

Oldman Pass exploration

Recently I decided to take a hike and check out the condition of the trails at Oldman Pass area and its various loops in the Wind River area of Washington state. I was greatly surprised to find the skiing roads and trails to be in outstanding shape. I contacted Dean Robertson to find out why. He informed me they had a Washington State Prison work crew out to brush the trails and roads. So there will be some great skiing this winter in the Wind River area, check it out. The grooming at Mt. Adams is on Thursdays and Oldman Pass will get groomed on Fridays once the snow gets deep enough. Happy ski trails! ♦

Ken Wenzel, Trail Tending Coordinator



Ken Wenzel

Sasquatch surprise

The Forest Service ranger at Mt. St.

Helens told me she would love it if I could collect a GPX track of the Sasquatch Loop Trails out of the Marble Mt. Sno-Park on the south side of Mt. St. Helens. Since I had never skied them I thought it would be a great day to walk in the woods exploring new trails. My friend David Rogers and I collected the GPX tracks and did a little light brushing on the way. The day was cold and crisp, the ground starting to freeze for the winter and it made for a wonderful walk in the woods with lots of mushrooms showing. We started by the June Lake trailhead so we could park off the road and headed out on Trail 245. We found that all the trails were in need of new diamonds and some limbing, but they were reasonable trails. We got on to the Sasquatch Loop Trail and enjoyed the nice gravel road surface as we climbed up and up and up to the Middle Loop and Upper Loop. Once you gain the top of the wide ridge the road winds around the top of the ridge and back down. The west side of the Loop is a steep climb, but the east side of the ridge has just a nice downhill slope to it, so either skiing across on the Upper Loop or the Middle Loop and back on the Lower Loop will make a great ski. (Photo is from a day tour of the east side of the Sasquatch Loop to the high point with a view, led by Pam Rigor on January 27, 2007) We logged it at eight miles of trails not counting the return from June Lake to the Sno-Park. So be prepared for a nine-to-twelve mile day and look for a good day for snow travel. Even though the trails were in need of diamond replacement, the old road should not be that hard to follow in winter even without a GPX track. I am really looking forward to skiing there this winter. The trails only have one good view point on the Upper Loop, but it has a very nice second growth forest and would be very protected from wind. It would also make a wonderful mountain bike adventure in summer.



Bob Breivogel

We will put it on our trail tending list for next year for a weekend campout and try to repair this jewel of a ski trail. If you want the GPX Track we will put it on the ONC-PDX website ♦

Ken Wenzel, Trail Tending Coordinator

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

Dec 1 ▶ TUESDAY

Bike and Barge in the Netherlands

7:00 p.m. Lets talk skiing—share ski adventures and where to ski!

7:30 p.m. Brief general meeting followed by the program, online, via Zoom.



Dec 8 ▶ TUESDAY

NWAC Avalanche Awareness Class

5:00 p.m. Free! Sign up: nwac.us/events

Dec 9 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Backcountry Safety in Avalanche Terrain with PMR

7:00 p.m. From Mt. Shop newsletter: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/6016061667747?pwd=WN_u0atjR9LQAqWp5aOX22qXA

Dec 16 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC):

Mt. Bachelor/Columbia Sportswear

Call in at 6:45 p.m., starts at 7:00 p.m.

Info: nwskiers.org

Dec 17 ▶ THURSDAY

Backcountry Essentials Awareness

7:00 p.m. Free! Sign up: nwac.us/events

Clinics and Training

Dec 3–12 ▶ THURSDAY–SATURDAY
2020 Oregon Fall Camp

Mt. Bachelor, OR

Some days are still available check the website. Recognized since 2001 by skiers around the world as one of the best ski education events you'll find anywhere for adult XC skiers. Info: xcoregon.org/oregon-fall-camp

Jan–Feb ▶ SATURDAYS/SUNDAYS
Mazamas Nordic Ski School

After being accepted, participants will be sorted into teams based on skill level and date preference. Teams meet for three consecutive weekends, on either Saturday or Sunday of every weekend. Jan 23/24, Jan 30/31, and Feb 6/7 (make-up week Feb 1/14). Mandatory student orientation Jan 14, 6:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Dates are subject to change due to COVID-19 and may change slightly due to weather constraints. Weather issues will be handled team by team, and can be coordinated with your instructors. At this time, applicants are limited to adults age 18 and over. The Mazamas Nordic committee should accept and notify students by Dec 16. Info/sign up: mazamas.org/nordic

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ONC-PDX Historian This person would manage photo and video sharing from trips and activities, and manage and arrange storage of past and future ONC-PDX photo files. Contact Ken.

Leadership Training Help organize and put on a leader training clinic, so we can have more day tours. Contact Ken skiwenzel@hotmail.com

Day Tours Leaders

Day tour leaders contact ONC-PDX Day Tours Committee to volunteer to lead day tours: oncdaytours@gmail.com

Publications/Articles

Are you a writer, have other skills to help with the newsletter? Contact 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.

Member Benefits

- ▶ Free day tours; overnight trips, for members only.
- ▶ Free travel programs at monthly member meetings
- ▶ **Discounts at selected merchants (see p. 11)**
- ▶ Member rates on Mazama activities (excludes classes) and use of Mazama Lodge: day use, overnight and meals
- ▶ Free Tilly Jane weekends during the ski season
- ▶ Meet new friends who ski, hike and bike
- ▶ Monthly newsletter with free classified ads
- ▶ Support construction and maintenance of winter trails in Mt. Hood and Gifford Pinchot National Forests
- ▶ Membership in Northwest Ski Club Council, Far West Ski Association and Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. Discounts/benefits: nwskiers.org fwsa.org federationofwesternoutdoorclub.org

Memberships are renewed September 1 each year: \$30 for single, \$40 for family/household. \$10 for paper newsletter. Info: oncmembership@gmail.com

BOARD SKI TRACKS

It looks like this unusual year is turning into an unusual ski season as well. Externally, we know the ski areas are trying to walk the fine line between offering activities for customers and keeping them safe and internally, your club is trying to do the same.

The Board worked on creating an official COVID-19 policy to keep everyone safe. This was developed by checking the Oregon state websites, the Forest Service and conferring with other outdoor-activity clubs.

Your overnight trip committee came up with an abbreviated list of trips for the coming ski season, creating ways it could be done to stay safe. As the virus has gotten worse and trips aren't getting filled, the committee has helped trip leaders come to the sad conclusion to cancel trips.

The club activities are going to look very different this year, but I know members will still get up on the mountain and make the best of a difficult situation. It is already shaping up to be a great ski season with plenty of early snow on the mountain. We encourage you to get out and ski while taking the necessary COVID-19 precautions. Teacup has started grooming and the Virginia Meissner area starts on December 1. In addition, the club will still be offering day trips this year in accordance with our COVID-19 policy.

Unless you join the club's monthly meeting on Zoom, I may not see many of you until ski season 2021...when I hope all this will be behind us! ♦

Laurel Dickie, Board Member

New discount

U.S. Outdoor Store has moved to a new location: 600 NW 14th Ave. Suite 100. They offer a 10% discount on regular priced merchandise to all NWSCC club members with your membership card! ♦

Store guidelines

The outdoor stores are trying to keep up with COVID-19 guidelines as they frequently being changed. Currently most stores are still open with limited capacity to keep everyone safe and rentals can be made by reservations. Mt. Shop has a separate entrance for rentals. A number of stores offer curbside pickup after you ordered online. Otto's has appointment only for sales. At REI and Next Adventure you need to call and reserve rentals. ♦

NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

Sno-Park Permits are required for parking at any Sno-Park in both Oregon and Washington and are available as single day use or full season (November 2020 to April 2021). They can be purchased online or at independent vendors with service fee. **Oregon Permits:** Single day \$4.00, three consecutive days \$9.00, and full season \$25.00. They can be purchased online through Oregon DMV (oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pagers/vehicle/sno_park_permits.aspx) and they may be switched from one car to another. They are not valid for use in Washington, but are reciprocal with Idaho and California.

Washington Permits: Washington State Parks issues Sno-Park permits for non-motorized one day \$20.00, and full season \$40.00. Washington permits are not transferable between cars and do not work in OR.

The Great American Outdoors Act is called the biggest land conservation legislation in a generation! At a bleak time and with everyone distracted by other things in the news, this significant bipartisan legislation was signed into law on July 27, 2020 by President Trump. It will provide \$9 billion over the next five years for deferred maintenance and repairs at National Parks, Wildlife Refuges, Forests, and other Federal Lands. Jobs will be created as a result. For more details on this new Conservation Legislation go to this Harvard Gazette article and laugh at how politics makes strange bedfellows and be thankful that our nearby national forests will have more funds for sno-parks, trails, and road improvements in upcoming years.

news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2020/07/the-likely-impact-of-great-american-outdoors-act/

Mt. Hood National Forest

Teacup Nordic Ski Area has closed the Ray Garvey Cabin until further notice and they have posted their requirements for mask wearing, social distancing, and handwashing on their website.

Mt. Hood NF winter trails are open and the cabins at Tilly Jane are open for rental this winter. COVID-19 guidelines are in place and can be read on the webpages for both the A-frame and Guard Station at recreation.gov.

Wind Storm Damage Mt Hood NF reported thousands of downed trees from the Labor Day windstorm. Susan witnessed a lot of damage on the Top Spur Trail recently, but most of the trees had been sawn to allow passage. There are reports of

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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
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down trees impacting the Twin Lakes Trail. Some parts of the Timberline Trail and PCT could be impassable. The FS may not be able to clear all trails before the snow comes, especially in the Wilderness areas. Watch for hazards!

Emergency Response The Forest Service is reporting that the Emergency Response Teams are not at full capacity. Backcountry skiers should be mindful of this higher risk and longer response times due to the pandemic.

Cooper Spur Wild & Free New instagram account: [instagram.com/cooperspurwildandfree](https://www.instagram.com/cooperspurwildandfree)

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

Road plowing and grooming will be done to the Sno-Parks along the Wind River Rd. including Old Man Pass, McClellan Meadows, and up to Lone Butte. The work will be done by at least three different independent contractors so there may be variations. Check conditions before you go:

fs.usda.gov/recmain/giffordpinchot/recreation#conditions

On the south side of Mt. St. Helens FS 83 road will be plowed to Marble Mountain Sno-Park, where many cross-country trails can be accessed. What is open and closed at Mt. St. Helen: mshinstitute.org/explore/mount-st-helens-and-covid-19.html

The Mt. Adams Recreation Area roads and Sno-Parks out of Trout Lake will be plowed also.

Covid 19 impacts The Gifford Pinchot NF will be keeping their shelters open throughout the winter. Their guidelines are posted, but there is no limit to the amount of people allowed inside, and no enforcement for mask wearing and social distancing. If you enter one in the winter, use your own best judgement about how to manage your risk.

Deschutes National Forest

Mt. Bachelor has instituted a "Reserved Parking" system to manage the number of visitors to their ski area. Mt. Bachelor info and parking reservations website: mtbachelor.com/plan-your-trip/getting-here/parking-reservations. Sno-Parks like Dutchman Flat and other Nordic areas are not affected.

Meissner Nordic Area Central Oregon

December–March: Grooming every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Grooming every day for Winter break (last two weeks of December) and Spring break. Grooming starts on December 1.

Have fun skiing wherever you go!

Susan Watt, Nordic Issues Pam Rigor, Editor

Glacier Trip cancelled

The logistics of the Glacier trip are significantly different than other ONC-PDX trips on the schedule this season. The overnight trips committee felt that the risks of traveling in the Amtrak cars, staying in double occupancy rooms at the hotel, absence of a controlled dining plan at the hotel where there are no other nearby food options, created an unacceptable level of concern.

Participants will be refunded their payments for this overnight trip.

Ted Scheinman, Trip Leader

Subaru swag

I am a Subaru Ambassador, a volunteer

position to help share enthusiasm for Subaru, which seems to be a very common car for our club members—just look at the cars at an ONC-PDX trip/tour trailhead! I have been very low keyed, giving away club appropriate "swag" that Subaru provided me. Some of you have been able to take advantage of test driving or buying a Subaru with my support too. Now that we are virtual, it is harder to give away the swag: ski buffs, ice brushes and scrapers, hats, water bottles, thermoses, and more. So, this year I will try to give these items away on day tours. Please contact me personally at tedskier@gmail.com to learn more about how I can help you.

Ted Scheinman, Past President

Avalanche forecasts

Avalanche Forecast Operations for the

2020-21 season have started on the Northwest Avalanche Center website: nwca.us. They have mountain weather forecasts and a place where avalanches can be reported.

El Niño Southern Oscillation ENSO

The predictions for the winter season

are calling for La Niña and NOAA says it has already arrived. What is La Niña? A article on the Off-piste website gives a good take on this term: offpistemag.com/la-nina-el-nino-and-your-2021-ski-season. They explain the origin of the term and how it may affect the winter snowpack and weather. For further technical info read Mike Halpert's article which offers a more technical discussion of the forecast and phenomenon: climate.gov/news-features/blogs/enso/what-expect-winter-november-update-noaa%E2%80%99s-2020-21-winter-outlook

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 on sidebar page 7 or on website: 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). Please note the cancellation policy should you need to cancel for any reason.
Info: oncpdx.org/resources/trip-insurance

Note: Members may sign up for overnight trips using the paper ONC-PDX overnight trip application and a check sent to the trip leader. However, signups by mail will not be accepted until online sign up opens and some trips may fill prior to receipt and processing.

Dec 27–Jan 1, Sun–Fri, All Abilities Ski (classic/skate on groomed trails)
Methow Valley New Year's
Winthrop, WA

Spaces available*

Methow Valley is an outstanding, unique area that is ideally suited for both classic track skiing and skate skiing. The Methow Valley Association grooms over 200 kilometers of trail through the communities of Winthrop and Mazama. Trail elevations range from



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2,000 to 4,000 feet. The snow conditions and trail quality make the Methow Valley a classic and skate skiers Mecca. We'll stay in two luxury condominiums in Winthrop with full accommodations. Plan for dinners that we prepare in the fully equipped kitchens. Restaurants are always an option and are within skiing or walking distance along with grocery and convenience stores. If you have considered learning to skate ski, lessons are available at Sun Mountain and in Mazama. In the past, several participants liked their

new-found skill so much they decided to keep the rented skate skis for the entire trip. Speaking of skating, there is even an ice skating rink in town.

If online signup (in October) shows the trip as full, please sign up for the wait list. There are almost always several cancellations so chances are very good you will be able to get on the trip.

Ring in the New Year's in Winthrop!

Trip limit: 10 participants including trip leader.

Cost: \$310/member, per person. Includes five nights lodging. Groomed trail pass not included (approx. \$84 for four days, 2020 season).

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

Trip leader: Ted Scheinman tedskier@gmail.com

Jan 8–10, Fri–Sun, Int. Backcountry Ski/Tele
Tilly Jane A-Frame—Club Weekend
Mt. Hood, OR

Spaces available*

This trip is also available the following weekends: February 5–7, March 5–7, and April 2–4

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



Scott Diamond

the cabin at 5,700 feet elevation.

Participants carry their own gear, including sleeping bags, pad, and food for all meals. We have a wood stove for cooking meals or heating water. Partici-

pants can also bring their own stove and cooking pots. Experienced intermediate skiing skills with turning ability, good physical condition and navigation/route finding skills using map, compass, or GPS required. Climbing skins are required.

Trip limit: 10 (max.) participants. Open to all ONC-PDX members and Tilly Jane (TJ) cabin volunteers.

Cost: Free (another club benefit). You must be an ONC-PDX member or TJ volunteer before signing up for this trip.

For more info contact:

reservations@tillyjanecabins.org

We'll forward your request to the appropriate trip leader. Leaders TBD.

Jan 15–18, Fri–Mon, All Ability Ski
MLK Weekend at Lake Creek Lodge
Camp Sherman, OR

Space available*

Halfway between Santiam Pass and Sisters, the very popular Lake Creek Lodge boasts quaint, rustic cabins paneled in knotty pine, fireplaces, full kitchens, a creek coursing through the grounds, and the ideal ambience for a cross-country ski holiday. Ski options are many—Santiam Pass, Mt. Bachelor area, Maxwell Sno-Park, Tam MacArthur Rim, and if we're lucky, right out the

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departing.

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

For local day tours a recommended donation amount to the driver is as follows: for a large capacity vehicle, rate determined by driver. Otherwise for normal cars, our suggested donation per person round trip from Portland is: Westside of Mt. Hood (Government Camp area) \$8/ person, Barlow Pass or Timberline Lodge, White River \$10/ person, Teacup or Pocket Creek or Mt. Saint Helens \$12/ person, Mt. Adams \$15 per person. onc-pdx.org/carpooling

Dogs: Dogs are only allowed on a few ONC-PDX trips. If you don't see dogs allowed on the trip write-up then please don't bring your dog (you will not be allowed to ski with the group).

FS Dog Policy: Dogs must be on a leash in all snow-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.

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*Check the website or contact the leader

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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.

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.

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door of our cabins. Check out the website: lakecreekclodge.com

The trip has been restructured to allow people to COVID-19 era. Cabins accommodating two, four, and four have been reserved, along with one larger cabin. Those interested should, if possible, attempt to arrange their own four-person (two couple or a couple and two singles) bubble. Singles may also apply, but may not be able to participate, depending on the structure of signups. For example, we might have two singles in a cabin for four, if the trip is under-enrolled, provided those individuals are in agreement. Those applying should understand the need for flexibility as we try to keep our overnight trips functioning and keep people safe. The order of signup might not dictate who can participate.

Trip limit: 16 participants including trip leader. Cost: \$180/member, per person. Includes three nights lodging.

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

Trip leader: Steve Levy slevy@pacifier.com

Jan 20–24, Wed–Sun, All Abilities Ski **Anthony Lakes and Horseshoe Prairie** La Grande, OR

Trip full, wait list open*

Wednesday we will drive on I-84 to Meacham Divide and do some trail skiing on our way to La Grande, OR. This is a COVID-19 reduced risk trip so everyone will decide on their own car options and book their own motel room. We will be staying at the Super 8 Motel in La Grande. Food will be on your own, (restaurant, take out or microwave at hotel). Thursday we will drive to Anthony Lakes and we can break up into groups of like interest, (track, tour, backcountry, or lift). Lunch will be at the lodge or car or on trail. Friday is a repeat of Thursday. Saturday we will drive to Horseshoe Prairie



Ken Wenzel

and trail ski the network of trails and roads in the area of open pine forest and meadows. Sunday we will return to this area and try to ski at the Spout Springs ski area (backcountry) or Horseshoe Prairie (trail ski) or Meacham Divide depending on skier's choice, and then drive home. Please research the COVID-19 bubble concept, if sharing rooms and cars.

Trip limit: 14 participants including trip leader, but flexible.

Cost: \$10/member registration fee. Register on

the ONC-PDX website (\$10) and then book your room and pay the hotel directly; contact the leader for info about booking the rooms. Lodging: \$300–\$352 plus taxes, one and two beds available, for four nights. Not included: transportation, trail fees, and meals.

Travel miles: 600 miles round-trip from Portland plus travel to trailheads.

Trip leader: Ken Wenzel skiwenzel@hotmail.com

Jan 22–24, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski

Tilly Jane Guard Station Mt. Hood, OR

Trip full, wait list open*

This trip is also available the following weekends: March 19–21 and April 16–18

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



Kevin McGillivray

own gear, including sleeping bags, pad, and food for all meals. We have a stove for cooking meals and heating water. Participants can carry their own cooking pots although there are some at the cabin. Experienced intermediate skiing skills with turning ability, good physical condition and navigation/route finding skills using map, compass or GPS are required. Climbing skins are required, too.

Trip limit: 4 participants (max.), Open to ONC-PDX members with preference given to Tilly Jane (TJ) volunteers.

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

For more info contact: reservations@tillyjanecabins.org We'll forward your request to the appropriate trip leader. Leaders TBD.

Feb 5–7, Fri–Sun, Int. Backcountry Ski/Tele **Tilly Jane A-Frame—Club Weekend** Mt. Hood, OR

Trip full, wait list open*

(See Jan 8–10 Tilly Jane A-Frame trip description)

Feb 5–8, Fri–Mon, All Abilities Ski **Shelter Cove Resort at Odell Lake** Odell Lake, OR

Spaces available*

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



Terry Owen

High up in the Cascades east of Eugene lies Willamette Pass and the beautiful Odell Lake. The Lake is situated at 4,800 feet, so there is plenty of snow plus great scenery. We stay at Shelter Cove Resort in two large cabins in the Kokanee Lodge with plenty of room for us. Beautiful views right on the shore of Odell Lake. There are a number of good ski routes near: the Pengra ski area, the trails to Gold Lake, smaller trails right around Shelter Cove Resort and at Odell Lake Resort. Willamette Pass ski area has 22 km of beautifully groomed trails, however trail fees apply. Come experience a real winter in this beautiful snow-laden resort on a gorgeous high mountain lake. We will cook on Saturday and Sunday evenings. On Friday you can eat in on your own, or there are restaurants in Oakridge on your way and a couple small country pubs within 10 miles of the resort. Bring your own breakfast and lunch foods. The kitchens come equipped with most items and include microwaves, but some supplies are limited.

Trip limit: 10 participants including trip leader.
Cost: \$235/member, per person. Includes three nights lodging.

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

Trip leader: Ted Scheinman tedskier@gmail.com

Feb 12–15, Fri–Mon, All Abilities Ski (mostly groomed trails)/Snowshoe
Presidents' Day Weekend in Bend
 Bend area, OR

Trip full, wait list open*

Join us for two days of skiing over the President's weekend. This is prime time skiing in the Central Cascades. Weather permitting we have options to ski the groomed trails at Mt. Bachelor Nordic Center (56 km of groomed trails) or Virginia Meissner (40 km of groomed trails) in addition to the ungroomed trails around Swampy Lakes. Both Virginia Meissner and Swampy Lakes offer snowshoeing opportunities. This trip requires a minimum of two people for snowshoeing to ensure safety. This trip is using the new hotel model for accommodations. We will be staying in Bend and have dinners out, or if preferred the hotel has both a refrigerator and microwave in suite for those who are interested in eating in their room. A block of rooms has been reserved for this trip and participants will pay the hotel directly.

For those who can leave Portland Friday morning, there is an option to ski before we check into the hotel as well as skiing on Monday before returning home.

Trip limit: 8 participants, single occupancy, including trip leader.

Cost: \$10/member registration fee. Register on the ONC-PDX website (\$10) and then book your room and pay the hotel directly; contact the leader for info about booking the rooms. Lodging \$243 single occupancy for three nights lodging. You will have a room to yourself or arrange to share with someone and split the price. Trail pass fees, sno-park permit and meals not included, except free breakfast from the hotel.

Travel miles: 350 miles round-trip from Portland to Bend downtown, plus excursions to trailheads.

Trip leader: Linda Wilson wilsonln@msn.com

March 5–8, Fri–Mon, All Abilities Ski (groomed trails and backcountry)

Women's Ski Weekend in Bend
 Bend, OR

Trip full, wait list open*

Come and join an all women's ski weekend in beautiful Bend, Oregon. We'll have numerous skiing choices, both groomed and backcountry: Mt. Bachelor, Virginia Meissner, a number of area sno-parks. Depending on the weather and ski conditions, there will be opportunities for hiking, biking, walking the paths at the Deschutes River as well as shopping in Bend, Sisters, or Sunriver, Oregon. Trail fees apply at Mt. Bachelor and Virginia Meissner, Sno-Park permits for all others. We will be staying at The Best Western Plus Bend North. The rooms consist of two queen beds (two persons per room unless a request for their own room). Amenities are: breakfast included, microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker, free WI-FI and TV.

bestwestern.com/en_US/book/bend/hotel-rooms/best-western-plus-bend-north/propertyCode.38178.html

Each person will be responsible for their own meals. Eat in, take-out or restaurants close by.

Trip limit: 8 participants including trip leader.

Cost: \$10/member registration fee. Register on the ONC-PDX website (\$10) and then book your room and pay the hotel directly; contact the leader for info about booking the rooms. Lodging: \$145-\$165 depending if AARP or other discount applies, plus 11% approximate room tax. for three nights, based on shared room. Not include: trail fees at Mt. Bachelor and Meissner, travel costs and meals.

Travel miles: 350 miles round-trip from Portland plus daily excursions to trailheads.

Trip leader: Nancy Neuman nanc0301@yahoo.com

March 5–7, Fri–Sun, Intermediate
 Backcountry Ski/Tele

Tilly Jane A-Frame—Club Weekend
 Mt. Hood, OR

Trip full, wait list open*

(See Jan 8–10 TJ A-Frame Cabin trip description)

March 19–21, Fri–Sun, All Abilities Ski
John Craig Tour Weekend
 Sisters, OR

Spaces available*

All abilities are welcome on this trip. On Saturday the strong skiers will ski Highway 242 from the Sno-Park

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

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Bike: Difficult terrain with one or more major hills/series of longer, steeper hills; 15–18 m.p.h. pace, re-grouping 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 warmth and comfort.

Skiing and 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

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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/overnight-trips). The website will begin accepting applications on a day and at a time specified by the ONC-PDX Board of Directors, with registration usually occurring during the week following the October general meeting. Once accepted, the trip applicants will receive a confirmation email. To complete the sign-up process, the member must email a completed Overnight Trip Application 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

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Einar Trea

to Dee Wright observatory and back. The views of the lava flows are spectacular a few miles out of the Sno-Park so people that want to take it easy and not go all the way up to the Dee Wright should have stunning views. We plan for a groomed trail but anything can change. On Sunday we will stop at another sno-park after checking out of the hotel and ski until returning to Portland. Which sno-park, will depend on conditions, but most likely Three Creeks or Ray Benson. These areas are ungroomed but the trails are marked and possibly broken in. This is one of the trips using the new hotel model. We won't potluck for dinners, but will eat at restaurants or participants may choose to microwave popcorn in their rooms.

Trip limit: 6 to 12 participants including trip leader, depending on COVID-19 room sharing restrictions.

Cost: \$10/member registration fee. Register on the ONC-PDX website (\$10) and then book your room and pay the hotel directly; contact the leader for info about booking the rooms. Lodging \$137/person, double occupancy rooms. Additional small donation requested to participate in the John Craig ski. Sno-Park permit required.

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

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

March 19–21, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski

Tilly Jane Guard Station

Mt. Hood, OR

Trip full, wait list open*

This trip is also available the following weekend: April 16–18

We'll backcountry ski to the ONC-PDX managed cabin on the Northeast side of Mt. Hood, a three mile ski with a 1,900-foot gain up the Tilly Jane Ski Trail to the cabin at 5,700 feet elevation. Participants carry their own gear, including sleeping bags, pad, and food for all meals. We have a stove for cooking meals and heating water. Participants can carry their own cooking pots although there are some at the cabin. Experienced intermediate skiing skills with turning ability, good physical condition and navigation/route finding skills using map, compass or GPS are required. Climbing skins are required, too.

Trip limit: 4 participants (max.), Open to ONC-PDX members with preference given to Tilly Jane

(TJ) volunteers.

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

For more info contact:

reservations@tillyjanecabins.org

We'll forward your request to the appropriate trip leader. Leaders TBD.

March 25–28, Thur–Sun, Strong Intermediate/Advanced Backcountry Ski

Mt. Rainier Backcountry

Ashford, WA

Trip full, wait list open*

This is a COVID-19 reduced risk trip plan. I plan on driving up on Thursday and skiing the North Mt. Tahoma trail network, which is mostly road ski tour, Thursday and about 12 miles. We will stay at Whittaker Motel in Ashford, WA. Rooms are about \$75 per night plus taxes, one and two beds available. Everyone is required to book their own rooms and is on their own for food, (restaurant, takeout or eat in). Friday we will



Ken Wenzel

plan on skiing in the Mazama Ridge area and Reflection Lakes. Which is a backcountry tour with some telemark options. Skins are required. Saturday, if conditions are good, we will backcountry tour in the Tatoosh range or higher on Rainier with telemark options. Sunday we will do a backcountry ski tour into the South Tahoma Huts area then drive home. Breakfast is available at Whittaker Café daily. You should carry Avalanche gear and skins in your pack. Please research the COVID-19 Bubble concept, if you are thinking of sharing rooms and cars.

Trip Limit: 10 participants, including leader.

Cost: \$10/member registration fee. Register on the ONC-PDX website (\$10) and then book your room and pay the hotel directly; contact the leader for info about booking the rooms. Lodging: three nights in motel and food on your own.

Travel miles: 270 miles round-trip to Ashford, WA plus daily driving. Need AWD or chains and park fee or pass.

Trip leader: Ken Wenzel skiwenzel@hotmail.com

April 2–4, Fri–Sun, Int. Backcountry Ski/Tele

Tilly Jane A-Frame—Club Weekend

Mt. Hood, OR

Spaces available*

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

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Scott Diamond

We'll backcountry ski to the ONC-PDX managed cabin on the Northeast side of Mt. Hood, a three mile ski with a 1,900-foot gain up the Tilly Jane Ski Trail to the cabin at 5,700 feet elevation. Participants carry their own gear, including sleeping bags, pad, and food for all meals. We have a stove for cooking meals and heating water. Participants can carry their own cooking pots although there are some at the cabin. Experienced intermediate skiing skills with turning ability, good physical condition and navigation/route finding skills using map, compass or GPS are required. Climbing skins are required, too.

Trip limit: 4 participants (max.), Open to ONC-PDX members with preference given to Tilly Jane (TJ) volunteers.

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

For more info contact:
reservations@tillyjanecabins.org
 We'll forward your request to the appropriate trip leader. Leaders TBD.

May 27–June 9, Thur–Wed, Intermediate Bike Biking, Art, French Cuisine, History, and Really Good Wine 2021
 France

Spaces available*

Two weeks in France biking moderate terrain. Biking is 15 to 35 miles a day with an English-speaking guide in flat to moderate terrain. Every day you have the option to ride with the group or your own discretionary itinerary. Bikes, locks, helmets, pannier, etc. are all included. E-bikes are available if you like.

We start by flying from Portland to Paris, with a short stop in Iceland. From Paris, we catch the train 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 medieval city. This also allows a buffer day in case of travel mishaps. The bike leg begins as we board the Caprice to sail up the Rhone river, biking the countryside every day. The trip begins in the Camargue region which inspired Van Gough. Six days biking (yes, with an English-speaking guide) through red wine country where the last day is a bike ride through Chateaufort-du-Pape. And of course, we'll have time there to stop and visit the shops. After breakfast we disembark on the eighth day of the bike/boat tour and will explore Avignon for a while. After this, we travel to the historical castle region in central France for a couple of days. From there we make our way back to Paris and stay for two nights. Our hotel is just a couple blocks from the Louvre.

Trip limit: 10 participants including leader.

Cost: approx. \$3,900/member, per person. Includes round-trip airfare to Paris from Portland, all ground transportation, river transport, bike rental, all lodging, some partial laundry service, and a few other amenities. All meals while on the boat, and a sack lunch included too.

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

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

This trip is also available the following weekends: January 8–10, February 5–7 and March 5–7.

We'll backcountry ski to the ONC-PDX managed shelter on the Northeast side of Mt. Hood, a three-mile ski with a 1,900-foot gain up the Tilly Jane Ski Trail to the cabin at 5,700 feet elevation. Participants carry their own gear, including sleeping bags, pad, and food for all meals. We have a wood stove for cooking meals or heating water. Participants can also bring their own stove and cooking pots. Experienced intermediate skiing skills with turning ability, good physical condition and navigation/route finding skills using map, compass, or GPS required. Climbing skins are required.

Trip limit: 10 (max.) participants. Open to all ONC-PDX members and Tilly Jane (TJ) cabin volunteers.

Cost: Free (another club benefit). You must be an ONC-PDX member or TJ volunteer before signing up for this trip.

For more info contact:
reservations@tillyjanecabins.org
 We'll forward your request to the appropriate trip leader. Leaders TBD.

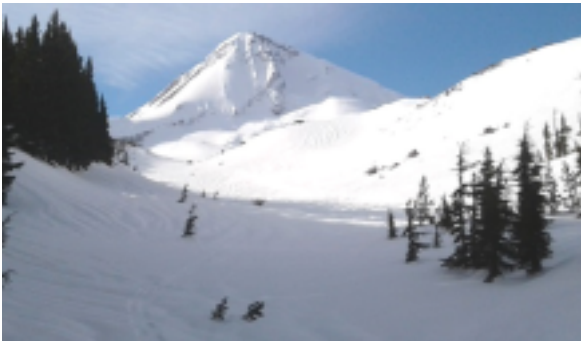
April 16–18, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski

Tilly Jane Guard Station

Mt. Hood, OR

Spaces available*

This trip is also available: March 19–21



Kevin McCallivray

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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 trips.

Wait List Procedures

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 appli-

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

4. If the leader is able to make a reasonable substitution for the cancelling participant, the cancelling participant will receive a refund of amounts paid, minus \$10 for each participant associated with the cancellation plus any fees associated with the booking. All communications regarding trip cancellations and associated refund requests are to be directed to the trip leader, who will coordinate with other club members, as needed, to ensure the proper handling of the cancellation notice and refund request.

5. If the club cancels the trip, the full amount paid will be refunded. Trip cancellations are decided by the OTC. Travel Insurance. To avoid the loss of trip fees or deposits, the club strongly recommends that trip participants purchase travel insurance, which is available from a variety of providers. Please see onc-pdx.org/resources/trip-insurance for the current listing of some trip insurance companies.

Policy and Procedure Waivers. The Board reserves the right to waive any overnight trip policy or procedure when in the best interest of the club to do so.

Welcome new members! Niki Todd and Paul Zebell

November membership report: 255 total memberships (172 single and 83 family), includes 1 new and 9 renewals. Last year at this time there were 279 memberships.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of ONC-PDX October 13 Board Meeting

Present: Ken Wenzel, Mary B., Laurel Dickie, and Don Erickson **Guests:** Ted Scheinman, Susan Watt, and Richard Crimi

Board Minutes from September: Ken motions, Don seconds, minutes approved

Overnight Trip Report: Things ran smoothly for the first time with no known glitches. The lower traffic and spacing things out no doubt helped. Will poll members for feedback on their experience. Wait list on Anthony Lakes, Glacier, Mt. Rainier and Women's Weekend. President's Day and John Craig are full. One opening each for Lake Creek Lodge and France Bike trip. Several openings on Shelter Cove and Methow New Year's. Only 1 couple so far on Methow, highly unusual if it were a normal year. Cancelled - Yellowstone and Wallows - too complicated due to COVID-19. Total of 67 people signed up plus 11 on waiting lists. Does not include trip leaders. For comparison, last year there were about 250+/- on trips. ■ Trip workbooks filled in with signup data and sent to trip leaders to maintain. 48 people have signed the online COVID-19 waiver. Leaders asked to remind participants to sign. ■ The "hotel" trips registration generated a small revenue, about \$400 less any PayPal fees. ■ Don questions whether the \$10 deposit is refundable on what grounds. Richard says the policy states it is if the member contracts COVID-19 or if the Club cancels the trip. Ken asks if the hotel group reservation model is popular with members, will the committee continue to offer trips as the season goes on. We will see how the present number of trips play out before trying to schedule more trips.

Website Report: Resolved a problem with a subset of forum emails being blocked as spam. This was due to outside entities and involved support from SendGrid, our main email service. ■ Discovered other issues with forums: 1) Posts not being visible on website. Alerted Clint, who determined it was due to an obscure setting in a 3rd party software module and he removed the limitation. 2) Found several issues with forum emails. Clint is investigating. Supplemental emails sent from gmail account to make up shortcomings. Will continue to monitor. ■ Hook to SwiftCloud for COVID-19 waiver installed and operational. So far almost 50 people have e-signed. PDF version also posted. Will work on an accessible spreadsheet for leaders to be able to check participants status as needed. Would be helpful to have another volunteer help track and manage this. Requires some basic spreadsheet skills. ■ New Day Tours forum is set to go live next month. This is part of the tool to aid in coordinating day tours since Terry Owen is giving up the reigns. Will send a newsletter article to Pam to announce it and an invite email will be sent to all from Terry Owen's list. The Day Tours Committee is set to manage with instructions created and reviewed back in May. ■ A very basic and printable membership card is now available from the Membership Account page. Nick is working to try and refine it for family members, only shows the main user right now. ■ The implementation of G-suite started back in Feb. continues along in fits and starts. Nick is waiting for the developer to finish one last step before he can start setting things up for us to use. ■ Forum post categories have been changed to be less confusing.

Trail tending report: On Saturday September 26, 2020 we had 9 ONC members and 3 Forest Service personnel meet up at the Marble Mt. Sno-Park, WA to brush out the trails and replace diamonds on a few of the ski trail loops above the snow park. ONC-PDX worked on blue diamonds, limbing and brushing while the Forest Service worked on cutting out some logs and putting in some new sign posts.

Treasurer's Report: Don submitted a spreadsheet after the meeting, with the following highlights: Membership sign up is equal to last year's numbers. Next year may not have strong numbers because we won't have the ski bus. ■ The rent (meeting expense) of \$194 was for the Zoom call and picnic permit. ■ The newsletter printing was \$206 this month. That is quite a bit more than I was expecting. Hopefully with most members getting their newsletter electronically from now on this will start to go down next month.

Membership: Patrice is working hard on reporting and getting out membership cards after folks renew for the year. ■ Richard C. created this membership breakdown: Membership Type Member (Family) 67, Member (Family) with Paper Newsletter 7, Member (Single) 148, Member (Single) with Paper Newsletter 8, Family Members 95, Never Expire Memberships (past presidents, etc.) 15. Grand Total 350

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Tilly Jane Cabin: The annual TJ wood haul volunteer event was held on 10/3. We hosted 68 volunteers. ■ We hauled and stacked 7 cords of purchased wood and cut, split and stacked another 2 cords of onsite wood. ■ All participants brought their own lunches and were required to wear a face mask. ■ We were notified by a participant of a positive COVID-19 test late Tuesday, October 6. They reached out to 5 individuals who they had “close” contact with, as defined by the CDC.

Jennifer and I proceeded to notify Scott Kaden, volunteer and FS employee and Ken Wenzel. We also started to write a volunteer email notification to all wood haul volunteers. The volunteer email notification was peer reviewed and approved by Ken and Josh Lawrence (TJ Admin volunteer). It was sent on Friday, October 9. As of this writing, we’ve heard from 2 of the 5 folks who were notified because they were in close contact with the COVID-19 positive person. They tested negative. Of note, these two were the folks with the closest contact as they carpooled with the person in question. The remaining 3 folks met the definition of close contact but had overall limited interactions with the person in question as related to the carpool group. I’ll keep you apprised as more information becomes available. ■ As a reminder, we’ve revised the cabin rental capacity. The A-Frame can only be rented by one group, with a limit of 10 individuals. The Guard Station remains open to anywhere from 4-8 individuals from one rental group per week. We also require all renters to wear face masks when on the buildings. ■ The cabins are now fully stocked with wood and cleaning supplies for the upcoming winter season. ■ A member on the trip has commented there wasn’t enforced social distancing. The situation will continue to be watched. ■ Don asks if TJ is their own non-profit. Susan mentions André feels forming a “Friends Of” group would be in the far future. Don feels this is a juncture where TJ’s status with the club needs to be evaluated. André F. Will be invited to a board meeting to share his future direction ideas for the cabin.

Nordic Issues: Mt. Hood Wild and Free—Cooper Spur meeting was held with several club members attending. This is a coalition formed to do pushback on developers on the mountain. Negotiations with Mt. Hood Meadows have not been going well. The Forest Service did appraisals which many feel are not fair and sway towards Meadows. The final EIS will be posted in January. Susan feels the club needs to write a letter stating their position on the issue. Fundraising for a new attorney will need to take place. In Susan’s next Nordic Issues newsletter article she will go into more detail.

State Organization: Mary B reports 2 chapters in NE Oregon may not exist any more and other chapters are wavering. She’ll set up a conference call later this month to conduct the state level meeting.

Next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, December 8, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom

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Laurel Dickie, Secretary

MEMBER BENEFITS

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

Mountain Hardwear 722 SW Taylor Street—15% discount on purchases. Current membership card required. mountainhardwear.com

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

The Mountain Shop 2975 NE Sandy Blvd, 10% discount for members and 15% discount for leaders on purchases and 15% discount on rentals. mountainshop.net

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

Oregon Mountain Community Online store. Subscribe to OMC e-newsletter and receive: 15% discount on purchase price. omcgear.com

Otto’s Ski & Bike Shop 38716 Pioneer Blvd. in Sandy, offers a 10% discount on purchases of ski equipment and apparel. Cross-country ski package rentals for the entire season. ottoskishop.com

Wy’East Nordic 10% discount on cross-country ski and telemark lessons. weeastnordic.com

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: ▶ Ski Boots Alpina NNN BC Size 48 cross-country ski boots, like new condition, very warm. \$45

▶ **Snowboard and Ski Helmet** GIRO, 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 ▶ **Binding** Karhu 3-pin bindings \$20 OBO ▶ **Snow Tires** Hakkapeliita Snow tires good condition with 7/32" tread depth remaining. Mounted on 16 rims with dual bolt patterns so they fit many make/models. Smaller bolt circle is 5 x 100mm larger measures approximately 5 x 117-120mm (rims were \$75 each) \$299/set ▶ **Tire Chains** 2 pairs of Les Schwab Quick Fit Diamond Fit Tire Chains 1530-S Like new condition. Second pair I think is their 1545-S (used on 215/60 R16"tires) \$35 OBO Russ russ.bec@gmail.com 2/21

FOR SALE: ▶ Backcountry ski boots Rossignol BC H6 W boots, size 39, black with subtle purple trim, used 5 seasons, good condition original lacing system replaced with traditional, sturdy boot laces. \$25 OBO Christine 971.325.2874 (call or text) sisu1956@gmail.com 3/21

FOR SALE: ▶ Cycling Rain Shell This Bontrager Commuter Stormshell is a stylish, high performance women’s specific rain shell in excellent, size medium, almost new condition with original tags. 100% waterproof with cycling-specific cut designed for commuting by bike in cold/wet weather. Multiple secure storage pockets; pit zips; reflectivity Fabulous color and graphic/pattern. Perfect for cycling in the Pacific NW! Photo: portland.craigslist.org/mlt/clo/d/portland-bontrager-commuter-stormshell/7172700452.html \$45 (retail price was \$115) (\$50 on craigslist mention ONC-PDX for \$5 off) Amy 503.891.3689 2/21

FOR SALE: ▶ 2017-2019 Honda CRV Cargo Mat CRV Cargo mat for low position. Used only one month. \$30

FOR SALE: ▶ Yakima Locking Bedhead #01133 Truck Bed Rail Fork Bike Mounted on truck but never used. \$70 Linda wilsonln@msn.com text 503.705.1823 12/20

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.**

Bike and Barge in the Netherlands

In May 2019 Catherine and Tim Keith signed up for a two-week guided bike and barge tour in the Netherlands. During the days they biked while the barge traveled to the next overnight stop. They enjoyed breakfast and dinner on the barge and packed a lunch each morning to take with them on their rides. They covered a surprisingly large area of the Netherlands, biking 40-65 kilometers (25-40 miles) a day through the picturesque countryside, visiting castles, national parks, museums, palace gardens, small villages, and ancient towns. In addition to wonderful pictures, Catherine and Tim will share what they liked and did not like about this type of guided tour versus self-guided cycling tours, and some specifics to look for in a bike and barge tour.



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



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Portland, OR 97208-3906



Virtual space via Zoom
Tuesday, December 1
7:00 p.m. Lets talk skiing—share ski adventures and where to ski!
7:30 p.m. Brief general meeting followed by program

Upcoming programs

January 5—Skiing across Finland

February 2—Ecuador: climbing 20,000 ft. Chimborazo



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