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Five Directors
To Be Elected

Annual Meeting
To Be Oct. 10

Members at the annual meeting will elect three men and two women to the Obsidian board of directors. From the whole board (the five new ones plus the four holdover members) club officers will be chosen.

The two women will fill vacancies created when Natalie Morgan resigned because of other activities and when Bette Hack resigned upon moving to Silverton where she is teaching school. The two women will be picked from the following four:

Mildred Ball, Elsie Dotson, Kay Fahy, Lorena Shimm.

The three men will fill vacancies created by the resignations of Henry Carlson, Ray Harris and the expiration of the term of Bob Medill. The position to which Ray Harris was elected was vacated earlier in the year and has been filled on a temporary basis by Bob Frazier. The three men will be picked from these six:

Ray Cavagnaro, Bob Frazier, George Hermach, Everett Ow, Mike Stahl and Tom Taylor.

The board, when completed, will consist of six men and three women. The men will be the three newly elected members plus Karl Onthank, Jim Jeppesen and Ray Sims whose terms did not expire this time.

The three women will be the two newly elected members plus Lillian Johnson who carries over from the old board.

Board members themselves will meet after the meeting to pick new officers.

Only senior, active members whose new (1958-1959) dues have been paid will be eligible to vote. This may be done by absentee ballot, as explained in the next column.

Dues are \$4 a year for associate and active members; \$1 a year for juniors.

Officers will be elected, dues will be payable, committee reports will be read and awards will be presented Friday night Oct. 10 at the club's annual meeting. It will be at the Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High St.

Beginning at 6 p.m. members may pay their dues and cast their ballots. At 6:45 a potluck dinner will begin. Members are asked to use their own judgment about potluck dishes and to bring their own table service. The club will furnish the coffee. A small trip fee will be charged.

A list of nominees for the board of directors appears in the adjoining column.

Among business matters to be discussed and voted upon is the adoption of a set of constitutional amendments, some written to bring the provisions of the constitution in line with actual club practice over the years. The committee, headed by Dot Dotson, has been working on the amendments the greater part of the year.

Three-peak awards, given members who have climbed all three of the Sisters, will go to a dozen or more members. And at least seven members will get their "10-peaks" award for having climbed the major Cascade peaks from Hood to McLoughlin.

Earning the award will be:

Jim Jeppesen who earned it on Hood.

Elsie Dotson and Ron Green who earned it on Diamond.

Pat Stahl, Joe Frazier, Doris Shimm, and Mildred Ball who earned it on the Labor Day climb of Jefferson.

If you can't come to the annual meeting, you may vote by absentee ballot if you mail in your dues first to Lillian Johnson, 1895 Lawrence St.

THE OBSIDIAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Ray Sims	DI 4-9546
Vice President	Jim Jeppesen	DI 5-3028
Secretary	Lillian Johnson	DI 5-6338

Board Members: The above and Natalie Morgan, Henry Carlson, Karl Onthank, Bob McDill, Bob Frazier.

Editor: Bob Frazier, DI 5-1551 or 5-6000

New Members

Four new senior, active members were accepted by the board of directors at the September meeting.

JANE HILT, who attended the Green Lakes summer camp, has climbed all three of the Sisters and Broken Top.

DWIGHT BERREMAN, who teaches physics at the University of Oregon, was on the Hood climb in the storm last June.

ALAN REID, a U. S. forester from Mapleton, always arrives late, because he has so much farther to drive, but he always seems to get there. He has been with the club on climbs of Three Fingered Jack, Mt. Thielsen, Mt. Hood, the South Sister, the Bachelor and Mt. Washington.

FRANK JONES, whose first Obsidian trip was the climb of Red Top last June, has spent a busy summer with the club. He is a retired Navy CPO who is spending the beginning of his retirement as a student at the University of Oregon. He was at the Green Lakes summer camp from which he climbed the South Sister twice and Broken Top twice. Earlier he had climbed the Middle Sister. He ended his climbing summer on the ascent of Jefferson Labor Day.

The applications of several others who took part in club activities this summer have been received since the September meeting of the board. These applications will be acted upon at the October board meeting, following the annual meeting and reorganization of the board for the coming year. Application blanks are available at Hendershott's. They need the signatures of two senior active members to receive board consideration.

A 20-Hour Climb
Of Mt. Jefferson

Sixteen Obsidians and guests learned on Labor Day weekend why Mt. Jefferson has the kind of reputation it has. They spent 20 hours on the mountain and then got in a rain storm as they tried to catch some well-earned sleep.

Led by Lloyd Plaisted the group camped at Hunts Cove, south of the Mountain. In this climb they followed the approximate route of the pioneer climbers who made a first ascent of this mountain in 1888.

Weather was good the day of the climb, although a strong wind made climbers glad for their parkas, most of which were worn with the hoods up. A bright blue sky and perfect visibility rewarded them.

Lloyd, Pat Stahl and Ron Green made up an advance party which took the traditional route up the pinnacle. They felt it not good for so large a party. So Lloyd found a new route -- to the west and the north, over the head of Milk Creek glacier and toward Russell Glacier. This was a quick route to the top, once it was found. But it was late and climbers had just time to sign the book before coming down. Making the trip were:

Lloyd, Pat, Ron, Jim Sims, Frank Jones, Jim Richardson, Bob Green, Jim Dotson, Lorena Shinn, Doris Shinn, Jim Ball, Mildred Ball, Joe Frazier, Bob Frazier, Armin Wahrle, Bruce Johnson (assistant leader). Doris Sims, who had been up the mountain several times before, stayed at the Red Saddle.

Coming down the wind grew worse and the group, already late, was slowed by darkness. One group arrived at Hunts Cove at 9 p.m., the other at 11 p.m. They had got up at 2 a.m. and left at 3.

The late group, too tired to eat, went directly to bed, only to wake up about 2 to find it raining. They slept through it on the theory that there are worse things than wet sleeping bags. Some got up at 5, packed their gear and packed out the 5½ miles to the Pamela road with no breakfast -- somewhat miserable, but thoroughly pleased with the weekend.

Two Finish Their "10" on Diamond Peak

Diamond Peak, considered one of the easiest of our 10 peaks to climb, came late for two Obsidians who earned their 10-peaks award on that mountain Sept. 7. The awards were earned there by Elsie Dotson and Ron Green. A year ago Lorena Shinn earned hers on that mountain, after already climbing the tough ones.

Others in the party, led by Art Johnson, were Bob Green, Pat Stahl, Lorena Shinn, Jim Sims, Jim Dotson, John Dotson, Loy Lonberg, Tom Hawn, Bob Nicholson, Mel Jackson, Hollis Oxley, Larry Ball, and Gene Renard.

The party avoided the major pitfall in climbing Diamond -- getting lost. Often groups veer too far to the west in coming off the mountain and end up on the old military highway in the direction of Rigdon. But not this year. This year Art led his party almost exactly to the spot where they had camped Saturday night at Summit Lake.

Because of the lateness of the climb no snow climbing was involved, although the group did find one snow patch big enough to afford a couple of snowball fights -- one going up and one coming down. The group said the summit ridge, usually crossed in snow was bare this time, with large boulders to scramble over.

Oregon Movie

Ken Lodewick has arranged for the state highway department movie, "You'll Remember Oregon" to be shown at the first fall picture night at Friendly House, Oct. 6. The program will start at 7:30 p.m.

Members have been asked to bring 10 or so of their best trip pictures from the summer. Sandwiches or cookies should also be brought. Coffee will be furnished.

A trip fee will be charged at the monthly picture nights this year. It will go to pay for the coffee and to defray expenses of Friendly House which charges no fixed rental.

Twenty-Two Climb Thielsen July 27

The middle climb of the season, Thielsen July 27, was made by 22 members and guests who camped the night before at Diamond Lake. Making the climb under the leadership of Bruce Johnson were:

Ron Green, Jim Sims, Dowell Callis, Mary Callis, Bob Nicholson, Bob Green, Lorena Shinn, Doris Shinn, Pat Stahl, Elsie Dotson, Mildred Ball, Hollis Oxley, Tom Hawn, Jim Dotson, John Dotson, Larry Ball, Pat Callis, Alan Reid, Dorothy Ruse Rexford Baker, and Jerry Hawn.

Picnic by a Lake

Jim Kezer had a picture he was mighty proud of. It showed a group from the Green Lakes summer camp making "Fizzies" on top of the South Sister. The picture showed the lake and the thirsty climbers. Jim was proud of the picture and boasted about it.

Meanwhile Ray Sims said nothing.

He continued to say nothing until a picture night shortly after summer camp.. Then Ray showed HIS pictures. After Jim had left camp another group climbed the South. Not content with merely making fizzies on top, the second group packed a 25-pound watermelon all the way to the top. Bob Medill packed the melon in from the roadhead, five miles away. Frank Jones gets most of the credit for carrying it more than 4,000 feet up the mountain.

The picture was a beauty. Suntanned Obsidians enjoying a red watermelon (with black seeds) in the white snow beside a blue lake under a blue sky!

Poor Jim hasn't been showing many of his pictures lately.

Wide-Angle Helps

A wide-angle lens is invaluable in the mountains -- even more useful than a telephoto. Those who can should get a look at Deron Dierks' summer camp pictures.

A Busy Climb Week On the North Sister

The North Sister which had given the club grief for two years, treated us much better this year. In three climbs in one week 34 Obsidian names were put into the summit register.

Saturday, Aug. 23 Ray Sims led 15 to the top. His group camped at Scott Friday and Saturday, coming out Sunday. (See the next column.) The regular climb, led by Tom Taylor, saw 12 on top. On Wednesday, the 27th, Ray Harris led seven up.

Climbers on the regular climb, with an asterisk denoting those who earned the three-peaks award that day, follow:

Tom Taylor, leader; Ron Green, assistant; Joe Frazier*, Bob Frazier*, Lorena Shinn, Doris Shinn*, Dowell Callis*, Pepe Bensen*, Bert Bensen*, Hollis Oxley, Bob Nicholson, and Steve Hadley*.

The mid-week climb with Ray Harris was made by Ray, Betty Harris, Pat Stahl, Bob Green, Dana Gott, Lorena Shinn and Ron Green.

Earning the three-peaks award on Ray Sims' climb were Ron Green, Frank Jones, Jane Hilt, Jim Dotson, Blanche Bailey, Marjorie Beaman, Jim Kezer, Jim Sims, Deron Dierks, and Kitty Lou Shaw.

That means that Ron Green climbed that old pile three times in one week. The Sunday climb was a special victory for Bob Frazier and Doris Shinn who had been turned back twice before and for Joe Frazier who had been turned back once before.

Following the advice of Ray Sims and the Saturday climbers, Tom led his Sunday group over the top of the snowfield at the bergschrund, rather than attempting to cross the snowfield. That group also had a small lightning storm just after Collier glacier was crossed on the way down.

By the time the mid-week climbers made the top, 116 names had been put in the summit register this year. All last year only 73 climbers made the summit.

Old-Timers Climb Of the North Sister

Thirteen were on the North Sister climb of Saturday, Aug. 23d, to celebrate Ray Sims' thirtieth climb of the North as leader of an Obsidian party. Sixteen-year old Jimmy Sims followed in his father's footsteps when he applied the important belay that saved a climber when he slipped on the steep snowfield below and pinnacle and swung down. It was a tense moment, but the party continued, higher on the snow field, to make the descent at the bergschrund point. Thirteen hours elapsed between start and finish at Scott Camp.

Those on the climb were Jane Hilt, Doris Sims, Jim Sims, Kitty Lou Shaw, Blanche Bailey, Merle Bailey, Marge Beaman, Jim Dotson, Deron Dierks, Jim Kezer, Ron Green and Frank Jones who assisted Ray Sims.

Dale and Henry Carlson hiked in early on Saturday and caught the party on the mountain.

— Ray Sims

Ice on Rocks Jinxes Broken Top Climb

When a climb is scheduled for Sept. 14, climbers have to figure that maybe the weather won't cooperate. And it didn't. Storms, which had stayed away on weekends ever since the Hood climb, came back to drop snow on Broken Top -- not that some snow would stop Lorena Shinn and the six she led up the ridge. But glare ice on the rocks was a different matter. They turned around.

With Lorena were Larry Hilt, Gene Wiley, Jim Sims, Don Tucker, Jim Platz, and Jim Pool.

They camped at the start of the Green Lakes trail, arrived at the lakes by 9 to find visibility spotty. It got worse, with a high wind that made Lorena caution the climbers if they fell to fall toward the Green Lakes side of the ridge and home.

However, the mountain was not denied to the club entirely this year, having been climbed twice from summer camp.

Report on Labor Day
Meeting of F.W.O.C.

Onthank Named
To Resources Board

Karl Onthank represented Obsidians at the annual meeting of the Federation of Western Outdoor clubs at Camp Meriwether over Labor Day. Other Obsidians attending the meeting, at which Mazamas were hosts, were Ruth Onthank, Ruth Hopson, Jim Kezer and Frances Newsom. Here is what the group did:

Talked with government people about the recreational areas in the Three Sisters and Waldo Lake regions,

Were impressed with the lack of knowledge about future recreation needs,

Talked with national park people about their survey of the Pacific Coast,

Heard Dave Brower, executive director of The Sierra Club, explain the Wilderness Bill,

Resolved to ask a moratorium on further reclassification of land until the Outdoor recreational resources review report is completed,

Voted 15 to 4 to ask Congress to direct the National Park Service to make a survey of the Glacier Peak area,

Voted to meet next Labor Day weekend at the Sierra Club's Claire Tappan Lodge on U. S. 40 west of Reno.

Jim Kezer led a field trip to the beach at the time of an exceptionally low tide that offered very good tide-pool exploring for the delegates.

This was the largest FWOC meeting ever held in the Northwest.

Delegates said they were especially impressed with the Mazama youth group which was on hand to help with carrying baggage and doing chores as well as service the meals.

Karl reports a great deal of discussion about proposed recreation areas and much jubilation over the passage by Congress of the recreational review bill which is expected to give the country its first real picture of recreational needs.

Karl Onthank, a member of the Obsidian board of directors and past president of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, has been named a member of the Oregon State Water Resources Board. Governor Robert Holmes appointed him to a four-year term to replace L.C. Binford, Portland, whose term expired.

The board, which has been in operation only three years, is generally regarded as the most important body in the state in the field of resource development. It passes upon all plans for commercial or other use of waters within Oregon.

Karl's appointment was acclaimed by the Oregonian of Portland and by former Gov. Charles A. Sprague in his Oregon Statesman in Salem.

It was not so widely heralded by some of the persons with whom Karl has battled on matters like reduction of the Wilderness area and Beaver Marsh.

Two Suggestions

The forest service has asked interested groups to suggest "natural areas," small pieces of land that should be set aside because of their particular scientific, scenic or recreational value.

The board of directors has suggested two, and the forest service will be so advised:

1. The bog at the end of Gold Lake. Jim Kezer will present the case for this.

2. The Iron Mountain area on the Santiam. Frank Sipe will explain to the forest service why this should be set aside.

What Do You Want?

It's time to start a new Obsidian year. What do you want to do? Let the new president or members of the newly elected board of directors know which committees you'd like to serve on. They want to fit the job to the member. Be sure to fill out your activity sheet at Annual Meeting.

Caving for Winter

How about spelunking? That's a word meaning the exploration of caves and underground passages. A number of members think that would be a good winter-time activity.

Many of the techniques are the same as those used in rock climbing. Ropes, for example, are often used in much the same way. So are the climbing techniques such as friction. And there are a lot of good caves not too far from here. Some are almost unexplored.

If you're interested in a program like this for winter, make your wishes known.

Stags at Gold Hill

It was a stag party that climbed Gold Hill Aug. 17. It wasn't scheduled that way, but that's the way it turned out. Led by Keith Brunig, the following went along:

Ken Lodewick, Mac McWilliams, William F. Hoey, Earl Bradfish and Henry Jeppesen.

It was Huckleberry Season and the men augmented their lunch, after noting first that workmen that day were tearing down what remained of the old lookout building on top. Several brought back enough of the berries for a pie.

Visibility was good, affording views of the mountain chain from Jefferson to the Bachelor.

Oops!

Let's hope this isn't habit forming. On the Three Fingered Jack climb in July, Lorena Shinn knocked her pack off a ledge near the crawl. It landed somewhere down below, several hundred feet down. She has not recovered it.

On the Sunday climb of the North Sister Aug. 24 Ron Green "Did a Lorena". At the top of the chute his rain parka and sunglasses fell and bounced down the dinner plate slopes toward Collier Glacier. And he hasn't recovered them.

Youth Activities

The YMCA has expressed interest in opening a climbing program for teenagers. The club has been asked about providing some instruction and leadership.

Thinking of the board is that Y members could participate in our climbing school and regular climbs. The new youth activities committee will have a ready-made project for next spring and summer.

Some of these teenagers could well be our future leaders for climbs in years to come.

It's That Time Again

Deer season starts Oct. 4. That means that persons taking part in fall trips will have a new hazard to watch out for -- wiley hunters with large guns.

The hunters will be wearing red hats or shirts, although some are going for the new theory that yellow is a better color. In either case, it would be a good idea if we followed them in this respect.

Also it doesn't hurt to make a little noise --human type noise -- now and again to let them know that the figures in the distance are not fair game.

Nobody Knows

except Gene Renard, leader, where we're going on Sunday, October 12. He has some special place north of Florence to show us . . . it remains a mystery . . .

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