; bring no electronics, please. Your hosts are Donna Aase (a dessert specialist) and Merv Murphy (a snow shoveling expert).
Contact Donna by 9:00 pm on Wednesday, January 24th to reserve a place.
Leader: Donna Aase 360-253-8420 or dmaase@hotmail.com

Jan 31 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe.
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Callista Dunn 503-641-6958

Tyee Lodge, February 3-4

Plan to spend a weekend playing in the snow and relaxing in front of the fireplace! Register by Wednesday evening, January 31, with Rex Silvernail (360-263-7225) or Cathy Schiedler (catherineschied@juno.com).

Feb 3 Sat CROSSTOWN TRAIL Cross Country Ski –

We will start at Tyee and ski down to the Glacier View Snow Park, then cross HWY 26 and return by the Summit Trail and Westleg Road. This is an intermediate level trip, at least eight miles. Please bring your lunch and appropriate clothing for the weather. Pre-register with Rex Silvernail (360-263-7225) or Cathy Schiedler (catherineschied@juno.com).

Feb. 3-4th (Sat.-Sun.) Nesika Lodge backpack Class B

We will meet at Multnomah Falls at 9:00 Saturday morning. Be prepared for snow and ice. Instep crampons or shoe chains required. We will pot luck with \$5.00 fee to be collected toward main dishes for the weekend. Be prepared to carry some of the main meal as a group effort. Be prepared to bring a requested meal item for pot luck donation. We will hike up to the lodge, and set the lodge up for the weekend/winter occupancy (carry water, wood and start all fires needed for comfort) day hike to be planned for attending group for Saturday afternoon weather permitting. To register contact Linda Conrad at LCGRConrad@aol.com or 360 837 3875 by Thursday the 1st of February.

Feb. 4, 2007 (Sun) Mosier Twin Tunnels - Class B hike

9.4 mile hike along the old Columbia highway from Hood River to Mosier. Some nice views of the Columbia River and usually snow free. Pace will be moderate.
Meet: 9:00 Gateway Transit Center Drive: 120 miles
Leader: Diana Forester (503) 288-7782 or diana_forester@msn.com

Feb 4th (Sun) – X/C Ski Trip – Old Man Pass

There are a couple of variations we can ski at this location, which is less crowded than Mt. Hood and usually has fabulous snow with some great views. We'll ski the Scenic Loop or if conditions are perfect and the group is willing, the Hardtime Loop is always a challenge I'd like to conquer.
Registration is required – destination will change if conditions warrant it.
Meet: 7:30 Gateway Leader: Gerda Eck, 503-722-9190 or gerdaeck@msn.com
Leader: Allen Burrell, 503-288-3859 or burrell@teleport.com

Feb 7 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch nearby.
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Joyce Lackie 503-287-4109

Feb. 10 (Sat): “Expotition” #2: Headwaters of Crystal Spring & Reed College

A walk for 4-10 year-olds with their responsible adults. We'll learn the geology of the area as we walk around the campus. We'll walk for three hours. Bring a snack, a lunch, and water.
MEET: 10 AM. SE 38th Avenue and Reedway Street
LEADER: June Smelser 503-668-4060 junesmelsler@yahoo.com

Feb. 10 (Sat.) Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway - Class A

A paved trail from Burton Road to Fruit Valley Road. We will try and do a car shuttle so we can hike at least 6 of the 8 miles and take in most of the new trail. Bring your lunch and dress for the weather.
LEADER: Ann Marie Dudley, 360-944-6573 or anndudley@juno.com
MEET: 9:00 a.m. at Gateway Transit Center parking garage.

Feb 11, (Sun) Bennett Pass Snow Shoe - Class B

We will hike from the pass down to the top of Pocket Creek and then return cross country back to the Bennett Ridge and head toward the Terrible Traverse. Distance will be about 6 miles. Meet at 8:00 am at Gateway. For information contact leader, Diana Forester at 503-288-7782 or diana_forester@msn.com

Feb.13, (Tuesday evening): Bike Planning Meeting for 2007

Anyone interested in bicycling is invited to attend our annual bike planning meeting. We will review last year's rides and discuss ideas for this year. Please bring your wonderful ideas for weekend day or overnight rides, Thursday day rides, and Monday evening rides. We have a range of 10 miles on evening rides to up to 40 miles for day rides.

Meeting Place: Home of Gisela Piercy, 626 NE Joanne Ct., Hillsboro.
Time: 7pm - snacks provided.

Please call or e-mail for directions and attendance, so I will have enough chairs and snacks! giselapiercy@aol.com or 503 648-5885

Feb 14 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch nearby.
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Jane Storey 503-252-3100

Feb 14. Wednesday overnight at Tyee Lodge.

Ski and snowshoe combined TCO and Cascade Prime Timers. Lodge open approx. 10:00 am. Please reserve by Sunday February 11th.
Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878.

February 15, 7:30 pm Adventures and Travel at Rose Villa,13505 SE River Rd.

"Adventures on the Italian Almani Coast" and surrounding areas including Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Paestum. Presented by Steve, Nancy and Audrey. Refreshments and door prizes. For information call Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878.

Sat Feb 17 – Rodney Falls & Hamilton Mt. Class B+

We will hike past roaring Rodney Falls and on to 2,438' summit of Hamilton Mt. 7.6 mile loop, 2000' elevation gain. If weather is too bad, we will hike only to Rodney Falls, then climb to top of Beacon Rock on the return. Bring your lunch and dress for the weather.
Meet: Eastgate Parking Garage at 7:45 AM. Leave at 8:00 AM.
Merrill Newman 503 646-3829 merrilln@ix.netcom.com

Feb 17-18 (Sat-Sun) – Winter backpack to Nesika Lodge - Class B

Nesika lodge will be open for the weekend for a joint venture with the Mazama's AYM group. Access is tricky in the winter, so be prepared for winter trail conditions. Snowshoes or shoe chains may be required if the weather is wintery. Saturday dinner will be a "backpack potluck", so plan to bring something to share or add to the stew pot. Sunday breakfast will be provided. Bring your own lunch and snack items. Please pre-register with leader before Wed at 9 PM.
MEET: Multnomah Falls, 9:00 AM
LEADER: Randy Dietrich randyd@SpiritOne.com 503-245-5762.
Mazama co-leader: Kevin Clark

Feb 17-19 (Sat-Mon) TYEE OPEN (President's Day Weekend)

It's a family friendly weekend at Tyee. Ski, snowshoe, play in the snow, enjoy the sledding hill or just relax by the fire. Lodge will be open from 11AM Sat. to 1PM Mon. Call for meals and overnight by Wed. Feb. 14th.

HOSTS: Stephen & Theresa Brown (360) 687-6169 or rbrown@teleport.com and Larry and Sandy McQueen

Feb 18 (Sun) Clark-Newton Creeks snowshoe Class B

Clark Creek Snow Park. Cross Clark Creek on bridge, Elk Meadow Tr to Newton Creek, then XC uphill alongside Newton Creek. Return XC to Clark Creek bridge.
Meet: Contact leader for time & place

Feb 21 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch nearby.
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878

February 24 (Sat) Lacamas Park - Camas - Class A

Just a nice winter hike that's close by but seems miles away once you are in this quiet wooded area with a lake and waterfalls. This is an easy 3.2 mile loop with only 200 feet of elevation gain. Because of uncertain weather in winter months, please contact leader for meeting place and time.

Leader: Gini Bateman (503) 771-1560 or ginibateman@aol.com

February 24-25 Sat-Sun. Rails to Trails Swale Canyon to Klickitat River Canyon Class C approx. 30 miles

We will start at Harms Rd just outside of Warwick and hike SW to the Klickitat River. Plan is to camp somewhere around the town of Wahkiacus. Arrangments are being made with the local town for a small area to camp for Saturday night. Be prepared for rough hiking in some areas the trail the gravel is rather large and uncomfortable to hike on. Site to see could be eagles, birds of various varieties, and mammals. Be prepared for ticks with tight fitting pant legs. Be prepared to remove ticks if necessary. Three season tent necessary. Weather will be cold, but very little snow if any in this area. Limit 12. This is a low impact area, so be prepared to carry out the TP. Register with Linda Conrad lgrconrad@aol.com or 360-837-3875

Tyee Open Sat/Sun Feb 24/25

Cooks Matt and Merrill Newman will have the lodge open and warm on Sat in time for lunch so you can enjoy an afternoon of snow activities or snoozing in front of the fire. We will have pizza available for lunch at 12:30 Sat, a humongous beef stew for dinner at 6:00 and a special Spanish egg dish for Sun breakfast. And, yes, the meal cost may be a little higher than usual, so bring an extra dime or two. Call or email no later than Wed evening, Feb 21. Merrill Newman (503) 646-3829 merrilln@ix.netcom.com or Matt Newman (503) 693-8717. Be sure to let us know which meals you want.

Feb 28 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch nearby.
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Randy Dietrich 503-245-5762

Mar 3. Sat Silver Falls State Park

Location: Silver Falls State Park near Silverton, Oregon Bring a lunch as there aren't any restaurants nearby. The trail may be muddy in spots but in early March the waterfalls will be Spectacular. We will be hiking the falls loop passing seven waterfalls and walking behind two of them. If you haven't been to this park before, don't miss this hike as Silver Falls is a little known wonder of Oregon. Total hiking distance is 7 - 7.5 miles. There are places in the hike where the hike can be shortened if you are not up to the whole Distance. We'll be walking a steep but paved path into and out of The canyon with an elevation gain and loss of about 300 Feet. Otherwise, the trail is mostly level.

Meet: 9:00 AM SW corner of Target parking lot at the North Wilsonville exit of I-5 (Target is about 1 block east of the freeway) Carpool to Silver Falls Park.

Call me the day prior to the hike to let me know if you are going as we may need to accommodate winter weather. 971-404-1153

March 3-4 Tyee open

Tyee lodge will be open by nine a.m. on Saturday. Come up and enjoy some good springtime (almost) skiing. Dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday served. Call by 9 p.m. on Wednesday for reservations.

Host Brian Carlson 503.252.3608 or Owatta@webtv.net

Mar 7 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A

We hike 4 to 5 miles, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe.

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Alan Kotz 503-636-7530

Trails Ahead

March 17 Follow the rainbow, down the snowy path and you will find your pot of gold. Join the leprechauns at Tyee as they stir up a tasty dinner of corn beef and cabbage, taters too. Complete with a veggie stew and all the trimmings.

March 22-April 8 Aqua Dulce to Kennedy Meadows CG Southern CA PCT hike Class C + 240 miles. Limit 2-4 people depending on experience/ stamina. Registrees must pre-qualify by hiking a minimum of 2 backpacks with leader. Registrees must be willing to be on the trail by 5:00 AM and hike up to 20 miles per day due to mileage heat of the desert and water supply. Cost to cover gas, camping, resupply and occasional motel room is \$1,000 per person minimum. To discuss qualifying needs contact Linda Conrad at lcrconrad@aol.com or 360 837 3875.

Flying L Ranch Snowshoe and/or Ski Trip Getaway

Friday Afternoon, March 9 to Sunday Afternoon, March 11, 2007

Co-leaders: Jean Naish (503) 397-5570, e-mail: rnaish@opusnet.com, and Lotte Schmitz (503) 636-4089, e-mail: lotteschmitz@msn.com.

The Flying L trip is scheduled for March 9, 10, & 11, 2007. They have changed their operation and they are remodeling. The bedrooms in the Lodge building will not be available, but we will be able to use the living room.

They will not be serving dinners, but will serve breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. As usual we need to provide our own lunches. We can use a kitchen on Friday and Saturday evenings for potlucks. Those who do not want to potluck can eat dinners at a restaurant in Glenwood.

We need at least 12 people to make the trip go, and can accommodate up to 20. Cost for two nights lodging and two breakfasts will be \$100.00, per person, based on double occupancy.

To reserve your space, please send your check before January 8, 2007 Make it payable to the Flying L Ranch, and send it to Jean Naish at 58207 S. Bachelor Flat Road, Warren, OR 97053. Jean Naish

Oregon Outback Ramble June 8-11

Visit Pine Mt. Observatory, hike to top of Paiute Butte, Fort Rock and Yamsay Mt., explore Christmas Valley and Crack-in-the-Ground and dine at the Cowboy Dinner Tree (\$20.75 per person, cash only accepted). We will camp at three different locations and drive about 600 miles. It will be a busy four days. Limited to 10 and must have reservations to me no later than April 30.

Merrill Newman 503 646-3829 merrilln@ix.netcom.com

2007 Alpine Outing

2007 Alpine Outing
Idaho's White Cloud Mountains
First Week: August 5-12
Second Week: August 12-19

Come join either week of this fun group camping experience in the beautiful White Cloud Mountains, east of Stanley and south of Challis, ID, in the Sawtooth National Forest. The planned camp site is in the Boulder Chain Lakes area. The elevation in this area is nearly 8500 ft., and it is about 7.5 miles in and 2300 ft. up from the trailhead on the east side of the National Forest. Pack stock will carry group supplies and up to 35 lbs. of your personal equipment from the trailhead to the camp site and return. You carry just your daypack. Spend the week exploring the area on dayhikes as you wish. All food is provided and cooking and camp chores are shared.

Maximum enrollment each week is 12, and minimum enrollment is 10. The cost for this great experience is \$300.00 for members and \$350.00 for nonmembers, including the nonrefundable deposit of \$100. Enrollment in the week of your choice will be accomplished on receipt of your deposit. Make your deposit by check to "Trails Club of Oregon" and mail it to Bill Kingsbury, 3926 NE 42nd Ave., Portland, OR 97213. Please include your email address.

For further information contact Bill at crowtown@earthlink.net or (503) 281-4528.

2006-07 Winter Tyee Schedule

March 10/11 Donna Aase and Merv Murphy For reservations call (360) 253-8420 or email:dmaase@hotmail.com

March 17-18 Arleta Miller For reservations call: (360)607-2864 or email: rleta7@aol.com

March 24/25

If you are interested in hosting for weekend or possibly during Oregon and Washington spring break, please contact Theresa Ryan-Brown. She is the winter lodge coordinator for Tyee. Her number is (360) 687-6169. Her email is ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com. If you've never hosted before and want to learn, she can help coordinate a weekend to go up to Tyee to learn from an experienced host.

Remember to check the website for additional Tyee openings. Often a member will decide to open Tyee after the Blazer has gone to press. The website is: www.trailsclub.org. Click on events then on lodge schedule. If the lodge is opening, the contact information will be posted.

Historical Corner- March 1932

NAME CONTEST

Out of fifty names submitted to our contest for a new title for our monthly publication, the one finally chosen, "THE TRAIL BLAZER," was handed in by the six following members:

Christie Desiata	Elizabeth Woster
Louise Lenz	Oscar Haugen
Elsie Whitworth	Charles Niete

Besides being the choice of so many (the only one which was duplicated) the name is in keeping with the nature and aims of the club.

As there was but one jacket provided for the prize contest, a drawing was held at the Annual Banquet and Christie Desiata drew the lucky number. So if you want to see the new club jacket properly modeled, look up Christie.

Let's Talk About

"Expottition" on Powell Butte

Five intrepid children ages 3-8 climbed Powell Butte on a chilly but somewhat sunny day. Also on the hike were seven adult kids. All along much of the path, they encountered patches of snow or ice.

Board of Trustees Meeting –January 3, 2007

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 3, 2007

Craig called the meeting to order a 7:30 PM with Charles Adams absent on business.

The minutes for December were approved as distributed with one correction: Charles Adams and Ginger Remy were not on the Administrative Assistant proposal committee Bonnie Berneck and Rich Carville were on the committee.

The February board meeting will be held on January 31 since we can not have a quorum on Feb. 7.

Communications- Joyce read a letter from the Oregon Department of Forestry soliciting application for membership on the State Forests Advisory Committee- It was suggested that Susan Saul might be interested.

Treasurer's Report- Bonnie reported

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,848.48
Deposits	2,865.44
Checks	- 1,763.17

Ending Balance	\$ 3,950.75
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She passed out copies of the check register, profit and loss comparison for 2006 and 2005, and the profit and loss budget vs. actual recap was passed out. Members of the board noted that the \$ 3,800 budgeted for internet (City search?) 2006 had not been spent. We are currently paying \$700 for internet access on a biennial basis. A few other budget glitches from 2006 were noted. Randy will make some indicated adjustments and have a budget for adoption at the next meeting.

It was MSC that Susan Saul and Ginger Remy be reimbursed for their expenses incurred in conjunction with Nesika Access and the Investment Committee respectively.

Bonnie has sent a letter to Paul Norman for in lieu work credit toward our Tyee rent. She also pointed out we need an audit to complete the transfer to a new treasurer.

Membership- Joyce has received about 120 membership renewals. Joyce presented first readings for Lesia H. Carlock, Sharon M. Fekety, Kathleen Ferrell, Prebble A LaDage. Don J. Henry was elected to membership.

Trips- Richard Gaunt has volunteered to help with scheduling.

Social- Nancy confirmed that the annual banquet will be at the Monarch Hotel on April 1 starting at 6 or 6:30.

Publications- Fendall says that we are back using the Portland Post Office for our bulk mailing. He and Lee feel that the difference in cost outweighs the convenience of using the Clackamas offices.

Lodges- Tyee was used to aid the search for the lost climbers on Mount Hood.

New Business- the Administrative Assistant position committee report was presented by Randy, Bonnie, Merrill Newman, and Rich. It proposes to establish a part time position with appropriate support to assist the treasurer and other board positions with some of the routine tasks. The complete report is appended to these minutes.

Nancy moved- Dianne seconded- The report of the Administrative Assistant committee be adopted and implemented. Motion carried. The position will be publicized in next Blazer and applications will be solicited to fill the position in the near future. The board will complete the hiring procedure and process.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted Merrill Hugo

Membership Notes (February '07 Trail Blazer)

Do you know a prospective new member? Send their name and address to membership@trailsclub.org for them to receive a couple of Blazers for free. This is the best way to report guest information from hikes, lodge visits, and other trips.

1st Readings:

Lesia H. Carlock
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June J. Weber (wife of Joe, deceased) passed away peacefully of Parkinson's disease last February 2006 at Mary's Woods. She and Joe were faithful Trails Clubbers all their married lives. Even after entering Assisted Living in 2004, she was still trying to get to PicNite. Her many scenic pictures and sharing such with others remained her delight to her final days. Thank you in the name of our family to the Trails Clubbers who came to Mom's funeral /"Celebration of Life" and for all the ways you enriched our parents' lives through the years. Christine Weber-Kearney

Betty Peterson, wife, mother and retired high school teacher, passed away in Lake Oswego, OR on December 16, 2006. She was 88. Betty is survived by John, her husband of almost 65 years. She is also survived by her children Bill, Rick, Chuck and Marnie and their families. Betty and John joined the Trails Club in 1961 and were active in the club and club events for many years.

Anne Catherine Bohlen passed away Dec. 5, 2006, at the age of 99. She was born Nov 18, 1907 in Yutan Nebraska, graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1934 and received her masters degree in botany from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. In 1945 she came to Portland and taught at Franklin High School until her retirement. Anne was honored as Oregon's biology teacher of the year in 1972. One of her students discovered a new species of tree that grew during the Middle Eocene Period 45 million years ago. In honor of his teacher, he named the species Bohlenia Americana. Anne loved the mountains and enjoyed the Trails Club of Oregon, she served as president in 1967 & 1968. She enjoyed many outings and bird watching trips and took great pleasure in the flora and fauna of Oregon as well as Mexico, Peru, Kenya, Madagascar, Europe, Australia, Japan. On her 80th birthday she flew over the North Pole.

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Lodge Scheduling Guidelines and Procedures:

The following guidelines are used for scheduling and reserving our beautiful lodges for club sponsored and general membership usage. These guidelines help assure that training has been provided for all members wishing to host an event at a lodge and that lodge availability is fair to club members.

1. Only Members in good standing can schedule and open our lodges.
2. To host a lodge event you need to have been checked out for opening and closing the lodge, request a lodge key and request current instructions from the Lodge and Properties chairperson.
3. If more than five **non-members per member** will be at a lodge, board approval is required to use a lodge.
4. Private groups using the lodge will allow other Trails Club members to also use the lodge when space is available.

The following procedure is used to schedule a lodge event. This procedure avoids conflicting schedules.

1. Check for available date(s) by contacting the Vice President or the website at <http://www.trailsclub.org/events/lodge-open.htm>.
2. Events chairpersons (Winter Sports, Social, etc.) also need to clear the dates with the Vice President.
3. Contact the Vice President to schedule the lodge date. If board approval is required, the VP will make the request at the next board meeting and notify you when you are approved. The VP will notify the webmaster to put your event on the Lodges calendar.
4. Once the lodge event date has been approved, it is your responsibility to submit a Blazer article to get your event on the monthly calendar.

5. A Lodge Host packet will be sent to you with all necessary forms. After hosting at a lodge the hosting forms must be completed returned, with the lodge fees, to the Lodge & Properties chair.
6. When one or more persons uses one of the lodges without a host, then one person must collect the fees, fill out the forms and send both to the Lodge & Properties chair.

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