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Dates to Remember

September 3 *Bulletin* Deadline
 September 7 Board Meeting

Complete current schedules at:

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Summer Schedule

There are no potlucks in July and August and no Board meeting in August. There is no August *Bulletin*.

We are back to a normal schedule in September.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer!!!

Sum, Sum, Summertime!

By Joanne Ledet



NOW THAT SUMMER IS HERE you don't want to miss out on the variety of activities that are planned for the remainder of the good weather days. The Summer Trips Committee, chaired by Brian Hamilton, has been enlisting members to lead trips that interest not only them, but offer new opportunities to both members and nonmembers. Thanks to all members who have stepped up to take on the responsibility of leading some very interesting and varied trips.

Some trips involve more advance planning and time commitment than a day trip, and because there will be no *Bulletin* in August, we want to highlight some of the activities that are taking place in August and September. As always, check the entire and most up to date schedule at www.obsidians.org in the online sign up section for any cancellations or last minute additions.

Extended trips have become quite popular the last few years and there are several multi-day trips coming up in the next few months. Valerie Metcalfe will lead a Rogue River kayak trip from August 12-14 and the full description of the trip was in the June *Bulletin*. Starting on August 14 Jim Duncan will lead a five day trip to Mt. St. Helens. Unfortunately this trip is full with a long wait list, but because of the popularity of this trip perhaps Jim will consider leading this trip again next summer.

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I NOTED WITH INTEREST the baby coyotes seen on the Malheur extended trip in the recent *Bulletin*. Sometimes one does not have to go as far to see babies in the wild. These little guys were in my backyard for about a week. They wandered around and often slept all curled and bunched



together like small kittens. I worried that their mother had been killed as she was nowhere to be found. But after making calls to the Willamette Wildlife Rehabilitation, I was assured that unless they were constantly crying or running up to anything moving, they were not starving. They did indeed move on after about a week, but provided much entertainment during their stay.

Jan Anselmo

Board Nominations

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE met May 23 and June 8 to nominate three candidates for the Board of Directors for a three year term beginning in January 2012. The names of Pat Esch, Sharon Cutsforth, and Stewart Hoeg will be presented at the July 6 board meeting. The Nominating Committee believes that these three people offer experience, commitment, and different perspectives. The election will take place at the October annual meeting.

Sharon Cutsforth is an active member of the Bus Committee. She led two bus trips in 2010 and this spring led the Service Stars-Green Eugene bus trip.

Pat Esch participates in many club activities that include hiking, extended trips, biking. She leads bicycle and canoe/kayaking trips. She is on the Safety Committee and the Extended Trips Committee.

Stewart Hoeg is currently on the Board and is Treasurer. He is on the Publications Committee and the Finance Committee. He leads bicycle trips. This would be his third term.

Nominating Committee: Bea Fontana, Laurie Funkhouser, Janet Jacobsen, Verna Kocken, Joanne Ledet, Jim Pierce & Charlie Van Deusen

From the Constitution:

The Nominating Committee shall report to the Board of Directors at the July board meeting, the names of three (3) nominees for Board of Directors (with approval of those nominated). The names of nominees shall be published in the July Bulletin. Up to three (3) additional nominees may be submitted by petition (signatures of five (5) voting members required with approval of those nominated) to the Secretary before the September board meeting. Complete slate of nominees shall be published in the September Bulletin.

Voting shall be for three (3) individual nominees. Majority vote elects. If any of the candidates shall withdraw their names or become ineligible prior to the election, the Board of Directors shall nominate candidates to bring the total to three (3). Thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting, the Secretary shall notify all members by mail of the nominations together with a notice of the date and place of the Annual Meeting. After members pay dues and ballots are sent, such ballots may be returned by mail or brought to the Annual Meeting.

Sum, Sum, Summertime

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Space is still available however on the Mt. Hood trip, led by Joe Sanders. The itinerary is available in the May *Bulletin* and online. Note: The date was changed after the May *Bulletin* was printed. The correct date is Sept. 7-9.

There are other multi day trips that are not part of Extended Trips but are being led by willing members. Rob Castleberry will lead a two night trip to Diamond Lake and Crater Lake, starting on August 26. His trip has a description in the June *Bulletin*. Attention ladies: Pat Esch will lead a two night paddle trip to Hosmer Lake, starting on September 6. The description for the trip is in this issue.

For those who prefer to get their

exercise by backpacking, you are in luck as there are several great trips coming up. Bill Sullivan will lead a multi-day backpack trip to Hunts Cove in the shadow of Mt. Jefferson, starting on August 12. September is a busy month for backpack trips as Becky Lipton and Scott Hovis are each leading two trips and Ken Frazer is leading one. Becky goes to Golden Lake in the Three Sisters Wilderness area starting on the 13th, and then leads a trip to Vivian Lake near Willamette Pass beginning on the 24th. Scott leads a trip to Jefferson Park starting on the 9th. You will be rewarded with great views of Mt. Jefferson, Oregon's second tallest mountain. Then on the 23rd of the month he will lead another trip, this

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So Many Peaks, So Little Time

By Janet Jacobsen

PEAK PERFORMANCE; MEDFORD MAN ATTEMPTS to climb 10 mountains in six days was the title of the feature article in the Outdoor Section of the July 5th Register-Guard. Steve Kominsky's goal is to climb Oregon's ten highest peaks in the order listed beginning July 10 and ending July 15th.

- Sacajawea Peak — 9,833
- Matterhorn Mountain — 9,845
- Aneroid Mountain — 9,702
- Hurwal Divide — 9,775
- Steen Mountain — 9,733
- South Sister — 10,358
- Middle Sister — 10,047
- North Sister — 10,085
- Mount Jefferson — 10,497
- Mount Hood — 11,239

Editors Note: As we go to press (7/16), KDRV in Medford is reporting that Kominsky is struggling with the late snow and has only summited 2 of the first 8 peaks attempted.

IN 1977, TWO OBSIDIANS, Sam Miller and Bert Ewing climbed the Ten Peaks as defined by the Obsidian Ten Peak Award in a week. Bert wrote this account for the November 1977 *Bulletin*:

Ten Peaks in a Week 7/30-8/6

AN "OFF THE RECORD" EXCURSION
BY SAM MILLER AND BERT EWING

THIS ESCAPE WAS ORIGINATED BY A FRIEND OF "Three Sisters in a Day" fame and other notoriety. If he ever concocts any similar ideas for us, please see that he is gagged and bound and quietly booted out the door.

However, Sam Miller and I, naïve and gullible and in yet another moment of weakness, fell for the idea. Here's the result.

Saturday, July 30: Sam and I hiked to Goat Peak above Hunt's Cove and camped.

Day #1, Sunday: Climbed Mt. Jefferson via south ridge. (Hey gang, after seven attempts I finally reach the top!). Summit at 9:00 am. Descended west ridge through thick brush to Pamela Lake- ridiculous route. Drove to Big Lake and camped.

Day #2, Monday: Climbed Mt. Washington, 8:20-11:45 am. Fought swarms of flies on the summit. Drove to Timberline Lodge.

Day #3, Tuesday: Climbed Mt. Hood, 4:50 am to noon. Severe rockfall and cramponing on mud-covered glare ice in the chute added excitement. Returned to Santiam Pass to camp.

Day #4, Wednesday: Climbed Three-Fingered-Jack. 4:45-11:45 am. (I really say very nasty things when the rappel

rope jams during retrieval.) Drove to Frog Camp. Hiked past dry White Branch Creek bed. Climbed to 9000-foot saddle to camp at 11:30 pm. You really should see Sam climbing steep rock in the middle of the night, with an ice axe in one hand, and a flashlight in his mouth.

Day #5, Thursday: Slept late—luxury! Climbed North Sister, 9:00 am –noon. A trail led across the snow-free traverse. Climbed Middle Sister by 3:00 pm. Hiked out to car; drove to Devil's Lake. Walked by flashlight to Moraine Lake by 11:15 p.m.

Day #6, Friday: Climbed South Sister, 7:40 to 10:15 am. Car at 1:00 pm. Drove to Summit Lake. Climbed rubble pile known as Diamond Peak, 3:15-8:45 pm. Drove to Diamond Lake to camp at 11:30 pm.

Day #7, Saturday: Slogged up Mt. Thielsen, 8:30-11:20 am. Back to car at 1:30. Drove to Lake-of-the-Woods. Scurried up Mt. McLoughlin, 4:20 -7:30 pm. Returned to car at 9:30, avoiding numerous frogs hopping along the trail.

Day #8, Sunday: A long, hot shower; a cold beer; utter and absolute collapse.

Bert Ewing

WHEN I CONTACTED Sam and Bert (both still Obsidian members) for comment about their 1977 adventure, Sam replied, "If Steve Kominsky completes his planned itinerary of climbing the 10 highest peaks in Oregon it will be quite an achievement. In terms of elevation gain and driving, Kominsky's planned 6-day Death March will make the "Ten Peaks in a Week" outing I did with Bert in 1977 look easy by comparison. I wish him luck and congratulate his effort if he manages to pull it off. For my part, I look back on the climbs Bert and I did with great fondness. I just recently recovered from the aches and pains associated with that trip." Bert said they did Jeff first because, "...no point in continuing if we couldn't do the 'big one'. We did Washington on day 2 to recover from Jeff."

Obsidian Ten Peak Award Peaks:

- Mount Hood — 11,239
- Mount Jefferson — 10,497
- South Sister — 10,358
- North Sister — 10,085
- Middle Sister — 10,047
- Mt. McLoughlin — 9,943
- Mt. Thielsen — 9,178
- Diamond Peak — 8,750
- Three Fingered Jack — 7,848
- Mt. Washington — 7,802



BOARD NOTES

July 6, 2011

By Kathy Hoeg, Secretary

Vice-President Lyn Gilman-Garrick called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Matt Bell, Kathy Hoeg, Stewart Hoeg, Larry Huff, Verna Kocken, Elle Weaver, and Nancy Whitfield. Also present were: Wayne Deeter, Jim Duncan, Brian Hamilton, Lenore McManigal, Doug Nelson, Jim Pierce, Barb Revere, Sue Sullivan, and Charlie Ashmore.

The Board approved the minutes of the June 2011 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 (Brian Hamilton): Since the June 1 Board meeting, we received signup sheets and trip fees for 22 trips, led by 14 leaders, with participation by 109 members and 54 nonmembers. \$219 in trip fees were collected. We greatly appreciated our volunteer leaders, but special mention should be made of Dan Christensen who led two trips this month, Jim Pierce who led three trips, and Janet Jacobsen who led six trips!

Climbs (Larry Huff): A total of four climbs/workshops took place during the month of June. Rock Review at the Skinners Butte Columns on 6/02/2011 had 8 members and 1 nonmember, with fees collected of \$9.00; and Rock Review at Larison Rock on 6/05/2011 had 8 members, with fees collected of \$20.00. Crevasse Rescue Class on 6/15/2011 had 14 members and 5 non-members, with fees collected of \$19.00; Crevasse Rescue Field on 6/18/2011 had 13 members and 3 nonmembers, with fees collected of \$72.00.

Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell): One trail maintenance outing was held on the main Spencer Butte Trail on June 29th. We tackled several small projects. Monthly Trail Maintenance Participation: outings on Spencer Butte: 1; participants: 10 total; 6 members; 4 nonmembers; estimated volunteer hours: 29.5.

Highways and Byways By Bus (Liz Reanier): The bus trip to the Oregon Zoo on June 21st had 33 riders, 21 members and 12 nonmembers.

Conservation, Science, & Education (Joella Ewing): Forty-eight people attended the June ExploraTalk and \$46.25 was collected. (Good work, Lyn). No ExploraTalks are scheduled until October.

Publications (Joanne Ledet): The July/

August issue of The Bulletin will be about a week later than normal, but we will be back on schedule for the September issue.

Entertainment (Susan Wanser): The June potluck on the Grand Canyon with its pre-potluck social was a great success. There were 116 people present and \$73.15 was collected. The next potluck will be on Sept. 23, with Hussain Mirza who will speak about his trek to the K2 base camp.

Membership (Barb Revere): There are 500 members as of July 1. No new member applications were presented.

Publicity (Elle Weaver): Upon REI's invitation, the Obsidians joined the NW Youth Corps to celebrate the Great American Backyard Camp Out. Fire-starting, camp food tasting, and a hike were offered at the horse corral area by Mt. Pisgah. Although attendance was very sparse, it was a good day to connect with organizations that promote outdoor adventures.

Concessions (Lyn Gilman-Garrick): We set up our sales table at both the June 16th ExploraTalk (\$67) and the June 24th Potluck (\$18). We added bandannas in 4 bright colors to our inventory -- red, green, turquoise and purple. We are selling them for \$7 each.

Online (Wayne Deeter): Wayne is handling online registration requests in John Jacobsen's absence.

Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All of the members who participated in the trips/hikes/ extended trips which were reported in the June bulletin, have been recorded on their activity sheets.

Lodge Building (Doug Nelson): Replaced failing valve (\$8.47) in toilet in bathroom closest to kitchen. I purchased a smaller trash can (\$34.99) and bags (\$7.49) to be used for events that don't require the large can. Additional purchases include large trash can liners (\$6.05) and light bulbs (\$19.99). Total costs: \$76.99. Thanks to John Jacobsen for covering while I took a week out of town this month.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): Work party June 8: control-sprayed blackberries and poison oak. Work parties June 13, 14, 15, 16, & 17: got most of the areas messed up by the downed firs cleaned up, did major spring grounds cleanup, brush removal and prep for the ExploraTalk. Work parties June 23 & 24: pre-potluck cleanup, mowed, cleared drives and parking areas. My notes on who helped on all these occasions are incomplete, so I apologize for not thanking all by name.

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

Elle Weaver said that the Publicity Committee gets many emails asking how to find the full schedule on the web site. Apparently people are not noticing the information that is currently in the bottom right corner. Another web site issue that was brought up was that people who want to see past issues of the Bulletin don't realize that they have to click on the "Obsidian Bulletin" link, not the link for the current month. Wayne Deeter will put these topics on the agenda for the next Online Committee meeting.

Elle Weaver needs volunteers for the Eugene Celebration and thinks it would be good to include some of the newer members. If you have any names to suggest, please contact her.

Sue Sullivan reported on the activities of the ad hoc Lodge Furniture and Decorating Committee. She reported on the options for replacing the projection screen, which has a crack in it. The options for a new screen are: (1) pull-down with bottom latch (which we have now); (2) electronic control; (3) tension screen that is stretched perfectly flat; and (4) a hand-crank for raising and lowering the screen, which is supposed to be easier on the screen. There are also options on the type of screen surface. Brian Hamilton noted that the current screen cannot be washed, which is an issue because of the proximity to the buffet table. Sue and the committee will do more research about which screen to buy. The Board authorized the committee to spend up to \$2,000 for a screen. There was also discussion at the Board meeting of the Lodge's sound system. The committee will investigate new sound systems.

Doug Nelson noted that we need to decide which pieces of our audio-visual equipment we allow lodge renters to use.

Jim Duncan reminded the group that we still need to explore the restoration of the historic painting that was found during the renovation.

Going Up... Going Down...

Going Up

YOU ARE HIKING UP A RELENTLESS TRAIL to the top of a mountain and someone coming downhill smiles and says, “You’re almost there!” Thirty minutes, not 30 seconds, later you are still stuck in the trees with no sign of the sky. What did their advice *really* mean? Feedback from some Obsidian hikers gives us some possible ideas: • You have a mile or two to go. • You’re not even half way there. • You should turn around and go back down. • They didn’t want to tell you the truth. This hike is a life sentence. No way out. • You look like you’re half dead and they want to give you some encouragement. • You should take their greeting with a grain of salt or stop for a trail snack. • They are imploring you to exert yourself. (From The Tale of Peter Rabbit) • It’s a friendly greeting. Enjoy the moment! And the always welcome, • You will love the views from the top.

Sam Miller gave a scientific interpretation: “When I hear such comments, I activate my internal BMI (Body Mass Index) and Methuselah calculators. If the comment is made by someone younger and leaner than I am, I assume I’m not ‘almost there’ and resolve to push on. If I assess that their age and BMI exceed my own, I’m willing to accept the possibility that perhaps I’ll arrive at my destination before sundown. However, if their comment is phrased in an overly chipper manner, my internal Frequency Analyzer might suggest the individual has overdosed on their own endorphins (AKA “I’m high on life!”) and I should walk faster before they share their philosophy of life with me. Seriously, though, I usually regard such comments as well intentioned remarks that represent the satisfaction a fellow hiker experiences from having spent time at a rewarding destination.”

Theodore Roosevelt even offered his opinion: “Believe you can and you’re halfway there.”

Going Down

YOU MEET SOMEONE ON YOUR WAY DOWN the mountain who asks, “How much farther?” Or, “How much further?” What advice should you

give? If they said “farther”, you need to answer with length or distance. If they said “further”, you need to answer with time or amount. Answers might include: • A mile or two to go. • Thirty minutes. • You’re not even half way there. • You are half way there. • Just around the corner and up the hill. • If you can see the sky, you are really close. • I have a map.... • I’m not sure. • Close. • Not too far • It’s worth every step. And last and most common • You’re almost there.

Janet Jacobsen

Up or Down in Yosemite

LAST MONTH ON THE TRAIL to the top of Yosemite Falls and Yosemite Point, my wife and I were headed down. A hiker coming up had taken a break at a very scenic spot with a great view of Upper Yosemite Falls and he asked me, “How much farther?” It was probably about a mile and a half, very steep, the day was warming up, and the scenery wasn’t that great between where we were and the top. The hiker looked completely exhausted.

I thought to myself, “How best to answer?” Honestly, of course, but I neither wanted to encourage or discourage him from continuing nor make him feel that only making it this far was some sort of failure or unworthy achievement.

I settled with: “I’d say it’s about a mile and a half, almost completely uphill, and exposed to the sun. The view from the top is quite nice.

However, between here and the top, the scenery is not that great. The view right here is impressive, wouldn’t you say? If you don’t want to hike another couple miles to see the view from the top, I can’t imagine a more perfect turn around point.”

He turned around, which frankly, made both my wife and me feel relieved.

Years from now I’d like to think that he will look back on his hike that day as a positive experience, rather than a negative one for not making it to the top of Upper Yosemite Falls and Yosemite Point.

Ken Frazer

Sum, Sum, Summertime

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time to Waldo Lake. Ken leads a trip to the Enchantment Lakes Basin in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness of Washington beginning on the 17th.

The Bus Committee has a busy schedule again this year and there are two trips coming up soon. Mary Ellen West will lead a trip to Cape Arago/Shore Acres on August 11. Then starting on September 14 Barbara Beard will lead a

multi-day trip to Astoria to help celebrate the town’s bicentennial. Astoria has a long history and some lovely old homes so this is a don’t miss trip. For a complete description of these outings see elsewhere in this issue.

Of course there are many more trips, something to please everyone, but the trips listed above involve more preparation and the number of participants may be limited. Take advantage of the many bike trips, hikes, climbs, get acquainted hikes, bus outings and also trail maintenance work sessions.

So many trips—which to choose?

TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Hikes

Old Baldy - Coburg Hills

May 21, 2011

Leader: Gary Kirk

Hike: 6 miles, 1,500 ft. (Difficult)

IT'S SATURDAY MAY 21ST, so over I go to South Eugene High School NE parking spot, and put a little 'Baldy' sign on top of pickup. Soon we had folks showing up. People paid their fees and signed the signup sheet, and we got the car transport worked out. We waited until 9:05 for a no show, but then just left. One canceled after she paid the fee, because she did not read the signup, and had made a commitment for 2:00 that afternoon; there was no way she could make it. So it was off to Pasture Gate, which was open. Zip up and park, and TNC's Matt Gibbons was waiting for us.

Soon we had the 'Talk' about how lucky we are to get up into this area nowadays. Matt did his TNC bit with map and information, and he got lots of questions. Then we started, by walking back down to McKenzie View and down to the next gate. Today it's going to be the alternate way, as we can't go any farther east, because the falcons are nesting in the East Caves. We got over the gate, and headed up through the wet grass, gaining the ridge, and walking through the meadows on up to the power line road. We followed the road on up to where it crosses the trail from the East Caves up to Baldy. Tom and I had checked this out last week and it works out well. Then we headed up the trail to the Coburg/Marcola Wagon Road, where Matt talked about the oak savannah restoration.

We saw lots of flowers along the way. Rick Ahrens does not have to see a bird to identify it, as he knows their calls, and there were a lot of different birds. We slowly gained altitude, traveling off the old Coburg/Marcola Wagon Road and onto the regular trail. We got to the 'Steep' and I asked Tom Happy to lead the speedy ones up to the summit, while I slowly wandered behind. Our group was on top for lunch at 12:00. Views were good for the valley, but not the Cascades. There was no rain on the hike, and things were drying out from the shower early in the morning, so people could sit and eat where they wanted. Matt had to leave for an appointment at 12:30, so when we were ready to continue, he took off down the regular trail. We headed over to the col between the TV

towers and Baldy, then slowly worked our way down to the lower meadow through the wet areas, but by staying high it wasn't bad. Soon we were into the woods, and even though I'm sure some thought I was lost, we ended up at the crawl under the fence spot. Then it was over to the Main Caves, but there was so much wet moss, I decided not to climb up anything. Still, they are impressive.

We went back to the fence and down the trail (of sorts) and over to the 'Whale' where we used to do a lot of Obsidian climbing schools, as well as at the Main Caves, in the past; lots of memories for me there. Then onto the regular trail down to the cars, where I gave thanks to all for their fine attitude on the hike. It had been a most enjoyable group of hikers. They also thanked TNC and the Jaqua family for allowing me to take them into this area. I walked down and opened the gate and they soon were heading on back to town. Members: Rick Ahrens, Keiko Bryan, Chuck Eyers, Gary Kirk, and Jeanne Schmidt. Nonmembers: Tom Happy, Patrick Bronson, Matthew Gibbons, Lisa Berenschot, Kim Kirk, Berri Hsiao, and Allen Hancock.

Little North Santiam

May 24, 2011

Leader: Dan Christensen Photo: Chris Stockdale

Hike: 9 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

THE NORTH SANTIAM RIVER HIKE is one of the most beautiful river hikes in the Cascades. Complete with green pools, lots of rushing water chutes and waterfalls, especially Henline Falls, which drops off of Henline Mt. across the river. The drive to the trailhead is two hours; to the Santiam Highway outside of Salem, to Mehama and then up the Elkhorn Valley to the trailhead. For the most part the trail requires a climb over a ridge which



Above the Little North Santiam

bisects the trail, resulting in a total elevation gain of 900 feet. When we reached the trailhead, a small sign announced that one of the several bridges on the trail had washed out. We decided to proceed as far as we could go and hope the washout was at the far end of the trail. Fortunately, the washed out bridge was reached in the last 1/3 or so of the hike. We crossed the stream on a jerry-rigged sort of bridge without incident. However, we reached a 2nd washout about 1/2 mile from the trail's end and elected not to attempt this crossing as we had seen all the attractive sights. We retired to riverside for lunch and hiked back to the trailhead. The weather was just right; cloud cover and some sun with no rain. Perfect day for a beautiful river hike. Members: Dan Christensen, Janet Jacobsen, Sandra Larsen, Barbara Norregaard, Chris Stockdale, Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Franklin Lulich.

Kentucky Falls

May 28, 2011

Leader & Photo: Jim Pierce

Hike: 4.4 miles, 800 ft. (Easy)



WHAT A GLORIOUS OLD GROWTH FOREST TO WANDER THROUGH. We experienced about all the weather you could think of on this outing: rain, hail, sleet, sunshine, and maybe snow. The three waterfalls were mesmerizing, and it even stopped raining while we were admiring them. A record nine kinds of ferns were seen, although the leader could only name seven of them. There were many wildflowers, but we were a couple weeks early for the peak. Bird calls, especially winter wrens, sounded above the cascading water. It was a marvelous outing! Thanks to Ryan for driving. Members: Ryan Hovland, Mary Morrison, Love Opincar, Jim Pierce, and Bonnie Richman.

North Bank Deer Preserve

May 29, 2011

Leader & Photo: Chris Stockdale

Hike: 8 miles, 1,500 ft. (Moderate)

THE SOGGY BOTTOM TRAIL LIVED UP TO ITS NAME for the six Obsidians who hiked in the North Bank Deer Habitat outside of Roseburg. Thanks to the unending rains of the Oregon spring, we had to pick our way through mud and water covering the trail in many places. But as we climbed up out of the valley, we were rewarded with such copious displays of wild irises of every hue

that we forgave Mother Nature for this excessive dampness. We also saw blooming Mariposa lilies and other flowers, as well as extensive growths of poison oak. A pair of western tanagers was obviously trying to lure us away from a nest as the gorgeously colored male flew from bush to bush leading us away. We also encountered flocks of goldfinches, red-tailed hawks and other raptors. Our route took us on a loop along the ridgeline with beautiful views of the North Umpqua basin. The Habitat is a great place to hike as it has many different grassy roads leading all over the hills, and is easy to get to from Eugene on paved roads. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Art Kearney, Nola Nelson, Joe Sanders, Chris Stockdale, and Jim Whitfield.



The North Bank Deer Preserve crew.

Ridgeline Trail Shuttle

May 30, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.2 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

THE WEATHER PERSON SAID, "MOSTLY CLOUDY", but an unknown sky deity not only gave us perfect hiking weather but some sun breaks for our snack on the top of Baldy. Those who hiked the trail for the first time were impressed with the lush green forest environment. It was a peaceful day in the woods with few hikers, runners and no bikers. It took around 3½ hours. Thanks to the six drivers who made the car shuttle work. Non-member Lisa Berenschot is a grad student in architectural preservation and will be working at Crater Lake this summer. We hope to meet up with her during Rob Castleberry's Diamond Lake camping trip the last weekend in August. Members: Margaret Essenberg, Richard Essenberg, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Ed Lichtenstein, Patricia MacAfee, and Barbara Norregaard. Nonmembers: Anne Mulqueen, Laurie Marshall, Lisa Berenschot, Lynne Eichner-Kelley, and Jeff Stanton.

Amanda Trail/Yachats

June 2, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 4.1 miles, 800 ft. (Easy)

OUR CAR SHUTTLE ALLOWED US TO WALK THE COAST TRAIL from Yachats to the Amanda statue and up to the Cape Perpetua Whispering Trail Rock Shelter, and then down to the Visitor's Center. When I scouted the trail in March, the steep downhill sections were not that slippery. Was I surprised when I spotted the first rope hand-line circling a tree trunk and extending down

the muddy and very slippery descent. I immediately decided the knotted rope was an auspicious sign and upgraded the trip to "Difficult." Several of us decided the best way to descend was to back down holding tightly to the rope while moving from knot to knot. Unfortunately, we didn't have a camera to record the three or was it four hand-line descents. Back at the Cape Perpetua Visitor's Center, we talked with Lori Robertson, Visitor Center Director, who is also an Obsidian. Lori told us that it had rained the night before and that morning a trail volunteer, John Cooper, had fixed the ropes. These were ropes that he had found on the beach. We left a note thanking John for his timely, flotsam rope gift. The hike including lunch took 3 hours and 40 minutes. Members: Dick Hildreth, Janet Jacobsen, Joanne Ledet, Susan Sanazaro, and Eric Swegles.



Obsidian hikers leave small footprints along Wassen Creek

Brice Creek

June 4, 2011

Leader: Jim Pierce

Hike: 3.8 miles, 700 ft. (Easy)

WE WERE MESMERIZED as the surging waters tumbled over boulders. Bouncing, leaping and laughing, they sang to us all along the trail. The ancient forest was filled with shades of green, accented with splashes of spring color. We stopped often to admire a dozen kinds of flowers, a half dozen species of ferns, and a massive collection of ground covers. The towering canopy cast awesome shadows and kept us cool. Since there were not enough of us for a shuttle, we hiked Lund Park to Champion Creek with a side trip to Lower Trestle Creek Falls. The streams and forest filled us with life and energy. What a glorious day. Members: Joella Ewing, Jim Pierce, Bonnie Richman.

Goodman Creek

June 4, 2011

Leader: Paul Flashenberg

Hike: 6 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

MOTHER NATURE SMILED ON US as temperatures were ideal for hiking. The trail was quite muddy in many spots, helped along by mountain bikes having created many ruts. Everyone dealt with the mud and a few downed trees in good spirits and enjoyed this late spring day, celebrating National Trails Day. Four nonmembers joined five veteran members, with a good mix of 'youth' and senior citizens. We were back in town by 2:00 to enjoy the rest of the afternoon, as it is only about a half hour's drive to the trailhead. Thanks to Daniele, Lynda and Valerie for driving. Members: Lynda Christiansen, Daniele Delaby, Paul Flashenberg, Valerie Metcalfe, Lamonte Smith. Nonmembers: Shan Ambika, Patrick Bronson, Mickey Zuckerman, Devin Gates.

Devil's Staircase

June 5, 2011

Leader: Gordon Sayre Photo: Darko Sojak

Hike: 4 miles, 700 ft. (Difficult)

THIS WAS A FAMILY TRIP with five adults and four children twelve and under. This is pretty unusual for Obsidians, I think, and a real delight. Shawn Litson brought his three kids, Ethan, McKenzie, and Katelynn, and I brought my son Joshua. Katelynn I believe is only four, and rode much of the trail on her dad's shoulders. The three other adults were Darko Sojak, Elle Weaver and Chuck Eyers. We hiked a users' trail that descends to Wassen Creek from Steampot Road, which runs along a ridge on the south side of the creek's watershed. The old-growth forest is as marvelous as any in the Coast Range. The namesake Devil's Staircase waterfall, however, lies a couple miles downstream from the point where we reached the creek. The water was very cold and we were able to wade only a hundred yards or so. Amazingly, the water was as cold and at the same height as it was in February and November when I previously hiked this trail. Those who wish to see the falls should try a different, more difficult route from the north, or come in August and be prepared to shiver. The rest of us should work to get this area preserved as wilderness. Members: Chuck Eyers, Gordon Sayre, Darko Sojak, and Elle Weaver. Nonmembers: Shawn Litson, Ethan Litson, McKenzie Litson, Katelynn Litson, and Joshua Sayre.

Lookout Point to Winberry Divide

June 8, 2011

Leader: Rob Castleberry

Hike: 8 miles, 1,500 ft. (Moderate)

THIS HIKE FOLLOWS A SECTION OF THE EUGENE TO PACIFIC CREST TRAIL, leaving the north shore of Lookout Point Reservoir just inside the Willamette National Forest boundary and climbing to Winberry Divide, the ridge between Middle Fork and Fall Creek-Winberry Creek basins. We started under cloudy skies with cool temperatures for the uphill portion. Sections of the trail are not well drained and especially in the first mile we dodged the mudholes churned up by mountain bikers. Perhaps they were responsible for sawing out some of the recently-cut logs from across the trail. The sun came out when we reached the top of the ridge and followed it for another half mile. After a relaxed lunch break we headed down, logging close to 10 miles and back in town by 4 pm. Members: Rob Castleberry, Barbara Norregaard, Joe Sanders, and Jim Whitfield.

Dorris Ranch

June 10, 2011

Leader: Chris Cunningham

Hike: 4 miles, 464 ft. (Easy)

UNDER CLOUDY SKIES, six of us began our hike at the Springfield Chamber of Commerce office, walking approximately one mile over Second Street to Dorris Ranch. Costumed pioneers greeted us near the front gate. Of course, they weren't actually waiting for us—they were waiting for a busload of school children. But we enjoyed talking with them about the living history program that has engaged so many school children over the years. Nonmember Charles Burkland had worked at Dorris Ranch as a tour guide a couple of decades ago, and we also appreciated learning more from him about the Dorris family and

their early efforts in the walnut, and then filbert industry, on this 258-acre ranch. The filbert orchards are still well groomed; the property is said to be the oldest working filbert farm in the U.S. Several original structures such as the pump house and barn are in excellent condition. Compared to the manicured orchards, the riverfront forest is still rather wild. Birdsong accompanied us as we walked along the gravel trail. Graceful bleeding hearts and larkspur were blooming—a stark contrast to gigantic cow parsley and prehistoric-looking horsetail stems. As we wound our way back, we stepped lightly over an old bridge to take a peek at the Dorris home, which Chuck said hadn't really changed over the years. This urban outing offers a nice blend of local history and varied natural habitat. Members: Les Benoy, Chris Cunningham, Dick Hildreth, Margaret Prentice, Barbara Sutherland. Nonmembers: Charles Burkland.

Dog Mountain

June 11, 2011

Leader & Photos: Becky Lipton

Hike: 6.9 miles, 2820 ft. (Difficult)

Three very lucky hikers were greeted with the best wildflower display that this hike leader has seen in 10 years of seeking the perfect wildflower display on Dog Mountain! The primarily sunflower-like balsam root was in peak display, with larkspur, Indian paintbrush, lavender flox, chocolate fritilaria, Oregon sunshine and many other species gracing the huge meadows. Gorgeous views of the Columbia Gorge from the top. Apparently other wildflower seekers were suspecting a special treat as well, as there were more than 120 vehicles at the trailhead and hikers from Seattle to eastern Oregon were descending the mountain with expressions of ecstasy and other worldly expressions on their faces! Members: Don Cross, Janet Jacobsen, Becky Lipton

Balsam root on the trail to Dog Mountain.



North Shasta Loop

June 16, 2011

Leader: Ruth Romoser

Hike: 5 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD A NICE MODERATE HIKE up North Shasta Loop to Spring and over to the Masonic Cemetery. The leader got a little lost at the cemetery but we found a path out. Everyone was in good spirits and everyone enjoyed the morning hike. This hike is a nice, good moderate work-out and is a tennis shoe hike that only takes a few hours. Members: Dick Hildreth, Kathy Lindstrom, and Ruth Romoser. Nonmembers: Patrick Bronson, Cora Turner, and George Turner.

Get Acquainted Hike PM - Ribbon Trail

June 17, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

THIRTEEN GUESTS SAW THE EVENT LISTED in the Tuesday *Register-Guard*, located the details on the Obsidian website, and showed up at Hendricks Park to enjoy a late afternoon hike on the Ribbon Trail to the Obsidian Lodge. As usual the lodge was a stunning surprise. Co-leaders were John and Janet Jacobsen who answered many questions about our club and activities. Members: Janet Jacobsen and John Jacobsen. Nonmembers: Patrick Bronson, Joanne Williams, Chris Zilka, Bob Leeper, Janelle Morgan, Charlene Belliveau, Helen Kennedy, Kathy Yates, Julie Crowell, John Sheridan, Pam Sheridan, Tarno Greene, and Judy Cernobyl.

Mary's Peak

June 17, 2011

Leader: Dan Christensen Photo: Chris Stockdale

Hike: 8 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

WATCHING THE GENTLE SPRING RAIN FALL on my patio on Saturday reinforced the realization that the capricious spring weather gods had once again been dodged on our Friday hike. On Friday skies were clear in the valley with temperatures eventually reaching near 80. On top of the mountain a broken cloud cover combined with sun breaks to produce a temperature only reaching the low 60s. Nonetheless it was a perfect day for climbing Mary's Peak on the North Trail route. The trailhead is about 1½ hours from Eugene, west of Philomath, at the end of Woods Creek Road. The hike begins with an initial climb up a modest slope into a hemlock forest glen. This flat area was covered with a thick carpet of oxalis in flower. It was the kind of magic forest place one simply doesn't want to move on from. However, we continued through this flat area to the bottom of the ridge that leads up the mountain. The ridge trail is steep but well maintained with a nice series of switchbacks which make the climb very manageable. Unlike prior years, there was considerable blow-down on the trail but none that presented any problems. We were surprised to find trillium in bloom, more than a month later than normal. Further, in a high meadow just off the trail, daffodils

were in full bloom. The flowers that are normally present in mid-June were absent and likely won't be seen until July. However, beautiful displays of avalanche lilies were present on higher slopes. Snow was largely gone except under trees and on slopes away from the sun. The meadow on top of the peak did contain a fair number of colorful small flowers. As usual, a coastal cloud cover prevented any views of the ocean from the peak. However, to the east, mountains all the way from Diamond Peak to Adams and Hood could be seen. We had lunch on top of the mountain and then hiked back down to the trailhead. The hike up the mountain takes about 3 hours to cover 4½ miles while going down requires a bit over 2 hours. Members: Dan Christensen, Art Kearney, Chris Stockdale, Jim Whitfield, and Nancy Whitfield.

Tire Mountain

June 18, 2011

Leader: Patricia Esch; Asst Leader: Jim Pierce

Hike: 7.6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

TEN HIKERS SWATHED IN RAINGEAR hiked up the mountain inside cloud mist. Trees dripped on us and flowers of meadow and forest nodded at us. Besides the flowers mentioned by Sullivan, we saw fawn lilies, calypso orchids, another orchid which shall remain nameless, and trillium, all remnants of a late spring. We heard several grouse and saw two at the top. Since it was still misting, we sought refuge under the truncated fir in the clear space on top, and ate our lunch. The only view was the inside of the cloud. We met many mountain bikers and hikers who, like true Oregonians, were pretending it wasn't raining. The misting and fog got heavier as we descended, making the trail wet and slippery. Dry cars and shoes were our final reward for this damp but rewarding hike. A personal thanks to Pat for taking leadership of this wonderful outing on short notice. Members: Sherrill Bower, Daniele Delaby, Patricia Esch, Chuck Eysers, Patricia MacAfee, Susan Sanazaro, and Lamonte Smith. Nonmembers: Rachel Hall, Berri Hsiao, and Ron Rourke.



Enjoying the sun on Mary's Peak



The sun sets through the pedestal slot during the summer solstice on Mt Pisgah

Get Acquainted Hike AM - Ribbon Trail

June 18, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

RAY CAVAGNARO, A MEMBER SINCE 1944, met us at the Hendricks parking lot to welcome six guests. He shared a few stories about his love of the Obsidians and the mountains. What a pleasant surprise! The rain and mist did not prevent us from getting acquainted with our guests. Members: Ray Cavagnaro, Roberta Chord, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, and Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Patrick Bronson, Karen Fenton, Susan Thomas, Mary Knapp, Sarah Ramler, and Clara Ludwig.

Get Acquainted Hike PM - Ribbon Trail

June 18, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

MOST OF THE CARS IN THE PARKING LOT were for guests attending a wedding in the park shelter. It was easy to pick out the three Obsidians and three guests with their rain gear and hiking boots. On the hike, we answered many questions about the property, the lodge, and our logo. Back at the parking lot we met a couple from North Carolina standing in the rain celebrating their 56th anniversary. They remarked that the weather was wonderful. It wasn't hot! That made us appreciate our hike

through lush green forests enriched with the silent drops of rain. Nancy Whitfield was such a gracious host, participating in both of the Saturday hikes. Members: Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, and Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Ellen King, Susan Wyatt, and Joyce Leader.

Mt. Pisgah Solstice

June 21, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen Photo: Cindy Rust

Hike: 2.8 miles, 1,000 ft. (Easy)

A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE, MANY WITH CAMERAS, gathered on the east side of the Mt. Pisgah Jed Kesey Memorial Sighting Pedestal to watch the sun slowly descend. The inner part of the slot began to glow and then the rays of the sun seemed to explode outward. The star-like rays were a spectacular surprise for those who had not celebrated a Mt. Pisgah Summer Solstice. On our hike back down, we enjoyed the sky filled with red and orange hues. We left the trailhead at 7:40 pm and were back down at our cars two hours later without using flashlights. Thanks to Peter Helzer whose sculpture has an orientation table, a geological history lesson and a solstice sighting. Members: Rick Ahrens, Patricia Esch, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Patricia MacAfee, Laurie Marshall, Helen Martz, Royal Murdock, Cindy Rust, Jeanne Schmidt, and Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Patrick Bronson and Joanne Williams.

Bunchgrass Ridge

June 30, 2011

Leader & Photo: Chris Stockdale

Hike: 12 miles, 1200 ft. (Difficult)



Summer hiking in Oregon can often be unpredictable, and so it was for the annual Bunchgrass Ridge hike. Instead of finding the usual copious displays of bear grass and other wildflowers, we encountered snow drifts on the road to the trailhead that prevented us from driving all the way. Jim Whitfield, driving Janet Jacobsen's all wheel drive Subaru, blasted through a few drifts before we reached one that all agreed was too deep to attempt. In spite of the reservations of the leader, the group voted to hike on the road to see what lay ahead. The last stretch of road to the trail was completely snowbound, but the snow was firm enough for us to walk on. The trail turned out to be reasonably easy to find, although in some places in the woods the drifts were so high that we had to do some major route finding. No bear grass but many avalanche lilies, newly blooming trillium and other unidentified flowers decorated the trail where the snow had melted; unfortunately, those same areas attracted extremely hungry mosquitoes. Although we had begun the hike in clouds, obscuring the views from this ridge top hike, the sun finally started breaking through to give those who hadn't done this trail before an idea of those views. Everyone agreed that they would come back and hike this route again later in the year, after the snow and mosquitoes have left. A stop at the DQ in Oakridge rewarded us for our perseverance in completing our hike. Members: Marianne Camp, Janet Jacobsen, Chris Stockdale, Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Jorry Rolfé.

Ridgeline Trail Shuttle

July 2, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.2 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME FOR FOUR OF OUR GROUP to hike the entire Ridgeline Trail. When we stopped on Mt. Baldy to eat lunch and enjoy the hillside blooming with oxeye daisies, Ellen

King, a recent newcomer from Kansas, marveled that we could sit in the grass and not worry about ticks. We did mention poison oak! The hike took 3 hours except for Chris Stockdale who doubled the mileage when she hiked back to Blanton. Since there were several questions about the Mariposa Woodland near the 52nd Willamette Trailhead, I later checked out the online 2009 Management Plan. When I lead this hike again July 30th, I might be able to point out the protected trees, especially a large Ponderosa Pine near the trail, a Eugene Tree Foundation Legacy Tree. Members: Joella Ewing, Paul Flashenberg, Janet Jacobsen, Helen Martz, Chris Stockdale, Joanne Whitfield. Nonmembers: Patrick Bronson, Ellen King.

Browder Ridge

July 2, 2011

Leader: Mary Hamilton

Hike: 4 miles, 1,150 ft. (Moderate)

TO OUR SURPRISE, the road to the Three Pyramids trailhead was blocked by a locked gate. Instead of adding 5 miles to our over-all hike and returning to Eugene later than planned, an alternate hike at Browder Ridge was quickly organized. After loading back into our vehicles and leaving behind a swarm of mosquitoes, we drove to the relatively close Gate Creek Trailhead. We followed the Gate Creek Trail almost 2 miles to a fabulous viewpoint located on the shoulder of Browder Ridge at 4,800 ft. elevation. We enjoyed a leisurely lunch in the warm sunshine while viewing Mt. Hood, Mt. Jefferson, Three Fingered Jack, Mt. Washington, Hoodoo Butte, Black Butte and the Three Sisters with a cloudless, brilliant blue sky for a backdrop. Hikers we met on the trail reported seeing a bear and encountering deep snow drifts blocking their way beyond the viewpoint so we agreed this would be a good place to turn around.

Along the way we saw an abundance of trillium in bloom. Because of the late thaw, we were too early to enjoy the fields of bracken fern, false hellebore, and patches of bear grass that are usually growing in late June and early July. We went around and over several downed trees and crossed several slippery patches of snow. To our good fortune, there weren't any mosquitoes!

This moderate hike has an elevation gain of 1,150 ft. and was successfully completed by all including one hiker who accidentally left his boots at home and wore sandals with Vibram soles - good thing he was wearing hiking socks to keep his toes warm going across the snow!

The leader was looking forward to the original hike and reaching the top of the Middle Pyramid so it was disappointing to have to opt for Plan B; however, we made the best of a beautiful day and had a very enjoyable hike. Members: Jim Duncan, Brian Hamilton, Mary Hamilton, Ed Lichtenstein, Barbara Norregaard, Guy Strahon, Judy Terry, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Charles Fisher, Tonya Cronkright.



Backpacks

Blacklock Point

May 13, 2011

Leader: Scott Hovis

Bk Pk: 9 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

I WAS CURIOUS TO SEE IF THE TSUNAMI made any changes on the beach: none that I noticed except for the absence of driftwood. The weather was warm and still. There were a lot of seals at Sixes River. The trails always have been nicely maintained, and the rhodies were in bloom. Members: Paul Brown, Laurie Funkhouser, Scott Hovis. Nonmembers: Dorothy Kilmer, Rosie Tresenriter.



Bicycle Trips

Scio Covered Bridges

May 22, 2011

Leader: Lyn Gilman-Garrick

Bike: 48 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

THE REALLY STEEP HILL was at the beginning of the trip. The rain held off until we were back in the car. The wind was usually at our backs. No one missed any of the multiple turns. No one fell off their bike. Can't ask for more! All in all, a really good trip. Members: Jan Anselmo, Richard Anselmo, Bill Aspegren, Walt Davis, Laurie Funkhouser, Paul Garrick, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, John Hegg, George Jobanek, Joyce Sanders, and Lyndell Wilken.

Long Tom Grange

June 3, 2011

Leader: Patricia Esch

Bike: 20 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

THE SUN BURNED OFF THE FOG just as we were gathering in Junction City for the ride. It was sunny and breezy for the five riders as we wended our way west from the Safeway parking lot. We puffed up Cox Butte, whizzed down the other side, meandered westward towards the Pfeiffer winery, and stopped at the Grange for lunch. It was lovely and peaceful without the daffodil crowds, the daffodils themselves being replaced with scads of poppies. Saw some hawks, vultures and Kiger mustangs. Yes, there are Kiger mustangs on a ranch near the Grange. We returned before summer started in the form of a hot afternoon. Members: Patricia Esch, Cathy Irwin, Don Kindt, and Joe Sanders. Nonmembers: Mike Lee.

Coast Range

June 25, 2011

Leader: Lyn Gilman-Garrick

Bike: 35 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

THE FIRST HALF OF THE TRIP WAS A CHALLENGE as we climbed the steep rolling hills on Goldson, Hall and Smyth. Our efforts were rewarded, however, with thrilling downhill, breathtaking views, and a tailwind on the way back to our cars. After the ride, we lingered over our picnic lunches by the edge of Kirk Pond, enjoying the conversation and sunshine. Members: Walt Davis, Paul Garrick, Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Joyce Sanders, and Art Sather.



Trail Maintenance

Spencer Butte

May 25, 2011

Leader & Photo: Matthew Bell

Tri Mnt: 2 miles, 150 ft. (Moderate)



WE BROKE INTO TWO GROUPS. One group consisting of Ed, Mark, Todd, and Matt worked with Josh continuing to remove the peeler cores from the turnpike section near the trail junction meadow. The second group of Janet, Jim, Joanne, Rob, and Sheila continued up the trail to work with Christer to brush some switchbacks and repair a section of barrier fencing.. Members: Sheila Barry, Matthew Bell, Rob Castleberry, Janet Jacobsen, Joanne Ledet, Ed Lizewski, Jim Pierce, Jim Whitfield. Nonmembers: Todd Larsen, Mark Moran.

Spencer Butte Litter/Brush Patrol

June 4, 2011

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Tri Mt: 6.4 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

AT 8:30 AM FIVE OBSIDIANS BEGAN celebrating National Trails Day by hiking from Martin Street to the top of Spencer Butte and looking for cuts in switchbacks. It was not obvious if the cuts were first made by wildlife, off leash dogs, or hikers. We worked on six major cuts filing in with large branches, limbs, and brush. Matt, John, and Jim did the hard work of pulling, dragging, and carrying the larger branches and logs that provided a stable base for the crisscross of smaller vegetation. It was obvious that we built a strong signal to stay on the trail. Near the tree line, we met a young couple who just got engaged on top of the butte. Their friends with picnic basket and a flower bouquet were in a festive mood. On top, we found only a few bits and pieces of trash to put in our litter bag. We ate our lunch, enjoyed the view of snow covered mountains and then quickly headed down following the new metal trail markers. We were back at our cars at 12:45, more tired than festive. Members: LaRee Beckley, Matthew Bell, Janet Jacobsen, John Jacobsen, Jim Whitfield.



Climbs

Rock Skills Roundup for Leaders

May 14, 2011

Leader: Doug Nelson; Asst Leader: Wayne Deeter

CibSch: 1 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

THIS OUTING WAS A BASIC SKILLS CLASS for new and potential climb leaders. We intended to hold a two-day session at Smith Rock State Park to practice anchor systems as well as belaying, rappelling and the use of a fixed line for protection. However, with the weather we have experienced this spring we considered ourselves lucky to get one good day. Smith is a wonderful place to be under just about any circumstances. I always recommend the park to anyone who has not visited there. You do not need to be a rock climber to enjoy the stirring vistas of towering cliffs, the great hiking or the abundant birds and other wildlife. In addition to a good day of climbing practice and review, we all enjoyed just being in such a beautiful setting. I was gratified by the interest in the class and pleased by the quality and apparent commitment of the participants. The Climbs Committee has been actively recruiting new leaders and this group showed tremendous potential as future climb leaders. Their clear focus on climbing safety and solid grasp of fundamentals holds real promise for successful climbs in the future. I was particularly pleased when one of the students pointed out that I had neglected a simple safety precaution. Good climbers watch out for each other, and this group showed

they are willing and able to take the lead. After a good day of practice we ended by setting up the ropes for a little rock climbing for fun. Unfortunately we had not played for long when the rain moved in, wetting the rock and our gear, but not dampening our spirits. I wish the weather would have been dry for a second day of climb practice. I hope those who stayed over enjoyed hiking on Sunday. Thanks to all who participated. I look forward to seeing your names as leaders on the climbs schedule. With a bit of luck, maybe I'll get to come along on a couple! And special thanks to my co-leader, Wayne Deeter: your help was greatly appreciated. Members: Sean Breslin, Wayne Deeter, Brian Hamilton, Marci Hansen, Danneille Harris, Doug Nelson, and Shellie Robertson. Nonmembers: Rick Harris.

Rock Skills Review-Columns

June 2, 2011

Leader: Sue Sullivan Asst Leader: Susan Carey

AFTER HAVING THE ROCK SKILLS PRACTICE rained out twice at the columns, I was grateful for a sunny day on June 2 as I prepared to head to the columns. And, wouldn't you know it, as I drove from sunny south Eugene I saw a black cloud hovering over Skinner Butte - sure enough! There was a brief downpour just as we drove up to the columns! But we waited around for a few minutes and it looked like it was going to clear up, so we went ahead and set up ropes for belay and rappel practice. People practiced knots for a few minutes while we completed the setup, then they had a chance to brush up on their rock skills that might have gotten a bit rusty over winter. We had an easy rappel and a more difficult one for people to try. The rock was too slippery for much rock climbing, but Steve Still and David Adkins proved that one could climb even wet rock in hiking boots. Members: David Adkins, Susan Carey, Richard Lemon, David Morris, Doug Orwick, Shellie Robertson, Steve Still, and Sue Sullivan. Nonmembers: Rick Harris.

Rappelling Skills - Larison Rock

June 5, 2011

Leader & Photos: Sue Sullivan

CibSch: 1 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

NINE OF US DROVE TO THE UPPER TRAILHEAD for Larison Rock on a cool June Sunday morning. We hiked the half-mile to the top of Larison Rock and set up three ropes for practicing some more advanced rappel techniques. We started with a discussion of how to properly set up for rappelling with one or two ropes, and several practical hints to improve safety and reduce the likelihood of rope tangles when throwing the rope over a cliff. Then the fun started. We practiced the use of autoblock knots for self-belay while rappelling. This is particularly useful if the rappeller needs to use his/her hands for freeing the rope or if one wants to take pictures while rappelling. We tried the autoblock with a conventional rappel device on both double rope and single rope rappels, and on a double alpine rope (8.8mm). People were convinced by the end of the day that this greatly improves the safety of rappelling and is very little trouble to set up. We also worked through some 'what if' scenarios. What if you dropped your rappel device? What could you do to get down safely? We practiced the carabiner brake rappel and Munter hitch rappel and proved to ourselves that we could get ourselves down safely. John also demonstrated the Dulfersitz



Practicing rappelling skills at Larison Rock.

technique, which doesn't even require a harness....though we agreed that this would be our last choice in most situations. Another 'what if' scenario...what if your rope became damaged and you had to tie off part of it - how would you rappel past the knot? We did a dry run practice of how to do this, and just two participants decided to try this for real while rappelling off the overhanging section of Larison Rock. The rest of us offered coaching and some heckling from below. There were other

rappel problems we talked through, but didn't have a chance to practice. What if your rope got stuck when you were trying to pull it? How would you get it free? Is it possible to safely climb back to free it? Finally, we did a demonstration of how to do a two-person rappel if it became necessary to assist an injured climber. It turned out to be a really fun and interesting day. Members: Sean Breslin, Brian Hamilton, Richard Lemon, David Morris, Shellie Robertson, Steve Still, and Sue Sullivan.

In the Media

A Hidden Beauty

By Janet Jacobsen

OBSIDIANS WERE MENTIONED IN BILL SULLIVAN'S May 24, 2011 *Register Guard* hiking article, *A Hidden Beauty: Nesika Lodge atop Multnomah Falls is well worth the extra effort.*

Sullivan wrote that the Trails Club Of Oregon formed in 1915 built Nesika Lodge in 1923. When it was rebuilt in the 1980's, they asked Northwest hiking clubs to donate a rock for the chimney hearth. "Appropriately, the Obsidians club of Eugene sent a huge chunk of obsidian. It's still part of the chimney, identified with a plaque."

This was not the first time that the Obsidians made a contribution to a lodge. The Obsidian July 1960 Bulletin notes that the Obsidians attended the dedication of the new Mazama Lodge. *Nineteen outdoor clubs donated plaques.*

Only the Angora Club of Astoria had a plaque the same size as the Obsidians. Most of them were 8" by 8" or just the shape of the club's emblem. One small plaque came from Japan, inscription said 'organized in 1905.' Another square one was from Italy. The Chemeketans' was unique - their 'thunderbird' on the state of Oregon as a background.

The day ended with a drive to Timberline Lodge to see the three million candle power lights at the top of Mt. Hood. A fine breakfast was had at 8 a.m. but while eating, the first of 235 Mazama climbers reached the summit, heard on the walkie-talkie. (Obsidians climbers led by Lloyd Plaisted participated in this event.)

Editor's note: The oldest outdoor club in Oregon is the Mazamas, founded 1893. The Obsidians were founded in 1927.

Summer Kickoff & Grand Canyon Rim-to-Rim

THE FIRST PRE-POTLUCK SOCIAL was a delightful way to kick off the summer. The weather was perfect for an outdoor party. New member, Laurie Marshall, was the cider-tender for the 24 bottles of Sparkling Apple Cider. Lois Morse and Peggy Windle handled the nametag table. The special Grand Canyon labels said *Been There, Done That* with enough room for folks to write the year they visited the Grand Canyon. That was the impetus for conversations about when and how people visited the Canyon. One couple said it was 52 years ago on their honeymoon. One woman said that she and her girl friend didn't have a permit so they just hiked down and back on the same day. One story after another and the hour sped by.

Margaret Essenberg began the slide show program telling us that the power point presentation was focused not on the forests and flowers we love so much in Oregon but on minerals. Her husband, Richard, then showed how the rim-to-rim hike was a geological trip of 1.8 billion years. His pictures gave us a better understanding and appreciation of the colored layers



of rock. By the end of the evening, many wanted to make their first visit to the Grand Canyon or return for another.

Janet Jacobsen, Photo by Bill Morse

Sheldon-Hart Wildlife Refuge Complex

DO ANTELOPE ROAM IN THE OREGON HIGH DESERT? Do sage-grouse strut? What about cows, horses and burros?

Devon Comstock from Oregon Natural Deserts Association addressed these questions and more at a well-attended ExploraTalk. She focused on southeastern Oregon, between Upper Klamath Lake and Steens Mountain. This is a vast area of dry, barely populated, BLM land with a rich mix of habitat types, from mountains and high desert to shallow playa lakes, with waterfalls, narrow gorges, and lush springs. Humans have been here for 13,000 years, evidenced by rich archaeological sites, including perhaps the earliest studied habitations and rock art in the United States. Modern humans enjoy wildlife, outdoor recreation, and amenities like Hot Springs Campground.

The area includes wilderness study areas and the Sheldon-Hart Mountain National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge and Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge, which is mostly in Nevada, total over 750,000 acres and protect more than 300 species of wildlife, including pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, mule deer,

sage grouse, and red-band trout. They were established in the 1930s with support from hunting and conservation groups.

Surprisingly, pronghorns hate jumping, and may be injured trying to go over, under or through fences. In the last twenty years, Hart has become one of the largest wildlife habitats containing no domestic livestock. Almost all old fences have been removed, often by volunteers. ONDA sponsors pronghorn conservation and research, e.g. investigating their movement and connectivity between the refuges and throughout the region.

Greater sage-grouse are warranted for endangered listing, depend entirely on sagebrush, and indicate the health of sagebrush communities. Both refuges are important sagebrush reserves, a declining habitat type which has been reduced more than 50%.

The ONDA website, <http://onda.org/>, is a good introduction to desert conservation and ONDA. You can even sign up for fence pulling and other fun work restoring Oregon's desert wild lands.



John Hartman

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

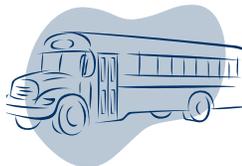
Bus: Cape Arago, Shore Acres & Marine Biology Thursday, August 11, 2011

Leaders: Mary Ellen West and Verna Kocken

Cost: \$45 members, nonmembers \$47

Reservations & Checks: Barbara Payne 746-1964

BEAUTIFUL SCENERY, FLOWERS, sea animals and a U of O classroom are the focus of this south coast trip. Going to the coast will feature a leisurely visit to Shore Acres, a lovely state park that was part of the former estate of lumberman, Louis Simpson. One point of interest will be the large blooming rose and dahlia gardens.



We will also visit Cape Arago State Park. Its offshore island rocks and reef are part of the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge. Animals to observe are California and Stellar sea lions, harbor seals and northern elephant seals.

We will visit the U of O Institute of Marine Biology in Charleston. There will be a tour and lunch (included) in the dining room.

Kayak/Canoe: Women's Hosmer Lake Tuesday-Thursday, September 6-8

Leader: Pat Esch 338-8280



ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER LAKE. Join us as we enjoy one of the lakes east of the Cascades. This year our trip will be farther away and longer - two nights. There are several lakes in this area southwest of Mt. Bachelor on the Cascades

Highway, so we can paddle to our heart's content. We will camp in the south campground on Hosmer Lake, with everyone responsible for finding and paying for her own spot. Participants provide their own boat and food to share for two dinners, plus your own breakfasts, lunches, snacks and drinks. More details in the online signup when it appears. Questions? Call Pat Esch 338-8280.

Astoria's Bicentennial: 1811-2011 Wed., September 14 - Sat., September 17, 2011

Leaders: Barbara and Paul Beard

Cost: \$425 members, \$433 nonmembers

Reservations & checks: Mary Lee Cheadle 689-1085

THIS TRIP WILL EMPHASIZE fur traders, Indians, forts and major rivers. We will depart on our four day trip from the Shopko parking lot at 8 am. Our route will take us to Astoria via back roads and numerous river



crossings to get a good perspective of 'The Oregon Country' that enticed early travelers to create settlements along these major rivers. Our trip will include museums, forts, water front activities, and trolley sites. We will stay in Astoria's bed n' breakfast inns. Along the route as we travel the beautiful North Oregon Coast, we will visit shops, see antiques, and observe bicentennial enactments, including fur trading with Native Americans. Our last night, we will be at the oceanfront hotel, Inn at Spanish Head, with dinner and a movie night, including pop and popcorn in the evening. In all, we will be looking back at 150 years of settlement history in the Oregon Country. Saturday, we will attend the Siletz Indian salmon bake, experiencing first-hand the main diet of Lewis and Clark and Native Americans in the Middle 1800s.

Come join us for a fun-packed four days, with history, great beach and river walks, exciting events and wonderful friends to share great experiences.

Canoe/Kayak: South Slough National Estuarine Saturday September 17

Leader: Joella Ewing

Cost: \$16 members, \$20 non-members

ANATURALIST WILL EXPLAIN THE MEANING of the South Slough National Estuarine Reserve on a guided canoe/kayak trip Saturday, September 17, on the southern extension of the Coos Bay estuary. Sponsored by the Conservation, Science and Education committee, the trip will help us discover the secrets of the flora and fauna of this 'drowned river mouth' where saltwater from the ocean and freshwater from rivers and streams meet and mix to form a highly productive estuarine community. The continual motion of ocean tides and upland runoff provide nutrients for a wide variety of plants and animals.



In addition, we'll learn about the tributaries that form the slough, the history from as far back as 2,000 years ago when Native Americans used the vast wealth of the slough for food and shelter, the effects of development from the 1850s through the 1930s, and more recent restoration efforts and successes.

We are allowed to have 12 to 20 people with 8 to 12 canoes or kayaks. Inflatable and pedal craft are NOT allowed. Cost per person is \$10 plus the Obsidians' \$1 trip fee for members and \$5 for non-members.

In addition, an Oregon law passed in 2009 requires owners of all boats, even canoes and kayaks 10 feet or longer, to have a permit with them that costs \$5 for one year or \$10 for two years. The purpose is to fund prevention of aquatic invasive species from spreading or gaining a foothold in Oregon's

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Upcoming Activities

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beloved waterways (Remember the draining of Diamond Lake a few years ago.) Paper permits can be purchased locally at REI or Oregon Paddle Sports or I can order Tyvek tags that you attach to your boat for people who place their orders with me and pay me by September 1.

Because launch time is tide-sensitive, we have to be at the interpretive center no later than 9 am. Minimum driving time to Charleston is three hours; therefore, participants are advised to camp near Charleston Friday the 16th, reserve a yurt or stay at Captain John's Motel in Charleston. A room for two at the motel with two beds is \$65. To make sure we arrive at the interpretive center in a group, wherever you choose to stay, we will meet at the Sea Basket Restaurant in Charleston at 7:30 am.

So, hoist your boat onto your vehicle, grab your paddle and life preserver (and permit) and join us for a fun and informative day on the South Slough. We'll be finished by 2 pm, so you'll have the rest of the day (or weekend) to enjoy the coast on your own.

Sign up on line and send Joella Ewing your \$10 reserve fee and \$5 permit fee by September 1 (2384 Washington Street, Eugene, 97405).

Back Pack: Enchantment Lakes Saturday-Thursday, September 17-22

Leader: Ken Frazer, 915-3883

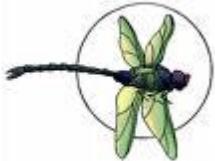
Cost: \$28 members, \$36 non-members

STARK, ICE-POLISHED GRANITE, high alpine lakes, and larch that turns golden in the fall are reasons why many consider the Enchantment Lakes Basin to be the most beautiful area in Washington. Join us Sept 18 - 22 to see if the reputation is deserved! Our permit is for a



five day, four night back pack from Sunday, September 18th to Thursday, September 22nd. We might be a week or two early to see the larch at peak, but it should still be spectacular. We'll hike up through the basin past numerous lakes like Perfection Lake, Inspiration Lake, and Gnome Tarn and among mountains like Little Annapurna, Dragontail Peak, and Prusik Peak. Note: This is a strenuous backpacking trip covering 25 miles and gaining 6,540 ft. (not including any peaks you might want to bag). The permit is for up to six backpackers. Cost: \$26 for your share of the permit. Questions? Call Ken Frazer 915-3883.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' UPCOMING



Nearby Nature

CHECK OUT ALL THE GREAT THINGS happening at Nearby Nature in July and August! We've got lots of family fun planned as well as many opportunities for volunteering. You can find ALL of our news and events at www.nearbynature.org. You can also keep in touch with us by joining our Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/nearbynature

or by becoming a member

www.nearbynature.org/membership.

Nearby Nature Summer Day Camps: (through August 26): Nearby Nature outdoor day camps are a medley of adventure, discovery, art, and science. We hike, canoe, play games, plant gardens, do experiments, tell stories, create art, and more! We emphasize respect: of ourselves, each other, and the Earth. Most camps also include special guests or neat field trips. All camps include lots of play time outdoors!. Details are posted at <http://www.nearbynature.org/events/june-20-august-26-2011-summer-daycamps>.

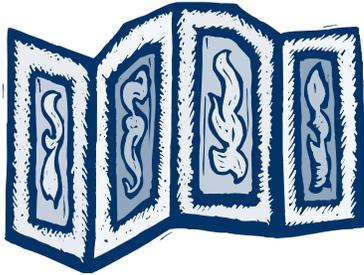
Nearby Nature Quest: Creepy Crawly Bug Safari (Saturday, August 13, 10-noon) Enjoy a bug safari at the Walama Butterfly Meadow on a Family Nature Quest in Alton Baker Park. Use butterfly nets, magnifiers, bug barns, and more. Meet at the Nearby Nature Learnscape. FREE for Nearby Nature members, \$2/person or \$5/family for non-members. Pre-registration suggested: 687-9699. For the rest of 2011's Nature Quests, see <http://www.nearbynature.org/events>.

Summer Festival Booth Volunteer Opportunities: Nearby Nature will be out and about in the community at festivals this summer and we need your help. You can volunteer to staff our information/craft booths at either of the following events: the Blues and Brews Festival on Saturday August 6 (11 am-5 pm), or the Eugene Celebration on Saturday-Sunday August 27-28 (11 am-5 pm). Shifts are available each day, so contact us soon at info@nearbynature.org to sign up.

Save the Date: Nearby Nature Fall New Volunteer Orientation (Thursday, September 8, 6:30-7:45 pm, Eugene Public Library Singer Room). Learn all about leading nature walks for elementary school kids in Alton Baker Park this fall as well as more about all of our other volunteer opportunities. See <http://www.nearbynature.org/events/thursday-september-8-nearby-nature-new-volunteer-orientation> for details.

Obsidian Calendar

BROTHER CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR?



IF YOU CAN, THE *BULLETIN* MAILING CREW could use your help. No special skills or tools required, just a willingness to help for an hour or two on a Wednesday morning. We meet at the Lodge only ten times in a year and it provides a good opportunity to visit with fellow Obsidians while assembling the *Bulletin*. If you are willing to fold and put on labels for the chance to get your *Bulletin* a few days early, call Margaret Prentice at 687-5850.

Classifieds

Yachats Rental

Steps to rocky shore walking path and one block to 6 miles of sandy beach. Many day hikes in area. Two story house with ocean views; 3 bedroom, 3 bath. Summer two person special \$115/night; additional cleaning fee fully refundable. See Whalesnook.com, or contact Steve 852-3823 or Jen 431-0767.

For Sale

WOOD - GREEN FIR at the Obsidian Lodge. Split, you haul. \$110/cord, or we can haul for \$40. Half cords available too. Contact John Jacobsen, Grounds Chair:

343-8030 or johnwjacobsen@comcast.net

Note: There is no charge for placing 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.

July

- 23 Sat **Mt. Jefferson Climb** 16m 6,200' Deeter.....954-0924
- 23 Sat **Lillian Falls/Goddard Hike**, E, Strahon.....689-0753
- 24 Sun **Tam McArthur Rim Hike** 5m 1200' M Terry345-0720
- 24 Sun **Cottage Grove/Creswell Bike**, Gilman-Garrick..345-5236
- 25 Mon **Mt. St. Helens Climb** 9m 4,600' Pierce.....344-1775
- 27 Wed **Spencer Butte Trl Mnt Bell**.....503-884-8829
- 29 Fri **Mt. Adams Climb** Reiter.....521-8472
- 29 Fri **Goat Rocks Wild BkPk**, D, McManigal503-635-9973
- 30 Sat **Ridgeline Trail Hike** 6.2m 900' M Jacobsen343-8030
- 31 Sun **Silver Creek Falls Hike** 7m 600' E Pierce.....344-1775

August

- 01 Mon **Glacier Travel Experience ClbSch** Sullivan.....342-6546
- 05 Fri **Get Acquainted Hike AM** - Ribbon Tr Jacobsen .343-8030
- 05 Fri **Get Acquainted Hike PM** - Ribbon Tr Jacobsen..343-8030
- 06 Sat **Goodman Creek Hike** 7m 600' ,M, Hoeg484-6196
- 06 Sat **Sawtooth Mtn Hike** 13m 2,000' D Hoyland.....338-9881
- 06 Sat **PCT Two-Way Hike** 13m 200' D Blumm.....343-8830
- 06 Sat **Row River Bike** 36m 100' M Strahon 689-0753
- 07 Sun **Lowder Mountain Hike** 5.6m 900' M Terry345-0720
- 07 Sun **Get Acquainted Hike PM** - Ribbon Tr, Jacobsen343-8030
- 11 Thu **Cape Arago, Shore Acres Bus** West.....343-5492
- 12 Fri **Hunts Cove BkPk** 15m 3,000' D Sullivan683-6837
- 12 Fri **McKenzie Pass Geology Hike** 3m 200' E Rodda.343-3887
- 12 Fri **Rogue River Kayaking Ext Trip** M Metcalfe.....521-7539
- 13 Sat **North Sister Climb** 15m 5,300' Hamilton343-6550
- 13 Sat **Middle Sister Climb** 14.5m 5,300' Pierce344-1775
- 13 Sat **Mt. Pisgah Sunrise-Moonset Hike**, Murdock.....345-8305
- 13 Sat **Black Crater Hike** 7.2m 2,500' M Nelson.....736-6076
- 14 Sun **Mt. St. Helens & Mt. Rainier Ext Trip** Duncan 343-8079
- 14 Sun **Green Lakes / Park Meadow Hike**, D Taub746-6345
- 14 Sun **North Fork Siuslaw Bike**, M Hoeg.....4846196
- 19 Fri **Parvin Covered Bridge Bike** 23m, M Esch338-8280
- 20 Sat **Jefferson Park Hike** 10.1m 1,800' D Sinnott915-0234
- 20 Sat **Fuji Mountain Hike** 3m 950, E Wood782-2710
- 21 Sun **Mt. Yoran Hike** 8m 1,200' M Colgan485-2787
- 24 Wed **Matthieu Lakes Hike** 6m 800' M Duncan343-8079
- 26 Fri **Diamond Lake - Crater Lake Hike** Castleberry..513-8504
- 27 Sat **Little Brother Hike** 10.1m 2,940' D Hamilto343-6550
- 27 Sat **Obsidian Trail Hike** 10m 1,100' M Christiansen.687-8379
- 28 Sun **Gerdine Butte Hike** 7m 1,000' M Hovis521-3663
- 31 Wed **Spencer Butte Trl Mnt Bell**.....503-884-8829

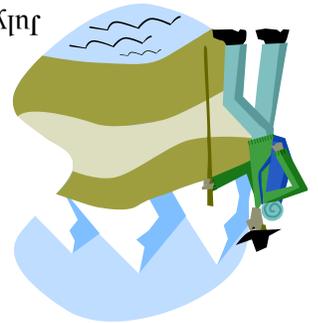
September

- 03 Sat **Golden Lake Bk Pk** 8.5m 1,500' D Lipton.....736-7498
- 04 Sun **Green Lakes Hike** 8.8m 1,100' M James683-7488
- 06 Tue **Women's Hosmer Lake Canoe/Kayak** Esch338-8280
- 07 Wed **Mt. Hood Ext Trip** Sanders.....255-2524
- 09 Fri **Rosary Lakes Hike** 7m 800' M Cunningham.....344-0486
- 09 Fri **Jefferson Park Bk Pk** 17m 2,000' D Hovis521-3663
- 10 Sat **Scott Mountain Hike** 8.1m 1,300' M Morris726-7474
- 10 Sat **The Husband Climb** 16m 3,500' Deeter954-0924
- 10 Sat **Get Acquainted Hike AM** - Ribbon Tr Jacobsen.343-8030
- 11 Sun **Four-in-One Cone Hike** 8.6m 1,500' M Tucker.344-8371
- 14 Wed **Astoria's Bicentennial 1811-2011 Bus** Beard ...994-2337
- 17 Sat **Obsidian Trail/Arrowhead Lake Hike** Harrison 556-3654
- 17 Sat **So. Slough Estuary Guided Water** E Ewing.....344-9197
- 18 Sun **Erma Bell Lakes Hike** 8.4m M Musselwhite.....461-3296



*A wet spring makes for big water—a not so little roaring wave on the Little North Santiam River.
See the trip report on Page 6. Photo by Chris Stockdale.*

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