



Forests are open Let the trail work begin

Mt. Hood Forest opened most developed day-use and trailhead sites on May 29. So we hope to be able to begin the ONC-PDX summer trail tending work that helps to keep our trails in good condition, ready for skiing in the winter. We partner with the U.S. Forest Service to maintain and expand trails on Mt. Hood, Gifford, and Ochoco (where we lead overnight trips) National Forests by light brushing, tree limbing and marking trails with blue diamonds trail markers. This work is essential to prepare trails for skiing in the winter.

Come help fix the problems that you found on the trails on your last ski tour; come see what the trail looks like in the summer without snow and become familiar with the trails. It will make it easier to find your way in the winter.

The tentative trail tending schedule is listed on page 5.

Volunteer to join a trail tending party or lead one of these trail tending parties. Check with Ken about our trail tending parties or for more info: Ken Wenzel 503.297.2958 (h) 503.729.6571 (cell) skiwenzel@hotmail.com



Ken Wenzel

New Member Spotlight: Jan Epstein

A cyclist who shuns owning cars, Jan Epstein, a newer member of the Portland Chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club (ONC-PDX), joined the club three seasons ago to find carpool rides to ski trails and to meet new people to ski with.

Mission accomplished! But Jan also says that his skiing has improved through skiing with other ONC-PDX members on both day tours and this past season's first overnight trip to the Methow Valley. It turned out to be his last ski outing this season as the Covid-19 virus's quarantine set in.

The Methow trip was his first time to ski multiple days in a row and, on an outing there with ONC-PDX President Ken Wenzel, his lovely wife Debbie and others, "We challenged each other a lot" and "... my skiing definitely improved." "I learned a lot from Ken (Wenzel) and Clayton." Despite less than ideal conditions due to low snow levels in early January, the group's dogged determination still helped the group of skiers to enjoy "some great skiing". When he wasn't skiing, Jan says that "I pretty much lived in the hot tub" at the overnight trip's condo.

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Ken Wenzel

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Corrections: email corrections and/or additions to the editor.

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

June ▶ 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

Clinics and Training

Dec 3–12 ▶ THURSDAY–SATURDAY
(Tentative dates)

2020 Oregon Fall Camp, Mt.

Bachelor, OR Select any date combination and any 1–5 days you like from a choice of 10 total days. Info: xcoregon.org/oregon-fall-camp

New Member Spotlight: Jan Epstein continued from page 1

Closer to home, Jan says that a standout day tour this season was with Scott Diamond, skiing a 13-14-mile-long loop around the Government Camp area. Jan also enjoyed taking the ONC-PDX Ski Bus once this winter to Teacup, one of his local favorites because of its mellowness, cleanliness, size, and the people there.

As much as Jan likes cross-country skiing, his main source of exercise will always be bicycling. He is a longtime, year-round bike commuter to his job as an operating room nurse at OHSU, six miles from his home. “Riding up that hill every morning has been my most consistent way to get exercise for many years.” Another sport that Jan enjoys is stand-up paddleboarding (SUPing), which he does mostly on the Willamette River and Timothy Lake. His next goal is to try paddling on the Sandy River. “Cross-country skiing, SUPing, and really, cycling, all satisfy that physical thing that I’m out in nature doing things, but I’m also looking at things.”

Until six years ago, Jan also was a downhill skier until “I stopped liking it. It wasn’t just much fun anymore.”

He turned to cross-country skiing, renting equipment from the Mountain Shop. Jan remembers falling a lot, yet, “Every once in a while, I would get a little bit of a glide going and I enjoyed it.” (He then took a lesson from Wy’East Nordic.) At the time, he drove a car to Teacup or Trillium Lake that was not suited for snowy roads. So, he Googled Portland cross-country skiing and the ONC-PDX popped up in the search results.

Jan says that he finds rides to ski trails and other information through the ONC-PDX Member Forums. “As time goes on, I want to get more involved with club stuff. I’ve been super happy to have joined. Being a member of the club, I got exactly what I wanted from it.”

“I just want to have fun!”

◆
Christine Bierman

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 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

BOARD SKI TRACKS

Aren't we in some unusual times right

now? In your lifetime did you ever think you'd live to see the day the ski areas and forests would be closed to all users? Ironically the first two weeks in March the mountain received many inches of fluffy snow.

Since we're all stuck at home this might be a good opportunity to check over your equipment to make sure you're ready for the next ski season. When was the last time you washed your backpack? They can be done on a gentle cycle and hung to dry. Are all the straps secure? Any rips and tears to be mended?

What about the soles and/or laces and straps on your boots? Why wait until October to get your stuff from the back of the closet and find out you should have fixed/replaced damaged equipment earlier?

The warm days can be an ideal time to wash gloves, wool items, synthetic items, and other things which shouldn't go in the dryer. If stains don't come out, pretreat and rewash, to really get your items clean.

Some of you wax your own skis, but if you never have done it yourself, there are twelve videos on YouTube to show you how.

Are you doing exercise work outs which will help you strengthen your "skiing muscles"?

I say use this quarantine time to turn lemons into lemonade and be ready to blast off the moment we can get back on the ski trails. ◆

Laurel Dickie, Board Member

Columbia store open to ONC-PDX Columbia Sportswear employee store is

open to current ONC-PDX members until June 14 and the store hours are 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday-Sunday. Prices are 40-50% off regular retail prices. Bring the invite that was linked with your e-newsletter (also available on our website under "Membership" then under "Membership Benefits" at the bottom of the page) or show it on your mobile devices, your membership card, and photo ID. You welcome to bring four guests with you.

Here are some of the safety precautions being taken in the store: Wiping down and sanitizing checkout surfaces between each customer. Sanitizing fitting rooms between each customer. Providing hand sanitizer for shoppers and employees. Six ft. marked checkout lines to maintain social distancing. Limiting number of customers allowed in the store at one time. All employees will be wearing face coverings. Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own face coverings to wear while shopping. Contactless payment options like Apple Pay.

Offer good in store only. Their employee store is located at 14100 NW Science Park Dr. ◆

NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

Columbia Gorge

Which trails are open and closed in the Columbia gorge? Here is a list:
readyssetgorge.columbiagorgetourismalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/05/Public-Lands-Recreation-Site-Status-as-of-May-27.pdf

Mt. Hood National Forest

The Mt. Hood National Forest reopened most developed day-use and trailhead sites to recreational users beginning on May 29. Several sites will not open immediately, including most campgrounds. They will open slowly as they are assessed for public and employee safety. Some facilities, such as vault bathrooms, may not be maintained daily. It is recommended that all visitors be prepared to provide for their own sanitation and be as self-contained as possible while recreating.

The following day-use sites remain closed a little while longer: Bagby Hot Springs, Trillium Lake, Clear Lake, Fish Creek, Little Crater Lake, Big Eddy, Frog Lake (Hood River RD), Rock Creek, and Carter Bridge.

These campgrounds will open by reservation only: Timothy Lake campgrounds, Lost Lake, Lower Eight-Mile Crossing, Knebal Springs, Kinncikinnick (Laurance Lake), and Sherwood Campgrounds.

For a complete list of open and closed recreation sites, please check the Mt. Hood National Forest's website: fs.usda.gov/goto/mthood/conditions

Summit Ski Area Expansion ONC-PDX

submitted a letter with objections and comments to the Forest about this project, which would affect ski trails in the area including West Leg Road and the Nordic Bypass Trails. Info: fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58087

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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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/ 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 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

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Gifford Pinchot National Forest

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest reopened most developed day-use and trailhead sites on May 15. Several sites will remain closed including: Campgrounds, Lower Falls Recreation Area, Ape Cave Interpretative Site, and Forest Road 8303 leading to the site, and Johnston Ridge Observatory. State Route 504 – also known as Spirit Lake Memorial Highway will remain gated and closed at milepost 45.0, near Coldwater Lake. For a complete list of developed recreation sites both open and closed, please check here: fs.usda.gov/recmain/giffordpinchot/recreation

Deschutes National Forest

Deschutes National Forest to open many day-use recreation sites on May 23. They will begin the first phase of opening campgrounds on June 5. Other campgrounds will open through two more phases. Restrooms will be open, but will not be regularly cleaned or maintained, nor will garbage services be provided at this time (if you use them bring your own tissue and cleaning supplies).

Willamette National Forest

On May 22 Willamette National Forest began a phased reopening of developed recreation sites. Some trailheads and day-use areas that are still snow covered will be assessed for opening at a later date. Campgrounds that will reopen can be found on our website: go.usa.gov/xvJvj and booked through recreation.gov. Bathrooms may be closed or unmaintained, and garbage cans may not be available. Visitors will need to bring water, know how to properly dispose of human and dog waste, and pack out all garbage.

Mt. Jefferson access Limited Entry Permits are required for visitors to Willamette National Forest's Pamela and Obsidian limited entry areas in 2020, since the implementation of the Central Cascades Wilderness Permits has been delayed until 2021. Permits were available for reservation on May 18 on this website: recreation.gov

Ochoco National Forests

On May 22, the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland will began a phased reopening of developed recreation sites. Check this website for which developed sites are open: fs.usda.gov/recmain/ochoco/recreation

Dispersed camping in general forest and grassland areas, as well as roads and trails, all remain open for public use.

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

DAY TOURS

The board approved bike tour for the summer, but volunteer leaders are needed.

NEWS FROM TILLY JANE

The Tilly Jane A-Frame and the Tilly Jane Guard Station overnight trips March 18 through May 25 were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

We continue to work with the Forest Service to prepare for volunteer opportunities this summer and the annual wood haul. However, the timing and nature of these events will depend on the cabin opening date and whether or not we can host work parties. It's possible that next season's operations may be impacted by CDC/State of Oregon/FS guidance. There are lots of questions to address on this front so please bear with us as we navigate this unsettled time. We'll keep you posted as things become clearer.

It's been eight years since the ONC-PDX took over operations at the A-Frame and five years since we kicked off the capitol fundraising campaign, which culminated in last year's phase 4 project completion. During this time, we held 11 fundraiser events, which brought in \$48,473, received five grants totaling \$47,000 and received donations from groups and individuals, equaling \$24,217. This coupled with cabin rentals, adds another \$185,990. Overall, \$258,638 dollars have been generated for restorations!

There was a total of 4 separate project phases that went into the Save Tilly Jane project: Phase 1 cost \$6,279, Phase 2 totaled \$927, Phase 3 was \$88,870, Phase 4 added another \$85,409 worth of expenses. The total spent was \$181,485 to restore the cabins. Along with the fundraising we had 252 individual volunteers who donated a total of 2,680 hours of labor for the four Phases, plus the many hours André Fortin spent organizing, the volunteer hours associated with planning and holding the fundraisers, and finally, all the hours associated with the annual wood hauls. The Tilly Jane rehab project would not have happened without all of the support, whether that was donating your time by coming up to help with a project, making a cash donation, purchasing Tilly Jane merchandise or for our local business owners, donating prize giveaways.

There are a few small projects to fully finalize our goals for the cabin restorations. They include replacing some of the interior shiplap walls at the A-Frame and painting the Guard Station garage among other smaller projects. Plus, there's always on-going maintenance items that will continue to pop up. As I've said, the goal is to manage these needs as they come up versus doing nothing and ending up where we started in another 50 years. We will continue to require volunteers like you to help keep the cabins available for public use.

André Fortin, *Tilly Jane*

Trail tending parties and campouts

Join us to improve our winter trails (if we can get out on the trails). This trail tending schedule is tentative depending on Covid-19 requirements at the time. Volunteer to join a trail tending party, no experience necessary, or lead one of these trail tending parties. For more info contact: Ken Wenzel 503.297.2958 (h) 503.729.6571 (cell-call or text) skiwenzel@hotmail.com.

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

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

The Lookout Mountain and Walton Lake areas are located 30 miles east of Prineville; the trails there need to be brushed and blue diamond markers added. Come, help for just one day, or stay for the full three days on this camping/trail tending adventure. Enjoy the beautiful big pine country and sleep under the stars!

We will carpool from Portland and will try and arrange a potluck dinners. See list above on what to bring as well as bug repellent, sunscreen, plenty of water, snacks, and lunch for three days. ONC-PDX will provide tools and hard hats.

To sign up or for more info contact the leader: Ken Wenzel 503.729.6571 (call or text) skiwenzel@hotmail.com

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

Enjoy a day in the Mt. Hood Forest limbing, brushing on the Pocket Creek/Teacup Tie Trails near Teacup Lake. Working on trails in the summer is a great way to become familiar with them so you can ski them in winter.

We will carpool from Troutdale. See list above on what to bring as well as bug repellent, sunscreen, plenty of water, snacks, and lunch. ONC-PDX will provide tools and hard hats.

To sign up or for more info contact the leader: Ken Wenzel 503.729.6571 (call or text) skiwenzel@hotmail.com

July 11–12, Sat–Sun, Trail Tending Party and Weekend Campout

Kalama Ski Trail and other trails, Mt. St. Helens, WA

We will be working on the southside of Mt. St. Helens, brushing, limbing overgrowth, and hanging blue diamonds. This will be the second phase of cleaning up the Kalama Trail and other ski trails in the area. We will camp out overnight., but the camping is optional and you help for any one day, or stay over and enjoy the summer evening and night.

We will carpool from Portland and will try and arrange a potluck dinner. See list above on what to bring as well as bug repellent, sunscreen, plenty of water, snacks, and lunch for three days. ONC-PDX will provide tools and hard hats. If we get done early maybe we will search for bigfoot!

To sign up or for more info contact the leader: Ken Wenzel 503.729.6571 (call or text) skiwenzel@hotmail.com

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. ♦

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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 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).

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Portland Sunday Parkways

The June 28 Sunday Parkways 2020 is on a digital platform. Portlanders interested in submitting ideas are asked to fill out a short household survey at PortlandSundayParkways.org about what community resources they want to see developed for a virtual Sunday Parkways.

**North Portland (digital)
June 28, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

**Green Loop (Downtown & Inner SE) (7 miles)
August 23, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

**Gateway (4.8 miles)
July 19, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

**Northeast Portland (7.6 miles)
September 20, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

**Info: beta.portland.gov/sunday-parkways
503.823.4414 PortlandSundayParkways@portlandoregon.gov** ♦

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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.

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/TRIP 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 continued in column to the left

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: onc-pdx.org/activities/trip-policies/overnight-trip-policies
- ◆ Sign-up online; paper applications are available
- ◆ 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

May 27–June 9, 2021, Thur–Wed, Intermediate Bike Biking the Rohne Valley in France Spaces available

Riding on moderate terrain about 35 miles a day.

We start by flying from Portland to Paris, where we catch the train south to Aigues-Mortes on the Mediterranean coast, where we’ll spend our first night to allows a day to adjust and tour the ancient

Policies continued from side bar

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

Please read the ONC-PDX Overnight Trip Policies before signing up for a trip: onc-pdx.org/activities/trip-policies/overnight-trip-policies

Welcome new members! Phyllis Ault, Ryan Banning, Michael and Lucas Caputo, Ben Hoover, Dana Katz, Josh Lawrence, Andrea Parmegiani, Brett Schulz, Lesley Spector, Patrick and Tina Wheeler, and Charles Wood.

May membership report: 348 total memberships (242 single and 110 family) includes 11 new. Last year at this time there were 360 memberships.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of ONC-PDX April 21 Board Meeting by teleconference

Present: Ken Wenzel, Mary Bouret, Laurel Dickie, Don Erickson, Tere Enburg, Ted Scheinman

Board Minutes: Names of attendees need to be corrected. Ken makes a motion to approve March meeting minutes, Don E. seconds, motion passed.

Selection of Officers: Ken W. agrees to still continue as President, Mary B. agrees to continue as VP, Don E. agrees to be Treasurer.

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Treasurer: PayPal back up for Mary H.: Don E. will take this on as part of his Treasurer's duties.

Website: Cloud storage of trip files will start for keeping info for leaders in one accessible space. This will allow Mary H., as bookkeeper, to keep better track of participant payment and any refunds needed. New Forum for club announcements will hopefully eliminate club emails from dropping into members junk email files. It is a no-reply format and will be used by "officers" who notify members of information (club meeting reminders, etc)

Publications: Newsletter paper subscription choice has been set up for members who wish to receive a print newsletter. This will incur a \$10 charge for postage. Ken will write an article for the newsletter to announce this change.

Overnight Trip: The Overnight Trip Committee will send out a poll to see where members would like to travel in the upcoming ski season. This will help the committee plan trips more precisely.

Day Tours: Day Tour Forum has been set up so there is only one database. This will include non-members as well.

Membership Report: Total memberships 341, single memberships 233, family memberships 108. There have been no new memberships since March 15, 2020. ■ Of the 100 people who bought equipment at Next adventure, there have been a very small, slow trickle of folks signing up. Ted has sent an email to this list to nudge more to join the club.

Tilly Jane: Based on COVID and Forest Service direction, the cabin was closed to new and current reservations March 18–May 8. André F. expects the closure to be extended and is keeping in touch with the Forest Service. ■ All current reservations are/were refunded including service fees. ■ Due to all the unknown questions associated with when/if the forest will re-open, planning for this summer's project continues with the idea we may be able to initiate work rebuilding the amphitheater. ■ The FS archeologist has spoken with SHPO and is working to obtain all necessary project approvals. ■ We are working to complete preparations to begin work if conditions allow. ■ Overall, we're working closely with Reserve America and FS staff to make sure the cabin is closed and all current reservations are refunded to minimize adverse effects on our user experiences.

ONC State Board: Only chapter reps showed up to the annual meeting. Many members may not know there is a State Board. Geography also plays a role in how many attend this meeting.

Trail Tending: The forest service is anxious to resume a partnership once the COVID-19 lockdown is over. They are willing to give us blue diamonds so we won't have to purchase as many this coming season.

Meeting/program: We will try to hold the May meeting on Zoom. Ken will discuss with Ron Bekey. This is a good opportunity to utilize the new forum to announce this on-line monthly meeting.

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 10:00 a.m. via telephone conference.

Laurel Dickie, Secretary

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

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. weastnordic.com

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

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) **\$1194** ▶ **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. **\$994** ▶ **Canoe brackets** Yakima canoe, ladder gunwale brackets, can used on Thule racks also. Set of 4. **\$454** ▶ **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**

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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.**

There is no meeting or program in June

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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
September 1-ONC-PDX Annual Picnic



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