

Mega ski, mega Cold Smoke powder

On January 11 our intrepid group of eight ONC-PDX members

drove north to B.C. Canada for the joys of groomed track skiing. We had a week's worth of cold smoke powder on top of perfectly groomed double track trails. We learned about arctic cold fronts—when using hand warmers at below zero, make sure they are freshly packaged. I also learned cell phone batteries die in cold temperatures. It might be good to pack a hand warmer with your phone, if you are using it for GPS, maps, and photos.

We skied at Kane Valley Nordic and shared chili on “Chili” Sunday in 10 degrees F with the locals around a camp fire. We skied two days at Telemark Nordic Area in minus 3 degrees F and shared the trails with four other skiers each



Ken Wenzel



Ken Wenzel

day—too cold for the locals. On our day at Kelowna Nordic Club were the only skiers on the trails; there were five snowshoers on their own designated trails. We skied two days at Sovereign Lake Nordic on some of the best trails in B.C. Canada. We rode the gondola to the top of Silver Star Resort and skied the high ridge top trails and enjoyed the clear, blue-sky day looking down on the valleys below. Some rode the chair lift up to the back door of our house to finish the day.

Our last day of out at Echo Ridge Nordic in Chelan, WA was, one of the few times I can say, I had amazing glide even skiing up hill. We enjoyed soup Sunday with the

locals in the Echo Ridge Yurt. In summary 10 days, eight days of skiing covering 60–80 miles of groomed trails. The lucky skiers: Mary Hepokoski, Linnea Nelson, Kate Evans, Mary Bourret, George Middleton, Richard Crimi, Don Erickson, and Ken Wenzel.

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Ken Wenzel, Trip Leader

Skiers' savvy at finding a place to make tracks

Terry Owen and the Wednesday day tour skiers skipped a ski on the first of the year due to the conditions, but on the second Wednesday they had “a good day of touring.” Trillium Basin offered protection from the high winds that were battering most every other location on the mountain.



Michael Hortsch

On the third Wednesday the snow level had dropped and the group convened at Old Maid Flat off of Lolo Pass Road, which is at 2,000 feet elevation. This is where you access the hiking trail to Ramona Falls. We used to ski in this area more often years ago when the snow level was more consistently at a lower level. These days this route can “only be skied probably about every three
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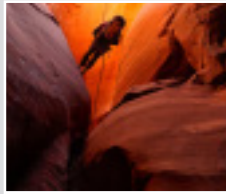
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U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

Feb 5 ▶ TUESDAY

Capturing the Moments

with **Vaqas Malik**
ONC-PDX monthly program
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Lucky Lab, 1945 NW Quimby St.



Feb 6 ▶ THURSDAY

Avalanche Awareness

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

Feb 8 ▶ SATURDAY

Luminaria

5:30 p.m. Meissner Nordic Community Ski Trails (groomed), Central Oregon. Family friendly. Fundraiser for Meissner Nordic. Donations are encouraged. Info: meissnernordic.org

Feb 9 ▶ SUNDAY

9th Annual Tour for the Heart

Fun Cross-country Ski or snowshoe 5km Event
Mt. Bachelor Nordic Center, OR
Info: xcoregon.org tourfortheheart.org
Benefit for the American Heart Association

Feb 10 ▶ MONDAY

Avalanche Awareness

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. EVO, 200 SE MLK Blvd.
Info: nwac.us/education/nwac-class-calendar

Feb 12 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Avalanche Awareness

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Mountain Shop,
2975 NE Sandy Blvd.
Info: nwac.us/education/nwac-class-calendar

Feb 13 ▶ THURSDAY

Avalanche Awareness

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. U.S. Outdoor,
219 SW Broadway
Info: nwac.us/education/nwac-class-calendar

Feb 15 ▶ SATURDAY

Boots, Bikes, and Boats in Eastern OR

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Hillsboro REI.
Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

Feb 18 ▶ TUESDAY

Views & Brews: Scientists Recall What Surprised Them About the 1980 Eruption of Mount St. Helens

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 4600 SE Columbia Way,
Vancouver, WA Info: info@mshinstitute.org

Feb 19 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Avalanche Awareness

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

Feb 20 ▶ THURSDAY

Avalanche Awareness

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

Tryout info for Mt. Hood Ski Patrol

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

Feb 27 ▶ THURSDAY

Tryout info for Mt. Hood Ski Patrol

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

Feb 29 ▶ SATURDAY

Social History Happy Hour

Mount Hood Revealed

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Mt. Hood Cultural Center and
Museum 88900 E. Government Camp Loop,
Government Camp Info: mthoodmuseum.org

Clinics and Training

April TBD ▶ THUR – SUN

2020 Oregon Spring Camp

Mt. Bachelor, OR

Dates are not yet set. Morning sessions on snow, groomed ski sessions, optional afternoon dryland clinics, training plan lecture, video review.

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, for members only.
- ▶ Clinics and lessons
- ▶ **Discounts at selected merchants (see p. 11)**
- ▶ Member rates on Mazama activities (excludes classes) and use of Mazama Lodge: day use, overnight and meals
- ▶ Free Tilly Jane weekends during the ski season
- ▶ Meet new friends who ski, hike and bike
- ▶ Monthly newsletter with free classified ads
- ▶ Support construction and maintenance of winter trails in 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

The old adage that a winter mile equals

two summer miles certainly applies to snowshoe travel. You have to shorten your stride and deliberately lift the tips of the shoes to make any headway. Fortunately the extra work does not diminish the fun.

There are people joining our club who are looking for snowshoe events; both day tours and overnight trips. I hope by the time you read this a few day tours will have already occurred. Keep watching the forum for snowshoe day tours—we are planning to hold a few weekend and midweek tours each month.

Only a few of our overnight trips are well suited for snowshoeing. Most trips could be adapted to support snowshoers, if two or more snowshoers sign up. Two would be the minimum. Of course nothing prevents a trip leader of the snowshoeing persuasion from leading a trip. That would be great.

I just returned from British Columbia Mega Ski trip that visited six Nordic ski areas all of which provided miles of snowshoe-only trails. The snowshoe trails were well cut to provide vistas and access to the warming huts. A BC Mega Snowshoe trip is a definite possibility, if three to six avid snowshoers would to commit for a January 2021 Canada trip. Another overnight trip for snowshoers next year would be a Bend where there are several sno-parks with designated snowshoe trails.

The club needs members willing to lead snowshoe day tours and overnight snowshoe trips. If you are willing to give it a try, contact me and lets get these snowshoes moving. ♦

Mary Bourret, *Vice-President*

What is Cold Smoke

In Ken's article he mentioned the term

“Cold Smoke.” Have you heard of it? I had not. After some research I have come to understand that it is the “Holy Grail” of powder skiers and riders. It is referred to as a delightful and jubilant, light and fluffy crystalline powder snow that originating from dry clouds when the temperature is around five degrees. This Cold Smoke snow trails behind skiers as they slice through fresh powder—sounds exhilarating! ♦

Pam Rigor, *Editor*

2020 NWSCC Online Auction

The NWSCC's online auction bidding ends

on February 7. Website: 32auctions.com/NWSCC2020-A Funding is used to support NWSCC programs, including scholarship donations and quarterly meetings at Portland area venues with varying themes and guest speakers. ♦

NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

Mt. Hood NF

The Zigzag Integrated Resource Project is in a scoping phase until May 2020. A letter was sent by the ONC-PDX Board requesting an extension of the comment period. Here's a link to the FS web page on the project: fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57109
Contact: James Roden 541.383.4770

Mazama Lodge Parking Area Expansion

project has been cancelled.

Mt. Hood sno-park info: fs.usda.gov/activity/mthood/recreation/wintersports/?recid=52770&actid=91

Bennett Pass Sno-Park

As of January 24 there was 90 inches of snow.

White River West Sno-Park

As of January 24 there was 50 inches of snow.

Pocket Creek Sno-Park

As of January 24 there was 18 inches of snow.

Gifford Pinchot NF

Info about Washington sno-parks:
parks.state.wa.us/614/South-Cascades

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years or so,” Terry Owen added. He commented that there was no traffic that day.

On Wednesday January 22, the group of a dozen or more skiers went to Bennett Pass. At an elevation of 4,674 feet, Bennett Pass Sno-Park can be an ideal option when the snow level is high. Wet snow fell all day instead of rain. It can be raining at Government



Camp and be snowing or even sunny at Bennett Pass on the southeast side of Mt. Hood. On the way back to town the rain started a couple miles down the hill at White River.

The mid-week ski group is savvy, when it comes to finding a trail to ski in most conditions. ♦

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ONC-PDX: onc-pdx.org
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DAY TOURS 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

ONC-PDX encourages carpooling as a means to reducing environmental impact, sharing costs, and socializing during travel. The cost share and liability is between you and the driver. Below are suggested donations, but it is your responsibility to set the donation amount and any other expectations for the cont. on sidebar page 5

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Mt. St. Helens Marble Mt. Sno-Park As of January 24 there was three feet of snow.

Wind River Old Man Pass As of January 24 there was two feet of snow. Contact Mt. Adams Ranger District 509.395.3402 for current info. For Wind River Hwy. conditions, check Skamaniacounty.org, under the Public Works Department link.

Mt. Adams Pineside Sno-Park As of January 24 there was two feet of snow and trails were groomed. Info contact Mt. Adams Ranger District 509.395.3402.

Washington sno-parks' info: parks.state.wa.us/614/South-Cascades

Deschutes NF

Peterson Ridge Connector Trails Project

About 1.08 miles of new trail construction would be added to the Peterson Ridge Trail system for mountain bikes located near Sisters, Oregon. Three new trails would be constructed to provide trail loop opportunities.

Info: fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55708

Susan Watt, *Nordic Issues* Pam Rigor, *Editor*

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

To help contact: Ken Wenzel skiwenzel@hotmail.com

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

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

Day Tours Leaders/Ski Bus Hosts

Day tour leaders/hosts needed for Snow Bus (Jan 19 and 25), contact ONC-PDX Day tours committee to volunteer and receive a free bus ride.

Contact: oncdaytours@gmail.com

Day Tours Leaders

Day tour leaders needed for ski and snowshoe tours.

Contact: oncdaytours@gmail.com

Wednesday Ski Tours Coordinator

A new Wednesday ski tour coordinator is needed starting in the 2020-21 ski season. The up coming 2019-20 ski season will be the last season Terry Owen will do the coordination for the Wednesday ski tours.

The current Wednesday ski tour email list will be available to the new coordinator. The position could be shared between two coordinators. We are always looking for new Wednesday tour leaders too. Terry is available for any required training. Contact: Terry terryowen1@gmail.com

Publications/Articles Are you a writer, help with articles on cross-country skiing. Contact oncnewsletter@gmail.com

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"

Feb 1, Sat, All Abilities Ski ONC-PDX Snow Bus from Portland to Teacup's groomed cross-country area

Enjoy a relaxing bus trip to Teacup with 20 km of groomed tracks and learn new skills, meet new friends, get exercise and fresh air. Leave your car at home to avoid the stress of driving on congested roads and finding parking lots full. The Snow Bus departs Gateway Transit Center in Portland at 7:55 a.m. The Bus returns to Portland around 5:00 p.m. **Cost: \$18/ONC-PDX member, \$23/non-ONC member. Space is limited, so register early. More info, registration, and additional pickups are listed at: onc-pdx.org/xc-ski-bus**

Feb 1, Sat, Snowshoe Teacup to Pocket Creek (non-groomed trails), Mt. Hood, OR

Take the ONC-PDX Snow Bus to Teacup and join Ken Barker on an introductory snowshoe tour and lesson on the non-groomed trails adjacent to Teacup, going to the Pocket Creek trail. Enjoy this winter wonderland on snowshoes. Bring your lunch, water, pack, snowshoes, and appropriate clothes for the day of snowshoeing. **For more info and to RSVP contact the leader: Ken Barker at ken@nwdiscoveries.com**

Feb 4, Tue, All Abilities Ski Timberline to West Leg, Mt. Hood, OR

We'll go from Timberline Lodge to West Leg Road, downhill ski run. There is beginner to expert terrain on this tour. We'll ski what the group wants to ski, but will start out with a review of what every cross-country skier should be able to do. I plan on doing this day tour every Tuesday in January. **For more info, meeting place/time contact the leader: John Heaton john.heatonskier@gmail.com**

Feb 5, Wed, Intermediate Ski Location TBD

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

Note: an email is sent out on Sundays before the Wednesday tours; join this email list for the Wednesday ski tours by sending your email to Terry.

Feb 8, Sat, All Abilities Ski ONC-PDX Snow Bus to Teacup's groomed cross-country area, Mt. Hood, OR

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Feb 12, Wed, Intermediate Ski Location TBD

Come join us for a Wednesday ski tour. The trail will depend on snow conditions; we'll ski where the snow is good. Meet at McMenamins Edgefield's West parking lot at 8:50 a.m. to carpool leaving at 9:00 a.m. **For more info contact the leader: Laurel Dickie 503.415.1922 (call or text, include ONC-PDX in the text) laureldickie@hotmail.com**

Feb 18, Tue, All Abilities Ski Timberline to West Leg, Mt. Hood, OR

We'll go from Timberline Lodge to West Leg Road, downhill ski run. There is beginner to expert terrain on this tour. We'll ski what the group wants to ski, but will start out with a review of what every cross-country skier should be able to do. I plan on doing this day tour every Tuesday in January. **For more info, meeting place/time contact the leader: John Heaton john.heatonskier@gmail.com**

Feb 19, Wed, Intermediate Ski Location TBD

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

Feb 22, Sat, Intermediate Ski Snowbunny, Yellowjacket, and Whiteway, Mt. Hood OR

We'll ski four to seven miles round trip on moderate terrain along the Snow Bunny, Yellowjacket, and Whiteway Trails. Bring lunch. Meet at McMenamins' Edgefield, west parking lot for an 8:30 a.m. carpool departure. This tour is subject to whether we get fresh snow. **For more info and to RSVP contact the leader: Mike Dianich 971.344.1021.**

Feb 25, Tue, All Abilities Ski Timberline to West Leg, Mt. Hood, OR

We'll go from Timberline Lodge to West Leg Road, downhill ski run. There is beginner to expert terrain on this tour. We'll ski what the group wants to ski, but will start out with a review of what every cross-country skier should be able to do. I plan on doing this day tour every

Tuesday in January. **For more info, meeting place/time contact the leader: John Heaton john.heatonskier@gmail.com**

Feb 26, Wed, Intermediate Ski Location TBD

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

Join the tour leader team

Pick your favorite trail/route and take

some of your ONC-PDX friends on a ski or snowshoe tour. Submit tour descriptions with the Day Tour Input Form (on our website click on "Activities and Events" then click on "Day Tours") or send an email with the tour description (by February 14, 8 p.m. for the March newsletter) to oncdaytours@gmail.com. Tour descriptions sent after the deadline will be posted on the website and, if you wish on Meetup. Last minute tours can be added too. New to leading? Contact us for more info? ♦

Laurel Dickie, Day Tours Committee

Interested in Family activities?

We have had some people requesting we

help put together some Family Group Outings with kids or small ones.

If you would like to be included on our emails for this type of outing please respond back to me (skiwenzel@hotmail.com) so I can include you on the email distributions? ♦

Ken Wenzel, ONC-PDX President

Ski at Crater Lake

ONC-PDX is not offering a Crater Lake

Bus Trip this year. However, here is an option for you. Fred Wickman, Manager of the Prospect Historic Hotel, spoke with me and was surprised (and disappointed) that we were not having a trip there this year. He had counted on us having one. We normally go the last weekend in February and he left open the weekend of February 28–March 1.

If you wish to ski Crater Lake this year, contact Fred Wickman at 541.560.3664, he has a place where you can stay. I will be glad to provide any assistance you would like to organize your own trip there; I've been there many times. Contact me: tedskier@gmail.com or 503.914.9584. ♦

Ted Scheinman, Board Member

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trip with the driver before departing. ONC-PDX suggests a donation amount on overnight trips of 10 to 15 cents per mile per person, depending on length of trip and anticipated road conditions. Again the rate set by the driver should reflect the number of passengers being transported.

For local day tours a recommended donation amount to the driver is as follows: for a large capacity vehicle, rate determined by driver. Otherwise for normal cars, our suggested donation per person round trip from Portland is:

Westside of Mt. Hood (Government Camp area) \$8/person, Barlow Pass or Timberline Lodge, White River \$10/person, Teacup or Pocket Creek or Mt. Saint Helens \$12/person, Mt. Adams \$15 per person. onc-pdx.org/carpooling 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

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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. **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.

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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; paper applications will be available too.
- ◆ Sign up early so we’ll have enough people to cover trip costs.
- ◆ If the trip is full online, join the wait list. Last minute openings do occur!
- ◆ Purchase trip insurance (some trips include it). You are responsible for finding someone to take your place, if you cancel. Info: oncpdx.org/resources/trip-insurance

Feb 7–9, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski/Tele Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin—Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR Trip full, wait list open*

This trip also available the following weekends:
March 6–8 and April 3–5

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.

Leader TBD. For more info contact: reservations@tillyjanecabins.org (your request will be sent to the trip leader)

Feb 7–10, Fri–Mon, Easy Ski (groomed) Bend Area Easy Ski, Sunriver, OR Trip full, wait list open*

Easy skiing on groomed trail systems—with instruction! This trip is for cross-country skiers and skier wannabes who plan to take it easy.

Check the website for full trip details.

Trip limit: 10 participants including trip leader.

Cost: \$195/member, per person. Includes 3 nights lodging.

Carpool miles: 380 miles round trip from Portland plus excursions to trailheads.

Trip leader: Sam Digard sam.digard@gmail.com

Feb 7–9, Fri–Sun, All Ability Ski Shelter Cove Resort at Odell Lake, OR Trip full, wait list open*

High up in the Cascades east of Eugene lies Willamette Pass and the beautiful Odell Lake. Odell Lake is situated at 4,800 feet, so there is plenty of snow plus great scenery.

Check the website for full trip details.

Trip limit: 11 participants including trip leader. **Cost:** \$120/member, per person. Includes 2 nights lodging.

Carpool miles: 360 miles round trip from Portland plus excursions to trailheads.

Trip leader: Bill Neuman wrn3200@yahoo.com

Feb 8–13, Sat–Thur, All Abilities Ski/Skate Ski Methow Valley, Winthrop, WA One/two spaces available*

What happens between the Methow New Year’s Trip and the Methow March trip—the Methow February ski trip, of course! One can never get enough of the Methow Valley. We will glide across 200 km of reliably dry snow in

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sunshine and on terrain that is suitable for all skill levels. We have our choice of rolling or hilly Sun Mountain loops, the flat valley floor, the higher, more challenging Rendezvous Traverse, or a short walk to town for cultural or gastronomic pursuits. Ski/skate lessons and equip. rentals are available, and trails offer warm rest stops for lunch.

We will stay at the River Run Inn guest house, a lodge-like house with enough room for us all, no bunks(!) and an institutional-size kitchen for potluck chefs. Restaurants and a supermarket are available in town. We will discuss the next day’s plans each day at dinner. The new management assures me that the pool and hot tub have been repaired since last year, so bring a swimsuit...again. Check it out at: riverrun-inn.com. Winthrop is an outdoor-oriented community in North Central Washington north of Lake Chelan, a 400-mile drive. We will carpool, and riders should expect to pay the driver. Three-day ski passes—\$63, an additional day—\$25, and daily snowshoe passes—\$5.

Trip limit: 12 participants including trip leaders. **Cost:** \$235/member, per person. Includes 5 nights lodging.

Carpool miles: 800 miles round trip from Portland plus excursions to trailheads.

*Check the website or contact the leader

Trip leader: Elke Schoen elkeschoen@msn.com
Co-leader: Linda Wilson wilsonln@msn.com

**Feb 13–16, Thur–Sun, Intermediate Ski
Big Pine Country in the Ochoco Mountains,
Ochoco National Forest, OR
Trip full, wait list open***

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

Check the website for full trip details.

**Trip limit: 7 participants including trip leader.
Cost: \$75/member, per person. Includes 3 nights
lodging.**

**Carpool miles: 340 miles round trip from Portland
plus excursions to trailheads.
Trip leader: Steve Planchon splanchon@gmail.com**

**Feb 14–17, Fri–Mon, Intermediate Ski
(Valentine's thru President's Day)
Sunny, Snowy Sunriver, OR
Trip full, wait list open***

Sunriver is oft' described as being on the sunny side of the cascades. But in mid-February it can deliver on the fluffy white stuff! This is perhaps the prime time to hit multiple ski trails in and around Mt. Bachelor.

Check the website for full trip details.

**Trip limit: 10 participants including trip leader.
Cost: \$195/member, per person. Includes 3 nights
lodging**

**Carpool miles: 380 miles round trip from Portland
plus excursions to trailheads.
Trip leader: Richard Crimi
richard_crimi@hotmail.com**

**Feb 15–23, Sat–Sun, All Abilities Ski
Yellowstone National Park Dream Trip, WY
Trip full, wait list open***

We'll carpool from Portland to the Mammoth Hot Springs near the north entrance to Yellowstone National Park and stay at the historic Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel. On Monday morning, a snow-coach ride takes us to Old Faithful where we move into modern western cabins. We'll ski three days among the magnificent geysers, including those in the Old Faithful basin and Lone Star Geyser, up to the Continental Divide, the Mallard Lake Trail, all while viewing elk and bison (and perhaps wolves), catching the Yellowstone that most tourists miss. We expect dry snow and clear days. On Thursday afternoon, we will return to Mammoth Hot Springs for three more nights. On Friday and Saturday, we will ski in areas accessible from the Mammoth Basin Area—either Tower, Indian Creek areas or the famous Lamar Valley.

Check the website for full trip details.

**Trip limit: 20 participants including trip leaders.
Cost: \$1,295/member, per person. Includes 7 nights
lodging (4 at Mammoth and 3 at Old Faithful) and
snow-coach to Old Faithful and return to Mammoth.
Breakfasts, lunches, and dinners are available in the
dining rooms; we have reservations for dinners (costs
not included for meals) at the Mammoth dining room
and Old Faithful Snow Lodge dining room. Costs for**

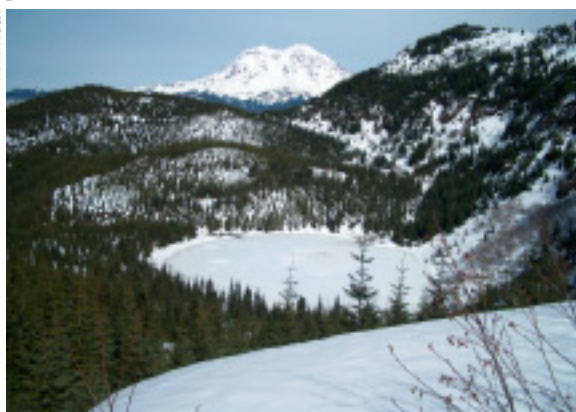
carpooling, and lodging en-route are not included. Yellowstone National Park entry fees (or passes) required, but not included. There will be two people per room. Special rates are available for children under 12 sharing a room with parents. Carpool miles: Approximately 1,800 miles round trip from Portland.

**Trip leader: Ted Scheinman tedskier@gmail.com
Co-leader: Mark Fitzsimmons
mfitzsimpica@gmail.com**

**Feb 17–21, Mon–Fri, Intermediate/Advanced Ski
Mt. Rainier Skiing in Luxury, Ashford, WA
Three spaces available***

We will drive up Monday to Ashford, WA and check into our award-winning Dancing Bear Lodge with hot tub, pooltable, and heat. We will ski either at the Tahoma Hut

Ann Truax



trail system or drive into Mt. Rainier and ski to Refection Lakes and Mazama Ridge. The Tahoma Huts has trails on the North side of Ashford and to the South side of Ashford giving us lots of trail selection. We will adjust our trail selection based on the weather and snow conditions and park road conditions. Plan on shared meals and cooking duties during our stay. This is all ungroomed skiing on roads, trails or backcountry. The house does have WiFi and phone service, but no cell phone service within 20 miles. The house has six bedrooms, three baths, and four king beds so bring your spouse. Check in is 4:00 p.m. and check out is 11:00 a.m.

**Trip limit: 10 participants including trip leader.
Cost: \$240/member, per person. Includes 4 nights
lodging.**

**Carpool miles: 280 miles round trip from Portland
plus excursions to trailheads.
Trip leader: Ken Wenzel skiwenzel@hotmail.com**

**Feb 18–20, Tue–Thur, Advanced/Intermediate
Backcountry Ski
Sisters Backcountry Hut-Hut,
Deschutes National Forest, OR
Trip full, wait list open***

We'll ski through a snow covered forest full of old growth from hut to hut for 22 miles—about eight miles a day for three days at around 6,500 ft. elevation with variable snow conditions. Each night we'll cook a communal dinner with the provided and supplemented supplies, get warm and dry from the wood stove, prepare for the next day's adventure, and crawl into our bunks with smiles from the day's experiences. The huts are fully stocked.

Check the website for full trip details.

**Trip limit: 8 participants including trip leader.
*Check the website or contact the leader**

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

Bike: Difficult terrain with one or more major hills/series of longer, steeper hills; 15–18 m.p.h. pace, regrouping when necessary.

Hike: > 10 miles; 400 ft. per mile elevation gain; steady pace and/or difficult terrain (a workout).

Backpack: > 7 miles/day; 400–600 ft./mile elevation gain.

**TOUR
ESSENTIALS**

Pack these essentials on any ONC-PDX activity, "just in case." Remember that cotton offers no insulation when wet.; choose wool or synthetics for warmth and comfort.

**Skiing & Hiking
Essentials**

■ First aid kit ■ Matches (in waterproof case) and fire starter
Rain gear and extra clothes, including a warm sweater ■ Extra food and water ■ Plastic whistle ■ Map and compass (know how to use) ■ Flashlight, extra batteries and bulb ■ Space blanket or bivy bag ■ Pocket knife ■ Toilet paper and trowel (ziplock bag to carry out toilet paper) ■ Sunglasses, lip balm and sun screen ■ Foam sit pad

Biking Essentials

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

**OVERNIGHT TRIP
POLICIES**

**Trip Participation
1. Only Oregon
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bers 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 Overnight Trip Application (onc-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

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Cost: \$340/member, per person. Includes shuttle and hut stay with breakfast and dinner. Optional stay in Sisters on Mon., Feb. 17 @ \$65, breakfast included. Carpool miles: 326 miles round trip from Portland
Trip leader: Richard Crimi
richard_crimi@hotmail.com

Feb 22–Mar 6, Sat–Fri, All Abilities Ski (groomed with downhill option)

Austria and Italy Skiing in the Alps
Trip full, wait list open*

The trip is rated all abilities and is geared towards intermediate cross-country and optionally type three downhill skiing. The group will mainly be a mix of intermediate through advanced, so slower skiers will probably be self-lead, but we have excellent maps. The groomed trails are unparalleled experience for cross-

country enthusiast. For the downhill aficionados, this is the trip of a lifetime where you can check off circumnavigating Sella Ronda from your bucket list.

Trip details: Days 1–2: Fly from Portland to Munich and take train to Seefeld in Tirol, Austria, Days 3–7: Ski, starting from the hotel or take a bus ride to the surrounding valleys (Optional: take a day off to visit Innsbruck's castles and museums), Days 8–12: Head to the Dolomites to ski within the valleys you see in the pictures and also consider taking the Sella Ronda downhill circuit. Stay in Ortisei Sankt Ulrich, Day 13: Spend the last day in Munich to tour, shop, and dine at the original Hofbrau Haus, Day 14: Fly from Munich to Portland.

Things to look forward to: European breakfast buffets, Alpine huts and hot lunch, Gluhwein (hot mulled wine perfect for warming up after a ski), German and Austrian style beer, kilometers upon kilometers of skiing on impeccably groomed trails, unparalleled views.

Trip limit: 16 participants including trip leaders.
Cost: \$2,510/member, per person. Trip deposit of \$700 on signup with the balance due later in December.
Includes: Roundtrip airfare from Portland to Munich, trip insurance, all ground transportation, lodging for 12 nights, dinner in Munich, trail passes and lift tickets for cross-country skiing.

Trip leader: Sam Digard sam.digard@gmail.com
Co-leader: Aimee Ritter ritter.aimee@outlook.com

Feb 27–Mar 2, Thur–Mon, Advanced-Inter./Adv. Ski
Wallowa Mountains, Joseph, OR
Trip full, wait list open*

Spend four days skiing Eastern Oregon's Wallowa Mountains, where the mountains are steep, and the snow is dry! Bring your Telemark or AT gear and challenge yourself climbing up Wing Ridge and skiing the backcountry powder. Depending on group desires, we can hire a guide for a day or two of backcountry adventure. The group will split up and intermediate skiers will find lots of fun (without the climb) on easy cross-country trails at Salt Creek Summit, the beautiful Wagon Rd. trail, McCully Creek Trail, or the Canal road to explore. There's also Ferguson Ridge ski area where lift tickets are \$20/day at this small community built and operated ski area.



Sam Digard

Check the website for full trip details.

Trip limit: 12 participants including trip leaders.
Cost: \$220/member, per person for a single private room. Includes 4 nights lodging. \$440/members, for two people sharing a bed in a private room. \$190/member, per person (mixed gender) in the bunkroom.
Carpool miles: 660 miles round trip from Portland plus excursions to trailheads.

Trip leader: Susan Watt susniam@gmail.com
Co-leader: Lauren Eaton eatonla1@gmail.com

Feb 28–Mar 1, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Ski
Black Butte Ranch Quickie, OR
Trip full, wait list open*

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.

Check the website for full trip details.

Trip limit: 8 participants including trip leader.
Cost: \$140/member, per person. Includes 2 nights lodging.

Carpool miles: 300 miles round trip from Portland plus excursions to trailheads.

Trip leader: Laurel Dickie laureldickie@hotmail.com
Co-leader: Alison Kean alisonrose729@gmail.com

Feb 28–Mar 8, Fri–Sun, Advanced-Beginner to Advanced Ski
Kootenay Nordic Adventure, Rossland BC, Kimberley BC, Radium Hot Springs BC
Trip full, wait list open*

We'll ski three different location in the Kootenay area of SE British Columbia: Rossland, Kimberley, and Radium Hot Springs. Near Rossland, the ski trails are groomed by the Black Jack Cross-country Ski Club or try ungroomed terrain in the nearby Rossland Range Recreation Site. In Kimberley the local Nordic club provides a first class network of 65 km groomed trails close to town. Ungroomed slopes are located nearby in the Kimberley Nature Park. Outside Radium Hot Springs, enjoy the solace and beauty of Nipika Mountain Resort on 50 km of groomed trails or venture into Kootenay National Park.

Check the website for full trip details.

Trip limit: 10 skiers including trip leader.
Cost: \$520/member, per person. Includes 9 nights lodging.

Carpool miles: 1,400 miles round trip from Portland plus excursions to trailheads.

Trip Leader: Ann Truax ann.truax@gmail.com

Feb 29–Mar 5, Sat–Thur, All Levels Ski (groomed)
Methow Valley Leap Year, Okanogan and Winthrop, WA
Trip full, wait list open*

Washington's Methow Valley, on the West slope of the North Cascades Range, features over 200 km of groomed trails for classic and skate skiing at all levels, from riverside loops to steep and strenuous climbs and descents. Enjoy five days of world class Nordic skiing ranging from 2,000 to 4,000 plus ft. elevation. Options include skate skiing or lessons for a day or more: the possibilities are endless with so much groomed terrain and

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(typically) great snow conditions. Our first night will be in Okanogan, WA. The rest of the time we'll be at the River Run Inn guest house, where we'll share meals and cooking and clean up. Trails passes cost \$24 per day. Rental equipment is available. Carpool costs are shared.
Trip limit: 12 participants including trip leaders.
Cost: \$270/member, per person. Includes 5 nights lodging.

Carpool miles: 800 miles round trip from Portland plus excursions to trailheads.

Trip leaders: Ken and Debby Wenzel
skiwenzel@hotmail.com

Mar 6–8, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski/Tele Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin—Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR

Trip full, wait list open*

This trip also available the following weekends:
Feb 7–9 and April 3–5

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.

Leader TBD. For more info contact:
reservations@tillyjanecabins.org
(your request will be sent to the trip leader)

Mar 9–12, Mon–Thur, Intermediate Ski Oh So Let's Go To The Ochoco's, Ochoco National Forest, OR
Trip full, wait list open*

We'll ski at two lovely areas: Walton Lake and Bandit Springs Forest Service trails. These areas have been maintained and marked with blue diamonds by ONC-PDX members in October 2018 and June 2019.

Check the website for full trip details.

Trip limit: 5-7 participants including trip leader.
Cost: \$75/member, per person. Includes 3 nights lodging.

Carpool miles: 340 miles round trip from Portland plus excursions to trailheads.

Trip leader: Laurel Dickie laureldickie@hotmail.com

Mar 13–15, Fri–Sun, Advanced-Intermediate Backcountry Ski Sisters Backcountry Hut-Hut, Deschutes National Forest, 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. The route roughly follows the historic Metolius Windigo Trail at 6,500 ft., on the eastern edge of the Three Sisters Wilderness area. The terrain is ungroomed, rolling to gentle slopes with some steeper climbs. The two huts are fully

stocked with food, cooking equipment, wood stove, and bunks.

Check the website for full trip details.

Trip limit: 8 participants including trip leader.
Cost: \$340/member, per person. Includes a shuttle, 2 nights in huts, food for 2 days and 2 nights with beer included! Additional expenses will be carpool transportation expense and food and lodging in Sisters Thursday night.

Carpool miles: 320 miles round trip from Portland.
Trip Leader: Susan Watt susniam@gmail.com

Mar 20–22, Fri–Sun, All Abilities Ski John Craig Tour Weekend, Black Butte, OR
Trip full, wait list open*

The Annual John Craig Nordic Ski Tour will be held on March 21 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. There is a suggested donation of \$10 for the John Craig Ski Tour.

Check the website for full trip details.

Trip limit: 8 participants including trip leader.
Cost: \$140/member, per person. Includes 2 nights lodging plus a pizza party and ski tour donation.
Carpool miles: 300 miles round trip from Portland plus excursions to trailheads.

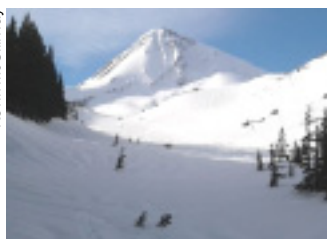
Trip Leader: Mary Bourret MaryLBourret@gmail.com

Mar 20–22, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane Guard Station, Mt. Hood, OR
Trip full, wait list open*

This trip also available the following weekends:
April 17–19

We'll backcountry ski to the ONC-PDX managed cabin on the Northeast side of Mt. Hood, a three mile ski with a

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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: 6 participants (max.), Open to ONC-PDX members with preference given to Tilly Jane (TJ) volunteers.

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

Leader TBD. For more info contact:
reservations@tillyjanecabins.org
(your request will be sent to the trip leader)

April 3–5, Fri–Sun, Inter. Backcountry Ski/Tele Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin—Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR
Trip full, wait list open*

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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

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 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

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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 cancelling participant, the cancelling participant will receive a refund of amounts paid, minus \$10 for each participant associated with the cancellation plus any fees associated with the booking. 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 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** See: onc-pdx.org/resources/trip-insurance **Trip policies:** onc-pdx.org/activities/trip-policies ♦

This trip also available the following weekends:

Feb 7-9 and March 6-8

We'll backcountry ski to the ONC-PDX managed shelter on the Northeast side of Mt. Hood, a three-mile ski with a 1,900-foot gain up the Tilly Jane Ski Trail to the cabin at 5,700 feet elevation.



Participants carry their own gear, including sleeping bags, pad, and food for all meals. We have a wood stove for cooking meals or heating water. Participants can also bring their own stove and cooking pots. Experienced intermediate skiing skills with turning ability, good physical condition and navigation/route finding skills using map, compass, or GPS 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.

Leader TBD. For more info contact: reservations@tillyjanecabins.org (your request will be sent to the trip leader)

April 17-19, 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 20-22

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 naviga-

tion/route finding skills using map, compass or GPS are required. Climbing skins are required, too.

Trip limit: 6 participants (max.), Open to ONC-PDX members with preference given to Tilly Jane (TJ) volunteers.

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

Leader TBD. For more info contact: reservations@tillyjanecabins.org (your request will be sent to the trip leader)

June 25-July 6, Thur-Mon, Intermediate Bike Biking the Rhone Valley in France Spaces available* Bike riding on moderate terrain

We'll be riding less than 35 miles a day in moderate terrain. Bikes and accessories are included with the trip.

We fly from Portland to Paris, where we catch the train south to Aigues-Mortes on the Mediterranean coast. We'll spend our first night here which allows a day to adjust and tour the ancient Roman infrastructure in this walled city. The bike leg begins as we board the Caprice on June 27 to sail up the Rhone river, biking the countryside every day. Six days biking (yes, with an English-speaking guide) through red wine country where the last day is a bike ride through Chateauneuf-du-Pape. And of course, we'll have time while there to stop and visit the shops. On July 4, we take the train back to Paris and spend two nights before flying back to Portland on the July 6. Activities in Paris run the gamut of your bucket list. Our hotel is close to the Louvre so your call to visit it or make a plan B.

Trip limit: 14 participants including trip leader. Cost: \$3220/member, per person and will include trip insurance. Includes round trip airfare to Paris from Portland and ground transportation, river transport, bike rental, all lodging, some partial laundry service, and a few other amenities. You might want to bring your own helmet, but they are provided. All meals while on the boat, and a sack lunch are also included. Exact cost will depend on air travel charge. Trip deposit of \$900 on signup, balance due in April. Trip leader: Sam Digard sam.digard@gmail.com ♦

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Welcome new members! Lisa Appel, Jacob Balwit, Joan Foulks, Brenda Gilbert, Nellie, Eric, and Bryn Hester, Mike Karnosh, Kamm Prongay and Liz Kellogg, Andrew and Suzanne Klumpp, Tyler Lueck, Keith MacLaren, Rachel Cohn, Isaac Maclaren, and Ian Maclaren, Margaret McMahon, Bonnie and Matthew Melius, Gregory Raymond, Judy Ringenson, Lorilee Robinson, Tessa Rykken, Marcia Strickland, Gail Towsley, David VanCott and John Voekel

Welcome back: Kevin McGillivray

January membership report: 327 total memberships (223 single and 104 family), includes 19 new membership and 11 renewals. Last year at this time there were 326 memberships.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of ONC-PDX December 17 Board Meeting at TVFR

Present: Ken Wenzel, Tere Enberg, Mary Bourret, Bill Neuman, Laurel Dickie

Minutes from November 2019 reviewed. No corrections needed. Ken motioned, Tere seconded, minutes approved.

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Publicity: Review of Next Adventure clinic—22 people came. We were hoping NA was going to talk about gear but they encouraged folks to shop after Ken gave the talk about the club. We feel this wasn't very effective.

MeetUp: It costs \$200/year for us to post on the website. Are we getting our monies worth?

The Board feels that we are and it's good advertising.

State Meeting: Mary B. said it was mostly a recap of finances on the state level. So far it looks like there won't be any losses for 2019. Six scholarships were given out even though 10 were budgeted for.

Membership: Several people among the club membership volunteers expressed concern about folks signing up as a "family" one year and then "single" another year. A clarification about family vs individual. Cost and coverage are different. The cost, or price due to the state is based on a unit which is defined as a family or an individual. The insurance covers only those listed in the family on the renewal for the year. There is no issue with the cost to the club. But there could be a coverage issue if the family members are not listed on the club renewal form and they go on a trip. The Board feels this concern has been addressed. Richard C. Made a change on the renewal page on the website to help with this issue.

Membership numbers: 296 Active members (201 Single and 95 Family memberships) 11 memberships created since 11-16-19, 12 memberships renewed since 11-16-19

Day Tours: Snowshoe outings—Mary B. will post a weekday and weekend trip to see what the demand is. Currently there is barely enough snow. Mary thinks January 5th to Enid Lake would be a good start. Ken Barker is including a snowshoe tour in conjunction with the February 1 ski bus trip.

Trail Tending: The Mt. Hood Forest Service cancelled the winter meeting. Ken W. counted that we had posted 650 blue diamonds this year.

Publications: Ski Tracks newsletter articles—Mary B. will do a column on snowshoe trips for February, Bill will write one for March. For later in the year Mary B. will write one on the goals of the club.

Overnight Trips: Unless you're a member it's hard to see if a trip is open. Richard C. is working on making these visible to non-members but they can't sign up until they become members.

Old Business

John Day award: We need to find someone who has a broader scope of doing good for cross country skiing.

A couple of possibilities were discussed.

New Business

Forest Service: An award will be given to Andrè and Jennifer for all their work on Tilly Jane Cabin.

Nordic Issues: Mt. Hood Forest Sale—BARK is trying to delay one of the hearings where they'd like ONC to back them in endorsing the delay. Do we get involved? Will this jeopardize our relationship with the forest service?

Bill brings up a technicality that 501c3 groups can't be involved in politics/lobbying, if we need an excuse to tell BARK no. The decision is to tell BARK we agree with the delay they're proposing to delay the public environmental hearing.

Family Ski Outings: New member B.L. is requesting more family outings. Ken will put out a forum post asking for leaders interested in doing this type of trips.

Next Board Meetings: February 25, March 17

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Laurel Dickie, Secretary

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: ▶ Ski Package Like new: Solomon Snowscape 9 no-wax, in-track, performance cross country skis (176cm).

Solomon women's boots size 8.5 and 140 cm Leki poles. Skis are in excellent condition, no gouges in bases. Boots and poles are like new. Photos on Craigs List: portland.craigslist.org/mlt/spo/d/portland-solomon-snowscape-9-no-wax-in/7033803756.html

Amy 503.891.3689 3/20

FOR SALE: ▶ Ski Package Classic touring: 185 Madshus skis 135 Exel poles and 9.5 Salomon boots.

Jim Jimgadberryy@yahoo.com 3/20

FOR SALE: ▶ Skis Rossignal Backcountry 65 (metal edges), 185 cm, with NNN BC bindings. Too light for them, hardly been used. Easy auto bindings. Great for backcountry, climbing, and groomed as well. ust tuned. **\$200, OBO**

Patty momshelp1234@gmail.com 503.504.9130 3/20

FOR SALE: ▶ Ski Set Women's Salomon (skis, bindings, poles, and boots). Like new, used 5 times. Skis: Salomon Madshus Beitostolen (touring) XC 177.8 cm - 70." Poles: Equipe 20 carbon/16-9 mm/20% carbon - 130 cm - 52." Boots: Salomon Vitane Pilot CF. Size UK 6, USA 7.5. **Complete package \$200, will sell individual items, if price is right.**

Janice 503.309.6167 (text) 2/20

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.**

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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

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
2975 NE Sandy Blvd, 10% discount (15% discount for leaders) on purchases and 15% discount on rentals. mountainshop.net

Next Adventure 426 SE Grand Ave., 15% discount, current club membership card required. nextadventure.net

Oregon Mountain Community Online store. Subscribe to OMC e-newsletter and receive: 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 10% discount on cross-country ski and telemark lessons. weeastnordic.com

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

Capturing the Moments

Photography with Vaqas Malik

Join Vaqas Malik for a not-so technical review of some of his outdoor and climbing photos. This program will touch base on some of the technical details from photographer's perspective, but mostly it will be about sharing the story behind some of his telling images.



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Tuesday, February 4
6:30 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Capturing the
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Food/Beverages available \$**

Upcoming programs

March 3 – Circuit of Mont Blanc

April 7 – Tanzania: Amazing animals, scenery and music

May 5 – Trekking in Fiji ... Fiji? ... Yes, Fiji



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