



Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event Description
2	Tue	Board Meeting - 7PM, Mazama MC
3	Wed	Wed Morning Hike - Class A to A+
6-7	Sat-Sun	Girl Scout Lake Backpack or Snowshoe - Class A
6-7	Sat-Sun	Tyee Open
7	Sun	Beacon Rock Park Hike - Class A+
7	Sun	Twin Lakes Ski/Snowshoe - Class A+
7	Sun	Bird Butte Snowshoe Tour - Class A+
10	Wed	Wed Morning Hike - Class A to A+
12-14	Fri-Sun	Tyee Open
13	Sat	Salmon River Snowshoe - Class B
13	Sat	Skyline-Pittock Loop Hike - Class A
15	Mon	Blazer Deadline
15	Mon	Vancouver Discovery Historic Loop Hike - Class A
17	Wed	Wed Morning Hike - Class A to A+
19-21	Fri-Sun	Flying L Ranch Outings
20	Sat	Lake Oswego, PCC Hike - Class A+
20	Sat	Giant Trees Loop XCntry Ski - Class A
20-20	Sat-Sun	Tyee Open needs host
20-21	Sat-Sun	Adventurous Young Mazamas at Nesika
24	Wed	Wed Morning Hike - Class A to A+
25	Thurs	Adventure and Travels Uzbekistan and Tajikistan
26-28	Fri-Sun	Tyee Open
27	Sat	East Gorge Hike - Class A
28	Sun	Salmon River Exploratory hike - Class B
Mar 5-7	Fri-Sun	Tyee Open
6	Sat	Backpack Leadership Training
6-7	Sat-Sun	Herman Creek Backpack - 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 10 cents/mile

Announcements

87th Annual Banquet
Sunday, March 28, 2010 at 6 p.m.
Monarch Hotel
12566 S.E. 93rd Avenue
(South of Clackamas Town Center)
Speaker: Author Doug Lorain
Contact: Callista Snively
503-330-7344 or Kissta9@gmail.com
Registration form enclosed & on the web

THE TRAIL BLAZER IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Club newsletter, The Trailblazer, is available on-line at the Trails Club web site; www.trailsclub.org/members/blazers.html. New issues are posted each month as they are sent to the printer. If you can do without your paper Trailblazer you can go "Electronic-Only" by sending a request to membership@trailsclub.org. When you go electronic we will send you an email each month when the new Blazer is posted, so please send the request from an email account you use or include an email address in the message. Going Electronic-Only saves some paper, and saves the club some printing and postage expense.

Randy Dietrich, Asst Webmaster

2010 DUES REMINDER

2010 dues must be postmarked by February 1 or you will be assessed a \$5 late fee. If you have misplaced the notice that was in the December Blazer, it can be downloaded from the website at the top right of the homepage under 2010 Membership Dues.

Any questions, contact Vicki Wood at 503-659-1423 or vw48@comcast.net

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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,
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Events

Feb 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.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM
Leader: Chuck Barrows 503-244-4967

**Feb 6-7 (Sat-Sun) Girl Scout Lake Backpack or Snow-
shoe - Class A**

Round Trip distance is 4 miles. We will hike up to beautiful
Girl Scout Lake outside of Washougal. Set up a camp
under shelters, warm over campfires, and day hike into
surrounding mountains north of the Lake. Come join us to
test your winter gear and enjoy companionship, socializa-
tion, and our beautiful lake. No limit. Must register with
leader.

Depart: Gateway at 8:00 AM on Saturday, Feb 6
Leader: Linda Conrad lcgrconrad@aol.com or
360-837-3875

Feb 6-7 (Sat-Sun) Tye Open

Bring the kids and join us for a weekend of playing in the
snow and relaxing by the fire. The lodge will open by
11 am Saturday and close at 2 pm Sunday. Dinner will be
provided Saturday and Sunday breakfast will include
Debbie's "from scratch" cinnamon rolls.

Reservation deadline: contact Vicki by 9 pm on
Wednesday, February 3rd
Hosts: Debbie Ralls & Vicki Wood 503-659-1423 or
vw48@comcast.net

Feb 7 (Sun) Beacon Rock Park Hike - Class A+

First, park beside SR 14 in Washington and hike the steps
up Beacon Rock for a wonderful Columbia River view.
Back to the cars for a very short trip to our lunch spot.
Then walk through the forest to enjoy the cool pool at the
base of Rodney Falls. Relaxed pace. Hike 4 miles with
1200 feet elevation gain. Drive 88 miles round trip. Drivers
may need a trailhead parking pass.

Depart: 9:00 am from Gateway Park & Ride
Leader: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

Feb. 7 (Sun) Twin Lakes Ski or Snowshoe - Class A+

This will be a ski or snow shoe event depending on trail
conditions. It is trip of approximately eight miles in length
and 300-700 feet of elevation gain. The trail starts at the
Frog Lake Snow Park. We start out on the PCT and then
follow the trail to lower and upper Twin Lake with a stop at
the upper lake for lunch. We then continue on the trail to
where it reconnects with the PCT. This is an all day event.
Please register in advance with the leader by phone or
email.

Depart: Gateway Park & Ride at 8am and 9:45 from Snow
Park.
Leader: Paul Williamson 503-740-5158 or
pwilliamson5158@gmail.com

Feb 7 (Sun) Bird Butte Snowshoe Tour - Class A+

Nice mix of on and off-trail snowshoe travel thru deep timber to an isolated summit w/ limited views. Suitable for beginners. NO COTTON. SnoPark permit needed. Snowshoe: 5.5 miles w/ 870' elevation gain. Drive: 94 R/T miles.

Leave: 8:00 AM (with snowshoes) from Gresham Village Shopping Center on Burnside

Leader: Kelly Marlin, 503-665-6778

Feb 10 (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.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Phillip Jackson 971-404-7137

Feb 12-14 {Fri-Sun} Tyee Open

Spend Valentines Day weekend in the snow at Tyee Lodge. The lodge will open midday Fri. and close at 3pm on Sun. Call or email by Wed., February 10 for reservations. Bring some red food or treats and we'll share.

Jeff Lawton 503-684-4136 (ok to leave voicemail) or jeff@pdxinfo.com.

Feb 13 (Sat) Salmon River Snowshoe - Class B

Starting at the Barlow Butte snowpark we'll walk down a road past the pioneer gravesite and then go a little way down along the Salmon river off trail. 4 miles r/t with 450 feet elevation gain on the way back.

Meet at the Gateway Transit Center for a 9:10 am departure. Drive 120 miles. Snowpark permit needed for drivers.

Leader: Brian Carlson 503 252 3608

Feb 13 (Sat) Skyline-Pittock Loop Hike - Class A

This a 5 mile, NW Portland hill and dale hike with 900 feet of cumulative elevation gain and view stops at a Skyline cemetery and Pittock Mansion. Wear footwear with good traction. We'll complete this hike before noon.

Depart: 9:00 am from Collins Sanctuary Trailhead, on the south side of NW Cornell Rd a few hundred feet west of the Portland Audubon Society. (Park at the trailhead or on nearby roadside pullouts.

Leader: John Benson jtben@fastmail.us or 503-334-8026

Feb 15 (Mon) Vancouver Discovery Historic Loop Hike - Class A

Few places in America offer so many historic and scenic attractions in such close proximity as this inviting urban walk. The 6-mile loop winds through Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, downtown Vancouver, Officer's Row and the Columbia River Waterfront Renaissance Trail. The paved route has about 200 feet gentle elevation loss/gain done twice.

Depart: 9:30 am from Fort Vancouver National Historic Site Visitor Center. From I-5, take exit 1C/Mill Plain Boulevard. Turn right onto Mill Plain. At the first light, turn right onto Fort Vancouver Way. At the roundabout, make a 3/4 circle and turn right (east) onto Evergreen Boulevard. Go

0.4 mile and turn right into the Visitor Center parking lot. Leader: Susan Saul 360-892-5643 or sunr1s3cr33k@gmail.com

Feb 17 (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.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Lila Grossman 503-227-0684

Feb 19-21 (Fri-Sun) Mt. Adams Flying L Ranch Outing

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

Feb 20 (Sat) Lake Oswego, PCC Hike - Class A+

Hike on streets and trails from Lake Oswego over Mt. Sylvania to Portland Community College and back. Hike 7 miles with 800 feet elevation gain.

Depart: 9:30 am from city of Lake Oswego West End Building, parking lot behind building, 4101 Kruse Way.

Leader: Mel Taylor 503-639-9160, cell 503-888-7203

Feb 20 (Sat) Giant Trees Loop XCentry Ski, Class A

Novice, 2.5 mile loop, 250 ft. elevation gain. The tour leaves from Barlow Pass Snow Park on Hwy 35 two miles past the junction with Hwy 26. The tour follows the Buzzard Road to the Beaver Marsh Trail, loops through a stand of Old Growth Nobel Fir and back to the road. The round trip driving distance is 112 miles.

Meet at the Gateway Transit Center Parking Garage at NE 99th & Pacific at 8:30am.

For more information, contact Steve Gilbert 503-292-8099 or email at gilbert7989@msn.com.

Feb 20 21 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Open

Host needed to open Tyee this weekend.

Feb 20-21 (Sat-Sun) Adventurous Young Mazamas at Nesika

Enjoy a winter weekend at Nesika with Adventurous Young Mazamas. Lodge open 9 pm Fri, Feb. 19 to 2 pm Sun, Feb 21. (May open earlier Fri - check with trip leader.) Bring your own food. We will do a potluck dinner Sat and breakfast Sun. There will be a cooler to store cold things outside. Showers and flush toilets are not operating this time of year. Jeff Lawton will be lodge host. Hiking in will be necessary. Poles and traction devices for boots are advised; Larch Mountain trail can be icy in winter. For questions or to let Jeff know you are coming, call or text

503-686-4717 or email jeff@pdxinfo.com.

Feb 24 (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.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh at 9:30 AM

Leader: Audrey Perino 503-246-6462

Feb 25 (Thu) Adventure & Travels: Uzbekistan & Tajikistan

Steve Levy will present a program on his visit to the fabulous ancient Silk Road cities of Samarkand and Bukhara in Uzbekistan, which claim some of the world's most beautiful examples of Islamic architecture. Monuments dating from the days of Timurlane, conqueror of most of Asia in the 14th and 15th centuries, survive in exquisite form. This was followed by a trek in Tajikistan's heavily glaciated Fan Mountains, rising to over 17,000 feet. Presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. Come early for dessert and coffee. Rose Villa Fellowship Hall 13505 SE River Road, Milwaukie. Contact Callista Snively for information 503-330-7344 or Kissta9@gmail.com

Feb 26-28 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Open

Take Friday "OFF" and get up on the mountain before the weekend crowds. Also, a FULL moon weekend for possible night skiing. Lodge will open at 3 PM on Friday and Close 3 PM Sunday. I'll train interested members in opening and closing procedures and discuss hosting. Please register by Tues. Feb. 23rd. Host: Stephen Brown 360-87-6169 or ryanbrowns4@spiritone.

Feb 27 (Sat) East Gorge Hike - Class A

Checking conditions and group ideas we will make a decision. Hoping for a hike east of Hood River of 5-8 miles. Contact leader for more information about the hike as the date draws near. Depart: 9:00 am from in front of "Welcome Me Home" (East side of the downtown Troutdale area north side of street). From Portland take exit 17 off I-84 and turn right at the second stoplight, go to the main street and turn left. Leader: Gary Holman 503-261-3571 or gholman239@verizon.net

Feb 28 (Sun) Salmon River Exploratory Hike - Class B

Hike 7.2 miles r/t up the central part of the Salmon river to an overlook of the canyon where we will have a break to eat. If the snow level is low we will instead walk the lower part of the river. Elevation gain is 900 ft. Driving mileage is 90. Meet at Gateway transit center for a 9:10 AM departure. Leader Brian Carlson 503-252-3608

Mar 5-7 (Fri-Sun) Tyee Open

Join us for a weekend at Tyee with a late dinner schedule that accommodates night skiing on Saturday. Lodge opens Friday night at 5 p.m. and closes Sunday at 3 p.m. No Friday dinner; bring your own or eat before. Dinner served Saturday evening at 9pm. Breakfast served Sat and Sun at 8am. Host: Greg Hancock 503-333-6295 or greghancock@yahoo.com.

Mar 6 (Sat) Backpack Leadership Training

The Trails Club Backpack Committee will present a 1-day training session for backpack leaders and those who wish to become leaders. This is required training for new backpack leaders. See full details at the Trails Club web site. Contact Rich Fuhs to register: Rich.Fuhs@Verizon.net or 503-690-5077.

Mar 6-7 (Sat-Sun) Herman Creek Backpack - Class A

Come join us for a weekend of campfire, socialization and the beautiful outdoors. We will hike 2.5 miles, set up camp and then day hike one of the many trails in the area, snow permitting. Bring snow shoes if needed. Limit 12 people. Must register with leader. Leader: Linda Conrad lcgrconrad@aol.com or 360-837-3875

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 St between NW 25th Ave and NW 26th Ave. 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.

Let's Talk About

WOW, What a success! OPB of course

What a good time we had, all fifteen of us. I think and others will agree we ate more than we were on the phones and you know that is always enjoyable. The OPB membership drive raised \$549,765 in all. In our time slot, November 30 approximately 8:00 pm to 9:45, we raised \$9,065, with \$135.00 in call outs. GOOD JOB! Your time and effort is well appreciated, Donna Ases, Jane Garbisch, Vickie Wood, Joan Ragan, Joyce Rasmussen, Jane Storey, Barbara Warren Sams, Carolyn Jenkins, Nancy Overpeck, Barbara Jones, Arleta Miller and the only man, and so happy to have him on our team, Mike Harrison (If I missed someone you're included). Thank You. Last and certainly not the least, a special thanks to our young ladies Maria Aase, Marissa Calver, Riley Miller, for volunteering their time to OPB membership drive and contributing to our community. We loved having them. WAY TO GO LADIES. Arleta Miller

Conservation Update

There were public lands protection gains in 2009: a new, congressionally designated 24,100 acre Soda Mtn Wilderness in the southern backcountry of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. A total of 59,598 acres of public lands in and near the Monument are now legally cow-free, with grazing leases terminated via private buy-out (pursuant to congressional action) with funds raised from private donors.

However, these wins are merely steps in a much longer journey to get the best protection possible for this ecologically unique Cascade-Siskiyou connection area. Some 4000 acres of inholdings have been bought out, and there are plans to buy about 6000 acres of former Boise-Cascade private timberland using Land and Water Conservation Funds. Continuous pressure must be applied to get management activities to be consistent with the purposes of the Act that created the Monument. The culture of the BLM is not protective. In the past, Monuments were put into the National Park Service. Now, there is an effort to carve out from the BLM lands a National Landscape Conservation System. It remains to be seen whether the present Administration will issue Orders that implement this System. The Medford District has not retired as many grazing leases as it should, and it has not closed as many roads as it should. Some groups are ready to sue. Stay tuned. Sydney Herbert

NEW OUTDOORS GUIDE WEB SITE

The site alltrails.com has recently come online as a new free outdoor activities sharing site. They are building a database of trails and routes for hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing, some of our favorite activities.

The site is an "information sharing" site, so they are looking for people that will both use and contribute information about trails and routes. Currently there are a lot of hikes listed, but the details are pretty thin. Check it out at alltrails.com. Randy Dietrich

Trails Ahead

Backpacking with the Trails Club in 2010

The backpack committee is busy planning events for 2010. This includes two levels of training. In March we will provide training for leaders (homework: how to plan a trip, and fieldwork: how to lead a trip, plus other things to consider). Then in April we will give a session for those new to backpacking which will cover the basics (what gear to take, how to pack it). Both of these sessions will be interactive, so bring your questions. Check back for specific dates and registration information. Check the TCO website for other backpacks scheduled for this year.

Mar 5-7 (Fri-Sun) Crater Lake Cross-Country Ski/Snowshoe Trip

The Oregon Nordic Club invites the Trails Club to join

them on this trip to breathtaking Crater Lake in winter. For details on this trip, visit the Oregon Nordic Club website at www.onc.org/pdx/overnight.shtml.

Alpine Outing-Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness

The 2010 wilderness outing will be in the Frank Church Wilderness area which is just north of the Sawtooth and White Cloud areas in Idaho. We will have our camp near Crimson Lake which is west of Yankee Fork. We will be based near a high mountain lake with opportunities for a number of good day hikes. The hike into the lake will be about 10 miles with about 2000 feet of elevation gain. The area of our camp is covered by three USCGS maps, East Basin Creek, Mount Jordan, and Knapp Lakes. The first week of the trip will be August 8-15 and the second week is scheduled for August 15-22.

As usual our gear and food will be packed in on pack animals. This year we will limit the personal gear to 30 pounds since we will have a communal set of chairs as part of the club dunnage. You only need to carry a day pack. All meals on the trip are provided and camp chores and cooking duties shared.

For more information about the trip contact Merril Hugo at 503-293-5102 or mhugo@earthlink.net or Joyce Rasmussen at 503-253-6587 or Dollymama1937@msn.com

We will be limited to 12 people per week and will not run a group of less than 10. The cost will be \$300 for members and \$350 for non members. To reserve a spot, send the Alpine Outing form, which is on the TCO website, with a \$50 deposit payable to Trails Club of Oregon to Joyce Rasmussen, 8358 NE Schuyler St., Portland OR 97220-5541. This deposit is nonrefundable and will be included in the total cost. Please indicate which week you prefer and contact information.

Aug 30 - Sep 6 (Mon-Mon) Summer Outing at Mount Baker

Car camping at the Excelsior Group Camp on the Mount Baker Highway (State Route 542) approximately 6 miles east of the town of Glacier. Many of the most beautiful hikes in the North Cascades are nearby.

Group size limited to 14. Fee includes all meals, camp fees and transportation of food and cook tents to the campsite. Participants provide their own transportation and camping gear and help with cooking and clean up. Excelsior Group Camp is for tents only. Picnic tables, garbage cans and vault toilets are provided; no showers or electricity.

Members Only sign up until March 1. Reservations held on payment of \$50 deposit and submission of application form, which is on the Trails Club website. Total cost is \$150 per person for members. Make check payable to: Trails Club of Oregon. Send application and deposit to Diana Forester, 5927 NE Alameda St., Portland, OR 97213. Contact Diana at 503-288-7782 for information.

Sep 13-16 (Mon-Thu) San Juan Islands Kayak Outing

Paddle through the beautiful San Juan Islands for four days from our base camp on Sucia Island. You provide: transportation to and from Orcas Island (including ferry crossing), kayak and gear, food, water and camping equipment for a 3-night/4-day expedition paddle trip (that means you carry all your gear in your boat between Orcas and Sucia islands). Cost includes: Guide services and local knowledge of tides, currents and campsites; one dinner; TCO trip fee. Difficulty: TCO

ratings range 2B-3C (see TCO website for descriptions). You will be paddling in wind and currents. Immersion wear (drysuit or wetsuit) required. TCO safety training required. Group Size: 12 Cost: \$76 (12 people) - \$220 (4 people); final cost will be determined by the number of people signed up. Deposit: A \$76 deposit is required to reserve your space. Contact leader to register. Balance will be due August 1. Start & End: The trip begins and ends at North Beach, Orcas Island.

Summary of Board Minutes

**TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 05, 2010**

Call to Order – Randy Dietrich called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and addressed the board as their new president. He covered his style of communication, encouraged more communication between board members and for chairs to attend when topics related to their area are on the agenda.

Attending: Randy Dietrich, Barbara Warren-Sams, Audrey Perino, Jane Storey, Callista Snively, Phil Jackson, George Milne, and Vicki Wood. Others attending: Virginia Larson, Art Stangel and Stephen Brown. Excused: Matthew Newman.

Approval of Minutes – December 2009 Minutes were approved (MCS: Jane & George) with the removal of an extra period under Social.

Administrative Assistant's Report – Virginia Larson submitted a written report. Other items were held and reported on under their respective areas.

Treasurers Report -

Treasurer's reports, bank statement and bank reconciliation attached.

Beginning balance	11-30-09	\$ 2,072.83
December Deposits		8,350.37
December Checks		<u>-924.38</u>
Ending Balance	12-31-09	\$ 9,498.82

Audrey Perino reported that \$71,000 had been transferred from the investment account this year, \$55,000 for the roof and the rest for our operating expenses. We also received a federal tax refund of \$7,363 and a refund from the Forest Service of \$2,180 which helped to reduced our budgeted deficit..

Committees -

Membership – Vicki Wood reported three^{1st} Readings and eleven new members were elected. The changes to the prospective member's letter were reviewed and approved by the board. The changes were made to clarify that guests are welcome to visit a lodge but can not stay overnight without being a guest of a member and members are given preference over guests on multi-day trips.

Trips – Jane Storey proposed an annual award for the

member that leads the most trips during the year. The board agreed that such an award would be a good way to honor our leaders and asked the committee to work out the details. A motion relating to clarifying what backpacking miles are counted towards the High Miler and High Traveler awards was tabled until the next meeting. Merrill Hugo has volunteered to lead the 2010 Alpine Outing in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness area.

Publications – Phil Jackson reported on the January newsletters' delay. Randy explained the opt in process that is being developed so member's could choose to receive paperless blazers and possibly paperless directories. It was reported that Jeff Lawton is willing to set up an on-line member poll for backpacking. This poll system could also be used to improve the club in other areas.

Social – Callista Snively shared details of the upcoming events: Adventures & Travel, Thursday, February 25 will be about Asia and the Annual Banquet is on Sunday, March 28.

Lodges and Properties – George Milne reported on his recent host experience at Tyee using the new fixed meal rates. The new rates made fee collection easier and the amounts were adequate for purchasing food for a large group. The definition of "family" relating to the Family Cap Lodge Fee and the lodge overnight fees for Guest and Member Teens (ages 12-17) were discussed. The goal is to increase family usage of our lodges. These topics were deferred back to the Lodge Committee.

Nesika - The lack of supplies and wood during the Christmas and New Years events at Nesika was discussed. This shortage was due to the unexpected volume of members and guests at these events.

Tyee - George will follow up with the roof manufacture about our 10 year Roof Warranty. The attorney that was consulted about the failure of Tyee roof has notified us that he has waived his fees. The Lodge Committee will be having their first meeting in February.

History – New chair person needed to replace June Smelser, who has resigned. The board discussed the on going search for documentation relating to our donation of \$600, made sometime before 2002, for a bench in honor of Paul Sawyer.

Legal Counsel Report – Art Stangell reported that we have still not received written notice from Clackamas Co. regarding waiving the hotel tax at Tyee. It was also reported that Peggy Stone has left the club a donation of \$500 in her will. Art will contact the attorney handling the estate.

Unfinished Business –

Oregon Historical Society - Randy Dietrich reported that the OHS staff is still waiting for board approval to release our historical materials. They will be meeting in early 2010.

Gift Acceptance Policy and Procedures – Art Stangell has reviewed the document and most of it does not apply to the Trails Club because our tax status is not non-profit.

New Business –

AllTrails.com is looking for partners to add information to their trails web site. The club will not commit to a partnership but will inform its members of this web site.

Randy Dietrich's request to allow the AYM to use Nesika Lodge February 20-21 was approved. (MSC-Audrey

Perino and Callista Snively)

For the Good of the Order –

TCO/Mazamas Partnerships – Randy Dietrich reported that the Mazamas are interested in exploring partnerships with the TCO. Susan Saul is monitoring this for the TCO.

USFS Winter Recreation Meeting with Kathleen Walker – George Milne to attend the meeting.

2010 Calendar – Dates were discussed and set for some of our yearly events. The Trip Leaders Appreciation & Training will be held Saturday, May 22 and the Cooks/ Hosts Appreciation & Training is scheduled for Saturday, October 2 at Tyee. These and other recurring event dates will be added to a 2010 overview calendar and posted on our web site.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Larson

Membership Notes

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

1st Readings

Marty L Anderson
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Sponsors: Jane Storey & Richard Gaunt

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503-609-0695
cornetteb@gmail.com
Sponsors: Callista Snively & Gregory Hancock

Jack P Hamilton
PO Box 8991
Portland, OR 97207
503-658-2113
jackhh42@gmail.com
Sponsors: Audrey Perino & Wayne Schweinfest

2nd Readings

Pete Bryant
Michael Cottam
Don Gertz
Linda Gertz
Leslie K Hickcox

2nd Readings (cont)

Laurie Kerridge
Cathy T Knight
Diane M Lancon
Mac C Leedom
Allison Minges
Charles E Shaw

Changes

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Hillsboro, OR 97124-2784

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Bonnie Berneck
add email: BLBerneck@msn.com

Claudio Berstein
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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.

All activities must be approved by the appropriate Activity Chair.

Newsletters

Send write-ups to: blazer@trailsclub.org

Submissions are due before fifteenth of the month of publication.

Please use the following format:

Month Day (Day of week) Event Title - Class A,B,C

Description Text - Please include distance, elevation change, and round trip driving distance.

Do not capitalize full words, lines or sentences for emphasis

Day trip descriptions should be under 100 words.

Depart: Meeting place, with address if possible, and departure time

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