



Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events

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31-Jan 1	Wed-Thurs	New Years at Nesika
31-Jan 2	Wed-Thurs	New Years at Tyee
Jan1	Thurs	Hike to Nesika - Class B
Jan 3	Sat	Bald Eagle Hike - Class A+
Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
Meeting places are detailed at the end of events section		
TRIP FEES: Members. \$1; Guests \$2; Carpool 15 cents/mile		

Announcements

Help Wanted- We need help repairing one of the directors chairs at Nesika. The canvas for the seat is worn out and needs to be replaced. Is there anyone in the club who can sew a new canvas seat and back for the chair and attach them? If you think you would like to take on the job please call Merrill Hugo 503-293-5102.

New Lodge Fees

As was mentioned at the annual membership meeting, lodge fees have been revisited for the first time in nearly twenty years. The following fees were presented to, and passed by the board unanimously at the November 11th board meeting. Please be aware that the fees shown here are effective

December 1st, 2008.

Adult

Members: \$10 per night
Guests: \$15 per night

Age 12-17

Jr. Members: \$5 per night
Member's children: \$10 per night
Guest children: \$15 per night

Under 12

Member children: \$5 per night
Guest children: \$5 per night

Family Cap

Member Families: \$30 per night
Guest Families: \$40 per night

Other fees

Day fee: \$2
Winter opening of Tyee: \$50 minimum

Meal fees

Breakfast and dinner fees are suggested not to exceed \$12 per person. Children younger than eight will be charged half the adult price.

David Conrad
Lodge Trustee

ORDER NEW "WICKING" TCO T-SHIRTS BY DECEMBER 8

We have a new design by Nadine Morris on 3 styles of t-shirts available for prepaid orders (think Xmas gifts!)

1) Forest green dry mesh (wicking) is a 100% polyester short sleeve for \$18.50.

2) Light gray dry mesh (wicking) is 100% polyester with long sleeves for \$19.50.

3) Forest green is 100% cotton with short sleeves for \$7.50.

To order, send a check payable to TCO to Trails Club of Oregon, PO Box 1243, Portland, OR 97207. Indicate number and style of shirts ordered and sizes (unisex XS, S, M, L, XL in dry mesh----this style tends to run a little large, and S, M, L, XL, 2XL in cotton.)

The order will be filled on December 8th, so be sure your check is received by that date. It will be your responsibility to pick up your shirt(s) after arrival.

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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 outdoor activity, a scheduled lodge visit, 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.

Board Meetings (2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm) @
Rose Villa Fellowship Hall, 13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie, OR

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HIKE AWARDS MILEAGE TRACKING FOR 2009

Trails Club members will be responsible for tracking their own, mileage beginning January 1 if they are interested in competing for the Mary Lou Greene High Miler Award and the Una Davies High Traveler Award to be presented at the 2010 banquet. The Mary Lou Greene Award is presented annually to the member who accumulates the most total miles on TCO-sponsored hikes, backpacks, snowshoes, skis, and a percentage of bike rides. The Una Davies Award goes to the member who has hiked the most new miles on the Pacific Crest Trail in Oregon and Washington. Application forms for the awards will be available from Jane Storey, the Trips Trustee.

Events

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.

Dec 3 (Wed) Morning hike - Class A to A +

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

If you like, you may hike with the slower-paced walkers. Contact Steve Wilson, 503-320-9808, for information.

Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Phillip Jackson 503-639-6250

Dec 4 (Thurs) Hart's Cove Hike - Class A

Remote Hart's Cove headland (near Neskowin) was a school teacher's homestead many years ago. Only a lovely meadow remains, but a large group of sea lions and a tiny water fall are usually visible nearby. The trail in drops 900 ft. in 2.7 miles passing through a grove of old growth Sitka spruce. It can be wet and slippery crossing creeks, so dress accordingly. If time remains we can either visit Cascade Head via the nearby upper trail or row across the Salmon River for a walk on the isolated spit just south of Cascade Head (each alternative 1-2 miles easy walking). Limited to 8 hikers. Subject to cancellation in the event of nasty beach weather or an icy highway OR-18 over the coastal range Contact leader to register and for details.

Hike: 5.4 + 2 mi. total, 900 ft. elev. gain, moderate pace.
Drive: 155 mi. RT, leaving Tigard at 8 am.

Meet: Contact leader

Leader: Bill Savery 503-295-5868 or
saveryw@comcast.net

Dec 4 (Thurs) Ponytail to Triple Falls Hike - Class B

This hike begins at Horsetail Falls trail head. This delightful trail explores a cavern behind Ponytail Falls and then loops around Oneonta Gorge. Add'l 1.8 mi side trip leads to breathtaking Triple Falls, where 3 plumes of water plunge 120 feet at once. Bring water & lunch or snacks. Approx 5-6 mi RT 740 feet gain. Meet: 8:30 AM at the right side (So side) of the Troutdale Outlet Mall parking lot. Leave 8:45 AM
 Leader: Joyce Rasmussen 503 253-6587
 dollymama1937@msn.com.

Dec 6 (Sat) West Leg Road Cross Country Ski - Class B

Get your ski legs on this early trip. Distance will depend upon snow level. Mileage could be as much as 8 miles round trip if there is snow at the lowest level. Elevation is up to 1500 feet. Snow Park permits required. Tyee Lodge is open that weekend and so you might consider a visit. If you want to have dinner you need to contact Ann Dudley or Jean Nash earlier (see notice below for details).
 Leader: John Heaton (503) 257-2012

Dec 6 & 7 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Lodge open

This is the first weekend for getting out the snowshoes and skies with hopefully lots of snow. We will be fixing dinner on Saturday evening and breakfast in the morning. If we do not have enough snow bring a good book, play games or go out for a hike.
 Hostesses: Ann Marie Dudley and Jean Naish
 Register with Ann Marie Dudley 360-944-6573 or
 annudley@juno.com

Dec 7 (Sun) Crosstown Trail Snowshoe - Class B

Crosstown Trail: 6 miles RT, 600 feet gain.
 Let's celebrate the start of another snow season with an easy to moderately strenuous trip suitable for all levels of snowshoeing. We will have lunch at Enid Lake, our turnaround point. Bring food and water and attire appropriate for inclement weather. No cotton clothing. Trip subject to change depending on snow conditions. Contact leader for further information and to arrange carpools from Portland. Registration required.
 Leader: Elizabeth McLagan (503) 231-6587, 1-503-560-1658 or
 mclaganej@yahoo.com

Dec 7 (Sunday) - Tualatin Hills Hike - Class A

We will hike from the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation Center and follow the Fanno Creek Trail to the site of the old Greenwood Inn on SW Allen near Highway 217 and return to the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation Center. Walking surface is level on the trail. Bring rain gear as the weather may be rainy. No need to bring lunch but carry water. This is a qualifying membership hike.
 Hike: 5 miles round trip with very slight elevation gain. Meet: 10 a.m. at Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation Center on the corner of SW Oleson and Garden Home Road across from Lamb's Thiftway.
 Contact: Angelo Carella, hike leader, 503-384-0250 or Katherine Carella at Windermere 503-497-2126

Dec 10 (Wed) Wednesday Morning Hike - Class A/A+

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader. If you like, you may hike with the slower-paced walkers. Contact Steve Wilson, 503-320-9808, for information.
 Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
 Leader: Merrill Hugo 503-293-5102

Dec 13 (Sat) TBA Snowshoe Hike

Meet: contact the leader by 12/12
 Leader: Jane Storey 503-724-5467 or
 andrewstorey@comcast.net

Dec 17 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/A+

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.
 If you like, you may hike with the slower-paced walkers. Contact Steve Wilson, 503-320-9808, for information.
 Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
 Leader: Gerda Eck 654-1353

Dec 17 (Wed) Boy Scout Ridge Snow Shoe (class B)

From White Canyon we hike through a series of clear cuts to a heavily forested ridge. We then loop back on the PCT until we reach Yellow Jacket trail and return to the car. Round trip is about 5 miles and elevation is perhaps 300 feet. If there is not enough snow we will consider hiking the same route. Snow Park permit needed if you drive. Round trip is 120 miles.
 Meet: Troutdale Outlet Mall (South section) at 8:30 or Joe's Donut Shop in Sandy at 9:00
 Leader: Diana Forester 503-288-7782

Dec 21 (Sun) Snowshoe - destination TBA - Class B

It might be Ghost Ridge; it might be the abandoned PCT off East Leg Road depending on the conditions and the group.
 Meet: Contact leader, Registration required
 Leader: Allen Burrell 503-654-1353
 burrell@teleport.com

Dec 21 & 22 (Sun - Mon) Tyee Lodge open

A winter wonderland will surely put you in the mood for a joyous holiday season; enjoy some quiet time after skiing or snowshoeing in front of the fireplace at our home in the mountains. The lodge will be open after 3pm on Sunday, because we'll be outside playing somewhere on the trails...! Register for meals (Sunday dinner and/or Monday breakfast) no later than Thursday Dec 18.
 Host: Allen Burrell; Hostess: Gerda Eck - 503-654-1353
 gerdaeck@msn.com

Dec 23 (Tue) Sandy River Delta Doggie Hike - Class A

Explore "Dog Heaven" with its two rivers, wetlands, and Maya Lin confluence project. If you haven't been to the Delta for a while, you will see a lot of changes as the dam has been removed and there is a new all season trail. Avoiding the weekend crowds we will hike 5 miles or so depending on water levels. Dogs that are well behaved and well socialized are welcome but call the leader first if you plan to bring the pooch. This will be a short day so you have time to partake of any holiday craziness you have scheduled. The drive is only a mile from the meeting place. No forest pass required.
 Meet: Troutdale Outlet Stores lot (South section) at 9:00
 Leader: Diana Forester 503-288-7782

Dec 24 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/A+

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader. If you like, you may hike with the slower-paced walkers. Contact Steve Wilson, 503-320-9808, for information.
 Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
 Leader: Wayne Schweinfest 503-253-3073

Dec 27 (Sat) Beginner Snowshoe - Class A

This snowshoe will be easy; great for anyone who is new to snowshoeing, needs to get those legs in condition. You can bring kids approx. 12 yrs and up. Mt Hood area. Sno-Park Permits required.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED by 9:00am Friday Dec.26.
Leader: Joan Miller joanmil@juno.com 503-524-0562

Dec 27 - 28 (Sat - Sun) Tyee- Post Christmas

Come tryout your new skis, snowshoes or outdoor wear for the weekend. Bill Yandon will Host and Stephen Brown will Cook (needs assistant). Stephen (Tyee Chair) will walk through the Winter Opening/Closing procedures for members wanting to Host. Reservations by Wednesday, December 24th
Contact: Call Bill Yandon: 503-538-3643 or email: wkyandon@earthlink.net

Dec 28 - 29 (Sun-Mon) Tyee Open

The St. Nicholas teens will be using Tyee on the nights of December 28 and 29. If you would like to join us, register with Rebecca Knudeson by Dec.23
Rebecca Knudeson 503-639-2234, rknudeson@gmail.com

Dec 31 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/A+

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader. If you like, you may hike with the slower-paced walkers. Contact Steve Wilson, 503-320-9808, for information.
Meet: Wallace Park between NW 25th & 26th on Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Leader: Lila Grossman 503-227-0684

Dec 31 - Jan 1(Wed-Thur) New Year at Nesika

We will meet at Gateway at 5:30 PM on December 31st gather and hike up to Nesika in the dark. Bring instep crampons and trekking poles. No cotton. It is very cold at the lodge this time of year. It will take 2-3 hours to hike in depending on the weather and snow level. Have dinner before you meet. Bring chicken noodle soup for the lodge. No alcohol. Just a night of relaxation and friends. Bring your own food and be prepared to pot luck.
Register with Linda Conrad at lgrconrad@aol.com or 360-837-3875.

Dec 31 - Jan 2 (Wed - Fri) Family New Year's at Tyee

Come celebrate the New Year in the snow at Tyee Lodge. Bring the youngsters and teens for a family friendly occasion. Join us as we ski, snowshoe, sled and play in the snow or read a book. We will be watching the Ski bowl's fireworks display at midnight.
Reservations by Sunday, Dec. 28th by 5 p.m.
Hosts and Cooks: Debbie Ralls, Paul and Callista Snively
Register with: Callista Snively 503-330-7344 or Kissta9@aol.com

Jan 1 (Thurs) New Year Hike to Nesika - Class B

Take your first hike of the year and help perpetuate this fine old club tradition. As the trail can be icy bring shoe crampons and hiking poles. Hopefully a slower pace and a faster pace hike will be led. Bring your lunch which we hope to eat around the glowing fireplace in the lodge. Hot drinks will be available. We will leave the lodge about 1:30 p.m. so that we will be out before dark. This hike will meet both requirements for Trails Club membership. Hike 8 miles with 1800 feet elevation gain. Drive 48 miles.

MEET: Gateway Park and Ride at 8:00 a.m. Call leader if you want to meet at Multnomah Falls Lodge.
LEADER: Faster paced leader is Susan Saul 360-892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com A slower paced hike leader is needed. Contact Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456 or carolynjnkns1@netzero.net

Jan 3 (Sat) Bald Eagle Viewing Hike - Class A+

Start the day with the Lyle Lions Club's monthly fundraiser breakfast: made-to-order omelet, pancakes, coffee and juice for \$5. Then we'll visit the Balfour-Klickitat Park at the mouth of the Klickitat River to view bald eagles. I saw 50 birds last year. We'll spend the rest of the day hiking at Catherine Creek. We might be amazed to find the first grass widows of 2009! Bring binoculars, lunch and warm clothes. Drive 150 miles. Hike 5 miles, 500 feet elevation gain. Meet: Gateway Transit Center, 7:30 a.m. Register with leader in case of cancellation due to weather.
Leader: Susan Saul 360-892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Meeting Places:

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).
From I-84, take I-205 and follow the above exit and instruction.

Wallace Park is the usual meeting place for Forest Park and city hikes. Meet at Wallace Park on NW Raleigh between NW 25th and NW 26th. Parking is usually not a problem on Raleigh. Tri Met buses 15, 17 and 77 service is near.

Target is a common west side meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185th Ave and drive south to Evergreen Pkwy turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr., Park in the southwest corner of Target's parking lot. Tri Met buses 47, 52 and 89 service is near.

Trails Ahead

Winter Sports Committee

Diana Forester	Trips Chair	503-288-8872
Gerda Eck	Snowshoe Coordinator	503-654-1353
Help Needed Here	XC Ski Coordinator	
Joan Ragan	Tyee Host Coordinator	503-668-6622

The Snowshoeing and XC Ski season is almost upon us. We are looking for leaders for both kinds of trips. Please contact the **activity coordinator** if you would like to lead a trip

**Mount Adams Flying L Ranch Winter Activities
February 20-22, 2009**

\$140 includes two nights lodging and 2 breakfasts. We will have a potluck dinner Saturday night, and x/c skiing and snowshoeing during the day. To reserve your spot send a check (made out to Flying L. Ranch) plus roommate preferences, if any, to: Elizabeth McLagan 1237 SE 34th Ave., Portland OR 97214.

Deadline: December 31, 2008.

For more information contact Elizabeth at mclaganej@yahoo.com or 503-231-6587

Winter at Tyee

Thank you to the many who have signed up to host a weekend at lodge. There are still several openings in Jan., Feb., and March. Check the website and call Joan Ragan [503-668-6622] to fill the schedule!

Snowshoe Schedule:

January 4 (Sun)	Frog Leg Butte S/S	Bill Fulton
January 10 (Sat)	TBD Snowshoe	Joan Ragan
January 17 (Sat)	McLellan Meadow	Lisa Brice
January 21 (Wed)	Twin Lakes Snowshoe	Ursula Edlund
January 24 (Sat)	TBD Snowshoe	Bob Link
January 27 (Tue)	Weygandt Basin	Gerda Eck
January 31 (Sat)	June Lake Snowshoe	Susan Saul
February 1 (Sun)	Snowshoe From Tyee	Lesia Carlock
February 7 (Sat)	Twin Lakes Snowshoe	Lisa Conrad
February 8 (Sun)	Barlow Pass South on PCT	Carolyn Jenkins
February 11 (Wed)	Palmateer Snowshoe	Susan Saul
February 14 (Sat)	Mineral Jane Snowshoe	Gini Bateman
Feb 20-22 (Sat-Sun)	Flying L Ranch	
Deadline: December 31, 2008 mclaganej@yahoo.com 503-231-6587		
February 21 (Sat)	Mt Adams area	Gerda Eck
February 28 (Sat)	Hardtime Loop	Lisa Brice
March 1 (Sun)	Trillium Lake (Wind River area)	Janet Toman
March 7 - 8 (Sat - Sun)	Nite-in-the-white at Tyee	Allen Burrell
March 7 (Sat)	Old Man Pass	Roger Anderson
March 8 (Sun)	TBD Snowshoe	Allen Burrell
March 15 (Sun)	TBD Snowshoe	Cathy Schiedler
April 4 - 5 (Sat - Sun)	Pollalie Ridge snowcamp	Allen Burrell
April 4 (Sat)	Pollalie Ridge	Jill Nathman

Invitation by the Cascade Prime Timers

Each Friday during January, February and March the Prime-timers schedule snowshoe trips. Trails Club members are invited to join these events. When you arrive at the Safeway Parking lot in Sandy before 9AM, sign in with the leader. There is a column where you mark whether or not you are a member, simply write TC and join in carpooling to the trailhead. Carpool fee is \$6 to \$8 per person to the driver. Their schedule will not be posted in the Trail Blazer, however, we'll try to inform the TC webmaster of the destination by Tuesday of each week. Another option is to contact Bev Carlon at 503-665-7257 or Gerda Eck at 503-654-1353.

SENIOR OUTING – 2009

Want to know about the extraordinary natural forces that shaped the familiar features of the Northwest? Are you curious to see up close the evidence of the floods that formed the scablands of eastern Washington and crested at 1000 feet entering the Columbia Gorge, leaving such landmarks as Rocky Butte?

If so, mark your calendars for April 19-24, 2009 and join the Ice Age Floods Tour. See the flood sites through the eyes of a geologist, enjoy birding walks with knowledgeable birders and see the wildflowers in bloom along the way.

Lodging stops in the tri-cities area, Moses Lake, Coer d'Alene and Connell, Washington. Fees will include all transportation, most meals, lodging, and entry fees to museums, visitor centers and Wildlife Refuges.

Call Leonard Murphy at 503-665-6449 for additional information if interested in this spring trip.

August 14-21, 2009 - Hike, bike, climb, kayak and sight see with the Mazamas. Then cook, eat, talk and sleep at Ramblewood. Three hikes daily and a couple of A-1 climbs over the week with Mazamas leader Margaret Smith. You can rent bikes and kayaks or bring your own to use close by. Enjoy seeing Port Townsend with all the Victorian homes. Sol Duc Hot Springs and hikes to the west. Hurricane Ridge is a must hike place. We will have a fully equipped kitchen, meeting room w/fireplace and dining area. Modern bathhouse. Cabins, Adirondacks, inside loft, RV sites or your tent are the sleeping accommodations. Large fire pit and picnic tables for evening enjoyment with snacks. See December article for more information or contact leaders. Mazama members \$150 Register early, spaces limited.

Leader: Billie Goodwin 503-254-6121 oriongood@aol.com
Assistant: Karen Yanhs-Anderson kyanh@yahoo.com

Let's Talk About

Thank You Volunteers- Tyee Work Weekends

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the almost 40 volunteers who participated in one of the four work parties at Tyee this year. Access to the lodge was delayed till July, even then, two foot drifts needed to be hand shoveled to provide a clear drive. Much was accomplished after a long winter with incredible snow fall. Many projects involved repairing winter damage. Next year I'm looking for volunteers with carpentry experience to replace the outside stairways and porch roof. Need donations of old climbing rope to line the access trail and a foosball table for the game room. Also, we're looking for volunteers to help sew slip covers for our living room chairs.

Tyee Lodge was well designed for the winter environment and has withstood almost 60 years of Mt. Hood winters. Volunteers assisting with maintenance and improvements will make it last another 60 years.

Contact me with any suggestions or improvements.
Stephen Brown, Tyee Chair (360) 687-6169,
ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com

FEDERATION OF WESTERN OUTDOOR CLUBS CONVENTION

In mid October, two of our TCO Conservation Committee members attended the 76th annual FWOC convention held at the Siskiyou Field Institute, in the vicinity of Selma, Oregon.

The Federation presently has about 50 member clubs, all being located in the far western states. Approximately two-thirds of the clubs were represented by delegates. Each delegate brought concerns, mostly in the form of resolutions, from their geographical area. All club delegates were asked to describe some features of the home club, such as size of membership, principle activities, location, and a success story of the past year.

There were opportunities for short hikes to view the nearby beautiful and untamed Illinois River.

The agenda included guest speakers sharing a wide range of topics, such as Forests and Fauna of the Future, Farms and Fish of the Future, Fuels of the Future, and a report regarding the Western Oregon Plan Revision (timber harvesting).

Some twenty four resolutions were presented for the delegates to review, make corrections or clarifications, and adopt. The convention ended with elections of new officers. This convention enabled attendees to become aware of the numerous local issues and to take home sufficient information to support the other clubs and their causes. It became very apparent that all representatives shared a strong desire to encourage responsible use of our land and waters.

Summary of Board Minutes

(Complete report on Member's web page)

Susan called the meeting to order at 7:30. Newly elected trustees Phillip Jackson and Barbara Warren-Sams were welcomed.

The minutes for the October meeting were approved as corrected.

Administrative Assistant- Virginia presented her annual report. She distributed a calendar of events for 2009.

Treasurers Report- Beginning Balance	\$ 6,606.56
October Deposits	860.50
October Checks -	7,176.09
	\$290.97

The property tax bills for both lodges have been received. The budget committee will present its proposed 2009 budget later in the meeting.

Membership- Vicki read Andrew Tipton, Geoffrey A. Green, and Sheryl A. Wagner for the first time. L Joan Stevens was elected to membership.

(msc Randy, Vicki) The subscription fee for the Blazer will be raised to \$25.00 per year starting in 2009.

We will ask the people receiving the Blazer on a reciprocal basis if they wish to continue. We agreed that if a hike is listed in the Blazer as a "membership hike" there must be a visit to a scheduled lodge activity as an integral part of the hike.

Trips- (msc Diana, Audrey) The hike fee for the Wednesday hike be raised to \$1.00 for members and \$2.00 for non members.

Diana then told us that there were enough leaders for all of our activities except day hikes and offered some reasons for this.

Publications- (msc Randy, Callista) We will change our web host from XO to godaddy by January 1.

Social- Callista thanked the people who helped make the annual meeting a success, especially the people who contributed refreshments. She announced an adventures in travel for November 20.

Lodges- (msc David, Randy) The Knudsons are authorized to use Tyee 12/28 and 12/29.

(msc David, Audrey) The Mazamas are authorized to use Nesika 2/7 & 2/8. One of our members will host.

(msc David, Merrill) As of December 1, 2008 the new announced for each night's lodging will apply at Tyee and Nesika.

History- Virginia has planned the logistics for the transfer of our archives to the storage area with the Mazamas.

New Business- Randy was appointed to the property advisory committee.

Budget- The proposed budget spread sheet was presented with notes. The budget as presented calls for a transfer of approximately \$25,000 from the investment account.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.
Respectfully submitted Merrill Hugo

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Barbara Warren-Sams, Matt Newman, Phil Jackson and Jane Storey for their election to the Trails Club board of directors. Hearty thanks to outgoing board members Randy Dietrich, Merrill Hugo, Diana Forester and Fendall Winston for their dedicated service to the club.

Thank you also to Merrill Hugo as our outgoing Nesika Lodge Chair. Under Merrill's leadership, two walls of the women's dorm have been upgraded and numerous other projects have been completed to maintain and improve Nesika. Richard Gaunt will be taking over the Nesika Lodge Chair role in 2009.

Our new leaders take office at a time of particular economic challenge for the Trails Club. From 2003-2007, the TCO investments have earned around \$40,000 per year, which has been used to subsidize club operations. This year, we supplemented our budget shortfall with \$55,000 from our investments. Given the unforeseen and ongoing crisis in the stock market, TCO does not have the earnings we had anticipated and the value of our investments has declined about 15 percent.

Since no one can predict when or how quickly recovery will occur, the Budget Committee chose to be conservative for 2009. The proposed budget has a deficit of \$25,000 to be taken from our cash account, which will in turn maintain enough cash to carry TCO through 2010 if the market does not recover. We were able to reduce the anticipated budget deficit through both assumed increased revenues from dues and lodge fees and decreases in expenditures, including some deferred maintenance at Nesika and reductions in program subsidies, such as training and the annual banquet.

We will continue to offer lots of hikes, backpacks, snowshoes, kayak and bike trips and outings in 2009. Joan Ragan has lined up hosts and cooks to keep Tyee open every weekend this coming winter. We are looking for more opportunities to have hosted events at Nesika. There will be plenty of ways for you to participate in the Trails Club in 2009.

By Susan Saul

Tidbits from the Past

From the November 1934 Trail Blazer

COMING TRIPS

December 9: Willamette Meridian. This trip is one of the belated Educational trips. It consists of a short hike through the West Side hills to the Meridian Marker, the point from which the entire Northwest is surveyed. Meet at 23rd and West Burnside at 12:00 Noon. Ken Martin, Leader, TA 2437.

December 10: Mistletoe Trip -- An opportunity to lay in your store of Mistletoe and have nice hike also. Call Cyril Niedermeyer, Trinity 7141, for details.

Darrell Tarter wishes to give a lady's red and white cap, which was left at Nesika Lodge October 11, back to its owner, Call Murdock 1207.

Membership Notes (November 2008 Board Meeting/December 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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Obituaries

Robert H. (Bob) Hilands

The Trails Club is saddened by the death of Bob Hilands, a member since 1959. Bob donated the Douglas Fir logs for the roof framing and the Western Red Cedar on the interior walls of the new Nesika Lodge. He also enjoyed installing the stone on the new lodge. The Trails Club honored Bob for his contribution to the new building at the dedication. Bob was also actively involved in the Dining Room addition at Tye Lodge and was one of the crew that installed the concrete block basement walls.

Bob grew up in Portland and was a graduate of Oregon State University with a degree in landscape architecture. After graduation he worked at a variety of jobs that expanded his skills and knowledge beyond landscape architecture. He became very interested in horticulture and slowly purchased properties south of Beaver Creek and developed a business of selective and sustainable logging of those properties. Over the years the acreage he worked grew larger with additional acquisitions. Eventually he purchased land in Central Oregon and started farming.

The Boy Scouts of America, The Sea Scouts and the Girl Scouts were also recipients of Bob's generosity and his time nurturing young people. There were many stories told at his memorial service by individuals on how their lives were enhanced by their connection to Bob over the years. Everyone who spoke at his service praised his generosity to family, neighbors, organizations and churches.

Bob was out logging when he suffered a heart attack. He had mentioned to me on more than one occasion that if he passed away while working in the woods he would leave this world enjoying work that he loved.

Bob lost his wife, Judy, exactly fifteen years to the day before his passing. Sons Robert and Byron survive him along with many other family members. Both young men have completed service in the US Navy and are now looking after the legacy Bob built for them. They are both hard workers and will undoubtedly fill Bob's boots quite easily. We wish them the best.

George Milne

Wild Beauty

Terry Toedtemeier and John Laursen have put together the photo exhibit and book of the century on the magnificent Columbia River Gorge. They call it *Wild Beauty, Photographs of the Columbia River Gorge, 1867-1957*. If you haven't seen the exhibit at the Portland Art Museum, or read the book, or seen the Oregon Public Broadcasting show - or even if you have - come Friday night Dec. 12 at 7 pm to the Mazama Mountaineering Center and hear the authors talk about the Trails Club's favorite backyard playground.



Photo by Trails Club and Mazama Member Gary Desiata

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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.

Lodge Scheduling Guidelines and Procedures:

1. Check for available date(s) by contacting the Vice President or the website at <http://www.trailsclub.org/events/lodge-open2.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 TCO PO Box1243, Portland, OR 97207.
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 TCO PO Box.

Webmaster: Karen Yanks Anderson
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2009 Dues Notice

Trails Club of Oregon

Please pay your dues by January 1st. A \$5 late fee applies after February 1st.

Member's Name(s): _____

Name/Address/ Phone/ E-mail: **Directory corrections only please:**

Would you be willing to receive your Trail Blazer electronically rather than receive a paper copy in the mail? (This would save TCO about \$15/year) yes ___ no ___

Regular Membership (under age 65)	\$45.00	\$
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Trail Blazer Subscription only	\$25.00	\$
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	Total	\$

I am interested in serving on a committee. Y N

(Please circle the committees of interest)

Hiking Backpacking Bicycling Canoeing Kayak Winter Sports Outings
Lodges Membership Promotions Social Publications Conservation
Youth and Family History Auditing Budget Memorial Other _____

I would like to support the Trails Club by: *(Please circle where appropriate)*

___ Leading a trip (*hike/snow shoe/cross-country ski/bike/backpack/canoe/kayak*)

___ Helping with the "Trail Blazer" newsletter

___ Hosting or Cooking at (*Tyee and/or Nesika*)

___ Participating in a lodge work party at (*Tyee and/or Nesika*)

___ Participating in trail maintenance work party

___ Making phone calls to remind members of special club events

___ Doing special one-time projects for the _____ committee

___ Planning family-oriented events

___ Help with the annual banquet

___ Other: _____

Please contact Vicki Wood at 503-659-1423 or vw48@comcast.net if you have any questions about what these activities would entail.

Please mail completed notice and check for membership dues to:

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