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## Another Successful Annual Meeting

**T**HE PRINCE PUCKLER'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL created an upbeat mood for fifty some members and guests to hear President Laurie Funkhouser give an enthusiastic welcome and thanks. She asked all to look around the room and recognize the driving force that provides a variety of activities and services to the membership. The business meeting included approval of the proposed constitutional changes and the election of three new board members: John Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, and Kathy Randall. Awards were presented to members who have completed milestone numbers of trips, leading trips, and climbs.

The prestigious 10 Peak Climb Award was presented to Marge Huseman, a member since 2013. She is a member of the Obsidian Climbs Committee and is an active climb leader as well as being integral to the annual Climb School. We all appreciate the skill and dedication Marge brings to Climbs. She is an inspiring leader, a navigational laser, and a gifted climber. Moreover, she reminds everyone she climbs with that reaching the summit is not a reward in and of itself, but that you must bring leader treats (Snickers and Twizzlers, for example) to ensure you get brought back down the mountain. Congratulations Marge on the 10 Peak Award.

The Annual Meeting minutes, awards, and photos can be found on page 4.



Maryanne Reiter and Marge Huseman

## Dues Renewal Time

**T**HANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SENT IN YOUR RENEWAL DUES. If you haven't, please mail yours in soon! Renewal forms can be printed from our website. Checks may be sent to:

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## Welcome New Members!

**GEORGE CARDENAS**  
Springfield, OR 97478

**BARBARA ORSI**  
Eugene, OR 97405

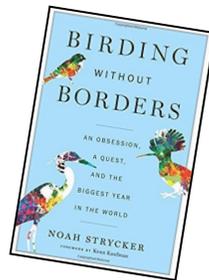
**DAN RUSSELL**  
Eugene, OR 97405



*Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped spruce up the Lodge and grounds before the Annual Meeting.*

## FYI: It's Out

**N**OAH STRYCKER HAD RECORD ATTENDANCE AT THE SEPTEMBER EXPLORATalk. Unfortunately, his second book *Birding Without Borders: An Obsession, a Quest, and the Biggest Year in the World*, was unavailable at that time. He has notified us that it is now published and ready for purchase.



## OBITUARY

**LEONA DEVINE 1927–2017**

**L**EONA JOINED THE CLUB IN 1976 AND PARTICIPATED IN 209 ACTIVITIES, including eight summer camps and two climbs. A canoer, hiker, skier, and backpacker, she earned the 200 trip patch and 25 leader award. She served on the board in 1995. In one of her Shotgun Creek trip reports, she wrote in her quiet style, “We left at the civilized hour of 9 AM. under scattered clouds which gave way to sunshine and we were soon shedding coats.” Her love for the outdoors was complimented by a love for the opera. She attended productions in Eugene, Portland and other cities. For health reasons she moved to Hillsboro to be near her daughter, Carol Mattson. Carol wrote that the Obsidians were an important part of her mother’s life.

*Editor’s Note: Leona’s complete obituary can be found in the October 26 issue of the Register-Guard.*

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# 2017 ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

## October 13, 2017 by Dave Cooper

President Laurie Funkhouser called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Marci Hansen, Lyndell Wilken, Pat Esch, Dave Cooper, Todd Larson, Maryanne Reiter, Sharon Cutsforth, and John Cooper.

Also present were: Janet Jacobsen, Darlene Mancuso, Helen Martz, Carla Cooper, Judy Adamcyk, John Jacobsen, Charles Ashmore, Richard Hughes, Don Doerr, Doug Nelson, Daphne James, Vern Marsonette, Marge Huseman, Kimberly Van Winkle, Sue Wolling, June Sutterfield, Jennifer Baer, Stewart Hoeg, Kathy Hoeg, Keiko Bryan, Gary Kirk, Dorene Steggell, Evelyn Nagy, Mike Smith, Nancy Hoecker, Kathy Randall, Buzz Blumm, Dave Predeek, Jim Northrop, Yuan Hopkins, David Lodeesen, Lou Maenz, Marguerite Cooney, Darian Morray, Holger Krentz, Darko Sojak, Jim Duncan, Sharon Duncan, George Cardenas, Steve Cordon, Michelle Cordon, Brad Bennett, Mary Livingston, Chris Shuraleff, Steve Johnson, Pat Soussan, Barbara Aten, Matt Bell, Meg Stewart Smith, Lenore McManigal.

**PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS:** Laurie welcomed everyone and then asked them to look around the room at the other people. She emphasized that the group assembled represented the driving force that keeps the Obsidians functioning and providing a variety of activities and services to the membership. Committee members, trip leaders, others who volunteer in a variety of ways deserve our acknowledgment and thanks.



*President Laurie Funkhouser, Dave Cooper, Jennifer Baer.*

## **TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT (Stewart Hoeg):**

The Obsidians' financial outlook remains bright. As of September 30th, our balance sheet had financial assets of \$247,000 including a Capital/Contingency fund of \$51,000, an Endowment Fund of \$86,000 and a General Fund of \$28,000. Last year at this time we had financial assets of \$212,000 including a Capital/Contingency Fund of \$45,000, an Endowment Fund of \$86,000 and a General Fund of \$28,000. During the past twelve months we had positive cash flow from operations of \$1,300. In addition, during the last year we received \$6,200 in donations from our members. I would like to thank Don Doerr who is responsible for

keeping the books for summer camp and Sharon Cutsforth and Judy Phelps who jointly take care of the books for the Bus Committee. These three individuals are responsible for providing me with their respective committees' monthly financials for including in my over-all board meeting financial updates.

## **COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS**

**Bus Trips (Sharon Cutsforth):** We have successfully completed seven of the eight bus trips scheduled for 2017. The remaining trip, Christmas Lights at Shore Acres, is scheduled for November 30–December 1. Bus trips have taken us to a wide variety of locations and sights: Bird watching at Klamath Falls, an impressive Lego art display and historic steam engines in Portland, the Children's Farm Home historic school, exploring the Santiam Wagon Road, a hop farm, a German meat market, a produce farm, a BBQ at Belknap Springs, thirteen days touring the National Parks of the Southwest, and much more. These trips have been successful because of the teamwork of the whole committee and the support of other Obsidians and guests. My grateful thanks to the people, who lead the trips, take reservations, provide refreshments, share their knowledge and experience, serve as secretary and treasurer, and all those who quietly work behind the scenes to make bus trips happen. The Bus Committee currently includes: Judy and Tom Adamcyk, Rick Ahrens, Ethel Allen, Barbara and Paul Beard, Sharon Cutsforth (chair), Verna Kocken, Lenore McManigal, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Jim Northrop, Liz Reanier and Mary Ellen West. We also extend a warm welcome to Judy Garwood and Vern Marsonette who have joined the committee as we begin planning for 2018 bus trips.

**Climbs (Maryanne Reiter):** Thanks to the nine committee members! The Climbs Committee would not be able to meet its vital role in the club without their contributions of time and talents. Maryanne Reiter (Chair), Wayne Deeter, Brian Hamilton, Marci Hansen, Danni Harris, Marge Huseman, Juli McGlinsky, Doug Nelson, and Dalen Willhite. The Climbs Committee and Eugene Mountain Rescue (EMR) sponsored the 2017 Basic Climb School, which continued the long tradition of teaching safe, responsible and fun rock and snow climbing to club members and nonmembers. We increased the number of students to 28 for this year's climb school due to demand. In fact, the 2017 climb school filled within a few hours of going online on Feb 16. The Climbs Committee also cosponsored a crevasse rescue training with Eugene Mountain Rescue on Mt. Hood. This two-day field class was for Obsidian Climb leaders and included actual dropping into a very deep crevasse on the south side of Mt. Hood. We offered 21 summits and one conditioning hike this year. For the first time in many years, we offered all the Obsidian Climbs ten peaks needed for the 10 Peak Award! As of 10/13/17, five climbing trips were cancelled for weather related causes including extreme winds, fire, and snow. Climb School brought in a total of \$2,770 (not including expenses), which was split equally between Obsidians and EMR. The revenue from climbing trips is \$488, though there is one trip left for the season.

**Concessions (Carla Cooper):** In 2017 Concessions participated in six ExploraTalks, seven potlucks, the bus rally, backpack rendezvous, summer camp and one bus trip. We purchased new merchandise that included ball caps, cotton T-shirts, and 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary mugs. Because the main goal of Concessions is not to make a profit, but to promote the club, we have started giving first-time guests at potlucks a free notecard, we continue to give guest speakers at potlucks and ExploraTalks a gift, and we have offered deep discounts on older merchandise. Our 2017 sales to date have totaled \$1,148.44. Many thanks to the Concessions Committee: Judy Adamcyk, Keiko Bryan, Patty MacAfee, Darlene Mancuso, and Nancy Whitfield, and Carla Cooper, Chair.

**Conservation, Science, & Education (Jorry Rolfe):** This year, there were eight ExploraTalks, plus one recent presentation by a guest speaker, sponsored by this committee. A couple of the programs were very popular this year and your attendance is always encouraged and well appreciated! The Committee thanks the presenters, some of whom are Obsidians who have shared their activities and expertise. The final two ExploraTalks are: Renee Patrick of The Oregon Desert Trail will be here October 17, and Richard Hughes will talk about the best bike rides in Oregon on Tuesday, November 14. Jorry Rolfe served as the Obsidians' delegate to the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs at the annual convention in August, and she was approved as the vice-president of the organization. Finally, we know that our membership is concerned about prospective changes to how wilderness is managed in the Willamette and Deschutes National Forests. We want you to know that this committee will be keeping the club informed of proposed plans or developments, comment periods, and decisions in the future through articles in the *Bulletin* and items or reports to the Board.

**Entertainment (Lana Lindstrom):** Thanks to very generous donations from Don Hunter and Ben Ross, we have a first-rate sound system with two portable microphones—we are thrilled! Bea Fontana built the custom cabinet to house the components. The old speaker and microphone continue to be used by Summer Camp. All the potluck presenters have been outstanding. Four of them attracted more than 75 participants each: Bill Sullivan, Bob Welch, Doug Crispin, and Al LePage. The potluck date has been officially moved from the fourth Friday of the month to the last Friday of the month. I am very appreciative of the following committee members who show up, set up, and clean up: Judy Adamcyk, Joella Ewing, Yuan Hopkins, Richard Hughes, Mary Livingston, Judy Ness, Emily Rice, Meg Stewart Smith, and Lana Lindstrom, Chair.

**Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom):** We set a new record for Extended trips—seven in the first nine months of the year, including our first international one! Thanks very much to all the leaders: Alan Curtis, Chris Shuraleff, Chris Stockdale, Darko Sojak, Emily Rice, Evelyn Nagy, and Marianne Camp. One trip was cancelled due to smoke. Thanks to committee members for thoughtfully reviewing the proposals: Pat Esch, Kathy Randall, Diane Schechter, Chris Shuraleff, Chris Stockdale, Nancy Whitfield, and Lana Lindstrom, Chair.

**Finance (Stewart Hoeg):** The Obsidian Finance Committee during the past year was responsible for putting together the 2017 budget, recommending investments for the Endowment Fund and Contingency Fund and doing annual audits of Obsidian accounts. The committee completed successful 2016 audits of the general fund, endowment fund, contingency fund, extended trip fund, summer camp accounts, and bus accounts in addition to an audit of this year's summer camp. Thanks to committee members Dan Christensen, Don Doerr, Dave Hawkins, Lana Lindstrom, and Chair Stewart Hoeg.

**Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal):** All the trips and events members participated in the past year have been recorded. Members receiving trip and leader awards were notified. The list of deceased members was prepared for the meeting tonight. Ray Harris, the oldest living member, sent a framed photograph of his 1958 climb on Dogs Heads at the Coburg Caves. It now hangs in the main room at the Lodge. His first trip with the club was in 1950 to Mt. Baldy.



*Lenore McManigal and Kathy Hoeg visit before the meeting.*

**Lodge Building (Dave Cooper):** My thanks to Doug Nelson, John Jacobsen, and Brian Hamilton for getting me up to speed on the procedures, history, and needs of the Lodge building. The biggest change in the Lodge building is the addition of a new sound system. Thanks to the generous gifts from former Obsidian president Ben Ross and the Estate of Don Hunter we could acquire speakers, amplifier and wireless microphones and have them installed. Special thanks to Bea Fontana for the design, construction, and installation of the cabinet housing this equipment. There were a few minor electrical changes this year. Some LED lighting fixtures have been installed to replace old incandescent lights. The lighting panel legends have been updated. Thanks to Carla Cooper and Carrie Soderlund for their help in tracing circuits. The Lodge was rented for non-Obsidian events or meetings five times this past year. These groups have always left the facility in good condition. We continue our long-time relationship with Eugene Mountain Rescue by providing use of the Lodge for meeting and training classes. Having many Obsidians who are also members of EMR makes this a mutually beneficial arrangement. I would like to thank every one of our members who contribute to the regular upkeep at the Lodge. The committees who sponsor

events always make the effort to leave the building ready for the next group. And for the occasional deep cleaning efforts, including mopping, windows, and more, it is great to have a call list of people willing to spend time keeping the building looking good. Also, thanks to Janet Jacobsen who takes care of the artwork displays in the Scherer Room.

**Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen):** The Obsidian Grounds Committee continued with routine maintenance and upkeep of the Lodge grounds throughout the year. The ice storm at the end of last year caused a lot of damage to the oaks on the Lodge grounds resulting in a number of work parties to clean up the mess in the new year. Thank you to the Grounds Committee: Dave Cooper, Clara Emlen, and Jim Northrop. Thank you to people on the grounds work party call list for helping out at our many work parties.

**Membership (Diane Schechter):** Membership Status: 462 total members—431 active members, 6 honorary members, 8 junior members, 17 life members. 35 new members. Joined via: 14 Trips, 10 Climbs, 3 Bus, 2 Summer Camp. Heard via: 19 friend, 6 web page, 4 newspaper, 5 other, 2 mixed. Committee Members: Diane Schechter, Chair, Carla Lyon, Judy Sinnott, Tom Rundle, Daphne James, John Jacobsen.

**Publications (Lou Maenz):** In 2017 Publications created ten monthly *Bulletins*. The committee is divided into two sections; the Production team that edits and produces the *Bulletin* after receiving the monthly reports, articles, and photos. Thank you, Carla Cooper, Bea Fontana, Stewart Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, Joanne Ledet, Jorry Rolfe and Ethel Weltman. The hard copies are folded and labeled for mailing by the Assembly team. Many thanks to Margaret Prentice the monthly team organizer, Clara Emlen the assistant team lead, Tom Adamcyk, Don Baldwin. Sharon Cutsforth, Yuan Hopkins, Joanne Ledet, and Lenore McManigal. (Both these groups were playfully acknowledged during the presentation of this report.)

**Publicity (Janet Jacobsen):** November 10<sup>th</sup> Mark Hougardy hosted the Obsidian table at the U of O Knight School of Law for a book presentation, *The Pacific Crest Trail: Exploring America's Wilderness Trail*. May 8<sup>th</sup> our committee met to discuss ways to publicize our club. Carla Cooper and Marci Hansen will facilitate Facebook. June 20<sup>th</sup> Darko Sojak, Steve Cordon, and Jim Northrop hosted the Obsidian table at the Museum of Culture and Natural History Solstice Celebration. June 3<sup>rd</sup> we led two get acquainted hikes with 13 guests. We have been asked to host more of these hikes. The Y Bulletin Board, REI board, monthly events flyer, website flyers and other venues were updated each month. Thanks to Chris Stockdale who sends our trip schedule to the *Register-Guard* each week. We also thank committee chairs who managed their own *Register-Guard* publicity and flyers. Janet Jacobsen, Chair. Carla Cooper, Elizabeth Glover, Mary Hamilton, Brian Hamilton, Marci Hansen, Mark Hougardy, John Jacobsen, Darko Sojak, Jorry Rolfe.

**Online (Wayne Deeter):** I thank my committee members for their help in running the Online Committee: John Jacobsen (database maintenance and development), Marci Hansen (Facebook page), Jan Anselmo (photo albums), and Shellie Robertson (planning). Access to our online sign-up system has

been switched to Secure Sockets Layer (<https://>), which our database vendor is now providing at no cost to us. We are currently looking at using an email vendor as an alternative to using the web hosting vendor for our email lists. After we convert to a new email system we will research moving our main website to another system, possibly based on a Content Management system. This will allow us to involve more people in maintaining our web pages.

**Safety (Lyndell Wilken):** The Safety Committee reviewed the Safety manual and the Accident Report Form in January 2017. Minor changes were made to bring the Accident Report document up to date with technology. First Aid kits were checked and evaluated in January and there will be ongoing work done to update the kits with current materials. The Summer Camp first aid kit is under review for renewal. The Obsidian's offered an eight-hour Wilderness Emergency Preparedness seminar in February 2017 which was attended by 18 members. There has been discussion by the board about an additional wilderness first aid session for members and nonmembers to be held at the lodge in April of 2018. Safety Committee members: Maryanne Reiter—Climbs, Sharon Cutsforth—Bus Trips, Mike Smith—Winter Trips, Judy Terry—Summer Trips, Pat Esch—At Large, Lyndell Wilken—Committee Chair.



*Lyndell Wilken and Sue Wolling*

**Summer Trips (John Cooper):** The 2017 season for Summer Trips has been successful despite rescheduled and cancelled trips (there were 17 cancellations some due to forest fires.) A variety of trips did take place. As of Oct. 1, 2017, 144 trips were scheduled, led by 35 leaders. There were 974 members and 155 nonmembers who participated. There have been five backpacking trips, five bicycle trips, 108 hikes, two canoe/ kayaking outings, one car camp, and for the first time one dog-friendly hike. Janet Jacobsen hosted two get-acquainted hikes from the lodge in one day. \$1,369 in fees have been collected. Leadership Training took place in April and for the second year Mark Hougardy put on the Backpackers Rendezvous. Special thanks to Chris Stockdale for setting up the guidelines and leading the club's first dog-friendly hike. Thanks to all the committee members: Janet Jacobsen, Mike Smith, Lana Lindstrom, Dave Cooper, Jan Anselmo, Judy Terry, Joella Ewing, Jane Hackett, Kathy Randall, Lyndell Wilken, and John Cooper, Chair.

**Summer Camp (John Jacobsen):** The 2017 Summer Camp in the North Cascades of Washington was enjoyed by 89 Obsidian summer campers and guests. This was a primitive camp, the first in several years where we needed to bring in all our own facilities. Thank you to Don Doerr and Lana Lindstrom, fellow Summer Camp Committee members; also to the Summer Camp setup crew and all the lead people who made summer camp happen. Currently there are no plans for a Summer Camp in 2018. If anyone has ideas for a camp next year let me know.

**Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell):** During the past year the Trails Committee has been busy working to improve trails in Ridgeline Trail system parks. We held outings on National Trails Day and National Public Lands Day. Mark Hougardy deserves special recognition for taking the initiative to coordinate an overnight trip to work on the Alder Creek restoration project with the Oregon Natural Desert Association. This year's highlights included an estimated \$8,031 worth of volunteer labor from 353 volunteer hours! (Volunteer time is valued at \$22.75 per hour.) 2017 Trail Maintenance participation included: eight outings in Spencer Butte Park, six outings in other Ridgeline parks, and one outing with another organization. 96 members and ten nonmembers participated for a total of 106 participants. Unique participants totaled 38 with 29 being members and nine nonmembers. 2017 Trail Maintenance Committee: Dan Gilmore, Clara Emlen, Todd Larsen, Pat Soussan, and David Cooper.

**Winter Trips (Dave Lodeesen):** The Winter season of 2016/2017 was one of the best snow years for activities other than hiking in many years. The number of snow activities was double or even triple that of recent seasons. The final tally is: hikes: 74, snowshoe: 15, cross country ski: seven, trail maintenance: one. Total Trips: 97. Total fees collected: \$996. Total participation of members: 824, nonmembers 68. The Winter Trips Committee: Janet Jacobsen, Darian Morray, Michael Smith, Judy Terry, and Dave Lodeesen, Chair.



*Board members finishing their terms: Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Esch, and John Cooper.*

## NEW BUSINESS

### Election of New Board Members

The nominees for membership on the Board for January 2018 through December 2020 were Kathy Randall, Sharon

Cutsforth, and John Cooper. The club members present at the annual meeting voted unanimously to elect the three candidates.

**Constitution Changes:** The members discussed making a change to one of the proposed Constitutional changes. The proposed changes were amended to state that there would be no Board meeting "in August" rather than "in the month of summer camp." The full proposal was then approved. In summary, the changes made were matters of simplifying language and reconciling wording with current accepted practices. The changes were put forth in the July/August *Bulletin*. Exact wording was put forward for review in the Members Only section of our website under Documents.

### MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED ON:

Inactive Members:

**Ron Funke** (1947–2016) joined the club in 1963 and was active in the climbing community earning his three peaks and ten peaks awards.

**Norma Bengiat** (1941–2016) went on 13 trips. After retiring she joined Lane County Search and Rescue.

**Tom Giesen** (1940–2017) shared his passion about living in an environmentally responsible manner.

**Betty Speck** (1923–2017) and her late husband, Harvey, both joined the Obsidians in 1990 and enjoyed the bus trips.

**Charlotte Mills** (1929–2017) went on her first activity with the club in 1970 and later earned the 10-peak award. After moving to Yachats, she became one of the spokespersons for a group fighting to stop development that would block the historic Yachats 804 County Road and its potential as coastal walking trail near Yachats.

**Jeannette Forsman** (1925–2017) participated with the Obsidians primarily on bus trips.

Members:

**Chuck Mitchell** (1926–2017) Joined in 1992 and went on 58 activities. Chuck and his late wife, Clare Tucker, were avid photographers. His photo of Fog, Fireweed, and Firs in the Mt. Baker area was chosen for the note card competition of 2010.

**Effie Neth** (1946–2017) joined the club in 1999 and participated in 88 activities which included five summer camps and a raft trip down the Owyhee River. She served on three different Obsidian committees, one being the science and education committee which was of particular interest to her. Effie also led 11 hikes, and all who participated in those trips remember her enthusiasm and joy at being in the outdoors.

**Anne Bonine** (1945–2017) participated in 132 activities which included nine summer camps, kayaking, hiking, skiing and biking. She was Winter Trips Chair for two years and served as food manager at several summer camps. Her love and enthusiasm for the environment led her to sign up for *volunteer working/vacations* with the Sierra Club and Wilderness Volunteers.

**Glenn Meares** (1927–2017), a member since 1967 was a great lover of the outdoors, and during the 40 years he was a member of the Obsidians, he held the office of President and participated in 236 activities including nine summer camps and 43 mountain climbs earning his ten-peak award. He led 44 trips that ranged from climbing North Sister, skiing at Yellowstone, viewing the sky at Pine Mountain Observatory, to birding at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

Closing note: Glenn wrote for 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club: "Each one of these statistics involves memories of shared experiences: good, bad, beautiful, exhilarating, sheer fright and unabashed triumphs. But most of all, camaraderie and lasting friendships that for each of us add collectively to 75 years of our history and the hope that we all 'will find pleasure in the mountains, forest and streams' for another 75 years."

**2017 TRIP AND LEADER AWARDS**

**100 Trip:** Brad Bennett, Steve Cordon, Kathy Randall; **200 Trip:** Daphne James, Nancy Whitfield; **300 Trip:** Dave Cooper, Dave Lodeesen; **25 Leader:** Sue Wolling, **50 Leader:** Chris Stockdale, **100 Trip and 25 Leader:** Steve Johnson, **200 Trip and 25 Leader:** Darko Sojak, **300 Trip and 25 Leader:** Tom Rundle, **300 Trip, 75 Leader:** Lana Lindstrom, **300 Trip, 75 Leader, and 100 Leader:** Mike Smith, **10 Peak Award:** Marge Huseman.



*Jim Duncan presented Lana Lindstrom with her 300 Trip and 75 Leader Awards.*



*Chris Shuraleff presented Chris Stockdale with her 50 Leader Award.*

**2017 SPECIAL AWARDS**

John Cooper presented eight awards. He gave the **Where's Waldo? Award** to Mark Hougardy for leading the first Obsidian trip to the U of O Archives to research the history of Waldo Lake and then leading a trip to locate Waldo's Tree. Richard Hughes received the **Leader of The Bike Pack Award** for leading five Obsidian bike trips this season. Darko Sojak received the **Where are your shoes? Award** for leading the Obsidian barefoot beach walk. Scott Hovis received the **Sleeping on the Ground While Others Snore Award** for leading three Obsidian backpacking trips this year. Tom Rundle was given the **Rock Solid Award** for leading and discussing points of geological interest on hikes. Tom's trips have included geology hikes to Horse Rock and Heceta Head. Meg Stewart Smith received the **Leave the Driving to Us Award** for leading her first Obsidian trip to Belknap Hot Springs using only the LTD bus. The **Dora the Explorer Award** was presented to Kathy Randall for leading exploratory hikes to Gordon Lakes and to Echo Mt. and its North Peak. Steve Cordon received the **Muscle Restoration Award** for leading seven Spencer Butte Wednesday conditioning hikes. "Nothing gets muscles ready for the trail better than the trail itself."

Tom Rundle gave Jennifer Baer the **Awesome Rhumba Dancer Award** for rocking the Obsidian Summer Camp talent show. Lana Lindstrom presented three awards. The first was the **Da Vinci Award** to Bea Fontana as an architect, artist, and contractor, she built a custom cabinet to house the new sound system. Don Doerr earned the **Chief Summer Camp Bean Counter** for maintaining accurate Summer Camp financial and registration information. Darko Sojak was given the **Wander [off the] Trail Award** for leading the first official Extended Trip to a foreign country. Matt Bell presented the **Bloodhound Award** to Tom Rundle for his 'howling' success at finding a missing tool, Dan Gilmore with the **Best Dressed Award** for his movie-worthy appearance as a bandana-



*Nancy Whitfield and Daphne James both earned their 200 Trip Award.*

wearing bandit materializing out of dust clouds, June Sutterfield with the **Ditch Witch Award** for, on her first ever attempt, constructing the perfect drainage dip, and Janet Jacobsen with the **Muck Raker Award** for organizing and leading the most trips to rake storm debris off the trails. Sharon Cutsforth presented Jim Northrop with the **Reluctant Leader Award** for filling in for Sharon on the Southwest bus trip when she lost her voice. Maryanne Reiter gave Marge Huseman a **Golden Anchor Award** as a way to slow her down!

Janet Jacobsen gave Dorene Steggell the **Numerical Award** for using the most trail numbers in a Pisgah trip description. Janet Jacobsen and Michelle Cordon presented Kimberly Van Winkle with the **Success in Climbing Award** because “Success is not counted by how high you have climbed but how many people you brought with you.” Janet Jacobsen and Jorry Rolfe presented Mike Smith with an **Eclipse Prep Award** as a thank you for educating us on the eclipse. Mike was given Chilean pocket change, glasses, and Eclipse stamps for his pending eclipse trip to Chile in 2019. Lana Lindstrom and John Jacobsen were given **Smoke Gets In Your Eyes Blankets** as a reminder and thank you for their efforts in the smoky condition of this year’s Summer Camp. Thanks to Rick Sandford for the Prince Puckler’s ice cream enjoyed by many during the social time before the meeting.



*Kimberly Van Winkle prepares to enjoy her ice cream.*

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## Willamette Pass Winter Trail Volunteers

**T**HE WILLAMETTE PASS WINTER TRAILS PROGRAM involves 23 volunteers with cross country and snowshoe experience. Their focus is on maintaining the diamonds and signage along 70 miles of marked winter trails in the Willamette Pass Recreation area. Each trail has an adopter who keeps track of the trail conditions and submits reports with work they have done and work that still needs to be completed. In addition there are six shelters and the Warner Mountain Lookout that have been adopted by volunteers to assist the forest service in caring for the structures.

When a volunteer decides to work on their trail, they often recruit fellow volunteers to assist, making it a group effort. In the fall a Saturday work session is held to address bigger projects like adding shakes to the roofs of the shelters, replacing diamonds and clearing branches away with the use of ladders.



This work session helps compensate for the low-snowpack years where diamonds can’t be reached.

The trail system includes areas like Gold Lake, Marilyn Lakes, Westview and Bechtel trail areas, Rosary Lakes, Maiden Peak, Fuji Mt, Waldo Lake and Twin Peaks. The combination of the trail system and the shelters are one of the best winter recreation experiences in the country. The Willamette Pass Winter Recreation Map is an excellent resource to take along when skiing or snowshoeing the trails. The maps can be purchased at the forest service headquarters and REI.

If you have backcountry snow skills and are interested in helping maintain the winter trails contact Lyndell Wilken at [lyndellwilken@gmail.com](mailto:lyndellwilken@gmail.com)

## Winter Trips

**T**HE OBSIDIAN WINTER TRIPS SEASON, November 15 to April 1, needs trips. Please send your trip plans in an email to: [wintertrips@obsidians.org](mailto:wintertrips@obsidians.org) with the following information: name of trip, date of trip, type (hike, cross country ski, snowshoe, snow backpacking, nature walk), number of miles, elevation gain, difficulty level (easy, moderate, difficult) and round trip driving distance. Thank you, Winter Trips Committee.

# OCTOBER BOARD NOTES

## October 18, 2017 by Dave Cooper

President Laurie Funkhouser called the meeting to order. Board members present: Dave Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Lyndell Wilken, Maryanne Reiter, Todd Larsen, Marci Hansen, John Cooper, and Pat Esch. Others present: Kathy Randall, Stewart Hoeg, Lana Lindstrom, Carla Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, and John Jacobsen.

The Board approved the minutes for September and the Annual Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report (Stewart Hoeg):** The Board approved payment of the bills.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Summer Trips (John Cooper):** Through Oct. 11, 127 trips have been approved. There were 1,045 members participating with 164 nonmembers participating. \$1,449 in fees has been collected. 19 trips remain to be completed.

**Climbs (Maryanne Reiter):** Climbs had several trips cancelled in August and Sept. due to weather related issues. There were four climbs from August 1–Oct 17 with total revenue of \$87. There is one last climb scheduled for Oct.

**Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell):** There was one outing this past month. We worked to clear the drainage ditches and culverts along the Main Trail in preparation for the City resurfacing the trail.

**Bus Trips (Sharon Cutsforth):** We have completed seven of the eight bus trips scheduled for 2017. The remaining trip is scheduled for Nov. 30–Dec. 1. Total participants to date is 192: 153 members and 39 nonmembers. Total fees collected to date: \$953.00. We have begun planning for 2018 bus trips.

**Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom):** Eight Obsidians went on Darko Sojak's very successful, fun Extended Trip to Croatia in September. \$40 was collected in trip fees.

**Conservation, Science, & Education (Jorry Rolfe):** There was a record attendance at the ExploraTalk with Noah Strycker, "Birding Without Borders", on Sept. 19. Forty attendees heard Russian guest speaker, Dr. Nadja Nikolaeva, hosted by member Alan Curtis on Sept. 29. Renee Patrick with the Oregon Desert Trail presented on Oct. 17. Jorry Rolfe, as newly-approved VP of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, will be attending the officers' meeting this Nov. and an executive committee retreat in March.

**Entertainment (Lana Lindstrom):** Krista Rossow, a National Geographic photographer, presented "Polar Extremes," an excellent program at the Sept. potluck. \$54 was collected.

**Membership (Diane Schechter):** To date, 210 members have renewed their memberships. Renewals are still coming.

**Publicity (Janet Jacobsen):** Our focus for the next few weeks will be publicity for the November 5, 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary Open House. Information has been sent to the *Register Guard* for the weekend events calendar. John Jacobsen designed the flyer now posted on the website. Darko Sojak and I will see that it is posted at various venues. For safety reasons we plan to purchase a set of four canopy weight bags that would be required to use with our canopy tent.

**Concessions (Carla Cooper):** In September we had sales totaling \$129. Sales at the annual meeting were \$255 for a total of \$384 since the last report. Many thanks to Darlene Mancuso for selling on the bus trip and sprucing up our dis-

play tables with new coats of paint.

**Finance (Stewart Hoeg):** The Finance Committee audited the Summer Camp accounts for both 2016 and 2017. Findings: "We found all records in order and easy to track. We conclude that the accounting system in place has effective controls and has provided accurate information regarding the summer camps of 2016 and 2017. Also, we have added a federal money market account at Vanguard and intend to invest a portion of the money currently being held in our US Bank checking account. We have the ability to electronically transfer between these two accounts at no cost within 2–3 business days. The Vanguard account is currently paying 1% annual interest."

**Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen):** A fall cleanup work party was held Tuesday, October 10 to do a bit of mowing, catchup on the summer's growth spurt and to spruce things up for the Obsidian Annual Meeting and the following Sunday's memorial service. Lots of weeding, barking and pruning. Thanks to Ben Brown, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Brenda Kameenui, Doug Nelson and Jim Northrop for their help

**Publications (Lou Maenz):** The September *Bulletin* was mailed out to 442 members and nonmembers. Members received a membership a renewal form. Total cost was \$123.38.

**Safety (Lyndell Wilken):** The safety committee continues to work on bringing the first aid kits up to date.

## OLD BUSINESS

Maryanne Reiter will investigate the Forest Service potentially requiring permit fees for many Three Sisters trailheads. Lyndell Wilken will organize a one-day outdoor first aid class to be offered in the spring by the Safety Committee.

Selection of Obsidians to take NOLS Wilderness First Aid Classes. The chairs of, Winter, Summer, Bus, and Extended Trips, Climbs, Summer Camp, and Trail Maintenance are asked to provide a list of 2–4 candidates for the January class by the November Board meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

- The Board approved the new members presented by the Membership Committee.
- \$1,200 was approved for the removal/trimming of hazardous trees in the parking area. John Jacobsen has met with contractors and will oversee this project.
- The Board approved the Safety Committee buying additional first aid supplies not to exceed \$500.
- The Club received a letter from member Dave Hawkins clarifying the nature and scope of his volunteer activities with the Obsidians.

## OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS:

There was a debriefing of the Annual Meeting. The main concern was the length of the meeting. More specific guidelines for committee reports and awards presentations are needed. With regard to special awards, more strategic planning and coordination between committee chairs is needed. The committee reports give people, especially new members, a chance to meet the committee chairs and see the scope of what it takes to make the Club work. It was suggested that the Board members help serve refreshments and give members an opportunity to meet them one on one.

# NOVEMBER BOARD NOTES

**November 1, 2017 by Dave Cooper**

President Laurie Funkhouser called the meeting to order. Board members present: Dave Cooper, Sharon Cutsforth, Lyndell Wilken, Maryanne Reiter, Todd Larsen, Marci Hansen, John Cooper, and Pat Esch. Kathy Randall, Stewart Hoeg, Kathy Hoeg, Lana Lindstrom, Carla Cooper, and Janet Jacobsen were also in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report (Stewart Hoeg):** The Board approved payment of the bills.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Summer Trips (John Cooper):** Through Oct. 27, 137 trips have been approved. There were 1,122 members and 171 nonmembers participating. Total fees collected were \$1,538. There are 12 trips remaining to be completed. As chair of this committee I plan to resign at the end of this season. (Nov 15) but will continue my duties until a replacement is found.

**Winter Trips (Dave Lodeesen):** Currently 27 trips have been entered on the schedule.

**Climbs (Maryanne Reiter):** There are no further climbs scheduled for the rest of this year. The Climbs committee is meeting Nov. 16 to debrief from the past season and start planning the next.

**Trail Maintenance (Matthew Bell):** There was one outing this past month in Spencer Butte Park working to harden and disguise corners, clear drainage, and sweep trailhead and summit steps. There were 15 total participants—13 members and two nonmembers.

**Bus Trips (Sharon Cutsforth):** We have completed seven of the eight bus trips scheduled for 2017. The remaining trip is scheduled for Nov. 30–Dec. 1. Total participants to date is 192: 153 members and 39 nonmembers. Total fees collected to date: \$953.00. We have begun planning for 2018.

**Conservation, Science, & Education (Jorry Rolfe):** Richard Hughes is ExploraTalk presenter about “the best bike rides in Oregon” on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the Lodge. The October talk was well-attended. No talk in December.

**Entertainment (Lana Lindstrom):** Dr. Bob Lillie presented an awesome program on Plate Tectonics at the October potluck. He ended with Bette Midler's *From a Distance* song and video showing nature scenes which illustrated his talk. This was the first time we connected the new sound system wall plate to a computer and the audio was great. \$53 was collected.

**Membership (Diane Schechter):** To date, 257 members have renewed. Reminder emails will go out in mid-November to those who have not renewed. Thanks to Wes Prouty for his donation in memory of Glenn Meares. This donation will go to the contingency fund.

**Publicity (Janet Jacobsen):** Publicity efforts have been focused on the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House, November 5.

**Concessions (Carla Cooper):** Concessions brought in \$30.46 at the October potluck.

**Library/Historian (Lenore McManigal):** All trips and activities from the last *Bulletin* have been recorded.

**Finance (Stewart Hoeg):** The Finance Committee has begun work on the 2018 budget and has moved \$20,000 electronically from the US Bank checking account into Vanguard's Federal Money Market Fund.

**Lodge Building (Dave Cooper):** The Lodge incurred some additional expense recently. Just before the Annual Meeting and a memorial service we found two light fixtures in the main hall were not working. Fortunately, we were able to get a contractor on short notice and get the repairs made. The cost was \$219.50.

**Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen):** The tree cleanup/restoration work authorized at the October Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6.

**Safety (Lyndell Wilken):** The safety committee continues to upgrade the first aid kit materials and plan for an Emergency Preparedness class in April.

## OLD BUSINESS

Maryanne Reiter has contacted the Deschutes National Forest Service office about the potential \$12 permit fees for many Three Sisters trailheads. Maryanne is expecting an email with details and how to comment on this matter.

The Board reviewed the recommendations from committee chairs of Obsidians to take NOLS Wilderness First Aid Classes. The Board selected Kerry Edinger from Climbs to fill one of the spots for the January class. Other potential candidates are being contacted to find out if they are interested and if the January dates fit their schedule. The Board will make a selection after these people have responded.

## OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS

Janet Jacobsen gave an update on plans for the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

## NEW BUSINESS

The incoming Board for 2018 elected the following officers: President—John Cooper, Vice-president—Lyndell Wilken, Secretary—Kathy Randall, Treasurer—Stewart Hoeg.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Meeting Dec. 6 at 5:30. Pizza at 6:00 for the Board, Committee Chairs and their partners and families.



*2018 Board Officers: Lyndell Wilken—Vice-President, Kathy Randall—Secretary, and John Cooper—President.*

## TRIP REPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



### Bike Trips

#### **Creswell Bakery Loop**

**October 24, 2017**

**Leader: Richard Hughes**

**Bike: 23 miles, 382 ft. (Easy)**

**T**HE FORECAST FOR THIS TRIP WAS SUNNY and a high of 68. At 9:30 AM the fog gods had their way playing hide and seek with buildings and cars. So with red rear lights flashing, we departed on time heading south to Saginaw. Most of the pastures we encountered had bovines, and one even had emus. Upon returning to the start, the sun helped reveal what was previously hidden from view: Creswell Bakery where we stopped for lunch. Members: John Hegg, Richard Hughes, Ruthy Kanagy, Darian Morray, Karen Morray, David Strutin, Harold Thompson.



### Bus Trips

#### **Fall Color & BBQ**

**October 3, 2017**

**Leader: Barbara Beard**

**A** GROUP OF TWENTY-SEVEN OBSIDIANS AND FRIENDS left the Shopko parking lot at 8:00 AM to explore the beautiful McKenzie River. The fall colors along the way were just beginning to show as we headed out with Belknap Springs Resort as our destination. The gorgeous morning brought more beauty along the McKenzie River via McKenzie View Drive. We stopped at the EWEB Park across the Leaburg Dam for our coffee break, making use of the very nice shelter there. There is also signage with information about the area. The Leaburg Fish Hatchery is located to the southeast of the dam with large trophy fish and a few sturgeons. There is a large population of small trout ready for planting in the streams. The facilities and trail along the lake shore are well-maintained and the fish ponds were well stocked at this time. Feeding the fish with the proper food available at the pond's edge made for an exciting time for several riders. Enjoying another 35–40 miles of pure beauty, we arrived at Belknap for hiking, soaking in the wonderful heated hot springs pool, and enjoying the flowers. The highlight of this trip was a BBQ lunch hosted by the Beard family and the hospitality committee. The menu consisted of items from shish kabobs, chicken skewers, BBQ'd asparagus tips, Hawaiian shrimp and veggies, hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, fresh fruit, and berry cobbler with ice cream. Although cooking outside in a strong wind was a challenge, no one went away hungry. Everyone enjoyed a leisurely four hours at Belknap, and we appreciated having use of their lovely great room for dining. Upon departure we drove on up the highway to Sahalie Falls, which is always spectacular to see, and found more fall color along the road. After many cameras and cell phones grabbed

fantastic pictures of the falls, we headed back to Eugene, arriving approximately 5:30 PM. Members: Judy Adamcyk, Tom Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Paula Beard, Sharon Cutsforth, Joella Ewing, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Donna Halker, Anne Hollander, Vern Marsonette, Craig Molitor, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Margaret Prentice, Virginia Prouty, Sam Tracer, Mary Ellen West, Cristy White. Nonmembers: Janet Van Nada, Joanna Molitor, Sheila Marsonette, Adaley Witchey.



### Hikes

#### **North Fork Willamette (Upper Section)**

**September 21, 2017**

**Leader: Dan Christensen**

**Assistant Leader: Frank Lulich**

**Hike: 8 miles, 400 ft. (Moderate)**

**T**HE SCHEDULED TRIP TO THE NORTH FORK UPPER TRAILHEAD could not be completed as the Aufderheide was closed due to fire activity before the trailhead. So we flipped the hike to the lower trailhead (Sullivan #79). We covered the 3.3 miles suggested by Sullivan very quickly, so decided to continue up the trail to find a good lunch spot for a turnaround. We hiked another 1–1 1/2 miles and found a nice riverside lunch stop. Then we turned around and proceeded back to the trailhead. It was estimated we covered nine miles plus in total. The hike proceeded through a typical Doug fir/hemlock forest. The trees were relatively small compared to the upper trail as extensive logging had occurred into the 1930s. It was very beautiful hiking within sight of the river on a trail which only about 400–500 feet of elevation gain. Temperature was just right for hiking under cloudy skies with a threat of showers, which never materialized. Members: Dan Christensen, David Hawkins, Meg Kieran, Frank Lulich, Greg Milliman, Jorry Rolfe. Nonmembers: Kathie Carpenter.

#### **Blanton Ridge**

**September 24, 2017**

**Leader: Mike Smith**

**Hike: 9 miles, 1,900 ft. (Moderate)**

**MARGUERITE AND I DID THE BLANTON RIDGE-SPENCER HIKE** on a quiet morning. On the way down, it was very crowded with a lot of people and dogs. I think the cooler weather and lack of smoke brought people out in droves today. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Mike Smith.

#### **Coffin Mountain/Bachelor Mountain**

**September 29, 2017**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Photographer: Brad Bennett**

**Hike: 7 miles, 2,135 ft. (Moderate)**

**FORTUNATELY, WE STOPPED AT A VIEWPOINT** to take photos of the distant mountains since they quickly disappeared for the rest of the day. We had a light rain on Coffin Mountain

but the Bachelor Mountain trek was dry. The brightest highlights were flame-colored vine maple and huckleberry on the trail and slopes. Unfortunately the leader's car—running low on gas—made it to Rainbow with .3 gallons to spare. It was the first time for Doreen and George to hike the two mountains and they hope to return on a clear day. The views on the four to five-hour hike are worth the two-hour drive (100 miles). Members: Brad Bennett, George Cardenas, Janet Jacobsen, Ellen Johnson, Steven Johnson, Dorene Steggell.



*Janet and Dorene heading down.*

## Yoran Lake/Lils Lake Loop

September 30, 2017

Leader & Photographer: Jan Anselmo

Hike: 12 miles, 1,329 ft. (Difficult)

A LARGER GROUP TURNED INTO A SMALLER GROUP by Friday evening. I suppose folks were concerned that it might rain, but it was a day of mixed clouds and sunshine. We set out at 9:00 AM at a brisk pace suitable to all. We were rewarded by that earthy smell that fall brings, along with pleasant views of golden reddish huckleberry bushes. No dust. No bugs. No sweat. Everyone stopped at Karen lake for snacks and then continued on to Lils Lake for lunch. The sun sparkled off of



*Chris, Andrew, and Rich at Lils Lake lunch stop.*

the water. At the PCT, we looked back at Diamond Peak in all her snow-covered glory. The return route goes by Hidden and Arrowhead Lakes along with several unnamed lakes and ponds. The next time hikers will probably be gliding down this trail on skis instead of walking. As we piled into the car and drove away, the rain started. Perfect. Members: Jan Anselmo, Richard Anselmo, Chris Stockdale. Nonmembers: Andrew McIvor.

## The Twins

October 1, 2017

Leader: John Cooper

Hike: 6.6 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)

GIVEN THAT THE WEATHER WAS TO BE COOL AND SHOWERY, I expected many more cancellations. To my surprise nine hikers did participate. We drove to the trailhead off of Waldo Road through light rain hoping for a break in the weather. Instead of rain we experienced snow both on the ground, and as we gained elevation, in the form of showers. The group steadily made way to the loop taking us towards Charlton Lake. We then connected with the slope coming off the South Twin and ascended to the trail to the North Peak where we had lunch sitting in the snow. Good views were not to be had, but the day's conditions made for a fun challenge. We continued on the loop to the Charlton Lake intersection and then back to the cars. All participants came prepared and easily completed the hike in four and a half hours. Thanks to the hikers who were willing to adventure out when staying home seemed tempting. Members: Keiko Bryan, Marguerite Cooney, John Cooper, Rebecca Eastwood, Barbara Gunther, Lana Lindstrom, Kathy Randall, Dorene Steggell, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Kathie Carpenter.

## Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise

October 5, 2017

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 3 miles, 1,000 ft. (Easy)

AN HOUR BEFORE THE 6:45 SUNSET, we took the longer way to the summit using trails 7, 3, 4, and 1. It was a pleasant evening to enjoy the sunset reds, eat our yellow pears from Me and Moore, and wait 25 minutes for the moon to appear above the foothills. The spectacular bright red harvest moon was greeted with cheers and clapping. We were back at the cars around 8:00. Members: Rick Ahrens, Marianne Camp, Vicky Hanson, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen. Nonmembers: Deanne Lahaie-Noll.

## Jo Ann Lorin/Birthday Lakes Loop

October 7, 2017

Leader: Richard Anselmo

Hike: 10 miles, 2,000 ft. (Difficult)

FIVE VETERAN HIKERS AND ONE NEWBIE SET OUT on a drizzly Saturday to hike some unknown, less frequently visited territory in the Waldo lake area. We began on the Fuji Mountain trail then followed the blue ski diamonds through Jo Ann and Lorin Lakes. We connected with the South Waldo trail, hiked through Island Lakes, then rerouted back to the ski diamonds to the Fuji shelter and Birthday Lakes area. Our exit was again on the Fuji Mountain trail completing a 10.3-mile loop. Someone figured we were hiking about three mph. This is a

new hike for those tiring of the same old trails. Members: Jan Anselmo, Richard Anselmo, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham. Nonmembers: Kent Godfrey.

## EMX to Wetlands

October 10, 2017

Leader: Tom Rundle

Hike: 8.4 miles, 40 ft. (Moderate)

**COOL AUTUMN DAY WITH HIGH CLOUDS** and a few sun breaks. Leaves turning from green to orange and gold. We departed the EMX at Sam Reynolds station and walked about four miles through the wetlands out to the corner of Royal Avenue and Green Hill Road. This included a 0.6-mile loop along a narrow foot path. We saw some interesting birds including a great blue heron, Cooper's hawk, red-tailed hawk, kite, western meadowlarks, juncos, song sparrows, a large formation of Canada geese, and the usual crows and turkey vultures. We also saw at least a half-dozen other wetland bird species we couldn't identify. Members: David Lodeesen, Tom Rundle, Leigh Williams.

## Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

September 20-October 11

Various Leaders

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

**The Hikers by Date were:** **September 20:** Members: Michael King (leader), David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Hilary Fisher, Vicky Hanson, Lana Lindstrom, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Dorene Steggell, Hannah Schandelmeier-Lynch, non-member. **September 27:** Members: Mike Smith (leader), Jennifer Baer, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, David Reinhard, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Rick Sanford, Dorene Steggell, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Kathie Carpenter, Dan Russell. **October 4:** Members: Tom Rundle (leader), Jennifer Baer, Brad Bennett, Michelle Cordon, Steve Cordon, Janet Jacobsen, Michael King, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Caroline Moore, Jim Northrop, Jorry Rolfe, Gary Spizizen, Dorene Steggell, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Darian Morray (leader), Hilary Fisher, Vicky Hanson, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Koester, David Lodeesen, Carla Lyon, Vern Marsonette, Caroline Moore, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, Tommy Young. Nonmembers: Nancy Collins.

## Mt. Pisgah

October 14, 2017

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 7 miles, 1,100 ft. (Moderate)

**IT WAS A CRISP FALL DAY** to hike on the open hillsides and enjoy the autumn colors. Dorene, the *real* leader, guided us on newly surfaced Trail 5, where we met and talked with Bill Montgomery, an Obsidian and a Friends of Buford Park volunteer who has dedicated many years to building and surfacing trails. It was a steady uphill on Trails 6 and 2 to the summit for clear views of whitecapped mountains. There were requests for more hikes that started at 9:30. The hike took 2 1/2 hours. Members: Jane Beckwith, Brad Bennett, Carla

Cooper, David Cooper, May Fogg, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Caroline Moore, Dave Predeek, Dorene Steggell, June Sutterfield, Blue Wesley. Nonmembers: Barbara Orsi.



*Bill interrupted his burrito break to tell us about his work on Trail 5.*

## Charlton Lake to Irish Lake via PCT

October 15, 2017

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 10.4 miles, 450 ft. (Difficult)

**ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED** from the Westfir ranger station, we should have clear road and up to two inches of snow on the PCT trail. We found road NF 5897 (Waldo Lake access road) with ten inches of crunchy frozen snow. Since we had one low clearance Prius, we squeezed 12 people and all the gear in two AWD SUVs. In heavy loaded cars we continued for six miles until we encountered a ranger, in his big 4x4 Chevy truck, stuck in the middle of the snowy road. Unable to go around the stuck truck, we backed for a quarter of the mile before being able to turn our vehicles. After assessing the situation, we collectively decided to drive a few miles back down to Hwy 58 and to Salt Creek Falls. There on somewhat lower elevation, our cheerful group hiked 3.2 miles—Salt Creek to Diamond Creek Falls loop. All good, besides undercarriage skid plate damage on leader's vehicle. Members: Marguerite Cooney, Consuelo Gomez, Daphne James, Vern Marsonette, Lynn Meacham, Kathy Randall, Tom Rundle, Randy Sinnott, Darko Sojak, Pam Symond. Nonmembers: Kathie Carpenter, JoDee Martin.

## Macduff Mountain

October 16, 2017

Leader: Steven Johnson

Hike: 8 miles, 2,300 ft. (Difficult)

**SCHEDULING A HIKING TRIP TO THE CASCADE FOOTHILLS IN THE FALL** is always a gamble with the weather, so not surprisingly my first date for this trip, Oct. 12, had to be postponed for both rain and snow. I rescheduled for Oct. 16 hoping the predicted break in the weather would hold. The day started with beautiful blue skies as we headed to the Horsepasture trailhead over the Cougar reservoir dam. Unfortunately the road was closed by a construction crew that day so we got

together to decide on a different destination in the area. Our new goal was Macduff Mtn. as its trailhead was close, and it offers great views of the Cascades. Keeping our fingers crossed that the gate was open, and it was, we made our way up the rather steep and rocky gravel road to begin our hike. We did encounter a few inches of snow from the previous week's storm; however, it was not enough to stop us. We were rewarded with a spectacular view of the freshly coated mountains unobscured by either clouds, smoke, or haze. After our hike we stopped at the Vida Market for ice cream cones and then the Leaburg Fish Hatchery to feed the fish. Members: Ben Brown, Keiko Bryan, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Ellen Johnson, Steven Johnson, Barbara Orsi.

## **Mt Pisgah**

**October 21, 2017**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Hike: 5.5 miles, 1,200 ft. (Moderate)**

**WITH A DOWNPOUR IN THE WEATHER FORECAST**, Dorene planned a route that gave us several options to abort the hike. We, or perhaps our rain gear, persevered so that we were able to hike for two hours and 15 minutes. Members: May Fogg, Janet Jacobsen, Caroline Moore, Dorene Steggell.

## **Larison Creek**

**October 22, 2017**

**Leader: Kathy Randall**

**Hike: 7.4 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)**

**TWO BRAVE HIKERS JOINED ME** for a soggy, wet hike up Larison Creek. We had light rain/dripping water from trees the entire hike. Fortunately, the temperature was mild (mid-upper 50s). We hiked a total of 7.4 miles, turning around at the creek crossing past the small pool, which had rushing water too high to cross without fording and getting water in our boots. We enjoyed a lunch break back at the small pool on our hike out. We saw no other hikers until just before returning to the trailhead. Members: Barbara Orsi, Kathy Randall. Nonmembers: Caitlin Holmes.

## **Aubrey- Heckletooth Mt.**

**October 22, 2017**

**Leader: Mike Smith**

**Hike: 11.5 miles, 2,025 ft. (Difficult)**

**THIS WAS AN EXPLORATORY HIKE** into an area not often appearing on the hiking calendar. The trailhead is within two miles of Hwy 58, right across from the Sasquatch! I had no idea what was up there on a mountain biking trail, let alone doing it in a pouring rain. But, three others came along, and we all took a look! The hike has mostly level areas and then mostly steep climbs. Most of the 2,000' vertical occurs in the last part of the hike. The trail is in good shape, and in autumn the colors are fabulous!! We saw yellows, reds, light greens and big vine maple leaves on the trail. Heckletooth was about 5.5, and only one of the two routes to Aubrey exists, despite the GPS's showing two. The climbs have many switchbacks and the top is nice—when there isn't a lot of rain, fog, and wind. I expected all the weather we got; the sheer beauty was completely unexpected. This is a nice autumn hike, but difficult unless one goes in only about 3–4 miles, in which case, without a lot of elevation gain, one will see a lot of color!

Members: Steve Cordon, Lynn Meacham, Randy Sinnott, Mike Smith.

## **Wild Iris Ridge Grand Opening**

**October 24, 2017**

**Leader: Janet Jacobsen**

**Photographer: Carla Cooper**

**Hike: 3.4 miles, 620 ft. (Easy)**

**IT WAS A PERFECT FALL MORNING** for neighbors, hikers, and Parks and Open Space staff to visit and munch on muffins and other treats, Eleven Obsidians, plus several not signed up added their applause for the official welcome of Eugene's newest addition to the Ridgeline Trail System. The recently completed 1.3-mile trail opens up the 250 acre Wild Iris Ridge Park. Mayor Lucy Vinis cut the ribbon and soon we were hiking down the trail. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jan Danforth, Patricia Esch, Janet Jacobsen, David Lodeesen, Dave Predeek, Mike Smith, Pat Soussan, Dorene Steggell, Nancy Whitfield.



*Beautiful fall day to hike at Wild Iris Ridge.*



**Climbs**

## **Crawfish Lake Conditioning Hike**

**April 29, 2017**

**Leader: Wayne Deeter**

**Hike: 10 miles, 3,500 ft. (Difficult)**

**M**ODERATE TEMPS MADE FOR A PLEASANT EXERCISE HIKE in the hills above Brice Creek; the only downside was the background noise from helicopter logging over a ridge to the north. After visiting Marten Spring, we hiked about a mile on the snow-covered Adams Mountain road, then descended to Crawfish Lake. After lunch we hiked several miles of Forest Service roads, finally returning to the Adams Mountain Way trail via a new, unofficial mountain biker-cut trail, and then back to the car at the Lund Park Campground. Members: Steve Cordon, Wayne Deeter, Casey Janz, Laura Osinga, Eric Thornton.

## Diamond Peak/Graduation Climb

May 27, 2017

Leader: Marge Huseman

Climb: 8 miles, 3,979 ft. (Difficult)

**WE STARTED OFF THE DAY** with ten new climb school graduates. While unsure if climb school had prepared the team for the climb, almost everyone remembered that summit/leader treats were a critical part of the outing. Kudos to Maryanne for such proper preparation. Once the mosquitos found the group in the parking lot, we made quick work to get above snow line before being carried off. The mountain was in good shape, and we had beautiful blue skies to climb under. The entire group was able to make it to the summit—ten new Diamond summits for the team and, for several, their first Oregon peak! After a successful summit, we celebrated with a 1,700-foot glissade off the summit. Rumor has it the glissade was fast enough that at least one team member could have received a speeding ticket in a school zone. Overall, a great day out in the mountains. I look forward to more climbs with this team. A big thank you to Wayne for the assist. Members: Steve Cordon, Wayne Deeter, Marge Huseman, Robert Oslon. Nonmembers: Adam Jansons, Eric Gran, Patrick Mucker, Joe Moll, Cheri Young, Kurtis Erving, Lauren Hendricks, Andrew Mucker.

## Mt. Shasta/Whitney Glacier

July 8, 2017

Leader: Danneille Harris

Climb: 14 miles, 8,000 ft. (Difficult)

**ONE OF THE MORE DIFFICULT ROUTES UP MT SHASTA, THE WHITNEY GLACIER ROUTE** is remote and arduous. The long approach and many crevasses keep most climbers away, but the stark beauty made it all worthwhile. All three team members were able to summit and then descend via the Hotlum Bolum route. Members: Danneille Harris. Nonmembers: Alexander Ellis, Matt Mallet.

## Mt. Jefferson/Milk Creek

July 14, 2017

Leader: Danneille Harris

Assistant Leader: Marge Huseman

Climb: 12 miles, 7,000 ft. (Difficult)

**FIVE STRONG OBSIDIAN CLIMBERS STARTED** up the Woodpecker Ridge Trail with aspirations to climb Mt. Jefferson. We were headed up the West Rib route, the shortest route up the mountain. After a few easy trail miles, we started up the Milk Creek drainage. Rumor has it there is a climbers trail that leads up Milk Creek—all we found was brush, sand, and the start of a country western song—*Sidehillin' on Scree*. With only a couple miles from camp to the summit, how hard could this climb be? The climbing team got an alpine start with hopes of tagging the summit and hiking out in the same day. The climbing was slow since we had to use ropes and pickets to protect much of it because of the steep terrain and ice. We made slow, but steady progress with Marge and Danni swapping leads and were at the base of the summit pinnacle shortly before lunch. Danni had a great lead up the mixed rock and ice summit block. We enjoyed a brief pause at the

summit before working our way back down the mountain. Downward progress was also slow, making sure we kept protecting the rope team until the fall danger was minimized. The exhausted team made its way back into camp and barely got a hot meal in before enjoying a second night out. This one is always heavy on the *type 2 fun* but we safely and successfully put four strong climbers on the top. Our climb was a reminder that there is no easy way up Mt. Jefferson. Members: Danneille Harris, Marge Huseman, Maryanne Reiter, Mikel Rhodes, Charles Warren.

## North Sister

July 29, 2017

Leader: Wayne Deeter

Assistant Leader: Maryanne Reiter

Climb: 16 miles, 5,300 ft. (Difficult)

**WE ONLY MADE IT UP TO 8,900 FEET** on the SE spur of the south ridge as I (the leader) was not in shape and slightly ill. However, we did have a pleasant camp above the Thayer Glacier the evening before the climb attempt. Thanks are due to my cheerful participants for their uncomplaining acceptance of our non-summit. Members: Maryanne Reiter. Hayden Banks, Wayne Deeter, Marci Hansen, Laura Osinga.

## Mt. Thielsen

September 10, 2017

Leader: Marci Hansen

Climb: 10 miles, 3,800 ft. (Difficult)

**SEVEN OF US SUMMITED MT THIELSEN** on September 10. We started at 4 AM. We started early because a Mazama group was climbing that day as well. We were back at the trailhead in nine hours. It was a zippy group and we had a beautiful day. It was the first time on Thielsen for four of the seven climbers. Members: Steve Cordon, Rebecca Eastwood, Marci Hansen, Andrew Mucker, Patrick Mucker, Laura Osinga. Nonmembers: Kate Hartley.

## Mount Hubris

September 22, 2017

Leader: Maryanne Reiter

Climb: 7 miles, 2,500 ft. (Difficult)

**THE CLEAR BLUE SKIES ON OUR MOUNT HUBRIS CLIMB** were so very welcomed after a summer of so much smoke. We headed down Friday night, and camped at Castle Crags State Park. We got up at 4:00 AM and hiked in the dark to the start of the climb. We were the only ones up there and had the whole climb essentially to ourselves. Everyone did great on the climb and the rappel. We were hungry when we got back and decided to go for Thai food in Dunsmire since we heard there was a good Thai place there. The restaurant was in an historic building and the walls had old photos. The music was provided by an old record player. Not your typical Thai. The food was good, the climbing team was happy. Then we had the long drive back to Eugene. Members: Hayden Banks, Larry Banks, Marci Hansen, Meg McNabb, Ivan Paskalev, Maryanne Reiter.



## Trail Maintenance

### National Public Lands Day

September 30, 2017

Leader: Matthew Bell

Photographer: Pat Soussan

Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

**F**OR THIS MONTH'S OUTING WE WORKED TO CLEAR DRAINAGE and culverts along the Main Trail in anticipation of it being resurfaced. We worked to clear caked duff out of ditches and rolling drain dips. We made sure that there was sufficient room for the outflow of water from culverts by moving storm debris out of the way and clearing six to eight feet away from the pipes. Janet deserves special thanks for cleaning up the trail and trail sides by filling up the same garbage bag three times with refuse and dog poop. We returned to the trailhead for snacks before heading out for pizza. Members: Matthew Bell, David Cooper, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Tom Rundle, Pat Soussan, June Sutterfield.



*Dan, Dave, June, and Matt all in action on the trail on National Public Lands Day.*

## Extended Trips

### White Mountains in California

August 23 – 29, 2017

Leader: Alan B. Curtis

Photographers: Alan Curtis and Dave Lodeesen

Hikes: Easy to Difficult, 5 miles to 14 miles

**O**UR FIRST CHALLENGE WAS TO DRIVE 660 MILES to the White Mountains. We broke that up with an overnight stop in Reno, Nevada. Then with an early start the next day, we covered miles and by afternoon began the winding, very scenic drive into the Inyo National Forest near Big Pine, California. We headed for the Crooked Creek Research Station (CCRS) of the University of California, located at 10,150 feet elevation. That was our home for the next four nights. We enjoyed the nice accommodations and well-prepared meals by the resident cook. Our first hike, an easy five miles, was the Methuselah Trail which wound through a bristlecone pine forest. This forest was unlike any others we had seen, as the trees had living branches on one side and exposed wood on the windward side. Yet every tree was beautiful and different in appearance from the others. The oldest living tree on Earth, over 4,800 years old, and named *Methuselah*, was located somewhere on this trail (but is not identified to protect it from vandalism). The next day we drove higher, to 11,300 feet, and took a short hike to see the *Patriarch tree*. This tree has the distinction of having the largest girth of all the bristlecone



*The Patriarch Tree.*

pinos. We continued on to an open ridge for lunch and a spectacular view to the west of the Sierra Nevada Mountains with their many snow-capped peaks and ridges. The next day Russ and Ferda Bailey chose to drive up the road to a closed gate at 11,680 feet where they began the hike to White Mt. Peak, which is 14,246 feet in altitude. Their hike followed a gravel path for seven miles, and they both made it to the summit. Russ and Ferda live across the ocean in Turkey, and they do a lot of hiking in Europe, and we were glad to have them join us on this White Mountains trip. The rest of us hiked along Crooked Creek for about five miles and enjoyed great scenery. After leaving our very accommodating home at CCRS we headed north but detoured to Convict Lake, elevation 9,000 feet, for a short hike with beautiful scenery. We spent the night in Carson City, Nevada and returned home the following day. Members: Alan Curtis, Steve Adey, Marsha Barr, Dan Christensen, Nikki Frank, Scott Hovis, Dave Lodeesen, Evelyn Nagy, Sam Tracer. Nonmembers: Silva and Zack Marin, Russ and Ferda Bailey.



*Enjoying the view from Veliki Risnjak.*

full of native trout and pike. In the middle of our Croatia trip, we visited the coastal city of Zadar, population 75,000. Light rain somewhat limited our group to admire historical monuments and cultural heritage of this central Adriatic city with a rich, ancient and medieval history. We had excellent weather for our Paklenica National Park visit. This UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve offers great hiking and climbing opportunities. Hiking trails carved in the canyon of the south slopes of Mount Velebit provide nice shade in hot weather and limitless photographic opportunities. This relatively small area offers exceptional diversity of geomorphologic phenomena and is widely popular in the European climbing community. The last day of our journey we took a pleasant riverboat ride from the charming town of Skradin so we could hike in Krka River National Park. We visited crystal clear Skradinski Buk waterfall, enjoyed fantastic karst formations and huge travertine water cascades. We also saw the place where the second hydro plant in the world was built and an interesting ethno village. After returning to the town of Skradin and a lunch, we drove to another part of Krka River where a small boat took us to Visovac Island and its Franciscan monastery. Before the final evening dinner and a celebration of this amazing adventure, we explored the old town of Skradin and Swan Harbor. We stayed in nice small hotels and in simple private accommodations. Everybody enjoyed good local food. Members: Barbara Aten, Keiko Bryan, Barbara Kay Cosby, May Fogg, Evelyn Nagy, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak, June Sutterfield.



*Alan, Evelyn, Sam, and Steve stopped at Obsidian Dome.*

## Croatia's Natural Wonders

September 20-28, 2017

Leader: Darko Sojak

Photographers: Kathy Randall and Darko Sojack

**EIGHT OF US VISITED FIVE CROATIAN NATIONAL PARKS.** The Risnjak National Park in Risnjak Mountain Range is named after a rare animal that inhabits its woods – the lynx (Ris in Croatian). Park is located in Gorski Kotar, the most mountainous and heavily forested region of the country, about ten miles inland from the Adriatic Sea. Everybody enjoyed great weather and 360° view from the top. North Velebit National Park is Croatia's youngest National Park. The area is rich in karst phenomena, outstanding biodiversity, and exquisite nature on a relatively small area. The Park is crisscrossed with numerous hiking trails. We hiked the famous Premuzic trail, marvelously built in difficult terrain. Light drizzle did not spoil our long day in Plitvice Lakes National Park. We hiked boardwalks, bridges and paths around 16 emerald green and opal blue travertine lakes, separated by over 90 waterfalls. After a picnic lunch, we took a short boat ride across the largest lake to continue less-visited trails in this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lakes surrounded by beech and pine forests are



*Croatian hikers with their guide at Risnjak mountain shelter.*

## UPCOMING HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

**Friday, November 24: Turkey Trimming.** Lana Lindstrom will lead a six-mile urban hike to recover from the turkey dinner.

**Saturday, November 25: Ridgeline Trail/Spencer Butte trail maintenance** from 9:00–12:00. Lemonade and cookies are the reward. Contact [trails@obsidians.org](mailto:trails@obsidians.org)

**Thursday/Friday, Nov 30–Dec 1: Shore Acres Christmas Lights Bus Trip.** See below for information. Contact Judy Phelps at 726-0118 to sign up.

**Tuesday, December 12: Stocking Stuffer hike/lunch.** Janet Jacobsen and Joella Ewing will lead an easy Ribbon Trail hike with a shared soup/lunch at the Lodge.

**Thursday, December 21: Mt. Pisgah/Winter Solstice.** Hike 1.5 miles to the top of Mt. Pisgah to see the sun (we hope) shine through the pedestal.

**Tuesday, December 26: Hike to Gillespie Butte and Skinner Butte,** 8 miles, without stopping at Valley River to return those gifts.

**Sunday December 31: Walking Through the Solar System,** 7 miles. On the River Walk, Mike Smith will share interesting facts regarding each of the scale model planet pedestals.

**Monday January 1: New Year's Day/Spencer Butte.** Choose to hike to the top the Butte on a 5.5-mile hike with Mike Smith or a 2.2-mile hike with Janet Jacobsen. Toast in the New Year.

**Monday January 1: Pisgah Full Moonrise.** Hike up Pisgah and watch the moon rise to conclude the first day of the new year.

Trips go online three weeks before the event. Sign up at [www.obsidians.org](http://www.obsidians.org)

**Christmas Lights at Shore Acres**  
November 30–December 1 (Thurs–Fri)  
Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard  
Cost: \$174 (\$178 nonmembers)  
Reservations & checks:  
Judy Phelps, 726-0118



**WE WILL LOAD THE BUS AT 8:30 AM AND DEPART AT 9:00** on this trip to see the spectacular colored lights display in Shore Acres State Park. Our route will take us down I-5 to Hwy. 38, through Drain, Reedsport, and down Hwy. 101 to Coos Bay. **Bring a sack lunch** to be enjoyed at one of the stops along the way. We hope to see some of the resident elk at the Dean Creek Elk Viewing area. There will be a few more pull-off stops prior to arriving at the Mill Creek Casino in Coos Bay, our overnight destination. Following early check-in and dinner (included) we plan to leave before 6:00 PM for Shore Acres via the Charleston area. Entry cost to the park is also included in cost of the trip. There will be ample time to tour the lighted grounds, enjoy the animation and see the decorated house. Christmas goodies will be shared on the way back to the Casino. Allowing time for a leisurely breakfast at the Casino, we will load the bus at 9:00 AM and depart at 9:30 on Friday. We will travel north on Hwy. 101 with a stop at Old Town Florence on the waterfront. There will be time for some holiday shopping and lunch (on your own) before departing for home around 2:30 PM. Heading inland on Hwy. 126, we expect to arrive back at Shopko by 4:30 PM.

Bus trip information is also available on the Obsidian home page: [www.obsidians.org](http://www.obsidians.org)

Contact information: [bustrips@obsidians.org](mailto:bustrips@obsidians.org)  
Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee Chair, 746-4929

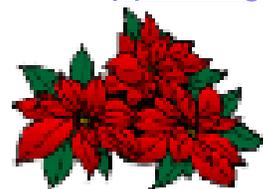
## Fourth Annual Stocking Stuffer Hike & Lunch

Tuesday, December 12, 10:00 AM



**JOELLA EWING AND JANET JACOBSEN ARE LEADING** a three-mile easy hike on the Ribbon Trail with a follow-up bowl of soup at the Lodge. Instead of trip fees bring a pair of new inexpensive wool socks to be donated to the Egan Warming Centers. Last year we collected 129 pairs of socks. Also bring your plate, bowl, and utensils. Call Joella at 344-9197 if you can help with the potluck soup luncheon. Sign up begins November 22.

If questions, email [bjjacobsen@comcast.net](mailto:bjjacobsen@comcast.net)



## AT THE LODGE



# POTLUCK

Friday, November 17 at 6:30 PM

## A Walking Safari with the Maasai Youth



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEND TWO WEEKS WITH TRIBAL YOUTH** on the plateau above the famous Maasai Mara preserve in Kenya, Africa? Pat Boleyn had the opportunity to be a volunteer instructor with the Maasai, and she will share her insights into their culture, as well as photos of the wildlife of this beautiful land. Pat Boleyn has taught biology, ecology, and watershed science at LCC for 15 years and has worked as a wildlife biologist for the Nature Conservancy, the Forest Service, and other organizations.



Pat Boleyn

### Potluck

Friday, November 17, 2017

Potluck, 6:30 PM Program, 7:30 PM

Obsidian Lodge

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



## ExploraTalk

Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 PM

## How to Find the Best Rides in Oregon With Richard Hughes



**OBSIDIAN MEMBER RICHARD HUGHES IS AN INFLUENTIAL PROONENT OF THE WILLAMETTE SCENIC BIKEWAY** and earlier this year was appointed member of the Oregon Scenic Bikeways Committee. He will explore with us not only how to find the best rides in Oregon, but also where to stay overnight, which restaurants to frequent, and when bike events occur throughout the state.



Richard Hughes

# Obsidian Calendar

## November

5 Sun	90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House Jacobsen .....	206-1251
8 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper .....	868-5427
10 Fri	Spencer Butte Hike E Cooper .....	517-6785
10 Fri	Veteran's Day Hike Hike E Lodeesen .....	214-709-0352
12 Sun	Larison Rock Hike D Smith .....	520-488-9569
14 Tue	The Best Rides in Oregon .....	ExploraTalk
15 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle .....	653-0741
16 Thu	November in Marcola Bike M Hughes .....	933-5542
17 Fri	Walking With Masai Youth .....	Potluck
18 Sat	Silver Falls State Park Hike M Bennett .....	359-5198
19 Sun	Castle Rock Hike D Smith .....	520-488-9569
22 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith .....	520-488-9569
24 Fri	Turkey Trimming Hike E Lindstrom .....	683-1409
25 Sat	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M Bell .....	503-884-8829
29 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle .....	653-0741
30 Thu	Shore Acres Christmas Lights Bus Beard .....	994-2337

## December

6 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cooper .....	868-5427
10 Sun	Cummins Creek Loop Hike M Smith .....	520-488-9569
12 Tue	Stocking Stuffer & Lunch Hike E Jacobsen .....	206-1251

13 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M King .....	554-1180
20 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon .....	513-3452
21 Thu	Pisgah Winter Solstice Hike M Jacobsen .....	206-1251
26 Tue	Gillespie Butte Hike E Jacobsen .....	206-1251
27 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Cordon .....	513-3452
31 Sun	Walk thru the Solar System Hike E Smith .....	520-488-9569

## January

1 Mon	New Year's Day (#1) Hike E Jacobsen .....	206-1251
1 Mon	New Year's (#2) Hike M Smith .....	520-488-9569
1 Mon	Pisgah Full Moon Rise Hike M Smith .....	520-488-9569
3 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Jacobsen .....	206-1251
10 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Steggell .....	343-7018
16 Tue	Lizards Tales with Tom Titus .....	ExploraTalk
17 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Lindstrom .....	683-1409
24 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle .....	653-0741
31 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Rundle .....	653-0741

## February

7 Wed	Amazon Hdwtres/Spencer Butte Hike M Strutin .....	221-9015
13 Tue	Forest Ecology with Whitey Lueck .....	ExploraTalk
14 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M Morray .....	953-5679

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Our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary mugs are here! Just \$10 each. Concessions is also offering T-shirts, caps, and more that would make a great gift for your favorite Obsidian or yourself. Stop by our display at the next Obsidian Lodge event or contact Carla at [sales@obsidians.org](mailto:sales@obsidians.org)



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- 1 mens Sport Hill ski top size large
- 1 pair mens Edelweiss downhill bib ski pants size 36

- Barrecrafters roof mounted ski rack. For a car with roof gutters. \$25
- Fischer Touring Crown X-country skis 180cm. \$45
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Call Sandra 541-687-2589 or email [sglars@comcast.net](mailto:sglars@comcast.net)

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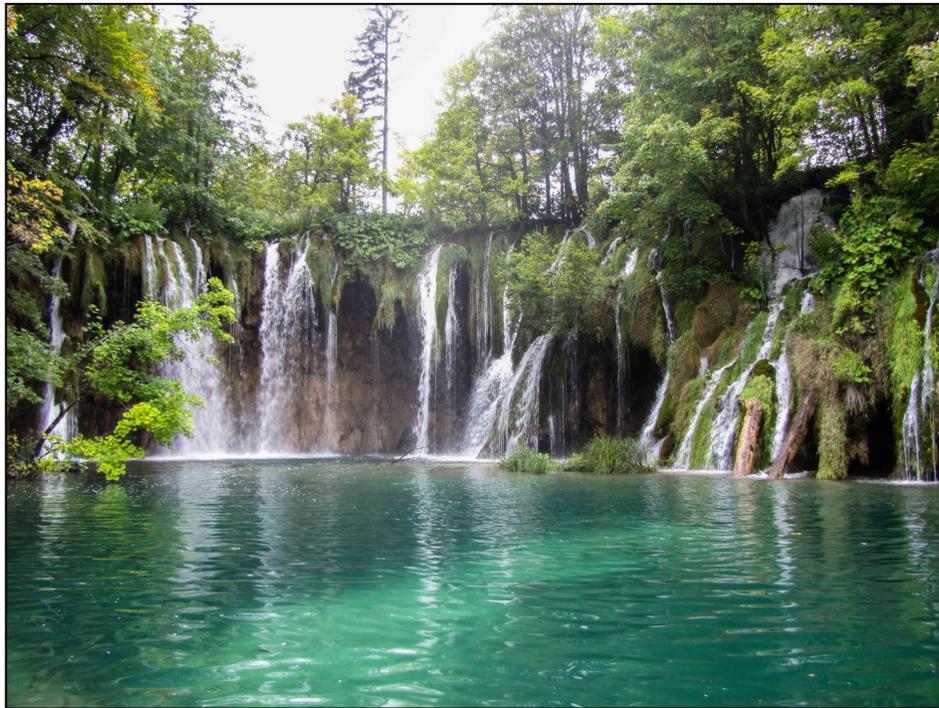
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*Kathy Randall's photo from Plitvice Lakes National Park in Croatia.  
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