



Trail Blazer

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| June 2 | Sat | Pioneer Century Bike |
| June 2 | Sat | Surveyor's Ridge |
| June 6 | Wed | Portland Morning Hike |
| June 6 | Wed | Portland Evening 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

2007 Directories are out!

The 2007 directories are ready. If you did not pick yours up at the banquet, it should arrive in the mail soon (by mid May). One directory is sent to each household to reduce costs. Each member can get their own copy if you need them. Please check your information in the directory. Send corrections and requests for additional copies to membership @ trailsclub.org or contact the Directory editor Randy Dietrich.

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The purpose of the Trails Club is to foster and stimulate interest in hiking, climbing, skiing, camping and other similar outdoor activities and to promote activities of a social nature for the benefit of its members. The Club's interests and concerns are conservation of natural beauty and resources of the country. All Club activities are affected by the voluntary participation of the members. Membership requirements include an approved hike or climb, a scheduled lodge activity, recommendations by two members within a one year period, approval by the Board of Trustees, and payment of \$35 in dues for first household member, \$17.50 for each additional household member or those over 65 years of age and a \$15 entrance fee.

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President's Letter to the Membership:

Since 1915 Trails Club members have gone about the task of furthering access and appreciation of the great outdoors. Today we continue this grand tradition with the selfless efforts of our dedicated members. We are very fortunate to have two lodges and are proud of the fact that they were built and are maintained by the members.

In order to sustain the integrity of our lodges and outings I feel more of us need to get involved in the club activities. Do you have any ideas how to make the work weekends more appealing?

This club is a valuable organization that has been nurtured by so many of you and I would like to see it continue and grow. I feel that we need to make our club attractive to people within a wide range of interests and ages. Perhaps we need to add some new activities, or socials, or revamp some of our existing programs.

I'm looking for new and fresh thoughts. So I would ask all of you to brainstorm ideas to help us keep up with the changing times. If you have any opinions on this- please send me an email or letter. I look forward to hearing your great ideas.

Craig Sharpe

Committee Help Needed

The Memorial Endowment Committee and the Properties Advisory Committee are in need of some new members. These committees do not require a lot of work. The Memorial Endowment Committee determines how to spend the income from our memorial funds to promote outdoor activities, generally by funding activities within the club any member generally familiar with club activities could easily serve. The Properties Advisory Committee reviews propose major expenditures at the lodges. The committee meets only when these come up, usually every 2-3 years. Any member familiar with either lodge could serve.

If you would like to help your club by serving on one of these committees contact President Craig Sharpe 360-571-8861 or oldgeezer49@comcast.net

Events

April 28 (Sat) Dog Mountain-Class C

Last year we started our Dog Mt. Series in March, but in deference to those of you who may have aged some since then, we gave you an extra month to stash the winter stuff, oil up the old joints and find the hiking boots. This little jaunt gains 2820' in 3.5 miles but we should find a great display of wild flowers to ease the pain.

Meet: MAX Gateway Transit Park at 7:45 AM, or at TH at 9:00AM. Drive 100 miles RT. Parking permit required. Please advise if you will meet at TH.

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

April 28 (Sat) The Dalles Mountain - Class B

The Dalles Mt. is across the river from the town of The Dalles. This hike is in Washington. The hike offers great views. At this time the flowers are abundant. Part of the hike is on a dirt road, we will also hike in open country

Meet: Troutdale Outlet Stores (northeast corner--by Subway shop). Time: 8:00 AM, Hiking miles: 7 TO 8, Elevation gain: 1700 feet

Driving Miles: 140 miles r/t

Leader: Gary Holman 503 261-3571

April 28 (Sat) Membership Hike

Hike to The Trailclub's Nesika, situated in a remote area above the Columbia Gorge. Hike along Multnomah Creek above the Multnomah Falls and see the spring flowers (including Trillium) bloom. Stay for the Hike and Dine and hike back by flashlight. Leave the visitor area at Multnomah Falls Lodge at 2:30
Leaders: Joni Hurd (360) 281 6019 and /or Arleta Miller (360) 6072864

Saturday April 28th Special Hike 'N Dine at Nesika!

Classical Italian.
Reservations by April 25th. Call or e-mail Nancy Overpeck for gate openings and dinner time: 360-573-6878. overpeck@wa-net.com and cell 503-806-2900.

Apr. 29 (Sun) MONSTER COOKIE BIKE RIDE -- Class B+

This annual ride is a metric century (62 miles) with the Salem Bike Club from the State Capital to Champoeg for lunch and back. Get forms at local bike shops or the Internet, www.salembicycleclub.org. Please register with leader by Saturday April 28.
MEET: 7:30 in front of the State Capital
LEADER: Lou Sowa 503-320-0440 lsowa@earthlink.net

May 2 (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: Wayne Schweinfest 503-253-3073

May 2 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles with 500 (or more cumulative) feet elevation gain in the West Hills and Forest Park.
MEET: Wallace Park (Raleigh side), NW 25th and Raleigh, 6 PM-8PM ish
Leader: Cathy Schiedler 503-234-1839

May 5 (Sat) Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge Hike - Class A/B

Please join me in exploring the wildlife refuge. Bring your binoculars and trail lunch. No elevation gain, but we can hike anywhere from 4.2 m (auto tour road) Kiwa hiking trail 1.5 m, and the Oaks to Wetland Trail 2.0 m. depending on the group. \$3 parking fee at refuge. We have changed leaders from the earlier announcement. We will probably walk the tour road.
Meet **8:00 AM.** at Gateway Transit Center or meet **8:30 AM.** Salmon Creek Park and Ride, Vancouver.
Leader: Calista Dunn 503-641-6958

May 5-6 (Sat.-Sun.) Bell Creek Trail Work Trip Class B.

Come prepared to clean trail. Camp at Nesika or Bell Creek trail. Food will be prepared for the weekend. Tents and camping gear needed if you plan to stay at Bell Creek. Save room in your pack to help pack in food and equipment. Hiking distance from Nesika one way: 3.5 miles. Hiking distance from Larch Mountain about the same. Bring gloves and tools. Hopefully we will be credited for our trail hours towards the Tyee lease. Some of us may go up Friday morning or Thursday night to set up camp. Call Merrill Hugo @ 503 293 5102 or Linda Conrad @ 360 837 3875 to register.

May 6 (Sun) Lyle Cherry Orchard - Class B

Come join me on this trail in the Columbia River Gorge just East of Lyle, WA on private land to see newly green hillsides and wildflowers in bloom. Main attraction, however, are the views after the initial climb through an oak forest when the landscape opens up and the views keep getting better and better the higher you climb. 6.5 miles - 1400 ft elevation gain. 140 miles RT
Meet: Gateway Transit Center 7:45am for 8am departure
Leader: Gini Bateman (503) 771-1560 or ginibateman@aol.com

May 9 (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: Merrill Hugo 503-293-5102

May 9 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles with 500 (or more cumulative) feet elevation gain in the West Hills and Forest Park.
MEET: Wallace Park (Raleigh side), NW 25th and Raleigh, 6 PM-8PM ish
Leader: Gini Bateman 503-475-8712

May 12 (Sat) - "Expotition" at BLM Wildwood Recreation Site

We will explore the natural stream and wetlands from boardwalks and interpretive trails. At the Cascade Streamwatch, we may see young salmon and steelhead through a viewing window. This is a 3-hour walk for 5-10-year olds with their responsible adult. Bring snack, lunch, and water.
Meet: 10:00 A.M. at parking lot near rest rooms. Wildwood BLM Park is off Hwy 26 near Welches at Milepost 30. Parking pass may be required.
Leader: June Smelser: 503-668-4060, junesmelsers@yahoo.com

May 12 (Sat), 9am. Bike Trek in Vancouver, WA

Meet at Burnt Bridge Creek Greenbelt for 20 plus mile ride. Exit 4 off I-5 go left on 78th Street. Go west until 78th Street ends. Turn left on Fruit Valley Road (also called Lake Shore Dr.) Go .4 mile Turn left on Bernie and then an immediately left into small parking lot for beginning of trail. This trail has been greatly expanded. For information call Nancy Overpeck . 360-573-6878
overpeck@wa-net.com

May 12th (Sat) Wygant Trail hike class B

The hike follows part of the old scenic highway paralleling the freeway, sneaks into a small canyon with Perham creek and then climbs 1200 ft. to a lookout over the Gorge. Optional hike on Chetwood trail out and back to see Perham creek to washed out bridge. Total mileage is 6 to 7 miles. Hiking pole good option. Dress appropriate for weather.
Meet 8:30 at Gateway transit center
Leader Brian Carlson. 503.252.3608

May 13 (Sun) Angels rest to Wahkeena Falls class B

6.5 mile rt hike with 1800 ft elev gain. Join us for a moderate hike to Angels Rest bluff in the Columbia Gorge. Here there are beautiful views of the Columbia Gorge and Crown Point Vista House. Then we will hike on to Wahkeena Falls. We might take lunch at a creek side picnic area just pass Angels Rest or if the group wishes we will have lunch at Angels Rest. This will be a car shuttle trip. Wear hiking boots pack a lunch, water and be prepared for the weather.
Meet at Gateway parking garage 8.30am then second place 9.00am at the Angels Rest trail head at Bridal Veil exit 28 1-84 east-bound.
Leader: Bob Walker home 503-591-0932 cell phone day of hike 503-318-7425

May 14 (Mon) Monday Evening Bike Ride – Class A

We will ride the loop around the Portland Waterfront, crossing the Sellwood and Steel Bridges. Approximately 11 miles. We may stop for ice cream at Riverplace.
Meet: 6 p.m. Sellwood Riverfront Park, SE Spokane St. and Oaks Pkwy
Leader: Audrey Perino, 503-246-6462 or audrey@woodbloom.com

May 16 (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: Lila Grossman 503-227-0684

May 16 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles with 500 (or more cumulative) feet elevation gain in the West Hills and Forest Park.

MEET: Wallace Park (Raleigh side), NW 25th and Raleigh, 6 PM-8PM ish

Leader: Donna - 503-286-7243

May 17, (Thurs) 6 pm. Our first picnic and walkabout!

On the river (just south of Oaks Park). From Tacoma turn north on 6th then first left go west crossing bike path and into the parking lot (lot is north of the business bldg). Bring you favorite dish to share. Plus table ware. I will bring the lemonade. We will have a "door-prize"

Meet at Selwood Park

Call: Nancy Overpeck. overpeck@wa-net.com 360-573-6878.

May 17 (Thu) HAGG LAKE Bike Ride - Class B

We will ride the back roads to Hagg Lake, then around the lake. We will return past the Fernhill Wetlands for about 30 miles. Please pre register with the leader by 9PM Wednesday.

MEET: 10am Rogers Park, Forest Grove on Elm St between 17th & 18th.

LEADER: Lou Sowa, 503 320-0440 lsowa@earthlink.net

May 19 (Sat) Angel's Rest – Class A/B

We'll add a loop up top to make this a 6.8 mile hike. It starts with 2.2 miles up to Angel's Rest (1500 feet elevation gain), where we'll have wonderful views of the gorge, especially to the west, if the weather cooperates. Then we'll turn away from the river, ending up at a creekside picnic area. We may lunch there, or decide to go back to Angel's Rest to relax and enjoy the view. It was muddy in March, but looks to be beautiful in May!

Meet: 7:45 am (leave at 8:00 am) at Gateway

Leader: Donna Aase, 360-253-8420

May 19/20 (Sat-Sun) Tye HIKE AND DINE

(Sat. 6:00 PM Dinner) If West Leg is open. If so the first HIKE AND DINE is set. See the time and place for the hike in this issue. Make it an overnight at the lodge. Cook—Gary Holman. Dinner—Spring Favorites. Five \$. Limit to 20 dinners. Breakfast included.

Contact—Dotty Blattner—503-469-0272 or Lila Grossman—503-227-0684 for reservations (dinner and/or housing).

Call by Tues-- May 15.

May 19 (Sat) Membership Hike

Hike to the Trails Club's Nesika, situated in a remote area above the Columbia Gorge. Hike along Multnomah Creek above the Multnomah Falls and see the spring flowers (including Trillium) bloom. Bring a light sack lunch and return in the early afternoon.

Leave: the visitor area at Multnomah Falls Lodge at 9:30

Leader: Fendall Winston (503) 329 8382

May 19 and 20 Nesika Work Weekend.

We plan to remove the roof from the women's dorm west porch and pour the slab for the propane storage shed this month. We will also be taking care of a number of other maintenance and improvement projects. Barbara Jones and Phyllis Dinges will be cooking for us. For those without keys meet at the Brauer Rd and Palmer Mill Rd. Intersect at 9AM Saturday.

Register: with Merrill Hugo 503-293-5102 by 9 PM Wed May 16

20 May (Sun) Spring Kid's Hikes

At Silver Falls State Park. Join us for an enjoyable hike and a BBQ with kid's parents and Grandparents.

Leader: Matt Mewman 503.693.8717 newman2238@comcast.net

May 20 (Sun) SPRINGWATER CORRIDOR Class A/B

We will start our bike ride at the Sellwood Waterfront Park so we can go on the new bridges over McLaughlin Blvd and head for Gresham.

This is about a 30 mile round trip. It is an opportunity to buy your lunch in Gresham for those who chose not to pack a lunch and eat in the Park by the Bike Trail. This park has a shelter in case of rain.

The trail is nice but as the asphalt has matured it is bumpy so be aware that you will have sore hands and arms and that is why I have made it a B ride. The trail is very level and will see lots of birds.

MEET: 9:45 at Sellwood waterfront Park

Leader: Ann Marie Dudley 360-944-6573 or annmardudley@juno.com

May 23 (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: Phillip Jackson 503-634-6250

May 23 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles with 500 (or more cumulative) feet elevation gain in the West Hills and Forest Park.

MEET: Wallace Park (Raleigh side), NW 25th and Raleigh, 6 PM-8PM ish

Leader: Craig Carlson - 503-626-0438

May 26 (Sat.) Salmonberry River Hike - Class B

We will hike down the railroad from Cochran for five or six miles and then return to Cochran. This should be a pleasant late spring hike in an interesting Tillamook Forest canyon. The hike will be about 12 miles with about 800 feet of elevation loss and gain.

Meet: 8:00 AM at Cedar Hill Albertsons Parking lot. We will meet at the north end between Wells Fargo and Bascom Robins. From hwy.

26 take either exit 68 Cedar Hills or the Barnes road exit. From hwy 217 only the Barnes road exit works. Leader: Merrill Hugo

503-293-5102

May 30 (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

May 30 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles with 500 (or more cumulative) feet elevation gain in the West Hills and Forest Park.

MEET: Wallace Park (Raleigh side), NW 25th and Raleigh, 6 PM-8PM ish

Leader: Lisa Brice - 503-682-2952

June 2 (Sat) PIONEER CENTURY BIKE Class B+

This is a ride with the Portland Wheelman Bicycle Club. See http://www.pwtc.com/index.php/schedule/more/spring_century/ for registration and more details. We will choose the route the day of the ride, probably the 45-mile loop.

Fees: pre-registration \$15. /member \$20. /non-member, after May 19..\$25. Please confirm participation with the leader by 9PM on Friday.

MEET: Registration Desk, Clackamas (Canby) Fairgrounds; 8:00 AM.

LEADER: Lou Sowa 503-320-0440 lsowa@earthlink.net

June 2 (Sat) Surveyor's Ridge – Class A

Highlights include magnificent glimpses of Mt. Hood and the Hood River Valley, weather permitting, and possible wildflowers. Try this hiking route from a non-traditional trailhead. Walk about 7 miles with rolling up and down elevation gain. We will be at about 4000 feet elevation overall. Drive 150 miles round trip.

MEET: 8:30 a.m. at Gateway Transit Center parking garage.

LEADER: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

June 6 (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: Alan Kotz 503-636-7530

June 6 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles with 500 (or more cumulative) feet elevation gain in the West Hills and Forest Park.
 MEET: Wallace Park (Raleigh side), NW 25th and Raleigh, 6 PM-8PM ish
 Leader: Donna Covi - 503-286-7243

Trails Ahead

Saturday, June 9th - Strawberry Bike Ride

We'll join the Santiam Spokes Bicycle Club for their 15th Annual Strawberry Century. We'll do the half Century, namely 53 miles, over rolling Mid Willamette Valley country side and farmland. Low traffic count roads, fantastic support and rest stops, topped off by Fresh Strawberry Shortcake and Ice Cream for all riders at the finish line. Ride leaves from Lebanon High School in Lebanon, Oregon. Pre-registration is \$20.00, day of the ride \$25. Pre-registration closes May 20th. Contact Gerda Eck for more information: 503-654-1353, gerdaeck@msn.com

Oregon Outback Ramble June 8-11

Yes, there is an Oregon East of the Cascades!!
 And there are a couple of spaces still available.
 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 503646-3829
merrilln@ix.netcom.com

2007 Nesika Work Plans

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 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.

Merrill Hugo

July 6-8 Trails Club Weekend on the McKenzie River

Hike, fish, kayak, whitewater raft, soak in the mineral springs pools and enjoy the gardens and landscaped grounds at Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River. Tent and RV sites are still available. Fees include a \$2 pp (members) TCO activity fee and shared meal costs of approximately \$7-8. Two breakfasts and a campfire dinner will be cooked for those interested. A \$25 deposit is required to hold your lodging reservation. The balance of your lodging fee is due JUNE 20th. Both checks should be made out to TCO. Contact Vicki Wood to reserve your spot or for more information: (503) 659-1423 or vw48@comcast.net

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 crowntown@earthlink.net or (503) 281-4528.

Mazamas Invite TC to hike the Olympic Peninsula August 25 - 31, 2007

The Mazamas would like to invite Trails Club member to hike or climb in the Olympic Peninsula and Sequim, WA area (or enjoy sightseeing at your leisure!) Each day numerous hikes and a climb will be offered. We will be staying in Ramblewood which has a main building with a fully equipped kitchen and a bathhouse. There are various sleeping arrangements available and cost (\$112 to \$148) will be based on what you choose. Call Carolyn Jenkins at 503-422-6456, or carolynjnkns1@netzero.net for information or to register.

2007 Senior Outing

Please note the changed dates for this year's Senior Outing. Our date is from September 30 - October 5th inclusive. The reservations for lodging have been confirmed and are as follows: First night Quinault Lodge, Monday at Kalaloch, Tuesday at Neah Bay, Wednesday at Crescent Lake Lodge, and the final evening at Port Townsend. As you can see there will be a move and travel each day with birding, hikes, visiting Museums and Information Centers. Your contact for more information as it develops is Leonard Murphy at lenmurphy@juno.com or 503-665-6449. We are working with the Audubon Society of Portland for this outing and therefore I can only pass on info. as it develops from them.

Hike and Dine schedule

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| June 16/17 | Tyee |
| July 21/22 | Tyee |
| Aug 18/19 | Tyee |
| Sept 15/16 | Tyee |
| Oct 20/21 | Tyee |

Board meetings

At the board meeting we decided to meet on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month for the rest of the year at least. Therefore, the next board meetings will be:

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| May 8 | June 12 |
| July 10 | Aug 14 |
| Sept 11 | Oct 9 |
| Nov 13 | Dec 11 |

2007 Bike Schedule

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| June 2, Sat. | Pioneer Century | Louis Sowa |
| June 4, Mon Eve | Eagle Creek/Cascade Locks | Allen Burrell |
| June 9, Sat | Strawberry Century | Gerda Eck |
| June 14, Thur. | Puget Island | Gisela Piercy |
| June 18, Mon Eve. | Sauvie Island | Lisa Brice |
| June 24, Sun | Watermelon Ride | Ralph Rogers |
| July 16, Mon Eve | Springwater Corridor | Audrey Perino |
| July 28, Sat. | Buena Vista | Louis Sowa |

Trails Club Kayaking

The on-the-water season is fast approaching. We have a few trips scheduled (see below), and more will be coming. Keep checking the Trips section of the Kayak web page for the latest information. This year all kayak trips will be rated, so you will know what skills may be needed, the conditions that may be encountered, and the endurance will be required. Check out the Trip Rating System document on the web for more information. All participants on kayak trips should be proficient with paddle strokes, directional control, wet exit, and wet re-entry. Courses which provide these skills and will prepare you for any of the trips we will offer this year are offered on April 29 and May 6. Check out the Safety & Training section on the kayak web page for more information on these classes. The Trails Club will reimburse half the cost of these safety courses when you complete them. The Guidelines for Participants document, found on the kayak web page, should give you all the information you need to prepare for a kayak trip. All leaders of kayak trips must take the kayak leadership class which is offered on Saturday, June 2 from 10-1. The Trails Club will reimburse 1/2 of the cost once you complete the course. Sign up with Portland Kayak Co. The Leader documents, available on the kayak web page, can help you plan, publicize, lead, and review a kayak trip. Now pick a destination and start planning your trip! We are partnering with Portland Kayak Co. again this year. Portland Kayak offers the safety & skills courses for participants including the required leadership course for leaders. It offers a 10% discount on new kayaks (custom order or in-stock) if at least 5 members place an order or make a deposit by May 1. See the web page for dates when you can try out boats. Members get 10% discount on accessories

KAYAK TRIPS

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| Jun 3 (Sun) | Yamhill River | Leader: Gerda Eck |
| Jun 16 (Sat) | Nehalem River | Leader: Rex Silvernail |
| Jun 24 (Sun) | Sauvie Island | Leader: Rich Fuhs |
| Aug 20-24 | Paddle Oregon | |
| Aug 24-26 | Skamokawa - Lower Columbia Kayak Roundup | |

Contact Rich Fuhs, (503) 690-5077 or Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.Net, if you have any questions

2007 Lodge Work Weekends

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| Nesika | Tyce |
| June 9& 10 | June 2 & 3 |
| July 14 & 15 | |
| August 11 & 12 | August 11 & 12 |
| September 8 & 9 | September 8 & 9 |
| October TBD | |

2007 Backpack Schedule

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| Jun 8–11 | Outback Ramble Car Camp Merrill Newman |
| Jul 4-7 | Strawberry Mt Diana Forester |
| Jul 20–22 | Senoj Lk – Mirror Lk 24 mi Merrill Newman |
| Aug 25–Sep 1 | Mt Adams and Goat Rocks 62 mi PCT Diana Forester |
| Sep 3–9 | Hwy 140 – Hwy 138 76 mi PCT Merrill Newman |
| TBA | Hwy 58 – Charlton Lk 17 mi Merrill Newman |

Let's Talk About

.....The HENRY WAESPE DISTINGUISHED SERIVE AWARD was named for a member who served the club in an extraordinary way. Henry was a native of Switzerland. Did you know that this year's recipient, Gerda Eck, is also a native of Switzerland.....
Congratulations to Linda and Glen Conrad for completing "PCT = ALL OREGON" in 2006, and kudos to Linda for hiking just shy of 200 miles on a solo trip on the PCT in California.....
the evening hikes started with a record 17 hikers on the first outing of the season, not a bad count for people who work all day and hike 6 miles at dusk, Donna Covi is making things happen for this group.....
the first bike ride of the year in the Helvetia area was not a rain out, matter of fact we had new members as well as prospective members show up in full rain gear for this one.....
Long time members will remember Helen "Penny" Renfrew. Penny was an active member for several years. She was one of the members who trekked the Pacific Crest Trail from the Canadian border to Mexico. She loved camping and through outings became familiar with areas and trails in Oregon and Washington. Penny, now living at Rose Villa in Milwaukie, hit the century mark on March 14. From horses to space craft, from steam power to atomic power, she saw it all and now is wondering what will come next.

Historical Corner- May 1923

July 13 & 14: Perfect climbing conditions are anticipated for our annual Mt. Hood Climb. Equipment necessary -- crampons or screw calks, grease paint, dark glasses, alpine stock and heavy clothing. Camp will be established as high as Timberline Road conditions permit. Transportation \$1.25, guide fee and breakfast \$1.25. Register with Edw. Neubauer, EAst 5084.

July 20 & 21: Jefferson Park is one of nature's beauty spots. We will go in by way of Olallie Lake, which is in itself a beautiful trip. Register with Larry Upson, SELL-wood 0603.

July 28 & 29: Saddle Mt. near Astoria, will be led by Melvin Becker. We leave Saturday afternoon.. Register with Marvin Woolfolk, WALnut 7946.

Board of Trustees Meeting – February 22, 2007

Trails Club of Oregon
Minutes Trustees Meeting April 5, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 by Craig. All trustees were present. Walt Garvin was a guest.

The minutes for Feb. 22 were approved as published in the Blazer.

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| Treasurers Report - balance 2/28/07 | \$ | 12,048.27 |
| March deposits | | 4,566.54 |
| March checks | - | 1,786.09 |
| balance 3/31/07 | | \$ 14,828.72 |

The ending balance reflects the income from the banquet but does not include the expense. It appears that we have missed the February rent payment to the Forest Service for Tyee. The Web Bush dividend income statement appears to have inconsistencies.

Walt Garvin informed us that the Rose Villa marketing manager would like to include our website as a link on his website. It was moved seconded and carried (MSC) Adams, Perino that we have Walt encourage this.

Membership-. Susan Keller will have a booth at the Portland Advent-ist Wellness Seminar April fifth. We will offer two passes to a Hike and Dine as prizes at this event.

Trips- Diana moved that we require current first aid training for all our leaders by January 2009 and current CPR training for our Kayak Leaders. The motion was tabled pending review of earlier board action.

It was MSC Diana, Charlie that leader will not be required to pay trip fees.
On multiday trips fees are charged on a daily basis.

Social- Nancy was applauded for an outstanding banquet. She said that their will be no pic nite this month and announced the hike and dine at Nesika on April 28.

Lisa Conrad was approved for a Nesika Key and Fendall Winston was approved for a Tyee Key.

It was MSC Joyce, Randy that we meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20
Respectfully submitted Merrill Hugo

Membership Notes (March '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.

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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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