



PORTLAND CHAPTER

OCTOBER 2021

ONC-PDX Overnight Trips Extravaganza

Fall is in the air and the winter season is on its way. We've had

a little early snow—nothing to sneeze about—and we hope everyone is not doing that and staying well. Noaa's "Experimental Unofficial Long-Lead Forecasts"—yes that is the title—shows the possible temperature and precipitation models for the upcoming season (cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/range/long_range/two_class.php), but who "know-ahs"...as the title says...let's pray for snow.

The Overnight Trips Committee has come up with a fantastic schedule of trips for the up coming season. The time-honored tradition of the annual Overnight Trips Extravaganza will be on October 5 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Hear more about the upcoming winter season trips—you saw the schedule on the front page of last month's newsletter and there are a few changes so look them over.



The trip sign-up will start on October 10. See the website (onc-pdx.org/activities/overnight-trips) for more info on that. There is also a demo sign-up that you can try between now and the start of trip sign-up. If you have any questions about the trips contact the trip leaders and/or the overnight trips committee.

Pam Rigor, Editor



Tackling the elusive Sasquatch Loop on the south side of Mt. St. Helens On Saturday September 25, those that could

find the Marble Mt. Sno-Park, met and worked out a plan for the day with our Forest Service (FS) partners. Our ONC-PDX group of five and one FS worker with a chain saw headed up the west side of the Sasquatch Loop Trail, while two FS workers took to the east side on their quads loaded up with snow poles and stakes. Our ONC-PDX contingent limbed, cut trees, and hung diamonds on our side of the Loop, enjoying the fantastic clear fall weather as we cleared our way up the hill passing the lower leg of the trail. Finally, at about 3:00 p.m., we met the FS workers as they rode down toward us. They had completed installing the snow poles in the meadow and were heading back to their

headquarters. We continued up the hill to the middle leg of the trail stashing our ladder, diamonds, and hammer for the night, then headed down to our much needed refreshments and dinner.

Sunday morning we met with two different FS Rangers, again making plans for the day. The Rangers worked with Kate McPherson on the middle trail removing small trees, while the rest of us continue clockwise around the Sasquatch Loop. Kate and the Rangers finished the middle trail at about 2:30 p.m. calling it good. The rest of us carried on until we ran out of time and batteries for the saw at 4:00 p.m., then walked the two-miles out. We came very close to completing the Loop—good enough until we can come back and to finish it off. I feel good about the limbing, brushing, and installing diamonds on five-and-a-half miles of the Loop—a great accomplishment for the weekend. Many thanks to Mary Hepokoski, Susan Watt, Don Erickson, Kate McPherson, Jeff Edwards, and Margaret Sutko. Get out and enjoy this wonderful Mt. Saint Helens Sasquatch Loop this coming season.

Ken Wenzel, Trail Tending Leader/Coordinator

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 1-24 > FRIDAY - MONDAY Virtual Banff Mountain Film Festival

View from anywhere with streaming access. 2020-21 World Tour Programs available as single programs or bundles. Films from the 2020 film competition. Info: filmfest.baniffcenter.ca

Oct 5 > TUESDAY
ONC-PDX
Overnight Trips
Extravaganza
7:00 p.m. Let's talk—
share summer
adventures and chat
about the upcoming



season! 7:30 p.m. Zoom
Brief general meeting followed by program,
members will be sent a link so they can connect.

Oct 9 > SATURDAY

Trail Maintenance Work Party

9:00 a.m. Virginia Nordic Sno-Park, Meissner Nordic Area, Central OR. Meissner Nordic, formerly known as Tumalo Langlauf Club, used to be a chapter the Oregon Nordic Club.

Info: meissnernordic.org

Oct 16 > SATURDAY

Trail Maintenance Work Party

9:00 a.m. Virginia Nordic Sno-Park, Meissner Nordic Area, Central OR

Info: meissnernordic.org

Oct 23 > SATURDAY

Trail Maintenance Work Party

9:00 a.m. Virginia Nordic Sno-Park, Meissner Nordic Area, Central OR

Clinics and Training

Sept 29-Nov 28 → W E D-SUN Fall Dry Land Program 2021

Wed, 5;00 p.m., Sat, 9:00 a.m., Sun 9:00 a.m. Locations at various places in Portland and Hood River, OR

Get fit for the upcoming ski season!
More coaching and sessions this year. All ages.
Wednesdays: Drills, movements and running to
boost your muscular strength and improve
balance and flexibility @ one hour.

Saturdays: Trail running and bounding with poles on shorter loops to enable technique and form tips. @ 1.5 hours

Sundays: Roller ski workout; technique or speed, as you like. We have a roller ski for skiers to try @ 1.5 hours

\$50 per person for the entire dry land season. Info: kelly@teacupnordic.org

Sign-up: teacupnordic.org/products/fall-dry-land-program

Dec 1–10 → WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY 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.

Registration opening soon.

Info: xcoregon.org/oregon-fall-camp

Jan-Feb > SATURDAYS/SUNDAYS Mazamas Nordic Ski School, Mt. Hood, OR

Classes geared toward improving students skill level and helping with skiing ability. Classes in classic, skate and Nordic Backcountry. Two consecutive weekends in late January and February (or Wednesdays), another weekend make-up class. Mandatory student orientation Jan 12, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Registration opens November 23. Info nordic@mazamas.org Sign up: mazamas.org/nordic

Oregon Nordic Club **Portland Chapter**Formed as a nonprofit volunteer organization in 1968 by Nordic ski enthusiasts interested in using public lands for recreational crosscountry 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. 14)
- 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: nwskiers.org fwsa.org federationofwesternoutdoorclub.org

Memberships are renewed September 1 each year: \$30 for single, \$40 for family/household.

Info: oncmembership@gmail.com

BOARD SKI TRACKS

This year has been tough to keep up

with changes in things going on for ONC-PDX and the board. This month we have rewritten our COVID-19 policy plan, to reflect the need to get vaccinated and keep other people safe that you are around.

Our Newsletter Editor Pam Rigor notified us that she wants to step down as editor. We collected a listed of interested people and had Ann Truax interview these people. So our new editor will be Tim Harkin and we are going to switch to an all online newsletter. With the difficulties of finding time and bodies to mail hard copies, we have decided to do it all electronic. Which we feel will offer a superior product with fewer limitations to article size and photos and can deliver on time with lower costs.

We kicked around the idea of running another weekend ski bus for Teacup this winter, but with COVID-19 still going crazy, we have decided to postpone this tell next year. We felt we can't properly safeguard people from COVID even with taking all precautions available for a bus.

We are excited about the lineup of Overnight Trips being offered this winter and the locations. I am also excited about the John Craig ski weekend in March at Sisters, stay tuned for more info about this in the next few months.

I am getting stoked about skiing, in a Zoom meeting I talked to a local in Bend that got to go up and ski on the two inches of fresh snow they had at Dutchman Flat yesterday. Pray for snow, the weather forecasters say we should get a good snowpack this winter.

Ken Wenzel, President

Renewal reminder

Just a reminder-you need to renew

your ONC-PDX membership to sign up of overnight trips. You can renew by going online: onc-pdx.org, login, click on "Membership" then on "Renew." A paper membership renewal form is available there too.

Support your club and enjoy your club benefits. • Membership Committee

NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

Mt. Hood National

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

Campfire restrictions are lifted on the Forest More info on fire restrictions: fs.usda.gov/main/ mthood/fire

New Forest Supervisor for Mt. Hood National Forest Meta Loftsgaarden will be the new Mt. Hood National Forest Supervisor. She begin in the position this month. She previously served as the Executive Director for the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, a state agency that supports community-based conservation, habitat restoration, and improved water quality. She says, in the press release on the FS website, "This iconic forest represents so much of what we in Oregon care about - the environment, outdoor recreation, and strong local natural resource economies. I look forward to helping support the work of our Forest Service employees and partners as we sustainably manage this incredible resource."

Gifford Pinchot NF

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

Campfire restrictions are lifted on the Forest

Deschutes National

Check for forest closures/fire restric-

tions: fs.usda.gov/main/deschutes

AC/DC Shelter upgrades The members from the Central Oregon Nordic Ski Club (CONC), a chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club, helped move new roof panels and a new replacement stove to the AC/ DC Shelter located on the Edison Butte Trails west of Sunriver. The new roof and stove will be an improvement for skiers to enjoy this winter.

Willamette National Check for forest closures/fire restric-

tions: fs.usda.gov/main/willamette

Pam Rigor, Editor

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onc-pdx.org ONC: onc.org

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 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 rating 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 cont. on sidebar page 5

Who is John Craig—what is the Memorial Event?

A memorial for John Templeton Craig,

the pioneer mailman who died attempting to deliver mail in December of 1877, at the age of 56, is located along the McKenzie Highway (Hwy. 242) two miles west of the McKenzie Pass summit.



Craig delivered mail for a quarter of a century, traveling by horse in the summer and on skis in the winter. He was caught in a sudden winter storm and found

frozen in his shack atop McKenzie Pass, by a search party—the mail pouch beside him.

Captain Felix Scott hired Craig, one of the 50 men enlisted for the task, to build a trail from Eugene over the Cascades in 1862. They built a high route, now known as the Scott Trail in the Three Sisters Wilderness; it was later abandoned. Craig promoted a lower route through McKenzie Pass. He founded the McKenzie, Salt Springs and Deschutes Wagon Road Company in 1871 and opened the new passage as a toll road in the fall of 1872—with fees of \$2 per wagon and \$1 for horseback rider. He was awarded a federal contract to deliver mail using the route, and constructed a small cabin midway across, where he could spend the night.

His memorial was dedicated in 1930 by 400 rural Oregon mail carriers. The first John Craig Memorial Ski Race was held four years later and occasionally for next 20 years. In 1972 the Oregon Nordic Club started organizing an annual event in Craig's honor. Skiers used to be bused to the west side where they started a ski over McKenzie Pass to Sisters.

Reprinted from the March 2015 ONC-PDX Newsletter Resource: "The John Craig Story" on the ONC State website: onc.org/john-craig-story

John Craig survey

A few comments from Ted Scheinman's

survey about the John Craig Memorial Event planned for next Spring, March 18–20.

"I have fond memories of this race. Plus, it has a pretty epic back story. It would be awesome if you brought it back."

"I am now 91, did the mail carry and many times the skiing. Great memories."

"It was a great event & should be kept going if at all possible. some of us can't ski the pass but can help where needed. Thanks for your labors, keep us informed." Helen

Info: Ted Scheinman tedskier@gmail.com

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

SIGN-UP TIPS

- Overnight trips are exclusively for members; join or renew your membership (online under "Membership") before signing up.
- Contact the leader with any questions you have. Do my skills fit the trip? Any special requirements or gear? Travel time?
- Read the overnight trip policies see page 7 or on the 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: onc-pdx.org/resources/trip-insurance

Dec 28-Jan 1, Tue-Sat, All Abilities Ski New Year's at Black Butte

Sisters/Bend Area, OR

Celebrate the New Year in the peaceful setting of Black Butte Ranch. Settle in by the fire with a congenial group of Nordic skiers and enjoy good food, wine and interesting conversations after an invigorating day in the outdoors. The accommodations are a large house with one king bedroom, three queen bedrooms, and two bunks

This central Oregon location is close to skiing on Santiam Pass and in the Three Creeks area south of Sisters. The Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, which boasts access



to prime backcountry skiing as well as groomed trails, is only 32 miles away. Not far from Bachelor are the Swampy Lakes and Virginia Meissner Nordic ski areas. If the snowpack is low, hiking is always an option—from the panoramic Smith Rocks to along the Metolius River, where otters play in its clear waters.

Amenities at Black Butte Ranch include community hot tubs, sauna, and swimming pool. For those who want to take a break from outdoor activities, the historic town of Sisters with its restaurants, bakery, bookstore, and various shops is close by. This trip is sure to appeal to everyone who wants to relax and escape the humdrum of daily life.

Trip Limit: 10 participants including the leader Cost: \$310/member, per person, includes 4 nights of lodging. Extra costs not included: travel expenses and meals.

Travel Miles: 300 miles roundtrip from Portland plus mileage to Sno-Parks

Trip Leader: Ann Truax ann.truax@gmail.com

Dec 28-Jan 2, Tue-Sun, All Abilities Ski **Methow New Year's**

Winthrop, WA

Methow Valley is an outstanding unique area, ideally suited for both classic track skiing and skate skiing. The Methow Valley Association grooms over 200 km of trails through the communities of Winthrop and Mazama. Trail elevations range from 2,000 to 4,000 feet. The snow conditions and trail quality make the Methow Valley a skate skiers Mecca. It is the largest cross-country ski trail system in North America.

We'll stay in two houses near downtown in Winthrop.



Plan for potluck 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 newfound skill so much they decided to keep the rented skate skis for the entire trip. Speaking of skating, there is even an iceskating rink close to the houses.

If online sign up shows the trip as full, please join the wait list. There are almost always cancellations; chances are very good you will be able to get on the trip.

Trip Limit: 10 participants including the leader Cost: \$345/member, per person, includes 5 nights lodging. Extra costs not included: \$60-80 groomed trail pass, and travel expenses, and meals.

Travel Miles: 800 miles roundtrip from Portland plus mileage to trailheads

Trip Leader: Ted Scheinman tedskier@gmail.com

Jan 7–9, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski/Tele

Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin— Club Weekend

Mt. Hood, OR

This trip is also occurs: February 4-6, March 4-6, and April 1-3



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 participants. Open to all ONC 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.

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

Jan 10-14, Mon-Fri, All Abilities Ski/ Snowshoe

Glacier National Park

Montana

We will take Amtrak overnight to Izaak Walton Inn in Essex, Montana, adjacent to Glacier National Park for a wonderful ski vacation! We will leave Portland on Monday afternoon, January 10 and arrive Tuesday morning to sparkling snow and the cozy Izaak Walton Inn. Tuesday through Thursday, we will ski or snowshoe on the 30 km of groomed trails, the Magnificent Dickey Bowl, and other trails, or relax in the Finnish sauna or Olympic size hot tub. Each night, we can



enjoy a gourmet meal in the restaurant, read a good book by the fire, participate in exciting board games, have a drink in the bar, or relax. We have reserved a large cabin for socialization. On Thursday night, January 13, we

cont. from sidebar p. 4 driver before departing. ONC-PDX suggests a donation amount on overnight trips of 10 to 15 cents per mile per person, depending on length of trip and anticipated road conditions. Again the rate set by the driver should reflect the number of passengers being transported. For local day tours a recommended donation amount to the driver is as follows: for a large capacity vehicle, rate determined by driver. Otherwise for normal cars, our suggested donation per person round trip from Portland is: Westside of Mt. **Hood (Government** Camp area) \$8/ person, Barlow Pass or Timberline Lodge, White River \$10/ person, Teacup or Pocket Creek or Mt. Saint Helens \$12/ person, Mt. Adams \$15 per person. onc-pdx.org/ carpooling

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 snoparks (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

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cont. from sidebar p. 5 select the right tour/trip for your ability and inclination. Please do not attempt a tour/trip that is beyond your ability; you could endanger yourself or others in your party.

Novice Ski

2-5 miles slow-paced day tours over gentle terrain. These tours are for beginning cross-country skiers with a little prior skiing experience (the ability to do a reasonable shuffle on skis). Leaders will not teach skiers how to ski, but will help them as much as possible.

Easv

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

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 eleva-

tion gain. Advanced

Ski: > 12 miles; terrain flat to steep hills (> 10 degrees); moderate to fast pace.; strong

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will board the westbound overnight train back to Portland. As we pull back into the Portland train station on Friday morning, you will wonder why you waited so long to take this trip.

If online sign up shows the trip as full, please join the wait list. There are almost always cancellations; chances are very good you will be able to get on the trip.

Trip Limit: 20 participants including the leader and co-leader

Cost: \$400/member, per person, includes 3 days of skiing (trail passes included), all transportation, two nights lodging, double occupancy at Izaak Walton Inn. Extra costs not included: meals on the train and at Izaak Walton Inn, which are available for purchase at an additional cost. Sleeper accommodations may also be available on Amtrak for an additional cost, contact the leaders quickly.

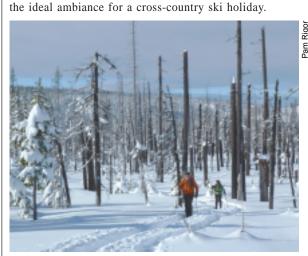
Travel Miles: No carpool is planned—14.5 hours via Amtrak one-way.

Trip Leader: Ted Scheinman tedskier@gmail.com Co-leader: Jessica Park bodhicitta0@yahoo.com

Jan 14–17, Fri–Mon, All Abilities Ski

MLK Weekend at Camp Sherman Camp Sherman, OR

Halfway between Santiam Pass and Sisters, the very popular Lake Creek Lodge at Camp Sherman boasts quaint, rustic cabins paneled in knotty pine, fireplaces, full kitchens, a creek coursing through the grounds, and



Check out their website: lakecreeklodge.com.

Ski options are many—Santiam Pass, Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, Maxwell Sno-Park, Tam MacArthur Rim, and if we're lucky, right out the door of our cabins.

We'll carpool over on Friday, have a traditional ski trip potluck dinner on Saturday, leftovers and a slideshow on Sunday. Separate rooms for couples/genders.

Trip Limit: 16 participants including trip leader Cost: \$180/member, per person includes 3 nights lodging. Extra costs not included: travel expenses and meals.

Travel Miles: 300 miles roundtrip from Portland plus mileage to Sno-Parks

Trip Leader: Steve Levy slevy@pacifier.com Co-Leader: Rainer Hummel rainerpdx@gmail.com Western Montana's Best Nordic Skiing

Jan 15–23, Sat–Sun, Intermediate/Advanced

Ski, groomed (skate/classic)/ungroomed

Spokane, WA, Big Mountain and Missoula, MT

We will leave Portland on Saturday January 15, stay two nights in Spokane and ski Sunday at Mt. Spokane State Park, groomed skiing. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights will be at Big Mountain Resort in Whitefish and skiing at Big Mountains, Blacktail Mountain, and Glacier National Park.

Thursday we'll drive to Missoula skiing at Seeley Lake on route. We'll stay at a house in the University District on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights skiing at either the Lubrecht Trails, Mt. Haggin, Echo Lake, Homestake Lodge, Chief Joseph Pass, and/or Georgetown Lake—so many choices, where to start?

We will plan on sharing in the cost of food and cooking each meal. The drive home on Sunday is 552 miles taking about nine hours. Cars must have AWD with snow tires

Trip Limit: 8 participants including trip leader Cost: \$655/member, per person, includes 8 nights lodging. Extra costs not included: food—estimate is \$100 per person, donations to ski area, and travel expenses.

Carpool Miles: Approx. 1,500 miles roundtrip from Portland plus mileage to trailheads Trip Leader: Ken Wenzel skiwenzel@hotmail.com

Jan 19–24, Wed-Mon, All Abilities Ski, groomed

Methow in January

Winthrop, WA

Blissful skiing on groomed trails (the bliss is free)
The Methory Velley in North Central Weshington

The Methow Valley in North Central Washington had the earliest and most snow ever last winter, and we were not there! We will now rectify that with a fivenight, four-day ski extravaganza in Winthrop. We will stay at the River Run Inn Guest House, a lodge-like house with room for us all in non-bunk beds, an adjacent pool, an institutional kitchen for preparing pot luck dinners, and a large dining room for eating.



October 2021 Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter

The Methow Valley boasts 200 km. of groomed trails, sunshine, and dry snow on the open valley floor and surrounding hills, with warm rest stops for snacks and meeting. The area now also offers 40 km. of snowshoe trails. There is something for everyone. One can take a ski lesson, ice skate, rent ski equipment or a fat tire bike, walk half a mile into town for gastronomic pursuits, perusal of art and literature, education at the Schoolhouse Pub, or just soak in the hot tub. We will plan the next day's activities and driving logistics at dinner. We will plan to eat potluck dinners. Restaurants and a supermarket are available in town. See you there!

Trip Limit: 12 participants including trip leader Cost: \$285/member, per person, includes 5 nights lodging, rooms are double occupancy and meals as described. Extra costs not included: trail passes required (about \$65/3 days), but no Sno-Park permits needed and travel expenses.

Carpool Miles: 800 miles roundtrip from Portland (and worth the drive) plus mileage to trailheads—so we will carpool

Trip Leader: Elke Schoen elkeschoen@msn.com

Jan 21–23, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski

Tilly Jane Guard Station

Mt. Hood, OR

This trip is also occurs: April 15-17

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

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

Jan 27-31, Wed-Sun, All Abilities Ski **Anthony Lakes**

Baker City, OR

This is a really awesome trip for all levels of skiers. With 300 inches annual snowfall, the Anthony Lakes Ski Area near Baker City boasts the best powder skiing in the Northwest. Both downhill and Nordic skiers come to enjoy this pristine location at the north end of the Elkhorn Mountains. The Nordic center (6.000 ft.)



maintains 18 miles (30 km) of groomed trails with every level of difficulty. There's also easy access to backcountry areas near the center, often by starting at the top of the lift (7,200 ft.).

Another skiing possibility is Dooley Pass south of Baker City, showcasing panoramic views of the valleys below. Depending on time and weather, we could stop and ski the groomed trails on our way to Baker at Meacham Divide just west of La Grande.

We will be staying at The Wunder House in Baker City, making it an hour drive to Anthony Lakes. The highlights of the house are a hot tub and a massage chair to pamper those tender muscles after a fun filled day of skiing. There is also a covered outdoor seating area with gas fireplace. There is 3,400 sq ft. to relax and socialize in. With five bedrooms and three baths, three doubles. and five single beds available. Breakfast and lunches will be on your own, but we'll share nightly potlucks. Trail passes for the groomed area and single ride lift tickets are extra but reasonable.

Trip Limit: 11 participants including trip leader Cost: \$185/member, per person includes 4 nights lodging. Extra costs not included: travel expenses, meals, and trail passes or single lift tickets.

Carpool Miles: 610 miles roundtrip from Portland plus mileage to Sno-Parks

Trip Leader: Johanna Lovell joeielove@yahoo.com

Feb 1–11, Tue–Fri, Intermediate/Advanced, groomed/backcountry

Canadian Rockies—Nipika and Canmore

British Columbia and Alberta, Canada

Let's ski both sides of the Continental Divide in British Columbia and Alberta, at Kootenay, Yoho, and Banff National Parks, and the provincial parks of the Kananaskis Range, on groomed and backcountry trails through stunning mountain terrain.

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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 colcont. on sidebar page 8

cont. from sidebar p. 7 lected. Non-members may join the club when signing up for an overnight trip. The membership fee can be paid at that time. The only exceptions are overnight trail tending work parties and Tilly Jane Club project weekends, which are open to nonmember volunteers. 2. Overnight trip sign-ups are done online at the club website (oncpdx.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 signup process, the member must email a completed Overnight Trip Application to the trip

cess, 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 cont. on sidebar page 9

leader, including their signed waiver

liability as required

to be full during the

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by the club.

3. If a trip appears

We will stop in Coeur d'Alene the first night, then arrive for a two-night stay at Nipika Mountain Resort inside Kootenay NP, the second day. We'll ski from our large Nipika cabin for two days, then head across the Divide to ski a gorgeous alpine cirque in Yoho NP, before arriving at our comfy, four-bedroom, four-bath townhouse just outside Banff National Park.

From there, we will enjoy seven days of skiing, as well as the amenities of Canmore, a great Rocky



Mountain ski town. One highlight, (if conditions allow) will be the 18 km downhill tour through the gorgeous Goat Creek and Spray River Valleys from Canmore to Banff, where we will park shuttle cars at the hot springs pools of Banff Springs Hotel. We have the option of skiing groomed trails at the nearby Canmore Nordic Center, the 60 km groomed Nordic venue of the Calgary Olympics.

Most dinners will be potluck style; breakfasts and lunches are the responsibility of participants. Passports and ArrivCAN proof of vaccination required.

Trip Limit 8 participants including trip leader Cost: \$630/member, per person includes 9 nights lodging. Extra costs not included: hotel stays in Idaho, park passes, trail passes when necessary, and travel expenses and meals.

Carpool Miles: 1,500 miles roundtrip from Portland plus mileage to trails some days Trip Leader: Kevin Dye kevind2020@gmail.com

Feb 2-6, Wed-Sun, All Abilities Ski **Methow Valley in February** Winthrop, WA

Spring Skiing in the Valley

We return to the beautiful Methow Valley over and over again for a simple reason, the snow conditions and trail quality rarely disappoint. The Methow Valley Association grooms over 200 km of trails through the 2,000 ft. Valley floor and into the adjacent hills and mountains, with some trails reaching the 4,000 ft. level.

We will travel to Winthrop Washington on Tuesday, February 2, meeting at our two side-by-side luxury condos for a casual evening planning session for the upcoming days. Participants are responsible for their own dinner the first night, as well as breakfasts and lunches during our stay. Dinners the following three nights will be potluck, prepared in fully equipped kitchens.

Typically, skiers ski in groups of equal abilities. Cars are necessary to get to the many different parts of the Valley that are available to skiers. We will make an attempt each evening to organize the following day in a way that best matches skiers to their interests/abilities.

If you have wanted to learn or brush up on your skate skiing skills, lessons and ski rentals are available in Winthrop and Mazama. And, if you are inclined, there is an ice skating rink in town.

Trip Limit: 12 participants including trip leaders Cost: \$230/member, per person, includes 4 nights lodging. Extra costs not included: travel expenses, meals, and trail fees of about \$25 per day per person or \$63 per person for 3 days or more.

Carpool Miles: about 800 miles roundtrip from Portland plus mileage to trailheads

Trip Leaders: Shannon and Steve Planchon shannon.planchon@gmail.com scplanchon@gmail.com

Feb 4–6, Fri–Sun, Inter. Backcountry Ski/Tele

Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin—Club Weekend

Mt. Hood, OR

This trip also occurs: March 4–6, and April 1–3 Please see January 7–9 trip description for details.

Feb 7–10, Mon-Thu, Easy/Intermediate Ski **Sunriver Without the Crowds**Sunriver, Oregon

Let's enjoy a mid-week ski trip far from the madding crowd. On the way over (and on the way back!) we can ski out of the Ray Benson Sno-Park. The ski areas have a range of trails from easier to a little more challenging. There are many ski spots in the Mt. Bachelor area, like



Virginia Meissner and Dutchman Flat, to explore depending upon snow level. Maybe this is the year we get to ski Edison Butte—since it's at a lower elevation, snow is usually marginal, but it has several trails.

The house where we'll stay has two king beds, two bunk beds, and two twin beds with three bathrooms and a hot tub, thus accommodations for eight people. There will be fantastic food, fun, camaraderie, and a chocolate fest on Wednesday night. Let's ski until our 3-pins fall off!

Trip Limit: 8 participants including trip leader Cost: \$180/member, per person. Includes 4 nights lodging. Extra costs not included: travel expenses and meals.

Carpool Miles: 380 miles roundtrip from Portland plus mileage to Sno-Parks

Trip Leader: Laurel Dickie laureldickie@hotmail.com

Feb 11-14, Fri-Mon, All Abilities Ski **Shelter Cove Resort Weekend** Odell Lake, OR

High up in the Cascades east of Eugene lies Willamette Pass and the beautiful Odell Lake situated at 4,800 feet, so there is plenty of snow plus great scenery. We will stay in the Kokanee Lodge C and D units at Shelter Cove Resort. Each unit comfortably sleeps six with one king room, one queen, and a room with bunkbeds. 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 the incredible Maklaks loops. Willamette Pass ski area has 22 km of beautifully groomed trails, trail fees required. Come experience a real winter in this beautiful snow-laden resort on a gorgeous high mountain lake.

We will potluck 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 kitchen comes equipped with most items and includes a microwave, but some supplies could be in short supply.

Trip Limit: 12 participants including trip leaders Cost: \$180/member, per person, includes 3 nights lodging. Extra costs not included: travel expenses and meals.

Carpool Miles: 360 miles roundtrip from Portland plus mileage to Sno-Parks

Trip Leaders: Steve and Shannon Planchon scplanchon@gmail.com shannon.planchon@gmail.com

Feb 14-17, Mon-Thur, All Abilities Ski **Summit Meadow Cabins**

Trillium Basin, Mt. Hood, OR

Here's your chance to stay on Mt. Hood and ski many of its trails without having to drive down the mountain at the end of the day or fight the weekend crowds. Skiing choices without driving include many of the trails in the Trillium basin and Government Camp area or we can take the cars to Bennett Pass, Twin Lakes, or Teacup, etc. While this is an for all levels, the group usually divides into two ski groups, one doing intermediate to advanced backcountry skiing and the other doing easy to intermediate.

We will stay three nights in a house with two bedrooms and a loft, which will accommodate all participants. The house is about half-a-mile from the Trillium Sno-Park and participants must be able to ski or snowshoe to the house carrying their own personal clothing, personal beverages and lunch food.

We will cook communally for breakfasts and dinners, lunches will be on your own. The food brought for communal meals will be pulled in on two sleds.

Trip Limit: 8 participants, including trip leader Cost: \$90/member, per person, includes 3 nights lodging. Extra costs not included: trail fee, if you choose Teacup or Meadows Nordic, travel expenses, Sno-Park permits for drivers, and food costs you provide for communal meals and lunches.

Carpool Miles: 110 miles roundtrip plus from Portland mileage to Sno-Parks out of the Trillium/ Government Camp

Trip Leader: Mary Hepokoski hepomp8@comcast.net

Feb 15–18, Tue–Fri, All Abilities Ski **Shelter Cove Resort Midweek** Odell Lake, OR

High up in the Cascades east of Eugene lies Willamette Pass and the beautiful Odell Lake situated at 4,800 feet, so there is plenty of snow plus great scenery. We'll stay at Shelter Cove Resort in the large two-unit Kokanee Lodge with plenty of room for twelve. There are 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 the incredible Maklaks Loops. Willamette Pass ski area has 22 km of beautifully groomed trails, with trail fees. Come experience a real winter in this beautiful snow-laden resort on a gorgeous high mountain lake.

Tuesday dinner is on your own. There are some restaurants on your way in Oakridge and some small pubs and restaurants within 6-10 miles of the resort. There are also some small pubs nearby. But check out hours of operation before you leave. We will potluck on Wednesday and Thursday for dinner. All breakfasts and lunches are on your own. The kitchens come equipped with most items and include microwaves, but some supplies could be in short supply, so bring if in doubt.

Trip Limit: 12 participants including trip leader Cost: \$180/member, per person, includes 3 nights lodging. Extra costs not included: travel expenses, trail fees, and meals.

Carpool Miles: 360 miles roundtrip from Portland plus mileage to Sno-Parks

Trip Leader: Johanna Lovell joeielove@yahoo.com.

cont. from sidebar p. 8 traveling alone, does not want to share a bed, and only one double bed remains available. which is better suited for another couple that has applied for the trip. 5. Trip leaders, after consulting with the ONC-PDX Board and Overnight Trip Committee (OTC), may also deny a trip application based on an applicant's behavior on previous ONC 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 nonrefundable, 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.

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cont. from sidebar p. 9 3. If a wait list exists, the trip leader will determine whether wait-listed applicants can be reasonably substituted for the canceling participant(s). If a wait list does not exist, and sufficient time is available, the trip leader will advertise the trip availability through reasonable means available to the trip leader, typically through the web forum and club newsletter. 4. If the leader is able to make a reasonable substitution for the 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 oncpdx.org/resources/ trip-insurance for the current listing of some trip insurance companies.

Policy and Procedure

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Feb 18–21, Fri-Mon, All Abilities Ski/Snowshoe, groomed (classic/skate)/backcountry **Sunriver President Day's Weekend** Sunriver, OR

Join us for two days of skiing over President's weekend. This is prime time skiing in the Central Cascades. Weather permitting we have options to ski the groomed trails at Mount 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 or other suggested locations.

Both Virginia Meissner and Swampy Lakes offer snowshoeing opportunities. This trip requires a minimum of two people for snowshoeing to ensure safety.

We will be staying in Sunriver at a four-bedroom home with a hot tub. Dinners will be potluck style with all other meals the responsibility of each participant.

Trip Limit: 8 participants including trip leader Cost: \$235/member, per person, includes 3 nights lodging double room occupancy. Extra costs not included: trail pass fees, travel expenses, sno-park permit, and meals.

Carpool Miles: 360 miles roundtrip from Portland plus mileage to Sno-Parks

Trip Leader: Linda Wilson wilsonln@msn.com

Feb 19–27, Sat–Sun, Easy/Intermediate/ Advanced Ski

Yellowstone NP Dream Trip NW Wyoming

Yellowstone has long been considered to be the top summer vacation spot for decades; now it is considered to be the best place to go in the winter—cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, thermal features, wildlife observation, scenery, comfortable lodging, and more! ONC-PDX has satisfied our members for over 30 years and some go every year. Whether it is your first time or fifteenth time, now it is your opportunity to experience



the dream: Yellowstone in Winter! Twenty lucky skiers will have the opportunity for this winter season's Presidents' Weekend ski trip.

We'll carpool from Portland on Saturday, February 19, arriving Sunday afternoon, at Mammoth Hot Springs near the north entrance to Yellowstone National Park and staying at the historic Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, where we'll meet for dinner. Accommodations are in newly remodeled rooms with two queen beds per room and private baths. On Monday morning, a snow-

coach ride at 7:45 a.m. takes us to Old Faithful where we move into modern western cabins with two queen beds per room and private baths. We have three days of skiing among the magnificent geysers, including those in the Old Faithful basin and Lone Star Geyser, up to the Continental Divide, the Mallard Lake Trail, all while viewing elk and bison (and perhaps wolves), catching the Yellowstone that most tourists miss. We expect dry snow and clear days. On Thursday afternoon, we will return to Mammoth Hot Springs for three more nights. On Friday and Saturday, we will ski in areas accessible from the Mammoth Basin Area-either Tower, Indian Creek areas or the famous Lamar Valley. Sunday morning after breakfast, we take off for home, relaxed and full of stories of our adventures and wild animal sightings. There is a wide selection of trails available, from beginning to advanced, something for every desire.

For those who wish, there is the possibility of beginning the trip a few days early or extending the trip for one or more days at the end. It is also possible to fly to Bozeman to avoid the drive. Please contact the tour leader for information.

If online sign-up shows the trip as full, please join the wait list. There are almost always cancellations; chances are very good you will be able to get on the trip.

Trip Limit: 20 participants including trip leader and co-leader

Cost: \$1,615/member, per person includes 7 nights lodging, double occupancy (4 at Mammoth and 3 at Old Faithful), and guided snow-coach to Old Faithful and return to Mammoth. Extra costs not included: breakfasts, lunches, and dinners are available in the dining rooms (we have reservations for dinners at the Mammoth dining room and Old Faithful Snow Lodge dining room), Yellowstone National Park entry fees (or passes), travel expenses (carpool), lodging en-route. Special rates are available for children under 12 sharing a room with parents.

Carpool Miles: about 1,800 miles from Portland plus mileage to trailheads from Mammoth

Trip Leader: Ted Scheinman tedskier@gmail.com Co-leader: Mark Fitzsimons mfitzsimpica@gmail.com

Feb 23–27, Wed–Sun, All Abilities Ski, groomed (classic/skating), downhill

Sun Valley 200 km of Groomed, Classic, and Skate Skiing Central Idaho

This trip is all about great ski conditions and great weather. Yes, we are going to Sun Valley, considered by many to be one of the top five Nordic ski regions in America. We can expect almost ideal weather conditions: an average of over 120 days of sunshine every winter and over 100 inches of snow.

At about 6,000 feet elevation, four Nordic areas and over 200 km of groomed trails, we will have a great selection of trails for everyone from novice to expert. Explore more of what's available: visitsunvalley.com/winter/complete-guide-to-cross-country-skiing-sunvalley/

We will be staying at a luxury home in the Elkhorn Village in Sun Valley. There are five bedrooms, four bathrooms and an outdoor hot tub. It is close to restaurants and amenities in Sun Valley, as well as the four Nordic ski areas. Here's a look at the spacious house: vrbo.com/159908ha

As usual, we will enjoy potluck dinners. Bring your own breakfasts and lunches. We will check in on Wednesday February 23, and check out on Sunday February 27. For those who wish to ski either of the check in or check out days, you may wish to stay an extra night in Boise. Also, for those that are interested, there is excellent downhill skiing available at Sun Valley Resort.

Trip Limit: 10 participants including the leader Cost: \$335/member, per person, includes 8 nights lodging. Extra costs not included: travel expenses, trail fees (2020 rates 3-day \$75/\$45 senior, daily \$30/\$20 senior), and meals.

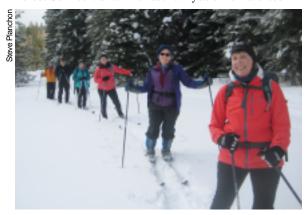
Carpool Miles: 1,200 miles roundtrip from Portland plus mileage to the ski areas—about 9 hours driving one-way with good roads

Trip Leader: Bill Neuman wrn3200@yahoo.com

Feb 26-March 2, Sat-Wed, Intermediate Ski **Big Pine Country in the Ochoco Mountains**

Ochoco National Forest, OR

We will ski in the Ochoco Mountains about 30 miles east of Prineville in a relatively remote area of Oregon taking advantage of the dry snow and wonderful views. We will be on the Walton Lake and Bandit Springs Forest Service trails. The last few years we have seen



wild horses by Walton Lake and by the cabin.

We will be staying in an artfully constructed 1,145 square foot three-bedroom 1.5 bath two-story former ranger house, with a wonderful dining room table that accommodates our entire group, as well as a large knotty-pine paneled living room with comfortable seating for evening reading and chats. There is no cell service at the cabin.

If snow is lacking, we will do some hikes in the local area and over at the Painted Hills in the John Day Fossil beds. Participants are responsible for their own breakfasts and lunches. Dinners will be potluck. Backcountry ski gear (NNN-BC bindings or better) required as skiing will be done on trails and ungroomed up and down terrain).

Available beds: two double spaces and three singles (in one large room). The living room will not be available for alternate sleeping arrangements, but (e.g., cot or sleeping pads) are possible in double-bed rooms.

Trip Limit: 6 participants including trip leader Cost: \$75/member, per person, includes 3 nights lodging. Extra costs not included: travel expenses and meals.

Carpool Miles: 350 miles roundtrip from Portland plus mileage to Sno-Parks

Trip Leader: Martin Pike pike1765@comcast.net

March 3-7, Thur-Mon, Advanced Intermediate/ Advanced Ski, classic/backcountry

Wallowa Mountains

Joseph, OR

Spend four days skiing eastern Oregon's Wallowa Mountains, where the mountains are steep and the snow is dry! There are opportunities for different levels of skiing on this trip but there are no groomed trails in the Wallowas. Bring your Telemark or AT gear and challenge yourself climbing up Wing Ridge and skiing the backcountry powder. Depending on group desires, we can hire a guide for a day or two of backcountry



adventure. The group will split up and intermediate skiers will find lots of fun (without the climb) on easier cross-country trails at Salt Creek Summit, the beautiful Wagon Rd. trail, McCully Creek Trail, or the Canal road to explore. There's also Ferguson Ridge Ski Area, where lift tickets are \$20/day at this small community built and operated ski area. Since there's no groomed trails, very skinny skis are not appropriate for this trip and skins may be needed, depending on snow conditions. Spring ski conditions can often involve hard crust or ice; skins are important to have, even if not always needed.

We stay in one large house in Joseph and we will share potluck dinners. There are also lots of restaurants in Joseph and nearby Enterprise. We generally enjoy the last night sharing beers and dinner at Terminal Gravity Brew Pub. Carpools will leave Portland on Thursday, arriving in Joseph early that evening. Skiing can be enjoyed on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and return to Portland Monday. Joseph is walking distance from the house so it can easily be explored in the evenings along with the scenic Wallowa Lake.

The house has five bedrooms with queen beds and a bunkroom with 10 bunks. It has two kitchens and living rooms and five bathrooms. Pricing is based on your choice of a private room or a bunk in the bunkroom. For the bunkroom, you will have to furnish your own sleeping bag, pillow, and towel. Please note: Bunkroom will be a mixed gender room.

Anyone who plans to ski steeper slopes and possibly use a guide is required to bring their own avalanche gear, cont. from sidebar p. 10

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

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







(beacon, probe, shovel)—exceptions for this. Guide services are optional and additional to the trip cost.

Trip Limit: 12 participants including the leader Cost: \$225/member, per person for single person in private room, \$450/two members in private room sharing bed, \$190/member, per person in mixed gender bunkroom, all include 4 nights lodging. Extra costs not included: travel expenses and meals. Note: If you are a couple trying to sign up and do not see an opening for a double, please contact the leader as all of the beds can accommodate 2 people.

Carpool Miles: 660 miles roundtrip from Portland plus mileage to ski areas from Joseph

Trip Leader: Susan Watt susniam@gmail.com.

March 4–6, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski/Tele

Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin— Club Weekend

Mt. Hood, OR

This trip also occurs: April 1–3

Please see January 7-9 trip description for details.

March 4-7, Fri-Mon, All Abilities Ski **Sunriver Women's Weekend** Bend Area, OR

Come and join an all women's ski weekend in beautiful Sunriver. We will have numerous skiing choices, both groomed and ungroomed: Mt. Bachelor, Virginia Meissner, Swampy Lakes, and Dutchman Flat. Depending on weather and ski conditions, there will be opportunities for hiking, walking and shopping.

We will be staying in Sunriver at a five bedroom, four bathroom home, with a hot tub. There are two king rooms, one queen room and four twins, plus a bonus loft area with a double futon sofa. Dinners will be partnered each night to be shared. All other meals are the responsibility of each participant. More info about the gorgeous house here: vrbo.com/1214171

Trip Limit: 10 participants including leader. Cost: \$205/member, per person, double room occupancy, includes 3 nights lodging. Extra costs not included: optional trail passes, sno-park permits, travel expenses, and meals.

Carpool Miles: 360 miles roundtrip from Portland plus mileage to Sno-Parks

Trip Leader: Nancy Neuman nanc0301@yahoo.com

March 16–20, Wed–Sun, Intermediate Ski **Spring Ski Horseshoe Prairie NE Oregon**

Enjoy some spring skiing in eastern Oregon. We will be leaving Portland on Wednesday, March 16 and return



on Sunday, March 20. We have booked The Mays Place, a Bed and Breakfast in Elgin, where we have full kitchen access and can have potlucks. The May's Place offers three double rooms (king/queen beds) and one room with two (twin) beds.

We will ski in the Horseshoe Prairie area in the Umatilla Forest and nearby ski areas. We can do sidetrips in the evening, for instance to the famous Terminal Gravity Brewery in Enterprise.

Trip Limit: 9 participants including trip leader Cost: \$215/member, per person, includes 4 nights lodging. Extra costs not included: travel expenses and meals.

Travel Miles: 550 miles roundtrip plus mileage to **Sno-Parks**

Trip Leader: Barbara Schulz babrakadabra1@gmail.com

March 18-20, Fri-Sun, All Abilities Ski John Craig Memorial Ski Weekend McKenzie Pass via Sisters, OR

The John Craig Memorial Ski Tour is an ONC tradition. It honors the memory and determination of this legendary postmaster who in the 1800s delivered the mail over McKenzie Pass on horseback and skis. He may have well inspired part of that famous phrase about "neither snow nor rain nor heat...", paying for his life with his mail pouch in tow. More about his story can be found on the ONC State website: onc.org/johncraig-story

This state sponsored event is being organized this year by our very own Ted Scheinman, so you know it's going to be fun and, ahem, a memorial event. Details are being worked out, and the date may shift a bit, but more should be known soon. You can count on an organized ski on Saturday with a social event in the evening.

All abilities are welcome on this trip. Strong skiers usually ski Highway 242 from the Sno-Park to Dee Wright observatory and back. The views of the lava flows are spectacular a few miles out of the Sno-Park, so people who want to take it easy and not go all the way up to the Dee Wright will get stunning views, weather permitting.

Besides the event, there is ample skiing available in the area for before and after the event, including at Three Creeks and Ray Benson Sno-Parks, and many others in the Santiam area. These areas are ungroomed but the trails are marked and possibly broken in.

For this year's trip, there is no designated trip leader. Members may book their own lodging in quaint Sisters, OR. Some suggested stays are at Best Western Ponderosa Lodge or FivePine Lodge and Spa. Both include breakfast and have various other amenities and possible discounts. Trip sign-up is free with a small donation to ONC to defray costs of the event, and transportation and meals are on your own.

Trip Limit: All members are encouraged to join the tour

Cost: Small donation to ONC (the state organization). Extra costs not included: travel expenses, lodging, and meals.

Travel Miles: 300 miles roundtrip from Portland plus mileage to Sno-Parks

Trip Leader: You!

March 21-24, Mon-Thur, Strong Intermediate/ Advanced Ski

Mt. Rainier Backcountry Midweek Mt. Rainier National Park, WA

On this trip we will ski at Paradise, Reflection Lakes, Mt. Tahoma Hut area, and maybe by White Pass. We will choose locations and routes depending on weather



and snow conditions. Backcountry skills will be needed, if you want to have fun. You need backcountry skis and sturdy boots.

We will be staying at the Dancing Bear Lodge in Ashford, WA. A nice lodge with pool table and hot tub. We plan on sharing dinners, but breakfasts and lunches are each skier's responsibility.

I plan on driving up early on Monday and skiing halfa-day before we go to the lodge. Likewise on Thursday, the plan is to ski then drive home. We will carpool and share driving costs. A National Parks Pass and Washington Sno-Park Permit will be needed for each car. Drive time is about three hours one way.

Trip Limit: 8 participants including trip leader Cost: \$180/member, per person, includes 3 nights lodging. Extra costs not included: travel expenses, park entry fee/pass per car, and meals.

Travel Miles: 270 miles roundtrip from Portland plus mileage to trailheads/Sno-Parks

Trip Leader: Ken Wenzel skiwenzel@hotmail.com

March 24–31, Thur–Thur, Intermediate/ Advanced Ski

Alaskan Ski Adventure

Anchorage, AK and beyond

Join us for a seven day Alaskan ski adventure! Let's sample some urban skiing on over 100 miles of groomed trails which encircle and meander through the City of Anchorage and beyond. We'll ski the coastal trail for 11 miles from downtown to Kincade Park. Following the sea edge where dramatic ice boulders are seen on the beaches, and explore Earthquake Park along the way. Our second day around Anchorage we'll ski a backcountry touring trail up into the surrounding Chugach Mountains or other options depending on group choices. If we're lucky, we'll be skiing under Northern Lights!

After two days and three nights in Anchorage, we head 40 miles north in rented SUVs to Hatcher Pass. We'll stay in cabins at Hatcher Pass Lodge for two

nights. We can ski groomed trails up to Independence Mine and the Gold Mint Trail or follow other groomed trails in the area. We can ski a third day at Hatcher Pass or go to Palmer and ski in that area where we stay for the next two nights. If possible, we can ski up to the Matanuska Glacier while we're in that area. We then return to Anchorage in time to catch our flights home.

Dining/meals: Jointly prepare and share meals in Anchorage. Meals at Hatcher Pass Lodge can be purchased in their restaurant. (Breakfast and lunch could be self-prepared in rooms). Other meals can be cooked at the house in Palmer or purchased at restaurants.

Itinerary:

Day 1 ★ March 24, Thursday—Fly to Anchorage, go to lodging, ABNB house in Anchorage.

Day 2 & March 25, Friday—Ski Coastal Trail. Day 3 * March 26, Saturday—Group choice, possible ungroomed cross-country ski trail in Chugach Mountains, or other options.

Day 4 & March 27, Sunday—Drive to Hatcher Pass, check into cabins at Hatcher Pass Lodge and ski Independence Mine Trail.

Day 5 & March 28, Monday—Depending on conditions, ski the Gold Mint Trail (ungroomed) or other groomed trails in the area.

Day 6 * March 29, Tuesday—Drive to Palmer and spend two nights in a large AirBNB house. Explore ski trail options in the area.

Day 7 ★ March 30, Wednesday—Drive to and ski the Matanuska Glacier.

Day 8 & March 30, Wednesday—Drive back to Anchorage and fly home.

Trip Limit: 8 participants including trip leader Cost: \$720/member, per person, includes 7 nights lodging and two rental vehicles for the group. Extra costs not included: airfare at \$360-\$400 (everyone will purchase their own flight), extra baggage fee for oversize luggage (e.g. skis, boots, poles-may vary by airline), food, and shared gas expenses.

Trip Leader: Susan Watt susniam@gmail.com

April 1–3, Fri–Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski/Tele

Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin-Club Weekend

Mt. Hood, OR

Please see January 7–9 trip description for details.

April 15-17, Fri-Sun, Intermediate Backcountry Ski

Tilly Jane Guard Station

Mt. Hood, OR

Please see Jan. 21–23 trip description for details.

May 26-June 8, 2022, Thur-Wed, Inter. Bike Bike the Rhone Valley Paris and the Rhone Valley, France

Trip full wait list open We'll be biking 15 to 35 miles a day on flat to

moderate terrain with an English-speaking guide. Every day you have the option to ride with the group or your own discretional itinerary. Bikes, locks,



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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

Otto's Ski & Bike Shop

38716 Pioneer Blvd., Sandy, OR They offer a 10% discount on purchases of ski equipment and apparel. Crosscountry ski package rentals for the entire season. ottosskishop.com

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helmets, pannier, etc. are all included. E-bikes are available for an upcharge, if you like.

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 day eight of the bike/boat tour we disembark 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.

For full trip description see the website.

Trip Limit: 14 participants including trip leader. Cost: \$3,850/member, per person (to be confirmed in October), includes airfare, trip insurance, ground and river transport, double occupancy lodging, and a lot of meals. Trip deposit of \$900 on signup with the balance due in January 2022.

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

Welcome new members! Jane and John Connell, Stephen Kenkel, Susan Martin, John Saunders, Guillaume Turcotte, and Patrick and Tina Wheeler

September membership report: 318 total memberships (226 single and 92 family), includes 6 new and 195 renewals. Note: non-renewals are still included in this count. Last year at this time there were 356 memberships.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of August 31, 2021 ONC-PDX Board Meeting

Present: Ken Wenzel, Laurel Dickie, Tere Enburg, Don Erickson, Paul Vincent, Michele Gunness, Christine Bierman, and Ted Scheinman

Minutes: Ken presents and Ted seconds. July minutes approved.

COVID Policy for Trips: It was felt the club's COVID policy could be subject to vote of trip participants as to whether masks are worn inside the shared housing. ■ Guidelines and border travel will change as these trips evolve next year. ■ It's suggested we follow CDC guides at the time of the trip. The most important things should be to have been vaccinated and wear a mask. ■ A new idea is for the leader to state in the trip correspondence whether they want to see a negative COVID test before the trip.

Publications: ONC- PDX Newsletter going forward. At this point it is better to switch to make all newsletters electronic. We have 3 members who are interested. ■ Christine has a background as a journalist and editor so Don suggests she'd be a good board liaison for this. She said that she would first need to know more details about this role. ■ Ken asks for a vote to make the newsletter electronic. The decision is approved. Fine tuning what we wish to see in a newsletter will be talked about in the next Board meeting.

Monthly Program: Ron Bekey feels Zoom is best at this point and he has lined up the next 3 months of

Overnight Trips: Zoom Presentation and sign up like last year. The sign-up date will be Oct. 10 starting at 5:00 p.m.

Treasurers Report: Tere motions we accept the budget Don Erickson sent out prior to our meeting. Vote taken; budget approved.

Tilly Jane Report: Rental Activity remains steady for the 2021-2022 season, we continue to follow our same COVID rental requirements of 1 party per rental and limited to 6 at the Guard Station and 10 at the A Frame and current mask requirements, as well as all USFS fire restrictions (no fires permitted this summer). All weekends and most other nights are booked out. ■ This summer we led volunteer activities to complete replacing the A Frame Wood Stove, painting the Guard Station interior, and logging and milling half of the amphitheater benches for a planned 2022 installation. We also had a full day of trail tending for both the Pollallie and Tilly Jane Ski Trails. ■ The annual wood haul is set for October 2 and we will follow COVID guidelines requiring masks indoors and outside throughout the weekend. No overnight stays will be permitted in the cabins, but they will be open during the day for deep cleaning by a few volunteers. ■ All in all the cabins are in great shape for the high use winter season!

Nordic Issues: Susan Watt mentions the club is thanked profusely by THRIVE for supporting the land

swap lawsuit. ■ She didn't get a strong feeling from the lawyers on the success of this effort. ■ She feels we need to coalesce with a stronger presence about the trail changes in the Summit area and suggests a few members formulate a better statement. ■ Susan says she will formulate a letter and send

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it to the Board. Thrive Hood River Meeting Report: ONC-PDX sent \$2000 contribution to Thrive for legal fight. Approved by e-mail vote. Ted shared what he talked with other members about the land exchange and many members had no clue about this issue. He will send out a report about this land exchange. This is reducing cross-country areas, which is what the club is all about. Are we willing to really take this argument on? Ted proposes to pledge \$500 to set up a club member match program to support this fight. Susan suggests we have some day trips to "show off" this area to members/potential members. With pending climate change we Nordic skiers need access to higher elevation areas. ■ Ken suggests we post an article on the Tilly Jane website to capture folks who may be interested in supporting the land trade fight.

Trail Tending: An overnight trail tending is coming up on Mt. St. Helens led by Ken Wenzel. Mt. Hood Nordic Bus. The general Board consensus is we should wait a year because of COVID concerns. Also costs have increased to about \$40/person, which may not be attractive to attendees. Ted is looking into some grants to help supplement the cost of the ski bus. There is hesitancy to book the bus unless we can bring the cost down and who will cover the cost of an empty bus. Ken feels we should put our resources into other projects, so the board thought we should postpone the ski bus until 2023.

Revise Oregon Ski Trails Guide project: Scott Diamond commented he prefers web based guide to show routes and GPX tracks and revisions. Christine asked that her presentation on revising a trail guide be postponed until the October board meeting to give her more time to prepare.

Publicity: Ski Trails Program Scott Diamond is interested in doing Outreach with REI and or others. The Board is delighted at this suggestion.

John Craig Event at Sisters: Ted did a survey and found folks want to do a tour and not a race. They would also appreciate a meal or another event associated with the tour.

Membership Report: Ted will again approach Next Adventure about our deal of a free club membership with the purchase of new skis.

Vice President Selection: Tabled until October

Miscellaneous: Don was suggesting more sub groups reporting on activities.

Also on our legal issues on waivers done on line. WSTC does one waiver per year.

Future Board meetings: an evening time is best for several members. Oct. 19 has been selected for evening. Sept. 21 meeting, held at 9:00 a.m.

Laurel Dickie, Secretary

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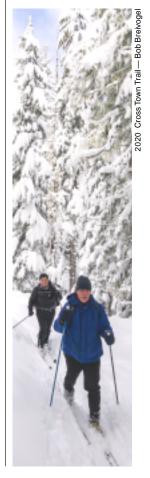
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FOR SALE: ▶ Skate Skis like-new Salomon RS7 skate skis, 191cm, Salomon Prolink procombi bindings. Skis were poorly fitted to me by a retailer in Kelowna, BC, used twice. Will need to be tuned for Oregon conditions. Retail \$247. \$150 4Ski poles like-new Rossignol XT-600 poles, 160cm. Retail for \$55. \$30 Mace dmv4@cornell.edu

FOR SALE: ▶ Ski Boots Rossignol BCX12 3-pin boots size 44, used once \$70 ▶ Skis Rossignol BC70 skis, full metal edges, 180cm w/3-pin bindings \$20 ▶ Skis Karhu Kinetic skis, full metal edges, 200 cm w/3-pin bindings \$15 ▶ Skis Poles 120 cm fiberglass and 140 cm metal \$10 per pair ▶ 3-pin bindings Various 3-pin binding sets \$5 ▶ Emergency Ski Tips for up to 57mm or 68 mm width after break \$5 each ▶ Snowshoes Tubbs snowshoes 20 in. and 24 in. \$50 per pair ▶ Snowshoe carry bag \$5 Al alevitrehberg@frontier.com 12/21

WANTED: ▶ Ski Boots new or used, women's SNS BC compatible (any style BC), size 37-39 (would need to try due to size variability). Barbara bh13@att.net 12/21

Deadline: 15th of the month for the next month's publication. Free ads for members only, placed on a first come basis, and may be edited depending on space availability. Send to: oncnewsletter@gmail.com as attachment (preferred)—(with no formatting i.e., bold, italic, or tabs), compatible text file, or send text in an email. Ads will be published for 3 months. Please notify editor to run ads longer or be removed earlier.



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