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**AFTER  
THE  
STORM**



*Dorene approaches the Lodge.*



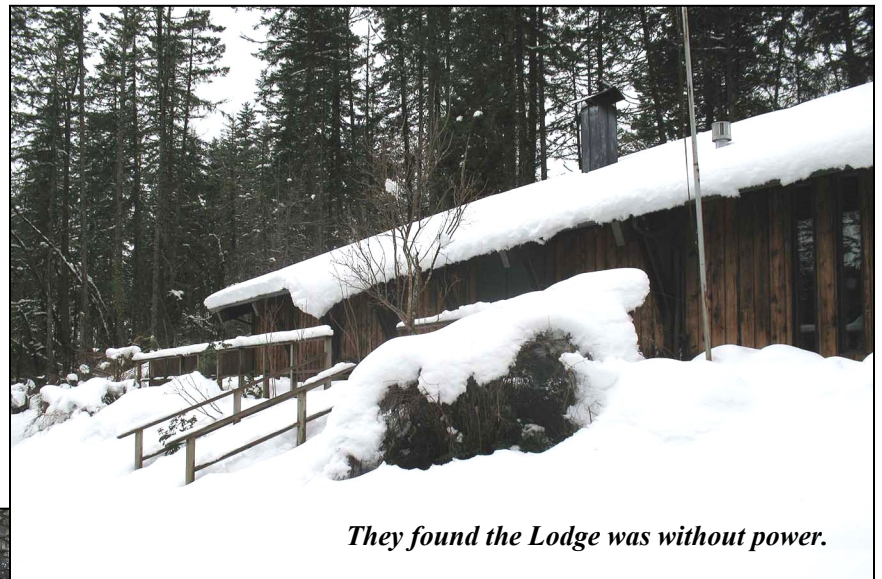
*The parking area will require cleanup once the snow melts.*

**T**HREE DAYS AFTER FOOT-DEEP SNOW ON THE VALLEY FLOOR TOOK US BY SURPRISE, Dorene Steggell and Janet Jacobsen trekked up to the Lodge to check on things and to take a few photos. Yaktrax and already broken trail through Laurelwood Golf Course enabled them to make the round trip in about two hours.

**Dates to Remember**

- March 19            ExploraTalk
- March 29           Potluck
- March 29           *Bulletin* Deadline
- April 3             Board Meeting

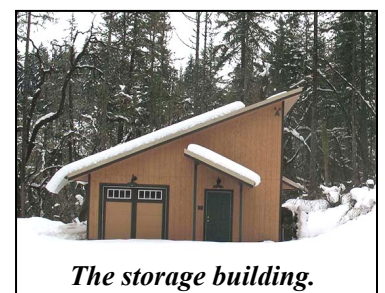
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**Bus Trips Rally**  
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*They found the Lodge was without power.*



*The 'Obsidian Spirit' mural.*



*The storage building.*

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## Welcome New Members!

**Sara Henley**  
Eugene, OR 97401

**Carol Mosman**  
Eugene, OR 97405

**Peg Straub**  
Springfield, OR 97477

**Jennifer Marlow**  
Eugene, OR 97405

**Ed Mosman**  
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**Scott Timms**  
Eugene, OR 97402

**Mike Nease**  
Eugene, OR 97405

## IN MEMORIAM

### Lois Morse 1924–2019

**L**OIS JOINED THE OBSIDIANS IN 1977 and participated in 43 activities including hiking, biking, and summer camp. Lois and her husband Bill, who died in 2013, were married for 69 years and enjoyed backpacking and hiking together, especially Mt. Pisgah on summer evenings. They were generous contributors to the Obsidian Lodge renovation. Lois led fourteen hikes, and her trip reports reflect her interest in writing poetry and her sense of humor. One trip report (August 9, 1995) was written by her new daypack:

*I am a new day pack and my first trip out was with Obsidian members and friends hiking to South Waldo Lake Shelter. It was an enjoyable trip, very low key, and I was there with Marjory and Volney Kelm's packs and also with Bill Morse's and Mary Millman's packs.*

*Secretly, I was wondering if the other packs contained the Ten Essentials, but being new and not wishing to appear presumptuous, I did not ask.*

*My color (black) seemed to attract more than the usual mosquitoes and I heard my owner threaten to paint me white. In spite of that problem, it was a lovely day and we found a log with a view by the lake with just enough breeze to eat in peace and comfort. My owner is Lois Morse, Obsidian leader for this trip.*

*(Signed) E. B. BLACK (Eddie Bauer)*

*P.S. I think I will enjoy the lifestyle for which I have been designed.*

A celebration of Lois' life will be held 11 AM on March 16 at Harrisburg Christian Church. Gifts may be made in Lois' name to Friends of Buford Park and Mt Pisgah.

*Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in the February 24<sup>th</sup> issue of The Register-Guard.*

### Larison Rock

*Lois Morse—April 21, 1984*

'Twas the day before Easter  
And all through the hills  
The Obsidians were hiking  
Round the rocks and the rills  
The goal was called Larison  
Up 3000 feet  
One step at a time  
Becomes quite a feat  
To the top we ascended  
One step and then two.

We stayed right together  
And made quite a crew.  
We kept right on stepping  
To the top and back down  
Tho we were now weary  
There wasn't a frown.  
The hike was a pleasure  
Conversation was great  
Then our reward was  
An ice-cream-cone treat.

P.S. The trail was in good shape, the weather not quite perfect—no view at the top. Wouldn't you know—Ted wanted root beer, not ice cream. Besides Ted Castell there were Marjarie Kelm and the leader, Lois Morse on the trail.

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# Exploring the Willamalane Trails

with Denise Bean

**I**N RECENT YEARS OBSIDIAN LEADERS HAVE LED HIKES IN THE WILLAMALANE PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT—Island Park, Ruff Park and Magnolia Arboretum, Dorris Ranch, Eastgate Woodlands, Middle Fork Path, Pioneer Memorial Cemetery Park, Willamette Heights Park, Mill Race Path, and Thurston Hills Natural Area. Denise Bean, who joined a year ago, led her first hike to the newest Willamalane park, the Thurston Hills Natural Area. Once hikers discovered that she was on the Board of Directors of the Willamalane Park and Recreation District, the questions multiplied. Actually Denise is the President of the Willamalane Board. We caught up with her to ask a few questions.

Denise is a native Oregonian with many childhood memories of hiking and camping. She stated, “I loved camping and boating at Elk Lake and being in the woods with my Dad to scout for deer or find wood for the winter. We lived in Mohawk for many years on four acres, next to large tracts of woodland. My German Shepherd/Lab mix Buddy and I would wander for hours through the woods. When bored we also began building our own trail system.”

She has a strong voice for trails and “being back in the forests and mountains that I love.” She continued, “Leading hikes is so natural for me. I have many favorite hikes from growing up here. I love using my skills to share my favorite hikes with others who have or are finding their love for hiking.”

Denise is the owner of Bean Counter Tax Services and will be leading more hikes after tax season. She encourages others to consider leading a hike on Willamalane’s 29 miles of biking and walking trails. There are currently over six miles of trails in Thurston Hills Natural Area.



*Jorry Rolfe and Janet Jacobsen*

## Personal First Aid Kits

*Lyndell Wilken Safety Committee Chair*

**E**VERY PERSON WHO PARTICIPATES IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES. Carrying a first aid kit is a good beginning—but have you ever wondered what should go into a personal kit? The Safety Committee found that there are a number of suggestions available. After sifting through a lot of information, we would like to share the following for your consideration and use.

All sources that mention First Aid Kits quickly state that First Aid training is necessary to properly and fully use a kit. Training also allows assistance that goes beyond the capabilities of a kit.

Each individual should have a kit. The kit should contain some general items and those that fit your specific needs. This kit might be small. Suggested contents are:

Tylenol, Aspirin, Advil and Benadryl  
tablets for pain and swelling

Personal meds

Lip protection

Disinfectant pads

Insect bite treatment (optional)

Sunblock

Butterfly strips

Five Band-Aids, 1"x 3"

Five Band-Aids, 2" x 4½"

Rolled elastic bandage, 3"

Protective gloves & CPR mask

Emergency blanket (space)

Safety pins, #3

Surgical Tape, 1"

Moleskin

Duct tape (wrapped around pencil)

Foam sit-upon (splint material)

## Celebrate a New Oregon Wilderness

**C**HANDRA LE GUE, WESTERN OREGON FIELD COORDINATOR OF OREGON WILD, SENT A VICTORY MESSAGE about The Devil’s Staircase Wilderness and 256 miles of Oregon Wild and Scenic Rivers.

*The last time Congress passed public lands conservation legislation for Oregon was back in 2009. Now, with overwhelming bipartisan support, nearly 30,000 acres of Oregon’s Coast Range and 256 miles of Wild and Scenic River protections have now had their final vote and passed through both the House and Senate. Victories like this don’t come easily these days.*

For the complete message, see the Oregon Wild website, <https://oregonwild.org/celebrate-new-oregon-wilderness>.

The April *Bulletin* will feature an article by member Gordon Sayre, who along with Chandra have led Obsidian trips to Wassen Creek in the Devil’s Staircase Wilderness. In his 2011 trip report Gordon had these words: *The rest of us should work to get this area preserved as wilderness.*

*Jorry Rolfe, Obsidian Conservation, Science & Education Co-Chair*

# FEBRUARY BOARD NOTES

## February 6, 2019 by Denise Rubenstein

President Lyndell Wilken called the meeting to order. Board members present: Sharon Cutsforth, Dave Cooper, John Cooper, Marci Hansen, Maryanne Reiter, Lana Lindstrom, Kathy Randall, and Dave Hawkins. Others present: Denise Rubenstein, Carla Cooper, John Jacobsen, Stewart Hoeg and Jorry Rolfe.

The board approved the minutes for January 2019.

**Treasurer's Report (Stewart Hoeg):** Stewart reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses and the balance sheet. He noted revenues from Lodge rental need to be monitored as the club has a limit based on our 501(c)7 status.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Bus Trips (Sharon Cutsforth):** The Bus Committee has completed plans for 2019 trips. There will be five day trips, two overnight trips and a six-day trip to the Olympic Peninsula. All bus trips except the six-day trip will be open for online signup.

**Climbs (Maryanne Reiter):** The Climbs Committee met on January 28 to kick off the 2019 climbing season with tasks including climb school, climbs, and gear.

**Concessions (Carla Cooper):** The January Potluck was a success for Concessions with \$259.19 in sales. Our new shirts are proving to be popular so far. Thanks so much to Judy Adamcyk and Mari Baldwin for helping get an order in for the shirts and to Keiko Bryan, Nancy Whitfield, and Cindy Cowell for working the busy Potluck.

**Conservation/SciEd (Jorry Rolfe & Kay Coots):** There are two upcoming ExploraTalks. On Tuesday, February 12, two staff with McKenzie River Trust will present on how humans and beavers helped to reshape floodplain and restore riparian areas in the upper Willamette. We hope to hear more about how we can volunteer as citizen scientists to document the impact of beavers on our area. On March 19 Matt Peterson of the Forest Service will provide a project update about the wilderness strategies and new permit system in the Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, and Three Sisters areas. Look for two to three activities related to these talks this year!

**Entertainment (Lana Lindstrom):** Bill Sullivan shared some new hikes in the Central Cascades to a rapt audience at the January potluck. \$88.80 was collected.

**Lodge Building (Dave Cooper):** We had a very good turnout for a Lodge cleaning. We gave it a very thorough cleaning upstairs and down and had time for a few extra tasks as well. Pictures were taken to update the visual inventory record. The nametag board was reorganized to reflect the updated active member list. The Friends of Buford Park and the McKenzie River Trust just held meetings at the Lodge. Some other groups have paid for future dates. Income received from rentals this year is currently \$1065.

**Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen):** One work party held January 25 to spruce up the Obsidian grounds for the January Potluck. Thank you, Jim Northrop for helping.

**Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal):** The November/December trips have been recorded. Two requests for information—one about the 1965 Summer Camp and the other about a donation of 1940s climb photos—were answered.

**Membership (Diane Schechter):** The February 2019 Membership report is Active Members: 413, Honorary Members:

6, Junior Members: 11, Life Members: 16, Total Members: 446. 14 applicants are seeking Board approval for their membership. There is a surge in applications this month due to a number of people seeking Active membership status in order to get first crack at Climb School.

**Publications/Bulletin (Lou Maenz):** Margaret Prentice has left the folding committee. She will be sorely missed. Nancy Raymond will be taking over her position as call chairman. Thank you, Nancy.

**Publicity (Marci Hansen):** I met with Diane, head of the Membership committee, to discuss ways to improve membership renewals as this year we suffered a big loss in members. We also continued our discussion on reasons why members would want to stay a member. No actions taken yet to report from that meeting. I am working on an Obsidians climbing shirt to have for sale in concessions. We are hoping to have it in time to sell at Climb School at the beginning of April.

**Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom):** The website has been updated, including the fees for the Glacier National Park Summer Camp. We are preparing for the Rally on February 22 and hope that most potential participants attend.

**Trail Maintenance (Matt Bell):** There was one outing this past month to clear and reestablish drainage along the Main Trail in Spencer Butte Park.

**Winter Trips (Steve Cordon):** Thanks to great trip leaders, 27 trips were completed in January (19 hikes, two bikes, four snowshoe, two Xski). Two trips were cancelled due to weather. A total of 225 members and 45 nonmembers participated, generating \$353 in trip fees.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of concession policy with regards to presenters selling items at presentations. Marci Hansen will write a draft for club policy with guidelines to add to Bylaws.

Dave Cooper presented a proposal for changes to the Bylaws regarding the annual summary reports for the Winter Trips, Summer Trips, Climbs and Summer Camp committees. Rather than submit these summaries in January, these committees would do so at the conclusion for their seasons. The Board approved these changes.

The date for the September board meeting will be the 18<sup>th</sup> due to this year's Summer Camp.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Stewart Hoeg suggested the allocation of 2018 investment income to be put in to the club's Capital Contingency Fund. The motion was approved.

February Committee reports were approved.

New membership applications were approved.

Jorry Rolfe suggested that the club offer support for Restore Our Parks Act S.3172. It passed the House, but not the Senate. Jorry will send emails on the club's behalf thanking our Senators for their support and asking Representative DeFazio to sponsor a new bill.

Dave Cooper is looking to simplify/clarify the Lodge Rental Policy and Bylaws. In particular, the issues of renter kitchen use and responsibility for checking for IRS income compliance. Both items are tabled for next month.

## ADJOURNMENT



# TRIP REPORTS



## Hikes

### Larison Creek

January 27, 2019

Leader: Kathy Randall

Photographer: Esme Greer

Hike: 6 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

**W**E HAD A LOVELY, RELATIVELY WARM, SUNNY SPRING-LIKE DAY for our hike along Larison Creek to the pool three miles up the trail. We had the trail to ourselves and enjoyed a pleasant lunch break at the pool before returning as



*Snack / lunch break at the pool where we turned around.*

we came. Darko and Keiko were able to collect a few mushrooms along the way. We didn't encounter any other hikers until about a mile before returning to our cars. Members: Denise Bean, Keiko Bryan, Marguerite Cooney, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Holger Krentz, Lynn Meacham, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rice, Darko Sojak.

### Trestle Creek Falls

January 28, 2019

Leader: Michael King

Hike: 4.5 miles, 800 ft. (Easy)

**W**E MANAGED TO GET ABOVE THE FOG AND INTO SUNSHINE. The falls were full and flowing. If you aren't familiar with it, Trestle Creek Falls is named one of the '7 Waterfall Wonders of the Eugene, Cascades & Coast Region' by our tourism bureau. Outside Cottage Grove, it makes an easy-to-access, year-round hike. You can optionally do a short trip to the lower falls, or the full loop adding the Upper Falls. Members: Keiko Bryan, Marguerite Cooney, Kay Coots, Vicky Hanson, Michael King, Elizabeth Koch, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Sharon Bruns, Mike Nease.

### Groundhog Day

February 2, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 6.3 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

**THE SNOOZING, ELDERLY GROUNDHOG IN A FALLEN LOG** in the Masonic Cemetery went unnoticed while Obsidian hikers walked by. A replay was needed—Let's walk by that log



*Steve Adey reacts to the groundhog found by the group.*

again. One hiker was bamboozled and hurried to find her camera. Since three hikers had never been to the cemetery, we took a quick tour of the historic gravestones and admired the bright snowdrops and crocuses. We missed finding Ruth and John Bascom's memorial gravestone made of Spencer Butte columnar basalt only to find out later that we had been so close when we stopped at the Thomas Condon monument. From there it was a steady uphill push to the Ribbon Trail and Hendricks Park. By then Whitney's rendition of the song, "Where's the Bathroom?" from the TV show *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*, had a sympathetic audience. Elizabeth Koch, a Hendricks Park volunteer, shared highlights of the Rhododendron Garden. After two hours of hiking, we were at Hey Neighbor Pizza when they turned on the OPEN sign at 11:00. With our glasses filled with water, we toasted our favorite groundhog and then ordered pizza. Groundhog trivia: young groundhogs are called chucklings. Members: Steve Adey, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Kay Coots, Whitney Gould, Vicky Hanson, Janet Jacobsen, Elizabeth Koch, Sandra Larsen, Lana Lindstrom, Mike Smith, Janet Soto, Nancy Whitfield, Carol Woodman.

### Dorris Ranch / Mill Race Loop

February 3, 2019

Leader: Kathy Randall

Hike: 6.7 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

**THE WEATHER COOPERATED AND WE HAD ONLY A FEW LIGHT SPRINKLES** for our loop hike. Everyone appreciated starting with the hike up the hill over 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to get warmed up. We saw a good variety of waterfowl along the route (more than we saw people). We returned through Dorris Ranch via the



filbert orchards. Members: Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Holger Krentz, Diana Masarie, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Paul Flashenberg.

### River Path North

February 4, 2019

Leader: David Cooper Asst. Leader: Carla Cooper  
Hike: 6 miles, 0 ft. (Easy)

**THE DAY TURNED OUT BETTER THAN THE WEATHER FORECAST!** A little snow appeared in some parts of town, but it was over by the time our hike started. It was a pleasant walk from VRC past the ponds where we watched herons, ducks, geese, and cormorants. We had lunch and conversation at Cafe Yumm in the Delta Shopping Center. Then, as the sun broke through the clouds, we headed back to our cars but crossed the Owosso Footbridge to travel on the other side of the river. An enjoyable day with great a group. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Joella Ewing, Jane Hackett, Vicky Hanson, David Lodeesen, Ruth Romoser, Tom Rundle, Dorothy van Winkle, Nancy Whitfield.

### South Willamette Trail

February 10, 2019

Leader: David Cooper  
Photographer: Darko Sojak  
Hike: 5.4 miles, 1,250 ft. (Moderate)

**CHANGING WEATHER FORECASTS DIDN'T DETER US.** It turned out not to be as cold as some predictions and no snow fell on us. It was nice to see the snow on the ground but with a



*Dorene Staggell crossing the creek.*

relatively clear trail. We moved at a fairly brisk pace and stayed warm. Everyone seemed to enjoy this trail, expressing interest in doing it again when everything is green. Surprisingly, one member of our group collected a few mushrooms from the snowy forest floor. We stopped at a cut log so one of our hikers could explain the multiple cut method that was necessary to safely clear the 60-year-old tree from the trail. Members: David Cooper, Toresa Martell, Mike Smith, Darko Sojak, Dorene Steggell, Janet Whitesides. Nonmembers: Mike Nease.

### Thurston Hills Trail

February 17, 2019

Leader: Denise Bean  
Hike: 4 miles, 635 ft. (Easy)

**WE HAD A NICE BREAK IN THE WEATHER** for a cold but partly sunny hike. We had three hikers on their first hike with the Obsidians. They all took membership applications. The trail was graveled and in great shape. Six of us enjoyed lunch at the McKenzie Stage Stop located two miles east on Highway 126 from the trailhead. Great hike, food, and company. Members: Denise Bean, Steve Cordon, Jim Floyd, Kathleen Floyd, Sandra Larsen, Karen Yoerger. Nonmembers: Judy Clemmons, Michael Bean, Wanda Meck, Jan-Jacques The-ron.

### Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

February 6–20, 2019

Various Leaders: David Cooper (2/6),  
Denise Rubenstein (2/13), Mike Smith (2/20)

Photographer: Mike Smith  
Hike: 6.2 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

**THE HIKES BY DATE WERE:** February 6: 12 Members.  
February 13: 15 Members. February 20: 14 members.  
[February 27: Cancelled due to snowstorm.]



*Snowman on Spencer Butte.*





## Snowshoe Trips

### **Odell Lake Viewpoint**

**February 9, 2019**

**Leader: Scott Hovis**

**Photographer: Darko Sojak**

**SShoe: 4 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)**

**T**HE WINTER STORM CHANGED OUR SALT CREEK FALLS HIKE PLANS to a Gold Lake Sno-Park outing. Our snowshoe hike led us past the Mountain View Shelter and on to the Odell Lake Viewpoint. There was 18" of new 'light/dry' snow



*At Westview Shelter.*



*Planning rest of the day at Odell Lake overlook.*

(unusual because Oregon's snow is often 'wet and heavy'). We used our tire chains to maneuver the parking lot. I'm glad we had a couple of small snow shovels along. The state police were issuing \$110 tickets to cars parking on the state highway, not on the snowpack. A pine marten was seen crossing our

trail. Members: Linda Anson, Marguerite Cooney, Jacquie Fern, Scott Hovis, Berri Hsiao, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak.

### **Fuji Shelter Trail Explora**

**February 18, 2019**

**Leader: Mike Smith**

**SShoe: 10.5 miles, 1,200 ft. (Difficult)**

**FOUR OF US HAD A GOOD SNOWSHOE UP TO FUJI SHELTER AND BACK.** It was the right decision NOT to try the loop. From Fuji Shelter the Tie Trail had two to three feet of heavy, unbroken snow. We tried walking in it, and we would have had trouble going a mile, let alone five. Some other time!! The Fuji Shelter Trail was broken and easily hiked. We made good time on a clear, sunny day up to the shelter where we had lunch. While there, clouds rapidly moved in and obscured Diamond Peak. While we were all warm enough going uphill, it was cold at the shelter and we were a lot cooler descending. We will post a picture of some sort of track, that we'll open to discussion as to what it might be. A bear sliding downhill was one thought. Whatever it was had to have come downhill, crossed the trail, and dropped to the woods on the other side where it wasn't clear what happened to it. People were parked along Highway 58 when we finished. While there were a lot of people there, we saw only two people (backpackers) descending as we went up to Fuji. Nice quiet day to be on the north side of 58! Members: David Lodeesen, Mike Smith, Eric Thornton. Nonmembers: Riccie Shipley.



## Ski Trips

### **Three Fingered Jack**

**February 2, 2019**

**Leader: Gordon Sayre Asst. Leader: John Hartman**

**Xski: 8 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)**

**T**HE FORECASTS FOR THIS WEEKEND SAID THAT SNOW LEVEL WOULD BE 5,000 or 5,500 feet, and it had already rained a lot during the last days of January, so we considered postponing the trip, but the three of us agreed to try skiing after all. Gordon drove from SEHS to Santiam Pass, and we were the second car to arrive in the sno-park following a load of sleds. It was foggy as we set off northward along a network of snowshoe and ski tracks through the burn. Visibility was very limited and John's GPS navigation reassured us we were on route. After a stop for lunch, we reached the ridge above the PCT and found some large cornices and a small tree with six feet of snowpack somehow balanced on top of it. Around 6,000 feet the slush resembled corn snow, and some snowshoe trails helped make our climb a little easier. We never put on the skins. The descent went more quickly than I expected with a few nice tele turns and the clouds began to clear, but not enough for long views of the Sisters. We made a brief detour to see the old Santiam Lodge; boarded up and decaying, it has somehow survived the fires that have swept through the area since 2000. A quick drive home and we were back in town by 5 PM. Members: Gordon Sayre, John Hartman, Lubos Hubata-Vacek.



**Fawn Lake**  
**February 16, 2019**  
**Leader: Brian Hamilton**  
**Xski: 7 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)**

**EIGHT OF US PILED INTO TWO VEHICLES FOR THE TRIP TO THE MOUNTAINS.** The snow level down to about 2,000 feet and at about two and a half miles west of the tunnel on Highway 58, traffic was held up for a half hour while we waited for a snow plow to pull two semi-trailers and trucks out of the drive lanes. At the Crescent Lake Sno-Park, we found outstanding skiing conditions with up to a foot of fresh powder. A couple of the more energetic skiers took on most of the trailbreaking. As we neared the lake, previous tracks were often buried by new snow, making it a challenge to stay on route. After a short lunch break at the lake, we had a great glide for most of the way out. We were back at the Sno-Park at 3:00. Although up to four to six inches of new snow was forecast for the day, we experienced very little snowfall and the sun even broke through the clouds a few times. Members: Mari Baldwin, Jacquie Fern, Brian Hamilton, GuruParkash Khalsa, Steven Koester, Sam Miller, Randy Sinnott, Sue Wolling.

## Extended Trip

**Shelter Cove XC Ski and Snowshoe**  
**February 5, 2019**  
**Leader: Chris Shuraleff**

“**S**NOW WAS FALLING, SO MUCH LIKE STARS FILLING THE DARK TREES that one could easily imagine its reason for being was nothing more than prettiness.”—Mary Oliver. Thank you, Marsha Barr for the above, as the snow gods once again blessed the Shelter Cove Extended Trip with lots of fresh white fluff for great skiing and snowshoeing. An incredible base, blue



*Photographer Keiko Bryan.*

skies and lots of sunshine awaited 15 Obsidians for three glorious days at Shelter Cove on the west side of Odell Lake. Accommodations on the second floor of the lodge gave everyone a picture perfect view of the lake. Gourmet dinners, warm gas fire stoves and clean, well-equipped units made for delightful times after the days' winter playgrounds. Night temps got into the single digits, but we were warm and cozy. Thanks to all who came for your enthusiasm. Members: Marsha Barr, Keiko Bryan, Marguerite Cooney, Barbara Kay Cosby, Lisa Grissell, Jane Hackett, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Emily Rice, Chris Shuraleff, Chris Stockdale, David Strutin, Lisa Van Liefde, Nancy Whitfield, Sue Wolling.



*Obsidian snowshoers Marguerite and Lynn catching some warmth at the Bechtel warming shelter before continuing on.  
Photographer David Lodeesen.*



*The group of 7 Obsidian snowshoers eventually finds the Pengra Pass trail but ends up breaking fresh trail the whole way.  
Photographer David Lodeesen.*



*Diamond View Lake trail / Whitefish Creek trail.  
Photographer Keiko Bryan.*



# UPCOMING



## Bus Trips 2019

### THE OREGON COAST AQUARIUM

April 10 (Wednesday)

Leaders: Mary Ellen West, Evelyn Nagy

Cost: \$63 (\$65 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Judy Phelps 726-0118

Load bus at 7:30 AM, depart at 8:00

*Online signup is available*

**T**HE OREGON COAST AQUARIUM IS THE FOCUS of our early spring trip to the Oregon coast. We'll visit the sea lions, seals, otters, assorted other creatures (large and small) and the colorful coast birds beginning their annual breeding plumage. We'll go via Corvallis with a coffee stop at Avery Park. We'll be able to observe some animals during their feeding time. Knowledgeable volunteers are at the otter, sea lion/seals exhibits and the aviary. They have stories to tell about their 'creatures' and can answer questions. The large gift shop is a shopper's delight. **Lunch will be on your own** at the Aquarium restaurant. Before leaving Newport we'll drive around the area near the aquarium to see the developing OSU marine science campus and NOAA (National Oceanic Atmospheric Association). We hope to visit the NOAA research vessel as well. Leaving the area we'll return down the coast looking for returning whales swimming north. Ice cream in Florence if we're in the mood.

### HINSDALE RHODIE GARDENS & MORE

May 16 (Thursday)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Cost: \$60 (\$62 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Judy Garwood 683-5539

Load bus at Shopko at 7:40 AM, depart 8:00

*Online signup is available*

**TRAVEL I-5 SOUTH TO HWY 38 THROUGH DRAIN** to the Dean Creek Elk viewing area. A coffee break will be provided along this route. A shuttle bus will meet us at the viewing area to deliver us to the gardens. We have a private viewing of the gardens until about 10:00 AM when we will be shuttled back to our bus and proceed to Cleawox or Woahink Lake for our sack lunch (bring your own). After lunch we will travel north to the Washburne beach area and rest stop for a short beach walk and more rhodies. On the

way home to Eugene, we re-trace on Hwy 101 to Florence and make an ice cream stop. We will travel to Eugene via Hwy 126, arriving at approximately 6:00 PM.

### HISTORIC COTTAGE GROVE

June 20 (Thursday)

Leaders: Jim Northrop, Janet Jacobsen

### CRATER LAKE & DIAMOND LAKE RESORT

July 11-12 (Thursday-Friday)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

### EXPLORING THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA

September 23-28 (Monday-Saturday)

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Judy Phelps

#### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Scenic drive along Hood Canal.
- Two nights on the waterfront in Port Townsend.
- One night on the waterfront in Port Angeles.
- Time to explore local points of interest.
- Hurricane Ridge, Rialto Beach, Hoh Rain Forest in the Olympic National Park – time for short hikes.
- Overnight in Forks, home of Twilight Series and the Logging Museum, 120 inches average rainfall.
- A special place of interest in Raymond.
- One night on the waterfront in Astoria, visit the Maritime Museum and Astoria Column.
- Lunch at Camp 18 near Elsie on the way home.

### CHINESE HISTORY IN PORTLAND

October 17 (Thursday)

Leaders: Mary Ellen West, Vern Marsonette

### CHRISTMAS STORYBOOK LAND IN ALBANY

December 12 (Monday)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Please Note: When paying for bus trips, each bus trip requires a separate check. Please make checks payable to *Obsidian Bus Trips* and indicate the trip it covers. Thank you!

Bus Trip information will also be posted on the Obsidians home page: [www.obsidians.org](http://www.obsidians.org)  
Contact information: [bustrips@obsidians.org](mailto:bustrips@obsidians.org)  
Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee Chair, 746-4929

## AT THE LODGE



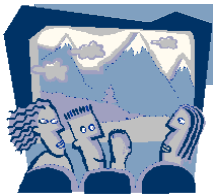
# ExploraTalk

Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 PM

## Wilderness Permit System Update

**Matt Peterson**  
Recreation Program Manager,  
Forest Service

**M**ATT WILL RETURN TO THE LODGE to present the restrictions coming to our wilderness trailheads. Please join us on March 19 to hear an update on the new permit system and have your questions answered.



# POTLUCK

Friday, March 29 at 6:30 PM

## Adventure on the Willamette Water Trail

**E**NJOY A VIRTUAL PADDLE TRIP DOWN THE WILLAMETTE RIVER WATER TRAIL with Michelle Emmons, Willamette Riverkeeper's South Valley Program Manager and avid paddling explorer.

Learn how to plan your own aquatic adventure, and gain insight on how the Willamette River's water quality has changed, what challenges our river faces today, and how you can help.



Michelle and her husband, Matt McPharlin, work together as river guides for Willamette Riverkeeper events and activities.



Michelle launched the Corvallis River Guardians Trashy Thursday last November - together with Oregon State Parks assistance, River Guardians volunteers removed 1,700 lbs. of trash off the riverbank at their first event!

**Potluck: Friday, March 29, 2019**  
at the Obsidian Lodge

**Potluck 6:30 PM Program 7:30 PM**

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



# OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

## March

13 Wed Elk Lake XC Ski / Snowshoe Ext Trp **M** Lindstrom 683-1409  
 13 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** Rubenstein ..... 248-514-5092  
 14 Thu Obsidian Lodge Pi Hike Hike **E** Jacobsen ..... 206-1251  
 16 Sat Sweet Creek & Beaver Creek Falls Hike **E** Rundle .. 653-0741  
 17 Sun Drift Creek Wilderness from North Hike **M** Smith 520-488-9569  
 19 Tue Wilderness Strategies Update ..... **ExploraTalk**  
 20 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** Smith ..... 520-488-9569  
 20 Wed Mt. Pisgah – Spring Equinox Hike **E** Jacobsen..... 206-1251  
 21 Thu Delta Ponds Hike **M** Rundle ..... 653-0741  
 23 Sat SOLVE Beach Clean-Up Hike **E** Sojak ..... 799-9199  
 23 Sat 100 Mile Bakery Loop Bike **E** Hughes ..... 933-5542  
 26 Tue Bend Oregon Explore Hike **E** Hougardy ..... 206-9532  
 27 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** Rolfe ..... 206-9501  
 28 Thu Salem Exploration Hike **E** Jacobsen ..... 206-1251  
 29 Fri The Willamette Water Trail ..... **Potluck**  
 30 Sat McKenzie View Loop Bike **E** Hughes..... 933-5542  
 30 Sat Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt **M** Bell ..... 503-884-8829

27 Sat Marys Peak Hike **M** Rundle..... 653-0741  
 27 Sat Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt **M** Bell..... 503-884-8829

## May

4 Sat Grand Canyon Bk Pk **D** Adey ..... 520-9285  
 16 Thu Hinsdale Rhodie Gardens & Wild Rhodies Bus Beard 994-2337  
 19 Sun Kayaking on the Siltcoos Kayak Hougardy ..... 206-9532  
 24 Fri Central Oregon Explore CarCmp **E** Hougardy..... 206-9532  
 29 Wed Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt **M** Bell..... 503-884-8829  
 31 Fri GrandStaircase Escalante National Monument ..... **Potluck**

## June

1 Sat Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt **M** Bell..... 503-884-8829  
 20 Thu Historic Cottage Grove Bus Northrop..... 343-3426  
 26 Wed Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt **M** Bell..... 503-884-8829  
 29 Sat Hwy To Hwy Hike **D** Cooper..... 868-5427  
 29 Sat Hwy to Hwy support Metolius Hike **E** Cooper ..... 517-6785

## April

1 Mon Basic Climb School 2019 ClbSch Reiter ..... 521-8472  
 3 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike **M** Cooper..... 868-5427  
 10 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** Marsonette ..... 600-5332  
 10 Wed The Oregon Coast Aquarium Bus West ..... 343-5492  
 14 Sun Kalapuya Talking Stones Hike **M** Hougardy ..... 206-9532  
 16 Tue Delta Ponds Birding Hike **E** Montgomery ..... 688-7025  
 17 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike **M** Cordon ..... 513-3452  
 20 Sat Gwynn Creek Hike **M** Rundle ..... 653-0741  
 21 Sun Driftwood Shores to Hidden Cove Hike **M** Sojak..... 799-9199  
 24 Wed Amazon Headwaters **M** Rundle ..... 653-0741  
 26 Fri Hiking the UP North Loop ..... **Potluck**

## July

6 Sat Crabtree Valley Hike **M** Sojak..... 799-9199  
 11 Thu Crater Lk w/overnight at Diamond Lk Bus Beard.... 994-2337  
 31 Wed Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt **M** Bell..... 503-884-8829

## August

2 Fri Belknap Crater Stargazing Bk Pk **D** Sojak..... 799-9199  
 28 Wed Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt **M** Bell..... 503-884-8829

## September

1 Sun Glacier Park SC SmCmp Lindstrom ..... 683-1409  
 23 Mon Exploring the Olympic Peninsula Bus Cutsforth..... 746-4929

**CANCELLED**

## Bus Trips Rally

The 2019 Bus Rally has been completely cancelled due to uncertain weather conditions. It will not be rescheduled.

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At the Obsidian Lodge.

By emailing: [bustrips@obsidians.org](mailto:bustrips@obsidians.org).

By calling Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee Chair, 746-4929

or by contacting any other Bus Committee member.

**CANCELLED**

## UPDATE

### Glacier Park Summer Camp

**S**UMMER CAMP AT GLACIER NATIONAL PARK was fully subscribed within 2½ hours of opening for registration. Wow!

*Lana Lindstrom*

*Editor's note: If you missed out, consider putting yourself on the wait list. There are always cancellations. (Instructions are on the back of the Summer Camp Registration form.)*

### Bulletin Classifieds

**Men's black rain pants**

size Large, DryJoys by FootJoy,  
very good condition,

**\$10**

Call 687-2589. Ask for Sandra

*Note: There is no charge for placement of Obsidian Bulletin Classified ads; however, only members can place ads and preference will be given to ads that relate to the club's mission and our members' outdoor activity interests.*



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*The group by the “words to live by” fence. Photo by Carla Cooper.  
River Path North hike. See trip report on page 6.*

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