



Mt. Adams trails made easier for the groomer

On July 7 our ONC-PDX trail tenders worked along the Pipeline and Lava Trails on the East side of Mt. Adams. We had a blue bird day with a light breeze to cool us off. We worked from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and finished brushing what was needed on both trails.

Many thanks to Susan Watt, Mary Bourret, Brian Petrich, Karen Dye, Mary Hepokoski, David Rogers, and Keith Baker for spending a day in the woods to keep our ski trails in good condition and easier for the groomer. ♦

Ken Wenzel, Trail Tending Leader/Coordinator



Ken Wenzel

A perfect day for trail work

On June 16 we had seven hardy workers show up to tackle the middle section of the Kalama Ski Trail #231. What a day with perfect work conditions blue sky, 60 F., and no wind! Starting at the Climbers Camp Road we worked west toward Red Rock Pass. Two Forest Service (FS) workers joined us brushing, limbing, and hanging blue diamonds. The FS staff worked until noon before heading back for an afternoon training class. But our ONC-PDX contingent worked till about 1:30 p.m., not quite making it all the way to the second lahar. And as I have learned to say, we saved some for our next trail tending party. We then had a nice walk back out to the gate and our cars. It was a great day to be in the woods!

Don't tell anyone, but the Kalama Trail is a nice summer hiking trail—a great place to get away from the crowds.

Many thanks to Laurel Dickie, Richard Crimi, John Fromwiller, Brian Lawrence, David Rogers, Keith Baker, and fearless leader Ken Wenzel. ♦

Ken Wenzel, Trail Tending Leader/Coordinator

Overnight trips news

The overnight trips committee and trip leaders have been hard at work planning some great trips for this winter. Look for details future newsletters and on the website (Activities and Events >> Overnight Trips). Remember, trips are for the exclusive enjoyment of members, so renew early and please update your profile. If you want to get hold of us, feel free anytime, we have a new email: trips@pdxnordic.org. ♦

Richard Crimi, Overnight Trips Committee

Renew your membership

It's that time of year, ONC-PDX mem-berships renew on September 1. An email reminder will be sent to you very soon. You can renew your membership anytime by going on-line: onc-pdx.org, login, click on "Membership" then on "Renew."

Support your club and enjoy your club benefits. We look forward to the upcoming ski season. ♦

Membership Committee

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

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

Aug 24 ▶ TUESDAY

Hunkering Down

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Emergency Preparedness Essentials is designed to help you prepare for and respond to emergencies—including natural and man-made disasters.

Info/sign-up: rei.com/events

Aug 24–Oct 15 ▶ MON–FRI

Virtual: Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour 2021

8:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. The Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour has gone virtual—and two new sets of films are available now! One program for \$15, a bundle of two programs for \$28, or all four programs for \$52. There is no set date; you choose when you watch.

Info: rei.com/events/97196/virtual-banff-centre-mountain-film-festival-world-tour-2021/284146

Aug 26 ▶ THURSDAY

East Portland Infrastructure Ride

3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Free bike ride to showcase street improvements for cyclist and pedestrians—protected bike lanes neighborhood greenways and safer crossings. Hosted by Portland Bureau of Transportation. Moderate pace with no-drop loop of 11.8 miles. Info: portland.gov/transportation/walking-biking-transit-safety/events/2021

Aug 28 ▶ SATURDAY

Solve Neighborhood Cleanup

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Madison South and Montavilla neighborhoods along NE 82nd and Halsey Ave. Project funded in part by a grant from Travel Oregon. Info and sign up: solveoregon.org/solvecalendar

Urgent Needs Cleanup

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. N Going St. and N Greeley Ave. near Madrone Park Not family friendly. Project funded in part by a grant from Travel Oregon. Info and sign up: solveoregon.org/solvecalendar

Sept 25 ▶ SATURDAY

Beach and Riverside Cleanup

Info and sign up: solveoregon.org/solvecalendar

Clinics and Training

Dec 1–11 ▶ WEDNESDAY–FRIDAY (tentative dates)

2021 Oregon Fall Camp

Mt. Bachelor, OR

Select any date combination.

Recognized since 2001 by skiers around the world as one of the best ski education events for adult skiers you'll find in the XC ski world.

Fall Camp Registration

Anticipated registration opening September 2021.

Info: xcuregon.org/oregon-fall-camp

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ONC-PDX Archivist 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:

oncdayoutours@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 reduced rates on 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: nwski.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

The Oregon Nordic Club—reflecting on the past and envisioning the future

I have been passionately involved with the Oregon Nordic Club since 1971! The Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter (ONC-PDX) has been my home and its members have been my friends since the very beginning. Participating in and leading day tours, overnight ski trips, classes, bike trips, and hikes along with serving in almost every organizational position in the club, including ONC-PDX president (2008-10) and currently as Vice President North of the Oregon Nordic Club State Organization (ONC), has been and is an honor. Most of you have been on one of my overnight ski or bike trips. The ONC-PDX and the ONC have provided me tremendous pleasure (and at times tremendous struggles). Having nearly 100 ONC-PDX friends who showed up at one or the other of my 70th and 75th birthday parties to roast me was a privilege. Barely a week goes by that I don't have contact with at least one member of the Club.

After taking a year off, I'm back serving another term on the ONC-PDX board to work for the next 50 years. There have been substantial changes in the number and mix of people participating in ONC-PDX activities and I believe it is critical to grow our involved membership so we can provide the type of experiences that I have had. We have had challenges over the past year because of COVID-19 and the lack of personal gatherings. Sure, those individuals who were involved in the past had their friends to ski with, but new members have been left out for the most part. Now that our country is opening up again, we plan on integrating new members into this wonderful Club.

Among the activities that I will be working on this year (beside my ski trips to Methow Valley, Yellowstone National Park, and Glacier National Park) is the 2022 John Craig Memorial event, which is a ski race and tour over McKenzie Pass in Central Oregon. This activity, which used to be a large, nationally sanctioned event, brought together cross-country skiers from Oregon Nordic Club (ONC) chapters around Oregon (and skiers beyond) to celebrate the end of the ski season. Let's bring the John Craig event back and generate additional interest in skiing and the Oregon Nordic Club. We are the spokespeople for the Nordic skiing in Oregon. If you would like to help with this historic John Craig event, please contact me.

ONC-PDX is a very unique Club, which we all appreciate. Join me to envision the future.

Ted Scheinman, Board Member

NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

Portland

Lower Macleay Trail closed The Trail, an access point for Forest Park, closed temporarily in mid August. The Environmental Services is doing repair on the trash rack in Balch Creek. The trail connects Lower Macleay Park to the Wildwood Trail and will be closed until December.

Columbia Gorge

Lyle Cherry Orchard Preserve trail closed The Lyle Hill fire burned more than 100 acres near the Gorge community of Lyle, Washington in July. The Cherry Orchard Trail acted as a fire break was not burned, but the Preserve and trail are currently closed.

Mt. Hood National

Check for forest closures/fire restrictions: fs.usda.gov/main/mthood

Alpine Trail Selective Tree Removal

project—Timberline's 2019 Master Plan

The Mt. Hood National Forest is soliciting comments on a proposal from RLK and Company (RLK), Operator of Timberline Lodge and Ski Area (Timberline), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The project titled Timberline Improvement Projects (fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60493), in part, is to selectively remove trees from the Alpine Trail and near the bottom terminal of the Molly's chairlift. The other part of the project is to move some night lighting. This project occurs within the Timberline and Summit Ski Area Special Use Permit (SUP) areas (as of October 1, 2021, the Summit SUP will be incorporated into the Timberline SUP). The deadline for comments is Sept. 1, 2021, submit at: <https://cara.ecosystemmanagement.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=60493>

The Mt. Hood National Forest (MHNF) approved the Summit Special Use Permit Boundary Extension Project in June 2020, which amended the existing continued on page 4

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onc.org

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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Summit SUP extending its boundary northward connecting with the Timberline SUP.

The Timberline 2019 Master Plan shows that future development referred to as the Molly's Portal is to be located just below where the trees at the bottom of the Molly's chair are proposed to be removed. The Molly's Portal is mentioned in the Master Plan: "A central project of the Upgrade Plan is the new portal at the bottom terminal of Molly's Chairlift. This would include a day lodge, parking, tubing hill and a snow-play area. The Molly's Portal proposal included in this MDP will be considered in concert with similar parking, snow-play and guest services proposals at Summit, which will be presented in a Summit Master Development Plan document that is projected for submittal to the USDA Forest Service in late 2019. The timing for implementation of the Molly's Portal will then be considered within the context of the overall Timberline and Summit ski area complex and will be responsive to future needs based on how well proposed Summit improvements achieve the overall goals of Timberline for providing more parking, snow play area, and guest service space." The portal proposal would be accessed by turning left onto a new 1,200 feet entrance drive part way up the Timberline Road.

The Master Plans can be found here:
timberlinelodge.com/master-plan

In mid-2018 RLK acquired 100% of the stock of Northwest Nordic, Inc. (NNI), which held the special use permit for the Summit Ski Area. At the time Jeff Kohnstam, Timberline President and Area Operator, remarked in a press release on the Timberline website, "We are very pleased with the acquisition and plan to operate Summit Ski Area as a family oriented, affordable, friendly mountain resort." It was also suggested that with increased visits to Mt. Hood the purchase offered the prospect of dealing with how to get visitors to the mountain and the lack of parking spaces to accommodate them along with to how to better connect with Government Camp. NNI's 20 year special use to operate Summit expires on December 31, 2026.

RLK contracted Sustainable Northwest to organize and lead public outreach for input on Timberline's 10 year conceptual master plan. The Stakeholder Outreach Report dated July 2018 is on the Timberline website with the Timberline 2019 Master Plan and the Summit 2019 Master Plans. The Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter was not listed as one of the stakeholders who were invited to review the Plan.

Mt. Hood Meadows Twilight Parking Lot

It was reported at the July 21, 2021 Winter Recreation Advisory Committee (oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_802.350) that the Nordic Lot at Hood River Meadows expansion was scheduled for the summer of 2020, however the ski area postponed the project. The project remains pending in anticipation of activity in 2021, however there has been no response from the ski area regarding this project. The project will result in some modification of the Meadows Nordic Trails next to the parking lot. Info about this project that was approved in June 2014 can be found here: fs.usda.gov/project/?project=26954

Mt. Hood Reforestation The Forest Service plans to reforest areas burned by fires that impacted the Forest during the summer of 2020: White River, Riverside, and Lionshead.

Info: fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59445

Gifford Pinchot NF

Check for forest closures/fire restrictions: fs.usda.gov/main/giffordpinchot

Silver Star Vision Plan Project survey

This project seeks to define a shared vision among a diverse set of stakeholders including trail users, environmental groups and land management agencies; specifically the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) which manages the adjacent Yacolt Burn State Forest. The steering committee includes representatives from non-motorized trail user groups as well as the land management agencies.

The steering committee will guide a collaborative planning process to achieve the following outcomes: 1) Stakeholders share an understanding of the area's values (e.g. natural, cultural, scenic, recreational, etc...). 2) Recreation management is guided by a comprehensive and robust vision plan. 3) Key infrastructure elements such as roads and trailheads are identified as the core of a sustainable trail system. 4) There is broad support for a proposal to address safety and resource damage on access points such as Forest Road 4109.

Info: silverstarvisionplan.org

Respond by August 31, 2021 sharing your experience and opinions about recreating in the Silver Star area

Lewis River Recreation Area reservations Permits are required for parking and camping. The area provides access to the Lewis

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River Trail, which is great for waterfall viewing. Reservations will be required through September 1. Tickets can be obtained at: recreation.org
Info: fs.usda.gov/goto/gp/LRRA

Yakama Nation Tribal Forestry

Bird Creek Meadows open The Yakama Nation Tribal Forestry announced that Tract D Recreation Area will be open from August 30 to October 1, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily. Visitors can enjoy hiking, fishing and swimming. There is no overnight camping. There will be a \$20 day use fee per vehicle (six person max plus \$5 per additional person), 10 years and younger free with paid permit, and a \$10 fishing fee per person. Info: 509.865.5121 ext 4613 TribalForestry@Yakama.com

Deschutes National

Check for forest closures/fire restrictions: fs.usda.gov/main/deschutes

Rimrock Trail Restoration Proposal

The trails are located off the Cascade Lakes Highway, approximately 0.5 miles west of the Forest boundary with the City of Bend. The network of unauthorized trails have been created over time; some will be improved and others decommissioned. An article about the project was published in the Bend Bulletin: bendbulletin.com/lifestyle/paulina-lake-cabin-restoration-effort-to-begin/article

Info: fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59915

Newberry Crater Cabins restoration

Odd Fellows Cabin Restoration Proposal

This project proposes to continue restoration of four cabins within Newberry Caldera, part of Newberry National Volcanic Monument, about 35 miles south of Bend, OR. These cabins are located at the Newberry Group Campground on Paulina Lake Road east of the Paulina Lake Lodge, where the ONC-PDX used to have overnight trips. The Odd Fellow cabins eventually be available for public recreation rental. An article about the restoration was published in the Bend Bulletin: bendbulletin.com/lifestyle/paulina-lake-cabin-restoration-effort-to-begin/article
Info: fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59915

Willamette National

Check for forest closures/fire restrictions: fs.usda.gov/main/willamette

Reforestation Plans are in the works for reforestation of the moderate to high severity burn areas within the 2020 Beachie Creek, Lionshead, and Holiday Farm.

Info: fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60047

DAY TOURS

Note: if weather or road conditions are dangerous, please contact the tour leader.

More tours may be listed here:

♦ onc-pdx.org/activities/day-tours

♦ onc-pdx.org/forums

♦ meetup.com/Oregon-Nordic-Ski-Club-Portland-Chapter

Note: dogs are only allowed on tours designated as “dog tours”

Day tours forum

Members can log on and sign-up to receive

a forum notice about tours posted on the website: onc-pdx.org/forums/forum/day-tours

If you have friends who are non-members, they too can sign-up to receive a forum notice by sending an email with subject Day Tours to oncpdxwebsite@gmail.com, include a phone number and it will be set up as soon as possible. ♦

Join the tour leader team

Pick your favorite trail/route and take

some ONC-PDX friends on a day tour—hike or bike. Lead a tour, meet new people, and share a day in the outdoors. Submit tour descriptions with the Day Tour Input Form (on our website click on “Activities and Events” then click on “Day Tours”) or for the newsletter send an email with the tour description by August 26, 8 p.m. for the Sept. newsletter to oncnewsletter@gmail.com.

New to leading, need more info on what you need to know? Info: onc-pdx.org/day-tour-info-leaders

Contact us at: oncdaytours@gmail.com

♦
Day Tours Committee

Cool day for a ride

Friday August 20 was a cool—stayed in

the low 70s—day for a bike ride on the Banks-Vernonia Bike Trail, the first rails-to-trails bike trail in Oregon. Ted Scheinman was joined by five happy cyclist riding the 35 miles long trail at a casual pace. ♦

Ted Scheinman



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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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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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Trail Tending

Join us or a summer trail tending party or weekend adventure.

If you have skied on any trails that need blue diamond markers and/or brush cleaned from them to make them easier to ski, let me know and we can add them to our list. We hope you will plan to come out and help with to improve our winter trails. If you would like to lead a trail tending party—it is fairly easy—let me know and we can work out a day and trail for you to take charge of. For more info contact: Ken Wenzel 503.297.2958 (h) 503.729.6571 (cell) skiwenzel@hotmail.com

What to bring: Bring a comfortable pair of gloves to protect your hands (gardening gloves work well), a COVID mask, glasses or protective eyewear.. Wear long pants, a long sleeved shirt, and hiking boots. Have bug repellent and sun-screen. ONC-PDX will provide tools and hard hats, but quantities are limited. If you have tools that you don't mind sharing (pruning shears, long handled lopping shears, bow saws), feel free to bring them.

August 25, Wed, Trail Tending Party Pocket Creek Tie Trail, Mt. Hood, OR

We will be working on the Pocket Creek Tie Trail limbing and brushing. Most trail tending parties involve light brushing, tree limbing, and the Bring a lunch, snacks and lots of water, as you are sure to work up an appetite. Each person or family unit must drive in separate cars (no carpools). We will work until about 2:30 p.m., meet at Pocket Creek Sno-Park at 9:30 a.m.

Sign up on the website, for more info contact the leader: Ken Wenzel 503.729.6571 (call or text) skiwenzel@hotmail.com

September 25–26, Sat–Sun, Trail Tending Weekend Sasquatch Trail, Mt. St. Helens, WA

We will be working on the Sasquatch Trail limbing and brushing. Most trail tending parties involve light brushing, tree limbing, and the Bring a lunch, snacks and lots of water, as you are sure to work up an appetite. You're welcome to help out for one day or stay and camp for a full two-day adventure, in which case you will need to bring camping gear and your own food. Each person or family unit must drive in separate cars (no carpools). We will work until about 2:30 p.m. each day, meet at the Marble Mt. Sno-Par at 9:30 a.m.

Sign up on the website, for more info contact the leader: Ken Wenzel 503.729.6571 (call or text) skiwenzel@hotmail.com

NEWS FROM TILLY JANE

The Tilly Jane summer maintenance

work party on July10 was a great success. The volunteers were rewarded with a nice sunny day on the East side of Mt. Hood. Jennifer Fortin remarked, "We had a great turnout, about 40 volunteers. We worked on clearing both the Pollallie and Tilly Jane



Trails, replaced the wood stove in the A-Frame, and did some repairs at the Guard Station." ♦

Oct 2, Sat, Tilly Jane Firewood Haul Tilly Jane, East side of Mt. Hood, OR

As we do every year, we'll be putting up the annual firewood supply and preparing the cabins for the upcoming winter season. We'll be working from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.:

- 📦 Hauling and stacking winter firewood
- 📦 Splitting and stacking downed firewood
- 📦 General cabin cleaning

Volunteers will earn a free weekend stay at the A-Frame (January–April ONC weekends in 2022).

What to bring:

- 📦 Sturdy work boots, gloves, hat
- 📦 Sun protection
- 📦 Ear and eye protection
- 📦 Cold weather clothing
- 📦 Splitting maul (if you have one)
- 📦 Chainsaw (if you have one)
- 📦 Lunch, snacks and water

Beverages will be provided by Solera Brewery. There will be a free gear raffle by Gerber Gear and more.

The cabins and camping options will be open for those wanting to stay over Friday and Saturday night. Cabin space is limited to first come, first served out COVID-19 requirements will be followed. USFS fire restrictions will apply.

Come up and help prepare the cabins for the winter season!

Meet at the Tilly Jane Guard Station, park at the Tilly Jane campground.

Info contact: reservations@tillyjanecabins.org
Instagram: @tillyjanecabin

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

SIGN-UP TIPS

- ◆ Overnight trips are exclusively for members; join or renew your membership (on-line 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 on-line; paper applications are available
- ◆ Sign up early so we'll have enough people to cover trip costs.
- ◆ If the trip is full on-line, 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.

May 26–June 8, 2022 Thur–Wed, Inter. Bike Trip full wait list open

We'll be biking, on moderate terrain, about 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, panier, 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 Gogh. Six days biking (yes, with an English-speaking guide) through red wine country where the last day is a bike ride through Chateauneuf-du-Pape. And of course, we'll have time there to stop and visit the shops. After breakfast on the eighty day, we disembark 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 includes roundtrip airfare to Paris from Portland and 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 are also included. You might want to bring your own helmet but they are provided. Cost is expected to be \$3850 and will include trip insurance. Details will be confirmed by October trip sign up.

Trip limit: 8-10 participants including trip leader.

Cost: \$3850/member, per person. Includes airfare, trip insurance, ground and river transport, double occupancy lodging and a lot of meals. Trip deposit of \$900 on signup, balance due later in April.

Trip Leader: Sam Digard sam.digard@gmail.com ◆

Welcome new members!

May: Karl Ahlen and William Hanley

June: Laura Bentz

May membership report: 313 total memberships (225 single and 88 family), includes 2 new. Last year at this time there were 348 memberships.

June membership report: 314 total memberships (226 single and 88 family), includes 1 new. Last year at this time there were 352 memberships.

July membership report: 314 total memberships (225 single and 89 family). Last year at this time there were 352 memberships.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of June 29 ONC-PDX Board Summer Meeting

Present: Ken Wenzel, Ted Scheinman, Phil Vincent, Barbara Shultz, Tere Enburg, Don Erickson, Laurel Dickie, Michele Gunness

Mission statement: (for reference) "ONC-PDX is dedicated to promoting greater participation in, and understanding the value of, outdoor recreation with an emphasis on Nordic and backcountry skiing." Is this mission statement still appropriate? Should we include snowshoeing? Should we set up a committee to discuss this and report back to the club?

Current state of the club

Membership: Partnerships & Membership The website is now designed so a member can print their own card. Phil suggested we list our partnerships on the back. A longtime challenge is how to recruit younger

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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 warmth and comfort.

Skiing and Hiking

■ First aid kit ■ Matches (in water-proof case) and fire starter ■ Rain gear and extra clothes, including a warm sweater ■ Extra food and water ■ Plastic whistle ■ Map and compass (know how to use) ■ Flashlight, extra batteries and bulb ■ Space blanket or bivy bag ■ Pocket knife ■ Toilet paper and trowel (ziplock bag to carry out toilet paper) ■ Sunglasses, lip balm and sun screen ■ Foam sit pad

Biking

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

OVERNIGHT TRIP POLICIES

Trip Participation
1. Only Oregon Nordic Club members may participate on ONC-PDX overnight trips, even if it is a trip for which no money is collected. Non-members may join the club when signing up for an overnight trip. The membership fee can be paid

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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 only one double bed remains available, which is better

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members.

Treasurer's Report: Don listed line items in the draft 2021-22 budget as placeholders for next year's budget. Phil questions why there is a lot of cash listed. Don explains most of the funds are in reserve for Tilly Jane repairs. As a non-profit can we make all this revenue through Tilly Jane? Yes, it still is covered under our policies as long as the funds are used on Tilly Jane maintenance. Don will send out the reserve study so the board will understand how this all works.

Programs: no report at this time

Day Tours: no report at this time

Overnight Trip Committee: the group has created a calendar of several trips through the upcoming ski season.

Tilly Jane: The A-Frame and Cabin will be managed just like last year with only bookings of the whole building as per COVID Plan. Possibly changing in 2023 if COVID goes away. Plan working well with good income from the rentals, but does limit small group from going. The new Forest Service Contract is for 20 years covering both TJ A-Frame and Guard Station.

John Craig Race: March 2022 is the date established. Ted wrote an article about the race for the newsletter to share the history of this event. He met with other ONC chapters who didn't seem to be too interested in doing the event. The decision comes down to whether the Portland Chapter wants to do this and make it the big event it used to be.

Trail Tending: going well until the heat wave. These sessions will be rescheduled.

Nordic Issues: Mt. Hood land exchange—all protests raised by various groups have been to no avail. Don reminds us that the law passed by Congress was very specific regarding the land appraisals. Unless it can be shown that they did not comply with the law in the way the appraisals were done, challenging them on the values of the appraisals is a dead end. Congress made it very clear that the appraisals would be done by an appraiser acceptable to the FS and Meadows and that the values would be final for at least two years. ■ Downhill ski areas—Meadows is upgrading to a 6 person lift.

Ski bus: Ken W. called Ken Barker who coordinated these trips in 2019. He is awaiting a response. Ken W. says the bus company we used has gone out of business without collecting our final payments. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Website: ONC Google Suite is up and working for storage of records.

Publications: Newsletter—several members have emailed the Editor but haven't heard back. Since we have moved to Google Suite perhaps we should upgrade how we communicate with members.

Publicity: no report

Board Structure and Operation

Future Board Meetings: will be held on the last Tuesday of the month so membership can be updated at the next month's general meeting.

Don suggests each board member be responsible for oversight on a different faction of the club.

Membership & John Craig Race—Ted

Tilly Jane—Phil

Diversity—Michele

Overnight and Day Trips—Laurel

Trail Tending & Meetings—Ken

Website—Don

Phil requests we get clarity on our insurance policy.

Issues Concerning Current State of Club

Budget: Can we give a break on dues since 2020 was less than ideal for club membership?

We won't know until we get the final budget amounts for next year as to whether we can offer a discount for membership renewal.

Board meeting date: We will alternate between day and evening times. Still a question of whether to meet in person or Zoom.

Membership: Continue to address how to recruit new members.

COVID regulations and programs: For overnight trips, it was agreed that all participants must be vacci-

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nated and show proof of vaccination to trip leaders.

Website: Need a way for members to electronically sign our participation waiver just once when members sign up or renew each year, similar to the COVID waiver. We may need some legal advice on this.

Summer day trips: Do we expand to kayak, hike and bike “official” trips or just be informal with forum posts? Barbara suggests posting on MeetUp as a recruitment tool.

Planning for long term: How do we get noticed by the public? The forest service is willing to post signs, “this trail maintained by ONC-PDX.” ■ Get back to coordinating with Mazamas for ski lessons. ■ On day tours have one person be a liaison for educating folks on ski etiquette, promote the club, give beginner “lessons” etc. ■ Ted suggests having one board member do a novice trip this ski season. ■ Barbara suggests we offer new members one trip per year specifically for novice skiers. ■ Ted suggests novice day trips also. ■ Michelle suggests getting a younger person to help recruit. ■ Barbara says we need to reach out on MeetUp. ■ Phil says we need to look at a bunch of approaches. ■ Ken suggests we contact our other chapters to see what their tour schedule is so PDX members can support at a statewide level. ■ Barbara suggests we offer new members one trip per year specifically for novice skiers. ■ Ted suggests novice day trips also.

Diversity ideas: Ken suggests contacting Adventures Without Limits and Meadows Nordic Center. These areas have all the equipment in place and even some instruction available.

Membership: Phil would like to see hard data on member demographics, trip details, etc. to help us form better programs and goals.

Club Historian position: What do we want out of this position?

Phil says this can be a good recruitment showing beautiful shots of our trips.

Michele cautions about photo waivers and copyright attribution so member access only would be preferable.

Action items: reserve study, insurance coverage (Don), membership cards front/back (Ted)

Next meeting: August 31, 7:00 p.m.

Laurel Dickie, Secretary

Minutes of May 11 ONC-PDX Board Meeting

Present: Ken Wenzel, Laurel Dickie, Ted Scheinman, Don Erickson, Tere Enburg, Barbara Schulz

Guests: Richard Crimi, Andrè and Jenn Fortin, Mary Hepakoski, Josh

Minutes from April 2021:

Ken moved to approve the minutes; they were unanimously passed.

Overnight Trips: Trip planning is still being done. The target is to have a final schedule in place by the end of June.

Website: Google Workspace changeover—Success was made switching from the Tilly Jane domain to onc.org. It is a work in progress by webmaster Nick Applemans for setting up new accounts. Richard will follow-up with Nick.

COVID-19 Policy: Should the policy be updated to reflect mandatory vaccination?

Since this is a moving target with possible booster shots and other factors, this will be a topic for the Board Retreat.

Day Tours: Ted is looking to do some bike activities including regular Wednesday rides. Laurel will send out a forum post to recruit other leaders.

Tilly Jane: Andrè and Jenn Fortin have taken a hard look at what needs to be done to these properties. There is a lot of cash in the bank due to fundraising and rentals, approximately \$124K.

The number of guests is determined by the amount of wood available.

Guard station is rented Friday and Saturday nights, Dec-June. The A-frame is rented year around.

The covid policy will remain in place until next season, meaning folks must rent the entire cabin.

Maintenance is determined by the high cost of getting labor to such a remote place. Currently the cabin wood stove must be replaced and the budgeted cost is spot on.

Don will do a reserve analysis to ensure that we have enough revenue to meet future expenses.

Andrè and Jenn would like to use some of these funds to give back to organizations who were so helpful

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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 applicants can be reasonably substituted for the

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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.

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in helping keep the cabin and A-frame going. This will be discussed further at the Board Retreat. All forms for the lease renewal have been submitted to the Forest Service and we're still waiting for the permit to come through this summer.

Nordic Issues: Cooper Spur-Mt. Hood Land Exchange F.S Meeting Report—The Forest Service had a resolution meeting to accept all the feedback from various organizations. The gist was that the Forest Service hasn't looked at all the feedback so it didn't want to comment.

Thrive is prepared to take them to court if there isn't action taken on some of the organization's suggestions.

Membership: Total memberships: 312 (224 Single memberships, 88 Family memberships)

Trail Tending: Ken has come up with a schedule which has most dates in August and September.

John Craig Memorial Event 2022: A draft survey has been created to see who might be interested and in what level for the tour. Ted will be taking a closer look at the survey to help decide how to proceed on this event. A zoom meeting was held with 17 people from race teams, and four people with a variety of feedback. A Google account can be set up to keep track of history and sign-ups.

Publications: Newsletter Ski Track for June 2021 – Ted will write the article and submit it to the editor by May 15.

ONC-PDX Financial Report: This was mostly discussed under the Tilly Jane topic.

ONC-PDX Historian Job Description: Amie Evans has volunteered for this position but we must decide on our Google account and how historical photos and documents would be archived. A topic for the Board Retreat.

ONC-PDX Summer Picnic: July 13 is the date chosen for 2021. Laurelhurst Park has so many homeless that perhaps we should look at Willamette Park or Mt. Tabor. Ken will discuss with Ron Bekey, events chairperson.

Summer Board Retreat: Ken to poll board members for a date to hold the retreat.

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Laurel Dickie, Secretary

Minutes of April 13 ONC-PDX Board Meeting

Present: Ken Wenzel, Laurel Dickie, Don Erickson, Barbara Schulz, Tere Enburg, Phil Vincent, Michele Gunness, Christine Bierman. **Guests:** Richard Crimi, Ted Scheinman

March 2021 board minutes were approved.

Overnight Trips: In May the committee starts working on the 2022 schedule. Many folks have expressed interest in being leaders. ■ The new schedule will build on pre-COVID norms but with easy options to switch them to be hotel-style rather than communal accommodations. ■ Should we require proof of vaccination? Ken suggests checking covid status in summer 2021 to see if we need to change covid policies.

COVID Policy Update: No reports of incidences. A revisit of the policy will be done in May for summer day tours.

Day Tours: none at this time.

Tilly Jane: André Fortin has been working on a budget for future repairs of the Guard Station, which has been sent to the club bookkeeper to enter.

In holding pattern and waiting for the FS to initiate the operating permit renewal. ■ A summer work party has been set for July 10th. We'll be brushing out the TJ Ski Trail. Working on coordinating this with the Crag Rats. ■ Met with FS and a local sawmill owner concerning starting the TJ Amphitheater rebuild this summer. It was decided that it will be broken up into a two year project. Year one (this summer), the FS will bring down 60 trees and transport them to the sawmill. All timber will be milled and stored at the sawmill until next summer when it'll be moved to the cabin, summer 2022. We'll work with Wells Construction to deconstruct and reconstruct the amphitheater at that time. We're still flushing out timing but expect to need volunteers this summer for the milling process. More to come as these details are flushed out. ■ We've ordered a new wood stove for the AF and am working to have it installed in July. ■ We're also starting the scheduling process to order the annual wood supply and getting vendors up to pump out the GS toilet and fill the propane. ■ Rentals continue to be strong through April before tapering off in May.

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■ Don mentions as we're a non profit we should make sure the cabin isn't seen as a "hotel". He suggests we look into having some weekends for marginalized groups.

ONC State Report: The state, despite lower numbers from most of the chapters, is within budget. ■ The state now has a DUNS number assigned to it. This number is assigned by Dun and Bradstreet and is a bit like a credit rating for non-profits. You may be asked for your DUNS number if you are applying for a grant. ■ The state is in need of a secretary. The secretary may be a member of any chapter and does not diminish the number of voting representatives from that chapter. Their job consists of taking minutes during 2 teleconferences and 1 face to face meeting per year.

Nordic Issues: Land Trade with Thrive Hood River—Thrive has a meeting with attorneys to bring forth issues ONC-PDX and Thrive have with the Meadows land trade. All are welcome to attend on Zoom.

Membership: Next Adventure still offers our 15% discount. Ted hopes they can help sponsor next year's John Craig Race. Ken noticed NA is offering a program called Step Further PDX. He asks Ted to see if we could get a mention.

Membership breakdown: 309 active memberships consisting of: 87 families and 222 single memberships In April 2020 there were 344 memberships.

Trail Tending: Ken is finalizing the schedule.

ONC State Meeting: Ted attended and will send notes to the board. The big take-away is to decide if we're separate clubs of a state-wide coordinated organization. Has this entity only been to get cheaper insurance? April 27 Ted is holding a state-wide meeting to discuss this topic.

The John Day award was given to another person in the Bend chapter, yet this group isn't too involved at the state level.

Treasurer's Report: We are holding steady financially.

Publications: Ski Tracks article for the newsletter. May article will be written by Tere.

Historian: Amie Evans has volunteered to do this position. It is suggested the newsletter should be archived as well as trip reports. How many photos should we save from each trip? They must include people's names. Ted says there were historians in the far past with scrapbooks and other memorabilia. We'll check with Pam Rigor to see if she has these items.

Next meeting: May 11, 9:00 a.m.

Laurel Dickie, Secretary

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ONC-PDX Overnight trip policies are also located on the website:
onc-pdx.org/activities/trip-policies/overnight-trip-policies

Note: Check the website for the most up-to-date safety measures concerning COVID-19

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

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. weastnordic.com

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FREE: ▶ **Skis** Fischer BC Crown skis 200 cm, SNS bindings Salomon backcountry 6 boots, men's, size EU 42. **Free. Steve steve.acker.pnw@gmail.com** 9/21

FOR SALE: ▶ **Skate Skis** like-new Salomon RS7 skate skis, 191cm, Salomon ProLink procombi bindings. Skis were poorly fitted to me by a retailer in Kelowna, BC, used twice. Will need to be tuned for Oregon conditions. Retail \$247. **\$150 ▶ Ski poles** like-new Rossignol XT-600 poles, 160cm. Retail for \$55. **\$30 Mace dmv4@cornell.edu** 9/21

FOR SALE: ▶ **Telemark Skis** K2 Helestinx 169mm telemark skis. Good condition. Excellent on ice/hardpack. Cable bindings alone worth the asking price of **\$50.** **Steve 503.244.4262** 9/21

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OBO ▶ Cross-country Ski Boots Good condition, Alpina, fits NNC-BC bindings, Model 50, size 43, **\$15 OBO ▶ Cross-country Ski Boots** Former rental, Rossignol, fits NNC-BC binding. **Ted 503.914.9584 tedskier@gmail.com** 9/21

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Upcoming programs

Sept 14–Iceland via Zoom

Oct 5–Overnight Trips Extravaganza via Zoom

Nov 2–TBD

Dec 7–Oregon's Best Backcountry Ski Trips” by William Sullivan



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