

The kind of skiing we dream of and horses too!

Debbly Wenzel



We arrived on Friday evening, January 8, at the Ochoco Ranger House to find the lock broken. So the trip leader crawled thru the bathroom window to open the house. We changed into ski gear and drove to the Walton Lake Sno-Park and departed on an hour and a half ski tour with fresh powder and fantastic afternoon light. As we drove back to the house we stop once to let the wild horses cross the road ahead of us. Saturday we returned to Walton Lake and headed out on the Corral and Butterfield Loops. We found the snow light, the temperature just below freezing and no wind, ideal conditions and almost no other skiers. The navigation was fun but interesting due to the low amount of use and the need for a little trail tending. We returned to the house to find the wild horses just outside, feeding on the hillside.

On Sunday, January 10, we awoke to wild horses out the window and blue skies with fresh snow drifting off the trees. We had breakfast, then packed up and drove to the Bandit Springs Sno-Park. We divided into two groups. One group just doing the

Ponderosa Loop Trail and the other doing the Ponderosa and continuing on to the McGinnes Creek Loop. The snow was a little crusty at the start but soften as the day progressed and a joy to ski. Just what we came for blue sky, giant ponderosa forest and almost no other people and wide open snow covered vista's.

Did I forget to mention the great dinners, wine, games and conversation!

Our group consisted of: Ken and Debbly Wenzel, Tere Enburg, Kacey Jones, Cathy Meade, and Ethan Schumacher.

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Ken Wenzel, Trip Leader

Skiers find plenty of snow
Abundant snow blessed the Sunriver trip over Martin Luther King weekend this year. The group of eight got to ski even lower-lying areas such as

Ron Bekey



Swampy Lakes and Edison Butte that have had scant snow over the years. We also skied at Virginia Meissner in a mix of sunny and snowing conditions. In the few waking hours when we weren't skiing, we enjoyed a very spacious house with a steaming hot tub at Sunriver, delicious potluck dinners, and one another's company...

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Christine Bierman, Trip Leader

New Year's ski spectacular
What a difference a year makes! This year's Methow Valley New Year's ski trip was tremendous—blue skies every day, cold dry snow, perfect ski conditions and a wonderful group of 12 people spent four perfect days skiing in the ultimate cross-country ski destination in the Methow Valley, WA—one at Sun Mountain and the rest near Winthrop, skiing the miles and miles of ski trails, perfectly groomed both for classic and skate skiing.

Besides the great skiing, we had a great time eating—each person cooking, tried to outdo the previous chef.

Our trip culminated in the New Year's Eve dinner and the beginning of a tradition—New Year's Eve Pajama Ski

Tour. While we did not go far, we made up with excess energy and wishes to the neighbors.

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Ted Scheinman, Trip Leader



Ted Scheinman

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Cooper Spur advanced ski tour at Tilly Jane A-Frame January 23

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EDITORIAL NOTES

The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month (for the next month's publication).

Send submissions to oncnwslter@gmail.com as a Microsoft Word document (**no formatting** i.e., no bold text, all caps text, tabs or other settings) in Times Roman as an attachment (**preferred**); compatible text files as an attachment; and put text in an e-mail with no formatting. **Corrections:** e-mail corrections and/or additions to the editor.

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U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

February 2 ▶ TUESDAY

Winter Camping Basics

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Tualatin REI
Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

February 3 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Winter Backcountry Safety w/Portland Mountain Rescue

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Portland REI
Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

February 24 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Day Hikes in the Columbia River Gorge

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Portland REI
Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

February 9 ▶ TUESDAY

Kilimanjaro: A Route Less Taken

6:30 p.m. – Social hour
7:30 p.m. – Meeting and Program
Lucky Labrador Brewing Company,
1945 NW Quimby St. Free!



February 24 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Day Hikes in the Columbia River Gorge

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Portland REI
Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

February 13 ▶ SATURDAY

Meissner Luminaria

5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Meissner Sno-Park near Mt. Bachelor, OR. Annual Meissner Nordic Club Fundraiser a magical night of skiing (snowshoeing) by the light of hundreds of luminarias to the Meissner Shelter (1.5 mi. one way). Families welcome. What is a luminaria? Simply put, it is a paper bag with a lit candle inside. The trail to Meissner Shelter is lined with these flickering lights to guide nighttime skiers and snowshoers. Bring a headlamp or light stick for safety (please use only as needed).

Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter

Formed as a nonprofit volunteer organization in 1968 by Nordic ski enthusiasts interested in using public lands for recreational cross-country skiing, the Portland Chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club grew to over 550 members. The Portland Chapter is one of twelve chapters in the state. With activities year round, the Portland Chapter is dedicated to promoting greater participation in and understanding of the value of outdoor recreation with an emphasis on Nordic and backcountry skiing. In addition we hike, climb, backpack and bicycle year round in the northwest forests, mountains, and in town.

Donations are encouraged and appreciated make them at the sign-in welcome tent!
Info meissnernordic.org

February 16 ▶ TUESDAY

Volcano Views and Brews: Major Dynamic Floods in the Portland-Vancouver Area w/ Dr. Scott Burns

Presentation starts at 6:30 p.m. Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, WA. Dinner and drinks \$ available earlier. Suggested donation \$5. All ages welcome.
Info: mshinstitute.org

March 5 ▶ SATURDAY

Ski the Glade Museum Fundraiser

Ski the groomed Glade Trail on Mt. Hood all day and there will be a shuttle from Govy to Timberline and ski the Glade. Mt. Hood Ski Patrol volunteers provide patrol services. Tickets \$100 for museum members and \$125 for nonmembers (purchase by calling 503.272.3301). Includes, lunch and a reception following the end of skiing for the day.

Info: mthoodmuseum.org

Sponsors: Timberline Lodge, the Village of Government Camp, Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory and EcoShuttle.

March 19 ▶ SATURDAY

Tentative Date

John Craig Memorial Event

Sisters, OR.

More details to come next month.

Info: Skip skipandjan@charter.net

Clinics & Training

May 26–30 THURSDAY – MONDAY 2016 Oregon Spring Camp, Mt. Bachelor

Dates are tentative. Morning sessions on snow, groomed ski sessions, optional afternoon dryland clinics, training plan lecture, video review, optional world-class physiology lab testing ... and more!

Info: xcoregon.org

Member Benefits

- ▶ Free day tours; overnight trips, exclusively for members
 - ▶ Clinics and lessons
 - ▶ **Discounts at selected merchants (see sidebar on page 10)**
 - ▶ Member rates on Mazama activities (excludes classes) and use of Mazama Lodge: day use, overnight and meals
 - ▶ Free Tilly Jane A-Frame weekends during the ski season
 - ▶ Meet new friends who ski, hike and bike
 - ▶ Monthly newsletter with free classified ads
 - ▶ Support of construction and maintenance of winter trails in the Mt. Hood and Gifford Pinchot National Forests
 - ▶ Membership in Northwest Ski Club Council, Far West Ski Association and Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs.
- Discounts/benefits: www.nwskiers.org www.fwsa.org www.federationofwesternoutdoorclub.org

Memberships are renewed September 1 each year: \$27 for single, \$33 for family/household. Join on the website. Info: oncmembership@gmail.com

ONC-PDX BOARD SKI TRACKS

Be careful what you ask for (based on a true story)

Ten members were on the Black Butte ski trip in mid-January, including leaders Ann Truax, our president, and Mary Hepokoski, our bookkeeper aka the “Energizer Bunny,” for three days of skiing. I rode with Mary and heard about her various skills: first responder, trip leader, owner of two titanium knees, etc. along with a rundown of trip leader’s duties—a subject the Board has been discussing and for which we held a new leader training on January 24 at the Mazamas Mountaineering Center.

As someone who is just getting back into skiing, with only had few opportunities last year, I have enjoyed depending upon the knowledge, skills and preparedness of others, allowing me to just get comfortable with skiing without having to put in the sweat equity of research, driving, and wilderness training—growing up in Kansas didn’t help much. I realize that to pull my weight in the club I will need to acquire those skills over time, but have been more than content to learn as I go. Having now been on eight trips, four overnights, it is apparent I have a ways to go to safely lead a group.

This was never more evident than at our January 2 ski at Benson Sno-park. A stunningly beautiful day, light wind, bright sunshine, and crisp, dry snow with trails already broken. Halfway through our eight mile trip I fell hard on packed snow and ripped my right rotator cuff. I quickly realized that I could not ski one-armed. Ann skied ahead to tell the group, Mary and her returned to care for me, after instructing the group how to proceed to the Sno-Park. Fortunately they led me back to the Island Junction shelter that we had just visited. I was able to walk the two hundred yards on a snowmobile trail to the hut. Their hope was that we would find snowmobilers who could shuttle me to the Sno-Park.

We did find one snowmobiler there who, though at first reluctant, was soon convinced by the combined forces of Ann and Mary to ferry me back, although he had to stand the whole way while I perched precariously behind him. Mary then produced an

extra jacket and pants for me to keep me from freezing to death on the trip back; I had already appropriated her warm mittens. They proceeded to strap my skis on Ann’s pack. Mary took my poles. Mary was certainly right, while I might not have turned to ice on the way back I would certainly have been extremely uncomfortable. She also had the foresight to give me her car keys so I had a place to keep warm while awaiting the group.

Ann and Mary then proceeded to track the group, who helpfully drew arrows at junctions, most of the way anyway, and eventually caught up with them. Of course, all’s well that ends well, except my now-ruined ski season and upcoming surgery, but without their help I would have been in real trouble. So thank you very Ann and Mary and to the club for its approach to skier safety. And I will now carry more survival gear myself in case guardian angels aren’t always handy.

This article’s title comes from the comment I made as we started out the day and were watching snowmobilers whizzing around. I said I might like to try that once or twice but that would be it. Little did I know my wish would soon come true. It was my first and hopefully last snowmobile ride, but a much appreciated, if beastly uncomfortable, one.

Here is a poem from the day before I fell. The one after will not be so pretty...

Skiing Across Country
Three feet of fresh snow
Fallen without wind
To sculpt or scalp
Powdered our trail
And layered the firs
With bishop’s mitres
Silencing even the birds

Or perhaps low clouds
Sentenced them to sleep
In this two-toned world
Of white and green
We gently, briefly disturb

Tim Kral, Board Member

Change to travel insurance

I have just been informed by TravelGuard, the longtime providers of our trip insurance to

members, that they have discontinued the special discounted trip insurance to the National Ski Federation. They have had too many claims. If you currently have a policy through the club, it is still valid and can be modified to cover additional costs, but no new policies are being written.

Until we make further arrangements, we suggest that you sign up with other providers for skiers, including Travel Protectors. You can sign up for policies at travelprotectors.com or by calling Myra at 703.443.9055. She will personally assist you. As soon as I learn more, I will let the club know.

Ted Scheinman, Overnight Trip Coordinator

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DAY TOUR POLICIES

Tours depart promptly; arrive at least 10 minutes before the scheduled departure time to allow for necessary arrangements. Arrive fully prepared for the day's activities!

Trips are not canceled unless the weather and road conditions are unsafe; contact the leader when conditions are dangerous. Tour leaders may change tour itinerary, due to weather conditions.

Bring the Tour Essentials (see list on the sidebar, page 6), food, water, map, clothing, and equipment appropriate for the tour.

Tour leaders can forbid you from joining a tour, if you are not prepared.

Read and heed the Oregon Nordic Club's Tour Ratings listed below.

Day tour participants are encouraged to car pool and share costs. ONC-PDX policy is for a contribution by each passenger of 15 cents per mile. For three or more passengers, the maximum total contribution by all passengers is limited to 45 cents per mile.

Dogs are only allowed on "Dog Tours." These trips are designated with:  **See website for dog policy for ski tours.**

Dogs must be on a leash in sno-parks (Forest Service regulation). Please keep dogs off ski tracks and pack out dog waste.

TOUR RATINGS

These designations are a guide to the skill and commitment level required for each tour. A full trip rating always includes a

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NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

Volunteers are needed. Have some time to track issues that affect skiers (on websites in the comfort of your own home)? Contact Pam oncnewsletter@gmail.com.

Obstructions on the Ski Trails If downed trees or brush hanging are encountered on the ski trails please contact our Trail Tending Coordinator Ken Wenzel skiwenzel@hotmail.com

Mt. Hood National Forest

Downed Trees On Ski Trails When you are skiing and encounter some downed trees across trails, please let Ken Wenzel skiwenzel@hotmail.com

Gifford Pinchot National Forest Mt. St. Helens

Trail Conditions On January 26 it was noted on the Gifford Pinchot website that there was 24 inches of snow at Marble Mountain Sno-Park and the road was melted to the pavement.

Wind River

Trail Conditions As of January 22 there was four feet of snow and the trail system Updates will be posed the following website with plowing and road conditions: Skamainiacounty.org

Info/comments: winter@co.skamania.wa.us

Deschutes National Forest

Swampy Lake Shelter Donations A website has been set up for the Swampy Lake Shelter rebuild project which the Central Oregon Nordic Club has been maintaining for over thirty years. Info about donating can be found the website:

historyanimated.com/saveourswampy.com. The Aria Foundation has pledged to match contributions dollar-for-dollar until March 1, 2016.

Shuttle to Mt. Bachelor and Meissner Sno-Park

The Mt. Bachelor Shuttle from Bend to Mt. Bachelor stops at Virginia Meissner Sno-Park, a groomed area run by volunteers from Meissner Nordic (meissnernordic.org), a former ONC chapter, on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. It is operated between partnership Mt. Bachelor and Cascades East Transit (CET). Their schedule and other info can be found on this website: mtbachelor.com/info/mtbachelor-shuttle

Winter Trail Maps Downloadable maps of the winter trails in the Bachelor, Newberry, and Three Creeks areas in Central Oregon are available on this website: fs.usda.gov/main/deschutes/home, then click on "Winter Trail Maps" on the left side of the page.

Mitch Auerbach, Kevin McGillivray
(Gorge Chapter), *Nordic Issues*, Pam Rigor, Editor

Calendar for portable devices

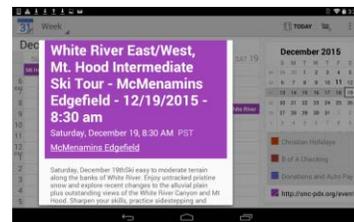
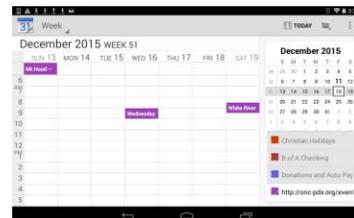
The ONC-PDX event calendar gives a summary of all the club's activities. It is not necessary to open our website to view it. Our Webmaster Bill Yaeger made the calendar available by using a link to your personal electronic calendar. Using it is convenient to see the club activities and their details. The calendar file is compatible with many programs: Google, Apple and Yahoo.

It can be used on tablets and on Windows desktop computers. Google allows multiple calendars with the choice of which ones to display at any one time and they can be turned on and off at will. Here you see a week's view of the ONC-PDX calendar. By touching the White

River tour the details are displayed.

Keeping up with the club's changing events is easy, but the calendar needs to be synced with the ONC-PDX calendar to keep it current.

Importing the ONC-PDX calendar to your personal calendar will vary with the app or program you are



using. My example will work for the Google calendar. The Android Google Calendar App does not allow you to create a link to an external calendar, however the desktop version of Google Calendar will. Open a browser tab (can be done on a tablet) and click on the small square icon to the right of "Other Calendars" in the left column. Select "Add by URL" and type in this "http://onc-pdx.org/events.ics" to import the calendar into your Google account.

The ONC-PDX calendar is now in to your Google account. The next step is to open the Android Google Calendar App. In the upper right corner select the three vertical dots and select "Settings". If you have multiple Google accounts select your primary one. The next screen shows all the calendars you have selected. On the right select the box beside the ONC-PDX calendar to get it synced.

The ONC-PDX Meetup calendar can be added to a Google calendar by using this link: <http://api.meetup.com/Oregon-Nordic-Ski-Club-Portland-Chapter/upcoming.ical>.

When both calendars are displayed concurrently it is easy to see which events are offered only to the ONC-PDX website viewers.

Terry Owen

Board considering carpool fees

For a variety of reasons there are fewer

drivers of snow worthy vehicles within the club. This has become a significant issue. On a recent overnight tour, there were 12 participants and no one wanted to drive. Eventually this was sorted out but it was sorted out by the leader spending over \$1,000 to accelerate repairs to his car and by renting of a 4WD vehicle by four. Note that while the trip leaders help coordinate carpooling, ultimately, it is the obligation of each member to arrange travel to the overnight destination. Inability to do this is not grounds for a trip refund.

The optimal solution is of course to carpool and share the driving expense. Regarding expenses, current ONC-PDX policy is as follows: Each passenger contributes 15 cents per mile. For three or more passengers, the maximum total contribution by all passengers is limited to 45 cents per mile.

At first glance, given that gas prices are at historic lows, the above policy seems to be a boon for drivers but I'll try and make the case that the opposite is true and that drivers are subsidizing other members of the club.

The starting point is the cost per mile for a vehicle. There are a number of costs associated with owning and operating a car including: depreciation of initial purchase price, regular maintenance, repairs, gas, insurance and licenses. What do all these costs come up to on a per mile basis? The accepted standard for this cost is the IRS Mileage Rate (irs.gov/Tax-Professionals/Standard-Mileage-Rates). As of January 1, 2016 this rate 54 cents/mile (down from 57.5 cents/mile in 2015). Clearly the gas cost is only a small portion of overall vehicle cost. This rate is used as the reimbursement rate by most large employers and government organizations (e.g. State of Oregon uses this rate).

I would argue that this rate is low for snow worthy vehicles. The 54 cents is an average across all vehicles and all states. Ski driving often requires larger 4WD vehicles, snow tires, purchase of ski racks/ski boxes, sno-park passes, etc. Additionally there is greater accident risk/wear when driving on snow covered roads (coming back from my last trip a rock was thrown up and I now have a cracked wind-

shield). One could certainly debate this point but, in part to make the math a little easier, I'll assume a cost of 60 cents/mile for snow worthy vehicles.

If there is an owner/driver and three passengers in the car then, per current policy, the vehicle owner gets 45 cents per mile from the passengers. As noted above, when all expense are considered, driving the vehicle costs the owner 60 cents a mile so the 15 cents difference is being picked up by the owner. The owner does not write a check to anyone but that is 15 cents/mile of wear, depreciation, etc. which is not being covered. In this case, basic costs are shared equally with everyone contributing directly or indirectly 15 cents a mile. This is certainly not a boon for the owner. The owner is effectively paying the same rate as all the other passengers but they are often saddled with doing the majority of driving and have to clean out their car at the end of the trip. As someone who often drives on trips, I would jump at the chance to relax as a passenger and pay 15 cents/mile.

Unfortunately, the above is a best case scenario for the driver. More typically we drive with less than fully occupied vehicles. For example, if there are only two passengers then the driver is reimbursed 30 cents a mile. Of the 60 cents per mile to operate the vehicle, the driver is then picking up 30 cents/mile themselves for the pleasure of driving other skiers up to the mountain. This hardly seems fair.

The board is evaluating if our carpooling policy should be revised for next year. Several ideas have been considered including (1) not having a fixed carpool fee per person but dividing the operating cost (60 cents/mile) equally among everyone in the vehicle (2) staying with a fixed per person fee but increasing per passenger contribution to 20 cents/mile up to a maximum of 60 cents/mile (3) keeping current policy but providing more education on this issue. No decisions have been made yet. These changes are being considered in hopes of providing a more equitable sharing of costs and encouraging more people to make their vehicle available for trips. If you have input on this topic then please provide feedback to one of your hard working ONC-PDX board members. Thanks. ♦

Scott Diamond, *Day Tours and Board Secretary*

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terrain rating plus a mileage rating, to help you better select the right tour for your ability and inclination. Please consider your physical conditioning and your equipment when deciding to go on a tour. Match the tour level to your ability for your physical safety and comfort, and the safety and comfort of other participants on the tour. If you are in any doubt about the rating of a tour, please call the tour leader before the day of the tour.

Novice Ski Tour

These tours are for the inexperienced skiers. While this is not a lesson, the leader will help new skiers as much as possible. Tour length is 3–5 miles over nearly flat terrain.

Easy Tour

Ski: 4–6 miles over gentle terrain at a pace comfortable for all participants.

Bike: Mostly flat terrain, 8–10 m.p.h. pace, frequent regrouping.

Hike: < 8 miles; 200 ft. per mile elevation gain.

Backpack: < 5 miles/day; 200 ft. per mile elevation gain.

Intermediate Tour

Ski: 6–12 miles. Terrain flat to long hills that are no steeper than found on a road (maximum 10 degrees). Moderate pace. Trail turning skills required, if there are hills. Consult tour description for specifics.

Bike: Moderate terrain with rolling hill (some short steep hills); 10–14 m.p.h. pace, regrouping when appropriate.

Hike: 8–10 miles; 200 to 400 ft. per mile elev. gain.

Backpack: 5–7 miles per day; 200 to 400 ft. per mile elevation gain.

Advanced Tour

Ski: > 12 miles. Terrain flat to steep hills (> 10 degrees). Moderate to fast pace. Strong turning skills required on the tours with steeper slopes.

Bike: Difficult terrain with one or more major hills/series of longer, steeper

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hills; 15–18 m.p.h. pace,
regrouping when
necessary.

Hike: > 10 miles; 400 ft.
per mile elevation gain.
Steady pace and/or
difficult terrain (a workout).
Backpack: > 7 miles/
day; 400–600 ft./mile
elevation gain.

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Pack these essentials on
any ONC activity, “just in
case.” Remember that
cotton offers no insulation
when wet. Choose wool or
synthetics like polypro or
Capilene® for warmth and
comfort.

Skiing & Hiking Essentials

- First aid kit
- Matches (in waterproof case) and fire starter
- Rain gear and extra clothes, including a warm sweater
- Extra food and water
- Plastic whistle
- Map and compass (know how to use)
- Flashlight, extra batteries and bulb
- Space blanket or bivy bag
- Pocket knife
- Toilet paper and trowel (ziplock bag to carry out toilet paper)
- Sunglasses, lip balm and sun screen
- Foam sit pad

Biking

Essentials

- Helmet (required on all bike rides)
- Spare tube
- Patch kit
- Tire pump
- Water bottle (filled)
- Tire irons

OVERNIGHT TRIP POLICIES

1. Overnight tour descriptions must be submitted to the overnight tour coordinator to be approved. Once approved, the overnight tour coordinator submits them to the newsletter editor.
2. Only Oregon Nordic Club members are allowed on Portland ONC overnight tours,
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ONC State organization board meeting

The ONC State organization met in mid-

December in Portland, some items from the meeting are listed below.

John Craig A tentative date for the John Craig event, which is held in Sisters, OR, is set for Saturday, March 19 (see watch listing in upcoming events for more info).

Changes to Bylaws John Betonte reviewed the bylaws to catch up with the ONC operations. He found that some of the provisions were not workable (as an example notification by mail rather than use of email. Several changes that were discussed and voted on. The impact on the chapters is minimal. The most interesting are included here:

Revise Section 6 C). by adding the sentence in italics so Section 6 C). reads as follows: “The two Directors allowed all chapters shall be elected in the spring from the chapters on alternate years to serve two years. In the case of the third or more Director Qualifications in any chapter, that director shall be elected on a yearly basis.” *Chapters will provide the names and email addresses of their chapter representatives within 10 days following the election or appointment of those representatives.* “The Directors shall elect from their members a Chairman and two Vice Chairmen who shall serve one year. They shall elect a Treasurer and Secretary who must be members of the club but who need not be members of the Board of Directors and who shall serve one year.”

Add Section 7 C). *The officers may take action without meeting by email communication if all the officers agree to the action, and that the Chairman reports the action to the Board of Directors at their next regular meeting and the action is ratified by 2/3 majority of the chapters of ONC.*

New Chapter Application Eagle Cap area ski club application will be considered at the March meeting.

John Day Award nominations Before the March meeting, send nominations to John Betonte for people who have made major contributions to the Oregon Nordic community. John will send an email to each rep with a deadline for these nominations. It is due by March 15, 2016. ◆

DAY TOURS

Note: if weather or road conditions are dangerous, please confirm tour with the leader.

Check website (onc-pdx.org in day tours and in forums for day tours) and/or our Meetup site (www.meetup.com/Oregon-Nordic-Ski-Club-Portland-Chapter) for last minute day tours.

Feb 20, Sat, Advanced Ski Mystery Tour, Location TBD

Tour will depend on weather and conditions. Contact leader beforehand for details. Non-Meetup tour.
For more info, meeting place and time contact the leader: Steve Levy 503.244.4262 slevy@pacifier.com

Feb 21, Sun, Advanced Ski Cloud Cap Inn, Mt. Hood, OR

We'll ski up the Old Wagon Road (formerly called the Telephone Line Trail) to cloud cap or Tilly Jane, and return down the same way and/or the Ghost Ridge or perhaps the newer trail just down the Tilly Jane Trail, or one of our own making—going 10 miles with 2,120 feet elevation gain. Climbing skins, or your own make shift cord climbers required. **For more info, meeting place and time contact the leader: Larry Risch HikerNW@gmail.com** ◆

Common meeting places: Gateway Transit Center parking structure, NE 99th Ave. north of NE Pacific Ave. Parkrose/Sumner Transit Center, NE Sandy Blvd. & NE 96th Ave. McMenamins Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey, take I-84 to Exit 16 (Wood Village) turn right, go to Halsey (1st stop light) turn left, go 1/2 mile, it's on the right.

Trail tending report

In the last few weeks, while out on ski

tours Steve Rearden and I have taken on the task of clearing trails of downed trees, bent trees, and limbs blocking the trails. We were using small folding saws, but in seconds cut small trees and limbs out of the way

(Corona 12 Inch blade – 9 oz). We have cleared trails at McClellan Meadows, Bennett Pass loop, Pocket Creek Tie Trail, and Twin Lakes loop trail. Please join in to help keep our trails clear while out and while our winter of heavy

snow continues and enjoy our abundance of great trails. The skiing has been great even with spending a few minutes on trail tending!

If interested in helping out, send me an email at skiwenzel@hotmail.com ◆

Ken Wenzel, Trail Tending Coordinator



Ken Wenzel

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

SIGN-UP TIPS

- ◆ Overnight trips are exclusively for members; join or renew your membership before signing up. Memberships can be renewed on the website or by paper application available on our website Membership under Member Resources/Forms (mail to club P.O. Box, not to leader).
- ◆ Contact the leader with any questions you have. Do my skills fit the trip? Any special requirements or gear? Travel time?
- ◆ Read the overnight trip policies (see sidebars)!
- ◆ Sign up early so we'll have enough people cover trip costs: sign-ups can be made on the website (onc-pdx.org/acitivities/overnight-trips) or fill out an overnight trip application and mail it with your trip fee to the trip leader (make checks payable to ONC-Portland Chapter).
- ◆ If the trip is full, join the waiting list by sending your overnight trip application and trip fee to the leader (your fee will be returned, if you do not go). Last minute openings do occur!
- ◆ Purchase trip insurance. You are responsible for finding someone to take your place if you cancel. A web link for travel insurance is on the overnight trip application form on the web, or contact the trip leader or overnight trip coordinator.

Note: see website for full trip descriptions.

Feb 5–7, Fri–Sun, All Ability Ski
Mt. Adams Lodge at the Flying L Ranch, WA
1 space available*

Follow the flurries to Mt. Adams and join us for two days of skiing and relaxing in the lodge with its enormous stone fireplace. Nestled among the beautiful Ponderosa pines, Mt. Adams Lodge at the Flying L Ranch B&B is the closest overnight trip from the Portland area and a favorite of ONC-PDX. Saturday night we'll potluck. There are plenty of ski trails—beginning to advanced—awaiting you on this sunny side of the Cascades.

Trip Limit: 19 participants (including the leader)
Cost: \$165 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes two nights' lodging and two gourmet breakfasts.

Send your overnight tour application and a check for \$165, payable to ONC-Portland Chapter, to the trip leader, Donna Matrazzo at 15500L NW Ferry Road, Portland, OR 97231. For more info contact Donna at 503.621.3049 matrazzo@msn.com.

Feb 12–14, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski
Tilly Jane A-Frame, Mt. Hood, OR

**This trip is also available:
March 11–13 and April 8–10**

We'll backcountry ski to the ONC-PDX managed shelter on the Northeast side of Mt. Hood, a three-mile with a 1,900-foot gain up the Tilly Jane Ski Trail to the A-



Frame at 5,700 feet elevation. Participants carry their own gear, including sleeping bags, pad, and food for all meals. We

have a wood stove for cooking meals or heating water. Participants can also bring their own stove and cooking pots. Experienced intermediate skiing skills with turning ability, good physical condition and navigation/route finding skills using map, compass or GPS are required. Climbing skins are mandatory.

Trip Limit: 20 participants maximum

Cost: Free—a club benefit (you must be a current ONC-PDX member or Tilly Jane volunteer before signing up for this trip)

To sign up or for more info contact us at TillyJaneCabin@gmail.com. We'll forward your request to the appropriate trip leader. Leaders TBD
Feb 12–15, Fri–Mon, All Ability Ski
Lake Creek Lodge, Camp Sherman, OR
Trip full, waiting list open*

Halfway between Santiam Pass and Sisters, the very popular Lake Creek Lodge boasts quaint, rustic cabins paneled in knotty pine. More details are on our website.

Trip limit: 16 participants

Cost: \$225 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes three nights lodging.

For more info contact Steve at 503.244.4262 slevy@pacifier.com.

Feb 13–21, Sat–Sun, All Abilities Ski
Yellowstone National Park Dream Trip, WY
Trip full, waiting list open*

You have been there in the summer with all the tourists and have heard about it from others who have been there in the winter. Now it is YOUR opportunity to experience the dream: YELLOWSTONE IN WINTER! Twenty lucky people will have the opportunity of a lifetime! This ski season for this Presidents' Weekend trip.

More details are on our website.

Trip limit: 20 participants (including the leader)

Cost: \$850 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes seven-nights lodging and breakfasts (four at Mammoth and three at Old Faithful) and snow-coach to Old Faithful and return to Mammoth. We'll have reservations for dinners (costs not included) at the Mammoth dining room and Old Faithful Snow Lodge dining room. Costs for carpooling and lodging en-route are not included. Special rates are available for children under 12 sharing a room with parents.

There will be a pre-trip meeting scheduled to plan for details and carpool. For more info contact Ted at 503.452.7432 tedskier@gmail.com.

***Check website/contact leader for trip updates**

cont. from sidebar page 6 even if it is a trip for which no money is collected. Non-members may join the club at the same time they sign up for an overnight tour (and pay the membership fee at that time). The only exceptions are overnight trail tending parties which are open to anyone, and Tilly Jane Club weekends which are open to ONC members and non-member volunteers.

3. The first overnight trip sign-up opportunity is at the October meeting at the designated time. The member must submit their application and payment at that time, in person, or through a representative in person. The trip leader cannot be a representative. Following the trip sign-up date, remaining tour spots will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis, based on time/date the application is received by the tripler. Overnight tour leaders have the privilege of signing up for any Portland ONC overnight trip, prior to the October meeting.

WAITING LIST

4. If a tour is full, participants can be placed on the waiting list if they submit an application and pay the tour fee. If space becomes available, participants on the waiting list will be notified and if they choose not to go on the tour, they will receive a full refund.

Trip Cancellation Policy

5. If canceling, participants must contact the tour leader immediately to determine if there is a waiting list.

6. Participants are responsible for finding their own replacements, continued on sidebar page 8

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including contacting people on the waiting list.

7. Tour fees and deposits are non-refundable, unless a replacement is found. Commercial trip insurance is highly recommended for members who fear hardship because of these policies. (see below for link to trip insurance)

8. Once a replacement has been found, participant must send a written or e-mail request for a refund to the overnight tour coordinator. When the replacement has been confirmed and payment received, a refund will be issued within 30 days, less \$10.

9. Additional restrictions on participation may apply to some trips based on participant's ability and experience needed to safely execute the trip. The trip leader has the authority to determine this, for the safety of all the trip participants. The trip leader may also limit participation based on accommodations.

10. If the club cancels the trip, then the club will refund the cost of the trip. All trip cancellations will be decided by Overnight Trip Steering Committee.

Travel Insurance

We remind participants that trips are non-refundable, unless a replacement is found. We recommend that you use trip insurance, through our membership in the Northwest Ski Club Council/ National Ski Federation Council. The cost is usually 7% of the trip cost, with a minimum of

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Feb 26 – Feb 28, Fri – Sun, Most Abilities Ski/Snowshoe Crater Lake via Charter Bus

3 spaces available*

Sign-up by February 10

Experience one of the seven wonders of Oregon on skis or snowshoes, and without crowds!

We are looking for more skiing adventurer's! The Crater Lake rim, at 7,000 feet, averages 44 feet of snow a year –



Bob Breivogel

as of mid January there is 97 feet. Join us for the big trip to Crater Lake. Last year we had fresh snow and sunny days – and some of the best skiing of the winter.

We'll board the bus at noon in Portland on Friday and proceed down I-5 while sharing in an appetizer based "Rolling Pot-Luck." We will arrive in Prospect at around 6 pm, giving you time to enjoy your room and a spaghetti dinner in the historic Prospect Hotel. The next morning, after a great breakfast at the hotel, we will take a quick ride to the rim and spend the day enjoying the spectacular snow formations and views of the lake and surrounding mountains while skiing as far as our legs can carry us. Sunday will be another day of different trails, different tours, and more exploring. If you want, you can take a ranger led interpretive snowshoe tour. Later in the afternoon, we will board our coach and head toward home. This year we will pre-order sandwiches or pizza and try to get home by 9:00 p.m.

We are going to continue with the excellent (and fun) coaching with Shelley and Dave from Wy'East Nordic to offer training tips to all who want it as we ski.

There are two types of accommodations: The Historic Prospect Inn which has one double/queen bed in each room for two people (ideal for couples) and the adjacent motel-like rooms, where participants will likely share large rooms with two or three beds per room and, in some cases, kitchenettes.

Trip limit: 35 participants (including the leaders)

Cost: \$310–\$330 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) based on double occupancy, depending upon whether you are staying in the Inn or the adjacent motel check with leader for availability. Includes all meals except lunches. You may purchase sack lunches from the lodge or bring your own food.

For more info contact Steve and Shannon at 503.467.8599 oncskiplanchon@gmail.com.

March 5–19, Sat–Sat, All Abilities Ski Innsbruck, Austria and Dolomites, Italy

Trip full, 2 on waiting list*

Skate and classic cross-country ski in the Austrian Alps and the Dolomites of Italy for two weeks in March 2016! More details are on our website.

Trip limit: 12 participants

Cost: estimated at \$2,900 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip), but the recommended budget is \$3,500, includes round trip airfare to Munich from Portland or Seattle, train to Seefeld and Plan de Gralba, and then back to Munich, bus passes near Seefeld, skiing in Plan de Gralba, all lodging (double occupancy), breakfasts and final dinner in Munich. Travel insurance required (see article on page 3).

For more info contact Sam Digard at sam.digard@gmail.com call/text 360.910.1714 (voice calls are often difficult to answer, so please be ready to leave a message) for more details and a larger PowerPoint overview of the trip.

March 11–13, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane A-Frame, Mt. Hood, OR

See February 12–14 weekend trip on page 7 for details.

March 10–14, Thur–Mon, All Abilities Ski Wallowa Mountains, Wallowa Lake, OR

Trip full*

Come spend an extended weekend skiing in the magnificent Wallowa Mountains in eastern Oregon! More details are on our website.

Trip Limit: 14 participants (including the leader)
Cost: \$130 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes four nights lodging.

For more info contact Kathy at 503.429.4024 burnskathryn@gmail.com.

March 19–27, Sat–Sun, All Abilities Ski Canadian Rockies Spring Break

Trip full, 1 on waiting list*

We are embarking on a ski expedition to the magnificent Canadian Rockies Canmore, Banff, Kananaskis Country. More details are on our website.

Trip Limit: 8 participants (including the leader)
Trip Cost: \$450 (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes seven nights' accommodations in a luxury house in Canmore. Additional costs to be incurred are one or two nights of accommodation on the road, potluck meals, shared costs for transportation, trail fees for one day at Nordic Center and shared costs meals in Canmore.

For more info contact Ted at 503.452.7432 teds skier@gmail.com

March 25–27, Fri–Sun, Adv./Inter. Backcountry Ski Three Sisters Hut to Hut Traverse, OR

Trip full, 8 on waiting list*

This is a 22-mile Hut to Hut, self guided tour from Dutchman Flat near Mt. Bachelor to Three Creeks Sno-Park near Sisters. More details are on our website.

Trip Limit: 8 (including two leaders)
Cost: \$270 per person (you must be a current ONC member before signing up for this trip) includes a shuttle, two nights in huts, food for two days and two nights with beer included! Additional expenses include carpooling, food and lodging in Sisters the night before.

***Check website/contact leader for trip updates**

onc-pdx.org

For more info contact Susan at 503.286.6339
susniam@gmail.com

April 8–10 Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski
Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin, Mt. Hood, OR

See Feb. 12–14 weekend trip on page 7 for details. ♦

Oregon Nordic Club–Portland Chapter Overnight Trip Application

TOUR NAME: _____ DATE: _____

FEE / DEPOSIT: _____ **One application per person**

Mail your check payable to ONC-Portland Chapter and this application to the tour leader at their address listed in the tour description in the newsletter. Contact them for their address if it is not available.

NAME: _____ ONC-PDX MEMBER: yes no* other ONC Chapter

*You must be a current ONC member before signing up for ONC-PDX overnight trips

PHONE: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL **: _____

** If you do not have an e-mail address, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your check and this form.

Assumption of Risk and Liability Waiver

Outdoor adventures by their very nature are inherently dangerous and involve some degree of risk. I am aware that participating in the Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter (ONC-PDX) outings may expose me to certain risks and dangers including, but not limited to the hazards of mountainous, aquatic, or wilderness terrain, accident, illness, the forces of nature, and travel to and from the trailhead or point of departure. I am aware that it is not possible to foresee all of the potential hazards of outdoor activities. Each participant in a ONC-PDX activity is responsible for his or her decisions.

To the best of my knowledge, I feel physically and mentally able to assume full participation in the outings of activities in which I will participate. I understand that the ONC-PDX is a volunteer organization. In consideration of voluntarily participating in these outings, trips, or activities, I have and do hereby assume all the risks inherent in these activities and hold harmless the ONC-PDX and its agents, tour leaders, officers, and instructors, from and against any and all claims, liability, and demands of any nature, for the acts or omissions of the ONC-PDX or its agents, tour leaders, officers, or instructors.

Please read ONC-PDX's overnight trip policies located on the side bar starting on page 6 before signing for for a trip; note the cancellation policy. Refunds are not made unless a replacement is found for your spot on the trip. Purchase trip insurance incase of hardship: http://www.travelguard.com/agentlink.asp?ta_arc=163395&pcode= (this link is on our website)

I have read and understand the above statements concerning ONC-PDX's programs.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

(Parent or Guardian must sign if the trip participant is under 18 years of age)

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Welcome new members! Mary Abplanalp, David Bath, Shemaya Blauer, Cindy Campbell, Sean Currans, Andrea, Matthew, Abigail and Travis Erb, Judy Arielle Fiestal, Sue Griffith, Alan, Lan, Austin and Ethan Hed, Kirsten Hull, Kirsti Magelssen, Susan, Niall, Katie and Brendan McDonnell, Helen Moss and Bill Uehlein, Glenice Naslund, Susan, Erik and Kari Offerdal, Martha Spinhirne, Jenny Van Alstyne, Richard VanAlstyne, Lisa Wright, Ben Yacob, and Joy Young

Welcome back: Betty Hal, Elsa Hume, Cynthia Hovezak, Dale Latham and Marilyn Happold-Latham, Ellen McKeever, Martha Robeck, and Barbara Schulz

January membership report: 307 total memberships (224 single and 83 family) includes 21 new and 7 renewals. Last year at this time there were 255 memberships.

Minutes of ONC-PDX Board Meeting, January 5, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Mazamas Mountaineering Center

Board Members Present: André Fortin, Ann Truax, Kim Davis, Mary Bourret, Scott Diamond and Susan Watt.

Other Members Present: Ted Scheinman

Current Action Item List (Including those from this meeting)

Should day trip committee come up with list of what you need to bring and/or update policy document? Scott/Day Trip Committee to ponder. ■ Scott to call Day Trip Committee together to review how to improve Meetup. ■ Ted Scheinman/Overnight trip committee to communicate no change in policy for reimbursement for nonattendance of trip and no refund for "under budget:" trip. ■ Ted Scheinman/Overnight trip committee to communicate clarification of

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\$10. This is less than commercial policies. A link is on the ONC-PDX overnight trip application on the website at the bottom.

Where they ask for tour operator, select "not listed" and indicate that the "ONC" is the tour operator. For agent's initials, use: "TPS." Read the coverage carefully and make your choice. For more info contact the Overnight Trip Coordinator Ted Scheinman
tedskier@gmail.com ♦

Crater Lake National Park



Crater Lake National Park



Crater Lake National Park



Discounts for ONC-PDX members and leaders!

Columbia

Sportswear,
911 SW Broadway
(flagship store) and
7000 NE Airport
Drive, Suite T2572
(airport location)—
15% discount on
purchases. Special
week (November 1–
11) of 30% discounts.
Current membership
card required.
columbia.com

Glenn's Mountain Tracks in

Government Camp
next to Huckleberry's
Restaurant, offers
ONC-PDX members
group rates on
cross-country ski
rentals. Current
membership card
required. On-line
rentals.
mntntracks.com

Mountain

Hardware,
722 SW Taylor
Street—15%
discount on
purchases. Special
week (November 1–
11) of 30% discounts.
Current membership
card required.
mountainhardware.com/
Stores_Portland.html

The Mountain Shop

1510 NE 37th
Ave., 10% discount
(15% discount for
leaders) on
purchases and
15% discount on
rentals.
mountainshop.net

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car pool policy and Scott to write article for forum/newsletter. ■ Tilly Jane André will mail all to board members a list of organizations to contact when seeking assistance. ■ All - review list of contacts and provide feedback to André ■ Mary B – contact state ONC and take Ann off of list. ■ Scott to coordinate with Mary H and Bill Y to get club REI presentation on website. ■ Ann send additional email on leadership training and cover at general meeting ■ All – contact individuals that you think would be suitable for board and ask them to run. ■ Ann, André and Kim to meet with Pam to discuss ski lessons. ■ All – review volunteer descriptions and provide edit to Scott, Scott – publish list to website and post of Forum, Ann – Announce at General membership meeting once update. ■ Mary H will try to get together with Elizabeth and get the Paypal account changed to me so we can withdraw more money at a time. ■ Unassigned - Board would like list to be shut down by the end of March.

Review of Action items from Prior Board Meetings

Some people are not getting e-mail. Bill is working on that – complete with email from Bill Y to all on forum settings. ■ Scott to email everyone to see about day tours for December - complete. ■ Should day trip committee come up with list of what you need to bring and/or update policy document? Day trip committee to ponder – in process. ■ Volunteer meeting - Susan to work with Ann for volunteer recognition - complete. ■ Mary H to get 25 Sno-Park passes – complete. ■ The secretary (currently Scott Diamond) will maintain a document on the website, which summarizes these key decisions. – complete.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Report provided by email by Tim after the meeting. Tim recommends approval of treasurer report. We also have \$12,948.67 in Paypal funds as of Dec 31. Mary will try to get together with Elizabeth and get the Paypal account changed to me so we can withdraw more money at a time.

President's Report: Snowshoe Signage–Mary Hepokoski has placed signs at Bennett, Barlow Pass, Elk Meadow, Pocket Creek, 2 at Tilly Jane. Steve Levy volunteered to put up signs at Yellow Jacket at White River Sno-Park. Ranger at Zigzag station put up signs at Glacier View, east side of Summit, Snow Bunny, and Trillium.

Website: Working really well. Thanks Bill Yaeger!

Day Tour Committee: Ski pass proposal–This was approved by email in December. Proposal–The day tour committee has board approval to purchase in advance up to a combined total of 25 sno-park passes in the 2015/2016 ski season (any combination of WA or OR). To reduce financial exposure to the club, a stock of no more than 10 shall be maintained at any time. Sno-Park passes shall be provided in advance to individuals who have signed up to lead a day tour. Committee has decided to not post day tour list on newsletter and will instead ask newsletter to refer readers to website. Leader mentoring program is going slowly. We've only had one tour with co-leader (Carla assisted on Scott's trip to Teacup). Suggest we emphasize at leadership training. We have a good selection of tours each month and relatively high level of participation. Forum working well for adding spontaneous tours.

Meetup–Great attendance for easy tours (currently 29 signed up for Ann's beginning Teacup tour for Sunday, January 11). About half of the leaders are posting to Meetup. To grow the club we would like more tours posted to meetup, but there is overhead in dealing with this (particularly carpool issue). Still learning tools on meetup (mark no shows, group e-mail, waiting list). Day tour to call coordination meeting on Meetup – Scott. Limit number of participants. See about adding tour leaders to Meetup so that we don't pass message.

Overnight Trip Committee: Reimbursement for non-attendance–Question came up on our policy for reimbursing if member cannot attend trip. Currently policy is not to provide reimbursement and the board decided to leave the policy as is. Ted Scheinman/Overnight trip committee to communicate this policy. ■ Reimbursement for lower cost–The question came up of possible reimbursement, if the cost of the trip came out to be less than collected. Current policy is that some trips cost less than anticipated and some trips cost more. Club policy is to not charge more to attendees if costs are higher than anticipated and not refund if costs are less. Board chose to not change this policy so no refund is to be provided. ■ Related to the above, if the trip costs less than originally anticipated it is not acceptable for the leader to eat into the excess by taking on additional expenses, which were not budgeted (e.g. picking up meals which were not intended). Leaders that do not follow this policy risk not be reimbursed for any such expenses. Ted Scheinman/Overnight Trip Committee to communicate this policy. ■ Carpool–There was an issue on recent overnight trip with 12 participants and no one who wanted to drive. To clarify ONC-PDX policy on this matter it is: While the trip leaders help coordinate carpooling, ultimately, it is the obligation of each member to arrange travel to the overnight destination. Inability to do this is not grounds for a trip refund. Trip leaders, if driving are treated like any other member of the trip. That is they may decide who will and will not drive in their car and they are under no special obligation to include any particular member in their vehicle. Ted Scheinman/Overnight trip committee to communicate this policy. The board is evaluating increasing carpool rate to 20 cents/mile Scott to write an article for newsletter/forum stating policy and potential increase.

Tilly Jane: André communicated overall \$213K estimate to upgrade Tilly Jane A-Frame to address longstanding structural issues. Current "savings" in ONC-PDX account for Tilly Jane is ~\$50K. André would like to address is phases with first phase requiring ~\$138K. A possible path to obtaining necessary funds is to seek a Preserve America grant (due mid April). André will mail all to board members a list of organizations to contact when seeking assistance.

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All - André is asking for us to review list of contacts and provide feedback

Membership: Listed in newsletter.

Nordic Issues: No report.

ONC State Board Meeting: Insurance cost increasing from \$6.00 to \$9.50 per member next year. Board agrees that if needed we will raise membership by \$3 to \$30/year.

Changes are made to bylaws to improve efficiency (see details in Mary summary). We have five members of ONC State when we should have four. Board agrees to take Ann off of list for Portland members – Mary B. Presumably, minutes from state minute will be placed at: <http://new.onc.org/documents/>

Publicity: REI presentations this Monday. Mary H going to do provide. We agreed it would be useful to have presentation on website instead of passed around by stick. Scott to Ask Mary H to send it to Bill to put on Website.

New Business

Class Reimbursement: Agreed that we should provide more incentives for leaders to take educational classes.

Board approves refund for expense of education class cost up to a max. of \$100 for leaders (increase from current subsidy of \$50). ■ **Leadership Training:** Limited RSVP at this time (< 10). Ann to re-announce leadership training and clarify that this training is different than what has been done in the past. Ann to announce leadership training at general meeting next week. If less than 20 RSVP (not including organizers) by 17th of January not including organize then we will cancel the leadership training and instead cover it in November. ■ **Yahoo Email List Server:** Yahoo site – board would like list to be shut down by the end of March. ■ **New Board Members:** The following members are exiting in April: Ann, Susan, and Kim. We should have submission of new names into newsletter in February. All – contact individuals that you think would be suitable for board and ask them to run. ■ **Ski Lessons:** Board does not feel ski lessons should be conducted w/o board approval. Ann, André and Kim to meet with Pam to discuss.

Volunteer Tasks: Scott suggested that we would have more participation, if we did a better job of advertising where we have need. The website has an area listing volunteer needs but we are not using it (it currently only lists overnight committee which does not need additional people). ■ The following additions are proposed for volunteer needs: ■ **Nordic Issues–Track issues relevant to Nordic skiing in the state?** Better description needed. ■ **Public Relations–Develop awareness of club within community.** Provide presentations on club and skiing in Oregon. Attend ski fairs. Better description needed. ■ **Trip leaders–Ongoing need for individuals to lead day tours.** ■ **Boards members–Qualified individuals needed to set club policy, resolve issues and drive new projects.** Suggest that individuals that are interested in joining the board should attend a board meeting. ■ **Tilly Jane–More complete description is needed from Andre but there is a need a number of areas related to planned structural work at Tilly Jane.** In particular there is a need for grant writers and individuals able to connect with other organizations and businesses for fund raising. ■ **Volunteer Tracking–Need for track volunteers from all areas of club (overnight, day tour, trail maintenance, committees, etc.).** Manage volunteer recognition at fall meeting. Arrange volunteer recognition gift and track distribution to volunteers. Assist in volunteer recruitment. ■ **Membership–Process membership applications.** Maintain membership database. Analyze membership (demographics, where new members are coming from, other trends) and report to board. Identify recruitment opportunities. ■ **All – review volunteer descriptions and provide edit to Scott** Scott – publish list to website and post of Forum. ■ **Ann – Announce at General membership meeting once update.**

Next meeting: February 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mazama Mountaineering Center

Scott Diamond, Secretary

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: ► Good used plastic telemark boots. I would like to know what you have to see if it will fit my aims.

Sean sean.currans@gmail.com

FOR SALE: ► Atomic Telepathic telemark skis 170cm with Voile Tele bindings and heel lifts. \$75. Skins available too. Riva Super Loop ultralight telemark / backcountry touring bindings, new \$60 or OBO.

► **SCARPA Intuition ski boot thermo form liners.** Used one season in T4s. Good for Alpine, AT, Telemark Size 30.5 (used in a 30 Scarpa Boot) Will fit 29.5 to 30.5 shells. Can be reformed several times. \$65 or offer LEKI Ski Poles, telescope from 110 to 160 cm. Black and Gold good condition. \$25 or OBO.

Russ russ.bec@gmail.com 3/16

FOR SALE: ► 3-pin tele boots Full grain leather. Approximately size 7 1/2. Inner and outer lace-up boot allows for fitting of a rather narrow foot. \$100 or OBO.

Laurel 503.287.6290 3/16

FREE: ► Skis and Boots Skis Trak model. Boots

Escapeeuro size 45 which is about a mens 11.

Susan sclaing123@gmail.com 3/16

FOR SALE: ► Fischer BCX8 Back country ski boots, 3 pin, size EU43. Like new. \$75.

Mike 503.695.5385 3/16

Deadline: 15th of the month (for next month's publication). **Free ads are for members only**, placed on a first come basis and may be edited depending on space availability. Send to: oncnewsletter@gmail.com as a **MS Word document attachment preferred**—(with no formatting i.e., no bold text or tabs), in Times Roman, compatible text file, or send text in an email. **Ads will be published for 3 months. Please notify editor to run ads longer or be removed earlier.**

Oregon Mountain Community,
2975 NE Sandy,
ONC-PDX members
—subscribe to OMC e-newsletter and received the following discounts: 15% discount on purchase price. omcgear.com

Otto's Ski & Bike Shop, 38716 Pioneer Blvd. in Sandy, offers a 15% discount on purchases of ski equipment and apparel. They also have cross-country ski package rentals for the entire season. ottoskishop.com

Wy'East Nordic Ski School offers ONC-PDX members a 10% discount on cross-country ski and telemark lessons. wyeastnordic.com ♦

Kilimanjaro: A Route Less Taken

From jungle mists to the glacial cap of Africa, journey with Paul Steger and his group of Mazamas to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. The climatic zones of Kilimanjaro are unique and found only in this part of Africa. Along the way we will note the scenery as well as fauna and flora in this unique Tanzanian National Park. We will share insights of the Chagga people, the tribal group whose members led and supported us in our attempt to reach the top of Africa. You will have a chance to visualize the summit few trekkers/climbers experience.



**Lucky Labrador
Brewing Company**
1945 NW Quimby St.
Tuesday, February 9
6:30 p.m. Social Hour
7:30 p.m. Program
Food and drink are available
for purchase \$

Upcoming Programs

March 8 – Hiking and Climbing in Peru

May 10 – Thailand

April 12 – Heli-skiing in the North Cascades



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