



ONC-PDX conquers the Alps

In March we spent two weeks in the Alps, skiing and spending down time touring some of the most interesting places on the planet. On trails throughout the Austrian Alps, where Olympic events were held, to the Dolomites in Italy,

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eighteen intrepid ONC-PDX members skied until the wax wore off our skis.

Sure we stayed in three-star hotels and ate the best food imaginable. Enjoyed group happy hours and spectacular side sightseeing trips. But we were there to ski, and ski we did. All the trails are impeccably groomed. This allows complete control, even on the black diamond downhill. In Italy we took a chair lift up to the plateau. First time for some, but easily mastered on the first try.

Every tour beheld something amazing. Picturesque churches peeling their bells, tree houses connected with rope walkways, drones appearing out of nowhere, radar displays indicating our skiing speed (preparation for the 2019 World Cup), alpine huts randomly placed along the trails serving first class food and drink—yes we have pictures that will make your mouth water.

So after skiing in Austria and Italy until our legs were spent, we decided to spend a day in Venice. It's sinking by the way. At high tide you can be in a foot of water. But while it lasts, we enjoyed its finest. Some of the group stayed on. I hope they come home someday but can't blame them if not. (There are more photos on page five.)

Sam Digard, *Trip Leader*

Wow, Central Oregon snow

Yes Virginia (Meissner), there is snow in the Central

Cascades! That's what we found out on our Sunriver trip in mid-February. It was looking grim just a week before and I was suggesting that everyone bring hike shoes. But then things

Richard Crimi



changed, and boy, did it ever change.

On our first day six of us headed to Mt. Bachelor, while two others stayed back holding out for better conditions. What we got was blowing freezing sort of rain/snow stuff. Wind

gusts near 60 mph and sustained wind in the high 30's looked for a miserable ski. We were soaked by the time we walked from our cars to the Nordic Center. What to do? Meissner wasn't grooming yet due to low snow, but they suggested starting out of Swampy Lakes. So to Swampy we headed to enjoy a great ski on Tangent Loop and on to the Meissner shelter. The forest and ridge kept us mostly protected. What a great start, and the forecast was calling for a dump that night.

Back at the ranch, we enjoyed one of the great obligatory continued on page 3

Annual Meeting

The ONC-PDX 2018 Annual

Meeting and board elections will be held Tuesday, April 3 at the Lucky Labrador Brewing Company, 1945 NW Quimby St.. The club will provide pizza starting at 6:30 pm (beverages available \$.) The Annual Meeting and ratification of the board election results will take place at 7:30 p.m., followed by the program. A list of nominees for the open board positions was published last month. If you have not already voted, the electronic ballot will be open until midnight Monday April 2. The electronic ballot can be found under the "Members Only" tab on the club website. Per the club by-laws, family members get only a single vote.

Thank you for participating in the 2018 ONC-PDX Board of Directors election.

Robin Williams, *Elections Committee*

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EDITORIAL NOTES

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

April 3 ▶ TUESDAY
Exploring Alaska's Inside Passage: Wildlife, Glaciers, and local lore

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



April 4 ▶ WEDNESDAY
Preparing for the Unexpected Outdoor Emergency Basics

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

April 9 ▶ MONDAY
How to Lightweight Backpack—Osprey Packs

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Mt. Shop, 1510 NE 37th Ave.
Free! Info: mountainshop.net/events

Hoppy Adventure Hour: Backpacking the Wallawas

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Lucky Lab, 1945 NW Quimby St.
Free!

April 11 ▶ WEDNESDAY
Camino de Santiago: A Walk across Spain

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

April 14 ▶ SATURDAY
FINAL RACE of the Wy'Easter Skimo Series

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Timberline, Mt. Hood
Pre-registration cost is \$35 (per race) and ends April 12. Day-of registration \$45.
Info sign-up: mountainshop.net

Community Cycling Center Bike Drive
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
All Portland REI stores
Donate your bike and make it a vehicle for change!

Bring in a bike in good condition and help the Community Cycling Center broaden access to bicycling and its benefits. Receive a 23% off REI coupon. Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

April 16 ▶ MONDAY
Beyond the Ski Pass: Avalanches, Water, Economics, and What a Bad Snow Year Means for Oregon

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Mt. Shop, 1510 NE 37th Ave.
Free! Info: mountainshop.net/events

April 18 ▶ WEDNESDAY
High Desert Soiree

7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Evolution Healthcare and Fitness, 905 SE Ankeny St. Raffle fundraiser for Oregon Natural Desert Association
Info: mountainshop.net/event/high-desert-soiree

April 21 ▶ SATURDAY
Earth Day SOLVE

Various events check the website:
Solveoregon.org/solve-it-earth-day

April 28 ▶ SATURDAY
Social History Happy Hour-The Future of the Zigzag Ranger District

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Mt Hood Cultural Center and Museum, Government Camp, OR
With Ranger Bill Westbrook, Zigzag Ranger District.
Info: mthoodmuseum.org/events

Clinics & Training

April 12–15 ▶ THUR–SUN
2018 Oregon Spring Camp Mt. Bachelor, OR

Morning sessions on snow, groomed ski sessions, optional afternoon dryland clinics, training plan lecture, video review, optional world-class physiology lab testing ... and more!
Info/Registration: xcoregon.org/oregon-spring-camp

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: 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

During our trip to the Ochoco Cabin last

week I started to think about what makes ONC-PDX tick. In the last two weeks I have attended the monthly meeting, attended the board meeting, attended the Mt. Hood Forest Foundations Partners meeting, and lead a midweek Ochoco Cabin ski trip. What do all these events have in common? The key is volunteers.

We have volunteers arrange the meeting location, pay the bills, manage the books, recruit speakers, organize trips, lead trips, attend agency meetings, trail tending of the ski trails, board members to give the club direction, publish our newsletter, manage our website, keep us up to date with technology, manage the Tilly Jane A-Frame and cabin, find ways to attract new members, and have fun while doing it.

We have an amazing group of people that comprise the ONC-PDX Club, and I am glad to be one of the many. I feel that ONC-PDX is one of the most thriving of the ONC Chapters. But I am hoping we can do better going forward. All of this depends on members stepping forward to volunteer. We are planning a trip leaders training session in April or May, if you have a desire in leading a day tour or overnight trip, please plan on attending. We are also looking for leaders and volunteers for our trail tending parties this summer, and people to help out on the overnight trip committee this summer. Step up to the plate, every little bit helps. I am sure you will have a fun time while you do it! ◆

Ken Wenzel, *President*

Wow, Central Oregon snow continued from page 1

ONC-PDX potlucks. The main course was graciously provided by Mianne Irick, who had to stay in

Portland. Then some headed off to a sky show at the Oregon Observatory,

while others enjoyed the hot tub and the Olympics on the tube—such a hard life.

On day two we awoke to the snow report from Bachelor of “full on storm mode, one inch an hour snow rate, groom getting covered in 30 minutes.”

Wow! We decided, with these conditions, that heading back to Swampy was probably our best option. The drive out of Sunriver turned blizzardy. What was desert scrub the day before was now covered with inches of fresh snow. Once at Swampy, it was a “figure-eight day”—all eight of us skied together for a period, we did a figure-eight loop between Swampy Loop and Ridge Loop trails, and we had eight-inches of dry powder! Life just gets better with snow.

Day three saw Alison, Christine, and Susan heading back to Portland, but not without a ski at Meissner. That’s the way to enjoy the Central Cascades. The



rest of us headed for Mt. Bachelor, where with over a foot of new snow, the snow report had turned into

something like a reading from the menu du jour: “In the wake of the storm, a scene of winter perfection graces the mountain this morning. The resultant product is silky, creamy, and oh so fresh. A bit cold and squeaky with a tad of softness underfoot.”

Don’t you love it? We sure did. Tere and Patricia opted for the Nordic tracks while Laurel, Becky, and myself headed to the backcountry. There was something for everyone, and maybe a little more than any bargained for. A close call with a tree well left nerves a bit shaken. Luckily everyone kept their wits about them. Back on skis and breath caught, onward we traveled to meet our companions at the Nordic Center.

Back at the house we enjoyed a “leftover” meal where miraculously new dishes appeared. Gotta’ love the ONC-PDX potlucks. The next day, we all headed home first thing to beat the storm that was coming into Portland. We used the “escape” route to avoid the passes through a lovely snow-dusted high desert and on down to The Dalles to Portland.

I want to thank everyone for making this a fun and memorable trip as my first time leading. Trip participants: Patricia Reynolds, Becky Eastman, Alison Perkins, Susan Kelly, Christine Bierman, Tere Enberg, Laurel Dickie, and Richard Crimi (trip leader). ◆

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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 sidebar, page 6), food, water, map, clothing, and equipment appropriate for the tour.

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

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

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

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

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

TOUR RATINGS

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

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NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

Volunteer to help with Nordic Issues

Do you have some time to track issues that affect skiers? Contact board members and volunteer (sidebar page 2).

Mt. Hood National Forest

White River Sno-Park In late March there was 47 inches of road side snow.

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

For conditions check: parks.state.wa.us/452/Non-Motorized-Sno-Parks

fs.usda.gov/activity/giffordpinchot/recreation/wintersports/?recid=31178&actid=91

Wind River At Old Man Pass the snow depth ranges from three to five feet. Trail grooming has ended.

Mt. Saint Helens National Monument Marble Mt. had five feet of snow at the end of March. ♦

Pam Rigor, Editor

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We would like to have more activities in the club and we need volunteers to make this

happen. The board has been discussing this and we realize we haven't done the best job at communicating the need. So this article is a chance to address this. We are identifying some short term projects, ongoing need, and regular positions. If you would like to assist with any of these please contact a board member. (see sidebar page 2).

Short term projects

These are projects you can take on and then not repeat.

Bus Trip Wouldn't it be great to have a member appreciation day, rent a bus and head up as a group to ski on Mount Hood? Well we need someone to make this happen. There are a lot of options here. One location? Point to point ski? Maybe have the Mazama's prepare a lunch or... maybe turn it into a two day trip and spend the night at the Mazama Lodge.

Leadership Training We'd like to recruit new leaders and improve the skills of all our leaders. The last time we had leadership training was almost two years ago. We could use your assistance developing this and helping with the logistics.

Publicity/Articles In the past local papers have had articles on cross-country skiing. Can someone contact the Oregonian, Willamette Week, Mercury or other with story ideas and see if we could get them to run with it.

New Members How do we get new members? What has been effective? We'd like a volunteer to analyze the membership data, maybe conduct surveys and maybe assist in projects for recruiting new members.

Mazama Ski School Liaison There is a natural tie in with our club and the Mazama Nordic school. Last year we offered ONC-PDX membership to everyone that completed the Mazama school. What

more could we do to tie in the two clubs?

On going projects

We can always use people for these volunteer activities

Day Tours Can you have too many day tours? If interested in leading a tour see Leader Information for Day Tours: onc-pdx.org/activities/day-tours

Trail Tending OK, pretty much just a summer activity, but when it comes up it would be great if you could volunteer to keep our trails in order.

Tilly Jane Again not a year round task but typically two to three times a year there is a need for volunteers.

Longer Term/Committee

These volunteer activities are longer term

Board Member Some seats open every year (in March). This is a great way to get involved in the club.

Facebook We have an ONC-PDX Facebook page. I've been running it for a few years. I'd love some help and some new ideas. Want to move this page to a group? Got other ideas of how we can make the page more fun?

Volunteer Coordination I started this post by saying we could do a better job communicating volunteer opportunities. How about someone being a volunteer coordinator? We could work out what this would entail but probably keeping a list of volunteer opportunities and connecting to interested members.

Scott Diamond, Secretary

DAY TOURS

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

More tours may be listed on these sites:
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 designated as “dog tours”

Volunteer to lead a day tour, see info below.

Lead a day tour

Join the ONC-PDX tour leader team...

Pick your favorite trail/route and take some of your ONC-PDX friends on a ski, hike or bike. Submit tour descriptions with the Day Tour Input Form (on our website click on “Activities and Events” then click on “Day Tours”) or send an email with the tour description (by April 14, 8 p.m. for the **Maynewsletter**) to oncdaytours@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? Contact us for more info? ◆

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

More photos from ONC-PDX conquers the Alps

Tree houses and Venice.

Sam Digard



Sam Digard



ONC-PDX member benefits

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 Hardware, 722 SW Taylor Street—15% discount on purchases. Special week (November 1–11) of 30% discounts. Current membership card required. mountainhardware.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 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 offers ONC-PDX members a 10% discount on cross-country ski and telemark lessons. wyeastnordic.com

Jupiter Hotel, PDX and **Hood River Hotel** in Hood River give ONC-PDX members a 15% off when booking online. ◆

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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.

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. ◆

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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 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)
- Sun-glasses, lip balm and sun screen
- Foam sit pad

Biking Essentials

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

OVERNIGHT TRIP POLICIES

1. Only Oregon Nordic Club members may participate on ONC-PDX overnight trips, even if it is a trip for which no money is collected.

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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

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

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.

Welcome new members!

Sam Averett and Joe Reidy

Welcome Back! Betty Hall

March membership report: 311 total memberships (217 single and 94 family), includes 2 new and 1 renewing. Last year at this time there were 291 memberships.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of ONC-PDX Board Meeting February 27, 2018 at MMC

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

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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.

Apr 13–15,, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane Guard Station Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR Trip full, wait list open*

This trip also available 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.

*Check website/contact leader for trip updates

General/Meeting opening

Next board meeting: April 24 at 6:00 p.m. at MMC

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Board approves summary Mary H provided

President's Report: No report

Website: No report

Day Tour Committee: Need more day tours, have been few leaders other than Wednesday tours, weather is improving (more snow) and we expect more tour leaders.

Overnight Trip Committee: No report

Tilly Jane: Order roof material \$29K. Submitting grant to Oregon state parks. Not selected Spirit mountain – about 3-4 outstanding asks (not full on grants). OPB -filming folks up this weekend (15 volunteers).

Membership: REI has worked tremendously well. There was a discussion of limited benefit for those who get membership after the signup meeting. The board approved the following resolution: Anyone who participated or participates in the REI Ski/ONC-PDX membership program from start of the program through May 12018, will automatically get extended membership for 2018/2019.

Publicity: Scott giving talk at REI on places to ski at Mt. Hood. About 20 people attended.

Nordic Issues: Discussion of land swap issue with Mt Hood Meadows. Board approved the following resolution: ONC PDX to make donation \$1,500 to Hood River Residents committee for support of appraisals of Cooper Spur land swap.

Trail Tending: Ken attended Mt. Hood Recreational partnership Feb 10 in Sandy There was discussion of adopting trails – Ken to see if FS allow "trail maintained by"sign

New Business

Scott proposed moving our Facebook site to a Facebook group. Mary commented that it should be a closed group to prevent spam. Board approved move to FB group. ■ Scott discussed offering for WFA class at \$175/student by Solo Wilderness (www.solowfa.com). Scott to post to forum about class. ■ Christine request to post on Forum for her Habitat for Humanity activity in Brazil. Board approves posting but ask Christine to note that board approved this post. ■ Discussion of the need for a backup for Bill Y. No one identified yet. ■ Discussion of when/where John Craig race will be – Mary see if decision has been reached and forum post. ■ Discussion of what goals we should reach for ONTC. Ken to Schedule meeting with ONTC and Board

Scott Diamond, Secretary

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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 (oncpdx.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://oncpdx.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.
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

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: ► Ski Poles Rossignol adjustable back-country poles (BC 100). Excellent condition. Retail for \$74.95. \$30.

► Ski Poles Leki Vasa classic poles. Good condition. \$15. Robin rwilliag@gmail.com 503.452.1338 4/18

FOR SALE: ► Ski Bindings Karhu Catamount 190 cm waxless / 3 pin Voile cable bindings good condition \$50, Epoke 900 200 cm waxless / 3 pin bindings good condition \$10, Fisher Europa 99s 210 cm metal edge 210c Rottefella NNNBC bindings good condition \$30. FOR SALE: ► Ski Boots Asolo Glissade, three pin boot men's 9.5 or 10. Pretty good shape \$10.

FOR SALE: ► Skins Pamoca Climbing skins older but barely used, like new. \$50. FOR SALE: ► Skis/Bindings/Boots Kastle RX 210 cm with Salomon bindings and boots men's 9.5 or 10. Sold as skate skis in the early 80s, skinny and fun in groomed tracks. Free. David dkb123@outlook.com 4/18

FOR SALE: ► Tele Bindings Rottefella Chili \$25. Free 198cm Rossignol 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 4/18

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 4/18

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May 1—William Sullivan: new hikes



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