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Obsidians Celebrate New Year's On the Beach and Above the Clouds!



THE OBSIDIANS GOT THE NEW YEAR OFF TO AN ENERGETIC START with two New Year's day hikes. A group of 21, led by Janet Jacobsen, summited a sunny Spencer Butte. A second group of 11, led by Lana Lindstrom, opted for sun and fun at Baker Beach just north of Florence. *Editor's note: See the detailed trip reports on page 10.*

Photos from Spencer Butte by Ryan Hovland



Obituaries

JEAN JENSEN 1923-2012

JEAN JOINED THE OBSIDIANS IN 1991 and was a devoted member of the bus group until her health forced her to reluctantly give up the bus trips. While active she went on 72 bus trips, the last being to the Evergreen Air Museum in 2005. Jean will be remembered by all who knew her as a lovely, gracious lady, a friend to all. Jean is survived by her husband, Ray, also an Obsidian member, and their daughter.

Editor's Note: A more complete obituary may be found in the January 15, 2012 issue of the Register-Guard

STEVE SCHRIVER 1943-2012

STEVE BECAME AN OBSIDIAN MEMBER IN 1998 and went on his first hike to Opal Creek. He went on 41 trips, including four summer camps, until declining health forced him to curtail his hiking. Steve was elected to the board in 2003 and took on the responsibility of enlarging the bulletin board at the YMCA. He also chaired the Heritage Committee which was responsible for preserving and displaying the archived photos at the Lodge. Steve is survived by his wife, Beverly, also an Obsidian member, and their two daughters.

Editor's Note: A more complete obituary may be found in the January 15, 2012 issue of the Register-Guard.

SAM HOUSTON 1952-2012

SAM BECAME A MEMBER IN 2005. He went on 29 trips including hikes and bike trips. Sam served on the Entertainment and Summer trips committee and also participated in the remodeling of the lodge.

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Summer Camp is Coming!

Camp Elle Mt. Baker, Washington August 18-25, 2012

Lana Lindstrom

QUESTION: What exactly is Summer Camp?

ANSWER: It's a time to focus on nature, reconnect with old friends and make new ones. No wifi or TV, and only 3-4 chores the entire week. Breakfasts and dinners are prepared for you; you make your own lunches. A typical day is breakfast at 7:30; go hiking with a group at 9:00; back in plenty of time for a shower and 'happy hour'; dinner at 6:30; sit around the campfire or read in your tent; and asleep by 10:00. For more details, ask an Obsidian who has been before; there's at least one on every hike or snow trip.

Q: Why is camp so late this year? Isn't it usually in July or early August?

A: Yes, in recent years, camp has been held earlier. However, the weather forecasters predict a similar snow year to last year; that is, the higher trails may not be open until mid to late August. To maximize our chances of relatively snow-free trails, the camp is scheduled from August 18-25, 2012.



Q: In past years, there has been limited space for RVs and tent trailers. Is that the case this year?

A: Indeed, there isn't much space for vehicles in which people sleep. You may be parking on the road. The maximum length is 23'.

Q: What's the cost?

A: The cost per session for adult Obsidian tenters, RVers and children over age 12 is \$195 for 7 days of camping and food – what a bargain! That includes all fees and taxes and three healthy, hearty, all-you-can-eat meals per day. The cost for children ages 6-11 is \$100. Children under 6 are free.

Q: This sounds great! When can I sign up?

A: Online signups will begin on Saturday, March 17, the day after most Obsidians receive the paper copy of the *Bulletin*. In addition, you'll have to complete a paper application and mail it with a \$35 non-refundable check. The application will be available online and will also be included in the mailed *Bulletin*. Additional details regarding the process will be in the March *Bulletin*.

The Joys of Winter Hiking in Western Oregon

Jim Pierce

DON'T RUN FROM THE WOODS WHEN IT RAINS! The pleasures of hiking do not stop when the days get short and wet. Discover the joys of winter hiking for yourself. There are plenty of opportunities to hike around Eugene, along the coast, in the Coast Range, and in the foothills of the Cascades. There are lots of neat things to see in the winter -- some cannot be seen at other times of the year. By hiking through the winter, you can be in shape for those outings you are planning to do when the snow melts and the days get longer.

During the winter, you may have noticed that there is more rain. Rain is a good thing! Waterfalls and stream rapids are spectacular with the higher water flows of winter. Rain under the forest canopy is cool, but wear a hat, the drops from the trees are BIG.

We are blessed with moderate temperatures during the winter. It is cold compared to summer, but compared to other parts of the country we are balmy. It seldom gets so cold that you would need to cancel an outing, just wear more layers. Low elevations seldom get snow for long.

We have a huge variety of places to explore. We can hike along the coast, in the Coast Range, and in the foothills of the Cascades, in the valley, and even around town. My list has over two dozen winter outings. Every place has its own special glory, if you look for it. The forests are more open in the winter with the leaves down, so the views through the forest are different in winter.

Most winter hikes do not have grand vistas, except the buttes. So look for smaller things to enjoy, such as individual trees, ferns, mosses and fungus. This is their time -- they



are calling to you. Are you listening?

The key to a successful winter hike is to be prepared. Be mentally prepared. Have that 'go anyway' attitude. Don't let a few rain drops spoil your fun. Be prepared for changing weather. The forest will be wet, even if it has not rained lately. The trails will be muddy and slippery, so wear mud tolerant boots with good traction.

Go on shorter hikes—the days are shorter. Start early and finish early. Allow for emergencies. Consider familiar trails to reduce risk, but look for seasonal differences on those trails.

During the winter you should carry more stuff: more raingear, more layers, more emergency equipment and clothing. Avoid cotton, hypothermia's friend, except for urban hikes. Carry a foam pad for a dry place to sit.

Winter is a great time to be out. Please enjoy it.

Editor's note: This article is based on a talk Jim gave at REI in January.

Where to go. Here are half a dozen hikes for each of four areas. All are under 1,500 feet in elevation. If you see one of your favorites, how about leading it?

Along the Coast: *Hobbit Trail – Heceta Head, Tahkenitch Dunes/Three Mile Lake, Honeyman Dunes, Gwynn Creek Loop, Yachats Trail or Cape Perpetua.*

Coast Range and Western Valley: *Sweet Creek Gorge and Falls, Kentucky Falls, Smith River North Fork, Finley Wildlife Refuge, Basket Slough Wildlife Refuge, Cummins Ridge, Cummins Creek.*

Cascade Foothills and Eastern Valley: *Brice Creek, Trestle Creek Falls Loop, Fall Creek, North Fork of the Middle Fork of the Willamette River, Shotgun Creek Loop, Silver Falls State Park.*

The Metro area: *Ridgeline Trail System, Mount Pisgah, Spencer Butte, Skinner Butte, Willamette River Bike Path, Springfield's Clearwater Park, Middle Fork Path or walks through neighborhood greenway areas.*



Lodge Acoustical Improvement Project

Brian Hamilton

ARE YOU HANDY WITH A PAINT BRUSH, HAMMER, OR SAW? We're looking for a few volunteers to help install wood or metal trim on the banquet room ceiling in the Obsidian Lodge. The intent of this work is to seal the gaps between the wood beams and the sheetrock panels on the ceiling. Sealing the gaps will prevent fir needles and other debris from working their way into the ventilation space below the metal roof panels, and dropping onto the floor below.

This work will be a part of an acoustical improvements project in the banquet room. Over the years, members have had difficulty conversing during a gathering at the Obsidian Lodge because of all the noise and chatter generated by a group of people in a relatively small space. Many who attend potluck programs or ExploraTalks also find that it can be hard to understand the speaker.

Having space suitable for the high quality presentations we enjoy at the Lodge is long overdue. Working toward that end, we have a new projection screen and a digital projector, but now it is time to do something about the acoustics in the Lodge's banquet room. An ad hoc committee co-chaired by Kathy Hoeg and Sue Sullivan has been exploring how we can improve the acoustics in the room to make speech more intelligible to all of us.

Several options were explored, including high tech sound systems. We learned that the biggest problem with poor speech intelligibility is that sounds bounce back and forth among all of the hard surfaces in the room and the most cost efficient solution would be to add soft, sound absorbing materials to the surfaces to reduce reverberation. The biggest

bang for our buck would come from applying material to the walls, but we just couldn't sacrifice the beauty of the wood paneling for better sound. Installing carpet on the concrete floor would help, but we need a hard durable surface for the variety of events held in the Lodge. That leaves the ceiling. After researching various sound absorbing materials and methods of attachment to the ceiling, our subcommittee has narrowed the field down to fabric covered foam panels made specifically for acoustical applications. We have se-



lected a company to provide the acoustical panels and have begun negotiations to get the ball rolling.

We anticipate this work to be completed within the next few months and while we're renting scaffolding or portable lifts to install the panels, we will also install the trim. If you are able to help, please contact John Jacobsen at 343-8030 or at johnwjacobsen@comcast.net.

Are You a Compleat Obsidian?

Jim Pierce and Janet Jacobsen

WITH SUMMER CAMP ON THE 2012 SCHEDULE, it is possible to complete the requirements for the Compleat Obsidian Award. The award is a way to encourage members to become acquainted with a broad spectrum of club activities. During a twelve month period, a member must complete ten different Obsidian activities. These are: attend a Potluck, Summer Camp; go on an extended trip, a summer trip, a winter trip, a Trail Maintenance outing, a bus trip, and a climb; serve on a committee and lead an activity.

So far six active Obsidians have received the award: Rick Ahrens, Marianne Camp, Jim Duncan, Janet Jacobsen, Lana Lindstrom, and Jim Pierce.

It takes some planning and effort, but it is fun to try different activities. If you want to receive the award at the October 2012 annual meeting, you need to get started soon. Begin with a winter trip! Or join a Trail Maintenance outing on Saturday, February 25.

If you want to know more about the award, contact one of the recipients or see page nine of the Constitution and By Laws on the Obsidian web page, Members Only section.

Highpointers Bag a 1,550 Foot Peak

Craig Renkert

THE HIGHEST POINT OF EACH WESTERN STATE is easily identified by its mountain, which dominates the skyline. Reaching these high points requires at least good hiking ability and in some cases technical climbing skills. East of the Rocky Mountains, the highpoint of most states is much easier to access and is sometimes in an obscure location.

One obscure location is the Delaware highpoint, *Elbright Azimuth*, which is in a suburban neighborhood with a sign at the edge of a small park defining the spot. According to one map the original highpoint was bulldozed away when they leveled the land to build the trailer park, leaving the park in front.

The Rhode Island highpoint, *Jerimoth Hill*, is another obscure location, and is owned by Brown University. Access to this highpoint previously crossed private land. One previous owner did not take kindly to highpointers walking the 235 yards across his property to reach the site and would chase them away. The Highpointers organization (HPO) negotiated access with this landowner for only a few days a year. When another owner bought the property, the HPO convinced the new owner to allow them to build and maintain a trail along the edge of his property to reach the highpoint. With the encouragement of the HPO, the state of Rhode Island has bought both the access and highpoint properties, now ensuring public access.

Since moving to Ohio five years ago my wife and I have been bagging state highpoints east of the Rockies. The hiking challenges are usually not as great, but finding the highpoint can be a challenge. The quest will take you to some places you would be unlikely to visit otherwise. To date I have reached 22 highpoints and Barb has 16. This past summer we took an eight-day vacation that included bagging eight highpoints for Craig and seven for Barb: Delaware, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York.

ONE THING THAT CONTINUES TO AMAZE ME on our highpoint adventures, is the large number of other people that are bagging state highpoints. We met a family group of eight, including three generations, at the Michigan highpoint, *Mt. Arvon*. The summit is a place well off the main roads, accessible via a maze of logging roads and a one mile hike to reach the top. This is NOT a place you would go unless you were bagging highpoints. In Minnesota, near the summit of *Eagle Mountain*, a 3.5-mile hike in, we met a family of four from Texas who were on a trip to complete five highpoints. The father seemed to be enjoying the experience much more than his wife and two teen-aged daughters.

In July, the Highpointers organization held their annual convention at the Ohio highpoint, *Campbell Hill*, 45 minutes from where we live. Since it was so close, we decided we

had to check it out. The convention registration was a 50 foot hike to the 1,550 foot summit, so it was easy to bag the peak again! The three day convention included equipment displays, fixed rope travel training, knot tying training, slide shows, a tour of the Ohio Caverns, discussions, dinners, and awards, among other activities. For those people who have reached at least 25 highpoints there is a pin acknowledging this achievement. Completing all 50 highpoints earns an award at the banquet. A father/son team that recently set the record for bagging all 50 highpoints in the shortest time (45 days) presented a video of their adventure. The son was 13 years old at the time of their feat. Many of the people attending are serious mountain climbers; some of them having climbed throughout the world. A regular attendee is Don Holmes, author of the book *Highpoints of the United States, A Guide to the Fifty State Summits*. This is one of the two books we use to guide us to the highpoints, the other being *Highpoint Adventures* by Charlie and Diane Winger. Another resource guide is <http://www.summitpost.org/> which provides up-to-date information on accessing the state highpoints and a wealth of information on mountains worldwide.

THIS YEAR THE HIGHPOINTERS CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT MT. HOOD, JUNE 8-9. On Friday, the Mazamas have invited the Highpointers to join them for a BBQ and bonfire at the Mazama Lodge. Arthur Marshall, an active Mazama member, was first ever to complete the state highpoints. The Saturday banquet will be held at Timberline Lodge, where Kenyon Rainier Stebbins will donate some original documents of A.H. Marshall to the Mazamas. Registration is open to HPO members and nonmembers; special arrangements have been made for lodging at Timberline Lodge and at the Best Western at Government Camp. Climbing groups for Mt. Hood will be organized prior to the convention. HPO Portland members are actively involved in organizing the convention. For more information about the convention, go to <http://www.highpointers.org/> and scroll down to 2012 Oregon Convention Registration.

Two of the peaks I would like to climb soon are Gannett Peak and Granite Peak in Wyoming and Montana, respectively. Both have a long approach and require technical climbing to reach the summit. If other Obsidians are interested in climbing these peaks I would be interested in hearing from you. In the meantime, Barb and I will continue to bag the peaks that are closer at hand. We plan to bag *Charles Mound* in Illinois on June 2. It is on private property and access is prohibited except on the first weekend in June, July, August and September. Keep on hiking!

Editor's note: Craig has highpointed Mt. McKinley, Mt. Rainer and Mt. Hood. Another Obsidian member, Steve McManigal, has kept the Bulletin informed of his progress to 27 highpoints.

What Mountain is That?

OBSIDIANS RECEIVED THIS EMAIL FROM A CURIOUS HIKER.

Hi Obsidians;

Can you help us resolve a dispute? My friend says that from the top of Spencer Butte in Eugene, one can see Mt. Hood, Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, and the Three Sisters (north to south). I think we're seeing the Sisters, Mt. Washington, Three Fingered Jack, and Mt. Jefferson (south to north). What is the answer? Can we see Mt. Hood from Spencer Butte? How can we know for sure? Thanks, C.

Obsidians Secretary Kathy Hoeg, forwarded the question to Janet Jacobsen who forwarded it to John Jacobsen and Sue Sullivan to confirm that one cannot see Mt. Hood from Spencer Butte.

Sue replied: *You cannot see Mt. Hood from Spencer Butte. The Coburg hills are in the way.*

John said: *I believe that C. is correct – Mt. Hood is not visible since it is hidden behind the Coburg Hills when looking from Spencer Butte. I did some sighting using Google earth and that seemed to confirm my recollections.*

For a definitive answer we asked Obsidian member, Sarah Praskievicz, a U of O PhD student in geography to help us out with what peaks we see from Spencer Butte or Mt. Pisgah. Here is her reply:

The way that geographers determine whether one location is visible from another location is through viewshed analysis, which is a common function of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software. In GIS, topography is commonly represented as a regular grid, each of which has an elevation associated with it. We call this dataset a digital elevation model (DEM). Using a DEM, viewshed analysis is fairly straightforward. The software essentially draws a straight line from the viewpoint grid cell (say, the summit of Spencer Butte) to every other grid cell in the DEM. When there's a grid cell with a higher elevation value between the viewpoint and the target cell, that line of sight is blocked. The farthest-away grid cell that remains unblocked is the farthest-away point that can be seen from the viewpoint (like Mount Jefferson from Spencer Butte). All of this assumes, of course, that weather conditions are clear, which we know is not often the case here in Oregon!

*To find out what mountains can be seen from Spencer Butte and Mount Pisgah, I found a free GIS-based web application called **Hey, What's That?** It uses a viewshed*

algorithm like the one I described to generate a list of named peaks that can be seen from any point that the user selects on a Google map. According to this tool, from Spencer Butte, you can see all the way from Mount Jefferson to Mount Bachelor on a clear day, but not Hood. This means that C., Sue, and John are correct that Hood is blocked by the Coburg Hills. As for Pisgah, the results indicate that the only major Cascade peaks visible are South Sister and Diamond Peak, not Jefferson or Broken Top or Bachelor.

I recommend that you visit <http://www.heywhatsthat.com>. It's easy to use and fun to browse, with tons of user-generated panoramas. I made the Spencer Butte and Pisgah ones public, and anyone can make their own.

*I've attached some results from **Hey, What's That?** for Pisgah including the names, compass bearings, and elevations of named peaks that you can see. It claims that you can see South, but not Middle Sister. Of course, there could be some error associated with these results, though.*

Thank you for giving me a rare fun research project!

VIEW FROM MT. PISGAH:

9° Camp Creek Ridge 7 miles 1,916 ft.; 44° Tidbits Mountain 37 miles 5,135 ft.; 48° Gold Hill 33 miles 4,331 ft.; 50° Elk Mountain 32 miles 4,029 ft.; 67° South Sister 60 miles 10,318 ft.; Cowhorn Mountain 23 miles 4,147 ft.; 78° Sardine Butte 33 miles 5,052 ft.; 83° Sinker Mountain 28 miles 4,505 ft.; 93° Saddleblanket Mountain 24 miles 4,984 ft.; 96° Sourgrass Mountain 26 miles 4,783 ft.; 102° Tire Mountain 25 miles 4,331 ft.; 105° Mount David Douglas 47 miles 6,253 ft.; 108° Coyote Mountain 43 miles 5,823 ft.; 110° Wolf Mountain 46 miles 6,427 ft.; 113° Diamond Peak 53 miles 8,678 ft.; 118° Hardesty Mountain 21 miles 4,199 ft.; 122° Sawtooth Rock 19 miles 4,039 ft.; 125° Mount June 19 miles 4,623 ft.; 137° Bohemia Mountain 33 miles 5,840 ft.; 139° Adams Mountain 29 miles 4,938 ft.; 146° Bear Mountain 12 miles 3,661 ft.; 158° Prune Hill 11 miles 2,654 ft.; 166° Cougar Mountain 10 miles 2,402 ft.; 175° Harness Mountain 34 miles 3,297 ft.; 179° Hobart Butte 28 miles 2,474 ft.; 184° Cuttock Butte 25 miles 2,280 ft.; 192° Wards Butte 21 miles 2,037 ft.; 236° High Point 22 miles 1,804 ft.; 241° Spencer Butte 7 miles 1,716 ft.; 270° Windy Peak 36 miles 2,044 ft.; 271° Elk Mountain 34 miles 2,297 ft.; 289° Prairie Mountain 35 miles 3,287 ft.; 293° Grass Mountain 46 miles 3,563 ft.; 299° Green Peak 35 miles 2,694 ft.; 301° Old Blue Mountain 43 miles 3,291 ft.; 304° Mary's Peak 45 miles 4,022 ft.; 313° Little Grass Mountain 59 miles 2,657 ft. and 339° Buck Mountain 13 miles 3,127 ft.

FEBRUARY BOARD NOTES

February 1, 2012

By Kathy Hoeg

President Elle Weaver called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Matt Bell, Sharon Cutsforth, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, and John Jacobsen. Also present were: Jim Duncan, Joella Ewing, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, Lenore McManigal, Tom Musselwhite, Doug Nelson, Nola Nelson, Jim Pierce, and Sue Sullivan.

The Board approved the minutes of the January 2012 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Stewart Hoeg reviewed the Budget-vs-Actual Report and the Balance Sheet.

The Board approved payment of the bills:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Trips (Tom Musselwhite): The Summer Trips Leader Contacts list has been updated and refined. A basic 'prefab-ed' Summer Trips preliminary schedule is nearing completion. Meanwhile, experienced Trip Leaders may begin submitting their Summer Trips to summertrips@obsidians.org or wait and choose from the prefabricated schedule of suggested trips.

Winter Trips (Jim Pierce): The Winter Trips Committee has settled into a routine. These are our job descriptions.

Jim Pierce -- Chair, John Cooper -- Scheduler, Chris Cunningham -- Leader contacting, Judy Terry -- Trip Report approvals. There have been 15 completed and approved trips for the season. 8 of those were in January. There are 43 trips on the schedule for the Winter Trips season, 64 counting canceled and rescheduled trips. The Leader Appreciation pizza banquet pot luck was held on January 25 at the Lodge. I think this is an event worth repeating for Summer Trips.

Climbs (Sue Sullivan): The Climbs Committee met January 17 and talked about climb leaders, climbs and the Basic Mountaineering Class for 2012. We also discussed some options for re-working the climbs portion of the Obsidians web page. Dates for the Basic Mountaineering class have been set, and work continues on getting volunteers for the class and for leading climbs.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): In January there were 2 outings with 18 total participants volunteering about 54 hours.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Liz Reanier): Plans for nine trips in 2012 have been finalized and will be presented at the Bus Rally on Sunday, February 26, at the Obsidians Lodge.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): The Committee met January 10 to approve the budget and discuss camp logistics. Online registration will open March 17, after paper copies of the March *Bulletin* have been received. The cost will be \$195 for members.

Extended Trips (Chris Stockdale): Jim Duncan and Helen Martz have taken over leadership of the Columbia Gorge-Menucha trip. The date is changed to June 13-15, 2012. The four extended trips scheduled for February-May (Newberry Crater Ski/Snowshoe, Mt. Tahoma Ski/Snowshoe, Crater Lake Ski/Snowshoe, Owyhee Rafting) are all filled.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing): The January Wolves program that had to be cancelled due to power outage at the lodge is rescheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): There were 96 people present for dinner and 135 present for the January potluck at which Bill Sullivan was the speaker. We collected \$130. The February potluck will be on February 24 and will feature Greg Vaughn, a nature/travel/adventure photographer.

Membership (Elle Weaver): Current Membership Status: Active 404, Associate 21, Honorary 4, Junior 4, Life 17, total 450. To add a personal touch to online contact, new applicants will receive an email when a membership application is received. That email will include a note on how to access the current and previous *Bulletins* so that they become more familiar with trips and activities. They will receive a congratulatory email when the Board approves the application. A new member packet will be mailed to them. They will receive a final email about a month later asking them if they have any questions. Renewals and reinstatements will receive a

'thank you' email.

Publicity (Janet Jacobsen): January was a good month for making contact with nonmembers with the January Potluck and the REI presentation. We renewed our membership for Travel Lane County for \$165.00.

Concessions (Lyn Gilman-Garrick): Our next goal is to put our heads together to decide what merchandise to buy for the upcoming year. Suggestions are welcome!

Online (Wayne Deeter): The Obsidian online data system has had its emailing capabilities upgraded this month.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): The trips which appeared in the January *Bulletin*, have been recorded. Activity sheets for the new members joining the club at the last meeting, have also been created.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): There are two rental fees to submit -- McKenzie River Trust board meeting, Jan. 10- \$40.00 and Darlene York Memorial, Feb. 4- \$40.00. There is also a family celebration party scheduled for Feb. 19.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Two work parties were held since the last Grounds report.

Safety (Pat Esch): The Safety Committee will meet in February or March, hopefully with a full complement of members. I will be out of town for the February Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Elle Weaver presented 5 new member applications.

Doug Nelson requested approval for the following for membership on the Building Committee: John Jacobsen, John Pegg, Cat Nelson.

Tom Musselwhite requested approval for the following for membership on the Summer Trips Committee -- Brian Hamilton, John Jacobsen, Sandra Larsen, Joanne Ledet, Lyndell Wilken, and Eric Swegles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting will be on March 7 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned for food at Tasty Thai.

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Ski Trips

Pretty Lake

January 1, 2012

Leader: Sue Sullivan

Xski: 5.5 miles, 1,100 ft. (Difficult)

THIS TRIP WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 26, but with the dismal state of the snow pack and the promise of snow in the forecast, it seemed reasonable to postpone the trip for a week. I felt very positive about the potential for good ski conditions when Rich Anselmo, our local weather wise man (or a wise guy?) signed up for the trip. And the snow did come, though not as much at the Crescent trailhead as we might have hoped. Still, it was sunny and pleasant, and we headed out, determined to have fun no matter what. We started out on a direct route to the Pretty Lake junction and ended up carrying skis a fair amount of the time. We reached the junction, and the conditions on the Pretty Lake Trail didn't look very pretty. After a brief discussion among the group, we decided to retreat to the car and head to a place with better snow conditions. So it was back to the car, and back to the Gold Lake Sno-Park, where, given the reduced amount of time left for skiing, we divided into two groups. The fast skiers had an exhilarating ski to Arrowhead Lake in good conditions; the slower group did an enjoyable leisurely loop past Bechtel and West View shelters. We had an uneventful return to Eugene. Pretty Lake will have to wait for a bit more snow. Members: Jan Anselmo, Richard Anselmo, John Mowat, Moshe Rapaport, Chris Stockdale, and Sue Sullivan.



SnowShoe Trips

Bechtel Shelter

January 21, 2012

Leader and Photographer: Jim Pierce

SShoe: 4.6 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

SIX OBSIDIANS LEFT THE RAINY VALLEY for the snowy Cascades. We hit packed snow at about 3,500 feet, but kept rolling to the Gold Lake Sno-Park at 5,000 feet. The snow covered trees were worth the trip all by themselves. There was just over three feet of snow at the measuring pole. As expected, there was lots of new snow - the leader sank into 8-16 inches of snow.



So leading was hard work, like climbing a tall stair stepper with weighted boots. Everyone took their turn breaking trail. It took us two hours to reach Bechtel shelter, where we found 14 skiers there already. It was odd to have so many packed into a small space in such an isolated spot. In all we encountered over 40 people enjoying the snow-covered trees and trails. The descent took only 70 minutes since the snowshoe trail was already well trodden. We saw a pair of hawks soaring, wondering what prey they could be seeking. At the parking lot there was two inches of snow on the van. We were back at SEHS by 3:30. What a marvelous day! Members: Daniele Delaby, Jim Pierce, Sarah Praskievicz, Susan Sanazaro, Barbara Schomaker, and Jim Whitfield.



Hikes

Cummins Ridge

November 13, 2011

Leader: Jim Pierce

Hike: 6 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)

WHAT A GREAT DAY AT THE COAST. On the way to Cummins Ridge, the waves were marvelous and the sea lions were frolicking. The five of us drove to the trailhead, passing quite a few courteous elk hunters. We started at the upper trailhead and hiked through mixed old growth and second growth hemlocks and Douglas firs. The understory changed from salal to sword ferns, maybe based on the steepness of the slopes. After an hour we stopped and cleared trail-encroaching salal for an hour, with a half-hour lunch break in the middle, then we continued hiking down the ridge. The only wildlife we saw was a grouse and a deer. At the three mile mark, the trail changes to an old roadbed encroached with alders and mosses. The leader

turned around and went back up the trail to drive the car to the lower trailhead. The ladies continued to the lower trailhead and started hiking down the road to meet me, so they put in seven miles. The mist rolled in obscuring the views of the ocean from the ridge, but since it only rained briefly, we considered it a dry day. Members: Laurie Marshall, Maria Munoz, Charlene Pierce, and Jim Pierce. Nonmember: Diane Kurz.

Spencer Butte

January 1, 2012

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.2 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

TWENTY-ONE OF US CELEBRATED THE NEW YEAR on top of the butte basking in the sun and snacking on a potluck of treats. Cookies, muffins, chocolate, tasty dips, fresh fruit, dried fruit, teriyaki chicken, and Croatian morsels! We lingered to enjoy the conversation and to appreciate the spectacular views of the mountains above the white sea of clouds. With big smiles and a bit of reluctance, we headed down into the fog. Members: Mari Baldwin, Clara Emlen, Leah Firth, Ryan Hovland, Janet Jacobsen, Joanne Ledet, Lisa Marcus, Laurie Marshall, Doug Nelson, Jim Pierce, Diane Schechter, Darko Sojak, Jim Whitfield, and Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Carolyn Sojak, Cat Nelson, Chris Garrick, Grant Jenkins, Melanie Carlone, Charlotte Brandt, Charles Ashmore, and Samantha Johnson.

Baker Beach

January 1, 2012

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Hike: 6 miles, 0 ft. (Moderate)

WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY AT THE COAST when it was yet another foggy day in the valley! This hike was in honor of Sheila Ward, long-term Obsidian treasurer who died in August, 2007: her birthday was January 1. It was low tide, making hiking easy on hard-packed sand. And we were able to tuck into a sand depression and eat lunch out of the wind. Helen brought Christmas crackers -- paper tubes with both ends twisted. We had fun pulling and making them pop and then laughing at the lame jokes inside, both in English and French; who knew that at least five of us spoke some French! We were all reluctant to leave the beautiful weather, so after the hike, we retired to the coffee shop in Florence for hot drinks and conversation. What a convivial group to bring in the new year! Special thanks to Helen and Kathy for driving. Members: Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, Kathy Hoeg, Mary Holbert, Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom, Helen Martz, Susan Sanazaro, Pat Soussan, and Martha Welches. Nonmember: Jorry Rolfe.

Ridgeline Trail

January 7, 2012

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.2 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

DO YOU REMEMBER SKIING, HIKING, OR CLIMBING with Christine Ligneau in the 1980's? Christine was a grad student at the U of O and participated in 44 Obsidian activities. Was I surprised to have Christine's daughter, Sonja Kolstoe, on her first hike with the Obsidians! She is a Ph.D. student in economics at the U

of O. Christine and her husband now live in Redmond, WA. Two other U of O grad students plus a young man headed to China to teach English made the hike out of the ordinary. Three of the younger generation spoke French. They commented that the three-hour Saturday hike fits well with their studies. Nine members and six nonmembers enjoyed the dry hike with some 'sorta' sunny views on top of Baldy. Members: Dick Hildreth, Janet Jacobsen, Brenda Kameenui, Ken Kodama, Lisa Marcus, Sarah Praskievicz, Suzanne Steussy, and Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Jorry Rolfe, Michael Quigley, Patricia Neighbor, Kathy Smith, Marcus Mendelson, Cleo Droege, and Sonja Kolstoe.

Eugene Wetlands

January 20, 2012

Leader: Chris Cunningham

Photographer: Mike Piehl

Hike: 4 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

IT SEEMED AS THOUGH THE RAIN WOULDN'T LET UP this past week and that it might have been prudent to cancel. But the eleven of us who walked four miles along the West Eugene Wetlands trail were glad we didn't, because the rain actually subsided while we were out. We began at the Meadowlark Prairie Overlook, noting that the wetlands held more vernal pools than ever after the recent rain storm. There were no birders among us to identify all we viewed, but we noted red-winged blackbirds, a heron and mallards and thought we might have seen a short-eared owl perched in a distant tree, and maybe a cormorant or two. We walked through the soggy Willamette Daisy meadows and past the Tsanchiifin Walk, continuing to the WREN Education Center and yurt--the two-mile mark--before we walked back to the Meadowlark parking lot. Our amiable group included four nonmembers, whom we hope to see again. Members: Chris Cunningham, Marlene Drescher, Joanne Ledet, Laurie Marshall, Margaret Prentice, Suzanne Steussy, and Barbara Sutherland. Nonmembers: Barbara Dumesnil, Mike Piehl, James Lavagnino, and Denise Cox.



Moon Mountain

January 24, 2012

Leader: Moshe Rapaport

Photographer: Jim Pierce

Hike: 3 miles, 450 ft. (Moderate)



LOCATED MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN, Moon Mountain is a roughly triangular area ranging from 1-2 miles in diameter, bounded by Laurel Hill Valley, Bloomberg Road, and Franklin Blvd. It includes three peaks approaching 1,000 ft. in elevation connected by narrow ridges. The higher elevations are covered by oak/madrone savanna. Though substantive sections have been cleared for park, private use, or utility lines, much of the area remains in natural state. This past Tuesday 10 veteran hikers and I climbed up a series of switchbacks from Snowberry Road to Moon Mountain City Park. From there we traversed a narrow saddle ridge southward; then turned eastward to a grassy area overlooking Bloomberg Road. We descended into a valley with a magical lichen-covered forest and running streams, returning to the starting point via Pinerock Road. On the way down we were rewarded by magnificent views of the western ridge of Moon Mountain, Laurel Hill Valley, and Hendricks Hill. Members: Keiko Bryan, Margaret Essenberg, Richard Essenberg, Chuck Eyers, Janet Jacobsen, Joanne Ledet, Jim Pierce, Moshe Rapaport, and Jeanne Schmidt. Nonmembers: Ruthy Kanagy and Cat Nelson.



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte

November 26, 2011

Leader: Matthew Bell

Photographer: Betsy Bell

Trl Mnt: 1 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

WE MET CHRISTER LABRECQUE of the Natural Resources staff for this month's project, which is planting native plants along the West Trail and the culvert we armored

with stones two months ago. Though it was a cold morning we had an impressive turnout of 18 volunteers. Our numbers were increased by six members of the Iceaxemen and Christer's parents and wife. The LaBrecques planted in the area of the armored culvert and also transplanted some mature sword ferns. The rest of the group hauled plants and tools up the West Trail and spread themselves and plants out amongst the barrier fences and began to plant false Solomon's seal, big leaf maple, Dewey sedge, and transplant sword ferns. Jim Whitfield, Nola Nelson, and Pat Sousan transplanted numerous sword ferns. The mature ferns do a really good job of breaking up the visual openness created by the shortcuts and expanding trail sides. Hopefully, they will do a good job of preventing people and dogs from widening the trail again and give the other younger plants time to establish themselves. As we approached 10 o'clock it was obvious that our large group was going to easily get all of the plants planted. Those that were running low on plants began to gather sticks and logs to add to our plantings to help discourage people and dogs from trampling the newly planted and transplanted plants. Lou Benton, who had brought his own leaf-blower, cleared the leaves off of the cobble section of the West Trail. All told, we planted an estimated 50 big leaf maples, 120 false Solomon's seal, 40 Dewey sedges, and transplanted over 50 sword ferns. Betsy was the day's designated photographer: you can see her photos at this website:

https://www.dropbox.com/gallery/4937344/2/2011%20Obsidian%20Trail%20Maintenance%20Photos/2011_11Nov_Spencer%20Butte%20west%20trail%20planting?h=a155b9

Members: Matthew Bell, Nola Nelson, Jim Pierce, Dave Predeck, Pat Soussan, and Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Jenny Wilson, Lou Bentsen, Marie Labrecque, Shirley Labrecque, Rody Labrecque, Thad Arnold, Cherise Sullivan, Zebedee Rear, Corrie Sizemore, Hira Shamsuddin, and Betsy Bell.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Basic Mountaineering Class: April 2012

Sue Sullivan

EVER HAD AN ITCH TO CLIMB one of the big Cascade volcanoes, but are not confident that you have the skills to do it? Then you just might be a good candidate for the Basic Mountaineering class offered this spring, sponsored jointly by the Obsidians and Eugene Mountain Rescue.

The Basic Mountaineering class consists of two classroom sessions and two weekend field trips. The first class session and field trip cover basic rock climbing skills, rappelling and scrambling up rock with a fixed line for protection. The second class session and field trip are concerned with snow travel skills such as roped glacier travel, self-arrest skills, negotiating in crevasses, and belays used on snow.

The dates for the class sessions are April 12 and 19; the field sessions are April 14 or 15 and April 19. The rock field sessions will be held at the Skinner Butte Columns, and

the snow session will most likely be held at Santiam Pass.

There will be one or two climbs offered preferentially to the participants in the class (that is, the participants will have first opportunity to sign up for these climbs). These are not included in the course fee.

The Basic Mountaineering class does not prepare people to be leaders on rock or steep snow. People who complete the course will have skills sufficient to participate in a climb of the glaciated peaks of the Cascades along with someone who has the skill to lead a climb. Periodically, the Obsidians offers classes in more advanced mountaineering techniques to help people develop leadership skills.

The cost of the class is \$50 for Obsidian members or members of Eugene Mountain Rescue, and \$75 for non-members.

For application information please contact climbs@Obsidians.org or Sue Hutchinson Carey at 485-2239. Enrollment is limited to 20 people.

Columbia Gorge Extended Trip June 13-15

Jim Duncan

THE LAST WEEK OF SPRING should be a great time to go hiking amidst waterfalls and wildflowers to spectacular viewpoints of the Columbia River Gorge. Join the Obsidians on this popular extended trip, led this year by Jim Duncan and Helen Martz. As usual, we will stay at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center, located just off the historic old Columbia River Highway in Corbett, OR, about 25 miles east of Portland (<http://www.menucha.org/>). Menucha is perfectly situated on a bluff overlooking the Columbia River and is convenient to a number of outstanding hikes, including Angels Rest, Larch Mountain Crater, Eagle Creek, Dog Mountain, Beacon Rock and Rodney Falls, and many more.

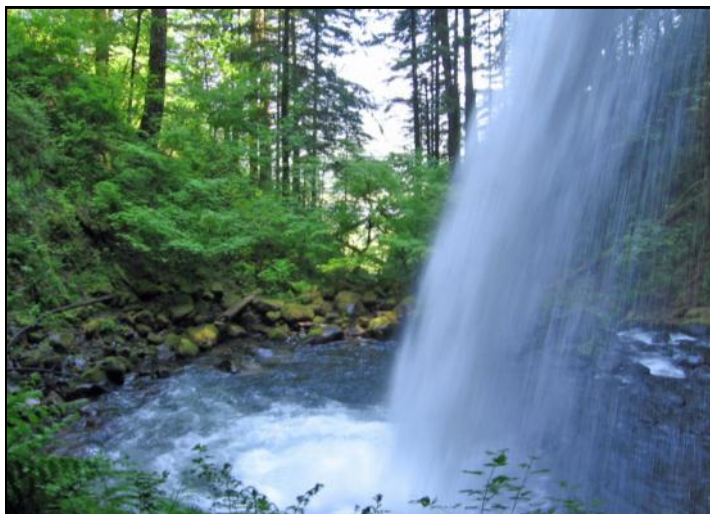
Our group will be staying in two houses (Boyd Hall and Lindsay House) on the Menucha grounds. Four bedrooms will accommodate two people and three bedrooms can accommodate two to three individuals. There are two shared bathrooms in each house. Lindsay House has a comfortable meeting area with kitchenette and refrigerator.

The dining room is located in Wright Hall, originally the country home of the Julius Meier family (of Meier and Frank). Our trip includes six meals, from dinner on Wednesday night to lunch on Friday. Lunches on Thursday and Friday will be sack lunches to give us more time for hiking in the area.

The trip is limited to 14 participants. The cost is \$160 for members, \$165 for nonmembers; preference will be given to members. Sign up online, and within 5 days mail your check for the full amount (payable to Obsidians) to Jim Duncan, 1878 W. 27th Pl, Eugene, 97405. If you want to share a room with someone, include that information along with your check. There will be a pre-trip meeting in May.

Questions?

Contact Jim at 343-8079 or jameslduncan@prodigy.net, or Helen at 345-6229 or macmartz@yahoo.com



OTHER ORGANIZATION EVENTS

Nearby Nature

Nearby Nature Restoration Celebration. Saturday, February 11, 1-4 PM.

Join UO Environmental Studies students for an English Ivy Pull in Alton Baker Park's Wildflower Hollow. Please come dressed for the weather and bring a reusable water bottle. Call ahead at 687-9699 or email [in-fo@nearbynature.org](mailto:info@nearbynature.org) if you plan to attend.

Nearby Nature Quest -- Treefrog Tunes. Saturday, February 25, 6:30-8 PM

Meet at the Amazon Park playground and go on a special tree frog tunes walk. Learn all about (and listen for!)

Pacific tree frogs with ecologists Peg Boulay and Bruce Newhouse. FREE for members, \$2/person or \$5/family for nonmembers. Pre-registration required: 687-9699.

SAVE THE DATE for Nearby Nature's Spring New Volunteer Orientation. Tuesday, March 13, 6:30-8 PM.

Learn all about leading school nature walks in Alton Baker Park this spring as well as other Nearby Nature volunteer opportunities. No experience needed—free training provided in early April. Meet in the Tykeson Room at the Eugene Public Library. Questions or can't make the meeting? Call Nearby Nature at 687-9699, email [in-fo@nearbynature.org](mailto:info@nearbynature.org), or see <http://www.nearbynature.org/volunteer>

Friends of Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah

Willamette Confluence Tour: Sun., Feb. 19, 1 PM-4 PM and Sat., Mar. 10, 9 AM-12 PM

Come join the Friends of Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah on a tour of The Nature Conservancy's newest acquisition right in our own back yard, the Confluence of the Middle and Coastal Forks of the Willamette River. The Confluence encompasses habitats that are increasingly endangered in the Willamette Valley, including six miles of river corridor and 1,270 acres of floodplain forest, wetlands, upland oak woodlands and native prairie. On the tour, you will learn about The Nature Conservancy's plans to reconnect the river to its historic floodplain, control invasive species, restore oak and prairie habitats, implement controlled burns, and accommodate public access compatible with habitat restoration. The tour takes 3 hours and follows an approximately 1.5-mile relatively flat gravel road. All you'll need are your sturdy walking shoes (and binoculars if you own a pair)!

Pre-registration is required. To sign up, go to www.bufordpark.org and click on Tours.

Swing Hill/Trail 3 Tour: Sun., Mar. 18, 1 PM-3 PM

Mt. Pisgah is more than a quick climb to the summit. There are miles of trails crisscrossing the mountain with lots of opportunities to stop to take in the views or watch birds and other wildlife. Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah works with Lane County Parks to design, build and maintain many of these trails, including the Swing Hill (#3) Trail. Come join us for a tour of this beautiful trail as it traverses an open hill side with stunning views of the Confluence then wraps up and around the hill through oak and Douglas fir forests. As you walk, you'll learn about the Friends' efforts to improve and realign the trail away from the wetland meadows, damaged from years of overuse by horseback riders and hikers. Your efforts will be rewarded by views from the top and the chance to play on the swing. Pre-registration is also required for this tour. To sign up, go to www.bufordpark.org and click on Tours.

Eugene Natural History Society

All events are free at 7:30 PM in Room 100, Willamette Hall, UO Campus

Friday, February 17:

Spider venom, what do you really know about it? Come hear Greta Binford, Assistant Professor of biology at Lewis and Clark University, talk about its evolution, the role it plays in immobilizing prey, and why some spiders have more lethal venom than others. You will love her photography!

Friday, March 16:

Where does the Willamette River begin and how is it changing? How will climate changes and land use affect its future? Will we always have it? If these questions sound intriguing, come hear Gordon E. Grant offer some answers. Dr. Grant is a Professor (courtesy) at OSU and does research for the USDA Forest Service. His primary interests include the structure and dynamics of mountain streams.

AT THE LODGE

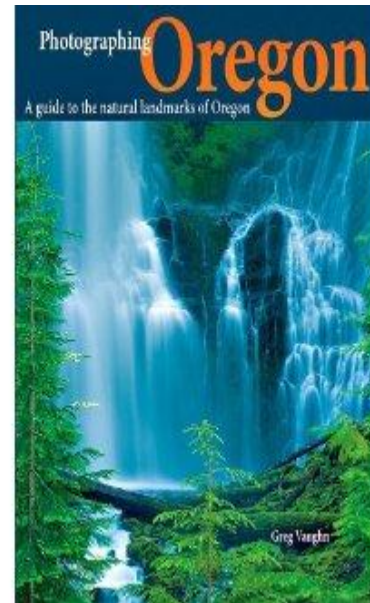


POTLUCK

Friday, February 24, 6:30 PM

Photographing Oregon with Greg Vaughn

WANDERING THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST for over twenty years, Eugene photographer Greg Vaughn has been combining his love of travel and nature with photography, and he will share his images and discoveries with us. He will take us on a photographic tour of Oregon, highlighting the best of the natural wonders of our state. Along the way, Greg will offer tips and instructions on how to improve your own photographic efforts on your travels. Greg is the author and photographer of the travel guidebook, *Photographing Oregon*, which was named Best Travel Book of 2009 by the Independent Book Publishers Association.



February Potluck

Friday, February 24, 2012

Potluck, 6:30 PM Program, 7:30 PM Obsidian Lodge

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share...along with plates, utensils and cups... plus \$1 to help cover club expenses.



ExploraTalk

Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 7:00 PM

The Gray Wolf In Oregon History, Politics and Recovery Policy

ROB KLAVINS, WILDLANDS AND WILDLIFE ADVOCATE FOR OREGON WILD will do a slide presentation on wolves for the February ExploraTalk.

Joella Ewing, Conservation/SciEd Chair

Editor's note: This talk,, originally scheduled in January, was postponed due to a power outage at the Lodge.



2012 Bus Schedule Set

Come to the Obsidian Lodge on Sunday, February 26 at 1:00 PM to learn about the nine bus trips planned for 2012. The first trip will be Tuesday, March 27 to the coast to have lunch at the Adobe Restaurant in Yachats. There will be two overnight trips: one to the Columbia Gorge, Hood River/Mt. Hood area and one to Roseburg area museums with an overnight at the Steamboat Inn. The longest trip will be four days, June 4-7, to the John Day and Bend areas. We will tour the John Day National Monument, (Painted Hills, Sheep Rock, Clarno, Oregon Paleo Institute) and other scenic spots, visit ghost towns and museums, staying two nights in John Day. Then we will drive to Bend for a night at The Riverhouse Hotel. We'll visit the Paulina Lake area and the High Desert Museum.



Day trips vary from exploring historic Oregon City, touring flower gardens and plant nurseries, to our annual fall color trip. Leaders will speak about their 2012 trips at the rally and reservations will be taken. Refreshments will be served -- everyone is welcome.

The complete list of all the trips will be published in the March *Bulletin*.

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REI Presentation:

Mountaineering in the Cascades

ON MARCH 8 AT 7 PM, the Obsidians will be featured in a presentation at the REI store in Eugene. Sue Sullivan and Sean Breslin will talk about mountaineering in the Cascades. Their presentation will look into the types of skills and equipment needed to climb to the summits of the high Cascade peaks, and options for how to acquire those skills. Sean and Sue will also show pictures from climbs of peaks in Oregon, Washington and California, and describe routes of varying difficulties on these peaks -- those appropriate for beginning climbers as well as more challenging routes.



Information on this and other programs put on locally by REI is available at <http://www.rei.com/stores/43>.

Obsidian Calendar

February

12 Sun	Maiden Peak Xski D Thompson.....	683-8942
12 Sun	Siltcoos River/Lagoon Hike Gilman-Garrick.....	345-5236
17 Fri	Silver Falls Hike M Sanders	255-2524
18 Sat	Hoodoo Butte/Potato Hill Xski D ,Miller.....	484-4586
18 Sat	Spencer Butte Hike M Sojak.....	525-1124
19 Sun	Potato Hill , SShoe D Hovis.....	521-3663
24 Fri	East Eugene Historic Walk Hike Cunningham...	344-0486
24 Fri	Oregon Photos Vaughn	Potluck
25 Sat	Diamond Creek Falls SShoe M Pierce.....	344-1775
25 Sat	Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance Bell.....	503-884-8829
26 Sun	Sand Mountain Xski D Miller.....	484-4586
27 Mon	Mt Tahoma Xski/Snowshoe D Stockdale.....	767-3668
28 Tue	Gray Wolf in Oregon	ExploraTalk
29 Wed	RidgeLine Trail Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030

March

03 Sat	Craig Lake Xski D Sullivan	342-6546
03 Sat	SW Eugene Hills Hike E Ledet	683-2603
04 Sun	Maiden Lake Xski D Pegg.....	343-0909
10 Sat	Midnight Lake Xski M Funkhouser	206-2303
10 Sat	Amanda Trail Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030
18 Sun	Lava Lake SShoe M Hovis	521-3663
18 Sun	Fawn Lake Xski D Sinnott.....	915-0234
24 Sat	Fall Creek Hike M Flashenburg	461-1977
30 Fri	Crater Lake Xski/Snowshoe Stockdale.....	767-3668
30 Fri	Washington Trail Guide Romano	Potluck
31 Sat	Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance Bell.....	503-884-8829

April

07 Sat	Midnight Lake Xski M Funkhouser	206-2303
08 Sun	Little Nash SShoe D Hovis.....	521-3663
14 Sat	Sweet Creek Falls Hike E Camp	221-1866
15 Sun	HJ Andrews Forest Hike M Musselwhite	461-3296
27 Fri	Mt. Bailey Backpack SShoe D Hovis	521-3663
27 Fri	Summer Camp Rally Lindstrom	Potluck
28 Sat	Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance Bell.....	503-884-8829

Classifieds

For Sale

Indoor bicycle trainer: Ride your bike indoors in wintry weather. Call Margaret Prentice at 687-5850

Wanted

Hunting/Game Frame: Trail Maintenance is looking for a hunting or game frame with a fixed or folding shelf at the bottom. We are exploring ways to make hauling tools easier for trail maintenance (we're NOT hunting!). If you have one you would be willing to part with, please contact: Matthew Bell, 503-884-8829, matthew.v.bell@gmail.com



Entertainment at December 6th Christmas party at the Lodge. Photo by Bonnie Ward.

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