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Temps at Anthony Lakes magically turn rain to snow



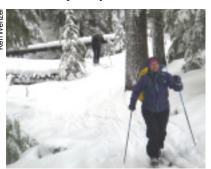
On Thursday morning, January 23, our group of sixteen lucky participants left Portland in pouring rain that continued almost to Boardman. A few carpool groups stopped at Meacham Divide for a couple hours of skiing before heading to the Good Bear Ranch. Conditions did not seem promising at Meacham due to the warm temps and rain. But the rain missed the Nordic ski area! The trails were in good condition with the snow providing a nice glide with full coverage all over the groomed trails.

Friday was dry and the group had a wonderful day of skiing at Anthony Lakes. Most of the group stayed on the lovely groomed trails. Some made their way up the mountain alongside the downhill trails to the top of the ridge for some wonderful views of the basin on the backside of the mountain, some with skins, some without! The sun came out and we played continued on page 3

Circling Teacup Tour

On Saturday February 8 we rode the ONC-PDX ski bus to Teacup Nordic and the

startof an epic day. For several weeks we had seen endless stretches of rain packing down the



snowpack. But the snow gods heard our cries of enough already with this rain. When we arrived at Teacup, we were treated with a nice deep and firm base temperature of about 30 F and about four inches of fresh "POW," you could not ask for a nicer treat. Our seven intrepid adventurers left the groomed area heading out on the Teacup Tie Trail, over to Pocket Creek Road, then down the Meadow Trail and back to Teacup. What a treat, nice glide, very easy trail breaking with a very light snowfall. It was hard to do anything wrong on the downhills, easy to make turns and enjoy the trail as we glided

along. We made the 6.4 mile-loop faster then I had planned, had time to eat lunch in the cabin and do a little more skiing before getting back on the bus for a care free ride home. This was one of my most memorable ski tours! Thanks for skiing and enjoying the tour with me, Bill Rash, Jennifer Puhl, Kathy Burns, Mary Hepokoski, Jodi Wacenske, Kit Irelum, and Ken Wenzel.

Ken Wenzel, Tour Leader

Membership meeting and board elections The ONC-PDX 2020 Annual Membership Meeting and board elections will be on

Tuesday, April 7, at the Lucky Lab. The Club will provide pizza starting at 6:30 p.m. (beverages available \$). The Meeting and ratification of the election results will occur at 7:30 p.m., followed by a program. There are two positions open on the board; the board can be larger up to nine as long as there is an uneven number of board members. Current nominees are Don Erickson and Ken Wenzel, current ONC-PDX president. More nominees are welcome, send them to the elections committee or board members. Nominees' statements are on page 4. Board members serve a two-year term. Mary Bourret, Laurel Dickie, and Tere Enburg are returning board members serving another year. Voting will

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Liz Zenger

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1 → SUNDAY Waffle Feed at Meissner

Meissner Sno-Park, Central Oregon. 10:00 a.m. till batter runs out. Ski to the Meissner Shelter for Norwegian style waffles—first come first served. Sponsored by Meissner Nordic meissnernordic.org

March 3 → TUESDAY Circuit of Mont Blanc

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



March 4 → THURSDAY Avalanche Awareness 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Portland REI Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

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March 8 > SUNDAY Wy'easter Skimo Race 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Skibowl West Registration and race check-in the Outback Lodge. Pre-registration (\$35 per race) ends March 5 for the first race. Day-of registration is \$45

Info: www.mountainshop.net/community/calendar/ 2020-03-08/wyeaster-skimo-race-.html

March 10 ► TUESDAY Avalanche Awareness 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. EVO, 200 SE MLK Blvd. Info: nwac.us/education/nwac-class-calendar

March 11 → WEDNESDAY Avalanche Awareness 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Mountain Shop, 2975 NE Sandy Blvd. Info: nwac.us/education/nwac-class-calendar

March 12 → THURSDAY Avalanche Awareness 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. U.S. Outdoor,

Oregon Nordic Club **Portland Chapter** Formed as a nonprofit volunteer organization in 1968 by Nordic ski enthusiasts interested in using public lands for recreational crosscountry 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

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.

219 SW Broadway Info: nwac.us/education/nwac-class-calendar

March 13 → FRIDAY Prepare for the Unexpected: Urban Emergency Preparedness 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Clackamas REI Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

March 18 → WEDNESDAY Prepare for the Unexpected: Urban Emergency Preparedness 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Hillsboro REI Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

March 26 → THURSDAY Signature Hiking Routes of Southwest Oregon 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Portland REI Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

March 28 → SATURDAY Social History Happy Hour Ski Fashion Show

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. , Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum 88900 E. Government Camp Loop, Government Camp Info: mthoodmuseum.org

Volunteer with Friends of Trees: Durham City Park Planting

Sign-in 8:45 a.m., breakfast treats and coffee, tea, or hot chocolate. Planting starts at 9:00 a.m. We provide gloves, tools, and planting guidance—dressed for the weather. Register: friendsoftrees.org/event-calendar/ Info: friendsoftrees.org

Clinics and Training

April 2–5 → THUR – SUN 2020 Oregon Spring Camp Mt. Bachelor, OR

Morning sessions on snow, groomed ski sessions, optional afternoon dryland clinics, training plan lecture, video review. Info: xcoregon.org/oregon-spring-camp

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: nwskiers.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

I recently returned from a fabulous over-

night to Shelter Cove at Willamette Pass. What was most remarkable about this trip was observing the interaction, cooperation, and camaraderie of the seventeen members of the trip. Most did not know each before this trip. Most had different backgrounds and careers. Most had differing levels of skiing skills. Yet all seemed to enjoy each other and the group. All pitched in for a fabulous potluck. All were most cooperative about sharing rooms, kitchen tasks, and ride sharing.

For my wife and I, the magic that we've found in ONC-PDX is the combination of sharing and engagement. The activities of the club seem to click perfectly when those two elements are present. It certainly showed with the Shelter Cove trip.

My tenure on the ONC-PDX board will end at the end of March. ONC-PDX has been wonderful for my wife and I. We owe it to the many members who spend many hours providing for great overnight trips, conduct monthly meetings, do trail tending, perform background administrative work including the web pages, and trip planning. It is the sharing and engagement that I have seen that has made ONC-PDX so rewarding for us. We certainly plan to continue to engage ourselves for both our satisfaction and the good of the club.

William Neuman, Board Member

The Bachelor Blast trip Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC) has

a trip to Bend, April 3–5. ONC-PDX is a member of NWSCC and the trip is open all club members. For more info on the trip their website: nwskiers.org

Membership meeting and... continued from page 1 be by electronic ballot, starting mid-March, and ending 24 hours before the April 7 General Meeting. An email will be sent to members with a link to the voting site. Per the By-laws, family members have only one vote. We encourage voting electronically; however, if members are unable or unwilling to vote electronically, they must request, in writing, a paper ballot and voting instructions from Elections Committee 20 days prior to the annual meeting (by March 18). The filled-in ballot must be in the club post office box at least one day before the General Meeting. Please allow sufficient time for delivery. If you would like to serve on the board, please contact Elections Committee: Linda wilsonln@msn.com and Steve mccabe.steve@gmail.com.

NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

Winter Trails and Trail Tending I've been

thinking lately about the trails we use for both skiing and hiking. When out in the snow, I'm always appreciative to see the blue diamonds marking a trail. Because of our volunteers many trails have been improved and made safer for skiers. However, this work is not easy and considerable effort by club "volunteer organizers" to get people out to do this work is expended. When you're out skiing or hiking, don't take the trail for granted! Trees fall over the trails every winter, washouts occur during heavy rain events, and trail marking signs disappear. Ski trails need more marking than hiking trails because snow cover hides the trail.

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Temps at Anthony Lakes... continued from page 1 like children. The photo oops were plentiful in the beautiful scenery surrounding us. Then it was back to the ranch for the first of our gourmet potluck dinners, all the dishes were amazing!

Saturday we woke to a light drizzle that turned into a steady rain as we all drove back up to Anthony Lakes. Mother nature was kind to our group and temps at Anthony Lakes ski area stayed cool enough to magically turn rain into snow-providing us with another day of awesome skiing and exploration of the area. Some skiers took the Hoffer Lakes Trail up the mountain to enjoy the views from the ridge. A few othersskied to Grande Ronde Lake, to the right of Anthony Lakes downhill area. Some did not actually make it to the lake, the lesson of the day-even if you think you know where you are going knock the snow off the sign and read it! Another group skinned up to the Angel basin area for their adventure. The clouds stayed with us most of the day, but fun was had by all! Anthony Lakes was the perfect place to get a taste of the awesome scenery Northeastern Oregon has to offer.

Back at the ranch we enjoyed cooking and eating another wonderful meal together while sharing photos and stories of the day's adventures. To complete the meal we had cake and ice cream celebrating Patty Caldwell's birthday! This was a great group of people to share the weekend with. Catching up with old friends and making new ones is one of the best parts of an overnight trip with the ONC-PDX.

Johanna Lovell, Assistant Leader

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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 rating are a starting point. If you are uncertain then we strongly encourage you to contact the tour lead (it is much easier to sort this out before the trip than on the trail). What to Bring

Let's start with the 10 Essentials. This is list of items which we recommend every participant carry (not just the tour leader). For clothing please look at: onc-pdx.org/ resources/wear/ For the vast majority of our tours you need to have skis beforehand (we don't have time to stop and rent skis on the way). If you need to rent equipment please see **Rentals and Retailers.** Carpooling 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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Our government agencies have less money and resources for this maintenance work and usage of our public lands increases every year. It falls to volunteers and users to maintain and improve our existing trails. Don't wait for, or expect, your public agencies to take care of it. It only works if volunteers put in the time and effort to keep our valuable trail networks open, safe, in good condition, and accessible to all. A recent Forest Service take on this issue: fs.usda.gov/news/releases/usda-forest-serviceannounces-challenge-increase-focus-problemsfacing-nations

When ski season ends, volunteer a day or two on a trail tending crew so your winter skiing experiences continue to be enjoyable. Together we make it happen.

Mt. Hood NF

Zigzag Integrated Resource Project is in a scoping phase until May 2020. FS info on the project: fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57109

On February 20, BARK is having a "Groundtruthing Walk" through the areas affected by the project. If you want to contact BARK about any of their proposed actions or for more info see: bark-out.org/ project/zigzag-timber-sale

Cooper Spur Land Exchange The Forest Service reports that the Supplemental Appraisal, as required, has been completed and approved by the FS. They are currently working with Mt. Hood Meadows on an Exchange Agreement, and hope to complete it by late spring 2020. Once that is complete, they will resume efforts on the NEPA requirements.

Gifford Pinchot NF

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

Wind River Old Man Pass For road conditions and road plowing up to Old Man Pass and other Upper Wind River Sno-Parks check: skamaniacounty.org/departments-offices/publicworks/upper-wind-river-recreation-area Note: Skamania County does the plowing.

Mt. Adams Info for Mt. Adams Ranger District Sno-Parks: fs.usda.gov/activity/giffordpinchot/ recreation/wintersports/?recid=31178&actid=91 As of February 3, the road was plowed and open to SnowKing Sno-Park, but they do not plow up to Smith Butte Sno-Park. A small group of us skied up to Snipes Mountain and used the snowmobile road up to Smith Butte.

Susan Watt, Nordic Issues Pam Rigor, Editor

2020-2021 Board nominees



Don Erickson I was an ONC-PDX member, board member, and trip leader in the early 90s after I moved to Portland. I rejoined the club a few years ago and would be honored to serve as a board

member if elected. I'm retired now and this would be a great opportunity to give back to the club. I would like to see the club continue to offer excellent overnight trips, day tours, and the ski bus. My main goal would be to encourage younger skiers to join our club.



Ken Wenzel As the current president of ONC-PDX, serving on the board, I would like to be re-elected to continue to serve ONC-PDX. I feel we have made good progress in providing more

overnight trips, offering winter ski buses during the busy months, and got our ski trails back in shape. I hope to continue to work on these goals. And find ways to add to our membership and recruit more trip leaders.

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

Day tour leaders contact ONC-PDX Day Tours Committee to volunteer: 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, have other skills to help with the newsletter? Contact oncnewsletter@gmail.com

Oregon Nordic Club's John Craig McKenzie Pass Nordic Ski and Pizza Party



Saturday, March 21, 2020 Start anytime between **10:00 a.m.-Noon**

This is an out (up) and back ski. Turn around at any time, or ski all the way to the Dee Wright Observatory for great views. We hope to set track to the Observatory (snow levels permitting). Turn around no later than 2:00 p.m.! Please carry your own water, snacks, and extra clothing. The ski starts on the east side snow gate on McKenzie Highway (Hwy. 242, approx. six miles west of Sisters, OR. Parking at the start is limited so we encourage car pools. You can leave cars in Sisters at the Ponderosa Inn and carpool to the start. All cross-country skiers are welcome.

Recommended donation is \$10.00 per person. Donation jars will be available.

Join us afterwards for a potluck, 4:00 p.m. at the Ponderosa Inn Ponderosa Conference Room in Sisters. ONC will provide Pizza. Bring something to share to the BYOB dinner.

The announcement of the 2020 John Day Award winner will be announced after 5:30 p.m. at the potluck.

The Annual ONC State meeting is 9:00 a.m. Sunday, March 22 at the Ponderosa Inn. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ochocos—they came, they found snow, they skied!

Five ONC-PDX skiers settled into the

ranger cabin, January 30–February 2, for the first ONC-PDX Ochocos trip this year. We were ready for anything—hiking, snowshoeing, even skiing! The



snow was warm, old and, fortunately, sufficient at the Walton Lake Sno-Park to occupy us for the entire trip. It was still inadequate at lower elevation. We enjoyed the views, solitude and openness of this terrain, sharing it with only a coyote. We were ably led by Mike Faden and Liz Zenger, who stepped in



when the original leader suffered an injury early in the season. Thanks, also, for providing the cozy (for five skiers) lunch and post-prandial napmobille, a luxurious feature. Gratitude to Ken Wenzel and crew for all of the new blue diamonds. We woke to a dusting of snow at the cabin on the morning of our departure, with more planned for the March trip. Mike Faden, Liz Zenger, Barbara Schultz, Rommel de Leon, and Elke Schoen.

cont. from sidebar page 4 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

dog waste. TOUR/TRIP RATINGS

keep dogs off ski

tracks and pack out

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 cont. on sidebar page 6 cont. from sidebar page 5 required for the tour/ trip. Use the rating quide 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 slowpaced 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.

Sometimes everything is perfect

On the ONC-PDX ski trip to Willamette Pass, February 7-9,

our ski group was greeted with about four inches of fresh snow on Saturday morning, just in time for our ski to Bechtel Shelter. We were among the first to ski on the trail and enjoyed the glide on the dry snow, accompanied by a little more snow. With such great snow, we continued for a couple more miles on untracked snow until we were about half tired.

Back in our cabin, following a scrumptious potluck dinner, we saw the skies clear in time to see the nearly full moon.

On Sunday, the skies were clear blue and we skied along Abernathy Road and the Marilyn Lakes Trail. Marilyn Lakes was a gorgeous site and we

played on the lakes and acted silly. Then on to the Gold Lakes Shelter. Since the weather was comfortable on that day, we ate lunch relaxing in the sun and then explored and skied on Gold Lake. The final two miles back was on nearly perfect snow with a fine easy glide the whole way.

Then, at night, four of us night-skied under the full moon, skiing along the shore of Odell Lake. It was a ski to remember and dream about. Others stayed back at the cabin and played games. Monday morning, six of us



spent a couple hours skiing around Shelter Cove Resort, where we were staying. Again, amazing snow. In short, perfect weekend—great snow, great weather, great trails, great food and great companions. This is what a fun weekend is like.

Ted Scheinman, Trip Participant

FWSA's 88th Annual Snowsports Convention

The 88th Annual Convention Far West Ski Association (FWSA) Convention will be held

in the Pacific Northwest. The Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC) is the host of the Convention this year and it will be held in Portland. The 2020 FWSA Convention will take place at the Red Lion Jantzen Beach in Portland on May 28-31. Sheri Parshall is the host convention chairperson and Jeanne Reinhardt will be the volunteer coordinator. Initial planning has been done on club sponsored optional events for the convention.

The optional activities for this year's convention will include:

- ▶ A dinner cruise on Wednesday, May 27
- A bus tour around Mt. Hood on Thursday morning
- ▶ The annual Pub Crawl to be held in Vancouver on Thursday night
- ▶ A "Not Your Daddy's Golf Tournament" at McMenamins Edgefield on Friday
- A bicycle tour in the Columbia River Gorge on Friday morning, including waterfalls and lunch
- A wine tour of Ridgefield wineries on Friday

A lot of volunteers will be needed to handle all the details of the convention, to help show that Portland puts on the best conventions! Note that your club will receive financial incentives after the convention is over for the number of volunteer hours actually put in by your club's members.

Info: fwsa.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=623165&module_id=367991



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Yet another outstanding Methow trip

Once again, the Methow Valley did not disappoint. We had 40 degree temps in the

daytime, 20 degree temps at night and no new snow, but the daily grooming (trails and skiers) made it a delight nonetheless on the February 8–13 trip. Ten of us skied all of the popular areas under mostly sunny skies. We, also, in various combinations, had a ski lesson, bought vital stuff, appreciated alpenglow from Sun



Mountain Lodge, solved thorny political problems facing the country and the world, and skied the entire valley floor (Mary B.) in the time it took mere mortals to ski to Brown's Farm and back. We did have one mishap on an icy hill, that ultimately turned out well. Whew.

We were happy to find the hot tub and pool working, and gave them our full attention. Alas, that the oven did not fall into the functioning category, but we had a hotplate and access to an adjacent unit for that. We

wondered which utility was doomed for next year, hopefully not the plumbing. There will difinitely be another visit to the River Run Inn next year, so see you there!

Lessons learned: 1) Before the trip, make sure your new boots fit your bindings, lest you must rent skis that you didn't know you needed. (note to self).

2) If you fail #1, strive to make this discovery at a trailhead near the ski shop (ditto).

3) A black diamond means a black diamond. (who would have thunk it?)

4) There is such a thing as a magnetic oven, and only Linda

Wilson can figure out how it works—who ever heard of a magnetic oven? (always take Linda on your trip) 5) We are lucky to have such good company on our trips, but we knew that already.

Lucky participants: Mary Bourret, Sally Jo Browne, Don Erickson, Kate Evans, Clayton Hawkes, Kerstin Koegler, Patricia Reynolds, Donella Russell, Linda Wilson (co-leader) and Elke Schoen (leader).

Elke Schoen, Trip Leader

Cascade Crest Nordic Ski Marathon 2020

The Cascade Crest, March 13–15 at Mt. Bachelor, promises something for everybody;

a 50km Skate race, a 25km Skate race, a 10km Skate race for beginning racers, and a 4 x 12.5km Team Skate Relay. The course will utilize the US Forest Service lands in the shadow of Broken Top Mountain on and around Dutchman Flat and Todd Lake before reentering the Mt. Bachelor Nordic Center Trail Network at Rich's Range. The course is 12.5km in distance (10km cut off for beginners) and will be skied four times for the 50km and twice for the 25km. A festive race venue with local vendors will add excitement to the day. Packet pick up and post-race awards party will be held at our elite sponsor, WebSkis Ski and Bike Shop, in downtown Bend, OR. Join in the fun and participate in the 2020 Cascade Crest Nordic Ski Marathon and Relay at the Mt. Bachelor Nordic Center, Central Oregon's destination Nordic Ski Marathon! Info: cascadecrestnordic.com

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Advanced Ski: > 12 miles; terrain flat to steep hills (> 10 degrees); moderate to fast

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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** 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 Bikina Helmet (required on all

Patch kit ■ Tire pump
 Water bottle (filled) ■

OVERNIGHT TRIP POLICIES Trip Participation 1. Only Oregon Nordic Club mem-

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cont. from sidebar page 7 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 an 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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New Member Spotlight Aimee Ritter

Usually, newer members of the Oregon

Nordic Club Portland Chapter (ONC-PDX) might not



leap headfirst into co-leading a long, international trip as one of their first outings in the Portland Chapter. Aimee Ritter is an exception. Through her work colleague, Sam Digard, a veteran ONC-PDX trip leader,

Aimee jumped at the chance to ski in Austria and Italy this season.

"I was happy to help out as I've had some experience with group outings and was itching to get back to Europe for a ski trip," Aimee explains.

"I'm very excited to do my first ONC-PDX trip and to check out the vast array of trails offered in Seefeld and the Dolomites."

Aimee typically goes downhill and telemark at Mt. Hood Meadows and does Nordic at Teacup, but holds a special place in her heart for the trails near Anchorage, Alaska, where she grew up in a crosscountry skiing family. Still, she remembers that she "... didn't get really excited about it until I started racing in high school. My house was right down the road from Kincaid Park so I trained and skied all over those trails. My favorite is the Lekisch Loop with all it's rollercoaster hills and tight twists and turns. It's also got some fantastic views of the inlet. I love skiing trails that are technical and fast and Lekisch sure meets that criteria!" By now, readers might picture Aimee as an energetic and hard-charging athlete. There is more to Aimee than that since skiing is just one of many outdoor sports that she enjoys. Others include road and mountain biking, backpacking, and trail running. Throw in roller skiing, too. At the top of her list, though, is riding horses, a year-round activity. Crosscountry skiing is the backbone of fitness for all of Aimee's diverse interests, she says.

"Cross country is a super way of getting fit while also enjoying beautiful winter landscapes. It's a great sport where you can go (at) your own pace, whether it's pounding out a hard interval training session, or enjoying the scenery during a relaxed recovery day. It's also a fun sport to share with friends."

As of when this article was written, Aimee had skied at Mt. Emily and at Anthony Lakes over winter vacation and planned to ski again at Mt. Bachelor. She especially enjoyed skiing last year in the Meissner Sno-Park area during the XC Fall Camp.

A fellow engineer at Daimler with Sam, Aimee originally moved to Portland to attend PSU, graduating in 2017 with a Bachelor's of Mechanical Engineering. She owns a house in south Portland with her boyfriend, whom she interested in cross-country skiing three years ago. Welcome to the ONC Portland Chapter, Aimee!

The "New Member Spotlight" is an occasional feature in the Newsletter. If you joined the ONC-PDX in the last year or so, and would like to be in a future spotlight article, please contact Christine Bierman at sisu1956@gmail.com, or text/call at 971.325.2874. My goal is to balance articles between male and female members of the club, as well as between different ages, ski levels, and personal background that newer members are willing to share, with the overall hope to be as inclusive as possible. Currently, I am seeking newer, male member for our next feature. Thanks! • Christine Bierman

ONC-PDX Ski Bus skiers at Teacup



Photos: Christine Bierman, William Doran, and Annie Quintero

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Ochoco noisy snow

Thursday February 13, we found very

little snow around the cabin upon our arrival, so we then scouted prospective ski routes in the Ochoco highlands. Lookout Mountain trailhead looked



promising as the highest place to visit, but the Walton Lake Sno-Park offered many trail options and an equal

amount of snowpack: about two feet deep, though three weeks "unfresh."

On Friday ski trail conditions were somewhere between rock ice and a slick place. The designated trails of Walton Lake area were rather treacherous, so off-trail terrain provided a welcome chance to glide over untracked but "noisy snow."

Just five trip companions this time, but each are new, knowing, and old. New to each other in company, knowing ourselves well for five or better decades of life "in full," and old enough to not fuss, fight, or forget the good times. And good times were had! Stories were shared from the "Age of Wool" and wax skis—rich in fondness, detail and laughs.

Saturday, a fresh four inches of snowcover made for quieter skiing up and down High Rim Trail below the tallest Ponderosa guardians. A magnificent day! P.S. We saw no other humans on both days-not even another skier.

Kevin McGillivray, Trip Participant

Sunny skies and fast glide

The Wednesday ski group left foggy

Portland on February 12 and headed east to sunny and blue sky Pocket Creek area. Some skied Teacup and the rest, a group of nine, went to Pocket Creek. The trail, well tracked by weekend skiers, was icy where the trees had dripped. Going counter clockwise on the trail meant we schlepped over hill and dale and narrow bridges to get to the road intersection. The glide down the road was fast. Several small trees had blown down across the road, but there was navigable paths around the objects. It was a challenge today, but as the adage says, "a rough day on the mountain is far better than a good day at the office." How can you go wrong with blue skies, chocolate, and fellow ONC-PDX ski buddies?

Laurel Dickie, Trip Leader

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"

March 4, 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.

March 11, 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

March 18, 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.

March 25, 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.

Volunteer to lead a day tour

Take your ONC-PDX friends on a ski, snow shoe (if there is snow), or hike. Info on leading tours: oncpdx.org/activities/day-tours Send tour descriptions by March 14 for the April newsletter to oncdaytours@gmail.com. Last minute tours can be added too, on the website and/or on Meetup. Laurel Dickie, Day Tours Committee

cont. from sidebar page 8 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 Cancella**tion Policy 1. Trip fees and deposits are nonrefundable, unless the trip leader is able

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cont. from sidebar page 9 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 cancelling 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/tripinsurance Trip policies: onc-

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

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

This trip also available 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 Two spaces available*

We will drive over on Monday hoping to arrive in time for an evening ski before dinner. Two lovely areas to ski are the Walton Lake and Bandit Springs Forest Service trails.

We will be staying in an artfully constructed 1,145 square foot three-bedroom 1.5 bath two-story former ranger house, with a wonderful dining room table that accommodates our entire group, as well as large knottypine paneled living room with comfortable seating for evening reading and chats. 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: 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*

Check the website for full trip details. 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*

Check the website for full trip details. 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 April 17–19 Check the website for full trip details.

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

Trip full, wait list open* See March 6–8 Tilly Jane A-Frame trip for details.

April 17–19, Fri–Sun Intermediate Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane Guard Station, Mt. Hood, OR Trip full, wait list open*

Check the website for full trip details.

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

*Check the website or contact the leader onc-pdx.org

pdx.org/activities/

trip-policies

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

Welcome new members! Leslie Cole, Millie Engel, George, Cole, and Charlie Gardner, Catherine and Timothy Keith, Scott Powell, Matt Ramich, Robert Sanders, and Dan Werle

Welcome back: Richard Crimi, Blake Johnsen and Melissa Sheridan, P. Juergen Oswald, and James Hartnett February membership report: 329 total memberships (223 single and 107 family), includes 8 new

membership and 4 renewals. Last year at this time there were 339 memberships.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of ONC-PDX January 21 Board Meeting at TVFR

Present: Ken Wenzel, Mary Bouret, Laurel Dickie, Bill Neuman, Tere Enberg **Minutes:** December minutes were approved by consensus.

Nordic Issues: Mt. Hood FS – Susan Watt sent in a letter to ask for an extension on the public hearing for forest service trimming of Trillium Basin as proposed through BARK. The FS will present an award to the Fortins at next month's meeting for all their involvement on the Tilly Jane Cabin.

Tilly Jane: Andrè Fortin met with the FS regarding rebuilding the cabin balcony and stairs. The forest service wants to keep the structure in historical form. The amphitheater is a project the FS wants to do. The camp cook house is in discussion to remove the wood structure since it's not historic enough, and let the stove rust in the elements.

Trail tending: Mt. St. Helens talked about grooming south side trails for skiing but as of last week it was discovered their equipment doesn't have enough power to groom those trails. The parks department says they don't have the funds to supply a groomer. Ken is looking into hiring a service.

Mt. Hood FS has promised to partially groom Crosstown Trail. This was confirmed by Laurel who skied on this trail this past Friday.

Day Tours: - Ski Bus The first outing had 51 skiers. It's unclear if the other busses are full.

ONC State Board: No update on ONC state Board other than seeking a new state treasurer.

Membership: Total Active Memberships: 327 An increase of 31, Family Memberships: 104, An increase of 9 Single Memberships: 223, An increase of 22, 9 memberships renewed since 12/14/19, 22 memberships created since 12/14/19. **Family Outings:** Ken has a list of 14 folks who were interested but no one amongst that group has come forward to lead. **Overnight Trips:** There are few openings left. The Austria/Italy trip had 4 openings which weren't filled.

Treasurer's Report: none at this time. Someone had requested Venmo as another way to pay the club for overnight trips. The Board decided since only one person requested this we'd wait and see if there were more requests for this fee paying service.

Publications: Newsletters – Monthly publication would be upon request only and no print copies will go to FS or outdoor stores.

Next Meeting: March 31, 2020

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. Photos on Craigs List: portland.craigslist.org/mlt/spo/d/portland-solomonsnowscape-9-no-wax-in/7033803756.html Amy 503.891.3689 3/20

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 FOR SALE: > Ski Package Classic touring: 185 Madshus skis

135 Exel poles and 9.5 Salomon boots. Jim Jimgadberry@yahoo.com

Jim Jimgadberry@yahoo.com3/20FOR SALE: ▶ Skis Rossignal Backcountry 65 (metal edges),185 cm, with NNN BC bindings. Too light for them, hardly beenused. Easy auto bindings. \$200, OBOPatty momshelp1234@gmail.com 503.504.91303/20

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. Pkg \$200, will sell single 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. ottosskishop.com

Wy'East Nordic 10% discount on crosscountry 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. jupiterhotel.com hoodriverhotel.com

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





Upcoming programs April 7-Tanzania: Amazing animals, scenery and music

