



Tending the Tie between Bennett and Teacup

On June 5 our energetic group of five trail tenders managed to meet up at the Teacup Nordic driveway despite some miscommunication from the trip leader. The weather was perfect for working in the forest, overcast and cool, with the temperature in the upper fifties, and lots of forest wildflowers blooming. Our objective was to limb and brush along the Teacup Tie Trail between Teacup Nordic area and the Pocket Creek Road. With the aid of ONC-PDX's new power limber we moved along the trail fairly well. By lunchtime we had depleted the lithium power batteries and Ken had to take them back to the car for a charge while the rest of the group had lunch. After lunch we continued limbing and brushing until Ken's back cried uncle and everyone called it a day at 3:00 p.m. We came close to our objective with just another 200 yards to go. I can't wait to ski the loop again this coming winter; its a great ski for intermediate level skiers. Many thanks to Mary Hepokoski, Lee Rosenbaum, Richard Crimi, and Clayton Hawkes for your hard work and giving a day for the trails.



Photo from a previous year's trail tender on the Teacup Tie Trail. Pam Rigor

Ken Wenzel, *Trail Tending Coordinator*

Two new club benefits

We have two new club benefits

thanks to Denise Brem who call both Mt. Hood Outfitters (who took over the space in Government Camp that used to house Mountain Tracks) and Otto's in Sandy:

Mt. Hood Outfitters, 88661 East Government Camp Loop, Government Camp, OR. Will give ONC-PDX members 25% off rentals and tours. Current membership card required. mthoodoutfitters.com

Otto's Ski & Bike Shop, 38716 Pioneer Blvd. in Sandy, gives ONC-PDX members a 10% discount on retail purchases. They also have cross-country ski package rental for the entire season. ottoskishop.com

Thanks Denise, we appreciate your initiative in reaching out and soliciting these new club benefits!

Pam Rigor, *Editor*

NWSCC 40th Anniversary Bash set for October 13!

Mark down this date for a fun get

together on the afternoon of October 13 to celebrate 40 years of NWSCC—originally founded as the Portland Area Ski Club Council. NWSCC is about to celebrate 40 years . . . we would love to gather histories of member clubs, which in turn gives us more information on our own history. Tell us about your club to feature in a newsletter and to celebrate at our 40th Bash in October. How old is your club? When did the club join NWSCC? Does your club have a special focus (for example: mid-week skiing, bus trips, over 50 only, women only)? We want to celebrate our long time member clubs as well!

Northwest Ski Club Council

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Join us on a trail tending party see page 4

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

July 4–7 ▶ FRIDAY–SUNDAY
15th Annual Gorge Days Festival
Bonneville City Park in the Columbia River Gorge, WA
Info: northbonnevillegorgedays.net

July 6–7 ▶ SATURDAY–SUNDAY
Next Adventure BBQ and Used Gear Sale
Sale Sat 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Sun 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
BBQ 1:00–3:00 p.m.
Next Adventure, 38454 Pioneer Blvd, Sandy, OR
Info: nextadventure.net/events-classes

July 10 ▶ WEDNESDAY
Ski Mountaineering Denali: Fast + Light Travel at High Altitude
7:00 p.m. Mt.. Shop, 1510 NE 37th Ave.
Info: mountainshop.net/community

Backpacking by Bike–Bikepacking Basics

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

#HikingMyFeelings: Healing Your Mind and Body

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

July 16 ▶ TUESDAY

ONC-PDX Annual Picnic

Laurelhurst Park
3900 S.E. Ankeny St.
Portland, Picnic Area E
6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.



Come join your fellow club members for a nice evening in the park with friends and good food! Families welcome (your kids and grandkids). Bring a food dish to share, and your own plate, utensils, cup, and beverage (beer and wine ok, but can not be shared).

July 24 ▶ WEDNESDAY
Cycling the Danube in Germany and Austria no hills, no flats

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

July 25 ▶ THURSDAY
Cycling the Danube in Germany and Austria no hills, no flats
6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Portland REI.
Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

July 27 ▶ SATURDAY
Social History Happy Hour: Fire Lookouts
7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum, Government Camp, OR
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. Mount St. Helens Science and Learning Center, WA. Free!
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.
Info: mshinstitute.org/about_us/events/overview.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

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 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: nwski.org fwsa.org federationofwesternoutdoorclub.org

Memberships are renewed September 1 each year: **\$30 for single, \$40 for family/household. Join on the website. Info: oncmembership@gmail.com**

ONC-PDX BOARD SKI TRACKS

As I sit here on a sunny afternoon I am

dreaming and planning new places to ski and where to take a few lucky skiers this coming winter on my new BC Mega ski week. I agree it is hard work to put together ski trips, but it does have the reward of sharing great adventures with like-minded people who are passionate about the sport. If you love skiing as much as I do, step up to the plate and volunteer to lead a day tour, or be an assistant leader on one of the overnight trip. You might enjoy it enough to share your passion by leading more trips. We need more leaders to offer more trips and help grow the club.

The board has approved running more ski buses on Saturdays in January and February going from Gateway to Teacup Nordic. This should help on the traffic congestion and parking and give Nordic skiers a less stressful day. If you are interested in being a volunteer for the bus please contact the day tour committee. We need both people interested in leading tours and people willing to help on the bus (Checking list of people getting on the bus going and returning.) contact: oncdaytours@gmail.com

We have some more trail tending dates coming up, we need your help to keep our ski trails open, Mother Nature loves to make plants and trees grow too well in the Pacific Northwest. Come help to keep our ski trails brushed and limbed so they are fun to ski. It has taken a lot of work to develop our outstanding ski trail network over a lot of years and takes a lot of summer grooming so we can use them in the winter.

New Health Report, just out: Get out there and enjoy the outdoors, it's a good for the body and mind! (Tell us something new.)

◆ *Ken Wenzel, President*

Mt. Shop moves, OMC remodels

The Mountain Shop store is moving. Starting in August they will be located at 2975 NE Sandy Blvd. The new location is seven blocks from their current location; it has more retail space and a dedicated parking lot. Oregon Mountain Community (OMC) closed their sales floor to renovate and expand it in March. They will be opening it in the fall. Purchases can be made online

Both of these shops offer ONC-PDX members discounts, see page 6. ◆

NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

Mt. Hood NF

Delays and Road Work on Highway 35 The Mt. Hood National Forest in partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Western Federal Lands will be working on various projects along Highway 35 throughout the summer. Project updates will be available on the project website: tinyurl.com/OR35Rock2019

Motorists should expect a temporary traffic signal, or flaggers directing traffic, heavy equipment, lane adjustments, and possible delays throughout the summer along portions of Highway 35 during these projects. Motorists should also expect delays due to increased traffic congestion as a result of the facility improvement construction at Mt. Hood Meadows.

This project will include single-lane closures for north and south bound traffic on Highway 35 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until July 3. From July 9 through August 16, travel will be reduced to one-lane traffic heading both North and South at Meadows Creek, 24 hours a day. Traffic will be controlled by traffic signals.

Info/Updates on Road Conditions Travelers can find updates on general Forest road conditions, planned road work, and alerts about travel delays or hazards by visiting the Mt. Hood National Forest website (fs.usda.gov/mthood). Our Roads Table, and Alerts are frequently updated with information about road maintenance activities and closures. ODOT'S Tripcheck is also an excellent resource for up-to-date information about delays, construction projects, and accidents for travelers throughout the state tripcheck.com.

Still Creek Road Closure A road closure will occur on the Still Creek Road (Rd. 2612), that connects Rhododendron to Trillium Lake. The closure will occur from approximately mid-July to mid-October for culvert replacement over Tributary C of Still Creek with a bridge. Fiber Optic lines will be relocated beginning on June 25. The road will be completely closed until Friday, June 28. After this work the road will be re-opened and then work will resume in mid-July and a longer closure will take effect.

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ONC: 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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New Deputy Forest Supervisor Forest Supervisor Richard Periman selected District Ranger Karen Schroyer as the new Deputy Forest Supervisor of the Mt. Hood National Forest. Karen is currently the District Ranger for the Aspen-Sopris Ranger District on the White River National Forest in Colorado, where she has served since 2014. She has been with the US Forest Service for close to 20 years, striving diligently to develop strong relationships with local governments and partner organizations. She enjoys alpine, cross-country, and backcountry skiing, hiking, and traveling.

Forest Supervisor Periman comments about her: "Her ability to build strong community and partner relationships will strengthen our already robust community engagement program and help us build a future of shared stewardship."

Susan Watt, *Nordic Issues* Pam Rigor, Editor

Summer overnight trips

Would you like to lead a club backpacking, biking or any other overnight trip this summer? If you attended the winter trip planning meeting, you may be ready to take the lead, if not contact the overnight trip committee. Make your summer plans now!

Leading an ONC-PDX overnight trip comes with privileges. The **leader goes for free** and you get an ONC-PDX T-shirt as well as the opportunity to spend time with great people!

Ask the overnight trip committee for info oncpdx.ontrip@gmail.com. More info and required forms can be download from the resources for trip leaders on the website: onc-pdx.org/activities/overnight-trips.

Portland Sunday Parkways

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

Portland's Department of Transportation is hosting these free events through September.

Outer Northeast Portland (4.8 miles)

July 21, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Green Loop (Downtown/Inner SE) PDX (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.

portlandoregon.gov/transportation/58929

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

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

July 12-14, Fri-Sun, Trail Tending Party—Campout

Bandit Springs and Walton Lake Trails, Ochoco Mountains, OR

See day tours schedule for details

July 22, Sat, Trail Tending Party

Pocket Creek and Meadow Trail, Mt. Hood, OR

See day tours schedule for details

August 3-4, Sat-Sun, Trail Tending Party—Campout

June Lake Trail and Kalama Trail, Mt. St. Helens, Southside, WA

We'll be brushing, limbing and posting blue diamonds. **For more info and to RSVP contact the leader: Ken Wenzel 503.729.6571 (call or text) skiwenzel@hotmail.com**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Ken Wenzel to volunteer.

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.

Day Tours Lead spring, summer, and or fall day tours (hikes or bike tours). And skie season ski tours. Contact the day tours committee and help build the day tours schedule.

Trail Tending Work on the winter trails.

Tilly Jane Help with the A-Frame and/or Guard Station Cabins. Info: reservations@tillyjanecabins.org

Board Member Some seats open every year in April. Its a great way to get involved with the club.

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”

July 12–14, Fri–Sun, Trail Tending Party Campout Bandit Springs and Walton Lake Trails, Ochoco Mountains, OR

We'll be limbing, posting blue diamonds, brushing and posting signs. The Bandit Springs and Walton Lake areas, located 30 miles east of Prineville, need your TLC for brushing and marking trails. Come and help for just one day, or stay for the full three days on this camping/trail tending adventure. We'll carpool from Portland. **For more info and to RSVP contact the leader: Ken Wenzel 503.729.6571 (call or text) skiwenzel@hotmail.com**

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

Come join us limbing and posting blue diamonds on the trails in the Pocket Creek/Meadows Creek areas near Teacup. **For more info and to RSVP contact the leader: Ken Wenzel 503.729.6571 (call or text) skiwenzel@hotmail.com** ◆

Common meeting places: Gateway Transit Center parking structure, NE 99th Ave. north of NE Pacific Ave. Parkrose/Sumner Transit Center, NE Sandy Blvd. & NE 96th Ave. McMenamins Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey, take I-84 to Exit 16 (Wood Village) turn right, go to Halsey (1st stop light) turn left, go 1/2 mile, it's on the right.

Lead a day tour

Join the ONC-PDX tour leader team...

Lead your ONC-PDX friends on a hike or bike. Submit tour descriptions with the Day Tour Input Form (on our website click on “Activities and Events” then click on “Day Tours”) or send tour description (by July 14, 8 p.m. for the August newsletter) to oncdaytours@gmail.com. Last minute tours can be posted on the website and, if you wish on Meetup. New to leading? Contact us for more info? ◆

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

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Please read overnight trip policies before signing up for overnight trips: onc-pdx.org/activities/trip-policies/overnight-trip-policies

July 8–12, Mon–Fri, All Levels Bicycle Vancouver Island Bike Trip, Canada Trip full, waiting list open

Enjoy Biking Vancouver Island! This year, the famous annual summer bike trip will be held July 8–14, after the July 4th crowds have departed. We are going to Victoria, Canada! Plans are to drive to Port Angeles early on Monday, July 8, take the 12:15 p.m. ferry to Victoria with only our bicycles.

After we ride our bikes the short distance to our two houses near Oak Bay, we will spend the next four days riding bicycles on Vancouver Island—The Galloping Goose Trail, the Lochside Trail, the Interurban Rail Trail, Butchart Gardens, and more.

Ted Scheinman



We will stay in two houses that have a total of four queen beds (two persons per bed), and six single beds. Eating meals is available in the houses or we can enjoy the wonderful dining in Victoria. We may have some potlucks in the fully furnished kitchens. We will divide into several groups depending on skill levels, endurance, and interests. Then on Friday, we will take the 10:30 a.m. ferry back to Port Angeles and drive back to Portland.

Trip limit: 14 participants include leader.

Cost: \$175/member, per person. Includes four nights lodging. Not included, food and the ferry from Port Angeles to Victoria costs, approximately \$51 per person and bicycle roundtrip.

Sign-ups on the ONC-PDX website now (preferred) or send an ONC-PDX overnight trip application and a check payable to ONC-PDX for \$175 to Ted Scheinman, 36 SW Brugger St., Portland, OR 97219.

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

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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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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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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 Hardware 722 SW Taylor Street—15% discount on purchases. Current membership card required. mountainhardware.com

Mt. Hood Outfitters 88661 East Government Camp Loop, Government Camp, OR. 25% off rentals and tours. Current membership card required. mthoodoutfitters.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 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. wyeastnordic.com

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

Welcome new members!

No new members in June.

June membership report: 359 total memberships (249 single and 110 family). Last year at this time there were 319 memberships.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of ONC-PDX May 10 Board Meeting at Ken's house

Board Members Present: Ken Wenzel, Bill Neuman, Mary Bourret, Tere Enburg, Laurel Dickie, and Ted Scheinman. **Guest:** Richard Crimi

Welcome Tere to the Board!

April 2019 minutes approved.

Guest Richard Crimi gave input on these first three topics:

Overnight Trips: The committee recently had a trip leader meeting, which went well. One take-away was the idea of promoting co-leaders. The committee is asking the board to supplement, as incentive, half the trip cost to co-leaders. The average trip cost last year was \$215. If every trip had a co-leader this would amount to \$2500. Trips would be identified as to whether a co-leader is added on trips of 16 or more already require a co-lead. The incentive is for people who have not lead trips before. ■ The outcome goal is for this person to become familiar with all aspects of leading and make a non-binding agreement to lead a tour the following season. ■ Tere suggests assigning co-leaders to our standard trips but the goal is to train as many members as possible on any trip. Tere proposes we do this as a one year pilot program. Perhaps ask folks what trip are they willing to lead and then ask a leader who is willing to train. ■ Mary asks the ONTC to figure out how to implement it. ■ Mary makes a motion to fund up to \$2500 to have co-leaders for up to one year. Bill seconds, motion passes. ■ The ONTC would like to separate the application from the waiver for the overnight trips, plus include more background questions on the application. To help in this, leaders must describe trip in detail. Can a waiver cover all trips for the year? An idea is to make waivers electronic with trip sign-up. How would that work for family trips? ONTC will work separating the trip application and waiver and bring to the Board for review.

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Fall Trip sign-up Very little has changed in the sign-up method, except the hosting service for the web said they have increased the memory to help handle high volume. A proposal is to have a rolling window of sign-up (January trip sign up would be the first hour, February trips the next hour, etc.).

Website development Ken asks if we should hire Clint to tackle the web issues we have. Richard suggests contacting Nick A. who has kept tabs on all issues. Ken will contact Nick.

Ted asks the committee look into how to handle wait-list deposits with PayPal.

Treasurer's Report: no report

Membership: Since state dues increased, do we need to increase chapter dues? Are our operating costs covered by dues? No. Ken proposes an increase to \$30 for singles and \$40 per family. Bill seconds, Ted abstains, motion passes.

Tilly Jane: The rental season is winding down at the cabins. Overall it was a lighter rental season but still went well. Oregon Splitfest rented both cabins in late April and hosted a group of adventurers for a weekend of skill building and back country touring. They raised \$1500 dollars and will be donating it to the cabin restoration efforts. ■ André signed a work order with TTS (toilet tech solutions) to create the composting toilet, drawings/plans for installation within the Southeast corner of the alcove area. He expects this work to run between \$1000-\$1500. ■ The FS has accepted the form 299 submission for the remaining project work at the TJ properties. Projects include: restoring the Guard Station garage (pouring a new foundation, re-plumbing the structure, installing a new cedar shake roof). A-Frame projects include: installing new cedar wall shake, new composting toilet, new interior stairwell, patching the concrete floor, evaluating installing solar panel(s) to power a fan for the composting toilet, if needed and enhancing the front deck railing system. André is working on the detailed plans to complete these tasks. The plans will then be submitted to the FS for review and approval of the remaining project work. Some of the work projects may require a NEPA evaluation while all project work will require SHPO approval. The FS is working on all historic preservation approval requirements. ■ Tentative project construction dates have Phase 4 work starting in early August and taking 1-2 weeks to complete. ■ André suggestion for transferring TJ monies from the Gorge Chapter: open a \$5k CD account for a 1 year term. We can use our current bank to do this. This will fit well as our current operating permit will expire on Dec. 31, 2019. At a minimum, we need a CD from now through 12/31. I'm being told the FS would like to renew the permit for 10-15 years but we haven't begun the renewal process at this time. I expect there will be some kind of bond requirement included in the new permit but don't have any more details at this time. Worst case scenario, we'll have to satisfy any new bond requirements and the current 1 year CD would mature in May 2020 so we could have two CDs open at the same time for a defined period of time.

Old Business

Gorge Chapter will stay solvent this year. They have 3 officers and will take a stronger stand to recruit members.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 25, 10:00 a.m., Cedar Hills Library

Board Retreat: Tuesday, August 13, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m, location TBD

Laurel Dickie, *Secretary*

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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) ■ Sun-glasses, lip balm and sun screen ■ Foam sit pad
Biking Essentials
■ Helmet (required on all bike rides) ■ Spare tube ■ Patch kit ■ Tire pump ■ Water bottle (filled) ■ Tire irons

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: ► Wooden Rowing Shell with Piantedosi Oars. 23 ft. long, 18 inches wide, 42 pounds fully rigged. A nice ride for gentle exercise and soothing the soul. **\$1450 obo**
Chuck 503.516.1903 9/19

FREE: ► Ski Wax Klister ski wax, 2 blues, a violet, and a red, plus plastic application tool. **Free.**
Robert 541.740.4705 6/19

FOR SALE: ► Ski Boots Rossignol BC X6 Backcountry Nordic Boots, size 40. Like new, used twice. **\$150**
Sarah 707.495.9663 6/19

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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Join us July 16 at the Annual Picnic



Laurelhurst Park

S.E. Ankeny St. & 39th Ave. Picnic Area E (at the north side of the park near Ankeny St.) S.E. Ankeny St. & 39th Ave.

Tuesday, July 16

6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Bring a food dish to share—beer and wine are allowed, but can not be shared—and your own plates, utensils and cups. We have to remove our own garbage so please try to minimize garbage. If you wish to bring a BBQ, please contact Ron Bekey for specific requirements. Thanks.

Upcoming programs

August—No program and meeting

Oregon Nordic Club, Inc., Portland Chapter
P.O. Box 3906
Portland, OR 97208-3906

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



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