



Trail Blazer

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2	Wed	Portland Morning Hike
5	Sat	Memaloose Hills Hike

Upcoming Events		
12	Sat	President's Hike
Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
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.

Meeting Place: Gateway Park & Ride - From I-205 take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple of 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).

85th Annual Banquet
Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Monarch Hotel
12566 S.E. 93rd Ave.
(South of Clackamas Town Center)

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Announcements

Calling all Activity leaders

You are invited to a special event in appreciation of your efforts in making this club work.

Come to Tyee on March 1st (Saturday) for a celebration. We start at 10:00 and will have lunch and dinner as well as an evening event provided. Those who want to spend the night will have the lodge fees waived and breakfast too. Plans include door prizes, awards and a chance to talk about how to deal with the forms, problems, and ideas on where to go. On Sunday March 2 we will have a snowshoe and perhaps a ski trip if the snow gods are willing. Hike leaders, Kayak, bike, backpack and outing leaders are all invited. Those who have not led an activity but plan to do so this year are also invited. Call Diana Forester at 503-288-7782 to register.

Events

Feb 24 (Sun) Cape Horn Hike – Class B

Icy roads stopped this hike in January but hopefully this time we can hike. Cape Horn provides some amazing views of the Columbia from the Washington side. The trail is rough in places but there is only 1300 feet elevation. One of the joys of this hike is the variety of scenery - forest, waterfall, and farmland. Wear boots as there are some rocky areas. 7.5 miles. Meet at Gateway at 9:00 or call Diana Forester, 503-288-7782 for second meeting point in Washougal.

Feb 27 (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: Mike Harrison 503-659-7430

Mar 1-2 (Sat-Sun) Leader Appreciation Event

See write-up under "Announcements" for details.

Mar 5 (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: Gerda Eck 503-654-1353

Mar 5 (Wed) Catherine Creek Hike - Class A

Join us as we wander amidst the early wildflowers of Catherine Creek in the Columbia River Gorge. We will be going slow, Identifying and enjoying whatever is in bloom. We'll hike around 5 miles, depending on our speed and the weather. Bring a wildflower guide if you have one.
Meet: 8 AM at Lewis and Clark State Park off Interstate 84. Drive 100 miles roundtrip.
Leaders: Laurie Skinner (503) 590-3963 or mkskinner2@comcast.net and Susan Saul (360) 892-5643 or sun1s3cr33k@gmail.com.

Mar 8 (Sat) Columbia Gorge hike-----Waunaa Pt. Class B

Join me on a six mile hike with 2000 elevation gain to a great view point about Bonneville Dam.
Last two miles of road to trail head are bumpy gravel.
Lunch at top if not too windy.
Dog friendly hike. Meet 9 am at Gateway transit center in garage.
Leader Brian Carlson 503.252.3608

Mar 8-9 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Lodge - Open

It will be a weekend for children. Bring your young ones and come enjoy a weekend of making snow mans, inner tubing, cross-country skiing and snow showing. We will play kid games Saturday evening. Bernice Schuchardt has agreed to cook. (Great Grandma). Good Food, Good Snow what more could you ask for? Snow Caves? Register with Linda Conrad at 360-837-3875 or lgrconrad@aol.com by March 5th.

March 9 (Sun) Eagle Creek to Cascade Locks – Class A

Walk along a dirt trail and a paved bike path. Bring money for your lunch at a Cascade Locks restaurant. Hike 5.5 miles with 500 feet of elevation gain. Drive 80 miles round trip. Drivers need parking pass. MEET: 9:00 a.m. – (daylight savings time begins today!) - at Gateway Transit Center parking garage.
LEADER: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

March 11th, (Tues) Bicycle Planning Meeting for 2008

Anyone interested in bicycling with the Trails Club this summer is welcome to this meeting. We will plan our rides for the season. Again we will look at evening rides twice a month and a weekday ride in addition to weekend outings. Please come and share your ideas and suggestions to enhance our biking program. Refreshments will be served. Please confirm attendance: giselapiercy@aol.com or 503 648-5885
Meeting Time: 7 pm
Meeting Place: 626 NE Joanne Ct, Hillsboro, OR 97124

Mar 11 (Tue) Aldrich Butte Hike - A level

Assuming that the weather spirits cooperate, a nice short hike from Bonneville Hot Springs Resort to a 1200 butte with a nice view of the gorge. 4 miles round trip. Drive is 84 miles round trip. Will change location if there is snow or ice. Let's consider lunch afterwards at Skamania lodge.
Meet: Troutdale Outlet Stores at 9:00 am
Leader: Diana Forester 503-288-7782

Mar 12 (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

March 13 (Thurs.) Social Committee Meeting

Meeting to plan 85th Annual Banquet and other special events for 2008. We will be meeting at Lila Grossman's at 7 p.m. Call for directions and to let us know that you are interested in attending. Please RSVP with Callista Dunn
503 330-7344 or Kissta9@aol.com

March 15-16, TYEE will be open!

Spend the weekend in the snow or in front of the fire as you please. We may open the lodge on Friday evening. Please call before 9 pm on Wednesday, March 12 to make a reservation and let us know of any dietary needs. HOSTS: Geneva Bliss and Catherine Schiedler 503-234-1839 or catherineschied@juno.com.

Mar 15, (Sat) A+ Hike.

Meet 9am. at Vietnam Memorial Parking Lot (north of Zoo). Hike 5 miles, some uphill. Council Crest, Marquam Trail to OHSU, down tram (free), hop on Streetcar (fare), then MAX (same fare) back to Zoo and parking lot. For information call or e-mail Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878 overpeck@wa-net.com

Mar 15 (Sat) Snowshoe Polallie Ridge - Class C

We'll ascend 2000 feet on this ridge starting at Cooper Spur and return via Tilly Jane. On a clear day there is an option to go further to overlook Elliot Glacier at the 6500 ft level. Registration requested.
Meet: 7:30 AM Gateway, Leader: Gerda Eck 503-654-1353
gerdaeck@msn.com

Mar 17- 25 (Mon-Tue) New Mexico North on CDT trail-Class C

Anyone interested in hiking in New Mexico in March for 10 days? I am interested in starting at the Mexico Border and hiking north. We will need to average 12 miles a day to have water. Email me at lgrconrad@aol.com or call for information. Linda Conrad 360-837-3875.

March 18th (Tues) Saddle Mountain Hike - Class B

This hike takes us to the summit of the mountain at 3, 283 ft. If the weather cooperates we will have panoramic views of Nehalem Bay, the Pacific Ocean, Astoria Bridge and snow covered peaks in the Cascade Range to the east. The hike is about 6 miles with elevation gain.
Meet at the Hillsboro Fred Meyer store off Hwy 26, Cornelius Pass exit 62 A. Please register with leader for time and other questions.
Leader: Gisela Piercy, 503 648-5885 or giselapiercy@aol.com

Mar 19 (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: Audrey Perino 503-246-6462

March 20th (Thurs.) Adventure and Travels: Peru

Peru is a land of extreme contrasts, from its geography through its culture, economy and social structure. This slide presentation is from the point of view of a language student living in one town, Cuzco, for six weeks and talking with teachers, host family members, vendors, tour guides, and taxi drivers. It takes you inside a Peruvian home, reveals some surprising facts about the country's politics and religion, and considers the awesome beauty of the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu as they contrast with Lima, the ancient City of Kings.
Program presented by Joyce Lakie.
Conservation committee will be making a presentation.
MEET: Rose Villa, 13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie, 7:30 p.m.
CONTACT: Nancy Overpeck (360)573-6878 overpeck@wa-net.com

March 22, 2008 (Sat) Dogs welcome hike up Herman Creek. B level for humans.

Celebrate the beginning of spring with a trip to Casey Creek (conditions permitting). Dogs allowed but not required. The trail is mostly wide and the grade is moderate. Round trip up to 8.2 miles with an elevation gain of 1350 feet. We will pass several side creeks and waterfalls. Call Diana Forester at 503-288-7782 to register if you plan to bring a dog. Drive is 78 miles round trip; we will meet at Gateway at 8:30. NW forest pass required

Bennet Pass, Terrible Traverse and the Fat Lady Trail Saturday March 22. Class B

We will start at Bennet Pass, ski across the Terrible Traverse and then down the Fat Lady Trail into Pocket Creek and return to Bennet Pass. The Fat Lady Trail was named after a 7 month pregnant women who skied it many years ago so I am told. You will need good ski control as there are some long downhill stretches needing speed control. Please register with leader as if icy I will go somewhere else.
Meet: Gateway 8 am
Leader Wayne Lincoln 503-245-9193

March 22-23 (Sat-Sun)-Mirror Lake SnowCamp

Grab your snowshoes for an exciting overnight adventure in the snow at beautiful Mirror Lake. This is a great introduction to backpacking and camping in the snow for those who have never done so. Tent, warm sleeping bag, pad, stove, fleece and raingear needed. Dress appropriately for changing winter weather. Please no cotton or jeans. Register with leader in advance for location changes due to weather/snow conditions.

MEET: Contact leader for location.

LEADER: Allen Burrell 503-654-1353 or burrell@teleport.com

Mar 26 (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

March 26 (Wed) Memaloose Hills Loop--Class B

Hike up an abandoned road from the Memaloose Rest Area. After crossing Hwy 30 near the Memaloose Overlook, the trail passes through oak-pine parklands, crosses wide grasslands, and climbs to panoramic views to the S. and E. from two hilltops. Wildflowers. Hike 4-4.5 miles with 700' elevation gain. Be prepared for ticks and poison oak. Drive 60 miles round trip.

Meet: 8:15 a.m., Lewis and Clark State Park, Troutdale

Leader: Nancy Chapman (234-0162) or chapmannj@comcast.net

Mar 29 (Sat) SS Lolo Pass Road Class A

We will start where they have stopped plowing the road and follow this scenic road up 2 or 3 miles. We can use an alternate route in the area if there is a big thaw. Maybe hike it instead. Be flexible!

Meet: Sandy Safeway 9:00am

Leader: Joan Ragan 503-668-6622

Mar 29 (Sat) Eagle Creek Hike to High Bridge- B level.

The classic gorge hike in the full flush of spring. Waterfalls, river views and even some early flowers if we are lucky. Hike 6.6 miles with 700 feet of elevation. Trail Pass required. 75 miles round trip drive. Leader will be Virginia Fuller at 503-5201622. Meet at Gateway at 8:30

Apr 1 (Tues) Lyle Cherry Orchard – Class B

Climb up a series of steep benches above Lyle, gaining 1,000 ft. elevation in the first mile, then heading east across a windswept oak woodland plateau to an abandoned cherry orchard. Great wildflowers and river views all the way. Hike 6 miles with 1,400-ft. elevation gain. Be prepared for poison oak. Drive 100 miles round trip.

Meet: 8:15 a.m., Lewis and Clark State Park, Troutdale

Leader: Susan Saul (360) 892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Apr 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: Jane Storey 503-747-5715

April 5, 2008 (Saturday) Memaloose Hills Loop Hike -A level.

Wildflower hike on the drier end of the Gorge. Hike 6 miles with 500 feet elevation gain. Drive 154 miles round trip. Contact leader Gary Holman (503) 261-3571 for questions. Meet Gateway Park and Ride 8:00

Apr 12 (Sat) President's Hike – Class A

Klickitat Trail: Wahkiacus to Suburbia and Catherine Creek
Wildflower expert Barbara Robinson will guide us along a lovely and historically interesting section of the Klickitat Rail Trail on this joint hike with the Klickitat Trail Conservancy. We will visit the remnants of a dry ice plant and have a chance to taste the mineral spring water. Bring a container if you want to take some water home. If the weather permits, we'll continue along the river to the Suburbia trestle,

which was destroyed in the 1996 flood. For the second part of the hike, we will move to Catherine Creek, one of the premiere wildflower viewing areas in the Columbia Gorge. We will be there for the peak of the camas bloom. Parts of the trail are quite rocky so wear good boots. Hike 6.5 miles, minimal elevation gain; drive 140 miles round trip.

Meet: 7:30 a.m., Gateway Park & Ride

Leader: Susan Saul (360) 892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Trails Ahead

April 20, 2008 (Sunday) Nancy Overpeck's 70th birthday

Nancy is having a birthday ending zero! Let's make this a special day for her. Come celebrate with Nancy between 1:00 and 4:00 at the Rose Villa Fellowship Hall 13505 SE River Rd. Milwaukie. Family and friends are sponsoring this event. RSVP by April 9 to Callista Dunn at (503) 330-7344 or email Kissta9@aol.com

Tues., April 22 - Nesika Lodge Hike - Class B

A beautiful trek up from Multnomah Lodge to the historic and tranquil grounds of Nesika Lodge, offering a babbling creek, spring flowers, lush woods and gradual elevation along the way. Bring water and lunch or snacks. Approx. 7-8 miles rt, 1800-1900' elev. gain. moderate pace.

Meet: Multnomah Lodge by 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Jane Garbisch (503) 314-2233.

April 23-27, 2008 Hell's Canyon Backpack - C level.

Hike the Idaho side from Pittsburg Landing to Johnson Creek and back in this 30 mile trip. The route does not involve as much elevation gain/loss as many trips in the Canyon but does provides the exquisite views for which Hell's Canyon is famous. Group size is limited to six. Contact Bill Fulton at 503-557-3500 for information.

June 6-9, 2008 Outback Ramble - Car Camping and Exploring

This year we will explore the John Day Fossil Beds, hike the Painted Hills, visit the Kam Way Chung Museum in John Day and the Railroad Depot Museum in Prairie City, and check out the restored Gold Dredge in Sumpter. You will have the choice of taking the old steam train down Sumter Valley or hiking (Class C) to the 8,300' lookout on Mt. Ireland. After three nights of camping and "picnicking" on the ground, we will attack the Haines Steak House then finish the Ramble Monday morning at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center which, by itself, is worth a trip to Baker City. We will drive approx. 750 miles. Limited to 12 to 15 participants. Make reservations early so we can arrange carpool.

Merrill Newman (503) 646-3829 or email: onemi.2go@verizon.net.

Trails Club Weekend on the McKenzie River June 27-29, 2008

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. There are 5 cabins, 4 tent sites, 7 RV sites and 2 tent / RV sites reserved for us. Lodging prices range from \$46.33-\$130.80 pp total for cabin beds (depending on the # in your cabin); \$54.50 total for 1-2 people (\$16 each additional person) in tent sites; \$65.40 total for 1-2 people (\$16 each additional person) in RV or tent/RV sites. Additional fees include a \$2 pp (members) or \$4 (nonmembers) TCO activity fee and shared meal costs of approximately \$9-10. Two breakfasts and a campfire dinner will be cooked for those interested. A \$20 deposit is required to hold your lodging reservation. The balance of your lodging fee is due JUNE 10th. Both checks should be made out to TCO. Check out the resort website at www.belknaphotspings.com for photos/info.

Contact Vicki Wood to reserve your spot or for more information: (503) 659-1423 or vwood48@comcast.net

2008 Alpine Outing Okanogon National Forest, Sawtooth Range

First Week Aug 3-10 - Second Week Aug 10-17

This year's outing will be in the Washington State Sawtooth's. These peaks are west of Twisp and east of Lake Chelan. They are noted for the numerous small lakes, the open forest, and in the fall for the golden larch. We will take off from Crater Creek Trailhead and probably camp 5.5 miles and 2300 feet higher at Upper Eagle Lake which is in a dramatic granite basin.

Pack animals will carry in your personal equipment (up to 35 pounds) as well as all the group equipment and food. You only need to carry a day pack. We will spend the days hiking, fishing, and perhaps swimming. All meals are provided and all cooking and camp chores are shared.

Maximum group size each week is 12. Minimum group is 10 persons. This wonderful trip will be \$300 for club members and \$350 for nonmembers. To reserve your spot, send a \$50 check made out to the "Trails Club of Oregon" to Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 1243, Portland, Or. 97207. This money is not refundable and it will be included in the total cost. Please indicate which week you want to attend your phone number and email address if possible.

For more information, call Diana Forester at 503-288-7782 or email me at diana_forester@msn.com

Trails Traveled

Twin Lakes Snowshoe, Jan. 23 – Four members and a guest enjoyed outstanding conditions. Despite the 19E F temperature when we left the SnoPark, the sun was shining and we were sheltered from the wind as we hiked the 2.5 miles to Lower Twin Lake, briefly glimpsing Mount Hood through the forest. We climbed cross-country up to Upper Twin Lake, then returned to Lower Twin Lake for lunch and a bask in the sun. On the return hike, Kelly showed us how to go cross-country back to the SnoPark rather than taking the trail. It had warmed up to 28EF. The only dark cloud over this otherwise perfect day was the discovery that someone had broken a window in Rich's car and taken his glasses and Kelly's bag containing a banana and extra SnoPark Pass. Leader: Susan Saul

June Lake-Swift Trail Snowshoe, Jan. 27 – Dire weather forecasts didn't prevent 15 people from turning out for this snowshoe hike. We left town at 8:30 a.m. and the freezing rain arrived around 9 a.m., so we managed to miss the car slip-and-slide. At the Marble Mountain SnoPark it was 30EF and snowing – very wet snow, just short of being rain. We took the Pine Marten Trail to the June Lake Trail. After a short break to view June Lake Falls, we climbed across the lava flow to a more sheltered lunch spot in the woods. After lunch, we continued on to the Swift Creek Trail, where we met the only other hiker of the day. We headed down to the cars, taking a side-trip through some beautiful old growth trees, for a total distance of about 6.5 miles. Leader: Susan Saul

Jan.31-Feb.3 Bend Winter Trip Bend, OR

The snow at Mt. Bachelor was great. This year in Bend we had the most snow we've ever had. It was a real Winter Wonderland. The trip getting there was a little slow because of the weather, but that was to be expected this year.

The snow was great and fun was had by all.

After skiing, shopping, swimming and hot tubing and dinner out each evening with old friends and new friendships was enjoyed by all.

Snowshoe 2-12 Weygandt Basin - Leader: Gerda Eck

Tuesday Feb. 12th, nine of us met up for a snowshoe outing. The original destination was the Wind River area in Washington, but our leader Grad found out the roads were unplowed thus inaccessible, so plans were changed. She chose a cross country ski area called the Weygandt Basin, in the Cooper Spur area. This is described in in Klindt Vielbig's second edition of "Cross Country Ski Routes-Oregon" book.

After heading south on hwy 35 from Hood River, we took the CooperSpur/Pollalie Creek road exit to head toward the Cooper Spur Ski Resort. We were just heading to the sno park lot, but got delayed about 20 minutes as we crept behind some hard working plows and snow blowers, much deserved thanks to them!

After gearing up, we leisurely started (well except for one energizer bunny ;) a very gradual incline on Cloud Cap road, for about 1.4 miles. At a rocky cliff-like area we veered right to follow the blue-diamonded trail.

This ski trail winds through a mix of firs and open areas, and is still a barely noticeable uphill toward Weygandt Summit. Mt Hood was cloaked in a meringue-like cloud today, and there were thick grey clouds to the north, so our views were limited. But we had big chunks of blue skies and sun, and had our lunch enjoying those on the open slope.

Gerda said one can follow the logging roads; however, we went cross country from here, through the forest to reconnect with Cloud Cap road again, making kind of a balloon-shaped loop. This trip starts at 3800 ft, Weygandt Summit is at 4020 ft. Total round trip today was approx 5 miles. The snow was soft and sinky in the sunny areas, but more compacted on the road and trail. Temps were mild and comfortable.

On the way back we stopped at the Mount Hood Country Store, to use their restroom - what a cute store! I had never stopped in there before, they have a bit of everything, maps, gifts, snacks, antiques, and a fireplace with inviting rocking chairs, and a deli-restaurant connected. There are new, young owners, drop in sometime to say hello and support their business if you're in the area!

Thanks to the wonderful Trails Club folks and friends for a fun play day in the snow!

Jane Garbisch

Let's Talk About

Helen A. "Penny" Renfrew 1907-2008

Penny Renfrew joined the Trails Club in August 1961 and died on January 17, 2008, at Rose Villa, where she had lived since 1974, having achieved age 100. Penny was born on March 14, 1907, in Indianapolis. In an era when women were generally not considered "outdoorsy," Penny delighted in hiking, backpacking, kayaking, canoeing and camping. She traveled widely, exploring the Pacific Northwest, Alaska and the Yukon with her husband, "Doc" (Dr. Francis Renfrew) and happily pitching a tent wherever their travels took them. Penny hiked many miles on the Pacific Crest Trail and traveled well into her 80s throughout Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa and New Zealand. Her Trails Club service as Trustee, leader, and cheerful, determined participant will be missed by those who had the privilege of hiking and visiting with her. Several years back at Barlow Pass, awaiting a Trails Club friend then completing Oregon's PCT, Penny, hiking gear-clad, was insistent that a "red carpet" was laid on the trail at the point of completion, following long-standing TC custom. Her family requests remembrances to the Trails Club or the Rose Villa Foundation

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susan Saul

The strength of the Trails Club lies in its members. In the Trails Club, we are part of a social community where we enjoy the company of others who share our passions for hiking and other outdoor activities. That special feeling of belonging has kept the Trails Club strong as we both welcome new members and recognize long-time members.

Seven members have reached a significant milestone in Trails Club history. Fifty years of membership is a notable achievement, signifying loyalty to the Trails Club community and enduring support over the years. Please join me in congratulating these members who have reached Golden Member status:

Bernice Stearns

- Candy Bagley
- Glaydis Bassinger
- Dottie Blattner
- Robert Hilands
- Mildred Hubbert
- Susan Keller

Young Leung's photo on the the cover of the February 2008 issue of Senior Messenger, a monthly newspaper for Clark County, Washington, residents who are 50 years or older. In the photograph, Young is showing off a squash from his community garden plot. Young's photo, taken by local photographer Bob Byrd, is part of a photo exhibit entitled "New American Gothic" on display at the Marshall Community Center in Vancouver. Byrd's goal with the exhibit is to document the people who share the common language of growing food.

2008 Adventures and Travels

- March 20 Peru Joyce Lakie
Conservation committee presentation
- April 17 Alpine Wilderness Callista Dunn
Backpacking committee presentation
- May 15 Thailand Steve Wilson
Bicycle committee presentation

TCO 2008 Lodge Work Weekend Schedule

(Watch Blazer as work weekends get closer for more details)

Tvee

- May 31-June 1
- August 9-10
- September 13-14

Nesika

- April 19-20
- May 17-18
- June 14-15
- July 12-13
- August 9-10
- September 13-14

Our club has seen a lot of use at our lodges this winter. Thanks to everyone who stepped up to the plate and offered to help; from hosts and cooks to all the guests who pitched in with the chores. Kudos also to all who led ski and snowshoe trips, as well as those organizing out of town trips. We would like to remind everyone of the club rules that have been adopted over the years: No smoking, alcohol or pets are permitted during club functions, including at Tyee and Nesika Lodges, you should also refrain from political or sectarian discussions. Dogs are allowed on designated dog hikes. Also, if you reserve for a meal at either lodge and are unable to attend, you are obligated to either pay for your share of the food or find someone else to take your place.

History - Trail Blazer, September 1937

OCTOBER 3 - ABIQUA FALLS: The catch in this trip is first to find a way to the trail. Once on the trail you hike through pleasant woods to discover in the heart of them this surprising waterfall. In order to do this you must get to Sixth and Alder by 7:30 A. M. have \$1.00 for your transportation and register with Herbert Rasor: *EA0470*, not later than the Friday night preceding the trip.

October 11-12

KAYAK TRIPS 2008

- May 4 Yamhill River Leader: Gerda Eck
- Sauvie Island - early Leader: Rich Fuhs
- Columbia Slough – late spring thru fall
- Bachelor Island
- Tualatin River – May-July
- Willamette River – May-July
- Tualatin River (coordinate with evening concert in Jul or Aug?)
- Lewis River (several options)
- Sand Island (coast)
- Coon Island
- Waldo Lake
- Cowlitz River
- Nehalem River
- Aug 2-10 Johnstone Straits Leaders: Steve Benson & Lisa Brice

Related, non-Trails Club events

- Aug 18-22 Paddle Oregon – registration required
- Aug 22-24 Skamokawa – Lower Columbia Kayak Roundup

Summary of Board meeting

(Complete report on Member's web page)

February 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Susan Saul at 7:35pm.
Guests: Art Stangell (Legal Advisor), Julie Dailey (Investment Chair)

Susan opened the meeting by welcoming our newest member, David Conrad (Lodge Trustee).

The minutes of the January 8th meeting were approved with one correction. Under Lodges, the word "that" was changed to "than."

Administrative Assistant's Report –The club received three donations this month; one from Judith A. Moore in memory of Helen (Penny) Renfrew, which has been reported to the Memorial Endowment Committee, a gift from Joanne Rose for all of the wonderful years she has enjoyed in the club and one from Alice Wagstaff to be added to this year's dues to help with the operation costs of the club.

Virginia presented a document outlining the Pros and Cons of our temporary storage options. It was approved that we will rent a public storage space for a maximum of three months at \$430 per month.

Treasurer's Report –The board reviewed the financial reports and a letter to the USFS, outlining our 2007 work-in-lieu expenses in the Columbia Basin to be credited against the Tyee land rent. We now have bonding insurance of \$10,000 for the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer positions. Most of the financial data has been given to Henton Accountants for use in doing our 2007 taxes.

It was decided that the financials would not be published in the newsletter until after the year end final close and approval of the reports by our CPA firm.

Beginning balance 12/31/07	\$ 5,587.15
January deposits	\$ 3,461.44
January checks	\$ -2,824.06
Ending balance 01/31/08	\$ 6, 224.53

Committees:

Membership –The membership committee has tried to contact all members that have not paid their 2008 dues either by email, phone and/or postcard. As of today, there are 47 members that are delinquent in their dues.

Trips – A brief update was given by Virginia and Susan on the Volunteer Recognition/Leader Training event being held on Mar. 1st & 2nd at Tyee. At this time, Virginia will continue to distribute the

Trip Leader Packets. We are working on placing most of them on the web site to decrease our mailing costs.

Publications – Fendall reminded us that the 15th is the deadline.

The promoting and utilizing of the Yahoo list serve was discussed. This was placed on hold until after we receive more information from the Webmaster.

Social –The banquet date is Sunday, April 13th at 6pm at the Monarch Hotel. This year our guest speaker is Dave Willis, whose topic will be the Soda Mountain Wilderness in southern Oregon and northern California.

Lodges and Properties – (MSC Randy/David) David submitted a request from Callista Dunn for a Tyee Lodge key which was approved. The discussion moved to concerns about the condition of our buildings and roads.

History – Susan indicated that she is about ready to contract with the archivist since we have the storage setup.

Investments – Julie Dailey and Susan met with our broker from Morgan Stanley on February 28th. All transactions to balance and rebalance our funds are recommended by the broker and approved by the Investment committee. Withdrawals from the investments can only be a transfer to the club's checking account. The money is invested in long term conservative funds and Morgan Stanley does not have mortgage issues. A yearly report of the investments will be given at the annual meeting and quarterly reports to the board.

Memorials –Wayne Schweinfest was approved as the chair and Carolyn Jenkins was approved as the Vice Chair.

Unfinished Business
Audit Committee Report – Held until March

2008 Directory Update –. Randy indicated that the deadline is the 1st of March to allow time for the directory to be complete before the banquet.

This year's Henry Waspe Award committee was formed. We have received one valid nomination at this time.

The meeting was adjourned @ 9.05pm. Respectfully submitted by Virginia Larson, in Merrill Hugo's absence

Membership Notes

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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Trails Club Kayaking for 2008

Hi kayakers! Warmer weather and warmer water is on the way. Soon it will be time to be out paddling!

Mark Monday, Apr 28 on your calendar! That's the date of the kick-off meeting for this kayak season. The meeting will be held at Portland Kayak at 7 PM. Portland Kayak is located at 6342 SW Macadam Ave. Suite G, Portland, OR 97239, along the Willamette River. At the meeting we'll provide you with information regarding our trips and plans for the season. We'll help coordinate refresher courses for wet exit and re-entry in local pools. Portland Kayak will talk about the latest in boats and gear, their trips, and courses they offer. We've added a refresher course that combines and reviews our two basic safety courses. That's for those of us who lose it if we don't use it, or who didn't "own" it after the initial classes.

In the Kayak Trips section is an outline of trips that we hope to offer. We are looking forward to input from you at the kickoff meeting and throughout the season about where and when you would like to paddle. The schedule will be updated throughout the season. If you have suggestions for a favorite destination, contact any of the committee members.

All kayak trips will be rated, so you will know the paddling skills that are required, the water conditions to be encountered, and the endurance that is required. Check out the Trip Rating System document on the kayak web page for more information.

Gear for a kayak trip, from boat, paddle, and safety gear, through a dry or wet suit for cold water trips, can be rented from Portland Kayak or any local kayak shop.

The Guidelines for Participants document, available on the kayak web page, can give you the information you need to prepare for a kayak trip. All participants should be proficient with paddle strokes, directional control, wet exit, and wet re-entry. Check out the Safety & Training section below for the type of classes which can provide these skills and prepare you for any trip we will offer this year.

Portland Kayak (and other local kayak shops) conducts clinics that can bring your kayaking skills up to the level required for any of our trips. To get more information on and to sign up for these classes, contact Portland Kayak directly at (503) 459-4050, or email them at paddle@portlandkayak.com. Tell them you are a member of Trails Club to get a 10% discount. Their website is <http://www.portlandrivercompany.com>. Trails Club members will be reimbursed for half the fee of their safety courses by the Trails Club and get 10% discount on accessories purchased from Portland Kayak. If you have any questions, suggestions, or favorite kayak destinations, contact any member of the kayak committee.

Access the kayak page on the Trails Club web site (<http://www.trailsclub.org/>) for latest kayak information and links to all the information that is presented below.

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