

# Norway—an adventure of a ski trip

### Sixteen ONC-PDX members were joined by two Norwegians

(friends of mine and official guides) to ski the Jotenheim National Park in Norway in late March. The plans were to do a one-week circle route from Gjendesheim, skiing between DNT (Norwegian Trekking Association) Mountain Lodges along the way, staying at different ones almost every night. As I say, it turned out to be an adventure!

Everything went well with our flights to Oslo, but our skis were missing from the luggage when we arrived! After being promised that they would be delivered to our first hut, we took a three-hour train trip and two-hour charter minibus trip to Gjendesheim. By the next night, eight of the nine ski bags had arrived and the rest of the skiers were able to rent skis. But that was not all.

We were hit with tremendous winds (reportedly up to 50 miles per hour)

and it was deemed impossible to ski the first day, so I arranged another charter minibus ride and snow vehicle ride to the second hut, Glitterheim, where the winds were not as strong; we immediately went for a ski towards the summit of the second highest mountain in Norway. The weather improved and we were finally skiing.

The next morning, we headed out on the rest of our ski trip—through amazing scenery, with mountains on either side, under sunny skies (always have blue skies on my ski trips). It was a ski we will remember for the rest of our life. However, the last two miles were a real struggle—the winds had blown the snow off a steep descent to the next lodge and opened up bare rocks; some skied, some walked, but we eventually made it to Spiterstulen. The next day, a "rest" day, most of the group skied up towards a large glacier, while others rested and swam in a small heated indoor swimming pool.

Next we skied on unbelievably beautiful snow (in sunshine, of course) through magnificent mountain passes past a peak called the Church and down to the next lodge—Leirvassbu. It was continued on page 3

# Snowpocalypse

### It may have been a state of emergency

for the governor of Washington, but Snowpocalypse in mid February certainly did not deter ONC-PDX skiers from their destination, the Methow Valley. The passes (and bakeries) were open. We were rewarded with dry snow that accumulated overnight and few fellow skiers, so that we even broke trail at Sun Mountain, which has never happened. Temperatures were in the teens and twenties, skies were mostly overcast, the ski lessons were motivating, and we produced nightly feasts for all food persuasions. Then there were the unexpected margaritas. The Methow Valley and our club do not disappoint. It's a pleasure to be in this continued on page 3

# Board election

### The 2019 Annual Membership Meeting

was held Tuesday, April 2 at the Lucky Labrador in NW Portland. At the meeting the newly elected, ONC-PDX board of directors were announced. The new board members for 2019 are Laurel Dickie, Mary Bourret, and Tere Enburg, each will serve a two-year term. The electronic ballot was ratified by a unanimous voice vote from those present at the meeting.

The returning board members serving out the last year of their two-year term are Ken Wenzel, Ted Scheinman, and William Newman.

Thanks go to everyone who attended the meeting and participated in the elections process.

Donna Parsons, Elections Committee



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#### EDITORIAL NOTES

The newsletter is published the first of every month. The deadline for submissions is the 15th day of the prior month.

Send submissions to oncnewsletter@gmail.com as a Microsoft Word document, or compatable program (no formatting i.e., no bold text, all caps text, tabs or other settings) as a attachment (preferred); compatible text files as an attachment; and put text in an email with no formatting. Photos: send as jpg attachment. Corrections: email corrections and/or additions to the editor. This newsletter is published monthly by: Portland Chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club, Inc. P.O. Box 3906 Portland, OR 97208

# UPCOMING EVENTS

### May 1 → WEDNESDAY Backpacking Basic 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Portland REI.

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

#### May 4 > SATURDAY The Wild and Scenic Film Festival

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Clark College, Foster Auditorium, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA The Wild and Scenic Film Festival usually takes place in California in January, after which it goes on tour to cities and towns across the country. We will be screening the "Best of the Fest" — a collection of nine of the best short films from the 2019 festival. Conservation and outdoor adventure are at the heart of all the films; the total runtime is about 1 hour and 38 minutes. Before the screening we will hold a reception with beverages and light fare (thank you to Happy Mountain Kombucha and Elephant's Deli), and some great raffle items! Info: cascadeforest.org/get-involved/ wild-scenic-film-festival

Proceeds from this event go to the Cascade Forest Conservancy

May 7 → TUESDAY Ever Wild: A Lifetime on Mount Adams by Darryl Lloyd ONC-PDX monthly program 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Lucky Lab, 1945 NW Quimby St.



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

### May 25 ► SATURDAY Social History Happy Hour: Ever Wild Book Lecture Darryl Lloyd 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum, Government Camp, OR

### 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. Cost: Donation/ Beer and Wine available for purchase Info: mthoodmuseum.org/events

# It's a Blast: Summer on the Mountain Series

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Mt. St. Helens Science and Leaning Center, WA Volcano exploration and fun for everyone: guided hikes and strolls, science geo-caching, volcano arts and crafts, the explosive Trashcano and so much more. Guided Winds of Change Trail walk will be on the hour every hour. Guide Hummocks Trail hike in the afternoon. Trashcano demonstrations and science activities all day. Snacks will be available for purchase. Event free!

### May 29 → WEDNESDAY Ride NW Oregon: Local Mountain Biking Trails and Tips

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

#### June 5 → WEDNESDAY Discover Portland's Urban Trails

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

### June 6 → THURSDAY Discover Portland's Urban Trails 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Clackamas REI. Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

# **Clinics and Training**

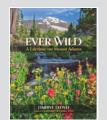
Dec 5-14 → THURSDAY-SUNDAY (Tentative dates) 2019 Oregon Fall Camp Mt. Bachelor, OR Morning sessions on snow, groomed ski sessions,

optional afternoon dryland clinics, training plan lecture, video review, optional world-class physiology lab testing ... and more! Registration opens my mid-July Info: xcoregon.org/oregon-spring-camp

#### Member Benefits

- > Free day tours; overnight trips, exclusively for members
- Clinics and lessons
- Discounts at selected merchants (see page 6)
- Member rates on Mazama activities (excludes classes) and use of Mazama Lodge: day use, overnight and meals
- ▶ Free Tilly Jane A-Frame weekends during the ski season
- Meet new friends who ski, hike and bike
- Monthly newsletter with free classified ads
- Support of construction and maintenance of winter trails in the Mt. Hood and Gifford Pinchot National Forests
- Membership in Northwest Ski Club Council, Far West Ski Association and Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. Discounts/benefits: nwskiers.org fwsa.org federationofwesternoutdoorclub.org

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



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### **ONC-PDX BOARD SKI TRACKS**

### Life is good! What opportunities we have

living in Portland this time of year. Last Wednesday I skied with ONC-PDX on the Pocket Creek loop, and had an excellent tour on Sunday April 10. Debby and I hiked and saw the wonderful spring flowers at Catherine Creek and The Dallas Mt. Ranch. Today I skied with David Rogers at Peterson Ridge by Trout Lake and tomorrow I am skiing with the club at Twin Lakes. How much more could you ask for to keep busy and enjoy?

Last night I worked on the ONC-PDX summer trail tending schedule. I am excited that we are going to work on nice trails that our club uses on a regular basis and some that could be great again. Just like cars and homes that need maintenance, ski trails need your help every few years to keep the vegetation under control. There will be several chances to step up and help out for a day of trail tending; check out. It's a great way to spend a day in the outdoors and enjoy nature while doing a little work. Consider it a short hike in the woods with loppers to prune mother nature back!

This last year I felt the board worked extremely well together. With Tere Enberg's addition to the board and experience with ONC-PDX it should be even better going into a new year. If anyone would like to sit in on a board meeting you are always welcome to come and listen or share ideas with the board.

The overnight trip committee will soon start work on the schedule for next seasons' trips. If anyone has a trip they would like to suggest or lead, now is the time to write up your ideas and submitted it to the committee for consideration. After this last season's trips, I am busy thinking of how I can improve on the ones I lead. It is never too early to start on the dreaming and planning for the coming ski season. another day of wonderful skiing. But by the time we reached Leirvassbu, the winds had returned. The forecast was for even stronger winds the next



couple of days. After careful consideration, we had to abandon the rest of the trip and get

another charter minibus to take us back to Gjendesheim.

The food was sumptuous – fish, meat (beef, reindeer, lamb, and pork), accompanied by delicious soup and (always) potatoes and dessert. The accommodations were comfortable, heated, showers, indoor toilets, and lights and sometimes wi-fi. Beer and wine were available (but expensive). What else do you need?

On our brief overnight in Oslo at a real hotel and a wonderful (inexpensive) gourmet Turkish dinner at my favorite Oslo Restaurant completed our time in Oslo. We flew back to Portland without incident (except sleep deprivation). Oh, by the way, the last two pair of skis that had been lost in Oslo on the way to skiing. They finally arrived on April 12! They had really travelled the world.

One thing we learned. You can control many things on a ski trip, but weather is not one of them. Having the proper gear, essentials, and skills are important. Although in perfect conditions (which we had experienced on previous trips to the Jotenheim) you can get by, perfect conditions are not always available. You must always be prepared. Ted Scheinman was the trip leader, assisted by Scott Diamond.

Ted Scheinman, Trip Leader

Ken Wenzel, President

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outdoor wonderland of endless trails in good company.

The River Run Inn, new to ONC-PDX for this trip, offers a cozy guest house that accommodates us all in one communal space and is a short walk from the center of town (and



an even shorter walk from cider, beer, and burgers on arrival night). A new management team of boundless energy is updating whatever needs it...so we expect the pool and hot tub to be welcoming us in the future, without missing parts or short circuits. (No skiers were harmed in the making of this trip). Participants were Kate Evans, Jeri Tess, Terry Helland, Mary Bourret, Donella Russell, Denise Brandt, Sally Jo Browne, Tere Enburg, Clayton Hawkes, John Cole, and Elke Schoen. Terry Owen, Wednesday ski tours terryowen1@gmail.com Membership: oncmembership@gmail.com Ted Scheinman 503.452.7432 tedskier@gmail.com Susan Kelly 503.706.6463 susankilduffkelly@gmail.com Barbara Sack 503.978.9475 barbara3820@earthlink.net Pam Rigor Patrice Fromwiller Nordic Issues: Pam Rigor, oncnewsletter@gmail.com Overnight Trips: oncpdx.ontrip@gmail.com Sam Digard, Chair 360.910.1714 sam.digard@gmail.com **Richard Crimi** richard\_crimi@hotmail.com Steve Planchon scplanchon@gmail.com Programs: Ron Bekey 503.475.0084 rbekey@gmail.com Publications: Pam Rigor, Newsletter Editor oncnewsletter@gmail.com Publicity: vacant Tilly Jane: Andrè Fortin reservations@tillyjanecabins.org Trail Maintenance: Ken Wenzel 503.297.2958 skiwenzel@hotmail.com Website: Nick Appelmans oncpdxwebsite@gmail.com

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### 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 rating 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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## **NEWS FROM TILLY JANE**

### If you attended our Finish Line Fundraiser

at the Lagunitas Community Room, thank you. For those that didn't, we missed you and you can celebrate our progress.... you can still help!

Prior to the fundraising event, we had \$39k remaining to meet the multi-year capital fundraising goal of \$214k. The Finish Line Fundraiser brought in \$18,636! I'm proud to share that we are now only \$17,364 away from the complete restoration funding goal! Thank you!

Its pretty amazing to think that just three years ago, we started out on this journey. Since then we held eight fundraiser events and completed three restoration projects. I m hoping to have one final restoration project, Phase IV, this summer!

Help us get us to the finish line! Donations can be made on the website: tillyjanecabins.org. Check out your progress in our celebration video at youtube.com/watch?v=Y-bllxM Vgg. Share the video with your friends to inspire them to volunteer or donate to help us.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Andrè Fortin, Tilly Jane

# Have benefit, will save

### Ah, ski season, its my favorite time. A

friend dragged me out on an epic tour to train for an upcoming marathon. Ooh, two hours in, the boots were hurting. "What to do, what to do?"

Went to Next Adventure and scoped out the boots, but nothing felt good. "Oh, what's this? Have yet to try this pair. Hey, they fit-plenty of toe room, not much slip, like the support, very comfy. Score!"

Sorta spendy, oh no wait, they are \$\$\$ off list price. Next Adventure has deals all over the store. Nice. Even nicer, an extra 15% off for ONC-PDX member-new bennie that board member Ted Scheinman arranged for us. Deal.

I took a couple of trips, skiing in the Central Cascades. "Wow, these boots keep me warm, fit, work well, feet never hurtin'. I'm happy."

And the lesson is, if you have the need for something, please exercise your membership benefits at this and other retailers. Help yourself and help keep these benefits alive. Ski on...

See all ONC-PDX member benefits on page 6, the discount from Wy'East Nordic on page 5 and at oncpdx.org/about-onc/membership-benefits

Richard Crimi, Board Member

# NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

### Mt. Hood NF

Snowmobile tracks have been reported in the Teacup Lake trail system several times this season and in the Upper Pocket Creek area. This was reported to Mt. Hood FS and hopefully they will work on changing the designation to reduce snowmobile conflicts with skiers.

### **Deschutes NF**

Snowmobiles While skiing the Sisters Hut to Hut Traverse this year there was far more disturbance by snowmobilers, to the flagged trail than in four prior years. The skiing experience was definitely degraded by this. After some investigation, I found that most of the trail is within the "motorized area" as designated by Deschutes County. Conversations with Central Oregon ONC members and the Forest Service verified that within the motorized area, snowmobiles can go anywhere and do not have to stick to snomo designated routes or trails. Unfortunately this has a huge impact for anyone skiing a trail that is not a "blue diamond" marked trail within a motorized area. Most snowmobilers are courteous and respectful when I have encountered them near the trail, but some do go into the wilderness area because there is not much boundary enforcement. Some also drive right on the flagged trail. While not excluded, it is common courtesy for snowmobiles to avoid an obvious marked ski trail. Central Oregon ONC continues to work with the Forest Service on issues with snowmobilers. Here's a link to a Deschutes NF map showing wilderness boundaries and motorized areas with snomo trails: fs.usda.gov/ Internet/FSE DOCUMENTS/stelprd3827727.pdf

Please contact me with any issues of interest to Nordic skiers, trail conditions, and reports of snowmobiles outside of motorized designated areas or tracks found on ski trails. These will be reported to the Forest Service so they are aware of the magnitude of the problem.

Susan Watt, Nordic Issues Pam Rigor, Editor

## Go car-free on Gorge hikes

### Leave the car at home and ride the bus in

the Columbia Gorge to your favorite hiking trail; take transit to go hiking.

On the Oregon side of the Gorge the Columbia Gorge Express offers service from Gateway Transit Center to Hood River.

Info: columbiagoregeexpress.com.

On the Washington side of Columbia Gorge hikers can take the West End Transit (WET).

Info: gorgetranslink.com/transit-skamania.html

# **Trail Tending**

### Set aside a day to work on the ski trails.

Help improve our winter trails. Volunteer for to join one or lead one of these trail tending parties. To sign up or info contact: Ken Wenzel 503.297.2958 (h) 503.729.6571 (cell) skiwenzel@hotmail.com

### May 15, Wed, Trail Tending Party

Trillium Lake Bike Trail, Trillium Lake basin, Mt. Hood We'll be limbing and posting blue diamonds.

June 5, Wed, Trail Tending Party Teacup Tie Trail, Teacup Lake, Mt. Hood We'll be limbing and posting blue diamonds.

June 22, Sun, Trail Tending Party Mud Ridge and Lost Man Trails, Trillium Lake basin, Mt. Hood

We'll be limbing and posting blue diamonds.

### July 12–14, Fri–Sun, Trail Tending Party—Camp Out Bandit Springs and Walton Lake Trails, Ochoco Mountains, OR

We'll be limbing, posting blue diamonds, brushing and posting signs. The location is 30 miles east of Prineville and we'll carpool from Portland.

### July 22, Sat, Trail Tending Party Pocket Creek and Meadow Trail, Mt Hood, OR

We'll be limbing and posting blue diamonds.

### August 3–4, Sat–Sun, Trail Tending Party—Camp Out June Lake Trail and Kalama Trail, Mt. St. Helens, Southside, WA

We'll be brushing, limbing and posting blue diamonds.

# Portland Sunday Parkways cycling events

Join other cyclist for family-friendly, car-free bicycling in Portland this summer! Portland's Department of Transportation is hosting these free events from May through September.

Southeast Portland (7 miles) May 19, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

North Portland (9.5 miles) June 30, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Outer Northeast Portland (4.8 miles) July 21, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Green Loop (Downtown & Inner SE) Portland (7 miles) August 25, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Northeast Portland (7.6 miles) September 22, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Info and maps: portlandoregon.gov/transportation/58929

# DAY TOURS

#### Note: if weather or road conditions are dangerous, please contact the tour 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

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

### May 2, Thur, Beginning to Advanced Ski Mt. Hood (Timberline) via the Mt. Hood Express Bus

Come join us for a Thursday ski tour. We have lots of options from groomed trails to Black Diamond, or backcountry. We'll take the bus so no worries about driving. For more info, and how to catch the Mt. Hood Express Bus contact: John Heaton john.heatonskier@gmail.com.

May 9, Thur, Beginning to Advanced Ski Mt. Hood (Timberline) via the Mt. Hood Express Bus Same as Thursday May 2 trip, see description above.

May 16, Thur, Beginning to Advanced Ski Mt. Hood (Timberline) via the Mt. Hood Express Bus Same as Thursday May 2 trip, see description above.

May 23, Thur, Beginning to Advanced Ski Mt. Hood (Timberline) via the Mt. Hood Express Bus Same as Thursday May 2 trip, see description above.

May 30, Thur, Beginning to Advanced Ski Mt. Hood (Timberline) via the Mt. Hood Express Bus Same as Thursday May 2 trip, see description above.

# **Discount for tele/AT Camp**

### Wy'East Nordic is offering a \$50 discount to

all Portland ONC-PDX members for the Sat./Sun Summer Tele/AT Ski Camp June 15 and 16. See ad below. Info: wyeastnordic.com



cont. from sidebar page 4 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 writeup 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 crosscountry 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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**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** 

Skiing & Hiking Essentials First aid kit = Matches

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## **ONC-PDX MEMBER BENEFITS**

**Columbia Sportswear** 911 SW Broadway—15% discount on purchases. Access to Columbia Sportswear Employee store, 4100 NW Science Park Drive, several times a year, store has large discounts. Current membership card and Columbia flier required. columbia.com

**Mountain Hardwear** 722 SW Taylor Street—15% discount on purchases. Current membership card required. mountainhardwear.com

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

**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 enewsletter 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. ottosskishop.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 online booking.

### Welcome new members! Steve Mccabe and Janis Lochner

New members from March:

Lauren Corbett, Henry Cross, Loraine Datena, James Hartnett, Randall Havas, Jay Hutchins, Carol Studenmund and Sabin Hutchins, Allisonb Jones, Shane Kim, Joan Kritsdigau, Jeannie Langston, Gerhard Letzing, Megan Mcleod and Phil Carriere Serena Morones, Tanya Murray, Kristina Nunn, Jennifer Perchonok, Sebastiann Ramirez, Jennifer Richman, Robert Thoenen, and Matthew Wood

April membership report: 355 total memberships (247 single and 108 family), includes 1 new membership. Last year at this time there were 315 memberships.

**Corrected March membership report:** 354 total memberships (247 single and 107 family), includes 20 new memberships. Last year at this time there were 308 memberships.

# **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### Minutes of ONC-PDX March 14 Board Meeting at the MMC

**Board Members Present:** Ken Wenzel, Mary Bourret, Laurel Dickie, Tim Kral, Bill Neuman, and Ted Scheinman **Guests:** Richard Crimi, Overnight Trip Committee

February meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: No report available.

**Overnight Trips:** Ted questions the cancellation amount refund. He feels \$10 is too low. He'd like to see this amount plus 2% of the cost of the trip. Richard suggests this be brought up in the Trip Leader meeting later in April. Mary B suggests there be a cut off for sign up on larger trips. This would eliminate last minute sign-ups.

Ted will make a list of issues to discuss at the Tour Leader meeting. Proposed meeting is May 5.

Dale Lantham has been offered a chance to be on the OTC.

On the 2019 Crater Lake trip an attendee lost their skis. The club insurance doesn't cover this kind of loss. Ted asked participants if they'd like to contribute to a "goodwill" fund to cover this loss. There was a mixed response to this proposal.

He would like a definitive statement from the board to take back to the attendees. The board stands by the official policy. Ken, as board President, will respond to the people who wanted the Board to make a decision on this case.

Annual State Meeting: Mary B will attend.

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The John Day award will be awarded to a Southern Oregon Chapter member. She urges our representatives to show up to these statewide meetings to keep momentum going on statewide cross country issues. This meeting will be the vote on raising dues \$2.50/year.

### Membership Committee:

A Membership Committee person will work with the ONC-PDX webmaster to learn the membership database. Membership email Pam R is currently has access to the membership email. We need to have a back up. It's proposed she print off labels for the newsletters.

### Trail Tending:

Ken has contacted the St. Helens FS and filled out the trail tending agreement for the coming year. They are willing to let us use their motorized limbing equipment.

Bandit Springs also needs some attention.

Mary B suggests we make trail tending a summer "event" to get trails in shape. Perhaps make some of these overnight trips.

### **Old Business**

### Klindt Vielbig Award:

Tim K asks we move ahead on this.

How do we create this award; what will be the criteria? (i.e., member for at least 10 years, amount of volunteering, etc.)

Action item: Mary will ask the other chapter what the criteria was for the John Day award. Ken suggests we place a list of the awardees on the website instead of issuing plaques.

### Elections:

Richard needs Tere E's bio to post on the elections page.

The elections need to "go live" since voting closes prior to the April 2 meeting.

Results will be announced at the meeting.

Action item: Richard will send out a link to the voting page.

### New Business

**Current Action Items:** 

Annual State meeting is March 24. We need representation. Ken will put out a forum post to ask for reps.

Action Item: Mary B will ask Tere E what her schedule will be.

This meeting could now be in a different venue and at an earlier time.

### Next board meeting: Tuesday, May 14

### Laurel Dickie, Secretary

# **CLASSIFIED ADS**

FREE: Ski Wax Klister ski wax, 2 blues, a violet, and a red, plus plastic application tool. Free. 6/19

### Robert 541.740.4705

FOR SALE: Ski Boots Rossignol BC X6 Backcountry Nordic Boots, size 40. Like new, used twice. \$150 6/19

Sarah 707.495.9663

FREE: Ski Boots Men's Fischer SNS Profil boots, size 8.5/ 9.0, adv. Beg. to Intermediate grade. Very good condition. Free to good home. Bill Neuman 503.645.6547

FOR SALE: > 2007 Subaru Outback Almost 200,000 gentle miles, but meticulously maintained (service records available). This car has transported many of you on ski trips I have led! \$3,900, obo. Ted tedskier@gmail.com 503.452.7432 6/19 FOR SALE: Skis Silent Spider backcountry, 189 cm, with NNN BC bindings. These skis are too short for me (or rather I am too heavy for them!). Great for climbing and backcountry skiing. \$110, obo. Ted tedskier@gmail.com 503.452.7432 6/19

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Rain gear and extra clothes, including a warm sweater 
Extra food and water 
Plastic whistle Map and compass (know how to use) Flashlight, extra batteries and bulb 
Space blanket or bivy bag 
Pocket knife Toilet paper and trowel (ziplock bag to carry out toilet paper) = Sunglasses, lip balm and sun screen Foam sit pad **Biking Essentials**  Helmet (required on all bike rides) Spare tube Patch kit Tire pump Water bottle (filled) = Tire irons

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

Upcoming programs

July 9-ONC-PDX Anual Picnic

June - No Program



