

Trail tending before the snow gets too deep

Sunday, November 19, looked like a nice sunny day, so I decided to take care of some unfinished business

with the Crosstown Trail in Government Camp on Mt. Hood. The Forest Service had given ONC-PDX the go ahead to try marking the trail with signs to encourage separating the snowshoe tracks from the ski tracks. The trail is restricted to a width of six feet. I made some cement blocks with poles to post a few signs to reinforce the separation of users to each side of the trail. Time will tell if people will do keep to separate tracks, but it is worth the experiment. We have also posted signs at the kiosk at the trailhead to get bring attention to trail etiquette. Maps are, also, posted that show additional trails that may help in spreading out the numbers of people to lesser known trails in the area.



Ken Wenzel

This last summer our trail tending crew worked on Kurt's Connection a one-mile loop that has great potential trail for novice snowshoe groups west of the Glacier View Sno-Park. I was very pleased when I walked it Sunday, with snow on it the trail was quite easy to follow after I did some late season brushing along the way.

Hopefully it will solve some of the dog traffic also. Good job ONC-PDX for helping restore another trail.

The Crosstown Trail had almost enough snow cover to ski on, but with today's rain, we'll probably need to wait for the next big storm and new snow.

Ken Wenzel, *Trail Tending*

Member Spotlight: Viola Wax

Viola Wax is a brand-new member of ONC-PDX! But that doesn't mean she hasn't

been active. So far, she has participated in one trail-tending trip, signed up for three overnight trips, recruited a new member, and has managed to get stuck in the snow once already this year! She has, also, volunteered for a shift in our member outreach table event at REI downtown. We know that she is going to be an engaged member. She plans to do many day ski tours on the weekends.



Ted Scheinman

Although she has lived in Portland for many years, she never got around to joining our club.

In the past, she has cross-country skied with friends, but felt she wanted to expand her knowledge of the ski trails and increase the number of people with whom she could ski. Besides cross-country skiing, she admits to downhill skiing. In addition to skiing, she likes to engage in many outdoor activities, such as hiking and bicycling. Traveling—especially to National Parks—is another interest of hers. She also loves to play bridge (the card game, not riding her bicycle over bridges during the Bridge Pedal).

If that is not enough, she likes to cook, with a specialty in ethnic cooking and enjoys making sushi. She will be the delight of the overnight trips, cooking gourmet meals for the potlucks.

To support her interests and to pay the bills, she works as a nurse for OSHU, where she gives cardiac stress tests. She plans to use her vacation time for overnight trips.

Somehow along the line, she has managed to find time to grow four daughters to adulthood, including one who lives in Italy.

Some people are slow to get involved with ONC-PDX, but not Viola. She has jumped in to ONC-PDX with both skis. If you don't know her now, you will by the end of the year!

Welcome to the club, Viola!

Ted Scheinman, *Board Member*

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EDITORIAL NOTES

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

Dec ▶ MONDAY–SUNDAY

Exhibit: Winter Comes: Oregon's Nordic Ski History

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays
Nordia House, 8800 S.W. Oleson Road in Garden Home Free!

Dec 3 ▶ SUNDAY

Trails 100: Intro To Trail Maintenance

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Pacific Crest Trail Association, Mt. Hood Chapter offers a two hour class for people, new to trail work, who want an overview. Mazamas Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave. Register: eventbrite.com/e/trails-100-intro-to-trail-maintenance-tickets-39267925422?aff=es2

Dec 5 ▶ TUESDAY

SWIX EVO Tour

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Ski tuning clinic with SWIX Alpine Director Graham Lonetto featuring the new SWIX EVO Edger. Mt. Shop, 1510 NE 37th Info: mountainshop.net

Show-and-Tell:

Gear and Clothes

ONC-PDX monthly program.
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Lucky Lab, 1945 NW Quimby St. Free!



Dec 6 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Emergency Preparedness Workshop & Kit Build

Get informed and your kit started with help from the experts. 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Mt. Shop, 1510 NE 37th Free! Info: 503.288.6768 mountainshop.net

Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC)

Winter Fair

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Member clubs, industry member, silent auction. Pizza and salad provided, beverages--no host. Free! Info: nwskiers.org/calendar/2017/12/13/nwsc-winter-fair

Dec 7 ▶ THURSDAY

Preparing for the Unexpected – Outdoor Emergency Basics

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

Dec 13 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Winter Camping Basics

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

Dec 27 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Avalanche Awareness

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Mt. Shop, 1510 NE 37th
Free! Info: mountainshop.net

Jan 3 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Best Ski Tours on Mt. Hood presented by ONC-PDX

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

Clinics & Training

December 1–10 ▶ FRI–SUN

2017 Oregon Fall Camp Mt. Bachelor, OR

Start your ski season off with one of the best camps in the XC ski world! Training lectures, wax clinics, and video review socials will be held twice over the camp period. For adult XC skiers and racers, low intermediate to expert abilities. Info/register: xcoregon.org/oregon-fall-camp

Jan–Feb ▶ SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS Mazamas Nordic Ski School

Novice, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced Classic; Nordic Downhill (Telemark); and Backcountry. Two-day series of classes during three weekends. Tentative dates: January (20, 21, 27, and 28) and February (3 and 4). Mandatory student orientation January 9, 6:30 p.m. Sign up by Dec 1 Info/signup: mazamas.org (Education + Classes/ Nordic Ski School)

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 9)**
- ▶ 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: nwskiers.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

ONC-PDX Membership—now is the time

I have been a member of the Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter (ONC-PDX) for more than 45 years, from the time we used to meet in Tektronix auditorium and the World Forestry Center, when we had more than 600 members in the club. Many, if not most, of the people I know and associate with today came from the ONC-PDX. I live and breathe cross-country skiing and the ONC-PDX. I even have ONC-PDX tattooed on my back (not really!). Here I am (the skier on the left in the photo below) in Canada on last year's ski trip.

Ted Scheinman



Because the club means so much to me personally, I have been involved in the club in almost every position that exists: from President to pest. I respect all the work others have done to build the club, but it seems to me we need to make extreme efforts to build membership in the club right now. After all, besides just enjoying cross-country skiing, we have taken on a stewardship of cross-country skiing for Oregon. We serve on various committees and organizations, and hold meetings with the Forest Service. To promote the sport, we build and improve cross-country ski trails in the area. We manage the Tilly Jane A-Frame cabin and the Tilly Jane Guard Station for the Forest Service. We were an incubator for cross-country ski racing (which led to the Teacup Committee and The Teacup Chapter, which is now a stand-alone non-profit Teacup Lake Nordic Club—the organization that manages the Teacup Lake Nordic area). Most of all, we have provided a community where those people who are passionate about cross-country skiing can meet with other like-minded people.

Over the years, I always felt it was partly my responsibility as a member to ensure the viability of

the club and have tried to draw in new members in various ways—through leading day ski trips and overnight trips. As overnight trip coordinator, I saw it was the overnight trips that drew people to our club. We offered reasonably priced trips, which required membership, but over the past few years it seems as though we did not build enough on this entry to the club. We lose substantial number of members each year. Thus, I decided to pass on the overnight trip organizing to a committee that has done a fine job over the past two years, so I could focus on helping build a membership that is engaged.

We have struggled to reach and maintain many members and as we age, we need new members to take over. Over the past two years, we have tried to reach new, younger members who are not used to joining a club (especially when our average age is probably over 55)!

This year, we have build a partnership with REI to introduce new skiers to cross-country skiing. On our part, we have agreed to provide a free membership to a person (a non-member) who buys skis from REI. REI has provided us space to help introduce skiers to the Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter (as well as REI employees) and will allow us to make presentations to employees and their customers. This year, we will conduct three (or more) table events and two presentations to potential members. The first two table events were a tremendous success—eighteen ONC-PDX volunteers met with numerous REI members and customers. This shows how when asked, members do respond.

We want more members to help us out—to provide the ideas, expertise, the energy, and the work to help build our membership. The board is trying to identify other projects we can undertake to build membership. If you are interested in being part of the solution, please speak to me or any ONC-PDX Board Member.

Ted Scheinman, Board Member

NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

Volunteer 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.

Snow is coming back to the mountains

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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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Forecasts are for low snow levels (3,000 ft. to 2,000 ft.) for early December.

Mt. Hood National Forest

Winter Road Closures in the Mt. Hood Forest

All recreational gate closures i.e. West Leg, Trillium, Old Maid Flats, etc, will be closed will be closed by the first of December regardless of snow accumulation.

New Addition to Lodge at Meadows

Mt. Hood Meadows (MHM) is proposing a new addition to the South Lodge building at the MHM Ski Area. The addition would give more space for food services, the ski school and rental equipment. The extra space will help improve congestion in the existing food and beverage areas. The addition will include a sky bridge to the existing South Lodge. The construction site is on previously disturbed ground—an existing paved area and a graveled work road adjacent to the parking lot. A nearby wetland area will be avoided. A storm water detention rain garden is planned to deal with roof drainage. Public comments can be made on this project. Project info: www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=52831 The contact for the project is Scott Kaden 970.96.2266 scottakaden@fs.fed.us

FS Partners Meeting The Mt. Hood Recreation Partners meeting was held on October 21, Ken Wenzel attended. A briefing was given on the Eagle Creek Fire: assessment of the damage, stabilization treatments and recovery actions (most of the work will not occur until the spring) and volunteer safety (when working with partners). Sustainable recreation goals and building relationships to enhance recreation steward—focusing on community, leadership, workforce and business practices were discussed. Two more meetings are being planned to further the process. The next meeting (in January) would be about recreation site priorities and how to get the work done. The third meeting would result in a steering committee to move the effort forward. Different user groups presented info about their organizations and goals, capacity of their volunteers along with their visions for the future.

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

FS Partners Meeting The Gifford Pinchot National Forest is hosting it's winter reaction partnership meeting on December 6 in Stevenson, WA. This meeting is an opportunity for various winter recreation advocates, partners and agency representatives to get together to discuss and share

winter recreation opportunities and challenges for the upcoming winter recreation season. Ken will be attending this meeting and we will have a report in upcoming newsletters.

Road Plowing In early November the Wind River Road had eight to ten inches of snow and was plowed. The plowing (of the Wind River Road) is funded by Washington State Parks. Skamania County and PacifiCorp will be funding the plowing of Forest Road 90 from Cougar to Northwoods (which give access to the south side of Mt. St. Helens). Questions and comments regarding plowing can be directed to winter@co.skamania.wa.us. Info about plowing will be posted on this website: skamaniacounty.org/public-works/homepage/upper-wind-river-recreation-area

Mitch Auerbach, *Nordic Issues*, Pam Rigor, *Editor*

The bus to the mountain

What a deal: \$5 to take the Mt. Hood Ex-

press transit, a public bus service administered by Clackamas County that serves the communities along Highway 26, running from the city of Sandy east to Government Camp and Timberline, and back with you, and your skis. This season it will offer additional bus runs from December 1 to March 31.

The Express operates seven days a week as a limited stop commuter service between the city of Sandy and Timberline. Seasonal service features include bike trailers and ski boxes for the convenience of riders to stow their equipment.

Villages Shuttle: Operates Monday thru Friday as a deviated fixed route for local service between Sandy and Rhododendron.

It is a deal with one-way fare at \$2 and an all-day pass \$5 and it includes the Sandy Area Metro (SAM) buses that run between the TriMet Gresham Central MAX station and the Sandy Transit Center. Info and schedules: mthoodexpress.com 503.668.3466

Skiing in November

Today (Nov 17) I skied with Steve Rearden and David Rogers from Bennett Pass to Windy Pass. We had 16 inches of snow at the start. 20 inches at the terrible Traverse. When you switched sides of the ridge the snow dropped to only 4-5 inches for a ways. At Windy Pass it was back to 20 inches. The Terrible traverse was a level roadbed for now. I did a little trail tending in the area of the Traverse. (Bent Tree Removal)

Ken Wenzel, *President*

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Tour leaders Get out on the snow with a bunch of skiers...an ongoing need for leaders of levels of day ski tours. oncdaytours@gmail.com

Nordic Issues Spend a little time each month on the computer tracking issues relevant to Nordic skiing in the state. Examples: Cooper Spur land swap, Forest Service proposed changes, etc.

Tilly Jane Help with a number of different tasks for the A-Frame cabin or Guard Station. Info: tillyjanecabin@gmail.com

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

Membership Meet and greet potential new members (see article below). Help with membership stats (demographics, where new members are coming from, other trends). Identify recruitment opportunities.

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

Help with outreach

We need additional people to help at an

informational table at REI on Saturday, December 9 at the REI downtown. Can you help out? Shifts are only 2 hours each. Please contact me, Ted Scheinman, at 503.914.9584 or e-mail at tedskier@gmail.com.

This year ONC-PDX has made arrangements with REI in Portland to help build our membership in two ways: 1) REI will cooperate with us to offer a free ONC-PDX membership to people who are not current members when they buy a new pair of skis at REI and 2) helping us publicize the club through having tables providing information about who we are and what we do. These tabling events are part of our efforts. So far I have met with over sixty REI employees to explain to them what we are doing and introduce them to our club. Only about a third of their employees had even heard of ONC-PDX! We need visibility!

I am excited about this partnership with REI. Again, can you help the club out? ♦

Ted Scheinman, *Membership*

DAY TOURS

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

More tours will be listed on these websites:

onc-pdx.org/activities/day-tours

onc-pdx.org/forums

meetup.com/Oregon-Nordic-Ski-Club-Portland-Chapter

Note: dogs are only allowed on tours

Dec 2, Sat, Intermediate Ski Bennett Pass, Mt. Hood, OR

Come ski four to seven miles round-trip on easy to moderate terrain along the Bennett Ridge Trail. Bring lunch. Meet at McMenamin's Edgefield, West parking lot for an 8:30 a.m. carpool departure. **For more info, and to RSVP contact the leader: Mike Dianich 971.344.1021 mdianich@gmail.com.**

Dec 3, Sat, All Abilities Ski Teacup, Mt. Hood, OR

It is early season so what conditions we may find are unclear, but the forecast looks good. Lets head up to Teacup Lake and see if we can ski the track there (groomed or not). If there is not sufficient snow then we'll go to Bennett Pass. People can ski at their own pace, meeting back at the cabin for lunch. I'll lead the slower group. Most of the tours I lead are difficult, but this will be an easy one getting used to that fluffy what stuff. Plan on \$15 for carpooling cost and \$10 donation to Teacup. **For more info, and to RSVP contact the leader: Scott Diamond scott.diamond.mail@gmail.com.**

Dec 6, Wed, Intermediate Ski Location TBD

Come join us for a Wednesday ski tour. The trail will depend on snow conditions; we'll ski where the snow is good. Meet at McMenamins Edgefield's West parking lot at 8:50 a.m. to carpool leaving at 9:00 a.m. **For more info, and to RSVP contact the leader: Mary Hepokoski 503.245.1618 hepomp8@comcast.net.**

Dec 13, Wed, Intermediate Ski Location TBD

Come join us for a Wednesday ski tour. The trail will depend on snow conditions; we'll ski where the snow is good. Meet at McMenamins Edgefield's West parking lot at 8:50 a.m. to carpool leaving at 9:00 a.m. **For more info, and to RSVP contact the leader: Terry Owen 503.590.5825 terryowen1@gmail.com**

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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 continued on sidebar page 6

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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.

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Pack these essentials on any ONC-PDX activity, “just in case.” Remember that cotton offers no insulation when wet. Choose wool or synthetics 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

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Dec 16, Sat, Novice to Intermediate Teacup Nordic Center, Mt. Hood, OR

Come ski three to five miles on relatively flat terrain at Teacup groomed Nordic area. Please rent your equipment the night before to avoid any delay Saturday morning. Bring lunch and \$10 for donation to Teacup trail grooming. Intermediate skiers will be self-directed. **For more info contact leader:**

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Dec 20, Wed, Intermediate Ski Location TBD

Come join us for a Wednesday ski tour. The trail will depend on snow conditions; we'll ski where the snow is good. Meet at McMenamins Edgefield's West parking lot at 8:50 a.m. to carpool leaving at 9:00 a.m. **For more info and to RSVP contact the leader: Terry Owen 503.590.5825**

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Dec 27, Wed, Intermediate Ski Location TBD

Come join us for a Wednesday ski tour (possibly Twin Lakes). The trail will depend on snow conditions; we'll ski where the snow is good. Meet at McMenamins Edgefield's West parking lot at 8:50 a.m. to carpool leaving at 9:00 a.m. **For more info: Laurel Dickie 503.287.6290**

laureldickie@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.

Its time to ski

Join the ONC-PDX tour leader team...

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

Submit your tour using 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 **December 14, 8 p.m. for the January newsletter**) to day tours at onedaytours@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

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

SIGN-UP TIPS

- ◆ Overnight trips are exclusively for members; join or renew your membership before signing up.
- ◆ 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 side-bar p. 7)!
- ◆ Sign-up on the website (onc-pdx.org/acitivities/overnight-trips).
- ◆ Sign up early so we'll have enough people to cover trip costs.
- ◆ If the trip is full, join the wait list by calling the leader. Last minute openings do occur!
- ◆ Purchase trip insurance. You are responsible for finding someone to take your place, if you cancel. Check onc-pdx.org/resources/trip-insurance

Jan 5–7, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane A-Frame Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR Spaces available*

This trip also available the following weekend dates in 2018: February 2–4, March 2–4, and April 6–8

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



cabin 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. Climbing skins are required.

Trip limit: 15 (max.) participants. Open to all ONC-PDX members and TJ cabin volunteers

Cost: Free (another club benefit). You must be an ONC-PDX member before signing up for this trip.

Sign up online (onc-pdx.org).

For more info contact: tillyjanecabin@gmail.com. We'll forward your request to the appropriate trip leader. Leaders TBD.

Jan 8–11, Mon–Thur, All Abilities Ski Summit Meadow Cabins at Trillium Basin, Mt. Hood, OR

One space available*

Here's your chance to stay on Mt. Hood and ski many of its trails without having to drive down the mountain at the

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end of the day. Skiing choices, without driving, include many of the trails in the Trillium Basin and Government Camp area or driving to Bennett

Pass, Twin Lakes, or others. While this is an all ability ski, the group usually divides into two ski groups, one doing intermediate to advance backcountry skis and the other doing easy to intermediate skis. We will stay three nights in a house with two bedrooms and a loft, which will accommodate ten people. We will cook communally for breakfasts and dinners.

Trip limit: 10 participants (includes the leader)

Cost: \$75/member, per person. Includes three nights' lodging.

Sign up online (onc-pdx.org).

For more info contact the leader: Mary Hepokoski 503.245.1618 hepomp8@comcast.net.

Jan 11–14, Thur–Sun, Intermediate/Advanced Ski Ochocos' Backcountry, OR—Trip 1

Trip full, wait list open*

Pack your metal edged backcountry skis for adventurous skiing in the Ochoco high country. We'll spend four nights in the wonderful Ochoco Ranger Station with usual potluck and adult refreshments. Weather permitting, we'll take on Lookout, Round, and Slide Mountains. These tours will give us full days of skiing and hopefully a chance to do some nice turns coming down these slopes. You don't need to be a Telemark skier but you should be a solid Intermediate skier for this trip.

Trip limit: 6 participants (includes the leader and co-leader)

Cost: \$75/member, per person. Includes three nights' lodging. Not included is shared carpooling cost (350 miles about \$52 carpooling) and rotate preparation of dinners.

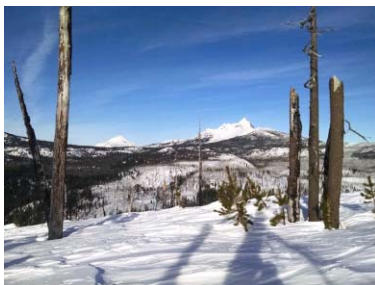
For more info contact the leader: Scott Diamond scott.diamond.mail@gmail.com.

Jan 12–15, Fri–Mon, All Ability Ski Camp Sherman, OR

Trip full, wait list open*

Halfway between Santiam Pass and Sisters, the very popular Lake Creek Lodge boasts quaint, rustic cabins paneled in knotty pine, fireplaces, full kitchens, a creek coursing thru the grounds. It is the ideal ambience for a cross-country ski holiday. Check out the website at www.lakecreeklodge.com

We'll carpool over on Friday, have a traditional ONC-PDX potluck dinner on Saturday, and perhaps head into Sisters for Sunday dinner. Ski options are many:



Ann Truax



included each morning. We will cook joint dinners together in the recently remodeled kitchen in the lodge. Then kick back and enjoy the fireplace and swap stories. We will break into

groups each morning depending on abilities and interests. For those driving a Washington Sno-Park Pass is required.

Trip limit 14 participants (includes leader)

Cost: \$235/member, per person. Includes three nights lodging and three gourmet breakfasts.

Sign up online (onc-pdx.org).

For more info contact the trip leader: Ken Wenzel 503.297.2958 skiwenzel@hotmail.com

Jan 19–21, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane Guard Station Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR

Trip full, wait list open*

This trip also available the following weekend dates in 2018: February 9–11, March 16–18, and April 13–15 We'll backcountry ski to the ONC-PDX managed cabin on the Northeast side of Mt. Hood, a three mile ski with a 1,900-foot gain up the Tilly Jane Ski Trail to the cabin at 5,700 feet elevation. Participants carry their own gear, including sleeping bags, pad, and food for all meals. We have a stove for cooking meals and heating water. Participants can carry their own cooking pots although there are some at the cabin. Experienced intermediate skiing skills with turning ability, good physical condition and navigation/route finding skills using map, compass or GPS. Climbing skins are required.

Trip limit: 4 participants (max.), Open to ONC-PDX members only with preference given to Tilly Jane volunteers

Cost: Free (another club benefit). You must be an ONC-PDX member to sign up for this trip.

For more info contact: tillyjanecabin@gmail.com. We'll forward your request to the appropriate trip leader. Leaders TBD.

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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. Overnight trip sign-ups are done online at the club website (onc-pdx.org/activities/overnight-trips). The website will begin accepting applications at noon on the day following the October general meeting. Once accepted, the participant will receive a confirmation email from the trip leader. To complete the sign-up process, the member must also email their completed Overnight Trip Application (<https://onc-pdx.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/ONT-Application-092617-fillable.pdf>) to the trip leader. The on-line booking system may show that trips are full before they actually are. If this is the case, members should contact the leader to confirm the trip status. Members are encouraged to apply to the wait list by sending the leader a copy of their completed application with a check for the amount of the trip. Their check will be held by the leader until a spot opens up and if not, the leader will destroy the check and notify the applicant.

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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.

WAIT LIST

5. 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

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

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

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

9. 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.

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

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Jan 19–22, Fri–Mon, All Ability Ski Willamette Pass, OR Trip full, wait list open*

At more than 5,100 feet, Willamette Pass and surrounding areas offer a of cross-country ski experiences, from numerous un-groomed trails starting at Gold Lake Sno-Park to groomed trails at Willamette Pass Ski Area. We will be staying at a large, modern cabin north of Highway 58, 12 miles east of Willamette Pass. We will be a small group and will enjoy potluck dinners and perhaps a card game or two, depending on the desires of the group. Highlights of the trip will be views of Diamond Peak, Mount Thielsen, Odell Lake, and Crescent Lake. You will not be disappointed by what this area has to offer in terms of skiing and vistas!

Trip limit: 6 participants (includes the leader)

Cost: \$235/member, per person. Includes three nights' lodging.

**For more info contact the trip leader: Ann Truax
503.756.8891 ann.truax@gmail.com.**

Jan 24–29, Wed–Mon, All Ability Ski Anthony Lakes, OR—Trip 1 Trip full, wait list open*

Come experience the powder snow skiing that everyone talks about. You have choices of groomed trails, tele or lift skiing, backcountry or a mix of both. This is your chance to ski great quality snow at discount prices! We will be staying at the wonderful Good Bear Ranch just out of Baker City. For those that are interested and if the snow is good, we will ski at Meacham Divide for a couple hours on the drive over. We will plan on skiing at Anthony Lakes at least two days. I will work on planning a ski tour for the third day in the area for those interested. On Monday on our way home I am planning on taking Highway 204 from Elgin and skiing at Horseshoe Prairie for two to three hours. We will carpool over and split up the meal preparation for dinners. Everyone will be responsible their own for lunches and breakfast. The lodge at Anthony Lakes does have food and drink service. At Good Bear Ranch we have had some excellent skiing right from the log cabin. Bedding and towels are provided. If interested, we will have one dinner in Baker City during our stay.

Trip limit: 10–14 participants (includes the leader)

Cost: \$340/member, per person.

**For more info contact the trip leader: Ken Wenzel
503.297.2958 skiwenzel@hotmail.com**

Jan 26–28, Fri–Sun, All Ability Ski Mt. Adams Lodge at the Flying L Ranch, WA—Trip 2 Eight spaces 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



Mary Kay Gehring

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.

Note: A Washington Sno-Park Pass is required.

Trip limit: 19 participants (includes the leader)

Cost: \$170/member, per person. Includes two nights' lodging and two gourmet breakfasts.

Sign up online (onc-pdx.org).

For more info contact the trip leader: Donna Matrazzo 503.621.3049 matrazzo@msn.com.

Feb 1–4, Thur–Sun, Advanced Backcountry Ski Three Sisters Hut to Hut, OR—Trip 1 Trip full, wait list open*

This is a 22-mile hut-to-hut tour from Dutchman Flat near Mt. Bachelor to Three Creeks Sno-Park near Sisters. Although the route roughly follows the historic Metolius Windigo Trail at 6,500 feet, on the eastern edge of the Three Sisters Wilderness Area, we will attempt to explore nearby backcountry terrain—Broken Top Crater and Tam McArthur Rim. For that reason this trip is marked as advanced as we'll cover a more challenging route, which will require conditioning and skills.

Thursday evening we'll meet in Sisters at lodgings that are TBD, and then meet shuttle Friday at 8 a.m. at Three Creeks near Sisters. Friday and Saturday nights will be spent in huts along the route and Sunday evening we will drive home from Three Creeks. The terrain will be un-groomed, off-trail, with elevation and descent, although we will not be subject to avalanche danger. The two huts are fully stocked with food, beds, wood stove, and cooking facilities. They provide sleeping bags as well; so you only need to carry a bag liner and your personal gear and clothing! We can't anticipate the weather so the snow conditions could vary from untracked powder to icy and anything in between. To see what is provided and photos of the huts, see: threesistersbackcountry.com/huts/nordic-traverse-huts

Trip limit: 8 participants (includes the leader)

Cost: \$285/member, per person, includes a shuttle, two nights in huts, food for two days and two nights with beer included! Additional expenses will be carpooling transportation expense, and food & lodging in Sisters Thursday night.

**For more info contact the trip leader: Bill Newman
503.730.0562 whn@comcast.net**

Feb 2–4, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane A-Frame Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR Spaces available*

(See January 5–7 trip description)

Feb 7–11, Wed–Sun, All Ability Ski Anthony Lakes, OR—Trip 2 Trip full, wait list open*

We will carpool over on Wednesday, February 7 and stay at what we've been told is an amazing property—The Good Bear Ranch. A 5,200 square foot log cabin, 11 miles northwest of Baker City. There are seven bedrooms and three baths. Prior ski experience has been varied, with

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many opportunities around the property, as well as at Anthony Lakes with 30 km of groomed double track and 11 km of single track plus a ski lift, if that is where your interests are. Bring your own breakfast and lunch; we will potluck for the dinners.



Ken Wenzel

Feb 9–11, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane Guard Station Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR Trip full, wait list open*

(See January 19–21 trip description)

Feb 12–16, Mon–Fri, Intermediate/Advanced Ski Ochocos, OR—Trip 2 Trip full, wait list open*

We will drive over on Monday February 12 and come home on Friday February 16. Come enjoy some wonderful Eastern Oregon forest trail skiing. We'll have drier higher elevation snow at 5,000 feet plus and the chance to see wild horses close to the cabin.

We will be staying at the Ochoco Ranger Cabin with skiing right out the door. Our food plan is shared meals for dinner and on your own for breakfast and lunch. The lodging is rustic but comfortable, there are beds but you will need a medium sleeping bag and pillow and towel. The cabin has electric heat and a shower. We will plan on car pooling from Portland and skiing Monday afternoon after we unpack and change at the cabin. I plan on skiing at Walton Lake, Ochoco Summit, and Lookout Mountain.

Trip limit: 5–7 participants, based on beds (includes the leader)

Cost \$105/member, per person.

Sign up online (onc-pdx.org).

For more info contact Ken Wenzel 503.297.2958 skiwenzel@hotmail.com

Feb 16–20, Fri–Tue, All Ability Ski Sunriver President's Day Weekend, OR Trip full, wait list open*

Join your fellow cross-country skiers to the sunny side of the state for four nights at Sunriver Resort 20 miles south of Bend for three plus days of skiing at and around Mt. Bachelor. We can ski from all of the sno-parks near the mountain or at the Mt. Bachelor Nordic Center. There is something for everyone in this area; groomed trails, skating, and backcountry. We will carpool to Sunriver and to the trailheads each day and will arrange potluck dinners. There are also restaurants and a supermarket in Sunriver. The resort offers miles of paved walking and cycling trails, and we will have free passes to the recreation center and be able to use the indoor pool, relax by the fireplace or in our house's hot tub. Some folks enjoy walking to Sunriver Village to browse the shops, to the Nature Center or to the observatory. Other years, we have skied at Paulina Peak or hiked to waterfalls and will keep those options open this year also.

Trip limit: 9 participants (includes the leader)

Cost: \$180/member, per person. Includes four nights' lodging.

Sign up online (onc-pdx.org).

For more info contact the trip leader: Richard Crimi 503.726.8998 richard_crimi@hotmail.com

Feb 17–25, Sat–Sun, Intermediate/Advanced Ski Skoki Lodge and Canadian Rockies One space available*

The Canadian Rockies provide some of the most scenic skiing on the planet and on this trip we'll ski right into the heart of the Rockies as we spend three nights in the

Trip limit: 10 participants (includes the leader)
Cost: \$280/member, per person Includes four nights' lodging.

For more info contact the trip leaders (Shannon and Steve Planchon): Shannon Planchon 503.467.8599 shannon.planchon@gmail.com

Feb 8–13, Thur–Tue, All Ability Ski/Snowshoe Glacier National Park, Montana Trip full, wait list open*

We will take Amtrak overnight to Essex, Montana, adjacent to Glacier National Park for a wonderful ski vacation! Leave Portland on Thursday afternoon, February 8 and arrive Friday morning to sparkling snow and the cozy Izaak Walton Inn. On Friday, ski or snowshoe on the

30 km of groomed trails, or relax in the Finnish sauna or Olympic size hot tub. On Saturday, we will take a van up to Marias Pass on the



Jennifer Klump

Continental Divide for some true off-trail skiing, with magnificent views. On Sunday, we will travel to the Going to the Sun Highway, which is not plowed in the winter. On Monday, we can ski the magnificent Dickey Bowl, the groomed trails, or other ski trails in the area. Each night, we can enjoy a gourmet meal in the restaurant, read a good book by the fire, participate in exciting ONC-PDX board games, or relax. On Monday night, February 12, we will board the westbound overnight train back to Portland. As we pull back into the train station in Portland on Tuesday morning, you will wonder why you waited so long to take this trip.

Trip limit: 20 participants (includes the leader)

Cost: \$440/member, per person. Includes four days of skiing (trail passes included), all transportation, three nights' lodging double occupancy at Izaak Walton Inn. Meals on the train and at Izaak Walton Inn are available for purchase at an additional cost. Sleeper accommodations may also be available on Amtrak for an additional cost.

For more info contact the trip leader: Ted Scheinman 503.452.7432 tedskier@gmail.com

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Travel Insurance
Commercial travel insurance is available from a variety of providers. Please see (<https://onc-pdx.org/resources/trip-insurance>) for a listing of some trip insurance companies.

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

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

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

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

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38716 Pioneer Blvd.
in Sandy, offers a
10% discount on
purchases of ski
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have cross-country
ski package rentals
for the entire
season.
ottoskishop.com

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country ski and
telemark lessons.
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River Hotel** in
Hood River give
ONC-PDX members a
15% off when
booking online. ♦

Glacier National Park

Ted Scheinman



Glacier National Park

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historic Skoki Lodge,
a national historic site.
It is rustic and isolated.
So rustic that it has
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have electricity. So
isolated that the only
way in is to ski 11 km
through the
backcountry. You'll



need to be an intermediate skier to make it into this lodge.
Six of us will share a cabin, sleeping on bunk beds and
cots for three nights. Clearly not the Ritz-Carlton but
Skoki does make up for these hardships by providing
excellent meals and access to some of the best skiing in the
Rockies. Depending on abilities, we'll explore the bowls or
canyons around the lodge. Short of snow camping in a tent
there is no better way to experience this wilderness.

Since we've made the drive all the way up to Lake
Louise, after Skoki we'll kick back by staying four more
nights at a condo in the Canmore area. From here we can
enjoy the usual skiing the Rockies offer with everything
from world-class skate skiing to downhill and in between.

**Trip limit: 6 participants (includes the leader and
co-leader)**

**Cost: \$675/member, per person. Includes eight days
accommodations and food while at Skoki lodge, but
does not cover food while in condo. Not included is
the hotel on drive up, carpooling costs (1,500 miles,
aprox. \$225), and any park passes we may need.**

Sign up online (onc-pdx.org).

**For more info download the packet (onc-pdx.org/wp-
content/uploads/2017/05/Skoki_1_Pricing.pdf) or
contact the leader: Scott Diamond
scott.diamond.mail@gmail.com.**

**Mar 1–5, Thur–Mon, All Ability Ski
Wallowa Mountains, Joseph, OR
Trip full, wait list open***

Spend four days skiing in the fabulous Wallowa Moun-
tains in Eastern Oregon! We will stay in a large log house
close to Wallow Lake. The house will easily accommodate
the whole group and we will have potluck dinners. There
are opportunities for all levels of skiing in the area. We'll
carpool from Portland on Thursday, arriving in Joseph in
the early evening. We'll ski around Wallowa Lake and in
the mountains on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and (possibly)
part of Monday, returning to Portland on Monday evening.

Trip Limit: 12 participants (includes the leader)

**Cost: \$170/member, per person. Includes four
nights' lodging**

Sign up online (onc-pdx.org).

**For more info contact the leader: Susan Watt
503.201.3977 susniam@gmail.com**

**Mar 2–4, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski
Tilly Jane A-Frame Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR
Spaces available***

(See January 5–7 trip description)

**Mar 3–17, Sat–Sat, All Ability Ski
Ski the Alps in Austria and Italy**

Trip full, wait list open*

Intrepid ONC-PDX members will travel to Austria for
five days of skiing in the Alpine region where the Winter
Olympics are held, then take the train to Italy for four days
of skiing in the heart of the Dolomites. This should tire us
out enough to be ready for the optional singing gondola
ride in Venice on our way back to the US.

European breakfast buffets and trailside chalets provide
the human fuel to keep us going on the fully groomed trails
for skate and classic. No need to bring snowshoes as there
are even paths groomed for walking.

Some participants will take a day off skiing to tour the
museums and palaces in Innsbruck. Regardless, this is an
adventure filled with fine dining and great skiing.

Trip Limit: 18 participants (includes the leader)
**Cost: \$2950/member, per person. Includes airfare,
lodging (two weeks), some breakfasts, lift passes,
and ground transportation.**

**For more info contact the trip leader: Sam Digard
sam.digard@gmail.com**

**Mar 6–11, Tue–Sun, All Abilities Ski
Methow, WA—Trip 2**

Trip full, wait list open*

Perhaps you haven't had enough sun, powder snow, and
zillions of miles of groomed trails in open country with a
view in all directions. Perhaps the dark descended too
soon when you were last here at New Years, and you
didn't have time to thoroughly exhaust yourself. Well then,
here is another chance to ski the Methow Valley, with
longer days, warmer temperatures, and the same wonder-
ful ONC-PDX companions. Twelve of us will stay in
Winthrop, WA, at the same adjoining condos near 200 km
of groomed trails winding through Mazama and Winthrop.
It is a long drive to north central Washington and is worth
it, for the quality of skiing and change of pace. Classic and
skate skiers will appreciate the variety of trails and dry
snow. Do join us. Of course, we will eat and socialize,
maybe go into town to the Schoolhouse Pub, bookstore,
art gallery or glass blowers, skate at the community rink or
sink into the couch with a book, but we will certainly cover
the kilometers on skis!

Trip Limit: 12 participants

**Trip Cost: \$215/member, per person. Includes five
nights' lodging.**

Sign up online (onc-pdx.org).

**For more info contact the leader: Elke Schoen
503.239.9286 elkeschoen@msn.com**

**Mar 15–18, Thur–Sun, Intermediate/Advanced Ski
Three Sisters Hut to Hut, OR—Trip 2
Trip full, wait list open***

This is a
22-mile hut-
to-hut tour
from
Dutchman
Flat near Mt.
Bachelor to
Three Creeks
Sno-Park
near Sisters.



Richard Crimi and Susan Watt

The route roughly follows the historic Metolius Windigo Trail at 6,500 feet, on the eastern edge of the Three Sisters Wilderness Area. We will meet our shuttle Friday at 8 a.m. at Three Creeks near Sisters. Friday and Saturday nights will be spent in huts along the route, and Sunday evening we will drive home from Three Creeks. The terrain is un-groomed, rolling to gentle slopes and will not be subject to avalanche danger. The two huts are fully stocked with food, beds, wood stove and cooking facilities. They provide sleeping bags as well; so you only need to carry a bag liner and your personal gear and clothing! We can't anticipate the weather so the snow conditions could vary from untracked powder to icy and anything in-between. For what is provided, and photos of the huts, use this link: threesistersbackcountry.com/huts/nordic-traverse-huts

Since the distance between huts is only eight miles on average there should be time for additional skiing and exploring opportunities.

Trip limit: 8 participants (includes the leader)

Cost: \$285/member, per person. Includes a shuttle, two nights in huts, food for two days and two nights

with beer included! Additional expenses will be carpooling transportation expense and food and lodging in Sisters Thursday night.

For more info contact the leader: Susan Watt: 503.201.3977 susniam@gmail.com.

Mar 16–18, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane Guard Station Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR Trip full, wait list open*

(See January 19–21 trip description)

Apr 6–8, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane A-Frame Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR Spaces available*

(See January 5–7 trip description)

Apr 13–15, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane Guard Station Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR

(See January 19–21 trip description)

Trip full, wait list open*

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Welcome new members! Isaac Benson, Denise Brandt and Linda Alvstad, Kathleen Finn, Jen Gorski, Deanne Joshua, Freda Kerman, John Martin, Julie Matteson, Carol Ruwitch, Kristin White, Hillary and Courtney Wilton

November membership report: 227 total memberships (151 single and 76 family), includes 11 new and 11 renewing (non-renewals are not included in this count). Last year at this time there were 228 memberships.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Next board meeting: December 19, 6:00 p.m. at Mazamas Mounatineering Center (MMC)

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: ► Winter Tires 4 Michelin Latitude X-Ice X12 Snow/Winter Tires, Size 265/70R16, 2,500 miles wear (purchased in 2016) \$300.

Denise Dbuzz.9899@gmail.com 360.606.9899 3/18

FOR SALE: ► Tele Bindings Rottefella Chili \$25. Free 198cm Rossignal Attaque Telemark skis included. **FOR SALE: ► Ski Boots** Alpina NNN BC Nordic ski boots, size 42 (womens size 10-11). Nearly new condition.

Mark 503 seven five six 7534 (call or text) 3/18

WANTED: ► Ski boots and skis Leather Women's sz 9. No wax touring skis, metal edged for in and out of track touring @ 170 cm. **Claudia claudia.montagne@gmail.com 1/18**

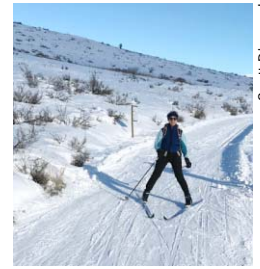
FOR SALE: ► Ski Boots Salomon RC Carbon Prolink recreational/classic boot with NNN toe clip. Men's 10.5. Worn just twice, excellent shape. Retail at \$249, asking \$125. **FOR SALE: ► Hiking Boots** Vasque Breeze III GTX Men's size 12 Vibram Megagrip sole, Goretex. Worn only once. Retail for \$180, asking \$90. **FOR SALE: ► Down Vest** Montbell Superior vest. Men's large, black. Like new condition. Retail at \$109, asking \$50.

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FOR SALE: ► Skis Atomic Telepathic telemark skis 170cm, Voile Tele bindings, heel lifts. \$75. **FOR SALE: ► Bindings** Riva Super Loop ultralight telemark / backcountry touring bindings, new \$60 OBO. **FOR SALE: ► Boot liners** Scarpa Intuition ski boot thermo form liners. Used one season. Size 30.5 (used in a 30 Scarpa Boot) Can be reformed several times. \$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** GIRO ski helmet size Small fits child \$25 OBO. **Russ russ.bec@gmail.com 1/18**

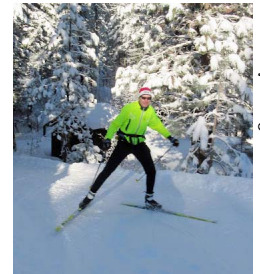
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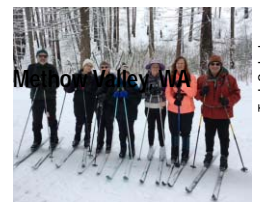
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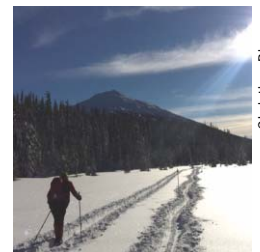


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Lets make tracks!

Show-and-Tell: Gear and Clothes

Join us on Tuesday, December 5 for a “show-and-tell” of some of the latest gear and duds for skiing by Jeremy Rooper from the Mountain Shop. There will be something for everyone, including an introduction to touring, telemark, skating and backcountry skis, some of the latest innovations in equipment, and Rooper will give us the latest on clothes to keep us comfy when out on the snow. There will be plenty of time to get any of your gear or clothing questions answered.



Door prize: Pick up a raffle ticket at the meeting for the drawing—you must be present to win.

Upcoming programs

**January 9-Giving back with Habitat
February 6-Ptarmigan Traverse ski**



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7:30 p.m. Program
Food/Beverages available \$**

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