

Oregon Nordic Club PORTLAND CHAPTER

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2018

Cross-country skiing in Slovenia

In September we were traveling in Croatia and Slovenia and what caught my attention was the passion that Slovenia had for skiing. Slovenia is a small country with only two million people—a lot smaller than Oregon. But it has the Julian Alps, and its neighbor is Austria to the north and Italy to the west. What floored me was, that it had an indoor cross-country three-

photos Ken Wenzel



level skiing track in a parking garage that is used in the summer for cross-country ski training and in the winter provides parking for the ski jumping competition. At the same complex, in Planica, there are eight ski jumps, six of them are set up for year round training. One of the jumps is called the Queen Hill, a 100-meter ski jump—the highest in the world—which can draw 20,000 spectators on weekends in the winter. It has a large paved trail system for roller skiing, outdoor training in the summer. In the same valley there are three other winter cross-country ski areas. The indoor cross-country ski track is open to the public for skiing about \$10. Sorry to say I didn't have enough time to try it.

Just before the last Olympics, the US cross-country ski team trained there (*Wall Street Journal* February 20, 2018). If you look at the cross-country skiing medals from most winter Olympics, you will see a quite a few medals going to Slovenia—impressive for such a small country.

Ken Wenzel, *President*

ONC-PDX ski bus to Teacup

On two Saturdays, January 19 and January 26, we will have a cross-country ski bus that leaves from Portland at 8:00 a.m. and from Sandy at 8:50 a.m. going to the Teacup Nordic area. The bus will return to Portland by 5:00 p.m. The bus is sponsored by the Oregon Nordic Club

photos Ken Barker



Portland chapter and fares will be \$15/ONC-PDX member, \$20/non-member. There will be diagonal cross-country ski and skate lessons available for an additional charge. Online registration and trip info will be available at onc-pdx.org/

xcskibus@gmail.com by December 1. For more info before then, contact xcskibus@gmail.com.

ONC-PDX Partnership with Next Adventure

ONC-PDX has formed a new partnership with Next Adventure! They will be hosting a Nordic Clinic on Tuesday, December 4, 7:30–8:30 p.m. at Next Adventure, 426 SE Grand Ave. for for ONC-PDX members and their friends. There will be a presentation on Nordic gear, along with treats, and an exclusive shopping experience afterwards. See details in next month's newsletter.

ONC-PDX, also, has a new benefit: 15% discount at Next Adventure for ONC-PDX members, current club membership card required.

As a way to gain new ONC-PDX members, new skiers (non-members) will received a one-year membership with the purchase of Nordic skis from Next Adventure.

Ted Scheinman, *Board Member*

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

Nov 3 ▶ SATURDAY

Annual Heritage Night

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Mt. Hood Museum and Cultural Center, Government Camp, OR
Silent auction, oral auction, food, drinks, awards, live music and more. Museum membership is your ticket. Info: mthoodmuseum.org

Nov 6 ▶ TUESDAY

PDX Hiking 365

ONC-PDX monthly program
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Lucky Labrador Brewing Company
1945 NW Quimby St.



Nov 13 ▶ TUESDAY

Going DEEP: An Evening with NWAC

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Mt. Shop, 1510 NE 37th
How to make the most of the Northwest Avalanche Center (NWAC) avalanche forecast. A fundraiser for NWAC with raffles. Info: portlandalpinefest.org/calendar/nwac Presented by Grivel and hosted by Mazamas

Vancouver Views and Brews:

Building a Hiking Map

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Loowit Brewing, Vancouver, WA

Nov 14 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Avalanche Awareness

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Tualatin REI.
Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

Nov 28 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Winter Camping Basics

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

NWAC: Avalanche Awareness

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Mt. Shop 1510 NE 37th
Free avalanche awareness clinic Info: mountainshop.net/event

Nov 29 ▶ THURSDAY

Wild and Scenic Film Festival

6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Hollywood Theatre, 4122 NE

Sandy. Tickets at REI Portland \$12, \$15 at the door, includes one raffle entry. Info: rei.com/learn.html wildandscenicfilmfestival.org/events/willamette-riverkeeper-3

Avalanche Awareness

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Clackamas REI.
Workshop for the winter backcountry traveler. Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

Clinics and Training

Nov 3 ▶ SATURDAY

2018 Fall XC Training Series Portland, OR

(location, time, and date, subject to change so check before any session!)

Saturday, November 3 — 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Hoyt Arboretum/Forest Park (above Zoo)

Info: xcOregon.org teacupnordic.org

Sponsor by: Oregon Nordic Club Teacup Chapter and XC Oregon race team

Nov 30–Dec 9 ▶ FRI–SUN

2018 Oregon Fall Camp Mt. Bachelor, OR

Start your ski season off with one of the best camps in the XC ski world! Sign up for any number of days. Early December skiing at Mt. Bachelor, top coaching, training lectures, and (optional) world-class physiology testing. Designed specifically for adult XC skiers and racers.

Info and register: xcOregon.org/oregon-fall-camp

Jan–Feb ▶ SATS AND SUNS

Mazamas Nordic Ski School

Beginning (never been on skis) to Advanced, Nordic Downhill (beginning tele) and Backcountry courses. Jan 5 to Feb 3. Mandatory student orientation Jan 4, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Info/sign up: mazamas.org/multi-activity/184/

Registration opens November 16

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 10)**
- ▶ Member rates on Mazama activities (excludes classes) and use of Mazama Lodge: day use, overnight and meals
- ▶ Free Tilly Jane A-Frame weekends during the ski season
- ▶ Meet new friends who ski, hike and bike
- ▶ Monthly newsletter with free classified ads
- ▶ Support of construction and maintenance of winter trails in the Mt. Hood and Gifford Pinchot National Forests
- ▶ Membership in Northwest Ski Club Council, Far West Ski Association and Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. Discounts/benefits: 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

This last month has been challenging for the Board and for ONC-PDX in general. Bill Yaeger's very fast passing, caught the club very much off guard. Bill had been doing so much of the normal day-to-day things for the club, that it has been a real shock for everyone. Bill is greatly missed on all levels, ski partner, web person, and friend. We are learning how the website works, how trip sign up is a challenge, getting the newsletter out, and managing the database of members. With a lot of help from a lot of people we are learning and realize we need to cross train more people on all levels of our operations.

The trip sign up worked, but not without struggling operations of the website. In short we must do better. No one likes to get error messages three or four times, when getting into each level of the programming. By the time of the next sign up comes we plan to have a smoother running website. Our club's number one function is to provide ski trips and be able to sign up for them.

We are learning, and learning is the way to improve and become better. I am sorry for the frustrations again this year on the sign up and promise we are working on getting it fixed. ♦

Ken Wenzel, President

NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

Volunteer to help with Nordic Issues

Do you have some time to track issues that affect skiers? Contact Ken Wenzel.

Mt. Hood NF

Recreation Resource Advisory Committee

Outreach The Forest Service is searching for potential nominees for a re-established Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (Recreation RAC) for the Pacific Northwest Region. The Recreation RAC will provide recommendations on recreation fees for Forest Service lands in Oregon and Washington. Info: fs.usda.gov/main/r6/recreation/racs Contact: Tom Ibsen 503.808.2711 tibsen@fs.fed.us.

Road 16 Closure The National Forest announced today that part of the FS Road 16, "Red Hill Road," on the Hood River Ranger District will be closed on or around November 5 for approximately four weeks during the week and open on weekends. Hikers going to Vista Ridge Trailhead can check the following map for alternatives. Map: fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd601582.pdf Info: Hood River Ranger District 541.352.6002.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

To volunteer, please contact a board member. (see sidebar page 2).

Leadership Training Help us increase the number of day tour and overnight trip leaders.

Publicity/Articles Are you a writer, help with articles on cross-country skiing.

New Members How do we get new members? Volunteer to analyze the membership data, conduct surveys, and help increase membership.

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 Work on the winter trails.

Tilly Jane Info: reservations@tillyjanecabins.org

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

Facebook Help post to the ONC-PDX Facebook page. How we can make the page more fun?

Volunteer Coordination Help connect a list of potential volunteers with various volunteer tasks. ♦

Volunteer Appreciation Night

The Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter

will recognize its many volunteers at the Appreciation Night on Tuesday November 6 at the general meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Lucky Lab, 1945 NW Quimby St. Cake will be provided. Volunteers and all club members are invited to attend. ♦

Gifford Pinchot NF

Marble Mountain Shelter The warming shelter at the Marble Mountain Sno-Park, on the south side of Mt. St. Helens, was rebuilt and a ribbon cutting ceremony was held on October 27. The Forest Service, Mount St. Helens Trac Riders, Washington State Parks, Washington Congresswoman Beutler, Mt. St. Helens Institute, partners, and the public celebrated the opening of the rebuilt shelter. ONC-PDX has helped to maintain winter trails in the area and the shelter was nice place to warm up before and after a ski on trails. Skiers Snowshoers, snowmobilers, and other winter recreation users found it to be a place of refuge and rest, sometimes as many as 12,000 visits over the winter season. The structure burned to the ground in April 2011, it was a big loss to the Mount St. Helens Trac Riders who maintained the shelter since it was built in 1990. Dedication: youtube.com/watch?v=phLqjrwRaDg

Deschutes NF

New snowshoe trail A new snowshoe trail has
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Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter is one of 11 chapters located throughout the state. Oregon Nordic Club (state organization): onc.org

DAY TOUR OVERVIEW RSVP

It's important that our organizer's time and effort in planning events is respected and appreciated. Respecting your RSVP also ensures that all of our members have access to our tours that may otherwise fill up. We document no shows for events and this will impact your acceptance for future events.

Tour Difficulty

It is always difficult to communicate the difficulty of a tour. (See page 5 sidebar for ratings.) These ratings are a starting point. If you are uncertain then we strongly encourage you to contact the tour lead (it is much easier to sort this out before the trip than on the trail).

What to Bring

Let's start with the *10 Essentials*. This is list of items which we recommend every participant carry (not just the tour leader). For clothing please look at: onc-pdx.org/resources/wear/ For the vast majority of our tours you need to have skis beforehand (we don't have time to stop and rent skis on the way). If you need to rent equipment please see Rentals and Retailers.

Carpooling

Lack of snow worthy vehicles is a growing issue for the club and board is reviewing options to change our policy. The ONC-PDX carpool policy is: Each passenger contributes 15 cents per mile. For three or more passengers, the maximum total contribution by all passengers is limited to 45 cents per mile.

Typical carpool cost per

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DAY TOURS

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

More tours may be listed here:

onc-pdx.org/activities/day-tours

onc-pdx.org/forums

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

No November day tours. Waiting for snow. ♦

Oregon Sno-Park permits

The club will be selling Oregon Sno-Park

permits Tuesday November 6, at the general meeting.

There will be no service fee, so they will be \$25. Look for them at the front of the room.

Sno-Park permits are required to park at sno-parks from November 1 through April 30. ♦

Help with ONC-PDX outreach!

We need additional people to help at an

info table at REI on three Saturdays, Nov. 10 and 24 at the downtown Portland REI and Nov. 17 at the Tualatin REI. Shifts are only three hours each, and it's a lot of fun.

Again, 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 information tables—part of our efforts to gain new members. To volunteer please contact: Bill Neuman 503.645.6547 wrn3200@yahoo.com. ♦



Bill Neuman, Treasurer

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been built in the Three Creeks area out of Sisters, OR. The Sisters Ranger District of Deschutes National Forest partnered with several local trails groups to build the Peak View Snowshoe Trail, the first designated snowshoe trail on the Sisters Ranger District; the 1.75 mile trail connects Upper Three Creeks Sno-Park and Jeff View Shelter. The Central Oregon Nordic Club—an ONC Chapter, the Sisters Trail Alliance, and the Deschutes National Forest Trail Crew worked on the trail, which is expected to help reduce congestion and conflict between snowshoers and skiers. Other Deschutes NF snowshoe trails have become popular and helped reduced trail conflicts. The trail is marked and ready for the snow. ♦

Pam Rigor, Editor

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

SIGN-UP TIPS

- ♦ Overnight trips are exclusively for members; join or renew your membership (online under "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 page 7)!
- ♦ Sign-up online
- ♦ 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

Note: Paper ONC-PDX overnight trip applications (available on the website) can be used to sign up, contact leader.

Nov 21–25, Wed–Sun, Easy/Intermediate Ski Thanksgiving Triathlon 2018—Ski, Hike, Turkey Dinner! Sunriver, OR One space available*

When it's time to start skiing or finish hiking—as the case may be—ONC-PDX does it in Sunriver. This year, we'll include a snow dance as well! Eight of us will stay in a comfortable house in this resort community 20 miles south of Bend, where we will be flexible about our sports but definite about Thanksgiving dinner. We expect to ski on the groomed trails at the Mt. Bachelor Nordic Center or in the backcountry. We may hike to waterfalls or in the desert, take a field trip to the High Desert Museum, Observatory, Nature Center or Bend, and the house offers bicycles for use on the extensive paved trails in Sunriver. It is a rare delight when we have snow at our doorstep.

We will carpool to Sunriver and to trailheads. Skiing is easy to intermediate, and there are lessons and rentals available at Mt. Bachelor, where there is a fee for the groomed trails that usually open the day after Thanksgiving. If we go to Paulina Falls, a Sno-Park permit is required there. The village at Sunriver has a supermarket, shops, and restaurants. We will have passes to the Recreation Center, and our house has a hot tub. Check it out (the house is Whistler #20, new to us this year). Join us! Hope to see you on the trip.

Trip limit: 8 participants (2 couples, 4 singles).

***Check website/contact leader for trip updates onc-pdx.org**



David Blanchard

Cost: \$255/member, per person. Includes four nights' lodging.

**For more info contact the trip leader: Elke Schoen
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**Dec 27–Jan 1, Thur–Tue, All Ability Ski
Methow Valley, Winthrop, WA—Trip 1
Four spaces available***

The Methow Valley has over 200 km of trails groomed for classic and skate. We always fill the four days of skiing with world class action as the elevation of the trail systems ranges from 2,000 to over 4,000 ft. Some people will take



a skate lesson and decide to pack away their classic skis for this new-found skill. Some people ski from our luxury condo in

Winthrop to Twisp

for breakfast at the bakery enjoying the presence of bald eagles and deer en-route.

We have two luxury condominiums in Winthrop with full accommodations. Plan for potluck dinners that we prepare in the fully equipped kitchens. Restaurants are always an option and some are within skiing/walking distance from the condo, along with grocery and sundries stores.

If you tire of skiing, the town of Winthrop is perfect for sightseeing. It is an authentic replica of a frontier town with museums, saloons, and when your energy returns, you can ice skate on the ice-skating rink.

All the trails are groomed for skiing, skate skiing, and fat tire bike. You can leave your backcountry skis and snowshoes home for this one. Trails range from easy to black diamond, but with impeccable grooming—even on the double black trails you have total control.

Trip limit: 12 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$325/member, per person. Includes five nights' lodging (\$60-80 groomed trail pass not included).

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

**Dec 28–Jan 1, Fri–Tue, All Ability Ski
New Year's at Black Butte Ranch, OR
One space available***

Celebrate the New Year in the peaceful setting of Black Butte Ranch. No loud, inebriated parties here. Instead, settle in by the fire with a congenial group of Nordic skiers and enjoy good food, wine and interesting conversations after an invigorating day in the outdoors. This central Oregon location is close to skiing on Santiam Pass and the Three Creeks area near Sisters. Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, which boasts access to prime backcountry skiing as well as groomed trails, is only 32 miles away. If the snowpack is low, hiking is always an option from the panoramic Smith Rocks to along the Metolius River, where otters play in its clear waters. Amenities at Black Butte include a hot tub, sauna and swimming pool. For those who want to take a break from outdoor activities, the historic town of Sisters with its restaurants, bakery, bookstore and various shops

is close by. This trip is sure to appeal to everyone who wants to relax and escape the humdrum of daily life. The accommodations are a large house with three queen bedrooms and a bunkroom with two bunk beds.

Trip limit: 8 participants (3 couples, 2 singles).

Cost: \$320/member, per person. Includes four nights' lodging.

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

**Jan 4–6, Fri–Sun, Inter. Backcountry Ski/Tele
Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin—Club Weekend,
Mt. Hood, OR
Spaces available***

**This trip also available the following weekends:
February 1–3, March 1–3, and April 5–7**

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 required. Climbing skins are required, too.

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

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

**For more info contact: reservations@tillyjanecabins.org.
We'll forward your request to the appropriate trip leader. Leaders TBD.**

**Jan 12–20, Sat–Sun, Intermediate Ski
British Columbia Mega Ski, Logan Lake,
BC and Chelan, WA
One space available***

We will plan on a long one-day drive up and a one-day drive back. We will spend four nights at Logan Lake at a Bed and Breakfast with breakfast and dinner and sack lunch for four days included. We will ski at Stake Lake (60 km) Groomed Skate and Classic, Logan Lake (34 km) Groomed Skate and Classic, Kane Valley (50 km) Ungroomed Classic. We will then drive to near Apex – stay in a Condo and ski Nickel Plate Cross Country 6000 ft. elevation (56 km) Groomed Skate and Classic and maybe Telemark XC (50 km) Groomed Skate and Classic. Then drive across the border to Chelan and ski Echo Ridge (25 miles Groomed) Skate or Classic, before driving home the next day after staying in a motel. Three nights we will cook our own meals and make lunches, included. The last night we will eat out, not included in trip

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person for Mt. Hood is \$18 for Government camp to \$25 to Teacup (via Hood River). Please respect this policy by paying your drivers prior to their prompting.

Dogs

Dogs are only allowed on a few ONC-PDX trips. If you don't see dogs allowed on the trip write-up then please don't bring your dog (you will not be allowed to ski with the group).

FS Dog Policy

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

TOUR/TRIP RATINGS

All ONC-PDX tours/trips are rated as either Novice, Easy, Intermediate, or Advanced. These terms are an approximate guide to the skill and commitment required for the tour/trip. Use the rating guide to select the right tour/trip for your ability and inclination. Please do not attempt a tour/trip that is beyond your ability; you could endanger yourself or others in your party.

Novice Ski

2–5 miles slow-paced day tours over gentle terrain. These tours are for beginning cross-country skiers with a little prior skiing experience (the ability to do a reasonable shuffle on skis). Leaders will not teach skiers how to ski, but will help them as much as possible.

Easy

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.

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

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

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

Intermediate 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/trip description for specifics.

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

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

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

Advanced Tour Ski: > 12 miles; terrain flat to steep hills (> 10 degrees); moderate to fast pace.; strong turning skills required on the tours with steeper slopes.

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

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cost. All resorts have warming lodges. Trail Passes are extra at \$12-15 CAD per day. We will plan on carpooling, food during the driving days is on your own. Passports required and no DUI's on record or other items.

Trip limit: 7 “serious skiers,” plus leader.

Cost: \$610/member, per person. Includes eight nights' lodging and most meals.

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

Jan 14–17, Mon–Thur, All Ability Ski

Summit Meadow Cabins at Trillium Basin, Mt. Hood, OR Five spaces 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 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 leader.

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

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

Jan 17–20, Thur–Sun, All Ability Ski (with Intermediate skills recommended)

Odell Lake/Willamette Pass, OR—Trip 1 Two spaces available*

Willamette Pass offers an extensive variety of groomed and backcountry trails. Classic backcountry will be the mainstream venue for these three days of skiing trip. You can skin up and hit the summit of Maiden Peak or tame it a bit and ski the variety of trails and pop in to the shelters for lunch. Odell lake trails are at around 5,000 ft. Sno-park permit is required, but there are no lift tickets or trail passes unless we ski at the Willamette Pass Ski Area. Most people breakfast individually and pack a lunch for the trail. Dinners will be potluck, which we will pair off to prepare for the group. We will carpool, skiing two full days and part day on Sunday. The house we are staying is marvelously equipped.

Trip limit: 7 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$200/member, per person.

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

Jan 18–20, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane Guard Station, Mt. Hood, OR Trip full, wait list open*

This trip also available the following weekends:
March 15–17, and April 12–14

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 are required. Climbing skins are required, too.

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

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

For more info contact: reservations@tillyjanecabins.org. We'll forward your request to the appropriate trip leader. Leaders TBD.

Jan 18–21, Fri–Mon, All Ability Ski

MLK Weekend at Lake Creek Lodge, 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—the ideal ambience for a cross-country ski holiday. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 16 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$185/member, per person. Includes three nights' lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Steve Levy 503.244.4262 slevy@pacifier.com

Jan 23–27, Wed–Sun, All Ability Ski (with options)

Anthony Lakes, Baker City, OR—Trip 1 Trip full, wait list open*

We will be staying at my favorite place, The Good Bear Ranch by Baker City. Skiing most days is at Anthony Lakes Resort. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip Limit: 9 “lucky skiers,” includes leader.

Cost: \$290/member, per person.

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

Jan 31–Feb 3, Thur–Sun, Intermediate Ski

Ochoco Ranger Cabin, Ochoco National Forest, OR—Trip 1 Trip full, wait list open*

We will ski at Walton Lake Trails and Bandit Springs; the last few years we have seen wild horses by Walton Lake and by the cabin. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip Limit: 6 participants plus leader (two queen beds, three twins).

Cost: \$55/member, per person. Includes lodging.

*Check website/contact leader for trip updates

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

Feb 1–3, Fri–Sun, All Ability Ski

**Black Butte Ranch in February, OR
One space available***

Join us for two days of skiing in Central Oregon's Black Butte Resort near Sisters. Santiam Pass at 4,817 ft. is about 12 miles away with lots of ski loops and warming shelters. The Camp Sherman area nearby has skiing along the Metolius up to the river's headwaters or up Black Butte. The Three Creeks Area near Sisters offers more choices and views. The Hoodoo Ski Area is 13 miles away and has nearly 10 miles of groomed trails. Altogether, the surrounding area offers a variety of backcountry and groomed trails, from novice to most difficult. The house has a full kitchen and a hot tub, and the resort has restaurants plus a recreation center with a swimming pool.

Trip limit: 8 participants (includes the leader).

Cost: \$140/member, per person. Includes two nights' lodging.

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

Feb 1–3, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski/Tele
**Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin—Club Weekend
One space available***

(See January 4–6 Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin description)

Feb 6–10, Wed–Sun, Intermediate/Advanced Ski
**McCully Alpine Hut in the Wallowas, Eagle
Cap Wilderness, OR
Two spaces available***

Backcountry skiing with an alpine flavor Oregon style! A three-night stay at McCully Alpine Hut exploring varied alpine terrain within the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area in the Wallowas in Eastern Oregon awaits us. We will arrive in Enterprise, Oregon Wednesday evening to guest lodging for the entire group (up to 3 doubles, 9 singles)—a good place for storage while on tour, showers available after ski-out! The first day, we ski to the hut main village (cooking yurt, two sleeping yurts). Plans for a next day include a guided tour in some of the most breathtaking mountain backdrops in Oregon. A third day, with experience gained from the day before, will be spent touring to a new destination still to be discovered. Ski out on the fourth day to waiting showers before the ride back to Portland.

At McCully Basin (Base Camp elevation 7,500 ft) the ski terrain offers a wide variety for the backcountry skier, from low-angled gladed meadows to broad moderate north-facing alpine bowls surrounded by non-technical summits.

Backcountry ski gear (NNN bindings or better) is required as skiing will be done on ungroomed terrain). Skins and rescue equipment are available as deemed appropriate to the conditions and terrain. For food there

are in town restaurants Wednesday Evening/Thursday morning. Once on the ski trip we will arrange group dinners and breakfasts; lunch is each person's responsibility. Participants are expected to carpool from Portland for the six-hour drive.

Trip Limit: 12 participants, includes co-leaders.

Cost: \$355/member, per person. Not included: carpooling, not-included meals, etc.

For more info contact the trip co-leaders: David Bath 503.819.8551 dbath4@gmail.com and Kate McPherson 306.609.1453 k8tmcp@gmail.com

Feb 8–10, Fri–Sun, All Ability Ski

**Shelter Cove Resort at Odell Lake—Trip 2
Willamette Pass, OR
Trip full, wait list open***

Odell Lake is situated at 4,800 feet just over the top of Willamette Pass east of Eugene on Hwy. 58. We will stay at Shelter Cove Resort, in Kokanee Lodge.

See website for full trip description.

Trip limit: 10 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$90/member, per person. Includes lodging.

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

Feb 10–14, Sun–Thur, All Ability Ski

**Methow Valley, Winthrop, WA—Trip 2
Trip full, wait list open***

There is no place like the Methow Valley in North Central Washington for endless skiing in perfect conditions. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 12 people (3 couples, 6 singles).

Cost: \$205/member, per person. Includes four nights' lodging. Not included: required trail passes; \$24/day, \$60/3-days

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

Feb 14–17, Thur–Sun, Intermediate Ski

**Ochoco Ranger Cabin, Ochoco National
Forest, OR—Trip 2
Trip full, wait list open***

We'll ski in small groups in beautiful Ponderosa Pine country away from the crowds. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 7 participants total (two queen beds, three twins).

Cost: \$55/member, per person. Includes lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Steve Planchon, 503.467.8699 scplanchon@gmail.com

Feb 15–19, Fri–Tue, All Ability Ski

**Sunriver President's Day Weekend (Tues-
day bonus stay over), OR
Trip full, wait list open***

Come to Sunriver to enjoy a long weekend in the sunny and snowy Central Cascades in mid-February! This is perhaps the prime ski time to hit the multiple ski trails in and around Mt. Bachelor. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 10 participants (includes trip leader).

Cost: \$190/member, per person. Includes four nights' lodging.

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(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 bivvy bag ■ Pocket knife ■ Toilet paper and trowel (ziplock bag to carry out toilet paper) ■ Sunglasses, lip balm and sun screen ■ Foam sit pad
Biking Essentials
■ Helmet (required on all bike rides) ■ Spare tube ■ Patch kit ■ Tire pump ■ Water bottle (filled) ■ Tire irons

**OVERNIGHT
TRIP POLICIES**

Trip Participation

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 that time. The only exceptions are overnight trail tending work parties and Tilly Jane Club project weekends, which are open to non-member volunteers.

2. Overnight trip sign-ups are done *online* at the club website: onc-pdx.org/activities then click on "Overnight Trips." The website will begin accepting applications on a day and at a time specified by the ONC-PDX Board of Directors, with registration usually occurring during the week following the October general meeting. Once accepted, the trip applicants will receive a confirmation email. To complete the sign-up process, the member must email a completed an Overnight Trip Application (onc-continued on sidebar on p. 8

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pdx.org then click on "Members Only" then on "Forms") to the trip leader, including their signed waiver and release of liability as required by the club.

3. If a trip appears to be full during the registration process, applicants should contact the trip leader directly to: (i) confirm that the trip is actually full; and (ii) if full, to be placed on the trip wait list as cancellations are relatively common.

4. Trip leaders have the authority to not accept a trip participant application if the applicant does not appear to have the appropriate level of skiing ability for the trip; or (ii) bed availability does not match the a participant's circumstances, e.g., the applicant will be traveling alone, does not want to share a bed, and only one double bed remains available, which is better suited for another couple that has applied for the trip.

5. Trip leaders, after consulting with the ONC-PDX Board and Overnight Trip Committee (OTC), may also deny a trip application based on an applicant's behavior on previous ONC-PDX trips.

Wait list procedures

1. To be placed on a trip wait list, applicants must submit a completed trip application to the designated trip leader, along with a check for the full amount of the trip fee. If space becomes available, wait list participants may then choose to fill the space or decline.

2. Wait list checks will not be cashed until the wait list applicant has

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

Feb 22–24, Fri–Sun, Easy Ski

Sunriver Groomed Trail Skiing, OR Trip full, wait list open*

Relax and enjoy two easy days of skiing on groomed trails, and evenings filled with good food, games and conversation. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 8 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$150/member, per person. Includes two nights' lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Debby Wenzel 503.422.1524 (cell), 503.297.2958 (hm) debbyras@msn.com

Feb 28–Mar 4, Thur–Mon, All Ability Ski

Wallowa Mountains, Joseph, OR Trip full, wait list open*

Come spend four days skiing eastern Oregon's Wallowas, where the mountains are steep, the snow dry! (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 12 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$210/member, per person. Includes four nights' lodging.

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

Mar 1–3, Fri–Sun, All Ability Ski and Snowshoe

Crater Lake Classic Ski Trip via Charter Bus, Crater Lake, OR Ten spaces available*

The Classic Crater Lake ski trip is back! The Crater Lake rim, at 7,000 feet, averages 44 feet of snow a year. Join the ONC-PDX for the traditional trip to Crater Lake.



Bob Breivogel

We'll board the deluxe coach in Portland at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 1 and proceed down I-5 while sharing in the world famous "Rolling Pot-Luck." We have invited members of the Willamette Chapter of ONC to join us. The next morning after a hearty gourmet breakfast at the Prospect Historic Hotel B&B Inn, we'll take a quick ride to the rim where we'll spend the day enjoying the spectacular snow formations and views of the lake and surrounding mountains while skiing as far as our legs can carry us. We will separate into groups based on abilities and endurance. A gourmet dinner will be provided on Saturday night at Inn, Sunday will be another day of different trails, different tours, and more exploring. We can even take a ranger led interpretive snowshoe tour. Later in the afternoon, we'll board our coach and head toward home, stopping for a special dinner on the way, arriving back in Portland about 10:00 p.m.

There are two options for accommodations: \$300/person for the Prospect Historic Hotel B&B Inn (one double or

queen bed in each room for two people); or \$275/person in the adjacent Motel building (rooms with two or three beds per room). The Inn costs more \$25 per person. Please indicate which you wish. These prices are lower than they have been for six years!

Contact leader for accommodation options before signing up.

Trip limit: 45 participants include leader.

Cost: \$275–\$300/member, per person depending on lodging choice and availability. Includes all bus transportation, two breakfasts, a gourmet dinner, and a dinner on the way home.

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

Mar 1–3, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski/Tele Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin—Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR

Spaces available*

(See January 4–6 Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin description)

Mar 6–10, Wed–Sun, All Abilities Ski (with Intermediate skills recommended)

Anthony Lakes, Baker City, OR—Trip 2 Four spaces available*

The Good Bear Ranch by Baker City hosts ONC-PDX members in this nicely equipped modernized lodge. Classic or skate skiing most days at Anthony Lakes Resort on 30 km of groomed trails. But don't discount backcountry. You can skin up and telemark the backcountry or ride the lift up for extra fun. The base



Steve Planchon

of Anthony Lakes is 6,000 ft. and the lift climbs to 7,300 ft. There should be pretty good odds of getting dry snow. There are additional backcountry trails for many touring options. Trail passes or lift tickets are reasonable and might be free some days and a one-way lift ride is \$6. Most people breakfast individually and pack a lunch for the trail. Dinners will be potluck, which we will pair off to prepare for the group. We will carpool, skiing three full days and possible a part day going home. The Lodge at Anthony Lakes does serve good food for lunch and has a great bar for the end of the day meet up.

Trip limit: 12 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$295/member, per person. Includes four nights' lodging.

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

Mar 10–13, Sun–Wed, Intermediate Ski

Ochoco Ranger Cabin, Ochoco National Forest, OR—Trip 3

Two spaces available*

Small group classic skiing in Big Pine Country!

We will drive over on Thursday hoping to arrive in time for an evening ski before dinner. We will ski the Walton Lake and Bandit Springs Forest Service trails. The last few

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years ONC-PDX skiers have seen wild horses by Walton Lake and by the cabin.

If snow is lacking we will do some hikes in the local area and over at the Painted Hills in the John Day Fossil beds. There are always fun things to do in that part of the State. Participants are responsible for their own breakfasts and lunches. Dinners will be potluck. I'm looking forward to skiing in the big pines again after 30 years!

Trip limit: 7 participants total (two queen beds, three twins).

Cost: \$55/member, per person. Includes lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Laurel Dickie 503.415.1922 laureldickie@hotmail.com

Mar 9–14, Sat–Thur, All Ability Ski Methow Valley, Winthrop, WA—Trip 3 One space available*

ONC-PDX skiers return to the Methow Valley over and over again for a simple reason, the snow conditions and trail quality rarely disappoint. The Methow Valley Association grooms over 200 km of trails through the 2,000 ft.



Ted Scheinman

valley floor and into the adjacent hills and mountains, with some trails reaching the 4,000 ft. level. With longer days and warmer temperatures, the March trip to the Methow is not to be missed.

We will travel to Winthrop Washington on Saturday, meeting at our two side-by-side luxury condos for a casual evening planning session for the upcoming days. Participants are responsible for their own dinner the first night, as well as breakfasts and lunches during our stay. Dinners the following 4 nights will be potluck, prepared in fully equipped kitchens.

If you have wanted to learn or brush up on your skate skiing skills, lessons and ski rentals are available in Winthrop and Mazama. And, if you are inclined, there is an ice skate rink in town.

Trip limit: 12 participants, includes leader and leader's partner.

Cost: \$235/member, per person. Includes five nights' lodging; trail passes are \$24/day, \$60/3-days.

For more info contact the trip leader: Shannon Planchon 503.467.8599 shannon.planchon@gmail.com

Mar 15–17, Fri–Sun, Advanced Intermediate Backcountry Ski

Sisters Hut to Hut Trip, Three Sisters Wilderness, OR 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. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 8 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$310/member, per person. Includes a shuttle,

two nights in huts, food for two days and two nights with beer included!

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

Mar 15–17, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane Guard Station, Mt. Hood, OR Trip full, wait list open*

(See Jan 18–20 Tilly Jane Guard Station description)

Mar 15–18, Fri–Mon, All Ability Ski Lake Creek Lodge, Camp Sherman, OR Seven spaces available*

Halfway between Santiam Pass and Sisters, the very popular Lake Creek Lodge in the Deschutes National Forest boasts quaint, rustic cabins paneled in knotty pine, fireplaces, full kitchens, a creek coursing thru the grounds, and the ideal ambience for a xc ski holiday. Check it out online: lakecreeklodge.com.

We'll carpool over on Friday, have a traditional ONC-PDX potluck dinner on Saturday, Sunday we can do creative leftovers or dine at the Lodge. Ski options are many - Santiam Pass, Mt. Bachelor area, Maxwell Sno-Park, Tam MacArthur Rim, and if we're lucky at 3,000 ft. elevation, right out the door of our cabins. Separate rooms for couples/genders. Lodging is two cabins with 3 Queens, 6 twin beds.

Trip limit: 12 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$220/member, per person. Includes three nights' lodging.

For more info contact the leader: Greg Wenneson 503.460.7231 gregwenn@sonic.net

Mar 21–31, Thur–Sun, Inter/Advanced (hut-to-hut) Ski Norway Dream Ski Trip, Jotenheimen National Park, Norway Trip full, wait list open*

This year, we will ski in the Jotenheimen National Park – the name is translated as the Home of the Giants! This popular area contains the highest mountains in Norway and is the perfect destination for a rigorous hut-to-hut ski trip. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 15 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$2495/member, per person (estimated). Includes round-trip airfare from Portland to Oslo, nine nights' lodging, all meals except during travel, and the last dinner in Oslo.

Make a deposit of \$1,000. The final payment of \$1,495 is due on December 15, 2018, to secure the special group airfare.

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

Mar 22–24, Fri–Sun, Intermediate/Advanced Ski John Craig Memorial Ski Tour, Black Butte, OR Three spaces available*

The Annual John Craig Nordic Ski Tour will be held on March 23 on the McKenzie Pass Highway in Sisters Oregon. People from all over the state participate in this fun, non-competitive event. The tour is an out and back on a gentle forest road through the beautiful Deschutes National Forest. In good weather an average skier can

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

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been moved from the wait list to the active trip roster. The check will be destroyed when the trip leader determines that a cancellation is unlikely or upon the request of the wait list applicant. Wait list applicants will be notified when the check is destroyed.
Trip Cancellation Policy

1. Trip fees and deposits are non-refundable, unless the trip leader is able to make a reasonable substitution for the canceling participants.
2. Participants needing to cancel a trip should contact the trip leader immediately so that wait-listed applicants can be considered for placement on the trip roster.
3. If a wait list exists, the trip leader will determine whether wait-listed applicants can be reasonably substituted for the canceling participant(s). If a wait list does not exist, and sufficient time is available, the trip leader will advertise the trip availability through reasonable means available to the trip leader, typically through the web forum and club newsletter.
4. If the leader is able to make a reasonable substitution for the canceling participant, the canceling participant will receive a refund of amounts paid, minus: (i) \$10 for each participant associated with the cancellation; and (ii) 3% of the amount paid. All communications regarding trip cancellations and associated refund requests are to be directed to the trip leader, who will coordinate with other club members, as

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needed, to ensure the proper handling of the cancellation notice and refund request. 5. If the club cancels the trip, the full amount paid will be refunded. Trip cancellations are decided by the OTC. Travel Insurance. To avoid the loss of trip fees or deposits, the club strongly recommends that trip participants purchase travel insurance, which is available from a variety of providers. Please see (oncpdx.org/resources/trip-insurance) for the current listing of some trip insurance companies.

Policy and Procedure Waivers

The Board reserves the right to waive any overnight trip policy or procedure when in the best interest of the club to do so. ♦

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

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reach Dee Wright Observatory in about three hours and Windy Point in two, and the return trip takes about half the amount of time they took to climb. Sunday ski tour options include Santiam Pass, Hoodoo ski area (fee), or Three Creeks.

Carpools will be encouraged. Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday plus Friday dinner will be potlucks. A pizza dinner at the Best Western Ponderosa Lodge in Sisters, is held in conjunction with the presentation of the John Day Trophy for ONC excellence in leadership.

Trip Limit: 8 participants, include leader.

Cost: \$135/member, per person. Includes lodging and the pizza dinner on Saturday night.

For more info contact the leader: Mary Bourret 503.201.3940 marylbouret@gmail.com

Apr 5–7, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski/Telemark Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin—Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR Spaces available*

(See Jan 4–6 Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin description)

Apr 12–14, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane Guard Station, Mt. Hood, OR Trip full, wait list open*

(See Jan 18–20 Tilly Jane Guard Station description) ♦

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

Welcome new members! Sept: Teresa Harris, Brian and Megan Lawrence, and Jonathan Robbins. **Oct:** Paul Bodenlos, Patricia Caldwell, Sophia Chong, Sylvia de Lacy, Michele Gunness, Paul Hanes, Dave and Debi Houghton, Mark Hoyle and Steve Siefert, Kurt Koegler, Alexie McKee, Grant Moen and Julia Furtado, Margret Oethinger, Linda Onheiber, Richard Petter, Marta Poore, David Strutin, and Phil Vincent

Welcome back: Sept: Lee Ann Gekas and Clayton Hawkes. **Oct:** Sherry Bourdin

September membership report: 327 total memberships (225 single and 100 family), includes 3 new and 2 rejoining memberships (non-renewing 2017-18 members are not removed from this count). Last year at this time there were 304 memberships.

October membership report: 344 total memberships (238 single and 104 family), includes 16 new and 1 rejoining memberships (non-renewing 2017-18 members are not removed from this count). Last year at this time there were 319 memberships.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of ONC-PDX Board Meeting August 28, 2018 at Mazamas Mountaineering Center (MMC)

Board Members Present: Ken Wenzel, Mary Bourret, Ted Scheinman, Laurel Dickie, and Tim Kral.

Board Members Absent: William Neuman. **Other Members Present:** Richard Crimi, Overnight Trips Committee. Reports

Treasurer's Report: No report

Overnight Trips Committee: Richard C. shared an updated schedule of scheduled trips. OTC policies/procedures were updated by Sam D. Folks who don't want to sign up online might have to be on the wait list. Board voted and approved the new policies/procedures. Sign up will be on October 13, 6:00 p.m.

Website: With Bill Yaeger's passing coming suddenly, no web volunteer had time to talk to him. Nick Applemans has agreed to contact Clint S. to become familiar with the website. Perhaps have Nick do a test run prior to the October trip sign-ups. Clint can monitor the website as needed, charging his hourly rate.

Publications: Newsletter mailing—volunteers are being sought to help with this.

Membership: Membership database duties will be taken over by Yu-Lin Chao. For now we are covered but, job descriptions should be created.

Tilly Jane: Projects are going well, according to André. A date in October has been set for him to meet with the composting toilet folks and FS people to get the toilet taken care of next year.

Programs: Ron Bekey has the meeting and speaker schedule set up for next year. The treasurer is usually the person who books the meetings. Since meeting dates are all over the place, it was suggested we book the following year after each current meeting.

Old Business

Club insurance: Mary B talked to the National Ski Council, who said you can get a waiver, but our current company doesn't do that sort of thing. Our insurance rep will send Mary options who specialize in ski trips. A separate policy just for the trip timeline could be drawn up, etc. There are many possible scenarios. *Mary B will follow up.*

New Business

Forest Conservancy: Russ Pascoe was asking for a \$500 sponsorship to the Forest Conservancy gala. The question is, will this give ONC-PDX exposure or is it a good use of our funds although we agree with what they're continued on page 11

doing. *Mary B motions we become a \$250 sponsor, Ted seconds the motion; passed.* ■ **Lloyd book:** Daryl Lloyd will be promoting his book at the May meeting. Bill Neuman suggested an award be given to the brothers for all their work in the club over the years. We will ask Bill what he might have in mind. Issue tabled. ■ **Bill Yaeger memorial:** Board agreed to spend up to \$50 for flowers to widow Denise Brem. ■ **John Day Award:** A nomination for the John Day trophy, someone will need to submit a nomination to Mary B. ■ **50th Anniversary Party:** Combine with one of Ken Barker's ski bus trips. Hold at Teacup as good advertising for ONC-PDX. Offer free, limited seats to ONC-PDX members.

Minutes of ONC-PDX Board Meeting September 25, 2018 at Mazamas Mountaineering Center (MMC)

Board Members Present: Mary Bourett, Bill Neuman, Laurel Dickie, Ted Scheinman

Board Members Absent: Ken Wenzel, Tim Kral

August meeting minutes approved.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Bill Neuman explained the way ONC-PDX reports are sent to the state organization and IRS. Another document has been created by Mary H which also tracks this info. Bill has created a simplified sheet to also capture this info from September 1 through August 31, 2019.

Website: Ted S. spent time learning a little bit about the website as it was left by the previous webmaster. It has become obvious Bill Yaeger was doing a lot, behind the scenes. There is a question of whether the REI promotional memberships got renewed. Membership numbers had been gleaned by Bill and reported to the newsletter editor. Perhaps a revamping of responsibilities/job descriptions should be created for each committee member.

Action item: A meeting with Nick Applemans should be set up so we can assign web posting privileges.

Invite Nick to a special meeting with the board to see what his priorities should be. The Board decided to move the monthly meeting next month to October 23 and invite Nick to join us.

Membership: Susan Kelly, Barbara Sack, and Ted S are part of the membership committee. They met recently, but members are not willing or able to post to the web. Ted found 200 people who had not renewed their memberships and sent out a renewal email. We need to come up with an accurate membership number to submit to state.

Ted has set up tabling events at REI on Nov. 10, 17, 24 to promote the free membership with a purchase of a new pair of skis. **Action item:** Ted will call Yu-Lin Chao, who agreed to be involved with membership.

Overnight Trips: OTC needs to do a forum post saying overnight trips are on the web.

Day Tours: Laurel will check with former day tour committee members to see if they still want to be involved. How many members do we have on our MeetUp listing?

New Business

Volunteers are needed for Nordic Issues and Publicity. ■ **Next Adventure:** Ted talked to Deek H. They are very interested in promoting our club. The free membership promotion is a program they'll take on. One idea is to have a VIP night for ONC-PDX members the first Tuesday in December. Next Adventure has a small shop in Sandy they'll open early for the two dates we have for the bus tours. They would like to see a link from ONC-PDX to their store and they'll put a link to ONC-PDX on their website. This must be reciprocal. ■ **Ski Bus:** Laurel needs to post the bus tours under Day Tours.

Old Business

Sponsorship for Forest Conservancy was submitted. In return the agency gave us a chance to attend their annual gala. Board VP Mary B will ask appropriate volunteers if they'd like to attend. ■ Flowers were given to Denise Brem. A ONC-PDX membership will be comped to her. ■ 50th anniversary activities could be willingly hosted by the museum in Government Camp. ■ Scott Diamond and André Fortin have resigned from the board.

Next meeting: Tue., Oct. 23, noon at MMC

Laurel Dickie, Secretary

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: ► Skis Backcountry Karhu Catamount 190 cm waxless, 3-pin Voile cable bindings good condition. \$50.

► Skins Pamoca Climbing skins older but barely used, like new condition \$50. David dkb123@outlook.com 1/19

WANTED: ► Used ski equipment for a beginner. Women's waxless XC skis, boots and poles? 5'8" tall, 170 lbs, sz. 10 shoe. Sharon (text only) 818.642.8200 violaeng@gmail.com.10/18

FOR SALE: ► Snow tires. 4 mounted studless Observe mud/snow tires 205/55R-16 Les Schwab will install and remover for

free every season. Used minimally 2 seasons. \$750
Shemaya shemaya_toyou@yahoo.com

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Deadline: 15th of the month (for the next month's publication). **Free ads for members only**, placed on a first come basis, and may be edited depending on space availability. Send to: oncnewsletter@gmail.com as attachment (preferred)—(with no formatting i.e., bold, italic, or tabs), 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.**

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

Next Adventure

426 SE Grand Ave., 15% discount at Next Adventure for ONC-PDX members, current club membership card required.

nextadventure.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. 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.
weastnordic.com

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

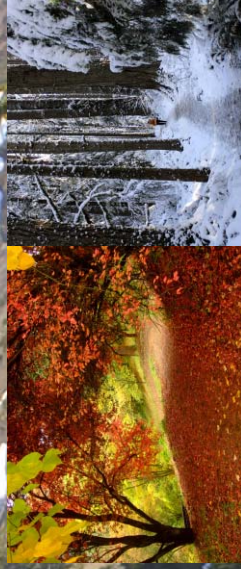
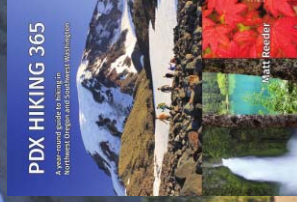
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Monthly meeting:
Lucky Labrador Brewing Company (1945 NW Quimby St.)
located between NW 20th Ave. and NW 19 Ave. in
Northwest Portland.

PDX Hiking 365

Fall is here and winter is on its way! It may seem like hiking season is over, but in fact there are many great hikes out there—the trick is, just knowing where to go. Join us for a presentation on the best hikes of fall into winter with Matt Reeder, author of PDX Hiking 365, which details ten great hikes for each month of the year. Matt will present some of his favorite fall and winter hikes, and discuss the process behind writing PDX Hiking 365. Matt is also the author of Off the Beaten Trail and 101 Hikes in the Majestic Mount Jefferson Region. He will have books for sale after the presentation.



**Lucky Labrador
Brewing Company**
1945 NW Quimby St.
Tuesday, November 6
6:30 p.m. Volunteer
Appreciation
7:30 p.m. PDX Hiking 365
Food/Beverages available \$

Upcoming programs

December 11 (second Tuesday)–Northwest glaciers

January 8 (second Tuesday)–TBD

February 5–Northwest River Trips (tentative)



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