

Summer trail tending starts

Ken Wenzel



We are just coming off one of the best ski seasons in recent

memory and it is time to continue that energy into the 2017–2018 ski season. I have heard some complaints about user conflict between snowshoe and skiers on the Crosstown Trail and with the Forest Service's help we are trying to decrease that. Our project will be to widen the path to its allowed limits and install signs in the fall to divide the trail into two side by side lanes, one for skiers and one for snowshoe and dogs.

I think you will find working on the ski trails to be a fun and rewarding time! Sign up and try it! Check the trail tending schedule on page 4 for the dates.

If you have noticed any ski trails that need some work or TLC please notify me so we can schedule a work party?

Ken Wenzel, *Trail Tending*

Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter member spotlight: George and Yvonne Ammerman

This is the first of a series of articles of members of the Portland Chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club (ONC-PDX). We expect to include one of these in each newsletter (hopefully), so that you can learn about your fellow ONC-PDX members.

Ted Scheinman



George and Yvonne Ammerman met on a cross-country ski trip in Telemark, Wisconsin, in 1991, on a club ski trip, to which they both were talked into going (by separate people). They did not know each other, even though they lived a few miles away from each other in Chicago. Both were passionate about cross-country skiing and neither was looking for a romance. But that is what happened. This trip led to a happy marriage in 1994. George and Yvonne retired (after working for 25 years at Rotary International and 22 years for the Chicago Public Schools respectfully), and moved to Portland in 2013. One of the first things they did was join ONC-PDX, and they have been active ever since. They knew that skiing

with a club would be a great opportunity to learn about where to ski in the Northwest. Their first overnight trip was Crater Lake followed by Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park, Methow Valley, and more. They prefer overnight trips, especially those where they could ski out the door, socialize after skiing, have a glass of wine, and enjoy our famous potlucks. They appreciate the monthly meetings and the travel adventures presented.

Why did I select George and Yvonne to be our first spotlight? Because they exhibit several wonderful characteristics of the ONC-PDX: 1) They ski at very different ski levels, so they both can go on a ski trip and ski with others who are compatible with their abilities; 2) they enjoy the friendly environment of the club—they have met a number of members and look forward to visiting with them at monthly meetings; 3) they want to give back (George has offered to lead a number of short bike trips in June—see the day tours schedule on page 4); 4) they are both friendly and welcoming people; and 5) they keep fit by engaging in activities in the off season (biking, continued on page 3

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Join us for a trail tending party

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

June 3 ▶ SATURDAY

National Trails Day with WTA at June Lake

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
June Lake, Mt. St. Helens, WA
Restoring sections of the trail damaged by erosion and brushing back vegetation across the trail. Hike to project site will be between 1 and 2 miles round trip (climbing uphill gradually towards the lake). Details: wta.org/volunteer/schedule/workparty/a2mA000008pgzv/

National Trails Day with the Forest Park Conservancy

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Forest Park, Portland, OR
Help get the trail back in shape. All volunteers will receive morning coffee, snacks, and training along with a free t-shirt. Family-friendly work party but always remember to dress for the weather. Tools and training provided.

Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

June 5 ▶ MONDAY

Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness

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

June 7 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Preparing for the Unexpected–Outdoor Emergency Basics

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

Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail: Oregon

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

June 8 ▶ THURSDAY

Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail: Oregon

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

Wolves, Coyotes and Wildlife!

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Clackamas REI.

Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

June 12 ▶ MONDAY

Hoppy Adventure Hour: Women's Backpacking Basics

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Lucky Lab,
1945 NW Quimby St. Free!

June 14 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Bike Maintenance Basics–Level 1

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

Lightweight Backpacking Basics

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

June 21 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Preparing for the Unexpected–Outdoor Emergency Basics

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

Preparing for the Unexpected–Outdoor Emergency Basics

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

June 22 ▶ THURSDAY

Lightweight Backpacking Basics

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

June 24 ▶ SATURDAY

Social History Happy Hour: Mt. Hood Hikes

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Doors open 6:30, Lecture 7:00
Mt Hood Museum, Government Camp, OR
\$5 cash at door, Beer & Wine \$
mthoodmuseum.org

June 29 ▶ THURSDAY

Preparing for the Unexpected–Outdoor Emergency Basics

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

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.

Member Benefits

- ▶ Free day tours; overnight trips, exclusively for members
- ▶ Clinics and lessons
- ▶ **Discounts at selected merchants (see page 4)**
- ▶ 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: nwski.org fwsa.org federationofwesternoutdoorclub.org

Memberships are renewed September 1 each year: \$29 for single, \$35 for family/household. Join on the website. Info: **oncmembership@gmail.com**

ONC-PDX BOARD SKI TRACKS

On Mothers Day, Steve Rearden and I

embarked on a plan to ski to the top of Lookout Mt. off of Road 44 by Mt. Hood. The trip could be summed up by the Clint Eastwood movie, *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly*. The 'Good' was the road was open to the trailhead, the snow was very good once you could put your skis on. The snow was firm with one inch of new snow and fun to ski. The 'Bad' was staying on track on the trail. The 'Ugly' was having to walk two-and-a-half miles with heavy ski boots in and out before you could put on the skis.

But the 'Bad' had its enjoyment also, route finding is a fun way to hike or ski trails that can lead to great joy on the return when skiing. But my point is to stay found while traveling in snow covered forests or faint old trails. Enjoy the great spring snow and skiing, but follow these simple rules to stay found.

Follow tree blazes, blue diamonds or orange snowmobile diamonds, if they are there. Look for cut wood marking where trail clearing has been done in the past. Look for the wider openings between the trees where a trail should run. If you lose the trail, stop and relocate yourself using a map and features of the land. Make sure your GPS is charged, have maps preloaded, if using your phone. Mark way points as to your car and important trail junctions. If you lose the trail let your GPS guide you back to the trails location or where it should be. If all else fails retreat and follow your ski tracks back out. Enjoy the great spring snow while it lasts! Stay found!!

Ken Wenzel, *President*

George and Yvonne Ammerman continued from page 1 canoing, and working out at the gym).

To see some of George and Yvonne's adventures, please visit their website: georgeammerman.com

Membership in the Portland Chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club provides different things for different members. What is your story?

Ted Scheinman, *Board Member*

Celebrating 40 years of instruction on Mt. Hood

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Tour leaders There is an ongoing need for individuals to all levels of day tours.

Nordic Issues Track issues relevant to Nordic skiing in the state. Examples: Cooper Spur land swap, Forest Service proposed changes, etc.

Tilly Jane A-Frame There is a need in a number of areas. Info: tillyjanecabin@gmail.com

Public Relations Provide outreach for the club. Give presentations on the club and skiing in Oregon.

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.

Volunteer Tracking Help track volunteers from all areas of the club (overnight, day tour, trail maintenance, committees, etc.). Manage volunteer recognition. Arrange volunteer recognition gift and track distribution to volunteers. Assist with recruitment.

Summer Trip/Tour Committee expand the club's activities during the non-snow months. **For more info and to volunteer contact Mary Bourett at marylbourett@gmail.com** ♦

NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

Volunteers are needed to help with Nordic Issues. Do you have some time to track issues that affect skiers? Contact board members (see sidebar page 2) to volunteer.

Mt. Hood National Forest

New trailhead and parking at Mirror Lake

The Zigzag Ranger District of the Mt. Hood National Forest along with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and ODOT are jointly working on a project to build a new trailhead area with fifty parking spaces, located just west of the Mt. Hood Ski Bowl ski resort parking lot. Parking at the popular Mirror Lake trailhead has been inadequate, and this project will solve that.

Access to the parking lot will be improved with turn lanes on Highway 35, and an intelligent transportation sign. The trailhead will include a vault toilet restroom structure, seat walls, picnic table, bike racks, and an interpretive sign kiosk. A new USFS trailhead facility monument sign will be added too.

A new trail connecting to the existing trail will be constructed; it will include a 1,250-foot-long, six-

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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!

Tours 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 side bar, 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

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foot-wide "universal" (Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant) paved trail section to connect the 350-foot distance from the new parking lot to Camp Creek, a bridge will be constructed, and from there a mile-long newly constructed trail will lead up to the existing trail at the lake.

Construction is planned for this summer and fall then continuing again in 2018. The new trail construction is not expected to impact the use of the existing trail until the new trailhead is complete, then hikers can switch to the new parking lot.

Road Conditions There may still be dangerous driving conditions on roads above 3,500 feet, which may still have deep snow.

Some roads will be affected by logging activities or road construction and maintenance projects this spring and summer. Info is listed on this website: fs.usda.gov/detail/mthood/alerts-notice/?cid=stelprdb5191108

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

Road Conditions Storms have caused extensive damage to roads in the Forest. Not all of the damage has been identified. If you come across road, trail, and campground damage contact a Forest Service office with the trail or road and milepost number, and where the damage is located or send an email to r6_gp_forest@fs.fed.us. Known conditions are listed on this website: fs.usda.gov/giffordpinchot ♦
Mitch Auerbach, *Nordic Issues*, Pam Rigor, *Editor*

Discounts for ONC-PDX members

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

Mountain Hardwear, 722 SW Taylor Street—15% discount on purchases. Special week (November 1–11) of 30% discounts. Current membership card required. mountainhardwear.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

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 10% 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. weastnordic.com ♦

DAY TOURS

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

More tours will be listed on these two sites: onc-pdx.org/activities/day-tours meetup.com/Oregon-Nordic-Ski-Club-Portland-Chapter

Note: dogs are only allowed on tours designated as "dog tours"

June 3, Sat, National Trails Day June Lake Trail, Mt. St. Helens, WA

See upcoming events for details. Sponsored by the Washington Trails Association

June 8, Thur, Intermediate Bike Willamette Park to Council Crest, PDX

Let's climb! Come and practice climbing, both sitting and standing, on a fifteen-mile route with almost 1,500 feet of elevation gain. The pace will be mostly in the single digits climbing up to Council Crest Park. But the pace can easily exceed 20 mph on straight sections of the descent, regrouping as needed on short segments with frequent turns. One of our skiers likes to use her electric bike on rides like this, because she can pass cyclists climbing hills who normally pass her on flat terrain. Meet at the boat ramp in Willamette Park (in Southwest Portland less than a mile north of the Sellwood Bridge) at 10:00 a.m. Enter the park at the intersection of SW Macadam and Nebraska Street. If driving, pay to park in the lot or park free on streets outside of the park. Heavy rain will cancel the trip.

For more info contact the trip leader: George Ammerman 971.270.6440
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June 15, Thur, Intermediate Bike Willamette Park to Council Crest, PDX

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For more info contact the trip leader: George Ammerman 971.270.6440
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June 17, Sat, Trail Tending Party Crosstown Trail, Mt. Hood, OR

Starting at the west end of Crosstown Trail, we'll brush and limb to the full width of the trail specification. **For more info and to volunteer contact the leader: Ken**

Wenzel 503.729.6571 cell skiwenzel@hotmail.com

June 22, Thur, Intermediate Bike Willamette Park to Council Crest, PDX

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June 25, Sun, Trail Tending Party Crosstown/ Camptown Trails, Mt. Hood, OR

We'll continue work on Crosstown and Camptown Trails brushing and limbing, and blue diamond installation. **For more info and to volunteer contact the leader: Ken Wenzel 503.729.6571 cell skiwenzel@hotmail.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.

Lets hike or bike

Join the ONC-PDX leadership team...

Pick your favorite hiking or biking trail/route and take some of your ONC-PDX friends along to enjoy the outdoors.

To submit your tour use the Day Tour Input Form (on our website click on "Activities and Events" then click on "Day Tours") or just send an email with the tour description (**by June 14, 8 p.m. for the July newsletter**) to day tours at **oncdayoutours@gmail.com**. Tour descriptions sent after the deadline will be posted on the website and, if you wish on meetup. Last minute tours can be added too.

New to leading tours and need more info on how to get started? Send us an email and we'll get you up to speed.

Laurel Dickie, Scott Diamond, Barbara Hayman, *Day Tours' Committee*

Trail tending schedule

It's time to set aside a day to work on

the ski trails. Volunteer to lead or assist with one of these trail tending parties or just come and help. **To volunteer contact: Trail Tending Coordinator Ken Wenzel 503.297.2958 skiwenzel@hotmail.com.**

What to bring: Most trail tending parties involve light brushing, tree limbing and the hanging of blue diamonds. Bring a comfortable pair of gloves to protect your hands (gardening gloves work well). Wear long pants, a long sleeved shirt and hiking boots. We provide the tools, but quantities are limited. If you have tools that you don't mind sharing (pruning shears, long handled loppers, bow saws), feel free to bring them. Finally, bring a lunch, snacks and lots of water, as you are sure to work up an appetite.

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June 17, Sat, Trail Tending Party
Crosstown Trail, Mt. Hood, OR

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June 25, Sun, Trail Tending Party
Crosstown/ Camptown Trails, Mt. Hood, OR

See day tours schedule for details. **For more info and to volunteer or lead this trail tender contact the leader: Ken Wenzel 503.729.6571 cell skiwenzel@hotmail.com**

July 8, Sat, Trail Tending Party
Hardtime Loop, Wind River, WA

Help us in the Oldman Pass area, removing down trees and brushing on the Hardtime Loop, and installing diamonds. **For more info and to volunteer or lead this trail tender contact: Ken Wenzel 503.729.6571 cell skiwenzel@hotmail.com**

August 9, Wed, Trail Tending Party
Pocket Creek and Meadows Creek Trail, Mt. Hood, OR

For more info and to volunteer contact: Ken Wenzel 503.729.6571 cell skiwenzel@hotmail.com

September 13, Sat, Trail Tending Party
Pocket Creek Tie Trail, Mt. Hood, OR

We'll be working on the Pocket Creek Tie Trail connector that connects to Teacup Lake, brushing and putting up blue diamonds. **For more info and to volunteer or lead this trail tender contact: Ken Wenzel 503.729.6571 cell skiwenzel@hotmail.com**

October TBD, Trail Tending Party (installing signs)
Crosstown Trail, Mt. Hood, OR

Help us install signs on the Crosstown Trail to dividing the trail into a two lanes, a snowshoe and dog lane and a skier only lane.

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includes a 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

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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 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.

OVERNIGHT TRIP POLICIES

1. Only Oregon Nordic Club members may participate on ONC-PDX overnight trips, even if it is a trip for which no money is collected. Non-members may join the club when signing up for an overnight trip. The membership fee can be paid at this time. The only exceptions are overnight trail tending work parties and Tilly Jane Club weekends, which are open to volunteers on those projects.

2. The first overnight trip application opportunity is at the October ONC-PDX meeting and at the designated time. The member must submit this 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, openings are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis, based on the time/date the application is received by the trip leader. Overnight trip leaders have the privilege of signing up for any ONC-PDX overnight trip prior to

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Ski season comes to a close

On November 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., Terry Owen and the Wednesday group put skis to

the snow and kicked off the ONC-PDX 2016–2017 season. 165 days and 5 hours later (May 14 at 4:00 p.m.) skis left the snow as Scott Diamond and three other skiers completed the ONC-PDX tour of Bennett/Gunsight Ridge. Overall we had over 40 day tours this winter. Thanks to all the leaders who made this such a great season.

Now how about the 2017–2018 season? Who will be the first to lead an official tour, who will be the last and can we lead over 50 tours next season? ♦

Scott Diamond, *Day Tours*

Portland Sunday Parkways cycling events

Join other cyclist for family-friendly, car-free bicycling in Portland this summer!

Portland's Department of Transportation is hosting Sunday Parkways: June 25, July 23, and August 20 and September 24.

North Portland Sunday Parkways (9.5 miles)
June 25, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Free!

Everyone is invited to glide along the scenic 9.5 mile double loop that takes a trip to the Willamette Boulevard and over to Peninsula Rose Garden, Arbor Lodge, Kenton, and McCoy Parks. While you are there, don't forget to enjoy a spot of good food, good laughs, and good music!

Northeast Portland Sunday Parkways (8 miles)
July 23, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Free!

While you make your way around the Northeast Portland route, don't forget to stop by Woodlawn, Alberta, and Fernhill Parks where a collection of fun activities, festive music, and delicious food that awaits you. Along with our fun-filled parks, Sunday Parkways will return to Khunamokwst Park where you find our Bi-

lingual Bike Fair held in collaboration with the Andando en Bicicletas en Cully.

Outer Northeast Portland Sunday Parkways
August 20, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Free!

This 6.4 miles route will take you to Knott, Thompson, East Holladay and Hazelwood Hydro Parks. These new parks will be overflowing with music, food, and fun finds.

Sellwood Portland Sunday Parkways (8 miles)
September 24, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Free!

This year is the last year of the City of Milwaukie and Portland partnership for the Sellwaukie route. Come out and join this 8 mile scenic route on September 24th and end the Sunday Parkways season with a bang! ♦

Info/maps: portlandoregon.gov/transportation/46103

Welcome new members!

Mark Williams and Maggie Woodward

May membership report: 299 total memberships (196 single and 100 family) includes 6 new. Last year at this time there were 330 memberships. Correction: last months numbers were listed as March, but were the membership numbers from April.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of ONC-PDX Board Meeting, April 25, 2017

Board Members Present: Mary Bourret, Laurel Dickie, Scott Diamond, Ted Scheinman, Ken Wenzel, Tim Kral, and André Fortin

Minutes from last meeting are approved.

Board Elections: Laurel Dickie and Tom Clarke. Officers: Ken–President, Mary–Vice President, Tim–Treasurer, and Scott–Secretary.

Treasurer's Report: Official report not available, but e-mail summary provided and overall club is doing OK financially. The Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter authorizes Mary Hepokoski to purchase a 24-month CD for \$40,000 with Capitol One. The signers on the account will be: Mary Hepokoski and at least one of the following: Ken Wenzel, Andre Fortin and Tim Kral.

President's Report: Mary to write next board newsletter article. Summer activities committee is set up with Tom Clarke and Christine Brennan.

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Reports

Website: No news

Day Tour Committee: Nothing new, season winding down. At present time 7 individuals qualify for early signup (Louise Brown, Mike Dianich, Terry Owen, Scott Diamond, John Heaton, Larry Risch, Kathy Burns)

Overnight Trip Committee: No report

Tilly Jane A-Frame: Raised \$8,000 at fundraiser. This brings total to 121K of 213K. Fundraising grants in process. 3 more videos coming up. Starting to plan for summer project. Andre - to provide volunteer dates to calendar. Board Approves – Preferred hotel status for Hood river hotel and Jupiter hotel in Portland (preferred status implies listing on website) in exchange hotel will give us member discount

Membership: No reports. Scott provided some data on where members are coming from. This will be reviewed at next meeting or extended summer meeting.

Publicity: No reports

Nordic Issue: No reports

Trail Tending: Ken reports that FS agrees we can work on Crosstown Trail, can max out for snowshoe. Ken reports that FS Mirror lake trail plan is waiting for parking lot to be built. Board agrees to cut down on WA trail tending activity given Sno-Park cost and lack of plowing.

New Business

Legal Waiver and Online Signup: Greg Hitchcock (attorney) has completed legal review of online sign-up process and our current method is the appropriate method – no changes. Greg has also reviewed our waiver and recommends significant changes/increase. Scott to send out new waiver to board for review. Scott to place correspondence at ONC DropBox account. **Day and Overnight Tour Concerns** Following issues were brought up for coordination with ONTC and DTC. Do day tour leaders who lead 3 tours get to sign up early for all tours or only one? Do overnight tour leaders get to sign up early? Is there a “club within a club” for overnight tours and if so what changes should be made. Current ONTC policy is prior leaders get first chance at leading same tour next year. Current ONTC policy is prior leaders get first chance at leading other tours next year. What method should be used for trip signup for 2017/2018 season (feedback on chaotic nature of meeting). Should we provide more overnight tours? Should we poll members to better evaluate trips they would like to participate in? Ken to liaison with ONTC and discuss the ONTC feedback/concerns and 1) have ONCT attend board meeting, or 2) have board members attend ONTC meeting, or 3) plan separate meeting.

Next board meeting: Tuesday, June 23 from 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the Mazamas Mountaineering Center

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Scott Diamond, Secretary

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: ► Ski Boots, like new. Fischer BCX8 Back Country ski boots, 3 pin, size EU43. **\$75 Mike 971.344.1021 mdianich@gmail.com** 6/17

FOR SALE: ► Skis, Atomic Telepathic telemark skis 170cm with Voile Tele bindings and heel lifts. **\$75 FOR SALE: ► Bindings** Riva Super Loop ultralight telemark / backcountry touring bindings, new **\$60 OBO. \$75. FOR SALE: ► Skis** Karhu XCD back country skis 190cm, 3-pin bindings **\$65 OBO. FOR SALE: ► Boot liners** 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) Can be reformed several times. Should fit 29.5 to 30.5 shells. **\$65 OBO. FOR SALE: ► Ski Boots** AirTex NNN-BC Ski Boots, Thinsulate insulated, very warm, excellent condition. Size 47 **\$40 OBO. FOR SALE: ► Ski Helmet** Romer full coverage ski helmet, adjustable vents, size Large. **\$40 OBO. FOR SALE: ► Ski Helmet** GIRO ski helmet size Small fits child/adolescent **\$25 OBO. See photos here, open to all offers: <http://portland.craigslist.org/clk/spo/5906927755.html> Russ russ.bec@gmail.com** 7/17

FOR SALE: ► Jacket SWIX Delda Light Softshell Jacket, Women's size. L, Byzantium–light purple with reflective trim, new with tags on, engineered in Norway, extremely functional (breathable, etc.) and specifically designed for nordic skiing. Photos available. **\$100** (retail \$150; very limited U.S. supply).

FOR SALE: ► Boots Mammot Mt. Vista LTH Backpacking/Hiking Boots (made by Raichle of Switzerland). Women's EU size 41 (US 8.5 - 9), worn once—too small. Brand new condition. Versatile boots for backpacking and hiking in all weather. Vibram rubber outsole provides optimal grip on varying types of terrain. Features include Rolling Concept Technology, board-lasted, rubber toe-cap, women's specific fit. **\$125**

Amy ablumenberg@comcast.net 503.241.2768 7/17

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 ext 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.

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the October meeting.
3. Restrictions on participation may apply to some trips based on the participant's ability and experience needed to safely execute the trip. The trip leader has the authority to make this determination for the safety of all trip participants. The trip leader may also limit participation based on accommodations.

WAITING LIST

4. If a trip is full, participants may choose to be placed on the wait list, if an application is submitted with the trip fee. If space becomes available, wait list participants may then choose to fill the space or decline. If participation is declined the full payment is refunded.

Trip Cancellation Policy

5. If canceling, contact the trip leader immediately. There may be a wait list.

6. Participants are responsible for finding a replacement which may include contacting people on the wait list.

7. Trip fees and deposits are non-refundable, unless a replacement is found. Commercial travel insurance is highly recommended.

8. Once a replacement is found, the participant must send written/email refund request to the overnight trip committee. When the replacement has been confirmed and payment received, a refund will be issued within 30 days, less \$10 administration fee.

9. If the club cancels the trip, the full amount paid will be refunded. Trip cancellations are decided by the Overnight Trip Committee.

Travel Insurance

onc-pdx.org/resources/trip-insurance

ONC-PDX does not endorse any of these agents or providers. ◆

There is no meeting and program in June

Ken Wenzel



Save the date: July 11 for the ONC-PDX Annual Picnic

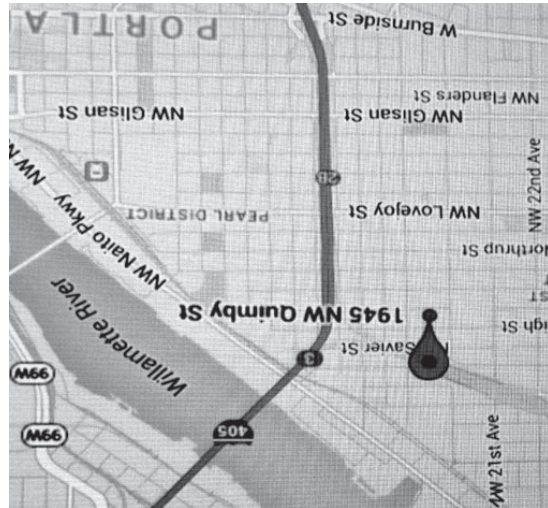
Upcoming July 11-ONC-PDX Annual Picnic



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Monthly meeting:
Lucky Labrador Brewing Company (1945 NW Quimby St.)
located between NW 20th Ave. and NW 19 Ave. in
Northwest Portland.



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