

# The OBSIDIAN



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## TRIPS

- March 16 (Sat.) Castle Rock with Merle Traudt. Always a favorite.
- March 17 (Sun.) No trip. Open date.
- March 23 (Sat.) Lookout Point Reservoir with Donn Chase. A trip thru the innards of the dam.
- March 30 (Sat.) Open date.
- March 31 (Sun.) McKenzie River Trail and Kenneth & Robin Lodewick leads.
- April 6 (Sat.) Open date.
- April 7 (Sun.) Palm Sunday. No trip.

## FROM THE DESK OF BRAVE DAVE

The Obsidians have reduced their hiking & climbing schedule due to the gas short age and all hikes and climbs are dependent upon the availability of vehicle transportation.

Anyone wanting to lead a hike on an OPEN DATE or week-end please call up the trip Chairman 747-2386.

## PRINCESS NEWS

Frances Newsom invites the Princesses to meet at her home Mon. March 18, 7:30 p.m. Jane Hilt will be co-hostess.

Blanche Bailey will show slides of her recent trip to Australia. Wilma Moore entertained the group in February, and Frances Newsom presented slides and artifacts from her recent trip to Poland, where she visited the family of a former graduate student who lived with her, while studying at the U. of O. Obsidians will remember "Sophie". President Helen Lynch completed the two new Chief Emblem

## OBSIDIAN GOURMETS

All Obsidians are invited to join the bunch at the Asia Garden, 44 E. 7th Ave. Eugene, on Thursday evening, March 28th, 6:00 p.m. Prices for Chinese dinners run from \$3.25 up: American food is also available from \$2.95 up. Please call M. Castelloe, 344-5168 for reservations by Monday, March 27th.

## UNWANTED

An aluminum frame fanny pack. Has 3 out side pockets. Call evenings 344-8952. Mary Bridgeman.

DON'T FORGET NEXT POTLUCK ON A FRIDAY

OH! KAH-NEE-TAH! OH! KAH-NEE-TAH!  
 How I'd love to hold and feel ya!  
 To hold you in my arms,  
 To dote upon your charms,  
 My Pretty Indian Maid, Kah-Nee-Tah.

ESCAPE!! Your cabin fever and long gas lines! Come along to Warm Springs Indian REservation. Kah-Nee-Tah Village by bus with stops enroute. The bus will load at 7:45 a.m., Sat. March 30th at South Eugene High School Parking lot. Take a sack lunch for Sat. Noon. Leave KAH-NEE-TAH Sun. Mar. 31 at 2 p.m., Taking a scenic loop around Cove Pallisades, Smith Rocks and home in early evening.

Available will be swimming, hiking, bird-watching, horseback riding and just loafing. Take warm clothing, swimming suit and wear walking shoes.

Cost per person will be \$22.50, which includes bus fare, room and sat. evening dinner, plus swimming priveleges and trip fee.

Reserved at KAH--NEE--TAH Village will be units with 3 beds and cooking facilities and the remodeled single units with twin beds; all have private baths.

Leaders are: Jane Hilt 344-8230 and Helen Weiser 345-1234. Checks should be made out to Obsidians, Inc. and mailed to Jane Hilt, 1012 E. 22, Eugene, 97405 to insure your reservation.

Cancellations can be refunded to March 25, and to departure date if a replacement can be found for your reservation.

The bus capacity has been reached, but reservations are still being accepted in case some drop out. Your check should be sent in not later than March 15th.

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## FRIDAY-MARCH 22nd-POTLUCK-FRIDAY

LES ANDERSON, Eugene Mayor, will present a program of his recent Mt. Kili-manjaro trip, and also give us a talk on the proposed, and often talked about, South Hills Park. Don't forget! This is on a Friday evening, and not the usual Saturday evening. At 6:30 at the Lodge. 29th and Spring

THRU THE VIEWFINDER

PAUL SLOVIC & SON and

CHUCK BERKEY ran in the Seaside races. The race was 26 plus miles. Chuck was rather ashamed of his time, but then he was out of shape. Even at that he would have beat your Editor's time by at least two days.

PAULA VEHRs at it again. This time she is making a complete coverage of South America. going to the extreme southern end. On her way back she is taking a side trip to the Galapagos, What a trip!!!

ART HERRON Now it is his turn to be in the hospital. Art was in for surgery and is now at home and reported doing well.

RON NUNEMAKER had the misfortune to badly cut his hand. It took 20 stitches to sew it up. Don't know which hand, but suppose it was the one he used the most. This is generally the case.

THE IDAHO ALPIN CLUB is having trouble in getting someone to be editor and they state they may have to discontinue their bulletin, so if youse guys don't get to treating your editor with more respect he may just apply for their job.

IS MOUNTAIN CLIMBING SAFER?

Charlie Beierwalt, one time President of the Chicago Mountaineering Club, who has climbed most of the mountains in the 48 States, including a climb of the Devils Tower, fell from a ladder while working at a school in Chicago & was killed.

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HIMALAYAS Heres a book we are sure all of you will want. Yoshikaza Shirakawa is the author, and has prefaces by the King of Nepal and an introduction by Sir Edmund Hillary. Order from Harry N. Abrams Times Mirror, 110 East 59th St. New York New York 10022. Only \$85.00. 300 pages.

REPORT OF AL SORSETH

Mr. Sorseth spoke at length on some of the problems that the Forest Service has to contend with and the areas of liability in the form of lawsuits the Government can be faced with. He mentioned one suit now in court brot by a man that fell off a log while crossing a stream as an example.

In regard to leaving standing abandoned lookouts and other buildings not now in use, for use of people such as the Obsidians. The Forest Service would very much like to leave some, but again he said that they were leaving themselves open to lawsuits. He told of lightning rods, so necessary on lookouts, being of being of first quality copper, being stolen thus subjecting whoever took refuge in

one during a storm, being subject to extreme danger and the possible lawsuits resulting. Other factors; such as rotting floors and a person maybe injuring themselves therefrom. But he did say some would be left for places of refuge.

He told of a number of instances where people had moved in lookouts and abandoned ranger cabins and set up house-keeping and who had to be evicted. These were especially those in which the furniture and stoves had been left in.

He also told of the F. S. not locking doors of lookouts and ranger cabins any-more account of always finding the locks broken. He told of one lookout where the door not only being locked, but the building had also been wrapped with cable, but that this had accomplished nothing as people had gotten in any way and had stolen stuff.

Mr. Sorseth spoke of trails saying the Forest Service had no further use of trails and the only reason they were being kept open was for the use of hikers.

He talked at length on how groups like ours could be of service to the F. S. by reporting the condition of trails in the spring saving them the time of running over them themselves, and in some cases not having the time or at times not being able to get over them until late in the year. He said that in buidoding new trails, or heavy construction on some not being practical for Obsidians, or other groups account of lack of time to really accomplish much, but that there were places where a minimum amount of work was needed where we would be of big help. Also in cleaning up, but said the public was doing a great deal better of not leaving garbage than used to be the case.

Mr. Sorseth also mentioned that now and then they had small bridges to build and it was possible that we could take on one of these jobs.

Mr. Sorseth stressed that liability of the Forest Service was no small itme.

WILLAMETTE RIVER PARKS SYSTEM

Commission has sent the Obsidians a notice ofset an all day conference where they have invited all interested persons to attend. They have scheduled this to be held in Eugene March 15 and said they would send another notice of where it was to be held, but todate none has arrived. No doubt a notice will be in the Register-Guard. This in order to assure widespread participation in planning for the Greenway.

FEBRUARY POT-LUCK

Walter Youngquist was the hi-light of this program and all those who have not heard Walt talk on what he knows what he is talking about sure missed an educational and entertaining evening. It was most revealing in giving one a clear and informative insight into just what the present and future, not only for our selves, but for the whole world. Around 70 to 75 persons attended, which was a very good turnout considering the transportation problems. And the credit goes to the speaker.

Decorations were most unusual and also most plentiful and represented a great deal of labor and imagination by Myrtle Smith and her helpers. We do not know who all the helpers were, but in evidence were Mary Castelloe, Mary Douglas Stovall Helen Weiser, Florence Givans, Mildred & Howard Horner and Dutchess Cox.

Clarence Landes had gone up earlier in the day making a fire in the fireplace & turning on the heat so that the place was real comfortable. Edith Bridgeman Sue Riemer, Gerty Oswald and others did work in the kitchen for which we thank you all. Soemtimes we feel that names should not be mentioned account of the fact that we are sure to miss some who have been unintentionally been omitted. All in all, it was a most rewarding evening and we sincerely thank Mr. Youngquist.

Mr. Youngquist was not hampered with commercials nor did he have a time limit so was able to, and did, give us a bonus over you who may have heard him speak over the air.

NORTHWEST WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

will be held in Seattle beginning Friday evening April 19 thru Sunday afternoon April 21.

Because of the large turnout expected, which will be held in Eames Theater of the Pacific Science Center, early registration is advised, so says Polly Dyer, chairman of the Conference. (Polly once attended a program at Obsidian Lodge).

Scheduled speakers are Mike McCloskey, (Obsidian Chief), Executive Director of Sierra Club, David Brower, Pres. of the Friends of the Earth, and Stewart Brandborg, Executive Director of the Wilderness Society.

Checks to be made out to Northwest Wilderness Conference and sent to F.B. Forderhage, Treasurer, N.W. W.C. 10702 14th Ave., Seattle 98125. Registration fee is \$5, adults. Students \$2. Add \$4.50 for Sat. lunch, \$6.50 for Sat. Banquet & \$4.50 for Sunday lunch.

Out-of-town visitors who need sleeping bag space contact Joan Ice (sounds cold to us), 2106 49th Ave. SW., Seattle 98116

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE COBURGS?

Most Obsidian hikes in this area are only to the top of Old Baldy, when in fact there are a lot of interesting places up in them there hills. Could be some over-night trips, or for that matter more than just two day trips could be made there. Don Hunter knows of a number of old sites that were once saw mills in the hills and old cabin sites. Because of the reluctance of people wanting to take their cars on extended trips involving the hauling of hikers account of the gas situation why not try Coburg Hills country? And speaking of gasoline being a major factor in the transportation of hikers why not ask all who want a ride to furnish a gallon of gas as well as the 2 cents per mile donation.

HISTORY OF THE OBSIDIANS

by Ray Sims

This camp in the Trinity Alps in 1969 was one that was hard to leave, as everything was so perfect.

The next day after our camp was set up a string of Girl Scouts, all riding horses to their vacation, to camp at one of the lakes beyond Snowshoe Lake.

I am sure there was no connection, but two hours later another string of horses carrying a troupe of Boy Scouts to camp at another of the many lakes in the area

One day Norm and Mary took the ropes down the ridge south of camp, where a lone tree and a steep granite hillside perfect for some rappelling, most of the Scherers were, as well as Stevens and Shepard children were also there, as I have a good picture of Carol Scherer in a very good rappel.

As the horses came, eating of the lush grass near our camp, it was time to finish packing as this camp was nearly over but it was a familiar sight for the pack horses to wend their easy way homeward up the zig-zag trail.

GOLD LAKE TRIP

Beautiful day, beautiful trip. The only flaw was a cold wind blowing across the lake. We ate a hurried lunch there, then headed for a road which was protected from the icy wind by the trees. We had time to practice our cross country skiing skills (we hope they will become skills) on the road out. Thoroughly enjoying the day were Bob & Joyce Briggs, Dorothy Hayes & Roger Hayes, Allen & Joan Neustadter, Wes Prouty and Merle Traudt. Dorothy Hayes was the leader.

KONSERVATION KORNER by Marriner Orum

From Earthwatch Oregon News Report of the Oregon Environmental Council.

Japan's announcement that it rejected three major conservation measures adopted by the International Whaling Comm. in June, 1973 has led a coalition of conservation groups to propose a boycott on Japanese products and an embargo on Japanese fisheries imports.

By a vote of 13 to 1, the Comm. rejected Japan's demands for a quota of 8,000 to 12,000 minke whales in the Antarctic, and voted instead to set a maximum kill of 5,000 for the '73-74 season. The Comm. also voted to phase out the killing of fin whales in the anartic by mid-1976. In announcing its rejection of the Comm. urses, Japan indicated it would set its own quotas on fin and minke whales in line with Japanese "interests".

Environmental groups, including Friends of the Earth and Environmental Policy Center, have been studying the whale problem under the aegis of Project Momitor. The future of all species of whales is in jeopardy: Japan, the groups assert, must bear a major responsibility for two decades of destruction which has brought the blue and humpback whales to the verge of extinction.

The Japanese contention that whale meat is a major source of protein for people in Japan was easily refuted by environmentalists. They cited an analysis based on Japanese fisheries data, showing that whale meat constitutes less than 1% of the Japanese protein intake and that Antarctic fin whales make up only a fraction of that.

The United States, on the other hand, has a surprisingly good record in whale matters. At the Comm. meeting, the U.S. delegation pushed for a 10-year/moratorium on all commercial whaling. Tho it won a mojority vote, the measure failed to receive the 3/4 majority necessary to be adopted. The U.S. position involves not only trying to prevent extinction of whales, but a concern for the delicate balance of the world's ocean ecosystems.

Japan's policy of unrestrained rapacity not only to whales, but dolphins, other marine creatures and fish, is in contemptuous disregard of international opion.

The conservationist groups have therefore asked their members and all Americans "to refrain from buying Japanese products and to express this intention by writing to dealers of such products

until Japan agrees to end its ruthless destruction of whales."

A second possibility of exerting economic pressure might be the "Pelly Amendment" to the Fishermens Protective Act of 1967 which permits the U.S. to embargo fisheries products from mations flouting International programs established for the conservation of marine resources.

BOARD NOTES

Met on the evening of March 6 with all present except for our Librarian who has missed the last three meetings.

Where oh where is our little Bea,

Behind the barn or up a tree,

Oh Honey Bea,

We sure miss thee,

Where oh where can she Be.

We sure dealt in big money this night, handing out over \$600. to the following.

EWEB.....\$38.53

Packer-Scott...Place Matts.....\$12.04

Mishlers..Bulletin Supplies.....\$39.92

Postage.....Feb. Bulletin.....\$13.11

Stevens Insurance.....\$520.00

Lois Schreiner.....Postage.....\$ 1.50

Mimeograph Covers.....\$ 3.00

Mr. Al Sorseth of the Willamette National Forest paid us a visit at the request of some members of the Board to Acquaint us with what some of the problems they have and in what ways we may be of help to the Forest Service.

Mary Bridgeman, Wes Prouty and Chuck Berkey were guest of the Board.

Trips reported 6 trip reports handed in 3 not reported and one cancelled. Total of 81 persons took advantage of these.

Climbs reported one attempt on Diamond ending in failure. 3 on this attempt. New Summit books not yet arrived. Is going to have each one labeled on cover for the mountain to which it si assigned to.

Conservation. Reported that it is the intention of those who control the Sand Dunes to have no more roads into the area, but to have more access trails and some areas open to off road buggies.

Dr. Baldwin said as soon as he has had the trips schedule long enough to look them over he will come up with things of interest pertaining to the trip.

Merle Traudt furnished the refreshments. Donn Chase volunteered furnishing them at the next meeting which will be April the 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

TAYLOR BUTTE & TAYLOR BURN

Named for one Joe Taylor of Desdemone County, a stockman who used to graze stock there-abouts.

SKYLINE TRAIL SKI TRIP 2/10

This trip was fairly rugged and only approximately followed the route of the Skyline Trail. The first 1½ miles were thru thick timber, but many skiers before us had broken a trail. The last 1½ miles were mostly thru open meadow, culminating in one large meadow overlooking Booth Lake and affording a splendid view south. We took advantage of the long, open slopes of this meadow to practice our downhill technique.

Variable snow conditions were difficult but were more than compensated for by the magnificent summer-like weather and the marvelous views thru crystal clear air. Making this trip were: Dick Casey, Pat Delsman, Steve Northrup, Wes Prouty and the leader, Jack Nitzel.

DIAMOND PEAK 2/16

This climb was to be by way of Corrigan lake and West Ridge. We drove up road No 2381 until stopped by snow at 4000 feet. We continued up the road on snowshoes 2 miles, then turned east cross country towards Corrigan Lake. The trip ended at Corrigan Lake for a number of reasons. The chief reason was that 2 members had to be home by Sunday night. Above 4500 feet about 1 foot of new snow was encountered, which slowed travel and also would mean that 3 days would be required for a summit climb. Saturday night was spent at Corrigan Lake, which received several inches of snow while we were there. Sunday morning we sauntered out on snowshoes under a sky that looked steadily more threatening. The would-be climbers? Tim Chase, Wes Prouty and the leader was Jack Nitzel.

UPPER WINBERRY CREEK 2/9

Drove up Winberry until stopped by a high center of frozen dirt and ice. Had not reached snowline, didn't know how far we would have to walk with snowshoes so left them at the cars. Took a wrong turn and found ourselves on a lower road which would not take us to the pass.

Climbed cross country to upper road and found snow. Without our snowshoes didn't make very good progress up this road, so stopped at noon in a cut over area for lunch. Thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful day. No wind and lots of sunshine.

Snowballing was indulged in by some of the party and by 2 we all started back to the cars. On Helen's tour were these: Sylvia Green, Chuck Haddad, R. Ladzick, Evelyn Lecher, Betty Lloyd, Annette Miller, Glenn Miller, Victoria Moy, Nancy Pittam, Merle Traudt, Susan Watkins and the leader, Helen Smith.

FEBRUARY 16 TRIP

Don't know where they were headed, but it doesn't matter. They didn't get there. Here is the leaders report.

Because of snow on the Giustina Road we went up the Lost Creek Road three BIM mostly, then onto a new road across the headwaters of the three forks of the Lost Creek drainage--that is, we started across. (Note: This new road joins the Giustina Road at the saddle about ½ mile from the trail head #1400. It started snowing (about 10 a.m.) at approx. elev. 2500 (heavy snow and hard winds) so by the time we travelled about another ½ hr the snowfall was near 2" (no snow there Friday noon). Some cars having trouble so we came back to Ash Swale Shelter for lunch, then after that 11 went up to Eagles Rest for the view, about 100 feet but a beautiful snow storm. Helen & Mary had done some cleanup at Ash Swale Shelter, including storing some wood inside.

However we were a little stingy in use of their "wood stash" so the fire was limited. These poor souls consisted of: Mary Bridgeman, Dan Burke, John Christy, Mary & Leonard Dour, Linda & Mark Erickson, Rick Freeman, Chuck Haddad, Gerry Lee, Charlotte Mills, Helen Smith, Connie & Millard Thomas, Merle Traudt, Joyce wolpert. The leader was Clarence Landes

WENDLING 2/24

When we arrived in Wendling we followed the old rail road bed above the Georgia-Pacific Picnic grounds. Then we hiked along the "main line" by Wolf Creek.

After lunch we cleaned up some of the area and Chuck Haddad carried out a large bag full of trash, etc. Participants all were: John & Peter Cecil, Leonard & Mary Dour, Chuck Haddad, Nancy Mack, Barbara & Will Ross, Helen Smith, Merle Traudt & Dorothy Turner. Leader Mary Bridgeman.

COBURG RIDGE 2/3

We were on the trail by 10 a.m. Taking a new route, the first mile was very muddy. The clouds cleared by the time we reached "Baldy" so we had a good view of the Sisters, Jefferson, Diamond and the peak of Washington. Then we hiked to the Channel 9 receiving tower and saw the other side of the valley. The return trip was a dry hike on a gravel road. The usual GOOD DAY-GOOD TRIP-GOOD GROUP.

Making this group GOOD were: Alan Andrews John & Paul & Peter Cecil. Wes Dufek, Chuck Haddad, Man Wai Lau, Betty Lloyd, Doug Moore, Bob Nordahl, Lawrence Hawkins, Barbara Rose, Helen Smith, Barbara Snow, Sue Snow, Gladys Suire, Cindy Treinen, Merle Traudt and Mary Bridgeman, leader.

COBURG CAVES 2/24

To save gas we arranged 3 meeting places Park blocks at 1:15: Armitage bridge at 1:30 p.m. and Bowerman gate to meet the leader (we used this route because of "NO TRESPASSING" sign at ranch gate leading to base of Old Baldy and the "Whale Rock"). The cemetery road and trail were very muddy, making it a slippery climb to the rock area.

Various forms of rappel and belay practice were used off a moderate rock just north of the high rock area. The leader heard the comment that waiting in line to rappel was almost as bad as waiting in a gas line (wait until they have to wait 4 hours on a mountain for a Mazama party some time!).

The only casualty was a banged knee by Charlotte Mills, when she and the leader bushwhacked around the south side of the caves. During the hike out beer drinkers with firearms were observed firing guns (prohibited in this area). They were stopped by representatives of property owner. This sort of thing could jeopardize use of the area by climbers & hikers. Leader suggests use of rock areas near other trails, for future practice, and use of climbing wall at club house when completed. Rappelers on this trip were Bert Ewing, Chuck Haddad, Brian & David & Lee & Wayne Hatch, Dorothy Leland Charlotte Mills, Allen and Lenny Niems, Pete Stasney, Merle Traudt, Dave Zevenbergen and leader Wes Prouty.

WE HAVE GRADUATED

FROM THE FOURTH Saturday to the 3rd Saturday of the month to hold our dinners and programs. We have done this in hopes that the gasoline tensions may not be as severe as on the later date. The Board at their last meeting thought this might have some merit and we hope it meets with your approval.

IT PAYS TO BE AN OBSIDIAN

Two Obsidian members were admitted to the State Penitentiary in Salem, but were released and allowed to come home when it was discovered that they were members of this organization. They asked to remain anonymous.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT

The increase in postal rates will save us more money than before the raise. If this sounds funny it is. The way your Editor figures it out is before the up in postal rates (this last one) we were ahead over first class postage we were paying before we went to bulk mailing was 3.2 cents, but now with the raise we will be saving 3.9 cents on each bulletin. First class was 8¢ and bulk rate was 4.8¢. They raised first class to 10¢ and bulk rate to 6.1¢. Figure it out for yourself. Maybe your Editor should be in Congress. That seems to be the kind of figuring that emanates from there these last few years.

ON BULK RATE MAILING

There are 1 or 2 persons making a stand for mailing the Obsidian 1st class. This issue of the Obsidian mailed 1st class would cost \$56 as against \$16 bulk rate. If those who are griping want their bulletins sent 1st class they can send me the necessary postage. Have taken this up with the Board. There was a time when the bulletins were put out by a business firm and one never knew when their bulletin was coming. Sometimes it would be the end of the month, sometimes the middle of the month and sometimes about the first. It may be true that the bulletin is not delivered with the same dispatch as when sent 1st class, but the Board was unable to see what difference 3 days would make. The items of coming events and trips and climbs are always published far enough in advance to take care of any delay in the delivery of mail.

FRIENDLY HOUSE

March 17- H. H. Waechter and his subject will be Japan.

March 24-Richard Pettigrew - Archeology along the lower Columbia.

March 31-David Eisler on New Guinea.

April 7-This is tentative-Henry Peterson on Venezuela.

BEA LEFEVRE & THELMA WATSON are both way down south. This reporter was told that they are visiting relatives in Mexico and Guatemala.

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