

# Wallowas without the powder

## The Wallowas usually promises good snow

conditions in the form of dry powder; but this year was a little different in late February. We made the best of it though, and twelve of us enjoyed a comfortable house in Joseph. There hadn't been any new snow in a while so the trails were hard packed crust and icy at lower elevations. Above 7,000 feet however, it was delightful soft, dry snow with very low avalanche risk.

The first day, eight skiers hired a guide to lead us up to Wing Ridge which was a climb of over 2,000 feet. We all had AT or Telemark gear, and after skinning up and enjoying the views from the ridge, we skied the steep slopes



Susan Watt

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# Powder snow rewards skiers on Huts trip

## The 'Snow Gods' were benevolent

and the March Sisters Hut to Hut trip had an amazing amount of new snow on the weekend we were skiing the traverse. We start skiing on Friday, and at the Dutchman Flat Sno-Park this year the conditions were like everywhere else, hard packed and icy and no new snow had fallen in a week. In anticipation, I had insured everyone had skins which were used the first day. By the time we got to the first Hut, snow began to fall as predicted. It never stopped and by Saturday morning we were skiing in at least six inches of cold dry powder. With no one ahead of us, we broke trail through untracked snow all day. It's a beautiful ski through forests and meadows with fantastic views (usually). This trip we traded the views for the new snow.



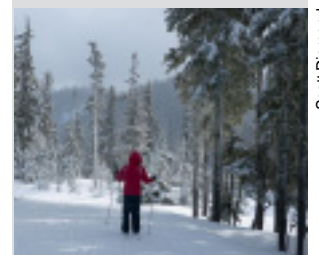
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On Sunday, after leaving our cozy warm hut we were skiing in twelve inches of powder that was very fast due to the cold temperatures. There were no other ski tracks to follow and a little route finding practice was necessary using our phone GPS app, through a burn area where the blue diamonds are few and far between. Three Creeks Sno-Park where we ski out to our cars is often melted out the last half of a mile and requires walking, but this year we skied right to our cars. Everyone enjoyed the great ski trip!

Susan Watt, Trip Leader

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

**May 5 ▶ TUESDAY**

## **ONC-PDX Virtual Meeting**

7:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Hello everyone, long time, no see! Please join us this coming Tuesday for a virtual meeting! We'll have a few short club announcements, then you'll have a time to "check in" with the group and let us know how you are doing. Ron has sent out an email with info on how to participate.

**May ▶ ALL MONTH**

## **Do at home or virtual activities**

Keep our communities and natural world healthy and clean. Engage in your own litter clean up around your neighborhood or spend time outside in your own yard looking for and removing invasive plant species. Now, more than ever, time spent safely outside can be so good for you!  
Info: solveoregon.org/diy

## 2020 Annual ONC-PDX Board results

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 annual board elections were held online. We**

would like to share the results with you. Don Erickson and Ken Wenzel have been elected for a two-year term. They will be joined by current board members Laurel Dickie, Mary Bourret, and Tere Enburg. The electronic ballot results will be ratified by voice vote at our next meeting, which is yet to be determined.

We would like to thank retiring board members Bill Neuman and Ted Scheinman for their service.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the election process. Take care and stay healthy.

**Linda Wilson and Steve McCabe, Elections Committee**

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down through open meadows and trees. It was a thrill to have a miles long run downhill. The cross-country skiers enjoyed that day on the trails at Salt Creek Summit.

Our second day we all skied a Nordic trail that traverses about five miles to Sheep Creek. That was challenging due to the poor snow conditions and skins—and many used skins. The sun was out and views are always fantastic from there looking across Hells Canyon and beyond to the Seven Devils in Idaho.

Our third day of skiing was a bit different. Skiers with AT and Telemark skis enjoyed a day at the community run ski area called Ferguson Ridge. This volunteer-operated downhill area charges \$20 for an all-day pass and there are no lines to ride the T-bar! Most of us enjoyed playing there for a day and others explored the Canal Road Trail, which is another cross-country ski option in the area. Everyone enjoyed the variety of skiing we did and despite challenging conditions, we had a great time with plenty of blue skies and sunshine. We always share beers, food, and camaraderie at Terminal Gravity Brewing before heading home the next day.

**Susan Watt, Trip Leader**

**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. 7)**
- ▶ 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](http://nwskiers.org) [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org) [federationofwesternoutdoorclub.org](http://federationofwesternoutdoorclub.org)

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

## BOARD SKI TRACKS

### Well here we are stuck in Ground Hog

Day, getting hard to tell the days apart. But ONC-PDX is alive and well and moving forward. Even with stay at home orders we took care of our election. Our overnight trip committee has had their meetings, and I am very happy with the trip line up for 2021. The ONC-PDX Board is still working and taking care of business. Thank goodness for modern electronics!

The trail tending line up for the summer is up in the air because of the uncertainty about when forest activities can resume? But I am sure everyone can't wait to get back out into the outdoors. The Forest Service is ready for us to start

helping to get the trails back in shape from the winter.

So take care of your selves and stay in shape for hopefully a better year to come.

Ken Wenzel, *President*

Ken Wenzel



## NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

### Due to State wide closures and stay at

home orders, all recreation sites both state and federal are closed until further notice in Oregon and Washington. Stay home and stay safe!

### Mt. Hood National Forest

**Forest closed** All recreation sites in the NF are currently closed for Covid-19.

**Projects** The following projects are from the Mt. Hood NF website. These proposed projects are in proximity to and include Nordic ski trails. For current information, maps, and comment dates follow the project specific links.

**Summit Ski Area Expansion** The public comment period is opening for this project. [www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58087](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58087)

**Zigzag Integrated Resource Project** The public comment period for this project ends in May 2020. [www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57109](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57109)

### Gifford Pinchot National Forest

**Forest closed** All recreation sites in the NF are currently closed for Covid-19.

### Deschutes, Willamette, and Ochoco National Forests

**Forest closed** Please help keep everyone safe and stay home.

### Ochoco winter trails possibly converting

**to summer use** The Ochoco National Forest is looking at converting the winter trails for summer use as well. Public comment will be taken in the next few months and if all goes well there may be treadwork going in on the winter loops in early fall or at least the next field season.

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

## Virtual Portland Sunday Parkways cycling events

The Transportation Commissioner, Chloe Eudaly, and Presenting Sponsor Kaiser Permanente announced that the May and June editions of Portland Sunday Parkways will take place as all-digital events. Whether the events scheduled in July, August and September can be held in their traditional form depends on if they can be held safely.

For May's all-digital Sunday Parkways, PBOT and Kaiser Permanente have organized a series of digital events for Portlanders, including exercise classes, bike repair tutorials, and art and wellness projects. To support the vendors and other organizations that normally participate in the event, the digital Sunday Parkways will also showcase Portland businesses on a virtual platform.

**Info: [PortlandSundayParkways.org](http://PortlandSundayParkways.org)**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**To help contact: Ken Wenzel**  
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**Leadership Training** Help us increase the number of day tour leaders, so we can have more day tours.

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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

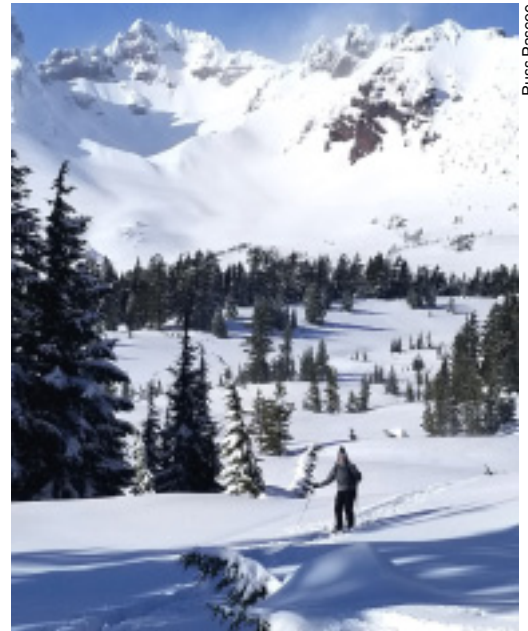
Let's start with the 10 Essentials. This is list of items which we recommend every participant carry (not just the tour leader). For clothing please look at: [onc-pdx.org/resources/wear/](http://onc-pdx.org/resources/wear/) For the vast majority of our tours you need to have skis beforehand (we don't 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

# Sunny weekend at Sunriver

**An early ski at Ray Benson on the way to Sun-**river kicked off the weekend for half our group of ten. The rest of the gang wandered in throughout the evening to our spacious and well-outfitted 5 bed/5 bath lodging. Saturday found us up at Swampy Lakes to make the best of the "leftover" snow. After lunch and snacks at Swampy Shelter, we split into three groups; one doing loops at Swampy, one heading down to Tangent Loop and on to Meissner, and the third group going long range out Swede Loop and over to Meissner. Once back home, we prepared for the evening potluck with two guest PDX members bringing the appetizers. Watching the movie Judy put a finishing touch to the evening. Sunday saw some fresh snow and us heading to Mt. Bachelor. Three groups again, one skiing Bachelor Nordic, another to Todd Lake, and the third going long range again out the backcountry and near the base of Broken Top. A fine Bluebird day for all. One remarkable observation, I think we saw more snowshoers through the weekend than Nordic skiers. The trail system in the Deschutes lets everyone play in their way without getting in the way. On to Monday, we packed up and headed to our next destinations. The group: Becky McClain, Russ Pascoe, Nancy Barker, Ken "Ski Bus" Barker, Laurel Dickie, Denise Brandt, Dolores Kueffler, Lorena Herron, John Heaton, Richard Crimi (trip lead).♦



Russ Pascoe



Richard Crimi

Richard Crimi, Trip Leader

## Trail Tending

**We hope that the Forest will be open by June. This trail tending schedule is tentative depending on COVID-19 requirements at the time.**

Help improve our winter trails (if we can get out on the trails). Volunteer for to join one or lead one of these trail tending parties. To sign up or info contact: Ken Wenzel 503.297.2958 (h) 503.729.6571 (cell) [skiwenzel@hotmail.com](mailto:skiwenzel@hotmail.com)

**June 12–14, Fri–Sun, Trail Tending Party and Weekend Campout  
Walton Lake and Lookout Mt., Ochoco Mountains, OR**

We'll be limbing and posting blue diamonds.

**June 27–28, Sat–Sun, Trail Tending Party and Weekend Campout  
Kalama Ski Trail and other trails, Mt. Saint Helens, WA**

We'll be limbing and posting blue diamonds.

**July 8, Wed, Trail Tending Party  
Pocket Creek/Teacup Tie Trail, Mt. Hood, OR**

We'll be brushing and limbing.

**August 12, Sun, Trail Tending Party  
Yellowjacket Trail, Mt. Hood, OR**

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

**Date TBD, Trail Tending Party  
Crosstown Trail, Mt. Hood, OR**

Half-day tree clean up.

**Date TBD, Trail Tending Party  
Trillium Bike Trail, Mt. Hood, OR**

Half-day tree clean up.

**Date TBD, Trail Tending Party (half-day)  
Pocket Creek, Mt. Hood, OR**

Half-day tree clean up. ♦

# DAY TOURS

All day tours have been canceled

Terry Owen



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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

■ 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

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

## OVERNIGHT TRIP POLICIES

### Trip Participation

1. Only Oregon Nordic Club members may participate on ONC-PDX overnight trips, even if it is a trip for which no money is collected. Non-members may join the club when signing up for an overnight trip. The membership fee can be paid at that time. The only exceptions are overnight trail tending work parties and Tilly Jane Club project weekends, which are open to non-member volunteers.

2. Overnight trip sign-ups are done *online* at the club website: [onc-pdx.org/activities](http://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](http://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 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 to make a reasonable substitution for the canceling participants.

2. Participants needing to cancel a trip should contact the trip leader immediately so that wait-listed applicants can be considered for placement on the trip roster.

3. If a wait list exists, the trip leader will determine whether wait-listed applicants can be reasonably substituted for the canceling participant(s). If a wait list does not exist, and sufficient time is available, the trip leader will advertise the trip availability through reasonable means available to the trip leader, typically through the web forum and club newsletter.

4. If the leader is able to make a reasonable substitution for the canceling participant, the canceling participant will receive a refund of amounts paid, minus \$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](http://onc-pdx.org/resources/trip-insurance)

**Trip policies:** [onc-pdx.org/activities/trip-policies](http://onc-pdx.org/activities/trip-policies)

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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](http://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](http://oncpdx.org/resources/trip-insurance)

### Trip rescheduled

May 27–June 9, 2021, Thur–Wed, Intermediate Bike

#### **Biking the Rohne Valley in France**

#### **Trip full, wait list open\***

#### **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 start by flying 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 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.

Afterward, we take the train back to Paris and spend a few nights before flying back to Portland. 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: \$3,420/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](mailto:sam.digard@gmail.com)** ◆

**\*Check the website or contact the leader**

### Welcome new members! No new members this month

**April membership report: 341 total memberships (233 single and 108 family). Last year at this time there were 355 memberships.**

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### Minutes of ONC-PDX March 31 Board Meeting by teleconference

**Present:** Ken Wenzel, Laurel Dickie, Mary Bourret, Bill Neuman, Ted Scheinman, Don Erickson, Tere Enberg

**February Minutes:** misspellings were corrected. Mary approves, Tere seconded.

**Annual meeting for April:** Shall an email of elections results be sent by a member of the election committee? Bylaws say we can have the meeting at any time without saying why this meeting is held. ■ Don suggests we tell membership we’ll have elections the next time we meet, sending emails to inform members. ■ When Mary B. updated the bylaws to accommodate online voting, she needed to update section 8 as well, regarding having this voting at an annual meeting. ■ Ken will send out a notice stating the annual meeting/elections will be held during the next Tuesday meeting after COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted.

**State Board Meeting:** To be held April 5, 10:00 a.m., as a teleconference. One thousand can join the teleconference.

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**Tilly Jane Cabin:** Use has been restricted/closed by the forest service. All reservations have been cancelled. No TJ report from Andre' Fortin.

**Treasurer's Report:** The year-to-date trip revenue is in progress. ■ Dues revenue for the year is up, \$6,250 on Feb report, over \$2,000 was received in Aug. 2019 for current year dues, thus over \$8,000 in dues. Paid membership obviously is up. ■ The ski bus had a loss of about \$800. Even though bus trips lost some money, in 2019 we gained over 30 new members. This revenue was about the same as last year. When everything is finalized at the end of April this report will become more clear. ■ A member who signed up for the European trip passed away after having deposited \$900. There is no one on the waiting list to meet the regular refund requirements. Shall we refund the deposit to the estate anyway? Ted makes a motion we refund this money, Ken seconds, motion passes unanimously.

**Trail Tending schedule:** Has been posted to the web but at this point in time it's unclear if we can go forward due to the pandemic.

**Day Tours:** Snow Bus—A loss of \$673. Consensus is to keep 4 buses going. ■ Ken has inquired about Mazama grants, but their club has everything on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Membership Report:** As of Feb. 17, 2020, membership is: Active—342, Family—108, Single—234 ■ Do we still want to continue the program of free membership with the purchase of new skis? Mary B. wants to continue the program but we need to cull the data of sign-ups without incentive vs. incentive. This means we're paying insurance on folks who may not be interested/active. Ted will look into this issue further to see how effective it's been. ■ Mary B. asks we stop printing any newsletters because she picks up ONC-PDX mail and finds several have been returned. ■ Don suggests we have an opt-in for a printed issue, otherwise it's email only. ■ Mary B suggests adding a premium to cover postage costs for those wishing print copies. ■ Treasurer Bill N. says for the year ended 8/31/19, we spent over \$2,000 for printing and postage primarily for newsletter. Please consider Mary B's suggestion about newsletters and perhaps expand that thought to re-think the cost and effort involved in annual membership card printing/ mailing. Many of the Employee Stores no longer require seeing a membership card. These mailing costs represents over 20% of dues revenue.

**Overnight Trip Committee:** April 14 is when they'll start to meet to plan for 20/21.

**Old Business**

Action Item from last meeting: Mary B looked into Diamond Lake Senior Week. Always the first weekend in January, so Jan. 4 for 2021.

**Next Board meeting:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

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Laurel Dickie, Secretary

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR SALE:** ▶ **Skis** Fischer Country Crown XC Skis 205 cm long 60 x 55 x 58 mm width. Full metal edges. Fits groomed tracks. Drilled for NNN or NNN BC Bindings, other bindings could be fit. **\$25 OBO** ▶ **Snowboard and ski helmet** Medium. **\$25**

▶ **Boot liners** New Scarpa therma fit liners (never been used or fit). Mondo size 30.5 fits shell 29.5 to 30.5 plastic boots from any manufacturer **\$75 OBO** ▶ **Boots** Karhu XCD Traverse Boots 3 pin good backcountry performance, off trail or on. Women size 7 **\$20** ▶ **Binding** Rottefella ultralight backcountry, telemark, tele or cross country 3-pin bindings. **\$35** Karhu 3-pin bindings **\$20 OBO** ▶ **Car rail and rack set** Yakima rail Grabber **\$135 OBO**

▶ **Car Kayak Saddles/Rollers** Yakima kayak saddles and roller set with straps, can used on Thule racks also. **\$120**

▶ **Rain Gutter Towers** Yakima Rain 1A Gutter Towers for bar mount set of 4 and includes lock cores. (retails \$219 without locks) **\$119** ▶ **Kayak Stacker** Yakima kayak stacker, straight, single bar towers, can used on Thule racks also. **\$35** ▶ **Bike rack set** Yakima Car top bike bicycle rack mounts set, can used on Thule

racks also. **\$99** ▶ **Canoe brackets** Yakima canoe, ladder gunwale brackets, can used on Thule racks also. Set of 4. **\$45** ▶ **Lock** Yakima lock core SKS set of 4, 2 keys. New in box, never used and sells for \$60 yours for **\$35** ▶ **Clips** Yakima Q Clips new in boxes never used pair of #51 and pair of #52 list for \$35 asking **\$20 OBO** **Russ russ.bec@gmail.com** 6/20

▶ **Ski Boots** Alpina womens boots, NNNBC, Model BC 50L, Size 38. Used only 6 times: still in box. Unfortunately, they don't fit my feet properly. **\$50**

**Michele michelegunness236@gmail.com** 6/20

**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.**

**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. **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**

## MEMBER BENEFITS

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

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

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

**The Mountain Shop** 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**

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# The May 5 Meeting is virtual

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

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



## Upcoming programs TBD



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**Your Device (phone, tablet, or computer)  
Tuesday, May 5  
7:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting  
(see email that Ron Bekey sent out about the meeting)  
Food/Beverages: enjoy whatever you are having**