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Dates to Remember

April 16	ExploraTalk
April 26	Potluck
April 27	Bulletin deadline
May 1	Board Meeting

Complete current schedules at:
www.obsidians.org or
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Leader Tips

Randy Sinnott

PREVENTION—THE FIVE DON'TS

1) Don't get cold! Layer clothing so that as ambient temperature rises or falls you can compensate.

2) Don't get wet! By conduction and evaporation you will lose heat quickly.

Carry spare gloves and socks so you can change if they get wet and you are immobilized. They are light and take up little space.

3) Don't forget to hydrate! Being dehydrated accelerates cold and heat injuries. Remind others to drink.

4) Don't forget calories! A body not able to burn calories will not benefit from extra layers of clothing.

5) Don't push yourself to the limit! Keep something in reserve. Under controlled conditions, it's OK. Under backcountry conditions, you will not make the best decisions after 'red-lining' for hours. Tired makes BAD decisions.

Randy Sinnott presented these tips at the Summer Kick-Off Leader's Meeting. Tom Musselwhite, Summer Trips Chair, plans for a monthly Leader Tips column. If you have special leader tips, contact summertrips@obsidians.org.

Summer Trips—Weekend Dates to Remember

Saturday & Sunday, April 20 and 21 ... Saturday & Sunday, April 27 and 28 ... Saturday & Sunday, May 25 and 26

DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THESE DATES? **NOTHING!** And those aren't the only weekend days without an Obsidian trip on the schedule. There are several weekends from April through November with one or both days begging for an Obsidians hike, bike trip, or a mountain climb. If you are one of those Obsidians who have wanted to lead a trip but haven't taken that step yet, there is talk of another New Leader Training in May. Experienced leaders, check the schedule online and make this the year you finish up those trips for your *100 Leader Patch*.

Just haven't decided on a date yet? Check the Obsidians calendar to see if you can fill one of the empty spots. Even if a trip is scheduled for your preferred date, it doesn't mean we can't fit your trip in. If there is a hike at the coast, you can plan one for the mountains. If there is an easy hike on a certain date, why not lead a more difficult hike on the same day? Is there a trip missing from the schedule that you would like to see? Now is the time to put your trip(s) on the schedule! You and your fellow Obsidians will be glad you did.

Obituaries

Julia (Judy) Dobell 1920 - 2012

JUDY JOINED THE OBSIDIANS IN 1988 and even though she moved to Bend in 1994, she maintained her ties with the club. She attended four summer camps, the last being in 1997. Judy was active with the bus group and went on 19 bus trips, the last to the former Camp Adair in April, 2008. One of her favorites was a six-day trip to the Snake River area. Judy is survived by two sons and their families.

Nancy Schreiner 1941 - 2013

NANCY WAS A TRUE OREGONIAN, having been born in the Eugene area, working and raising a family here. After retiring in 2002 she joined the Obsidians as an associate member. She participated in 16 bus trips, the last in 2006 to see the Christmas lights. Nancy is survived by her mother, Ethel Allen, her sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Paul Beard, all members, and by her husband and three children.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the March 12th issue of the Register-Guard.

Elaine Barrar 1926 - 2013

ELAINE AND HER HUSBAND, DICK, first started hiking with the Obsidians in 1968 and she participated in 31 activities with the club. She attended four summer camps, the last in 2000 and her last bus trip was Eagles and More in 2002. Dick and Elaine also enjoyed hiking and backpacking in the foreign countries where they traveled. Elaine is survived by her husband of 65 years, four children and their families.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the March 5th issue of the Register-Guard.

John Bascom

JOHAN BASCOM, A PROMINENT EUGENE PHYSICIAN and a former club member, passed away on March 22, 2013 at the age of 87. John and his family moved to Eugene in the 1960s and the entire family attended many summer camps with the club. John even gave members rides in the large canoe that he purchased in lieu of an engagement ring for his wife, Ruth. While a member John did twelve mountain climbs, but as his practice grew and his wife's involvement with local politics expanded, they let their membership lapse. John is survived by six children and their families.



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Summer Camp 2013 Update

LOST ANOTHER BET TO RICHARD...about Summer Camp—for the second year in a row. Note to self: next year, don't bet! The wager was that less than 20 people would be on the Waiting List on April 1. On March 31, there were 31 persons on the Waiting List, most of whom had signed up in the first few days after registration opened. I was stunned how quickly Camp filled up!...and Richard enjoyed his complimentary breakfast at his favorite restaurant.

I wish the campsite was bigger, but it isn't. Moreover, since we have not made any provisions to hire a cook, the logistics of providing breakfast and dinner for more than 50 people is a bit daunting—we plan to minimize what we haul to California.

But there are always last minute cancellations. If you are on the Waiting List and have the flexibility to go at the very last minute, there is a possibility that you could still attend no

matter where you are on the list.

Carpooling to Camp is encouraged. You are responsible for finding travel partners by reviewing the online signup list where individuals have indicated whether they need a ride or want riders. If you are definitely attending, make travel arrangements early. It's about 350 miles, a 7.5 hour ride, including a few short stops.

First timers to Camp will be assigned a camp buddy in the next few weeks—he/she will be your *go to* person who will also help orient you the first day or two in the Trinities.

Questions? Most will be answered at the Rally on Friday, April 26—please attend for a *Show and Tell* following the potluck. In addition, the questions and answers which have previously been published in the *Bulletin* are also available online.

1969 Trinity Alps Summer Camp

Janet Jacobsen

FORTY-FOUR YEARS AGO, thirty-five Obsidians hiked 8½ miles into Caribou Basin for a ten-day Summer Camp. Camp Kirk was named for Gary Kirk who was serving his second term as president due to Mark McLaughlin's death while climbing Mt. McKinley in 1967. Gary, who is still a member, said that he attended the 1968 McLaughlin Summer Camp at Goat Rocks but was unable to go to Trinity Alps. What with moving to Eugene, new job, wife and four kids, it just wasn't financially possible.

Carol Scherer emailed that she would have been 15 years old at the camp and will try to find photos in her mother's scrapbooks. Wes Prouty told me that it was his first Summer Camp and it was great. He volunteered to cut wood for the entire week. Horses were used to pack in kitchen gear and members' gear, such as heavy tents. A few weeks later, he and other Obsidians friends returned to backpack from Caribou Lake across the Trinity Alps. Other members still on our roster who attended the camp were Mary Bridgeman and Norman Benton.

The chair, Bob Cox, wrote in his final report for the *Bulletin* that they set up camp on Snowslide Lake and immediately went to work fishing for dinner. Fish were jumping out of the water and yanking furiously on their lines. The cook almost begged them to quit fishing.

It took some searching but I was able to find the 1969 Camp Prospectus tucked away in our fire vault at the Lodge. I summarized some of the highlights for historical comparison. Don't worry! Lana has no plans for Taps at the 2013 camp. Lana also said that the Caribou Basin Trailhead is 40 miles from camp.

1969 Trinity Alps Summer Camp Prospectus Highlights

Camp Kirk at Caribou Lake Basin

Registration: Make your reservation by Saturday, July 1 with a \$10.00 deposit. This will allow us enough time to procure enough pack animals for your gear.

Food: Once again, Gwen Renfro will be our *Chef Du Superbe*. Bring own utensils and cup.

Personal Gear: Gear for horse packing must be at the Lodge July 30 or 31 between 7 and 9 P.M. for weighing. Packing charge is 20 cents per pound. No backpacking is allowed on horseback.

Description of area: Caribou Lake is the largest of a string of lakes in the Caribou Basin. Altitude at trailhead is 5,072 ft. with a 2,000 ft. climb in 8½ miles of trail to the campsite. As the camping area is rocky (Snowslide Lake), be sure to consider a rugged air mattress or a sponge mattress.

Law of the Wild: In this case does not mean every man for himself. A successful summer camp means that everyone helps. A bit of extra courtesy to your fellow camper goes a long way. Keep the cook happy with lots of water and a little help. Remember—without her there would be no lemon meringue pie and no summer camp.

You do not walk away from camp alone. You sign the camp roster every time you leave and say where you are going—then go there!

April Board Notes

By Susan Wanser

President Elle Weaver called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Matt Bell, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, Stewart Hoeg, John Jacobsen, Tom Musselwhite, Susan Wanser, and Nancy Whitfield. Also present were: Anne Bonine, Barb Bruns, Wayne Deeter, Joella Ewing, Kathy Hoeg, Lana Lindstrom, Patty MacAfee, Lenore McManigal, Doug Nelson, Nola Nelson, Jorry Rolfe. The Board approved the minutes of the March 2013 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 season begins April 1 with 76 trips scheduled by 30 leaders.

Winter Trips (Anne Bonine): Winter trips ended the 2012/2013 season with a total of 51 trips.

Climbs (Sue Sullivan): The Basic Mountaineering class has filled, with 2 members and 18 nonmembers signed up. The preliminary climb schedule for 2013 has been put together and should be showing up on the web page soon.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): There was one outing in February. We continued to work to improve and restore drainage channels on the Tie Trail. We worked with Christer LaBrecque to install a section of raised turnpike using peeler cores for the retaining wall and deadmen. We also worked to armor the downhill side of the trail with rock forming a retaining wall. And, we added gravel to fix some mud holes we created during last month's outing.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Liz Reanier): The March bus trip to Lovejoy's in Florence was cancelled due to low number of people signed up. Our April 18 trip *More Food* is definitely going to happen. We have had good signup response but there is still plenty of room for more riders.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): Summer Camp registration opened on March 17. By 8:07 AM, it was filled. Wow! There are now 31 persons on the waiting list (81 total).

Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing): Thirty-two people attended movie night and \$32 was collected.

Publication (Nola Nelson): We mailed 233 copies of the March *Bulletin*.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): Seventy-five people attended Aaron Nicholson's presentation at the March potluck.

Membership (Elle Weaver): Currently there are: Active Members 424, Assoc. Members 21, Honorary Members 5, Junior Members 10, Life Members 16, Total 476.

Publicity (Jorry Rolfe): A big heartfelt thank you to committee chairs for doing their own publicity and articles! In the *Eugene Park Stewards News* of March 6, 2012, an article entitled "Elbow Grease from Obsidians and POS Staff" appeared. Volunteers will be helping in the booth and will be belaying on May 4 at Willamalane's Spring Cling Open House. Obsidians

also have a booth this year at Earth Day which will be at the EWEB Plaza on April 20. Many thanks to Janet and Darko for organizing these displays.

Online (Wayne Deeter): We now have 172 *Likes* on Facebook, an increase of five since March. There are now 440 photos in 61 albums in the new photo gallery.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All of the activities in the March *Bulletin* have been recorded on the member's activity sheets. All of the activity sheets of former members who did not renew their dues (forty of them), have been moved from the current set of books to the set of former members.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): We have a new stove in the kitchen: a GE four-burner glass top with a 5.3 cubic ft. self-cleaning oven. Thanks to the ad-hoc stove committee for helping me pick it out. Total cost: \$497.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): It was a busy month for the grounds committee. On March 16 fifteen folks spent the morning doing a spring spruce-up on the Obsidian Lodge grounds. On March 25 eight firs and a couple of dead oaks were removed and trimming of some leaning oaks was completed by Mike Rose and his crew. This was the clearing work the Board approved at the last Board meeting. On March 26 the concrete deck around the Lodge and the paved handicap parking area were power-washed. Clean-up was continued on the work left from the spring spruce-up. On March 29 all the gravel drives and parking areas were sprayed to control grass and weed encroachment.

Safety (Pat Esch): At the Leadership Meeting Randy Sinnott did a fine presentation of First Aid Kit contents.

Construction Committee (John Jacobsen): The Construction Committee met on March 8 and April 1. Generally we have been looking at ways to reduce the potential \$80,000 price tag of the project and to deal with potential permitting issues/cost. Much work is also ongoing outside of the meetings. We are likely moving the estimated cost down into the \$45,000 - \$50,000 range. We agreed on a storage garage location near the existing parking areas SE of the Lodge as the best spot since it provides the most utility in being closest to the Lodge, is most convenient for access and would minimize tree removal and site prep. Locating the storage garage nearer the Lodge and having it more visible, there will be a need to figure out ways to make it fit well with the rustic look of the Lodge.

NEW BUSINESS

A nominating committee consisting of five Active Members is being formed to nominate three candidates (with their approval) for the 2014 Board of Directors.

Barb Bruns presented the annual renewal of the insurance for the Lodge. There was some discussion about increasing the Business Personal Property values above what we currently have.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting will be on May 1st at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned for food at Agate Alley Laboratory.

Trip Reports & Other Activities



Ski Trips

Sand Mountain Lookout

February 23, 2013

Leader & photographer: Sam Miller

Xski: 10 miles, 1,000 ft. (Difficult)

THE PLAN FOR THIS OUTING WAS TO SKI TO SAND MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT and return via the initial entry route. The backup plan was to ski the lower loop road circumnavigating Nash Crater. Deep snow and stormy conditions made 'Plan B' the preferred choice for this trip. Since our group of 10 skiers faced the possibility of finishing early, we opted to ski up the north slope of Nash Crater, and were rewarded with an enjoyable descent through widely-spaced trees. It was a fine day to ski in the elements with an amiable group. Members: Chrissy Anderson, John Hartman, Lubos Hubata-Vacek, Dave Jensen, Steven Johnson, Becky Lipton, Sam Miller, Spencer Robertson, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: David McAllister.



Gold Lake

February 24, 2013

Leader: John Cooper

Xski: 4 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

THE PRECEDING DAY had left the Cascades blanketed in a foot and a half of powder snow. The sun was out and the wind was away for the three skiers making their way down the road to Gold Lake. Two of us explored briefly along the shore line for a full view of the lake. We had lunch on the bridge. There, we enjoyed the beauty of the day and conversed with other skiers that passed by. The ski out got us back to the Gold Lake Snow Park in three hours round trip. Members: John Cooper, Don Cross, Andrew McIvor.

Berley Lakes

March 9, 2013

Leader & photographer: Sam Miller

Xski: 8.5 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)



WARM TEMPERATURES, blue skies, sunshine, and wonderful views of Three Fingered Jack, Mt. Washington, and the Three Sisters, greeted our group of skiers. Add soft snow with a good track and you have the necessary elements for an enjoyable outing. Navigation to-and-from the Berley Lakes "topographic vortex of confusion" (Google: *Register - Guard* "The Lost Lakes" for Bill Sullivan's trip description) posed no problem. With former Berley Lakes veterans, and several GPS owners, we made good time to and from our destination. It was a fine day to ski with a pleasant group. Members: John Hartman, Lubos Hubata-Vacek, Steven Johnson, Nancy Matthews, Sam Miller, Chris Shuraleff, Chris Stockdale, Charlie Van Deusen. Nonmembers: Melanie Speicher.



SnowShoe Trips

Tait's Trail - Rosary Lakes

March 7, 2013

Leader: Lyndell Wilken

Snowshoe: 7.5 miles, 1,000 ft. (Difficult)

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO BE IN THE MOUNTAINS. Fresh fallen snow on the trees and ground making for a pristine experience. To top off the day we had sunshine for most of the trip and great views of the Rosary Lakes, Pulpit Rock, Maiden Peak, Eastern Oregon, Diamond Peak and Mt. Yoran. Having six participants was a help in getting through the 3-6 inches of snow, particularly as we trudged up to the

Maiden Peak Saddle. Total distance was 7.4 miles, but with the new snow we had a great workout getting to our lunch destination overlooking Lower Rosary Lake. Members: Daphne James, Rich Romm, Chris Stockdale, Lyndell Wilken. Nonmembers: Sandra Kwak, Bruce Ruhnnow.



Hikes

Amazon Headwaters\Ridgeline Trail

February 27, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)

FIVE OF US SHOWED UP at 9:00 at the Martin Street Trailhead for the first weekly Ridgeline hike. The goal was to hike up the trail for 1½ hours and then turn back. Three made it to the top of the Spencer Butte. We were back at Martin Street by 11:45. Members: Janet Jacobsen. Nonmembers: Robert York, Sandra Kwak, Bruce Ruhnnow, James Dunnigan.

National Chili Day

February 28, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 750 ft. (Moderate)

OUR ROUTE INCLUDED THE MASONIC CEMETERY, Obsidian Lodge, the Ribbon Trail, Hendricks Park trails, and finally down past Washington Park to the Y. Thanks to Julie Dorland's Run Detail App, we knew that we had hiked 6.5 miles with 722 ft. elevation gain and that we were definitely ready for chili. Dave Wagenheim, owner of the Viva! Vegetarian Grill, helped 11 hikers celebrate National Chili Day with his homemade chili at his YMCA Café. We recommend the hearty 8 oz. bowl of chili (\$3.50) that is available on weekdays at the Y and also at his Viva food cart on Willamette. I promised to lead the hike again perhaps on Pecan Day or Waffle Day. Members: Mari Baldwin, Julie Dorland, Janet Jacobsen, Sam Miller, Jorry Rolfe, Susan Sanazaro. Nonmembers: Karen Fenton, Deborah Frisch, May Fogg, Bruce Ruhnnow, Greg Estes.

Heceta Head Lighthouse

March 2, 2013

Leader: Pat Soussan

Hike: 6 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

CLOUDY SKIES WERE WITH US ALL DAY, but no rain or wind to bother us as we walked along the beach, through the forest and lunched at the Heceta Head lighthouse grounds. Our first glimpse of the lighthouse from the trail was of the new, shiny red vent ball sitting atop the recently renovated facility which is due to reopen in August of this year. Our group of sixteen hikers was quite age-diverse; from six to the seventies, with many ages in between also represented. Apart from a very muddy section on the northern slope, after leaving the Hobbit Trail, we encountered no problems during the trip. We met two state park volunteers as we approached Washburne campground and they gave us some interesting history about the area. Approximately 1,000 acres were donated to the state by Carl G. Washburne and his wife, Narcissa, who had a house just north of the campground. Prior to that, the area was initially homesteaded and then used for sheep rearing. Thanks to a great group of hikers that made a successful trip. Members: Jane Allen, Anne Bonine, Roberta Chord, Daniele Delaby, Autumn Edwards, Chyanne Edwards, Trenton Edwards, Mary Livingston, Howard Loewinger, Brian Popowsky, Susan Sanazaro, Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: Cheryl Belleau, Claire Belleau, Lindsey Belleau, May Fogg.

Ridgeline Trail

March 3, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.2 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

JULIE DORLAND'S RUN DETAIL APP spit out that we hiked 6.7 miles in 2 hours 11 minutes with 1,176 feet elevation gain from Blanton Trailhead to Spring Trailhead. That does not include rest stops. My trip description posted that the hike would be 6.2 miles with 900 ft. elevation gain. Whatever the distance, we weathered the hike at a fast pace (for me) on a sunshiny day. We welcomed an out-of-town guest from

Ashland, Harold Otness. Members: Julie Dorland, Janet Jacobsen, Ruth Romoser, Susan Sanazaro, Chris Stockdale. Nonmembers: Robert York, Barbara Gunther, May Fogg, Mike Ritchey, Harold Otness.

North Fork Trail

March 6, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.6 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

THE NORTH FORK TRAIL begins at the parking area near Office Covered Bridge in Westfir. While eating our lunch watching and listening to the flowing river, Helen Martz sipped her hot ginger tea and captured the thought of the day: It is energizing to walk in the rain. The entire trip took 5 hours. Members: Dan Christensen, Julie Dorland, Janet Jacobsen, Harriet Kelly, Helen Martz, Jorry Rolfe, Pat Sossan, Tom Woxell. Nonmembers: Karen Fenton, May Fogg, Greg Estes.

Spirit, and Pinard Falls

March 9, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 6 miles, 630 ft. (Moderate)

AFTER WAYNE DEETER AND I SCOUTED Spirit and Pinard Falls February 26, I emailed everyone signed up that it would now be a moderate six-mile hike with the possibility of snowshoes. The seven of us who stayed in for the unknown had no trouble hiking to Spirit Falls and then hiking ½ mile in the snow to Pinard Falls. With snow level at 2,700 feet, Moon Falls would not be as easy for us to find. Unfortunately, I didn't give the GPS coordinates in Sullivan's book to Holger to plug into his GPS. That would have been too easy! We had a beautiful hike up the snowy road stopping in a sunny spot for lunch with a view of Fairfield Peak. We abandoned our 'visionary' waterfall and headed back for the cars. Wayne led this hike at the end of February in 2005 and 2006. Wayne wrote, "It's iffy to have this trail on the



schedule at this time of year, but it worked out this time due to our dimly light snowfall." All of us were glad that we did the hike even without snowshoes. Members: Julie Dorland, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Lisa Grissell, Toresa Martell, May Fogg.

Amazon Headwaters/Ridgeline Trail

March 13, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

THE TRILLIUM BEGINNING TO BLOOM, red elf caps peeking out from dead logs, and four purple latex gloves conspicuously popping out along the trail greeted us on our 1½ hour hike to just above the tree line on Spencer Butte. Thanks to May and Keiko, who carried litter bags. We were back at Martin Trailhead by noon. Members: Keiko Bryan, Julie Dorland, Christiane Hougardy, Janet Jacobsen. Nonmembers: May Fogg.

Ribbon Trail/Hendricks Park

March 16, 2013

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.3 miles, 729 ft. (Moderate)

FIRST STOP WAS THE MASONIC CEMETERY, where we were greeted with amazing wildflowers (especially trillium), and famous historical names like Hendricks and Skinner, We followed back streets, entered Laurelwood Golf Course and then a surprise trail to Central and the Ribbon Trail. Along the way Rick Ahrens identified birds and at Oak Knoll in Hendricks Park, he pointed out a patch of Camas Lily. With dark clouds mounting, we increased the pace back to our cars. Our tech hikers shared their stats. May's Nike Fuel Band revealed 13,000 plus steps and Julie's phone app mapped 6.3 miles, 719 ft. elevation. The hike took 3 hours. Members: Rick Ahrens, Roberta Chord, Julie Dorland, Chyanne Edwards, Trenton Edwards, May Fogg, Maggie Gontrum, Carl Hassman, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz.



ExploraWalk

Upper North Fork/Cayuse Creek

March 16, 2013

Leader: Tom Musselwhite

ExploraWalk: 5.5 miles, 550 ft. (Moderate)

THREE OF US LEFT SOUTH EUGENE HIGH SCHOOL just after 8:30 AM. Uncertain weather and the remoteness of our destination meant we took two vehicles when we could have crammed into one, sans the extra gear required for safe-

ty. The Middle Fork Ranger Station is closed on Saturdays now, so through Westfir we went and onward up the Aufderheide (FS Road 19). Stopped by snow at an elevation of 2,225 ft., just before we reached FS1940, we ditched the motorized vehicles and started hiking. Half-a-mile later we donned snowshoes. Three miles later we reached the destination I had originally planned. I had hoped to drive to FS 1944 and start the trip up from there. Instead, that is where we had lunch before snowshoeing back to the vehicles. Along the way we followed the trail of one large elk, and some mysterious signs we were unable to identify. As is not uncommon, several large trees came down in storms this



past winter. It is a great time of year to appreciate the last of winter and the sleeping beauty of a snow-covered montane ecosystem. By 3:30 PM we were out of the forest and back to Hwy 58 before the freezing level dropped and the forest road could get icy on us! Back at home by 4:30. Members: Andrew McIvor, Tom Musselwhite. Nonmembers: Lisa Gris-sell.



Trail Running

Mt. Pisgah
February 27, 2013
Leader: Dave Beardsley
Trail Run: 3 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

FOURTH OBSIDIAN TRAIL RUN of the new weekly series. This time we went to Mt Pisgah and there were four runners on an overcast, drizzly day in the mid-fifties. Perfect for a run. We speed hiked up Trail 35 to the small cairn, then headed north on Trail 3 all the way across the north saddle and counterclockwise around the north butte to the north

parking lot. We returned on the side gravel road to the main parking lot and our cars. Members: Dave Beardsley. Nonmembers: Sheila Guilder, Calvin Beardsley, Gavin Bronaugh.

Spencer Butte
March 5, 2013
Leader: Dave Beardsley
Trail Run: 3 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

FIFTH RUN of new Obsidians trail running series. Member Sue Zeni and I ran from the Fox Hollow trail head to the summit of Mt Baldy and back. This is a great route with loop trail, road, loop trail and a summit in the middle. Couldn't see much through the constant rain however. Nobody else on the trail. Members: Dave Beardsley, Sue Zeni.



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance
January 26, 2013
Leader: Matthew Bell
Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

WE MET UP with Christer LaBrecque and Josh Schrader of the City's Parks and Open Space Division. We hiked up from the Fox Hollow Trailhead and picked up tools and equipment from a neighborhood connector trail. We then continued onto the Junction with the Tie Trail around which our work was focused. With the assistance and direction of the City staff we broke into three groups and got to work. One small group worked to build a sturdy, visually appealing 8 ft. long retaining wall around the base of the trail marker at the junction. The second group worked on digging out and armoring (placing rocks along to prevent erosion) the 60 ft. long uphill ditch along the Ridgeline just to the West of the junction. The third small group continued along the Ridgeline to the west side of the wooden bridge and dug out and armored the 20 ft. long uphill drainage ditch. Josh and Christer ran the power-wheelbarrows ferrying gravel and rocks to us so that we could get as much done as possible. We greatly improved the drainage and the armoring should help to prevent erosion from claiming the uphill side of the trail in these very wet areas. Members: Matthew Bell, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Todd Larsen, Ed Lizewski, Jim Whitfield, Tom Woxell. Nonmembers: Ann Scheerer.

Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance
February 23, 2013
Leader: Matthew Bell
Photographer: Pat Soussan
Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

EVEN UNDER THE THREAT OF A COLD FRONT with the possibility of snow a group of hardy Obsidians met up at the

Fox Hollow Trailhead to continue our work from last month. We would be working with Christer LaBrecque and Josh Schrader of the City's Parks and Open Space Division. Our group spread out along the lower section of the Tie Trail working to re-establish drainage and armor culverts. Work that saw Dan dig out a ditch and culvert entrance three feet deep ended up with one of the muddiest pairs of jeans we've ever seen. Pat's dedication saw her using her arms to clean out culverts. Along other sections of the trail, an eroding 3 to 5 foot tall retaining wall holding up a switchback was meticulously rebuilt and reinforced by Darko. Mike and Nathaniel worked to widen and add retaining wall to a section of trail that badly needed it. Kimberly was especially keen to work to remove shining geranium and herb Robert from along the Tie Trail. She donned the backpack flamethrower (it's really just a propane torch) and patrolled the Tie Trail torching the invasive plants as she went. Back at the Fox Hollow Trailhead we received a special treat from the owner of Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches on W. 7th—delicious sandwiches and chips for all our volunteers as a thank you for the work we do keeping the trails passable. He's a weekly trail runner of the butte. We were very thankful for the sandwiches and enjoyed them in the sun that broke through the clouds as we ate. Members: Matthew Bell, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Ed Lizewski, Dave Predeek, Darko Sojak, Pat Soussan, Tom Woxell. Nonmembers: Kimberley Higgs, Nataniel Mitchell, Mike Yager.



Lookout Landscape Diversity Project USFS Seeks Comments

Nola Nelson, Conservation, Science & Education Committee

TRAIL MAINTENANCE ISN'T THE ONLY THING HAPPENING IN OUR FAVORITE HIKING AREAS. If you get in condition powering up Mt. Pisgah, you've seen oak savannah restoration projects. If you like to bird at Finley Refuge, you've seen manmade snags in the middle of second growth forests. Now, you have a chance to see—and participate in—the planning process close to home. The Forest Service is developing a landscape diversity project for an area of approximately 49,600 acres either side of the Lookout Point Reservoir on the Middle Fork of the Willamette, from the western boundary of the Willamette National Forest to the Deception Creek and Buckhead drainages.

Their primary objective is to enhance the area's vegetation diversity and aquatic habitat for all species of interest, with an eye to the impact of future climate change and the potential of wildfire. Some of the actions being proposed include:

- Thin dense plantation stands of young, small diameter conifers, and manage the fuels generated by the logging activity. This would open areas to greater diversity and understory vegetation. In addition to providing browse for game animals, it would allow areas classified as northern spotted owl critical habitat to evolve into suitable habitat more quickly.
- Provide proper maintenance of about 110 miles of roads, to keep sediment out of streams. Another 130 miles of roads, some not drivable, would be closed or decommissioned, since funding is inadequate to keep them maintained to prevent sediment problems.
- Maintain riparian hardwood stands through actions such as removal of encroaching species and noxious weed abatement.
- Create two to four man-made snags per acre in mature forest stands that have low amounts of the large-size dead and down logs that are necessary to support diverse populations of plants and animals.

It is important to note that, for lack of other funding, these improvement activities are expected to be subsidized through sale of merchantable timber. The harvest projects would need to reflect both the need for thinning to achieve diversity goals, and the obligation to provide economic benefits as identified in the Northwest Forest Plan.

Detailed information and a related map are available through the Middle Fork Ranger Station at 46375 Hwy. 58, Westfir, OR 97492. District Ranger Duane Bishop has invited public comments, suggestions or questions. You may write, or call him at 782-2283. You may also contact the Interdisciplinary Team leader, Tim Bailey, at 782-5248 or tbailey01@fs.fed.us. Your input will be most useful if they receive it before the end of June, 2013.

Upcoming Activities



Remaining 2013 Obsidian Bus Trip Schedule

More Food

Date: Thur. April 18

Leader: Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$45 (\$47 nonmembers)

Payment: Barbara Payne by Apr. 12

THIS TRIP SHOWS OFF WILLAMETTE VALLEY FOOD PRODUCERS. Our first stop will be at Camas County Mill near Junction City, where grain grown by the Hunton Farm is milled. Our coffee break will be here. We will then go to Corvallis. At OSU we will get a tour of the Arbuthnot Dairy Center where artisan cheeses are made. Nearby, we will visit the brew-house and winery, which is also a part of OSU's Food Science Department. Lunch will be on your own at the New Morning Deli or brown bag at the nearby Corvallis Park by the river. Our last visit will be to The Deck Family Farm near Junction City. They are meat producers. Finally, we will stop in Junction City for Lochmead ice cream. All producers will have items for sale.

Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden & Grotto

Date: Tues. May 7

Leader: Ray Jensen

Cost: \$49 (\$51 nonmembers)

Payment: Mary Lee Cheadle by Apr. 17

AFTER A REST STOP ON I-5, we should arrive at Crystal Springs in Portland by 10:30 AM, where rhodies, azaleas, and various water fowl should be at their best. An extensive trail system up and down will require somewhat strenuous walking. About 12 noon we will depart for lunch. Picnic areas are not available at the Garden or the Grotto, so we will probably have a sit down lunch in East Portland TBA— not included.

About 1:30 we will arrive at the Grotto, which is a 62-acre Catholic Sanctuary. The grotto itself is on the ground level. The elevator to the upper level is \$4.00 per person— \$3.00 age 65 and older, cost included. Located here are the gardens, a chapel, the monastery, a statue of St. Francis, plus a great view.

We will leave about 3:30 on I-205, to arrive in Eugene before 6 PM.

Waterfalls of the Umpqua

Date: Tues. June 18

Leaders: Verna Kocken, Ray Jensen

Cost: \$40 (\$42 nonmembers)

Payment: Mary Lee Cheadle by June 1

Southern Oregon Coast

Date: Tues. July 16

Leaders: Mary Ellen West, Rick Ahrens

Cost: \$48 (\$50 nonmembers)

Payment: Janet Speelman by July 10

NE Oregon, SE Washington Extended Trip

Date: Aug. 5 - 10 (Mon-Sat)

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Don & Barbara Payne

Cost: \$730 (\$742 nonmembers)

Payment: Barbara Payne (\$150 due now, \$300 due May 15, balance due July 1)

Ashland Shakespeare Theater & Crater Lake

Date: Sept. 10-11 (Tues-Wed)

Leader: Verna Kocken

Cost: \$190 (\$194 nonmembers) (limit 25 tickets)

Payment: Liz Reanier by Aug 7

End of Summer BBQ

Date: Tues, Sept. 24 (Tues)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Cost: \$60 (\$62 nonmembers)

Payment: Barbara Payne by Sep. 10

Fall Color Trip

Date: Tues. Oct. 15

Leaders: Ray Jensen, Mary Ellen West

Cost: \$46 (\$48 nonmembers)

Payment: Mary Lee Cheadle by Sep. 20

Obsidian Lodge for the Holidays

Date: Tues. Dec. 10

Leader: Liz Reanier

Cost: \$5 (\$10 nonmembers)

Payment: Janet Speelman by Nov. 29

Obsidians Springing into Action at Two Local Events!

Jorry Rolfe, *Publicity Chair*

15th Annual Earth Day Celebration EWEB River Edge Plaza in Eugene

Saturday, April 20, 11 AM – 5 PM

CLIMATE FOR CHANGE IS THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT, with displays focusing on actions we can take to keep our environment clean and healthy for all species and the earth. We know that climate change is an important issue for us hikers. We find pleasure in the natural beauty of forest, stream and mountain, and we are concerned about adverse changes to our ecosystem. We Obsidians act to promote and protect our system of trails: we car-pool, walk, hike, bike or take public transportation to our adventure destinations, for example. We understand the connection among health, wellbeing and time spent outdoors as we explore and preserve extraordinary places and value them as community assets. Join us on April 20th at the Obsidian booth where we will be showcasing our activities and telling others about our club. Contact Darko Sojak or Janet Jacobsen for details!

Free Climb Opportunity and Call for Volunteers 2nd Annual Spring Cling Climbing Open House Willamalane Center in Springfield

Saturday, May 4, 1–4 PM

MISSED CLIMBING SCHOOL, or just want to check out the 33-foot high climbing wall at Willamalane Center? Come to Springfield on Saturday afternoon, May 4, and join others at this fun family-friendly event. The facilities there include not only the climbing wall, but also a 12-foot high bouldering wall. Also, if you are an experienced climber or a recent graduate of Obsidians climb school, we can use your help—you will be helping to belay those getting a grip on spring 'rockreation'. Other Obsidians will be on hand, hosting a table featuring photos from recent Obsidian climbs and activities. REI and Eugene Mountain Rescue are among the other local organizations supporting the open house. The Center is at 250 S. 32nd Street.

Mount Pisgah Arboretum



MOUNT PISGAH ARBORETUM

Spring Walks 2013
(Fee \$5 each, members free)

Monday, April 11, 1–3 PM. *The World of Plants*

Do you go on local hikes and wonder what you are looking at? This is your opportunity to walk the Arboretum trails and ask questions of an expert about anything you might see. Botanist, Dave Wagner, will lead this tour and share with you both his knowledge and engaging stories about our local native plants.

Saturday, April 13, 1–3 PM. *Tree Talk Walk: Trees of the Southern Willamette Valley*

Become familiar with our native trees on a walk with Arboretum Nature Guide, Tom Bettman. Join us on this easy, spring afternoon walk through towering forests and expansive oak savannah.

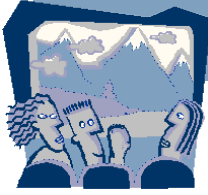
Saturday, April 20, 8–10 AM. *Birds & Blooms*

Join Assistant Arboretum Site Manager, August Jackson, for a guided tour of the Arboretum's wonderful spring bird life. Learn about the nesting and migration habits of our vibrant avian residents, while also discovering the beautiful wildflowers that adorn the Arboretum trails.

Tuesday, May 7, 10 AM–Noon. *Spring Wildflowers*

Join Gail Baker, LCC professor emeritus, on a spring walk and learn to identify our native wildflowers. We may even meet some of their pollinators! Gentle trails will pass through forests, wetlands, meadows, and riparian habitats.

AT THE LODGE



POTLUCK

Friday, April 26 at 6:30 PM

Summer Camp Rally!

Lana Lindstrom

IF YOU'VE SIGNED UP FOR SUMMER CAMP in the Trinity Alps, please attend the Rally—Friday, April 26.

We'll show slides of Fawn Group campground and the beautiful surrounding area. We'll also share tips of what to bring, what your appetite with meal descriptions, and discuss chore responsibilities. If you haven't gone camping with us before, this will be a great opportunity to learn how we do it. If you're an old hand, please come to share your stories and get inspired to dust off your gear.



April Potluck: Friday, April 26, 2013

Social hour, 6 PM Potluck, 6:30 PM Program, 7:30 PM at the Obsidian Lodge

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



ExploraTalk: Tuesday, April 16 at 7 PM

Owyhee Canyonlands



Photo of Leslie Gulch by Sam Miller

OBSIDIAN SAM MILLER will introduce examples of the recreational opportunities and preservation efforts associated with the Owyhee Canyonlands. The vast expanse of high desert in the far southeast corner of Oregon is crisscrossed by deep, narrow canyons carved by wild and scenic rivers. It is one of the largest unprotected roadless areas in the continental United States. A place once described as the Great Unexplored Desert, this diverse and fragile landscape is a remarkable region worth protecting. Attend this slide presentation to learn why and how.

A member of the Obsidians since 1974, Sam Miller has led club hikes, climbs, and ski trips and has pursued a wide range of outdoor activities. As a member of the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) and the Sierra Club, he has been involved with efforts to protect Oregon's high desert.

Classifieds For Sale

WOMEN'S WOOLRICH HEATHER GRAY WOOL XCSKI KNICKERS. Size 4-6. Perfect condition (worn twice). \$15.00 Gray wool socks included.

Kitson Graham at 521-6808 or kcgraham@q.com.

Did You Attend Camp Elle Last Summer?

THEN YOU MIGHT HAVE THE WRONG WALKING STICK! If your LEKI, Trail Makalu walking stick has the initials CAE in the grey space under the handle loop, please call Clara at 746-2181 to exchange poles.

ExploraTalk Reminders Change from Phone Calls to Email

PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN RECEIVING PHONE CALL REMINDERS of upcoming ExploraTalk programs will no longer be receiving them. Instead they can receive monthly email announcements by subscribing to an ExploraTalk email reminder list. Here is how to do that:

Go to www.obsidians.org. Members can subscribe themselves by logging into *Members Only* with their user name/password.

Click on *Elist Mgmt* in the table of contents near the bottom of the list.

Then click on the *subscribe* button next to the ExploraTalk list. The *subscribe* block will change to *unsubscribe*. Note: If you want to unsubscribe, click *unsubscribe*. The block will then read *subscribe*, which you will need to click if you ever want to subscribe again.

You are now subscribed to the ExploraTalks email list. A few days before the event, you will receive an email telling you about the program and inviting you to come.

Weekly Hikes and Trail Runs Continue!

DAVID BEARDSLEY IS LEADING WEEKLY TRAIL RUNS for the Obsidians on Wednesdays at 5:30 or 6:00 PM. This will allow more people to enjoy the thrills of running trails—never the same trail twice. Janet Jacobsen is coordinating Wednesday morning 9:00 AM Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte hikes. The goal is to hike at a steady pace for 1½ hours, hopefully reaching the top of the Butte. Check it out online!

Obsidian Calendar

April

12 Fri Long Tom Grange Bike E Esch.....	338-8280
13 Sat West Eugene Wetlands Hike E Ewing	344-9197
14 Sun Finley Wildlife Refuge Hike E Sanders	255-2524
14 Sun Howard Buford Rec Hike M Woodard.....	913-8565
16 Tue Owyhee Canyonlands	ExploraTalk
16 Tue Yachats to Waldport Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
17 Wed Amazon/Ridgeline Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030
18 Thu Pleasant Hill Bike M Hughes	683-1409
18 Thu More Food Bus West	343-5492
19 Fri Sweet Creek Falls Hike E Ewing.....	344-9197
19 Fri Mt. Pisgah-Trail Run TrRun M Beardsley.....	357-0630
20 Sat Earth Day at EWEB Publicity Sojak	525-1124
24 Wed Amazon/Ridgeline Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030
24 Wed Mt. Pisgah-Trail Run TrRun M Beardsley ...	357-0630
25 Thu Mt. Pisgah Sunset Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030
26 Fri Summer Camp Rally.....	Potluck
27 Sat Spencer Butte Trl Mnt M Bell	503-884-8829

May

1 Wed Amazon/Ridgeline Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030
2 Thu Ankeny Preserve Bike M Hughes	683-1409
3 Fri Blacklock Point Bk Pk M Hovis.....	731-3412
4 Sat Horse Rock Hike E Lindstrom.....	683-1409
4 Sat Kentucky Falls Hike M Ewing	344-9197
4 Sat Climbing Willamalane Publicity Jacobsen.....	343-8030
5 Sun North Bank Deer Preserve Hike M Colgan.....	485-2787
5 Sun Fall Creek Hike E Sanders.....	255-2524
10 Fri Owyhee Rafting Ext Trp M Esch	338-8280
12 Sun Yachats to Waldport Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
14 Tue What About Earth First?	ExploraTalk
17 Fri Spring Basin Wilderness Ext Trp M Jacobsen.	343-8030
17 Fri Astoria to Bar Harbor by Bike	Potluck
18 Sat McKenzie River Trail Hike M Morris.....	726-7474
24 Fri Mt. Pisgah-Sunset/Moonrise Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
25 Sat Spencer Butte Trl Mnt M Bell	503-884-8829

June

1 Sat National Trails Day Hike M Jacobsen.....	343-8030
1 Sat Dog Mountain Hike D Lipton.....	736-7498
7 Fri Parvin Covered Bridge Bike M Esch.....	338-8280
8 Sat Heceta Head Lighthouse Hike M Soussan.....	345-3046
8 Sat Chi Gong & Meditation Hike Hike E Lipton....	736-7498
16 Sun Crescent Mountain Hike M Woodard.....	913-8565
18 Tue Hiking Astronomy	ExploraTalk
20 Thu Scio Covered Bridges Bike D Hughes	683-1409
21 Fri Mt. Pisgah Summer Solstice Hike M Jacobsen	343-8030
22 Sat Crabtree Valley Hike M Sojak	525-1124
28 Fri A Trip to Patagonia - Lana Lindstrom	Potluck
28 Fri Macduff Mountain Hike D Jacobsen.....	343-8030
29 Sat Spencer Butte Trl Mnt M Bell	503-884-8829
29 Sat Iron Mountain Hike M Lipton ...	736-7498
30 Sun Goodman Cr to Eagles Rest Hike M Terry....	345-0720
30 Sun Boulder Creek Hike M Sinnott..	915-0234



Photo of Sand Mountain by Sam Miller—See trip report on page 5.

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