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March 25	Summer Camp Rally

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SUMMER CAMP

Sue Wolling

AS THE DAYS GROW SLIGHTLY LONGER, you might be starting to dream of wonderful summer hikes without getting cold and wet, while admiring beautiful mountain views, and lazing around in the evening, talking with friends. That sounds like Summer Camp!

Your Summer Camp committee has been busy planning this year's camp. The work has involved a lot of phone calls, computer research and number-crunching, but it's also brightened up some cold, gray winter days with visions of glaciers and waterfalls, expansive meadows full of wildflowers, and sightings of goats, marmots, and other wildlife.

We're very optimistic that Camp Reiter will be a go. Once registration opens up, it's sure to 'go viral'—but in order to be confident that camp itself doesn't involve viruses, we've pushed registration back a bit later than usual. The details are finally falling into place. So here is the information you need. It's all pretty solid, except...well, Mount St. Helens seemed solid for decades, too, until it suddenly exploded! Check the Obsidian web page and the March *Bulletin* for updates, but plan on the following:

Camp Reiter: July 31–August 6, 2022

Cascade Peaks RV Park

(hotels are also available nearby in Packwood and Randle)

Summer Camp Rally: March 25, 7 PM

(hopefully in person at the Lodge, but possibly on Zoom)

Registration:

Members: Thursday, March 31, 7 AM

Nonmembers: Sunday, April 3, 7 AM

If you have not yet become a member, but really want to go to Summer Camp, you still have time. Get those qualifying hikes in this month, send in your application, and be up bright and early on March 31 to sign up as a member for your best possible shot at making the list!

Speaking of shots and COVID: participants will be required to be fully vaccinated and boosted if you are eligible. You will be asked to send a copy of your vaccination card with your registration.



*A view of
Mt. Rainier*

Welcome New Members!

Suzanne Hurt
Eugene, OR 97405

Ane McKee
Eugene, OR 97405

Membership Directory

Diane Schechter

EFFECTIVE LAST YEAR, the Obsidians Membership Directory is no longer printed and mailed to members. While this is a cost savings, the biggest advantage is that the online directory is updated regularly, so that members who join throughout the year can be included. It is available on our website in the Members Only section.

If you want a printed copy of the directory, contact Janet Jacobsen at:

jbjacobsen@comcast.net or 206-1251.

Obsidians Vote YES to Become a 501c3 Charitable Organization

Maryanne Reiter

ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022 THE OBSIDIAN MEMBERSHIP LOGGED IN TO ZOOM to hear about the implications of changing our tax status, and then to vote on amending our Constitution, which was one of the requirements to become a 501c3. We had 45 people on Zoom and another 13 people who cast absentee ballots. The vote was unanimous in favor of the changes. It was great to see so many folks online. Thank you to everyone who tuned in and voted!

If you would like more information on the reasoning behind the tax status change, please see the excellent article by Jim Northrop in the January *Bulletin*.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN 'JACK' O'DONNELL MARCH 25, 1942–JANUARY 17, 2022

A MEMBER SINCE 2004, JACK PARTICIPATED IN TWENTY-EIGHT ACTIVITIES including hikes, bike rides, snowshoeing, and kayaking. His extended trips included Leavenworth, the Redwoods, Columbia Gorge, and Crater Lake. Most of these activities were with his close friend Anne Bonine who died in 2017. With quiet enthusiasm, they contributed so much to the congenial spirit of the Club's outdoor pursuits.

Jack taught chemistry for thirty years at South Eugene High School, retiring in 2001. His obit in *The Register-Guard* (January 30) stated that he *enjoyed exercising, bird watching, studying, gardening, volunteer work, traveling, and spending time with his family. He had a great love of nature and was passionate about environmental and humanitarian causes.*

A private memorial will be held for the family. In lieu of gifts, donations may be made to the Economic Justice League at South Eugene High School. Please email Karen at cook_k@AJ.lane.edu or Carey at killen_c@AJ.lane.edu for information.

Editor's Note: Jack's complete obituary can be found in the January 30th issue of The Register-Guard.

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JOHN JACOBSEN

Passes the Baton After 36 Years of Service

Jim Northrop

CARPENTER, PROJECT MANAGER, PARTY PLANNER, LANDSCAPE DESIGNER, ACCOUNTANT, COMPUTER GURU—A JACK OF ALL TRADES—John Jacobsen has done it all. After 36 years of service to the Obsidians, John is stepping back and passing the baton(s) to other Obsidian members.

John got his start with the Obsidians in 1983 as a mountain climber. Within two years, in 1985, he was on the Obsidian Board, beginning service to the club that continues to this day.

John served as Board President in 1988, 2001, 2005 and 2011, the longest tenure of any Board President. After noticing that there was no budgeting, John established and served on the Budget Committee. Club Historian Lenore McManigal remarked: “If it were not for John, the Club would not be in the great financial status that it is in today.”

There is hardly a committee that John has not served on or chaired. John chaired the Climbs Committee in 1986. He created the Obsidian website with Wayne Deeter in 2002. He has served on the Online Committee ever since, putting in countless hours each week and over the years updating, maintaining, and improving the website. When a member could not access a function on the website from her home computer, and the problem could not be resolved over the phone, John went to the member’s home to fix the problem. Now that’s customer service!

In 2006, with Joella Ewing, John started the monthly ExploraTalks while serving on the Science/Education Committee. He served on the Publications Committee that put the *Bulletin* online.

While chairing the Membership Committee in 2003, John created the online membership database. This allowed members to sign up for trips on the website. No more trekking to the YMCA to sign up for an activity.

John chaired or co-chaired six summer camps. Each camp was a monumental task, usually scouting the location a year in advance. Camp Funkhouser in the North Cascades in 2017 required Forest Service permits for the camp site, to pump water from a stream, and to dispose of water from solar showers. John even arranged for a contractor to grade the road to the campground. And then there was the unusual. At Camp Pegg at West Yellowstone in 2007, John saved six children who were about to be carried off by high winds like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz (see account by Buzz Blumm on next page).



In 2004 John chaired a special construction committee that renovated and added to the Lodge. He sought out member funding for the project that tore down the old entrance, repaired dry rot, and created the new entry location and foyer.

John chaired the Lodge Grounds Committee in 1990 and then from 1992 through 2021, a total of 30 years. Projects included new planting beds, new fences and a gate, new handrails for the outside stairs, cleanup from two major ice and snowstorms, a multi-zone sprinkler system, and removal of dead and dying fir trees from the 2015 drought. John spent hours, usually by himself, blowing out the leaves and other debris from driveways and parking spaces prior to potlucks and other Lodge functions. He brought his DR mower from home to carve out a defensible fire break around the Lodge. We have our beautiful grounds thanks to John’s leadership and work.

In his many years with the club, John participated in 306 trips (hikes, climbs, bus trips, etc.). He led 91 of those trips, including leading 11 mountain climbs.

It is no wonder that, given all John has done for the club, the Board in 2013 bestowed John with the title of *Honorary Obsidian*, with the notation, *the legendary Mr. Obsidian*.

The Obsidians thank John Jacobsen for all that he has done and accomplished for the club in the past 36 years. It has been a remarkable career of service.

John hard at work on the never-ending maintenance work to be done at the Lodge

Buzz Blumm Remembers

JOHAN JACOBSEN CERTAINLY HAS PROVIDED YEARS OF SERVICE IN MANY FORMS, but there is one incident our family will not forget.

At the 2007 Yellowstone / Earthquake Lake Summer Camp most of the adults, including my wife Cecile and me, were off hiking. Chair John was in the camp taking care of the usual daily chores. One adult and six young children—my two kids, Jane Hackett's two grandchildren, Christine McManigal, and Sam Scherer—were sitting around the dining tables doing crafts when the skies darkened, and the wind picked up. John saw a funnel over the lake and told the kids to hustle into a nearby pickup/camper but they ignored him and continued on with their crafts. Then it became urgent, and paraphrasing my daughter Maddie, he hollered to get in the [bleeping] truck. This time they hustled into the pickup with no time to spare. Seconds later the tables and benches sailed fifteen feet up in the air.

Lives were saved that day—I've mentioned this incident to John with gratitude several times since.



The children regroup after the windstorm.

Editors note: This story has been retold many times...becoming the stuff of legend. For detailed accounts written immediately following the event, check out the [September, 2007 Bulletin](#) to read the articles written by John and Janet Jacobsen.

Folding Committee Gift

Lou Maenz

IN THIS TIME OF SUPPRESSION AND FRUSTRATION, SMALL GRACES CAN MEAN A LOT. Such a happening occurred for the folding committee meeting on the 12th of January. The folders are a group of dedicated and very reliable Obsidians who address, fold, and tape the *Bulletin* so it is ready for mailing. They are a group that has been meeting for many years, know each other, are friends, and during this COVID period have looked forward to folding as a break from the everyday. They adhere to masking and distancing, and all the current regulations.

For the January meeting, one rather wonderful incident came about when regular Tom Adamcyk informed Nancy Raymond, the Folding Committee Organizer, that he would be more than happy to fold, but he had spent some time with a friend a few days back who may have ended up with COVID. Nancy hunted around and located a quick test kit. They arranged to meet at the Lodge 15 minutes early so she could test him. Nancy emailed the crew so they knew what was going on. The test showed negative, and the other folders, all patiently waiting for his results in their cars, came in and got to work—happy that Tom could be with them.

Thank you for informing Nancy of the concern, Tom, and thank you, Nancy, for your thoughtful response.

Thank you for the gift of thoughtfulness.



Meet Trip Leader Russ Davies

Compiled by Janet Jacobsen

AFTER MOVING TO EUGENE FROM BEND IN 2020, RUSS DAVIES JOINED THE OBSIDIANS and began hiking, biking, and skiing with the club. With an extensive background in outdoor activities and leadership, it did not take long for Russ to jump into leading Obsidians trips. In fact, last year Russ led four of the five Obsidians backpacking trips on the schedule: *Weekend Winopee Y Not*, *3 Sisters PCT Section Hike*, *Perseid Meteor Shower Overnight*, and *Diamond Peak Loop*. He has already gotten 2022 off to a great start with the *Deschutes River Canyon New Year* backpacking trip in January. Thanks to all the participants who contributed comments about those trips! Here are some of them:

Russ was patient and gracious as he led us through the Diamond Peak Wilderness. He was very understanding and shared all of his tips and tricks for the trail. His knowledge of the wilderness and backpacking necessities made it very comfortable for me to be with him as a leader.

Russ is an easygoing leader and great guy. He encourages your input and is open to changing the daily activities. He's seasoned in the outdoors, and in preparing and planning a trip.

Russ is a very conscientious leader. He is effective because he is watching out for the entire group. I felt very safe hiking with him. I truly appreciate... a cohesive expedition with interpretation and sharing from what the leader knows. Russ is a very strong hiker, but he stayed with the group and helped everyone to be successful.

He is a remarkable backpacker, and I've learned a great deal from him.... He also made us parfaits for breakfast on the morning after our hike—in the backcountry, this is nothing short of miraculous... He is a leader of few words; he doesn't talk a lot, but when he does, it is valuable and thoughtful.

He is easy to talk with on all kinds of topics, and a good storyteller from his abundant outdoor experiences. His Arizona trail story was like an adventure movie, and bear encounter stories were so funny.

In addition to his outdoor adventures, Russ is busy starting a construction/carpentry business called Cymru Classic Carpentry LLC with a new webpage, cymruclassiccarpentry.com

We hope that he will be available to lead more Obsidians backpacking trips this coming year. Be sure to sign up early! If you have questions, email him at russ@cymruclassiccarpentry.com about how to get started with backpacking. There are lots of resources online. REI covers the basics at: www.rei.com/learn/series/intro-to-backpacking



Russ Davies shows an old shovel they spotted on his recent Deschutes Canyon Backpack Trip. Russ explains: It's an old design and was all bent up like it had a story to tell. It may be a 100-year-old remnant from building the original railroad.

Photo by Keiko Bryan



Russ bakes chocolate chip muffins for the group on his Weekend Winopee Y Not trip.

Photo by Brad Bennett



AmeriCorps Update

Jim Northrop

LODGE CHAIR DAVE COOPER GREETED THE AMERICORPS TEAM when they moved into the Obsidian Lodge late in the evening of January 19. Their arrival was a week later than expected due to coronavirus testing. The nine members of the team settled in, sleeping on cots spread throughout the main floor.

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps is the domestic equivalent of the Peace Corps. Teams travel throughout the United States, spending about one month at a time working on projects for various public and nonprofit sponsors. Team members range in age from 18 to 26, with a mix of high school and college graduates. AmeriCorps teams can be immediately pressed into service in the event of a national emergency. Several years ago, an AmeriCorps team cared for pets after the Camp Fire destroyed Paradise, California.

Our team will be together for a total of ten months. Most hail from the East Coast or Midwest, with the closest participant from Colorado. They started service in October, working four weeks at a food bank in Indio, California. The team's next assignment was in Sacramento, where they worked for *Rebuilding Together*, making minor repairs and doing yard cleanup at private homes. They also delivered food boxes to people in need.



The AmeriCorps team.

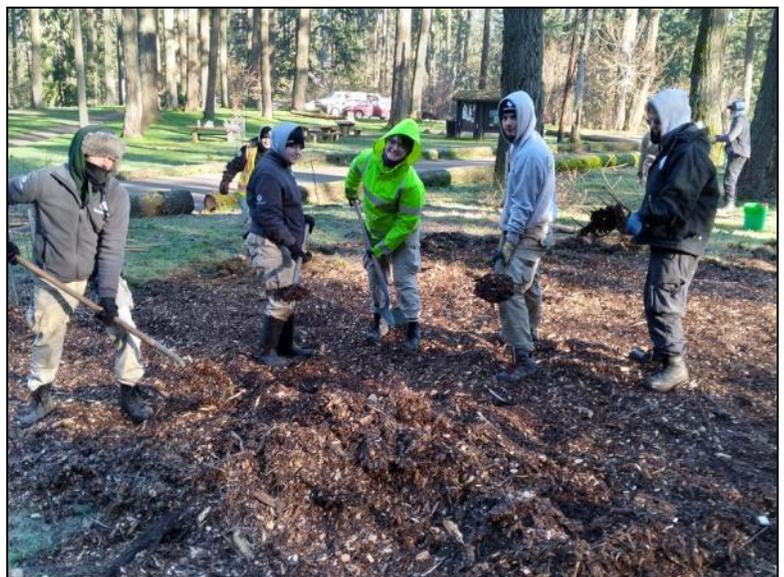
The team's next stop was Eugene, where they are sponsored by Eugene Parks and Open Space. Most of their work will be in the city's parks, with various projects such as planting trees and removing invasive plants like English ivy. A three-day project in Alton Baker Park involved removing rock pavers in the two picnic pavilions, excavating the earth, laying rebar and building wooden forms, all in preparation for a pour of concrete.

Team members expressed various reasons for joining AmeriCorps. Common themes were exploring careers, learning new skills, challenging oneself, seeing the country, and serving the public. They are volunteers, but do receive a stipend towards their education. They will have the opportunity to job shadow city employees during their stay. A member from a previous team job shadowed the Eugene city attorney.

After a hard day's work, they shower, swim and exercise at the YMCA. Team members share cooking duties in the Lodge kitchen, preparing a common meal. They discovered the Ribbon Trail to Hendricks Park and hiked up Spencer Butte. Visits to Portland and the Oregon coast are planned. Potential excursions are a visit to the Cascades Raptor Center, a campus tour, a hike at Silver Creek Falls State Park, and cross-country skiing to Gold Lake. As the team is on a limited food budget, they enjoy desserts provided by city workers and Obsidians, including an apple crisp baked by Janet Jacobsen.

Obsidian Jim Northrop worked with the AmeriCorps team in Hendricks Park and enjoyed their enthusiasm and optimism: *It was inspiring and energizing to work with our future leaders who have their entire lives before them.*

The team departs February 20. After Eugene, their next assignment is at a food bank in Tacoma, Washington.



The AmeriCorps team at Hendricks Park mulching a new planting bed with wood chips.

Freeze the Day!

A History of Winter Sports in Oregon

Exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society—Portland
December 3, 2021–July 17, 2022

Skiing Cascade Powder

Although skiing has been practiced as a mode of travel for thousands of years, and even used by military troops in northern regions, it did not become common as a sport until the nineteenth century. The first style practiced was Nordic, or cross-country, which is useful for traveling across flatlands and rolling hills. Downhill skiing, also known as Alpine, became the rage in Europe during the 1880s and has since grown to be the most popular form of the sport. Organized skiing events began in the late nineteenth century, and were included in the first modern Winter Olympics in 1924, which brought skiing to the attention of the world. By the late 1920s, the sport had taken off in Oregon. On February 22, 1927, Oregon's first ski race took contestants forty-two miles, from Fort Klamath to Crater Lake. The race became an annual event, with other competitions added. Soon after, enthusiasts formed three winter recreation organizations: the Obsidians in Eugene, Cascade Ski Club in Government Camp, and the Skyliners in Bend.

LANA LINDSTROM RECENTLY VISITED THE EXHIBIT and was surprised to learn that the Obsidians were active in winter sports in 1927. She sent the photo [at left] to the *Bulletin* with this question: *I thought that the club was formed due to a climbing accident! Who knew!*

Here is our answer:

September 21, 1927: A search and rescue effort prompted some Eugene folks to meet at the Chamber of Commerce to form an outdoor club.

November 3, 1927: Eugene Outdoor Club was organized with 43 charter members. The Obsidian name originated at the first summer outing in 1928 after climbing the Three Sisters in four days. “Hard as obsidian” became a popular metaphor among members of the club and it was decided to advocate the change in the name of the organization.

January 1, 1928: Ray Sims wrote in his *History of the Obsidian Club*: *A few Sunday ski trips were made in the upper McKenzie country, but as the newly formed organization had no club house, this sport did not attract many until the first New Years Party, held January 1 and 2, 1928. The outing was held at the McKenzie Hotel, McKenzie Bridge, with 34 people attending, 19 of whom chartered a bus from Eugene. Dean Bovard led one group on a hike to Frizzell Point, while a second group under the leadership of Ray Sims took the bus to Lost Creek Ranch, where skiing, tobogganing and snowshoe sports took place. One event long to be remembered was turning the large bus around at Lost Creek Ranch, which took over an hour in the two and a half feet of snow. Several Mazamas of Portland [also] attended the...Club's first Winter Outing...*

1928–1939: The Club acquired a winter headquarters at the old Lewis Cabin where they could gather for annual winter outings, winter sports and even ski races.

If planning to visit the museum, check their website for hours: www.ohs.org/museum/exhibits/index.cfm

Compiled by Bea Fontana

*Our Club's
first Winter Outing.*

*From
[Dean] John Bovard's
photo album
in the Obsidian Archives.*



TRIP REPORTS



Hikes

Wild Iris Ridge
December 25, 2021
Leader: Elizabeth Grant
Hike: 3.5 miles, 630 ft. (Easy)

ELEVEN HIKERS SEEMED TO THOROUGHLY ENJOY THIS SHORT HIKE to ground ourselves in the big holiday. It was a first Obsidians event for three of the participants: Tara, Cynthia, and Michael. They are all strong hikers who we



Angie and Mari. Photo by Darko Sojak.

hope to see often in 2022! For smiles and a bit of joy, we shared walking-related quotes as we paused at trail intersections. Members: Mari Baldwin, Whitney Gould, Elizabeth Grant, Nancy Hoecker, Holger Krentz, Evelyn Nagy, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Tara Roddy, Cynthia Gayman, Michael Wallace.

Nye Beach to Yaquina Head
January 8, 2022
Leader: Kathie Carpenter
Photographer: Brad Bennett
Hike: 8.8 miles (Moderate)

KUDOS TO THIS GREAT GROUP OF HIKERS who actually managed to hit the road a full two minutes early! We got to the tide pools at Yaquina Head right at low tide and were treated



After a beach creek crossing which forced the removal of shoes.



Sign is for cars.

to close-ups of a heron, green anemones, sea stars, a few urchins, oodles and oodles of mussels, and also some seals snoozing on the rocks. By the time we had eaten our lunch at the lighthouse, the coast was clear, the sun was out, and many of us even strolled back barefoot. We were surprised by a hang glider making a dramatic landing right at our feet, got buzzed by a hummingbird, and saw a rainbow over the ocean. Everyone finished with a big smile for this magical winter day at the coast. Members: Brad Bennett, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Whitney Gould, Elizabeth Grant, Holger Krentz, Evelyn Nagy, Cindy Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Joan Skarda, John Skarda, Darko Sojak, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Alice Krentz.

Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail
January 8, 2022
Leader: Janet Jacobsen
Photographer: Carla Cooper
Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL SUNNY DAY TO WELCOME FIVE GUESTS at the Lodge. They found out about the hike from friends, the website, or from my email. Whenever we lingered on our



Joanna pointing out what's left of the Bicentennial Tree—a tree that would have been standing in 1776.

hike to Hendricks Park, we shared anecdotes and answered questions about our Club. I thank the members who made our hike so welcoming and successful. Members: Joanna Alexander, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Dorothy van Winkle. Nonmembers: Patrick Bronson, Ane McKee, Suzanne Hurt, Olaf Sweetman, Patty Keene, Abby Rhoden.

Nye Beach to South Jetty Beach

January 9, 2022

Leader: Darko Sojak

Assistant Leader: Daphne James

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 8.5 miles, 150 ft. (Moderate)

OUR LARGE GROUP RELISHED GREAT JANUARY WEATHER at Nye Beach, Yaquina Bay, and South Beach State Park. Members: Paul Flashenberg, Elizabeth Grant, Nancy Hoecker,



Charlie leads the way off the beach.



Access to the bridge at the north end.

Gwyneth Iredale, Daphne James, Holger Krentz, Vern Marsonette, Evelyn Nagy, Linda Parks, Cindy Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Joan Skarda, John Skarda, Darko Sojak, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Debra Kramer.

Hendricks Park Photography

January 14, 2022

Leader: Denise Rubenstein

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 2.5 miles, 75 ft. (Easy)

THE SUN JOINED US FOR OUR WALK THROUGH THE PARK. Small bursts of color were found against a backdrop of so



Edgeworthia chrysanthemum... paperbush.



Silken tassels.

Viburnum in bloom... so fragrant!



Promises.



many shades of green. Lucky us. Members: Joanna Alexander, Patricia Cleall, Carla Cooper, Clara Emlen, Nikki Frank, Judith Moman, Dave Predeek, Denise Rubenstein, Dorothy van Winkle. Nonmembers: Victoria Koch, Eileen O'Brien, Abby Rhoden.

Row River Trail Walk

January 22, 2022

Leader: Jean Harris

Hike: 8 miles, 250 ft. (Easy)

A CHEERFUL GROUP OF FIVE MET AT THE MOSBY TRAILHEAD and strolled up to Dorena Dam. The morning was brisk with high clouds. The movie *Stand By Me* used the old railroad tracks for some filming in 1986, before the rails were removed. White pelicans, ducks, geese, cormorants, and a pair of immature eagles were delightful to see. Keiko spotted a

tiny, early flower, the snow queen, plus a few violets. Upon our return to the cars, the sun was shining brightly. Members: Donna Bloomfield, Keiko Bryan, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jean Harris.

North Bank Habitat Area

January 22, 2022

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: George Ambrosini

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

ON OUR HIKE LAST SPRING, the madrone trees were covered with plentiful, flowering blooms. Then, in October, we saw the ripening berry clusters. We didn't expect, in January, to



Madrone trees draped with berry clusters covered the hillsides.

view hillsides of madrone trees draped with brilliant red berry clusters. It was a sunny day, perfect for hiking and to be amazed at such an unusual (we think) display of the scarlet red, pea-sized fruit. The fruit is edible but only one person did a taste test. Members: George Ambrosini, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, June Miller, Jorry Rolfe.

Amazon Headwaters | Fox Hollow | Spencer Butte | Mt. Baldy Hikes

Hikes: 5.2–6.2 miles, 1,150–1,530 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders

Denise Rubenstein: 12/22 5 Members

Janet Jacobsen: 1/5 5 Members, 1 Nonmember

Jorry Rolfe: 1/12 13 Members, 2 Nonmembers

Mike Smith: 1/26 9 Members, 1 Nonmember

Blanton Ridge Hikes

Hike: 8.5 miles, 1,740 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders

Janet Jacobsen: 1/4 3 Members

Jorry Rolfe: 1/11 8 Members, 1/18 5 Members

Mt. Pisgah Sunset / Moonrise Hike

Leaders: Janet Jacobsen & Jorry Rolfe

Photographer: Rick Ahrens

Hike: 6.4 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)

1/16 10 Members, 2 Nonmembers



*An eerie hike in dense fog.
Oaks in the fog—no sunset to be seen.*



Backpacks

Deschutes River Canyon New Year

January 14, 2022

Leader: Russ Davies

Photographer: Keiko Bryan

Backpack: 20 miles, 30 ft. (Moderate)

THE TRIP WAS A 24-MILE, MOSTLY LEVEL BACKPACK on a cool, dry winter weekend up the beautiful Deschutes River canyon. Lovely trip. We started along the trail at river's edge and continued mostly on the old railroad bed located about 100 feet above the river. Everywhere were views of craggy lava flow cliffs; snow-topped, rounded grassy hills; and the whispering, clear river. Lots of birds included hawks, bald eagles, canyon wrens, swallows, ducks, geese, giant white swans, and the cute screech owls who were nesting residents in our second-night camp. Also, two trains passed us each day, rumbling up the grade on the other side of the river! At our turnaround high-point, we explored the burnt remains of the water tower, house, and barn at the historic Harris Homestead. Nearby were two small legacy hayfields surrounded by impressive dry-stacked stone walls built of lava rock pulled from the field by the determined homestead-

ers.



Russ and Mari on the old railroad bed which is now the Deschutes River Trail.

We had expected to see no one on our trip. Surprisingly, we met nine other backpackers and three mountain bikers. Logistics: We parked cars at the trailhead in the Deschutes River State Recreation Area. The gravel lot for overnight parking charged \$7 per night. Cell phone access (Verizon) was available on most of route. Campsites: Last Ditch (2 miles) & Fall Canyon (10 miles, with an outhouse!). Weather: overcast, no rain, temperatures in the upper 30s that felt a little cooler when the occasional gentle breeze came along! Members: Mari Baldwin, Keiko Bryan, Russ Davies.



Snow Shoe Trips

Salt Creek Falls
January 2, 2022
Leader: Jane Hackett
SShoe: 5 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

JUST A GREAT DAY WITH A GOOD GROUP. I did not expect sun and blue skies. Lots of snow for this time of year. Driving was not a problem with the packed snow and well-



*Wintery wonderland.
Photo by Holger Krentz.*



*Holger Krentz and Kathie Carpenter near Too Much Bear Lake.
Photo by Darko Sojak.*

graveled road. Best of all, no chains were required. We did pass a truck that managed to get off-track, but it was gone by the time we returned. Everyone enjoyed the views of deep canyons, waterfalls, and snow-draped trees. We checked out Salt Creek Falls. It was in full flow with ice hanging on the edges. That was the last stop before returning to the cars and heading home. Members: Mari Baldwin, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Robert Eriksen, Patricia Esch, Jane Hackett, Holger Krentz, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak. Non-members: Michael Heidelberg, Pierre Robert, Suzanne Hurt.

Gold Lake Sno-Park to Midnight Lake
January 22, 2022
Leader: Lisa Van Liefde
Photographer: Darko Sojak
SShoe: 6 miles, 528 ft. (Moderate)

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY! Twelve snowshoe enthusiasts headed out from Gold Lake Sno-Park to Midnight Lake. Snow conditions were a bit crusty initially, but the snowpack finally



Dorothy van Winkle at Midnight Lake.

softened up by the time we reached the lake. We ate lunch in bright, warm sunshine, then returned via Bechtel Shelter. Couldn't ask for a better group on a great day! Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Elizabeth Grant,



Steve Johnson at Bechtel Shelter.

Steven Johnson, Denise Rubenstein, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Lisa Van Liefde, Dorothy van Winkle, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Michael Heidelberg, Rachelle Masin.

Nickerson Loop

January 23, 2022

Leader: Jane Hackett

SShoe: 4.5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)

GREAT DAY FOR A SNOWSHOE TRIP. It was perfectly clear, cold enough to keep the snow from getting too mushy, and warm enough to sit and admire the view of the Three Sisters and soak up the sun. Spring conditions. Along with the Sisters, we had a great view of Mt. Washington and Three Fingered Jack. A shout-out to Mike Smith, who I think had something to do with installing enough blue diamonds on the upper part of the trail that we had a very easy time negotiating that section. Members: Mari Baldwin, Donna Bloomfield, Kathie Carpenter, Patricia Esch, Jane Hackett, Jean Harris, Holger Krentz, Barbara Orsi, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak.



**Ski
Trips**

Midnight Lake

January 9, 2022

Leader: Sue Wolling

Xski: 6 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

DESPITE RELIABLE REPORTS OF ICY SKI CONDITIONS, seven intrepid Obsidians left Eugene in the fog to head up to Gold Lake Sno-Park. We weren't sure whether it was reassuring or a bad omen that a group of Ski Patrol people were in the parking lot training for emergency rescues, but we headed off down the trail to Pengra Pass. Conditions really didn't seem as bad as anticipated, so we decided to continue the planned loop route to Midnight Lake. Skiing up the PCT was a bit of a struggle (and the Ski Patrol could surely have put their new skills to use if we had tried to ski DOWN the PCT), but we made it up to the Midnight Lake Tie Trail junction. Recalling how fast and tricky the little spur back from

Midnight Lake can be, we decided we didn't really need to see the lake. Instead, we ate lunch next to a little unnamed lake that we dubbed *Mid-Morning Lake*, and soaked up the warm sunshine. We then made our way through the woods down to Abernethy Road, leaving a trail of sitzmarks along the way. From there, it was an uneventful ski down the road, although the surface was surprisingly erratic and tricky even though it wasn't icy. All in all, it was a great day with dazzling blue skies and lots of sunshine making up for somewhat suboptimal skiing conditions. Members: Suzanne Hurt, Brenda Kameenui, Becky Lipton, Valerie Metcalfe, Darian Morray, Susan Wanser, Sue Wolling.

Gold Lake

January 9, 2022

Leader: Jane Hackett

Photographer: Russ Davies

Xski: 4 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

A GOOD, SUNNY DAY WITH AWFUL, ICY CONDITIONS. Everything was frozen in place. I struggled since I did not ski that much last year. This was not the easy trip that I had hoped for. It was still a good day. We had lunch around the edge of



Jane cruising the Gold Lake shoreline.

the lake with a good view of the whole thing. The skiing was no easier on the way out. I was very happy that I was not leading a group of novice skiers through that mess. Russ had no problems; he just got to watch me slip and slide around. Members: Russ Davies, Jane Hackett.

Birthday Lake

January 15, 2022

Leader: Gordon Sayre

Xski: 10 miles, 1,500 ft. (Difficult)

WHEN OUR GROUP REACHED THE WALDO LAKE SNO-PARK, we were the only people there, and happy not to be starting from a crowded Gold Lake. The snow was icy until almost noon, and so the beginning of the trail up toward Birthday Lake from Waldo Road was rough and uneven. Doug's climbing skins required repair and then broke down

altogether. Thanks to John for loaning him a pair of kicker skins, and another pair to me. Instead of an out-and-back to Birthday Lake, we chose to take the trail west to Fuji Shelter and then descend the road to Salt Creek Falls, rather than come back down the narrow, uneven route that we had climbed up. Snow conditions were excellent at midday and we eagerly followed the blue diamonds on a rather flat, open trail that none of us had skied before. Bright sun and calm air then turned the south facing slope slushy, and the descent was fast but unsteady. After six hours of skiing, three of us waited by Highway 58 while two drivers walked back to our cars. We could have left a shuttle car at the snow play area, and this could be a fun loop on a day with some fresh snow. Members: John Hartman, Lubos Hubata-Vacek, Sam Miller, Doug Sandburg, Gordon Sayre.



Stewardship

Spencer Butte Planting

November 27, 2021

Leader: Matt Bell

Photographer: Pat Soussan

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

FOR THIS MONTH'S OUTING WE MET EMILY STEELE for our planting project at the main Spencer Butte Trailhead. The day was overcast with a slight breeze and the odd short-



Dave digs a hole for a fern plant.

lived shower. Our group of volunteers made short work of planting the sword ferns and we all learned that transplanting Oregon Grape is an entirely different process that we'll let a contractor finish. We also learned that if a tree falls in the forest Obsidians will be there to hear it as we heard a large pine snag fall along the West Trail while we were working. Special thanks go to Clara for cleaning the trailhead kiosk, steps, and parking lot and to Janet for picking up litter along the main trail and parking lot. Members: Matt Bell, David



Dan amongst the newly planted ferns.



Helen and Whitney planting sword ferns.



Matt in among the many ferns he has planted.

Cooper, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Whitney Gould, Janet Jacobsen, Helen Martz, Dave Predeck, Darko Sojak, Pat Soussan.

North Bank Restoration Project
December 18, 2021
Leader and Photographer: Darko Sojak
Assistant Leader: Angie Ruzicka
Work Party: 2 miles, 20 ft. (Easy)

WEATHER COOPERATED. Nine Obsidians volunteers, led by Lauri and Kelsey from City of Eugene Parks, planted Oregon grape, ninebark, and thimbleberry. We also removed some



*Angie Ruzicka and Eileen O'Brien removing English Ivy.
 Photo by Kelsey Irvine, City of Eugene Parks.*



David Cooper and Holger Krentz planting thimbleberries.



Angie planting Oregon grape.



Mari Baldwin on a mission.



*Darko, Jorry, Angie and Nancy carry broken wheelbarrow.
 Photo by Kelsey Irvine, City of Eugene Parks.*

invasive English ivy and cleaned the riverbank along I-105. Members: Mari Baldwin, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Nancy Hoecker, Holger Krentz, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Eileen O'Brien.

Butte Debris Raking

January 7, 2022

Leader : Pat Soussan

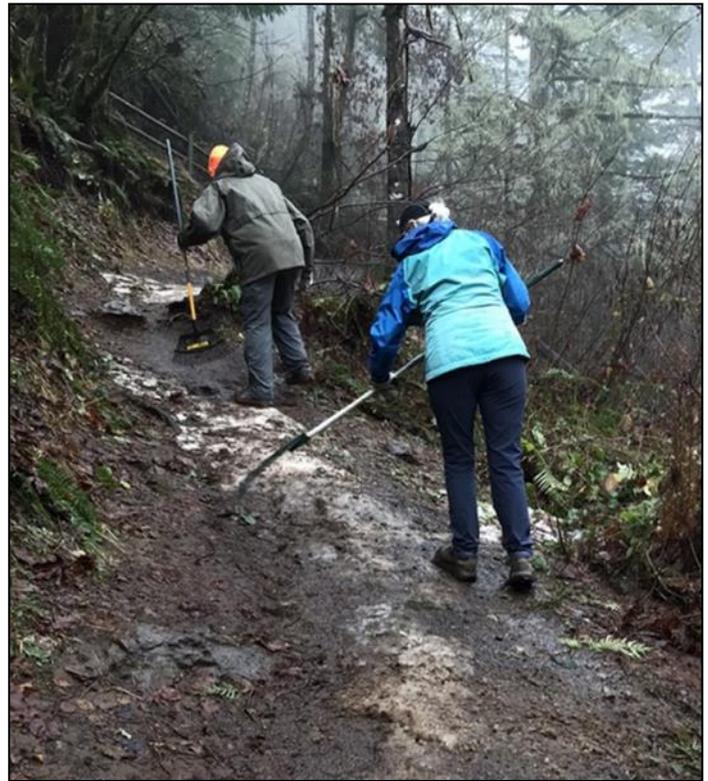
Trail Maintenance: 2 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

A CHANCE MEETING ON THE RIDGELINE TRAIL between Janet Jacobsen and Deverton Cochrane with the City of Eugene was the reason for this trail maintenance work party. Deverton and his crew were out assessing the trails on Wednesday, January 5, after a snowstorm. He remarked to Janet that it would be nice to have volunteers clear the trails of fallen tree debris. Janet said she'd get the Obsidians involved and contacted me to ask if I would lead the hike on Friday, January



Dave, June, and Ane aiming for perfection. Photo by Carla Cooper.

7. Wednesday afternoon the trip was posted on the website and emails were sent to some Obsidians who regularly work on trail maintenance. Amazingly, we had eleven signed up by Thursday. We met on Friday at Spencer Butte Trailhead armed with garden rakes and good spirits on a cold, wet morning. We divided into two groups and began raking the debris, leapfrogging as we caught up to the person in front. Clara Emlen remained at the parking lot and swept the steps. We regrouped at the meadow / tie trail area and agreed to continue to the summit, where Janet gave us her delicious treats, and group photos were taken. Soon we were heading back down. Janet and Ane McKee split from the group at the meadow / tie trail as Janet's car was at the 52nd St. trailhead. They did not encounter much debris and arrived there at noon. The remainder of our group was back to the main parking lot at 11:30, where we unexpectedly found Deverton. He was pleased to learn of our successful trip. Thanks to everyone for stepping up on short notice and making the trip such a success. Update: Janet sent the group photo to Deverton and to Marlon Troubnikoff and this was their response: *Thank you all! Your efforts were the talk of the trail. Deverton and I kept hearing from hikers how great*



Jorry and Dave working on the only patch of icy snow that we found. Photo by Pat Soussan.



June, Ane, Janet, Carla, Pat, Lisa, Dave, and Jorry on top—mission accomplished! Photo by Carla Cooper.

the trail looks. Marlon. Members: Joanna Alexander, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Clara Emlen, Whitney Gould, Janet Jacobsen, June Miller, Jorry Rolfe, Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: Ane McKee, Lisa Marks.

Lodge Cleanup

January 10, 2022

Leader: David Cooper

Work Party: (Easy)

A MAJOR SHOWING OF FOLKS READY TO HELP was an indication of the support for hosting the AmeriCorps crew. We readied the Lodge, cut some extra firewood, and put up exit signs. We almost had more workers than tasks and our session was soon over. Members: Joanna Alexander, Keiko Bryan, Patricia Cleall, David Cooper, Kay Coots, Ken Davis, Clara Emlen, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Sandra Larsen, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Dorothy van Winkle. Nonmembers: Patrick Bronson.

McKenzie River Trust Stewardship

January 15, 2022

Leader: Darko Sojak

WorkParty: 2 miles, 20 ft. (Easy)

TODAY'S VOLUNTEER DAY ON GREEN ISLAND WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS. We worked on a 2.5-acre plot recently adopted by the Obsidians. Green Island is located at the confluence of the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers. The McKenzie River Trust, with the generous support of a dozen local organizations and hundreds of volunteers, researches, restores, and protects more than 1,100 acres of rivers, forests, islands, canals, swamps and pastures. An enthusiastic group of 16 Obsidians used a variety of tools to liberate trees that were entangled in the blackberry jungle. We dug over 200 blackberry root crowns and cleaned the birdhouses. Teamwork was fun. Members: Charles Ashmore, Donna Bloomfield, Lynda



Jennifer Crim, Lynda Christiansen, and Patty Keen with huge pile of clipped blackberry canes.



Angie Ruzicka digging blackberry root crowns.



Darko with blackberry root crowns.

Christiansen, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Jennifer Crim, Clara Emlen, Meghan Mahoney, Dave Predeek, Jorry Rolfé, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Pat Soussan, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Patrick Bronson, Patty Keene.



Donna Bloomfield and Patrick Bronson.



Pat Soussan and Patrick Bronson at work.

JANUARY BOARD NOTES

From Minutes by Denise Rubenstein January 5, 2022

President Maryanne Reiter called the Zoom meeting to order. Board members present: Denise Bean, Marci Hansen, Dave Hawkins, Laura Osinga, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Angie Ruzicka, and Lyndell Wilken. Others present: Carla Cooper, Dave Cooper, Stewart Hoeg, Lana Lindstrom, Jim Northrop, Evelyn Nagy, Darko Sojak, and Sue Zeni.

Maryanne welcomed Angie Ruzicka as a new Board Member, Laura Osinga as the new Vice President, and the new and returning Committee Chairs. Thanks were offered to Stewart Hoeg, Dave Cooper, and Matt Bell for past and continued service to the club.

The Board approved the minutes for December, 2021.

Treasurer's Report (Stewart Hoeg): Stewart reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses as well as the balance sheet. The Board approved the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bus Trips (Jim Northrop—interim): The Bus Committee will wait until the most recent surge in COVID-19 omicron cases has settled down before deciding if bus trips will be offered in 2022. There will not be a Bus Rally this year. If bus trips are offered, they most likely will be one-day trips, although there is a chance we will offer the four-day Columbia River Sternwheeler trip in May. We may require that all bus riders be fully vaccinated, so we encourage bus riders to receive their vaccinations and boosters.

Concessions (Carla Cooper): After discussion with Lyndell about the Safety Committee's plan to encourage everyone to carry their own first aid kit, Concessions has purchased a small stock of Sam Splints and sit-upons. (The sit-upons can be used as a splint in case of an emergency.) Since these items are too spendy for the Safety Committee to supply for free, Concessions will make them available at our usual discount prices.

Conservation/SciEd (Kay Coots and Angie Ruzicka): ExploraTalks We hope to get back to the Lodge for a presentation by late spring. In the meantime, we are working on one or two possible Zoom ExploraTalks. **Book Group** We plan to have at least one more book group with a yet to be determined book. **Other Activities** We discussed possible educational conservation and/or science walks/talks.

Lodge Grounds (Jim Northrop—interim): The Lodge and grounds were inspected on January 3. The recent snowstorm and windstorm did not damage any trees.

Membership (Diane Schechter): The task group will meet to address increasing membership, retaining members, increasing online options, and reduced dues for low-income individuals.

Safety (Lyndell Wilken): The Safety Committee will move forward with buying first aid supplies for our leaders. The Board has approved the purchase and steps are being taken to order supplies through Boundtree Medical Supply and Amazon. Supplies will be distributed at a spring leaders meeting. Any leftover first aid supplies will be offered to other club members that do not lead but participate in many activities.

Stewardship (Jorry Rolfe & Darko Sojak): We have two new ongoing project agreements: **City of Eugene, Parks and Open Space.** In addition to the ongoing collaboration regarding maintenance work in Spencer Butte Park and the Ridgeline the

Obsidians will be working with Kelsey Irvine, Native Plant and Waterways Volunteer Coordinator, and Ecologist Lauri Holts on a North Bank restoration project. Two activities occurred in the fall that involved plantings, ivy removal, and litter pickup. This will prove to become a rewarding agreement and project with city staff because the location is a sensitive riparian area along the North Bank Path (between Valley River Center and Ferry Street Bridge), property the City acquired from ODOT in February—there had been garbage, pollution, behavior and camping issues at this site. The City supplies all tools and plants for each activity. It feels really good to be part of the local effort to protect our waterways! **McKenzie River Trust** Through the dedication of Darko and Dave C., along with MRT's Volunteer Programs Manager Elizabeth Goward, the Obsidians have adopted a 2.5-acre plot at Green Island. This comes after a very successful November activity on this property. We supply our tools for each activity, with about four planned throughout the year. The Committee welcomes all volunteers for our 2022 Obsidian stewardship projects. There are no fees to join activities.

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Updates: Tax Status Change Maryanne reports that working in concert with Dave Atkin, the Club is on target with the changes.

Online Task Group Marci reported RFPs were sent to 6 companies, 4 declined the proposal and 2 returned with bids. A summary of the two bids was offered, and after weeks of meetings, research, and lots of long phone calls, the Task Group recommends Highwater Web Design. Cost estimates were given, questions answered, remaining questions will be put to Highwater. The Board will vote on this shortly after a few questions are satisfied.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2021 Committee Reports were approved.
- 2022 Committee Members were approved.
- Stewart Hoeg reviewed the 2022 Obsidian Budget, and it was approved by the Board.
- The Finance Committee recommended that the suggested-mileage reimbursement remain at 10 cents per mile.
- New members approved were Corrine Clifford, Robert Eriksen, Carlynn Hisel, and Nancy Little. The Board approved a recommendation by the Membership Committee to honor a member request to waive dues for this year due to financial concerns for that member.
- Dave Hawkins moved that some minor changes be made to the verbiage of the Bylaws to reflect the Club's upcoming tax status change. The motion was made and approved that the Bylaws be amended so that:
 - 1) each time the word *Bylaws* appears, the words *Policies and Practices* be inserted in its place
 - 2) each time the word *Constitution* appears, the word *Bylaws* be inserted in its place
 - 3) each time the words *Obsidians, Inc.* appear, they be replaced with the word *Obsidians*

OPEN AGENDA ITEMS

The AmeriCorps group will be using the Lodge for 6 weeks starting on Jan 11. A cleanup is scheduled for the day before.

ADJOURNMENT

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

February

6 Sun Nickerson Loop SShoe E Hackett 953-7046
 8 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe 206-9501
 9 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith 520-488-9569
 9 Wed Little Nash Xski &/or SShoe Xski E Hackett 953-7046
 11 Fri Flatland Wander at Pisgah Hike E vanWinkle 485-7416
 12 Sat North Bank Restoration Project WrkPrty E Sojak 799-9199
 13 Sun Oregon's Birthday Hike Hike M Jacobsen 206-1251
 13 Sun Gold Lake via Marilyn Lake SShoe M Hackett 953-7046
 13 Sun Redtop Mountain Xski D Thompson 683-8942
 15 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe 206-9501
 16 Wed Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M Jacobsen 206-1251
 16 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M Yoerger 510-2832
 17 Thu Walk de Pre Hike M Hougardy 206-9532
 18 Fri Recharge your hiking Hike E Jacobsen 206-1251
 18 Fri Tahkenitch Dunes Backpack BkPk E Davies 797-4004
 20 Sun Little Nash SShoe E Hackett 953-7046
 22 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe 206-9501
 23 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M Jacobsen 206-1251
 23 Wed Gold Lake Xski &/or SShoe Xski E Hackett 953-7046
 26 Sat Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M Bell 503-884-8829
 27 Sun Rosary Lakes SShoe M Hackett 953-7046

March

1 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe 206-9501
 2 Wed Amazon Hdwtvs/Spencer Butte Hike M ..Lindstrom 683-1409
 3 Thu Thomas Condon 200th Birthday Hike E .. Hougardy 206-9532
 8 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe 206-9501

9 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M Smith 520-488-9569
 15 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe 206-9501
 16 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M Yoerger 510-2832
 22 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe 206-9501
 23 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M Grant 514-1176
 26 Sat Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M Bell 503-884-8829
 29 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe 206-9501
 30 Wed Amazon Headwaters Hike M Morray 953-5679

April

5 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe 206-9501
 9 Sat Free Safety ReSupply for Leaders E Wilken 343-3080
 12 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe 206-9501
 23 Sat SOLVE Spring Beach Clean Up WrkPrty E ... Sojak 799-9199
 29 Fri Tumalo / Cottonwood Canyon CarCmp M Hougardy 206-9532
 30 Sat Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M Bell 503-884-8829

May

4 Wed Silver Falls / Abiqua Falls Hike M Johnson 520-2470
 7 Sat McKenzie River Trust WrkPrty E Sojak 799-9199
 8 Sun Salmon Creek Mother's Day Hike M Sojak 799-9199
 25 Wed Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M Bell 503-884-8829

June

4 Sat National Trails Day TrlMnt M Bell 503-884-8829
 16 Thu Low Tide Wanders CarCmp E Hougardy 206-9532
 28 Tue Macduff Mountain Hike D Johnson 520-2470
 29 Wed Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M Bell 503-884-8829

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION about our activities, visit the Obsidians website: www.obsidians.org
If you plan to join Obsidians trips, be prepared to abide by our protocols: [COVID-19 Protocols](#)



WINTER TRIPS

Brenda Kame'enui

A MONTH AGO SNOW WAS PILING UP IN THE CASCADES and dusting or blanketing everything below, and Oregon looked a lot like winter. We hope early February will bring lower temperatures and snow in the mountains to offer opportunities to ski, sled, and snowshoe. What better time than the new year to lead an Obsidians trip? In 2021, Obsidians were adeptly led by ten new leaders (thanks to these leaders for making several dozen trippers very happy). Another forty-one returning leaders welcomed a growing number of outdoor enthusiasts to high points near and far. With about 400 current Obsidian members, the board has set a target to increase leader numbers by 10% every year. You could be one of those new leaders in 2022!

A snowshoe or cross country ski trip on the shoreline trail at the north end of Waldo Lake is a rewarding wintry option. The other easterly direction on the McKenzie Highway offers Potato Hill Sno-Park about thirty minutes shy of Santiam Pass. The trail is a wide, safe climb to an intersection with spectacular views in either direction. The loop on this rewarding ski or snowshoe is an excellent choice for a first-time leader.

Not crazy about snow? You might enjoy leading a coastal hike. Cape Perpetua Scenic Area, including the Gwynn Creek Loop (about 6.5 miles), or the Hobbitt Trail-Washburne Memorial State Park Loop are beautiful, not too distant options.



! RESCHEDULED !



OBSIDIANS MEMBER PAUL WINTHER has a collection of his climbing memorabilia on display at the Brownsville Community Library until the end of January. A former Mazama member/climber, he has already donated some of his early climbing gear to the Mazama Library and Historical Collection. As part of their library's travel programs, **he will give a presentation at the Brownsville Library:**

Thursday, February 17 at 7:00 pm.

If you have any questions, email Paul at: pwinther9@gmail.com.

The library is located at 146 Spaulding Avenue.
 Tue, Wed, Friday: 10AM-5PM
 Thurs: 1PM-7PM Sat: 10AM-2PM



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*Carla Cooper and Nancy Hoecker planting ninebark. Photo by Darko Sojak.
See North Bank Restoration Project report on page 15.*

ENJOY the photos in color! ONLINE *Bulletin* at www.obsidians.org