

## Update on trail tending

**The trail tending campouts to Mt. St. Helens and the Ochoco's** were cancelled. We hope to reschedule them for later in the summer. Trail tending has been held back because of the Forest Service trying to create new policies to deal with Covid-19. Each Forest District is creating different policies to deal with it. Most Forest Service personal are working from home or in the field, creating waiting time for policy approval. As of now, here is what I know:

No carpooling—only family units may ride together.

Each person who is assigned a tool, must use that tool the whole day or it needs to be sanitized with a wipe before another person can use it. The same would holds true for ladders and hammers, and blue diamonds.

No group larger than ten people.

You must wear a mask or face-cover when within six feet of another worker. Try to avoid needing to be closer than six feet of another person. Plan and talk about your trail tending activity before doing it to improve the flow and keep apart. Ladder safety is a concern, to hold the ladder but keep over six feet away from the climber is impossible. We may not hang many diamonds this year; or we may need to use ladder anchors in place of people?

Social distancing required during breaks or lunch.

If you are unsure of your health on a trail tending day—stay home.

We will supply soap and water and sanitizer and wipes for people as needed.

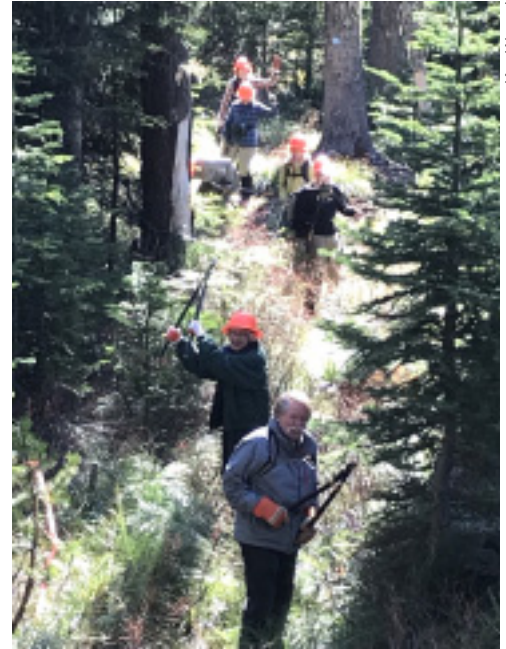
Emergency radio's may not be available, so other types of devices may be used.

You will need to register on the ONC-PDX website before you can trail tend. You need to check in and out with the leader for the day. Never leave without checking out with the leader.

Extra face masks will be carried in case first aid is needed.

I will send out email updates on when and where trail tending will occur as we get Forest Service approval. Mt. Saint Helens work may occur in September? Other locations may be starting in mid-July (see tentative schedule on page 5).

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**Ken Wenzel, Trail Tending**



Ken Wenzel

## Membership dues change

### When you renew your dues this year

you will notice a change in our dues structure. Those that want a hard copy of the newsletter will need to click the payment that gives you a hard copy newsletter. Otherwise you will only get the newsletter by email. This is to cover the cost of printing and postage. Sorry for the change, but these are real cost that the club has to deal with.

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**Ken Wenzel, President**



Ted Scheinman

**Club members on Ted Scheinman's non-club bike tour from Sellwood-Moreland Bridge to Oregon City on the Trolley Trail.**

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**Trail Tending Party**

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

**July 7 ▶ TUESDAY**

**ONC-PDX Social Hour Zoom meeting  
7:30 p.m. Ron Bekey will be setting it up.**

**July 17 ▶ FRIDAY**

**Pick It Up, Portland**

Two locations: 1) SW 15th & SW Alder. Please look for SOLVE signs and the check in tables  
2) Under the Morrison Bridge at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. Look for the SOLVE tent. Parking is limited in this area so please consider taking public transit, plan your ride at trimet.org  
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. Staggered Check In: 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Arrive any time during this window so there will be a smaller crowd than checking in all at once. Heavy-duty garbage bags, litter grabbers and vinyl gloves are provided. Please come wearing a face covering, closed-toed shoes, with a filled reusable water bottle. If you have your own gloves, litter grabber, and litter bag, or bucket, you are encouraged to bring those as well. Observe social distancing throughout the cleanup. Public restrooms will not be available during this event. Please plan accordingly. Register: [solveoregon.org/search?sort\\_c=&sort\\_o=&opportunity\\_id=&page=1](https://solveoregon.org/search?sort_c=&sort_o=&opportunity_id=&page=1)

**July 25 ▶ SATURDAY**

**NW Portland 4th Saturday Cleanup**

NW Portland International Hostel Cafe, 479 NW 18th Ave. Join volunteers for this monthly 4th Saturday Litter Cleanup in Northwest Portland starting at the Northwest Portland International Hostel. Coffee and snacks provided by the Hostel Cafe. Volunteers should come prepared to work rain or shine, please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Please come wearing a face covering, closed-toed shoes, with a filled reusable water bottle. Register: [solveoregon.org/search?sort\\_c=&sort\\_o=&opportunity\\_id=&page=](https://solveoregon.org/search?sort_c=&sort_o=&opportunity_id=&page=)

## 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](https://xcoregon.org/oregon-fall-camp)

## 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.

**Day Tours Leaders**

Day tour leaders contact ONC-PDX Day Tours Committee to volunteer:

[oncdaytours@gmail.com](mailto:oncdaytours@gmail.com)

**Publications/Articles** Are you a writer, have other skills to help with the newsletter? Contact [oncnnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:oncnnewsletter@gmail.com)

**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.

## Far West's 90th Celebration

**The Far West Ski Association is turning**

90 on October 7, 2020. A celebration of some kind is still in the works, but remains to be seen in what form. We are preparing a "Celebration Book", a compilation of the history of FWSA in its current form, and plan to have that available at that time. Advertisements for your business or organization are available. Any advertisements should be made right now, through Leigh Gieringer, Publisher of the Far West Skiers Guide, at: [fwsg2@cox.net](mailto:fwsg2@cox.net). ♦

## 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](https://nwskiers.org) [fwsa.org](https://fwsa.org) [federationofwesternoutdoorclub.org](https://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

### If you thought maybe things would return

to normal over the course of the summer, think again. I got my first lesson today on carpooling and driving with a mask on, my glasses kept fogging up! Turn up the fan to keep air flowing thru the car and maybe turn on the airconditioning to dry out the air and keep glasses from fogging. And this was just a shake down for carpooling with others that you might not know very well in the car. How do you social distance in a car? Do we scan everyone's forehead before we get in the car to go skiing?

Should we not use a bus for getting to the mountain, since it is impossible to practice social distancing on a ski bus? Let's see are we in phase 2 or phase 3 of opening up?

What do we do when we go skiing along a trail and pass strangers on the ski trail? Do we drag out a mask and put it on if there is not a wide enough passing spot?

Should we avoid lodges to have lunch in and avoid visiting a brewery at the end of the day?

On overnight ski trips how do you social distance at the dinner table or in the hot tub?

How do you go to a foreign country that might require a 14 day isolation on arrival or close the border while you are there?

Well, these are all things that are keeping me awake at night right now!

One option we are going to offer this winter is staying in hotels at some closer locations. Then offer ski tours during the day and eating out or in your own room. You can carpool with a friend or someone you trust or drive alone.

Pray for a vaccine and a cure for Covid-19, wear your masks when near others, keep social distance, wash your hands, and we all agree Black Lives Matter. ♦

Ken Wenzel, *President*

## Outdoor stores open

### The outdoor stores (Mt. Shop and Next

Adventure) have open up; some have capacity restrictions (for more info check their websites on sidebar on page 7). REI Stores are open also. Most of them have the option of buying on-line and pickup at the store. ♦

## NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

### Canada

#### Backcountry All-Season Ski and Bike

**Resort in BC** The British Columbia government is seeking public feedback around a proposed all-season ski, boarding, and bike resort near New Denver (a village in southeastern British Columbia, Canada, along the shore of Slokan Lake). Zincton's mission is 'non-mechanized, human-powered, low-impact, carbon zero recreation that contributes jobs, profits, and economic sustainability to the local economy.' Info:

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/natural-resource-use/all-seasons-resorts/zincton/zincton\\_eoi\\_exec\\_summary\\_may\\_13\\_2020.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/natural-resource-use/all-seasons-resorts/zincton/zincton_eoi_exec_summary_may_13_2020.pdf)

#### Columbia Gorge

Check here for a list of the trails that are open : [readysetgorge.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/07/Outdoor-Rec-Status-for-Ready-Set-Gorge-July-1.pdf](https://readysetgorge.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/07/Outdoor-Rec-Status-for-Ready-Set-Gorge-July-1.pdf)

#### Mt. Hood National Forest

Recreation Managers are coordinating with campground concessionaires, completing spring maintenance, and training seasonal staff. Several sites will not open immediately, including most campgrounds. These sites will open slowly as they are assessed for public and employee safety. For a complete list of open and closed recreation sites, please check the Mt. Hood National Forest's website:

[www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mthood/conditions](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mthood/conditions)

#### Summit Ski Area Expansion and

**Timberline's expansion study plan** Forest Supervisor, Richard Periman, signed the Decision Memo for the Summit Ski Area Special Use Permit Boundary Extension Project.

"Specifically, my decision is to amend the Summit SUP to add approximately 206 acres to NNI's permitted area. The expanded boundary will include portions of the Alpine Trail (a short segment of which is already within Summit's existing SUP area), Alpine Loop Trail, historic West Leg Road, West Leg Bypass Trail, Crosstown Trail, Timberline to Town Trail and Camp Creek Loop Trail. NNI currently has a permit with the Forest Service to snowplow and use the West Leg Road in the winter as a transportation corridor for snowcat and occasional snowmobile use for operational purposes. This decision will not change the current uses of the West Leg Road; the

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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 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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## NEWS FROM TILLY JANE

### Report continued from last month: I've

also shared that Jennifer and I would like to see the Forest Service focus on doing something with the adjacent Tilly Jane Amphitheater and Cook Shed structures, which sit between the A-Frame and Guard Station. While these facilities are not part of the ONC-PDX operating permit, we would like to see them revitalized and are willing to provide resources to this goal (think \$\$ and volunteers). We've been working with the FS Archeologist on this front and



André Fortin

they are currently working to obtain all internal and State approvals to proceed with rehabilitating the Amphitheater. This project will include replacing the log bench seating and stabilizing the flagstone walkways. It will also include opening the original upper mountain site lines by remove a few trees that have grown and blocked the view over the years. The Forest Service is still working through plans to address the Cook Shed and we expect something will be done on this front. The original plan was to complete the project in July and August this year, again, these plans are in flux due to Covid-19 and our new world. So we're actively planning and in a holding pattern at the same time.



Please be safe out there. We will keep you posted as we learn more, and we hope we get to see you on the mountain sometime soon.

André Fortin, *Tilly Jane*

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current road use permit terminates on December 31, 2026 (coinciding with the expiration of the NNI special use authorization). Also, of the acres being added to Summit's SUP, approximately 12 acres in the lower section (immediately east of the West Leg Road) will be included, which might be appropriate for future access enhancement or parking lot development, however, potential future activities are not included in this decision. This decision will not include any ground disturbance or vegetation removal, and is consistent with management direction provided for the A11 Winter Recreation Area within the 1990 Mt. Hood National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan), as amended."

The new Summit SUP also includes about 134 acres of the 582-acre Government Camp drinking water source.

For info about the decision contact: Kathy Mitchell, Mountain Resort Team Leader, 503.348.2793 [kathy.mitchell@usda.gov](mailto:kathy.mitchell@usda.gov).

### Timberline's development study plans for the Summit SUP area

[timberlinelodge.com/images/pdf/Summit\\_Ski\\_Area\\_2019\\_Master\\_Development\\_Plan.pdf](http://timberlinelodge.com/images/pdf/Summit_Ski_Area_2019_Master_Development_Plan.pdf)

## Gifford Pinchot National Forest Gifford Pinchot Mt. St. Helens opening

updates South Side of Monument: All roads are open except Rd. 8303 past Trail of Two Forests to Ape Cave. Ape Cave remains Closed to Public Entry. All trailheads and viewpoints are open. Pine Creek Information Center is open Thursday through Monday 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (Visitors are required to where a face covering while in the building.). Climbers Bivouac is open and the climbing route is open to permitted climbers. Lava Canyon Bridge remains closed due to safety concerns with the bridge (Lava Canyon site is open). Toilet replacement is occurring at Trail of Two Forests and Ape Cave. Trail of Two Forests will remain open during construction except for a short closure when they place new toilets. Ape Cave will remain closed. Cascade Peak Station will remain closed. The Amboy office remains closed to walk in visitors, but is taking calls.

All open fee sites require a day pass, northwest forest pass, or interagency pass to use. A reminder to visitors to practice social distancing while recreating and the use of face coverings and social distancing if approaching Forest Service Employees.

Info: [fs.usda.gov/giffordpinchot](http://fs.usda.gov/giffordpinchot)

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

# 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.

## **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**

## **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.

## **TBD, 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**

## **TBD, 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.

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## **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](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 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**

### **Check the website to verify these events. Portlanders interested in submitting**

ideas are asked to fill out a short household survey at [PortlandSundayParkways.org](http://PortlandSundayParkways.org) about what community resources they want to see developed for a virtual Sunday Parkways.

### **Gateway (4.8 miles)**

**July TBD, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

### **Northeast Portland (7.6 miles)**

**September TBD, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

### **Green Loop (Downtown & Inner SE) (7 miles)**

**August TBD 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

[beta.portland.gov/sunday-parkways](http://beta.portland.gov/sunday-parkways) 503.823.4414 [PortlandSundayParkways@portlandoregon.gov](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 allow 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](http://onc-pdx.org/activities/trip-policies/overnight-trip-policies)

**Welcome new members!** No new members this month

**June membership report:** 352 total memberships (242 single and 110 family). Last year at this time there were 359 memberships.

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### Minutes of ONC-PDX May 12 Board Meeting by teleconference

**Present:** Ken Wenzel, Tere Enburg, Laurel Dickie, Mary Bourret, and Don Erickson

**Minutes:** Ken approved, Tere seconded approval of April 2020 minutes.

**Website:** Corrections to the website are working very well.

**Overnight Trips:** Membership survey showed interesting numbers and many folks are dreaming of going on many trips. The ONTC is looking to proceed with regular booking, but will make sure cancellations can be done with as little damage as possible.

A reminder trip refunds changes during this pandemic: if the club cancels the trip refunds will be given continued on page 7

and no member needs to look for a replacement in order to receive a refund.

**Tilly Jane:** After consultation with ONC-PDX leadership, it's been decided to continue the cabin closure through May 25. On a positive note, the high use season is winding down and this closure extension only affects four additional reservations.

**Membership:** We have some new members this month! And, 4 of the single memberships and 1 family membership of 2 list "Next Adventure" as how they found out about the club. Total Memberships: 352; an increase of 11; Family Memberships: 110; an increase of 2, both new; Single Memberships: 242; includes 3 renewals and 9 new.

**Programs: Summer Picnic** The Board picks September 1st, make reservations and see how the Covid-19 situation plays out.

**Day Tours: Summer Bike Rides** Ted S. asks if we can hold these and still be covered by insurance. Mary B says yes. Mary B suggests trips be limited to 10 people to allow for social distancing and wear masks. It's preferable to ride on the roads rather than trails. Ken W. will give Ted the ok to proceed.

**Photo Sharing of ONC-PDX activities:** Currently our website doesn't have the capacity. Terry Owen had been archiving materials through Google. Should the club invest in an extra hard drive? No. The board decided that trip leaders work with trip participants to share photos. The club will no longer be collecting or storing trip photos. Mary B suggested providing trip leaders with written instructions for sharing photos with trip participants. Ken W will talk to Terry Owen on how we'll proceed forward with photo sharing and what to do with the material he has collected on Google Drive.

**Trail Tending:** The Mt. St. Helens Forest Service won't be open until June 30. Ken W has been asked to start trail tending in July.

**Nordic Issues: Timberline Expansion** Ken W. is working on the letter regarding the Summit/Timberline special use area expansion plan with the club's stance on the issue. Previously he had spoken with a representative from Timberline Lodge. ■ The Ski Patrol had yet another suggestion. ■ Mary B suggests getting snowshoe trails established perhaps by the forest service. Ken W. says the FS is reluctant to add more trails because they don't have the manpower or money to do the environmental impacts needed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Our bookkeeper still has no news on the missing check to cover Tilly Jane expenses. A police report has been filed. ■ Don E had a nice conversation with Mary H about shared duties and setting up a budget. Don E asked if there are any budget items that should be included for next year that haven't been included in past years' budgets. Mary B stated that the State ONC Organization will not be changing how much they assess each club for each member. The Board suggests including possible insurance rate increases and ski bus expenses.

**Board Summer Planning Session:** July 21, 10:00 a.m., Ken W.'s house.

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](http://columbia.com)

**Mountain Hardwear** 722 SW Taylor Street—15% discount on purchases. Current membership card required. [mountainhardwear.com](http://mountainhardwear.com)

**Mt. Hood Outfitters**  
88661 East Government Camp Loop, Government Camp, OR. 25% off rentals and tours. Current membership card required. [mthoodoutfitters.com](http://mthoodoutfitters.com)

**The Mountain Shop**  
2975 NE Sandy Blvd, 10% discount (15% discount for leaders) on purchases and 15% discount on rentals. [mountainshop.net](http://mountainshop.net)

**Next Adventure** 426 SE Grand Ave., 15% discount, current club membership card required. [nextadventure.net](http://nextadventure.net)

**Oregon Mountain Community Online** store. Subscribe to OMC e-newsletter and receive: 15% discount on purchase price. [omcgear.com](http://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](http://ottoskishop.com)

**Wy'East Nordic** 10% discount on cross-country ski and telemark lessons. [weastnordic.com](http://weastnordic.com)

**Jupiter Hotel PDX and Hood River Hotel in Hood River** give ONC-PDX members a 15% off online booking. [jupiterhotel.com](http://jupiterhotel.com) [hoodriverhotel.com](http://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** 8/20

▶ **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** 8/20

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



## **Upcoming programs**

**July 7-ONC-PDX Social Hour Zoom meeting 7:30 p.m.**

**September 1-ONC-PDX Annual Picnic**



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