

# Chemeketan

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Windsor Island Road, north of Salem, a popular route for Chemeketan bike riders.

## **ANNUAL BANQUET, SATURDAY APRIL 20**

*REGISTRATION INFORMATION INSIDE*

**LOOK INSIDE FOR THE 2013 BACKPACK SCHEDULE**

*In your March mail: The 2013 Prospectus*

The *Chemeketans* are a group united in a common interest in outdoor activities. Application for membership may be made after completion of two qualifying trips with the club. For information and forms, contact [chemeketans.org](http://chemeketans.org)

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Trip Participation

It is your responsibility to determine from the description of distance, altitude, terrain, trail and possible weather conditions, whether you, your children, and your guests can fully participate. The leader may refuse to take anyone not properly equipped or who is judged incapable of making the specific trip. All valuables should be left at home or carried with you — not left in a vehicle at the trailhead. Dogs/pets are not permitted.

## Guests (non-members)

A guest under 18 years of age must provide a signed RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK to the trip leader if he/she is not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

## Trip Essentials

Participants should wear appropriate footgear and clothing (no bluejeans), carry lunch, water, raingear, warm sweater/jacket, and the following "essentials":

EXTRA food/clothing/water  
flashlight & extra battery  
lighter/matches in waterproof container  
solar blanket and/or ground insulation in winter  
insect repellent  
first aid materials                      sunglasses  
pocket knife                              toilet paper  
candle                                        sunscreen  
whistle                                        small shovel

## Trip Ratings:

**DAWDLERS:** Pace slow, group makes frequent stops for viewing, photography, etc.

**EASY:** Max. 5 mi round trip, elevation gain less than 1000 ft.

**MEDIUM:** 6-10 mi round trip, 1000-2000 ft elevation gain.

**HARD:** Long, strenuous, and difficult.

## Trip Meeting Points

**RAS** = Rite Aid South, south Commercial, behind bus stop

**CCC** = WEEKENDS ONLY – Green Parking Lot (lot off Cooley Dr off Lancaster Side)

**RLC** = Redeemer Lutheran Church at 4665 Lancaster Dr (corner of Hayesville Dr – but never on Sunday)

**SKM** = Big K Lot, 2470 Mission St., Mission St. side, just west of Jack-in-the-Box

**RPR** = Roth's Portland Road, 4746 Portland Road NE (park in northwest corner on Portland Road)

**PAR** = State Motor Pool Park and Ride lot on Airport Road

**DEN** = 360-1/2 State Street

**FMN** = Fred Meyer northwest side of lot (River Road side)

**SAF** = Safeway West Salem, use Capital Manor exit from 22. Park on Edgewater -- southwest corner

**MBI** = Minto Brown Island Park (1st parking lot on right as you enter island)

**The Chemekeden** is located at 360-1/2 State St., Salem. Members may schedule the facility with the Chemekeden Committee Chair.

## Mileage Reimbursement for Drivers

To reimburse drivers for vehicle operation costs, the suggested donation is 9¢ per mile per person to drivers.

**Hiking Coordinator for March:** Bill Wylie, 503-378-0315, [bnpwylie@yahoo.com](mailto:bnpwylie@yahoo.com).

**Midweek Hikes:** Don Gallagher [dongall39@comcast.net](mailto:dongall39@comcast.net), 503-371-7689.

**Dawdler Hikes:** Mary Narey [narey733@comcast.net](mailto:narey733@comcast.net), 503-364-1294.

## Membership and Bulletins

The best way for prospective members to request club information and guest bulletins is to complete the online "MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION REQUEST FORM", available on our website [www.chemeketans.org](http://www.chemeketans.org) under "Membership" or "Contact Us". You may mail requests to Chemeketans, Membership Secretary, PO Box 864, Salem OR 97308 or email [chememb@chemeketans.org](mailto:chememb@chemeketans.org) and use an unambiguous subject line and include a snail mail address and phone number. If you mail in names of prospective members on sign-up sheets, instead of directing people to the website, it is very helpful to include email addresses.

**New & Renewing Members:** First adult \$26 (\$12 household fee + \$14 dues); Additional adult \$14 dues; Junior \$3 dues.

A junior who is the only Chemeketan in a household would also pay the \$12 household fee. The membership year starts January 1st.

## Bulletin Editors

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The April issue will be edited by Mike Berger.

The May issue will be edited by Bill Geibel.

**To submit a Where & When or We Were There**, use the online forms on the [www.chemeketans.org](http://www.chemeketans.org) website. If you do not have internet access, ask a friend or the hiking coordinator to do this for you. You may also [email](mailto:), call, or send your write-ups directly to the editors at their home addresses.

**The Chemeketan Trip Leader Guide** is available at [http://www.chemeketans.org/Leader\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.chemeketans.org/Leader_Guide.pdf).

**THUNDERBIRD LODGE:** To reserve the Chemeketan cabin on Whitewater Rd., call or email Kim Hyatt: [pkhyatt@msn.com](mailto:pkhyatt@msn.com), 503.362-2765.

## MARCH 2013 CALENDAR

|         |           |   |                  |
|---------|-----------|---|------------------|
| Fri     | Mar 1     | Soap Creek to McCulloch Peak Hike         | Bill Wylie       |
| Sat     | Mar 2     | Santiam Canyon Snowshoe                   | Jean Gabriel     |
| Sat     | Mar 2     | Minto Brown Hike                          | Laura DeVries    |
| Sun     | Mar 3     | Ray Benson South Loop X-Ski               | Steve Dougherty  |
| Sun     | Mar 3     | Forest Park Portland Hike                 | Matt Rieke       |
| Sun     | Mar 3     | Mt Pisgah Hike                            | John Huff        |
| Mon     | Mar 4     | Koffee Klatch                             | Bill Anning      |
| Tue     | Mar 5     | Snag Boat Bend Dawdler Hike               | Paula Hyatt      |
| Wed     | Mar 6     | Santiam Pass X-Ski                        | Dave Carter      |
| Wed     | Mar 6     | Audubon Reserve Invasive Plant Removal    | Lee Slattum      |
| Wed     | Mar 6     | Silver Falls State Park Hike              | Sue MacDonald    |
| Thu     | Mar 7     | Center 50+ Lunch                          | Lee Slattum      |
| Sat     | Mar 9     | Minto Brown Hike                          | Laura DeVries    |
| Sat     | Mar 9     | Santiam Canyon Snowshoe                   | Lee Slattum      |
| Sat     | Mar 9     | Mt Hood or Santiam Pass X-Ski             | Roz Shirack      |
| Sat     | Mar 9     | McDowell Creek Falls Hike                 | Matt Rieke       |
| Sat     | Mar 9     | Peavy Arboretum, McDonald Forest Hike     | Rosamund Irwin   |
| Sun     | Mar 10    | Santiam Canyon Snowshoe                   | James Sealy      |
| Sun     | Mar 10    | Eugene Urban Hike                         | Wayne Wallace    |
| Sun     | Mar 10    | McDonald Forest Hike                      | Jim Reichwein    |
| Mon     | Mar 11    | Koffee Klatch                             | Bill Anning      |
| Wed     | Mar 13    | Audubon Reserve Invasive Plant Removal    | Lee Slattum      |
| Thu     | Mar 14    | Center 50+ Lunch                          | Lee Slattum      |
| Thu     | Mar 14    | Second Thursday                           | Dave Carter      |
| Fri     | Mar 15    | Cape Lookout Hike                         | George Struble   |
| Fri     | Mar 15    | Picture Night                             | Mary Liepins     |
| Sat     | Mar 16    | Minto Brown Hike                          | Laura DeVries    |
| Sat     | Mar 16    | Eagle Creek Hike                          | Jim Rastorfer    |
| Sat     | Mar 16    | Little North Fork Hike                    | Margaret Saxe    |
| Sat     | Mar 16    | Santiam Pass X-Ski                        | Don Gallagher    |
| Sun     | Mar 17    | Multnomah to Wahkeena Falls Hike          | Steve Braden     |
| Sun     | Mar 17    | Catherine Creek Hike                      | Dave Carter      |
| Mon     | Mar 18    | Koffee Klatch                             | Bill Anning      |
| Tue     | Mar 19    | Sweet Creek Falls Hike                    | Betsy Belshaw    |
| Wed     | Mar 20    | Audubon Reserve Invasive Plant Removal    | Lee Slattum      |
| Wed     | Mar 20    | Potato Hill to Little Nash Sno-Park X-Ski | Roz Shirack      |
| Wed     | Mar 20    | Silver Falls Creek Hike                   | Margaret Saxe    |
| Thu     | Mar 21    | Center 50+ Lunch                          | Lee Slattum      |
| Sat     | Mar 23    | Devils Rest Hike                          | Jean Gabriel     |
| Sat     | Mar 23    | Santiam Pass X-Ski                        | Jack Keegan      |
| Sat     | Mar 23    | Minto Brown Hike                          | Laura DeVries    |
| Sat     | Mar 23    | Tryon Creek State Park Hike               | Mary Narey       |
| Sun     | Mar 24    | Nestucca Spit Hike                        | Tom Burke        |
| Sun     | Mar 24    | Cascade Head Hike                         | Blanka Trunekova |
| Sun     | Mar 24    | Santiam Pass X-Ski                        | Ken Ash          |
| Mon     | Mar 25    | Koffee Klatch                             | Bill Anning      |
| Wed     | Mar 27    | Audubon Reserve Invasive Plant Removal    | Lee Slattum      |
| Wed     | Mar 27    | Santiam Pass X-Ski                        | Dave Carter      |
| Wed     | Mar 27    | Marys Peak East Ridge Hike                | Ken Ash          |
| Thu     | Mar 28    | Center 50+ Lunch                          | Lee Slattum      |
| Fri-Sun | Mar 29-31 | Spring Basin Wilderness Backpack          | Joanne DeMay     |
| Sat     | Mar 30    | Dog & Wind Mountains Hike                 | Lee Slattum      |
| Sat     | Mar 30    | Kentucky Falls Hike                       | Matt Rieke       |
| Sat     | Mar 30    | McDonald Forest Hike                      | Jim Reichwein    |
| Sat     | Mar 30    | Minto Brown Hike                          | Laura DeVries    |
| Sat     | Mar 30    | Potato Hill Snowshoe                      | Ken Ash          |
| Sat     | Mar 30    | Tryon Creek State Park Dawdler            | Mary Narey       |

## FUTURE EVENTS

|                                    |   |                          |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Wed Apr 10 & 17, Sat-Sun Apr 20-21 | Climb School  | Amanda Blankenship       |
| Sat Apr 27                         | Aldercreek Paddlefest                                   | Laurelyn Schellin        |
| Tue-Tue Apr 30-May 7               | San Jacinto Wilderness Backpack                         | Tom Eaton                |
| Sun-Sat May 26-June 1              | Canyon de Chelly (NE Arizona)                           | Hardin King              |
| Thu-Mon May 30-June 3              | Wenaha River Backpack                                   | Bob Custer               |
| Fri-Wed June 7-12                  | Pueblo Mountains Backpack                               | Joanne DeMay             |
| Fri-Sun June 21-23                 | Rogue-Umpqua Divide Wilderness Beginner Backpack        | Rick Cooper              |
| Tue-Sun July 9-14                  | Eagle Cap-Cheval Lake Backpack                          | Rod Graves               |
| Fri-Sun July 12-14                 | Broken Top Loop Backpack                                | Mike Gabe                |
| Sun-Mon July 14-22                 | Trinity Alps Backpack                                   | Rick Cooper              |
| Wed-Fri July 17-26                 | Bob Marshall Wilderness Backpack                        | Joanne DeMay             |
| Fri-Sun Aug 2-4                    | Pine Lakes Southern Wallowas Backpack                   | Bill Sullivan            |
| Mon-Thu Aug 19-22                  | Mystery Ridge Backpack                                  | Bill Geibel              |
| Fri-Sun Aug 23-25                  | Around Broken Top Backpack                              | Rod Graves               |
| Fri-Sun Aug 30-Sept 8              | PCT Washington #1 Backpack                              | Ray Drapek               |
| Tue-Tue Sept 3-10                  | Wallowa River Loop Backpack                             | Rick Cooper              |
| Fri-Mon Sept 13-16                 | Oil City to Third Beach, Olympic National Park Backpack | Michael Rottler-Gurley   |
| Fri-Sun Sept 13-15                 | Indian Heaven Wilderness Backpack                       | Lelia Barlow             |
| Tue-Mon Sept 17-23                 | Evolution Basin, Kings Canyon Backpack                  | Allan King, Joanne DeMay |
| Thu-Sun Sept 19-22                 | Mathieu Lake, Three Sisters Wilderness Backpack         | Larry Davis              |
| Sat-Sun Sept 21-22                 | Mt Jefferson Wilderness Beginner Backpack               | Michael Rottler-Gurley   |
| Fri-Sun Oct 18-20                  | Carl Lake Backpack                                      | Allan King               |

## 2013 CHEMEKETAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

|                        |                  |              |                             |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| President              | Jim Rastorfer    | 503-390-4640 | rastyjim@yahoo.com          |
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## CHEMEKETAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

**Annual Meeting**  
**January 14, 2013 6:00 pm**  
**Chemekeden, 360 ½ State Street, Salem**

Present: Jim Rastorfer, as facilitator  
 Attendees: 25 people were present -- *please refer to attached sign-up sheet. All meeting materials are stored at the Chemekeden*

Moment of silence for deceased Chemeketan members of 2012  
 – Paula Hyatt:

- Eileen L. Herman
- Wally Eubanks
- Franchie LeCompte
- Shirley E. Hadley
- Marie Madson
- T. Dani Adams
- Bruce Anthony
- Irene Brush

Two members were also remembered who passed away in January 2013: Judy Forest and Neil Burghardt.

**Membership report**--Amy Dale

In summary, as of 12/31/2012 there were 425 paying members. There were 91 new members, 624 reinstatements. Total of payments processed in 2012 was \$16,160.00. There were over 200 guest memberships.

**Treasurer's 2012 report** was unavailable--Matt Rieke, treasurer.

Committee Reports (*please see complete attached reports for more details*):

**Annual Outing** to Trinity Alps Wilderness, Fawn Group

Campground – Dave Carter

Pam Ewing is the Outing treasurer, and her financial report of December 31 states the Outing's total equity is \$20,854.37 which is less than the previous amount of \$25,569.40. The Statement of Receipts and Disbursements indicate there was a loss of \$4715.03. Refunds were granted in the amount of \$490.00. Dave said the next Outing will be to the Mt. Rainier-Goat Rocks area. George and Janet Adkins reserved a site located in Packwood, Washington. Outing will be held July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup>. Outing fees will be raised this year by \$20.00 for adult members to a new weekly rate of \$200.00. Adult non-member fees will be raised to \$25.00 to a new weekly rate of \$250.00. The Outing potluck was cancelled for 2013. This will be Dave Carter's last year as Outing Chairman, his 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Auditor**- Susan Watkins- (not available to report).

**Backpack** – Joanne DeMay, Allan King, co-chairs. Annual potluck and backpack were well attended. 15 backpacks were scheduled and none were cancelled.

**Biking** – Dori Nelson (not present and no report).

**Bulletin Editors**- Bill Geibel, Joanne DeMay and Mike Berger (no report).

**Canoe/ Kayak**-Jan Thompson (not present) A good list of paddles was on the agenda for 2012. A number of them were cancelled due to inclement weather and unexpected health crises of 3 leaders. Something new this year was paddling campouts. Norm Reiss will replace Jan as chair in 2013.

**Cover Editor**- Allan King- (no report).

**Chemeketan cabin**, Thunderbird Lodge– Kim Hyatt-In 2012 there were 13 reservations for 34 nights. Bill Wylie performs basic maintenance duties at the cabin and the stacking and cutting of two cords of wood.

**Chemekeden** – Robert Roner (not present)-groups used den for route finding school, climb school, climb planning, ultralight backpacking, ice school, annual climbers meeting, introduction to snowshoeing and monthly picture nights.

**Chemeketan Store** – Roz Shirack-no sales in 2012. Store inventory includes thunderbird patches, thunderbird pins, a few white caps and a few t shirts. Thunderbird patches will be sold

for \$2.00 each. Members can contact Roz to purchase items. Patches will be available at Annual Banquet. More Chemeketan merchandise will be developed subject to council approval.

**Climbing**- Bryon Snapp and Mike Niemeyer (absent) co-chairs- There were 51 proposed climbs in 2012 and 31 successful climbs. Climb school is first come, first paid basis, 40 student limit. 16 current climb leaders, 8 assistant leaders. Extensive effort and training is needed to replace leaders. Steve Dougherty will replace Mike Niemeyer as climbing co-chair 2013. Other classes include: anchor building, intermediate snow skills, introduction to Smith Rock class, and ice school. Climb school annual income: \$6567.00, gear packages \$540.00, wilderness first aid, \$630.00. Interest income \$3.00. Expenses: club gear: \$2706.00, permits: 787.00, food cost: \$1303.00, prussik materials: \$294.00, awards: \$100.00, route finding school: \$443.00. Funds transferred to Chemeketan account \$1941.00.

**Conservation** – vacant -nothing to report. Joanne DeMay volunteered as chair for 2013.

**Dawdlers** – Mary Narey- absent, no report.

**Entertainment** – Roz Shirack-the annual banquet was held at Roth's Hospitality Center on April 13, 2012. Master of Ceremonies was Lee Slattum. Executive Council and Chairs were introduced. Bill Sullivan was the guest speaker. He described new hikes in central Oregon as well as some hikes in unprotected areas that may be in danger of being lost to logging or off road vehicle conflicts. 71 Chemeketans and guests attended. Dinner was served buffet style. The \$135.00 cost for the banquet room was paid from the general fund. Three \$25.00 gift cards donated by Sports Authority were given out. A fourth card was presented as a thank-you to speaker Bill Sullivan. Twelve members were recognized for trail maintenance work. Karen Craven has volunteered to be new entertainment chair for 2013.

**Evening Hikes**: Elizabeth Seibert- Wednesday evening walks were a success. Walks were scheduled from mid April through August. 62 adult members participated, with 20 adult guests and two child guests.

**Hiking**- Nancy Rockwell-1043 hikers, 827 of them were members, 216 guests. Most popular months were June, July, August and September. Most participants were members and guests at the Minto Brown Saturday hikes.

**Historian**-June Zink (not present) no report.

**Litter patrol** – Betsy Belshaw (not present) no report. Betsy was active in litter patrol for 2012.

**Midweek hikes** – Don Gallagher reported a good and interesting year: cancelled hikes on magnificent days due to no sign ups and hiked in rain and snow on others. Number of leaders active was 24. Total 2012 hikers: 341. Total hikes reported: 61. Average participants per hike: 6. Don mentioned difficulty of submitting prospective hikes 4 to 8 weeks in advance. Paula mentioned that one-third of club members lead hikes.

**Minto Brown Island Hikes**-Laura DeVries-the Minto Brown walkers were able to meet for a Saturday walk almost every week in 2012 except two weekends in January when the park was closed for flooding and the last two weekends in December. Number of walkers fluctuates between 8 and 14 participants. Walk is usually 3 or 4 miles. Laura thanked Connie Yost for keeping group together for many years and volunteer leaders. Saturday walks are a good entry point for new members.

**Miscellaneous Events**- Roz Shirack- 2nd Thursday Pizza Night was held throughout the year. Other miscellaneous events initiated by Chemeketans and not coordinated through Miscellaneous Events Committee included: Monday morning Koffee Klatch (Bill Anning), Thursday lunches at the 50+ Senior Center (Lee Slattum) and Wednesday invasive plant removal in West Salem (Lee Slattum)

**Picture Night**--Mary Liepins-six picture night presentations were held at the Chemekeden in 2012. Generally held on the second Friday at 7:00 pm. Attendance ranged from 13 to 29. Refreshments were served. Donations to picture night kitty were much appreciated. Accounting for kitty was attached to report. Thanks to presenters and their excellent pictures and stories.

**Risk Management**--Ken Betterton- (not present) no report.

**Technology**-- Rob Kimmich--acknowledged bulletin editors, Brian Kier for monthly data backups, George Adkins, sounding board, Amy Dale and Neil Peterson for membership tasks, Vince Dunn years of webmastering, Kim Braasch, new webmaster. Spoke of accomplishments: moved site to new provider, clarified membership report, built email queue, fixed problems on the annual renewal page. Current project is converting website from frames to single page format.

**Trail Maintenance**--Larry Petersen-during 2012 a total of five trail maintenance days were completed. A total of 16 volunteers contributed 322.5 hours to trail maintenance. 10 volunteers worked 16 hours or more and their names have been submitted to the Forest Service for special recognition and a Northwest Forest Pass. Trail Maintenance Chair position is open at this time. First Aid Training is required. Dave Carter will retain his chain saw license.

**Winter Sports**--Ken Ash--14 trip leaders participated, 38 ski trips were scheduled with 9 cancelled. Average participants was 7. Season was extended from December 7- April 15<sup>th</sup> 2012.

**Vote on Dues Change Proposal:**

Jim Rastorfer gave a synopsis of dues change proposal. Purpose is to make process simpler. Proposal would effectively reduce dues for a single adult household but keep dues the same for a household with 2 adults and for junior members (\$3). Council proposes a flat fee of \$20, eliminating a separate household fee.

Amy Dale stated postage had gone down with electronic mailings, and Paula Hyatt reminded us that a past gift to the club established the \$3 cost of a junior membership.

Karen Craven moved to approve dues change, Franca Hernandez seconded.

Votes were counted. 25 members were present. Vote was a unanimous yes. New proposal for dues change was granted. New cost will start with renewals in October 2013.

**New Business:**

Karen Craven, entertainment chair, spoke of annual banquet April 20<sup>th</sup>. Author Craig Romano will be guest speaker. More information and reminders will be forthcoming.

Jim Rastorfer thanked the 2012 Chemeketan Executive Council for their service in the past year and welcomed the new 2013 Council:

|                  |              |                      |
|------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Jim Rastorfer    | 503 390 4640 | President            |
| Franca Hernandez | 503 510 1635 | Vice President       |
| Bonnie Arias     | 503 580 7085 | Recording Secretary  |
| Neil Peterson    | 503 581 9591 | Membership Secretary |
| Amy Dale         | 503 999 4069 | Membership Secretary |
| Matt Rieke       | 541 928 2767 | Treasurer            |
| Sherrill Breen   | 503 623 5728 | Councilor            |
| Karen Craven     | 503 508 1204 | Entertainment Chair  |
| Diane Clayton    | 503 585 9548 | Paddling Chair       |

There was a random drawing for gift cards from Sports Authority and two members present won the cards for a value of \$25.00 each. Larry Petersen and Paula Hyatt were the lucky winners of these cards.

Meeting ended 7:05 pm  
Submitted by Bonnie Arias, Recording Secretary

**Chemeketan Executive Council Meeting  
January 14, 2013 7:00 p.m.  
Chemekeden, 360 ½ State Street, Salem**

Present: Jim Rastorfer, Amy Dale, Franca Hernandez, Karen Craven, Sherill Breen, Bonnie Arias  
Absent: Neil Peterson, Matt Rieke, Diane Clayton

**Approve Executive Council Minutes of December 19, 2012:**

**Action:** Amy Dale moved to approve the minutes; Jim Rastorfer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report for December 2012-Matt Rieke**  
*Report was unavailable at meeting time.*

**Membership Report- Amy Dale**

Membership summary for December 2012:  
There are 722 active adult members, 9 active junior members, 10 life members, for a total of 741 active paying members. There are 45 guest members (receiving complimentary bulletins), 33 complimentary members (businesses, agencies,

libraries), and 3 exchange members (outdoor clubs). There were no new members in December. 271 renewals were processed in December. 300 members have not yet renewed as of January 1, 2013. There were 11 guests submitted and accepted in December. December deposits totaled \$6602.00.

**Discuss Annual Meeting Results:**

**Action:** Vote was approved unanimously to change fees and simplify membership process. 25 members were present to approve vote. A flat rate of \$20 per adult will start in October 2013. Keeps fees the same for household with two adults (\$40) and for junior members (\$3). Council Actions and Policies document will be updated by Bonnie Arias.

**Revisit Format for Ascension Accounting:**

Amy Dale suggested bookkeeper Gloria Petrie show us format at next council meeting. She is expected to attend.

**Action:** None.

**Annual Banquet - Karen Craven.**

Karen has engaged Craig Romano as speaker for the banquet. Publicity fee will be waived. Publicist will pick this fee up. No host beer and wine was suggested. The question of whether wine and beer can be present at Chemeketan events arose. Council will research the subject of alcohol at Chemeketan-sponsored events at a future council meeting. This item will be added to the Feb. 20 meeting agenda, and the decision was made not to have alcohol at the annual banquet. Room rental rates at Roths have gone up to \$270. Jim Rastorfer stated he would send a mass email to Chemeketans as soon as more information was available.

**Action:** none

**Reimbursements:** there were no reimbursements requested in December.

**New Business:**

Roz Shirack was going to give out Thunderbird patches to outgoing council members, however this was forgotten. We will revisit next meeting and plan to give them out at the Annual Banquet in April.

**Action:** none

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

**Next meeting: February 20, 2013, 6:00 p.m.**

**At the Chemekeden**

**Submitted by Bonnie Arias, Recording Secretary**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHEMEKETAN ANNUAL BANQUET

**When:** Saturday, April 20, 2013, 6:00 pm  
**Where:** Roth's Hospitality Center  
1130 Wallace Rd. NW  
**What:** Buffet banquet, awards, presentation & slideshow  
Opportunity to share your love of the outdoors with fellow enthusiasts  
No-host beer & wine bar

**Dinner entrée options:**

- Parmesan/Panko Crusted Chicken Breast
- Wild Mushroom Manicotti (vegetarian)
- Rosemary Plank Roasted Salmon

Dinners come with garden tossed salad, baked potato or rice pilaf, vegetables, and cake, choice of carrot or chocolate with raspberry filling.

**Cost:** \$15.00/person

**Guest Speaker:** Craig Romano is the ideal speaker for the Chemeketans. He is an avid hiker, runner, kayaker, and cyclist and is the author of numerous trail books. His particular expertise is day hikes in the North Cascades, Central Cascades, Olympic Peninsula, and Backpacking Washington. Craig will share a slide show and presentation that will whet everyone's appetite for our annual outing in Packwood, Washington this August. Craig holds the following degrees; an AA in Forestry from White Mountains Community College (NH); and a BA in history and Masters in Education from the University of Washington. He lives with his wife Heather and cats Giuseppe and Scruffy Gray in Skagit County close to the North Cascades and the San Juan Islands.

## Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_  
Entrée choice: (Circle one) Chicken Manicotti Salmon

Name \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_  
Entrée choice: (Circle one) Chicken Manicotti Salmon

Cost = \$15/person. Please make check payable to **"The Chemeketans"** Please mail registration and check to: Karen Craven, 735 Glen Creek Rd. NW, Salem, OR 97304

### The next Executive Council meeting will be Wednesday, March 20, at 6 pm in the Chemekeden.

**WHAT A DEAL: When you renew your club membership, your new sticker provides discounts at the following stores:**

- **Salem Summit Co.**, 246 State St., Salem, 503-990-7304. 10%
- **Oregon Mountain Community**, 2975 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, 503-227-1038. 10%.
- **The Mountain Shop**, 1510 NE 37th, Portland, 503-288-6768. Members 10%, climb leaders 15%, class participants in session 15%, 30% on rentals. No discounts on service work or sale items. **(note new location)**
- **Next Adventure**, 426 SE Grand, Portland, 503-233-0706. 10%
- **US Outdoor Store**, 219 SW Broadway, Portland, 503-223-5937. 10%.
- **Peak Sports**, 207 NW 2nd, Corvallis, 541-754-6444. 10%.
- **Redpoint Climbers Supply**, 8283 11th St, Terrebonne, 800-923-6207. 10%.

**ADS:** A Chemeketan member may place one small non-commercial ad per year—for example, offering outdoor equipment for sale—in the *Chemeketan* bulletin, free of charge. These classified ads are subject to space availability. Ads must

be sent via email directly to the editors and must be received by the first of the month preceding the month in which they are to be published.

**CONSERVATION NOTES:** As your new Conservation chair, I have started contacting and researching organizations that work in areas of interest to the Chemeketans: the Santiam State Forest, Opal Creek, the Salem Trails Alliance among others. As a Sierra Club member, I receive information on local issues such as Governor Kitzhaber's panel which is discussing timber harvest on O&C lands and the Aviation Board's plan to allow float planes on Waldo Lake. I plan to alert club members to issues that will have a direct impact on our activities. Please contact me if you have suggestions. Joanne DeMay

**Chemeketan Store:** When you go to the chemeketans.org website you will see a link to "Chemeketan Store". It includes a list of Chemeketan merchandise for sale including the new Thunderbird embroidered patch for \$2. It includes information on how to order merchandise.

## WHERE AND WHEN

Refer to **General Information on page 2** for trip ratings, meeting point locations and other important information. Trips leave promptly at the time stated so be there a few minutes ahead of time. RT = round trip.

### Friday, March 1, 8:00 a.m., SOAP CREEK TO MCCULLOCH PEAK Hike

**PRE-REG W/LDR: BILL WYLIE 503-378-0315**

This is a less frequented loop trail in the northwest corner of McDonald Forest. The trail surface is mostly gravel. There is an all around view from the top of McCulloch Peak. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 65 miles, Hike dist 9 miles, Elev. 1600 feet.

### Saturday, March 2, SANTIAM CANYON SNOWSHOE PRE-REG W/LDR: JEAN GABRIEL

The location of this trip will depend on snow conditions. I have several possible destinations in mind, many of which have views on a clear day. The distance will be 6-8 miles with an elevation gain of 800-1200 feet, so this trip is rated hard and not suitable for beginners. Pre-register by phone, not by email. See roster for phone number. Moderate pace. RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 180 miles, snowshoe dist 8 miles. Elev. 1200 ft.

### Saturday, March 2, 9:00 a.m., MINTO BROWN Hike LAURA DEVRIES 503-363-4641

Join the Minto Walkers! We walk 3-4 miles every Saturday at



Minto Brown Island Park. Meet at the last parking lot. All fitness levels welcome. Moderate pace.  
RATED: EASY.

**Sunday, March 3, SKM, 8:00 a.m., FOREST PARK  
PORTLAND Hike**

**MATT RIEKE 541-928-2767**

Forest Park is great in spring since it is lower in elevation and has some older roads to hike on in case the trails are muddy. The Park stretches for about 25 miles from near the Portland Zoo all the way past the St John's Bridge west of Hwy 30. We will start at Pittock Mansion, Cornell Blvd or at the end of Thurman St. If possible, we will hike both trails plus Leif Erickson or some of the fire lanes (gravel roads) which cross the park. Great views of the river and downtown. Pace slow to moderate. Let's hope for something less than a downpour!  
RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 80 miles, Hike dist 7 miles, Elev. 800 feet.

**Sunday, March 3, MT PISGAH Hike**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: JOHN HUFF 503-507-7348**

We will start at the north trailhead and take a meandering route to the top of the ridge. On a clear day views of the south Willamette Valley and the Cascade peaks are possible. From there we will continue south down the ridge then return via the arboretum. Come prepared for cold weather and muddy trails. Check prospectus for leader contact info. Fast pace.  
RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 140 miles, Hike dist 8 miles, Elev. 1300 feet.

**Sunday, March 3, PAR, 8:00 a.m., RAY BENSON SOUTH LOOP X-Ski**

**STEVE DOUGHERTY 503-566-8899**

We will ski the very popular "South Loop" ski trail from the Ray Benson Snow Park (Santiam Pass). Clear skies will give outstanding close-up views of snow-shrouded Three Fingered Jack and Mt. Washington. If snow conditions are good we will do the entire loop, stopping at Brandenburg Shelter for lunch. The terrain will be mostly flat with a few hills to keep it interesting. Beginning skiers are welcome, but this should not be your first time on cross-country skis. Register on the leader's website [www.cascadeadventures.net](http://www.cascadeadventures.net). Moderate pace.  
RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 176 miles, Ski dist 7 miles, Elev. 0 feet.

**Monday, March 4, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING**

**Tuesday, March 5, 9:00 a.m., SNAG BOAT BEND DAWDLER Hike**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: PAULA HYATT 503-362-2765**

Part of the Finley Wildlife Refuge lies east of the Willamette River and near Peoria. The trail and road systems give us a chance to see ponds & meadows, hear frogs, see birds, and several views of the river. I believe there is also a boat ramp, though we won't need it. Expect a pleasant trip with minimal elevation gain. Slow pace.  
RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 75 miles, Hike dist 3 miles.

**Wednesday, March 6, AUDUBON RESERVE INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL**

**LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

Like many of you, I am both a Chemeketan and a Salem Audubon member. I have volunteered to lead an invasive plant removal program at the Audubon Nature Reserve, located in West Salem on Eola Drive behind Safeway on Edgewater. We work every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00, using shears, rakes, shovels, saws, and other implements to take out these plants. No dragging or stacking is involved. At 11:00, we quit and head to the newly remodeled McDonald's on Wallace Road to drink senior coffee and have a good visit. Into our third year, we have made very noticeable progress with our collaborative effort.

RATED: DAWDLERS.

**Wednesday, March 6, SANTIAM PASS X-Ski**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: DAVE CARTER 503-393-3649**

The actual location of the trip will be snow and weather dependent. Please call the leader as the date approaches to get further details. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 200 miles, Ski dist 6 miles, Elev. 500 feet.

**Wednesday, March 6, SILVER FALLS STATE PARK Hike**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: SUE MACDONALD**

The falls should be roaring! Join us for this close-in hike. Pre-register by phone or email: [su12065@aol.com](mailto:su12065@aol.com). Be prepared for rain, muddy, slippery trails and bring a good lunch. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Hike dist 7.1 miles, Elev. 700 feet.

**Thursday, March 7, CENTER 50+ LUNCH**

**LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

Into our fifth year, our Chemeketan and guest lunches continue at the City of Salem's newest Senior Center, the Center 50+, at 2615 Portland Road NE. Lunch is served between 11:30 and 1:00. The cost is \$5.00 if you are 50 or better; \$6.50 if you are younger. A reserved sign identifying us as Chemeketans will claim our table. Drop in for some good food, conversation, and a chance to do some networking.

**Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m., MINTO BROWN Hike**

**LAURA DEVRIES 502-363-4641**

See March 2 write-up.

**Saturday, March 9, SANTIAM CANYON Snowshoe**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: LEE SLATTUM**

The snow gods be willing, we will be snowshoeing in deep, fluffy snow to some worthwhile destination, providing us with an aerobic workout and splendid views, perhaps upon a butte or craggy bluff. The distance covered will probably not be more than eight miles or more than 1000 feet of vertical. You will, of course, need to be in reasonably good aerobic shape. I have two pairs of loaner snowshoes and enough ski poles to accommodate most heights. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD.

**Saturday, March 9, SKM, 8:00 a.m., MCDOWELL CREEK FALLS Hike**  
**MATT RIEKE 541-928-2767**

McDowell Creek runs from the Cascade foothills to the South Santiam River between Lebanon and Sweet Home. Along the way is a small park with three very pretty waterfalls. There are good hiking trails to each waterfall, and we can hike in a partial loop. Much of the land around the park is private and has been logged but the park itself is a haven of beauty. This hike is suitable for just about anyone. Slow pace.  
RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 90 miles, Hike dist 3 miles, Elev. 200 feet.

**Saturday, March 9, PEAVY ARBORETUM, MCDONALD FOREST Hike**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: ROSAMUND IRWIN 503-931-0738**

We will hike in Peavy Arboretum from Forest Discovery Trail to 36 Loop trail. Lunch at Cronemiler Lake before exploring the Calloway Creek trail and Intensive Management area.

Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 60 miles, Hike dist 7 miles, Elev. 900 feet.

**Saturday, March 9, MT. HOOD OR SANTIAM PASS X-Ski**  
**PRE-REG W/LDR: ROZ SHIRACK 503-399-8615**

We will ski somewhere in the Santiam Pass or Mt. Hood area, depending on snow and weather conditions. Leader will confirm trail plan a day or so before the trip. This will be an intermediate level ski of about 7-8 miles and up to 1000 ft of gain. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 170 miles, Ski dist 7 miles, Elev. 1000 feet.

**Sunday, March 10, 7:30 a.m., SANTIAM CANYON SNOWSHOE Snowshoe**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: JAMES SEALY 503-588-7339**

We will decide right before we go the exact location of this snowshoe depending on snow level and conditions. Expect a good workout because the leader likes long snowshoes with plenty of elevation gain. Also could be a cross county route that the leader has not scouted and would be navigated by GPS. Hopefully we will have clear conditions and get above the trees to get a good view. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 180 miles, Snowshoe dist 8 miles, Elev. 1700 feet.

**Sunday, March 10, EUGENE URBAN Hike**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: WAYNE WALLACE 503-999-2612**

This hike will concentrate on the abundant street art in Eugene. Expect a walking distance of about 7 miles with no appreciable elevation gain other than walking up to the second floor of REI. Lunch will be at a restaurant along the way. Limited to a maximum of 10 people. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 120 miles, Hike dist 7 miles, Elev. 25 feet.

**Sunday, March 10, SAF, 8:00 a.m., MCDONALD FOREST Hike**

**JIM REICHWEIN 541-753-9573**

A hike on the lesser known trails of the McDonald Forest. Come prepared for the usual conditions. Gather at Safeway in West Salem and carpool to McDonald Forest to meet the

leader. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 45 miles, Hike dist 5 miles, Elev. 900 feet.

**Monday, March 11, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING**

**Wednesday, March 13, AUDUBON RESERVE INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL**

**LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

See March 6 write-up.

**Thursday, March 14, CENTER 50+ LUNCH**

**LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

See March 7 write-up.

**Thursday, March 14, 6:00 p.m., SECOND THURSDAY, DAVE CARTER 503-393-3649**

Stop by Padington's Pizza located at 410 Pine Street NE for an evening of pizza and other refreshments at this congenial establishment. This is a good time to share your plans for the coming summer and to go over details of your winter activities. See you there. Ten essentials not a requirement and dress is casual. Fast pace.

RATED: DAWDLERS, Elev. 0 feet.

**Friday, March 15, 8:00 a.m., CAPE LOOKOUT Hike**  
**PRE-REG W/LDR: GEORGE STRUBLE 503-364-3929**

We get spectacular views of the coast and cormorants and experience the dense coastal forest. Wear boots; the trail is guaranteed to be muddy and sloppy. And dress for the weather! Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 120 miles, Hike dist 5 miles, Elev. 400 feet.

**Friday, March 15, DEN, 7:00 p.m., PICTURE NIGHT**  
**MARY LIEPINS 503-363-6385**

In 2008, Aaron J. Nicholson hiked the whole length of the Pacific Crest Trail in Oregon – 26 days and 460 miles – carrying everything he needed for the entire trek. Traversing the state using no resupply was an immense challenge, but it also turned out to be the adventure of a lifetime. Come see Aaron's pictures of this adventure and hear how he met the challenge and what he learned along the way.

**Saturday, March 16, 9 a.m., MINTO BROWN Hike**  
**LAURA DEVRIES 502-363-4641**

See March 2 write-up.

**Saturday, March 16, 7:30 a.m., EAGLE CREEK Hike**  
**PRE-REG W/LDR: JIM RASTORFER 503-390-4640**

Eagle Creek trail is one of the most spectacular hikes in Oregon. It is in the Columbia Gorge just south of Bonneville Dam. It has several beautiful falls along the way. There are some narrow parts and some steep drop-offs. I'd like to hike all the way to Tunnel Falls. The hike itself is mostly flat with gentle inclines. Bring rain gear as there are showers likely this time of year. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 180 miles, Hike dist 12 miles, Elev. 1200 feet.

**Saturday, March 16, SKM, LITTLE NORTH FORK Hike**  
**PRE-REG W/LDR: MARGARET SAXE 503-585-3209**

This is a wonderful hike any time of the year but especially in early spring when the river runs full and the trees are starting to leaf out. The trail is mostly in good condition but there are some narrow, steep, rocky sections. Boots are a must. The plan is to hike to Shady Cove Campground for lunch and return the same way we came. Be prepared for rain but think sunshine. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 76 miles, Hike dist 9 miles, Elev. 900 feet.

**Saturday, March 16, SANTIAM PASS X-Ski**  
**PRE-REG W/LDR: DON GALLAGHER**

We will find the new snow for a cross-country ski somewhere near the Santiam Pass. Our options, depending on snow conditions, will include Ray Benson, Maxwell Butte or Potato Hill Sno-Parks as well as the burn area on the north side of Hwy. 20. Pre-register at [dongall39@comcast.net](mailto:dongall39@comcast.net). Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 180 miles, Ski dist 7 miles.

**Sunday, March 17, 8:00 a.m., CATHERINE CREEK Hike**  
**PRE-REG W/LDR: DAVE CARTER 503-393-3549**

Yes, another year of hiking is rolling around. So please join the group and enjoy a day of early spring hiking in the Columbia Gorge on Saint Patrick's Day. Hopefully, some of the early spring flowers will be out and with weather cooperating we will enjoy great views of the gorge. We can stop after the hike and enjoy some refreshments. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 250 miles, Hike dist 8 miles, Elev. 800 feet.

**Sunday, March 17, MULTNOMAH TO WAHKEENA FALLS Hike**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: STEVE BRADEN 503-363-5259**

We will hike up the Multnomah Falls trail and continue around to the back side of Wahkeena Falls for the way down. The trail up to Multnomah Falls climbs steeply and gets easier going around the top before descending steeply. I have not scouted this recently but am familiar with the route. If the trail is blocked or snowy, we can go up and down as far as possible from each falls as the group is willing and able. Be prepared for wind, rain, mud and fantastic waterfalls! Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 156 miles, Hike dist 5.5 miles, Elev. 1600 feet.

**Monday, March 18, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING**

**Tuesday, March 19, SWEET CREEK FALLS Hike**  
**PRE-REG W/LDR: BETSY BELSHAW 503-370-8789**

I know this is a long drive, but it is a pretty one, and the hike and falls are beautiful. The trail is divided into two sections with several falls along the different sections, and the trails themselves are interesting. The wildflowers should be lovely if we time this well. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 250 miles, Hike dist 5.2 miles, Elev. 650 feet.

**Wednesday, March 20, POTATO HILL TO LITTLE NASH SNO-PARK X-Ski**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: ROZ SHIRACK 503-399-8615**

We will ski to the top of Potato Hill (about 900 feet of elevation gain) for good views of Three Fingered Jack and other Cascade peaks. Then we will return via the Hash Brown Loop and cut over to the trails on Little Nash Crater for a 1300 ft. descent to Little Nash Sno-Park. We may need to substitute another trail if snow conditions are not adequate. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 160 miles, Ski dist 7 miles, Elev. 900 feet.

**Wednesday, March 20, SKM, SILVER FALLS Hike**  
**PRE-REG W/LDR: MARGARET SAXE 503-585-3209**

We will start the hike at the North Falls and hike to the South Lodge where we will have lunch and if necessary dry out in front of a roaring fire. We'll hike back via the Rim Tail. The falls will be full and spectacular at this time of the year. Be prepared for rain and possibly a muddy trail. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 54 miles, Hike dist 7 miles, Elev. 600 feet.

**Wednesday, March 20, AUDUBON RESERVE INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL**

**LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

See March 6 write-up.

**Thursday, March 21, CENTER 50+ LUNCH**  
**LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

See March 7 write-up.

**Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m., MINTO BROWN Hike**  
**LAURA DEVRIES 502-363-4641**

See March 2 write-up.

**Saturday, March 23, DEVILS REST Hike**  
**PRE-REG W/LDR: JEAN GABRIEL**

Starting from Wahkeena Falls in the Columbia Gorge, we'll hike the Wahkeena Trail and then take the cut-off to Devils Rest. The waterfalls and creek along this trail are beautiful this time of year. We will likely hike through snow towards the top, so you may want waterproof boots and gaiters. Pre-register by phone, not by e-mail. See roster for phone number. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 165 miles, Hike dist 7 miles, Elev. 2400 feet.

**Saturday, March 23, 8:00 a.m., SANTIAM PASS AREA X-Ski**  
**PRE-REG W/LDR: JACK KEEGAN 503-413-0831**

We will go near Santiam pass to where the snow conditions are best. The trip will be 6-9 miles, with less than 1000' of elevation gain. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 160 miles, Ski dist 8 miles, Elev. 1000 feet.

**Saturday, March 23, TRYON CREEK STATE PARK Hike**  
**PRE-REG W/LDR: MARY NAREY 503-364-1294**

Trillium and calypso orchid may be in bloom all along the trails by this time. The big Trillium Festival sponsored by the park and volunteers is April 4-5 and includes a plant sale to benefit activities and classes within the park throughout the year for adults, children and families. A warm Nature Center filled with

displays awaits afterward. Wear boots because the trails by the creek and beyond can be slippery. Bring a camera, water and snacks for the trail, and money for lunch in Lake Oswego. Slow pace. Drive dist RT 90 miles, Hike dist 4 miles.

**Sunday, March 24, NESTUCCA SPIT Hike**  
**PRE-REG W/LDR: TOM BURKE 503-930-5704**

Trying for a three-peat. I have found good weather two years in a row for my beach hike. We will visit the resident seal colony and hope for a good show. I have recently explored the inside passage for that option or perhaps another side trip depending on the will of the group. Deep sand in dunes can provide a bit of workout with a total hike distance of between five and seven miles. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 110 miles, Hike dist 6 miles, Elev. 50 feet.

**Sunday, March 24, SAF, 8:00 a.m., CASCADE HEAD Hike**  
**BLANKA TRUNECKOVA 503-409-1606**

If we have two cars, we can start our hike from the lower trail head and make a loop, the group will decide. Cascade Head will be windy and part of the trail muddy this time of year. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 120 miles, Hike dist 7 miles, Elev. 1300 feet.

**Sunday, March 24, 8:00 a.m., SANTIAM PASS X-Ski**  
**PRE-REG W/LDR: KEN ASH 503-884-3160**

If the weather is cooperative, we will ski from Ray Benson parking lot around Hoodoo and ascend Sand Mt. Hopefully we will have spring skiing but come prepared for winter. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 150 miles, Ski dist 10 miles, Elev. 1500 feet.

**Monday, March 25, 10:00 a.m., KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING**

**Wednesday, March 27, AUDUBON RESERVE INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL**

**LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

See March 6 write-up.

**Wednesday, March 27, SANTIAM PASS-BIG LAKE X-Ski**  
**PRE-REG W/LDR: DAVE CARTER 503-393-3649**

This will be a ski trip to Big Lake on Santiam Pass. We will depart from Ray Benson Sno-Park take the ski trail to near Big Lake and ski southerly down Big Lake to a good lunch spot and return. With good weather, this trip has great winter views of Mt. Washington. If it is stormy we will ski somewhere else. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 200 miles, Hike dist 6 miles, Elev. 500 feet.

**Wednesday, March 27, 8:00 a.m., MARYS PEAK, EAST RIDGE Hike**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: KEN ASH 503-884-3160**

This pleasant route ascends the highest point in the coast range through a mature forest with views of the valley and a commanding view of the range and distant ocean from the top. Bring lunch and a smile for the top. Contact leader via phone or

at [mrkenash@comcast.net](mailto:mrkenash@comcast.net). Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 110 miles, Hike dist 5 miles, Elev. 1250 feet.

**Thursday, March 28, CENTER 50+ LUNCH**

**LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

See March 7 write-up.

**Friday-Sunday, March 29-March 31, SPRING BASIN WILDERNESS Backpack**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: JOANNE DEMAY 971-237-9775**

Once again we'll trust the weather gods and head to this gem of a wilderness on the John Day near Clarno. We'll hike in about 4 miles on Friday, explore on Saturday, come home Sunday.

Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM.

**Saturday, March 30, 9 a.m., MINTO BROWN Hike**

**LAURA DEVRIES 502-363-4641**

See March 2 write-up.

**Saturday, March 30, DOG & WIND MOUNTAINS Hike**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: LEE SLATTUM**

It is now spring and time to start hitting on the Columbia River Gorge in preparation for the annual outing. We'll do flower-famous Dog first. Nearby neighbor Wind second. This roundish mountain has a protected Native American archeological site on its summit because of its quest pits. As part of this whaler of a day, we'll make an obligatory refueling stop in the Salmon Row Pub in Cascade Locks. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 212 miles, Hike dist 9.8 miles, Elev. 4000 feet.

**Saturday, March 30, 8:30 a.m., POTATO HILL Snowshoe**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: KEN ASH 503-884-3160**

This is an advanced beginner through intermediate trip. On a clear day you can see big mountains from Jefferson to Diamond Peak and many a lesser one. Come prepared for (but do not expect) winter conditions. Phone leader or contact at

[mrkenash@comcast.net](mailto:mrkenash@comcast.net). Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 160 miles, Snowshoe dist 4 miles, Elev. 900 feet.

**Saturday, March 30, SKM, 8:00 a.m., KENTUCKY FALLS Hike**

**MATT RIEKE 541-928-2767**

Kentucky Falls is in the Coast Range west of Eugene and east of Mapleton and Florence. It is not too far from Roman Nose Peak about 15 miles south of Hwy 126 and about 10 miles east of Sweet Creek Park. It is a lovely hike down into a valley. After 0.8 miles we reach the upper falls, in another 1.6 miles there are two waterfalls side by side, Kentucky Creek and the Smith River. Another trail down the Smith River leads towards Reedsport. An easy hike that we will take slowly & enjoy all there is in the forest. Should be at least a few trilliums in bloom. Slow pace.

RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 200 miles, Hike dist 4.4 miles, Elev. 700 feet.

**Saturday, March 30, SKM, 9:00 a.m., MCDONALD FOREST ARBORETUM Hike**

**JIM REICHWEIN 541-753-9573**

McDonald Forest Arboretum is located on 99W opposite Adair Village. Just past Adair turn right on Arboretum Road. The Arboretum entrance is 1/4 mile on the right. Meet the leader at the Arboretum entrance. Trails are in good condition with many old-growth Douglas fir. We will hike to the top ridge of the arboretum for nice views. We may find some early wildflowers. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 60 miles, Hike dist 5 miles, Elev. 400 feet.

**Saturday, March 30, TRYON CREEK STATE PARK Dawdler Hike**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: MARY NAREY 503-364-1294**

Trillium and calypso orchid may be in bloom all along the trails by this time. The big Trillium Festival sponsored by the park and volunteers is April 4-5 and includes a plant sale to benefit activities and classes within the park throughout the year for adults, children and families. A warm Nature Center filled with displays awaits afterward. Wear boots because the trails by the creek and beyond can be slippery. Bring a camera, water and snacks for the trail, and money for lunch in Lake Oswego. Slow pace. Drive dist RT 90 miles, Hike dist 4 miles.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**Wednesdays April 10 & 17, Saturday-Sunday, April 20-April 21, 2013 CLIMB SCHOOL**

**AMANDA BLANKENSHIP 541-981-1162**

The 2013 Chemeketan Climb School is a great introduction to basic mountaineering and rock climbing skills. Students attend two classroom sessions and a weekend field session.

Chemeketan Climb School, or an equivalent, is required to participate in club-sponsored climbs. The classroom sessions will be held on two Wednesday nights, April 10 and 17, from 5:30-9:15 p.m. Both classroom sessions will be held at the Chemekeden, 360-1/2 State St., above Cooke's Stationery in downtown Salem. Students must attend both classroom sessions to complete the school. The field sessions will be held on April 20-21. These two days are devoted to rock climbing practice at Horsethief Butte on Saturday and snow skills at Mt. Hood on Sunday. Horsethief Butte is on the Washington side of the Columbia River opposite The Dalles, Oregon. We'll be camping Saturday night at the state park and eating a buffet dinner at Spooky's Pizza in The Dalles. The costs for both the camping and the buffet are included in your registration fee (\$145 for members). Climb school students must be at least 16 years old by April 15, 2013. Students who are 16 or 17 years old must be accompanied by a guardian who is a paid climb-school participant. The guardian is expected to stay with and be responsible for the younger participant throughout the weekend field sessions. The number of climb school participants is limited to 45. Please register online at [http://www.chemeketans.org/climb\\_school.asp](http://www.chemeketans.org/climb_school.asp) where further information is available. You may also contact Amanda Blankenship at [una20\\_1999@yahoo.com](mailto:una20_1999@yahoo.com). RATED: MEDIUM-HARD.

**Saturday, April 27, 9:00 a.m., ALDER CREEK PADDLEFEST PRE-REG W/LDR: [laurelynschellin@hotmail.com](mailto:laurelynschellin@hotmail.com)**

Alder Creek Canoe-Kayak of Portland is hosting a free paddle festival. Over 100 canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards (the newest sport) will be available to test paddle. In addition, from 10 am-4 pm there will be free instruction on the water and continuous demonstrations and clinics on boat entry and exit,

launching and landing, foot pedal adjustment, effective paddle strokes, choosing the correct paddle, safety skills with rescue and re-entry demos, boat packing for camping trips, how to car-top your boat, boat repair tips, paddling with kids, ideas for fun places to paddle, and more. If you are a beginner, this is your chance to learn to canoe, kayak or paddleboard. If you are an experienced paddler, come and improve your skills. During the rest of the year there is a cost for these excellent instructional sessions. Discounts on paddle equipment also available. Beginners welcome, no previous experience required. Come dressed to paddle and bring a lunch. All equipment and instruction will be provided free. Meet at 9 am at Salem Center St Safeway parking lot, west side, to carpool. Portland area paddlers can meet us at Vancouver Lake Park. Take I-5 north to the Mill Plain West exit, which turns into River Road going into the park. There is a \$3/vehicle park entry fee. Watch for Alder Creek Paddlefest signs. Afterwards, we will stop for dinner at the Hawaiian Island Cafe, an informal floating eatery on the Columbia River with a view of Mt. Hood. RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 90 miles.

**Sunday-Saturday, May 26-June 1, CANYON DE CHELLY (NE AZ) Hike**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: HARDIN KING 503-845-9340**

Base camp with daily 6-10 mile daypack hiking (some exposure) in beautiful CDC, see cliff dwellings of Anasazi, native rock art, become acquainted with four generations of a Navajo family and share potluck and possibly sweat with them, be surrounded by quiet beauty of dark patina-covered red rock canyon walls, turquoise blue sky with white clouds, green riparian areas, see dramatic scattered high desert flora, and sleep with canyon walls providing crystal clear views of starry night skies. Currently trip is full, call for waitlist. RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Hike dist 35 miles, Elev. 1200 feet.

## 2013 BACKPACK SCHEDULE

### **Tuesday-Tuesday, April 30-May 7, San Jacinto Wilderness, Southern California Backpack**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: TOM EATON 541-499-1584**

Spring backpack on PCT through San Jacinto Mountains of southern California. We'll meet at remote cabin near PCT and shuttle to the trailhead. Trail should be good; snow might be a factor above 7000'. If so we will adjust route. If conditions permit may summit Mt San Jacinto and/or visit village of Idyllwild. Expect to see lots of sun, wildflowers and thru-hikers! Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 2000 miles, Hike dist 54 miles, Elev. 4900 feet.

### **Thursday-Monday, May 30-June 3, WENAHA RIVER Backpack**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: BOB CUSTER 541-745-3994**

The Wenaha River Trail is located in northeastern Oregon, an 8-hour drive from Salem. The trail is downhill for 27 miles along the Wenaha River through a canyon with beautiful scenery. We will drive to Troy, do a 22-mile car shuttle and camp at the trailhead. We will hike for three days and drive home on day five. Stream crossings, some poison ivy and rattlesnakes. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 848 miles, Hike dist 27 miles, Elev. -1200 feet.

### **Friday-Wednesday, June 7-June 12, PUEBLO MOUNTAINS Backpack**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: JOANNE DEMAY 971-237-9775**

Many people know the Steens, few the Pueblos. This section of the Desert Trail is 22 miles. We will go south to north, from Denio to Fields, do a side trip up Pueblo Mountain. 3 nights, 4 days. [joannedemay08@gmail.com](mailto:joannedemay08@gmail.com). Moderate pace. Hike dist 22 miles.

### **Friday-Sunday, June 21-June 23, BEGINNER Backpack**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: RICK COOPER 503-362-9719**

This backpack is designed both for those who are new to backpacking and for those who have not backpacked recently. We will go to the Rogue-Umpqua Divide Wilderness, southeast of Roseburg. It provides a number of backpacking opportunities ranging from a four-mile round trip to a loop of 16 miles. The difficulty and exact itinerary of the backpack will depend on the experience and expectations of the people who sign up. The pace will be easy to moderate. With luck, the weather will be good, but all backpackers must be prepared for cold, wet weather. Please contact leader at [cooperrm50@gmail.com](mailto:cooperrm50@gmail.com) to sign up or for further information. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 400 miles.

### **Tuesday-Sunday, July 9-July 14, EAGLE CAP/CHEVAL LAKE Backpack**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: ROD GRAVES 541-401-0368**

After a six-hour drive to the trailhead, we hike three miles (up 2000 ft) to camp near China Cap. The next day we hike down Elk Creek to the Minam River (6 miles), have lunch, then hike five miles (up 2500 ft) to Cheval Lake to camp. Thursday, we go back to the Minam River then four miles to camp at Rock Creek.

Friday we hike four miles up Rock Creek (3000 ft) to camp. Saturday we hike six miles back to the trailhead. Return home Saturday or Sunday. Read *Of Men and Mountains* by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. Leader hikes at a moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 684 miles, Hike dist 33 miles, Elev. 2500 feet.

### **Friday-Sunday, July 12-July 14, BROKEN TOP LOOP Backpack**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: MIKE GABE 503-873-7408**

We will start at the Park Meadows Trailhead near Three Creek Lake. Over half the hiking will be done off trail with some snow fields. We will skirt the lower northern slopes of Broken Top, circle through Green Lakes, around to the eastern slopes of Broken Top, and then over the crest of Broken Hand to head home. Two nights camping, beautiful scenery, lots of adventure. The leader has done this route several times. Moderate to hard trip because of off trail routes. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 260 miles, Hike dist 20 miles, Elev. 2000 feet.

### **Sunday-Monday, July 14-July 22, TRINITY ALPS Backpack**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: RICK COOPER 503-362-9719**

The third annual Not the Strawberries Backpack will take place in the Trinity Alps. This excellent backpack takes us into the heart of the Trinity Alps Wilderness to some of the best lakes the wilderness has to offer: Caribou, Emerald, Sapphire, Boulder and Foster. We will spend seven days on the trail. Expect exceptional scenery, wildflowers and swimmable lakes. This backpack is rated hard. Total distance is 53 miles with 12,090 feet of elevation gain – of which 7 miles and 1,930 feet is an optional side trip. Moderate pace. Although we will be on the trail only seven days, two additional days are required to make the drive and to set up a short shuttle on the one end and unwind it on the other. We will camp at Big Flat campground when not on the trail. Please contact leader at [cooperrm50@gmail.com](mailto:cooperrm50@gmail.com) to sign up or for further information.

Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 940 miles, Hike dist 53 miles, Elev. 12090 feet.

### **Wednesday-Friday, July 17-July 26, BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS Backpack**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: JOANNE DEMAY 971-237-9775**

I haven't chosen a specific route yet, but we won't be disappointed. This is a magnificent wild place, worth a return trip. [joannedemay08@gmail.com](mailto:joannedemay08@gmail.com). Plan on 5-6 days. Moderate pace.

### **Friday-Sunday, August 2-August 4, PINE LAKES Backpack BILL SULLIVAN 541-683-6837**

There is no easy way to the emerald lakes in this granite basin of the southern Willowa Mountains, but we'll spend two nights there, so you can recover. We'll meet at the trailhead on Friday and leave a shuttle car in Cornucopia so we can return via a different trail on Sunday. On Saturday Bill will lead an optional 5-mile scramble up Krag Peak for views. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 850 miles, Hike dist 16 miles, Elev. 3000 feet.

**Monday-Thursday, August 19-August 22, MYSTERY RIDGE Backpack**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: BILL GEIBEL 503-873-0270**

We will backpack into an area above Hunts Cove that is away from the main camping areas. We will spend two days doing off-trail exploration in the general area hoping to find remnants of two historic trails. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 140 miles, Hike dist 28 miles, Elev. 4000 feet.

**Friday-Sunday, August 23-August 25, AROUND BROKEN TOP, THREE SISTERS Backpack**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: ROD GRAVES 541-401-0368**

We start from Three Creek Lake and hike seven miles to camp near Golden Lake. Saturday we hike 8-1/2 miles (2 miles cross country). On Sunday it's five miles (3 miles cross country) back to Three Creek Lake. I did this one in 2012, and it was such a great Mountain High I must repeat. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 246 miles, Hike dist 21 miles, Elev. 1500 feet.

**Friday-Sunday, August 30-September 8, PCT WASHINGTON #1 Backpack**

**RAY DRAPEK 541-754-7364**

This is trip number one of a series covering the entire stretch of the Pacific Crest Trail in Washington State. This year's trip goes through the Wind River Experimental Forest, up into the Indian Heaven Wilderness, and ends near the base of Mount Adams. The longest day will be 12.8 miles and the biggest gain in a single day will be 3300 feet. This will be a trip for experienced backpackers. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 180 miles, Hike dist 82 miles, Elev. 14000 feet.

**Tuesday-Tuesday, September 3-September 10, WALLOWA RIVER LOOP Backpack**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: RICK COOPER 503-362-9719**

We will make the Wallowa River Loop described by Lorain in 'Backpacking Oregon' -- up the East Fork of the Wallowa River, across Polaris Pass into the Lakes Basin and down the West Fork. The trip includes optional climbs of Eagle Cap and the Matterhorn. This trip is rated hard. Total backpacking distance is 39 miles with 11,740 feet of elevation gain. The optional side trips are together an additional 9.5 miles and 4,340 feet. The weather is likely to be good, but be prepared for cold nights -- all camps are over 7,000 feet -- and for the possibility of rain or snow. We will be six days on the trail with an additional travel day at each end. We will camp at Wallowa Lake Campground when not on the trail. Please contact leader at [cooperrm50@gmail.com](mailto:cooperrm50@gmail.com) to sign up or for further information.

Moderate pace. RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 780 miles, Hike dist 39 miles, Elev. 11740 feet.

**Friday-Sunday, September 13-September 15, 12:00 p.m., INDIAN HEAVEN WILDERNESS Backpack**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: LELIA BARLOW**

In this area of southern Washington near Mt Adams, we will hike past mountain lakes, going through subalpine forest and meadows. We'll camp at lakes where swimming is an option, and huckleberries should be plentiful. Relaxed pace.

Backpacking distance is 6.8 miles and 900 feet of elevation gain total. Optional day hiking of 4+ miles. Group size limited to 8 participants. Well-equipped beginners in good hiking condition are welcome! Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 240 miles, Hike dist 6.8 miles, Elev. 900 feet.

**Friday-Monday, September 13-September 16, OLYMPIC COAST Backpack**

**MICHAEL GURLEY 609-410-3764**

Is it a hike or an Army obstacle course? A little bit of both, but with spectacular coastal views. We'll start at the Oil City (Hoh River) trailhead and work our way north to Third Beach. Expect a mix of stream crossings, beach and high-canopy forested trails, several ups/downs on rope and wooden ladders. Since this is not a loop trip, the logistics and a full prospectus are still being worked on. Considering either a car shuttle or possibly splitting the group (if larger) and doing a cross-key trip. This is a wilderness area, so the trip is limited to 12 persons. Bear canisters (mostly for the raccoon nuisance) are required (loaned, rented, purchased). Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 600 miles, Hike dist 16.1 miles.

**Tuesday-Monday, September 17-September 23, EVOLUTION BASIN KINGS CANYON Backpack**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: ALLAN KING, JOANNE DEMAY 971-237-9775**

This is a classic High Sierra loop backpack. Three passes, 53 miles, spectacular scenery. Possibly a visit to hot springs. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Hike dist 53 miles.

**Thursday-Sunday, September 19-September 22, THREE SISTERS WILDERNESS Backpack**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: LARRY DAVIS 503-390-8210**

We'll explore the northwest part of this alpine wilderness area, starting near the Dee Wright Observatory on the McKenzie Pass and hiking through Matthieu Lakes toward Linton Meadows, with close views of Collier Cone, Little Brother, North and Middle Sister. The final day we will return past Obsidian Falls via the Obsidian Trail to Frog Camp. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 240 miles, Hike dist 26 miles, Elev. 4000 feet.

**Saturday-Sunday, September 21-September 22, JEFFERSON PARK Backpack**

**MICHAEL GURLEY AND KAREN HUNTZINGER 609-410-3764**

Come one and all (up to a maximum of 12, of course). This event will be geared towards beginners and those more experienced who are looking for a slower-paced outing. We'll enjoy the hike into Jeff Park, arriving with enough time to set up camp and still take in the early fall sights. No rush on Sunday morning before we pack things up and make our way back to the trailhead. Come enjoy warm days, crisp nights, and good company. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 136 miles, Hike dist 11 miles, Elev. 1800 feet.

**Friday-Sunday, October 18-October 20, 8:00 a.m., CARL LAKE Backpack**

**PRE-REG W/LDR: ALLAN KING 503-399-9990**

This will be a late season backpack to Carl Lake, on the eastern slope of Jefferson Wilderness. We'll leave on Friday, pack to the lake and set-up camp. On Saturday we will explore the area;

Sunday, pack out. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 112 miles, Hike dist 11 miles, Elev. 1000 feet.

## WE WERE THERE

### **Lava Lake X-Ski, January 2**

We enjoyed a beautiful ski day, perfect weather complete with very good snow, to Lava Lake. The lake had some open water and a narrow creek flowing, a perfect view for lunch. Skiers were Ken Ash, Mary Liepins, Betsy Belshaw, Roz Shirack, Sharon Wright, Don Gallagher, and Neil Peterson, leader.

### **Bend Area Ski Vacation, January 7 - January 9**

In spite of high winds at Mt. Bachelor, very little new snow in a week, and questionable forecasts, the Chemeketans headed to Bend for a few days of cross country skiing. Fortunately the winds weren't so bad at the lower level sno-parks, and there was just enough new snow for three days of enjoyable skiing. Mountain views would have to wait until next time. Day 1: We completed an approximate 8-mile loop from Swampy Lakes

*Bachelor skiers Linda Seekatz, Sharon Wright, Nancy Rockwell, Don Gallagher, Mary Liepins, Karen Eggiman, Randy Selig  
Photo Richard Seekatz*



sno-park to Vista Butte to Flagline to Swampy Shelter and back to Swampy sno-park. Day 2: Taking advantage of a special holiday grooming to Shooting Star Shelter, we completed a ten-mile-plus loop which included the Meissner Shelter. Day 3: We took advantage of the groomed Tangent Loop between the Meissner and Swampy Lakes sno-parks with a nice side trip (new to most of us) on the Gentian Loop. Most of the group then spent a fourth day doing informal skiing trips in the area. Enjoying Bend for at least one, two or even three days were Chemeketans: Randy Selig, Mary Liepins, Sharon Wright, Karen Eggimann, Neil Peterson, Georgienne & Ted Young, Richard & Linda Seekatz, Nancy Rockwell, leader Don Gallagher, and guest Stefanie Ferrara. Chemeketans Marcia Hoak & Rob Gould joined us for a pub crawl or two and were also spotted on skis enjoying the snow!

### **Fisherman's Bend Dawdler Hike, January 10**

The river level was high and water fast in the North Santiam! At the place where the river divides and then takes a curve to the west near Hwy 22, the water cascading over the rocks was spectacular to view. Drizzly day, but we didn't care. Sometimes even the sun came out. June Zink and Paula Hyatt ambled along the trails, all in good condition, not muddy as might have been expected. Only one spot where a tree had fallen across a small walkway caused momentary pause, wondering if we could meet the challenge. We did. At lunchtime we sat on a bench, watched the water on a small rapids, then we hiked back to our car. Jackets were only mildly damp, and we had thoroughly enjoyed this pleasant hike.

### **Square Lake and Long Lake, January 16**

We escaped the cold fog in Salem for a beautiful day of skiing northeast of Santiam Pass in sunny, 60-degree weather. We had good views of Mt. Washington, the Three Sisters and Broken Top to the south and Three-Fingered Jack to the north on the way to Square Lake. We skied along the north shore of the lake and then southeast to Long Lake for lunch. The



Square skiers Dave Carter, Craig Wojcik, Joel Matthias. Photo Roz Shirack



extreme temperature inversion lulled us into an hour-long lunch overlooking the lake before reluctantly returning to the snowpark. Skiers were Dave Carter, Nordic Club guests Craig Wojcik and Joel Mathias, and leader Roz Shirack.

#### **McDonald Forest Hike, January 19**

We left Salem and its fog and haze and headed to McDonald Forest. Visibility was very poor until we gained some altitude on Soap Creek Road. The weather at the Lewisburg Saddle was bright, sunny and a crisp 25 degrees. We took my convoluted route to Dimple Hill where we had lunch with a great view of the top of the cloud that hung over Corvallis. It looked like a large snow-covered lake. We headed back and crossed over Sulphur Springs Road and took the New Growth Trail to the Old Growth Trail and looped back on the road. We stopped at the Newt Pond where I saw two newts under the ice and quite a few small fish which I had never seen there before. Enjoying the fine day above the valley haze were Rosamund Irwin, Beverly Hassell and first qualifying hikers Charlotte Wester & David Smedema. Leader Wayne Wallace

#### **Elk Lake Weekend, January 26 - January 29**

Some skied, some snow coached the 11 miles from Mount Bachelor to the Elk Lake Resort. During the two days at the resort various groups traversed Elk Lake, visited Hosmer and Blow Lakes, Played Quiddler and Charades and ate well. On the final day the now uphill 11 miles were again traversed, with initial trepidation due to two feet of new snow; however the intervention of a groomer made the trip delightful. Attending were Ken Ash, Mari Baldwin, Tony Cristi, Steve and Shelley Dougherty, Karen Eggimann, Joanne Fitzgerald, Bill Giebel, Randy Selig, Olaf Sweetman and Linda Willnow.



Elk Lake skiers survive the ride back to the cars: Joanne Fitzgerald, Bill Geibel, Ken Ash, Randy Selig, Olaf Sweetman, Mari Baldwin, Linda Willnow.

#### **Witham Hill Walk in Corvallis, January 27**

The lovely Oregon rain held off until we were two-thirds of the way through our walk in the Witham Hill area of Corvallis. We enjoyed mid-century homes, a cob wall, a stretch of the old 19th century Applegate Trail, tree art (<http://www.kezi.com/damaged-tree-turned-into-art/>), and just being outside. Pizza, gelato, and coffee fueled us before the drive home. A special thanks to Doris deLespinasse for mapping this route and guiding other members Marcia Kenagy, Melinda Woodward, Barbara James, Marcia Hoak, Bob Custer, and Elizabeth Seibert, leader.

#### **Spencer Butte, February 2**

Leaving Salem the weather looked iffy with thick fog but not long after starting out on the trail we broke through and had a beautiful day. On top of Spencer we had views of the Sisters and other Cascade peaks and with balmy temperatures we took our time eating lunch and taking it in. After the hike we make our annual stop at the Hideaway Bakery and enjoyed their exquisite pastries under the arbor. Hiders were Marsha Kenagy, Ralph Nafziger, Jason McHuff, and John Huff, leader.

#### **Senior Ski Week at Diamond Lake, February 4-7**

While not an official Chemeketan activity, nearly a dozen club members spent a delightful four days skiing, snowshoeing and socializing at this annual event. New snow made conditions great and lots of sunshine gave us great views of Mt Bailey and Thielsen. Reserve your cabin for next year!



We will miss the companionship of two longtime club members, **Neil Burghardt** and **Judy Forest** who both died in January. They were active hikers and attended Outings and car camps.



**Marty Powell** died at home in December. Many of us knew him as a friend with a wry sense of humor, someone always ready to help out on trail maintenance, litter patrol, brush clearing at the Audubon reserve or SOLVE work at Wallace Marine Park. Though he wasn't going to the Outing, he helped load the truck. Neither a skier nor a snowshoer, he helped supply firewood to the Mountainview shelter. He walked with us to and from Koffee Klatch on Mondays, went to senior lunches, second Thursday dinners, and hiked and paddled with us. Marty's photos from his worldwide travels were always exquisite, and sometimes we caught sight of him riding his beautiful purple Harley. We will remember him as a really nice guy who was part of our lives for the past four years, and we will miss him.



*The beautiful Silent Creek flowing into Diamond Lake*

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