

Chinook Trek #16

October, 1995

Sponsors assist with Cedar Creek Falls

SWIFT

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Independent Forward
Thrust

Cedar Creek Falls is nearing completion. CTA has qualified for the \$2,500 challenge grant from SWIFT, Southwest Washington Forward Thrust, to help with construction and offset related expenses. Thanks to the contributors to the **Quest '95** project and the willingness of corporate sponsors to contribute materials. We wish to thank the **Greater Vancouver Kiwanis Club** for their

generous gift. The **H.B. Fuller Company** made a generous gift. **Bob's Paintland** provided wood treatment material. **Precision Rebar**, **Rose City Rebar** and **Ormeg Industries** furnished all the rebar needed to anchor the curbs for the walkway. The **Clark Public Utility Employee Community Service Group** will be installing 1,500 feet of curbs October 21st. Anyone interested in assisting with this project may call coordinator Don Cannard, 360-694-4033. **Pacific Rock** is supplying the crushed rock to surface the trail.

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Chinook Trail Association Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 5, 1995, 12 noon
Skamania Lodge, Stevenson, Washington

Guest speaker will be Cleve Pinnix, Director of Washington State Parks, presenting: "*Washington State Parks, The Chinook Trail Association and the Washington State Trails Plan.*"

The year 1995 is an anniversary year. CTA acknowledges the discovery by Lewis and Clark, the acquisition by Henry Biddle and the gifting of Beacon Rock and its environs by the heirs of Henry Biddle and the further generosity of the Doetsch family and the Pierces through the gifting of the Pierce Ranch and the Doetsch Ranch. These acts of generosity and selflessness have greatly assisted in creating the greater Beacon Rock area as we see it today.

Special awards will be presented to the Chinook Trail Association and one of its members.

Special feature will be an Art Sale: Eleanor Van de Water, fiber artist; Marianna Kearney, watercolorist; and Nancy Ellifrit, wood carver.

Hike Hardy Creek or Hamilton Mountain Trail with Joe Sunthimer and Roger Anderson, CTA Trails Committee and board members.

LUNCHEON MENU: Salad, Grilled Chicken Breast, Angel Hair Pasta, Beverage and Dessert. A vegetarian meal can be substituted. Please indicate on your reservation. \$17 adult, \$8.00 children 12 and under.

Please make reservations on the form included here by November 2nd. For information: Portland, Larry Devroy (503) 652-2241 or (503) 223-6663; Vancouver, Ted Klump (360) 695-7149.



Hike in Beacon Rock State Park following Annual Meeting
(Photo by Jim Hughes/Photo Venture)

Chinook Trail Association

ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON AUTUMN HIKE ART SALE

November 5 Skamania Lodge

Enclosed \$ _____ to cover reservations for _____ adults (\$17 each) and _____ children (\$8.00 each).
Make check payable to "Chinook Trail Association."

Name(s) of attendee(s): _____

I (we) wish to reserve _____ vegetarian meals.

Send to: CTA
P.O. Box 997
Vancouver, WA 98666-0997

NOTE: No tickets will be sent.
Your reservation will be held in your name.
RESERVE, please, BY NOVEMBER 2. *Thank You!*

WELCOME TO NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

SUSTAINING \$100 OR MORE

Mitchell Bower, Jr.

FAMILY \$30+

Bruce Davis
Norman Wirsching
Susan and Philip Foster
Larry and Julia Ann Swatosh
Joseph and Jane Cote

Julie Pirruccello
Gareth Wilson
James and Mary Scott

INDIVIDUAL AND SENIOR

Blaine Ingram
Nancy Ellifrit
Richard Pope
Stephen Dorner
J.E. Breneman
Stephanie Woods-Jones
Cascade Mountain Backpackers

Mia Mahedy
Nan Ten Hsu
Anne Lee
Mike Graeff
Pete Bond

REMEMBRANCE FUND

Don and Sue Cannard, Vern Swaim, Elmer Lindquist, Lawrence Dean, Paul and Louise Clare—contribute in the memory of Verna Swaim. Verna, the wife of CTA board member Vern Swaim, was an ardent supporter of activities in the out-of-doors. Verna passed away following a relatively short struggle against a brain tumor. She was also very active in a number of community organizations. She attended many of the outings of the Chinook Trail Association. Her friendly and cheerful manner will be remembered by all who knew her.

CHINOOK QUEST 1995

Nearly \$2,000 has been given to bolster the construction fund of the Chinook Trail. This year's projects on Silver Star, Cedar Creek Falls and Hamilton Mountain have been funded through these funds. All monies given to the QUEST go into our trail construction fund. Our major project this year will be the Cedar Creek Falls Walkway and Viewing Platform with an estimated total cost of \$15,000-\$17,000. CTA volunteers do the work and receive only praise for their efforts. You may help these efforts from the comfort of the writing desk. Checks in support of this effort can be made out to CHINOOK TRAIL ASSOCIATION and mailed to PO Box 997, Vancouver, WA 98666-0997. If you have questions about the QUEST program or wish additional information feel free to call Florence Wager, 360-694-2364. A special thanks to our contributors.

The levels of giving were: Paul & Sue Cannard (\$500), H.B. Fuller (\$250), Greater Vancouver Kiwanis (\$200), Don & Sylvia Campbell (\$200), Don & Sue Cannard (\$100), Paul & Louise Clare (\$50), Mary Brassard (\$50), Dr. Ken Miller (\$25), Jo Wolf (\$25), Mary Ann Teague (\$25), Helen Grams (\$25), Bruce Davis (\$20), Inez Butler (\$15), Richard Thomas (\$15), Dorothea Morrison (\$10), Stephen Dorner (\$5).

Signs Placed on Squaw Butte Connector

Chinook Trail Association board member, **Ken Herman**, set ownership property signs on the Squaw Butte Connector Trail (now officially titled the Chinook Trail by the USFS). These signs were important for enforcement purposes and to act as general interest to the user. For instance, the harvesting of bear grass

is prohibited in the Silver Star Special Interest Scenic Area. Harvesting is allowed on Washington Department of Natural Resources lands with permit. These signs differentiate those ownerships. Assisting Ken were **Frank Funk** and **Harry Weeks** of the **Clark County Executive Horse Council**.



Harry Weeks and Frank Funk set the signs



Ken Herman on Stardust

Meyer Memorial Trust Provides Funds

The Meyer Memorial Trust has presented Chinook Trail Association with a check for \$8,000 to assist in the construction of the Cedar Creek Falls Trail. The grant funds may also be used for needed equipment purchases, recognition

items and funding for expenses when working with disadvantaged youth. We are grateful for these Small Purpose Grant funds. Watch for the spring dedication of the Cedar Creek Falls Trail and Overlook.

Volunteers Recognized

How many times have we heard the expression, "I don't know if anyone cares what I do or not"? Well, read on—others do care. Thanks to all who have helped on Silver Star for the past twenty years—yes, that is when the effort began to have Silver Star Mountain set aside as special.

—Don Cannard

Dear Don,

On Wednesday, October 4th, we enjoyed on of those beautiful fall days hiking on Silver Star Mountain. Starting from the new parking lot on the north ridge, we meandered along the new trail enjoying the lovely fall colors, the precipitous slopes forming the ridges, and the sights and sounds of tumbling Star Creek. This area has been enjoyed by us many times in the past and on this day we were reminded again what a treasure it presents to us.

As we walked, we talked about the people, such as yourself, who had the foresight to protect this area for us and for future generations. Thank you, Don, for all your hard work and personal sacrifice so hikers and nature lovers like us can continue to enjoy Silver Star Mountain in all its splendor.

Sincerely,

Jo Wolf

Mary Ann Teague

Helen Grams

P.S. Enclosed are some checks to use as you see fit to help continue this important work.

Questionnaire Needs Returning

The enclosed questionnaire has been developed to help CTA better serve you and to secure important information about your interests. Please complete and return as soon as possible. Thank you.

—Larry Devroy, Membership Services.

Paul Clare Selected Environmentalist of the Year

Paul Clare, Chinook Trail Association board member and one of its founding members, has been named Environmentalist of the Year as announced at the John Muir Picnic held at Lewisville Park on Saturday, September 23. The following was submitted to the nomination committee.

Paul is 67 years old, is married to Louise, and has one child. He is a former member of the Mazamas where he lead several hikes and served on a variety of committees.

He is a charter member of the Ptarmigans. Thirty-five years ago this year, he helped found this group so Clark County could have a local hiking/climbing group. Ptarmigans maintains a yearly climbing school, has assisted in maintaining hiking trails and has publicized and participated in several Chinook Trail and National Trails Day activities. The group also maintains a conservation committee. Paul's wife, Louise, shared in these activities and designed the logo that the group uses to this day.

Paul is a member of the National and Vancouver Audubon Societies and has been supportive of their activities.

He is a charter member of the Chinook Trail Association and has served as secretary for several years. He seldom



Paul Clare on Bluff Mountain Work Party
(Photo by Don Cannard)

misses a trail work party and participated in our first overnight work party held on Bluff Mountain. He is currently on the Chinook Trail Board. He represents the association on the Metro Greenspace and Trails Advisory Council and attends those meetings regularly.

He is a member of the Friends of the Gorge and actively pursues their goals. He has attended many of the very significant and important public hearings and meetings in relation to protection of the Gorge. He has testified many times at public hearings on behalf of the protection for the Gorge.

He serves on the Fort Vancouver Library Forum, formerly the Clark College Forum. Through his involvement in these groups, he personally has been instrumental in bringing before the public a number of not only important social issues but also issues relative to the environment and our community.

He has attended and testified on behalf of trails before the Clark County Commissioners and the County Parks and Recreation Commission. He currently serves on the committee reviewing the Chelatchie Prairie Railroad and its future role as a recreation trail.

He serves on the Focus on Mature Learning board. He has taken advantage of the opportunity that group has to present environmental and social issues to the community.

Paul is a member of the Sierra Club and has been active in that group serving on committees. He is a past president of the LooWitt Group in Southwest Washington.

From the President...

The Chinook Trail Association has been working on trail maintenance at Beacon Rock State Park since 1991. Our first work party was a wet Saturday in April of that year, reconstructing water bars on the main trail under the power line. From that point in time, we have moved forward with extensive work on the trail from the picnic area to Hardy Falls, including a short reroute; maintenance and rerouting from the campground to the main trail; work on the Hardy Creek spur; extensive brush clearing on the trail from the summit, north to the old fire road; and plans to reroute the trail west of Hardy Falls to bypass the switchbacks. Our efforts have included working with Boy Scout and church groups, a llama group from Clark County, a work release program from Multnomah County and SYEP youth.

We are also in the preliminary stages of laying out a trail to connect the top of Mt. Hamilton to the PCT just west of Table Mountain. This trail will follow an old service road and primitive trail to Hamilton Creek. From that point we will scout out a

crossing of the creek and lay out a new trail to the PCT.

Beacon Rock State Park has been a favorite haunt of mine since I was a boy, making this work very rewarding to me, personally. Park Ranger Steve Johnson and his assistant, Tom Garrity, are very supportive of our efforts.

In spite of all that the CTA has done in the last four and one-half years, the work is far from complete. The front side of the summit trail has had nothing done to it, other than light brushing last spring; and the speed at which Thimbleberry grows on the back side of the summit trail makes maintenance an ongoing project. Due to legislative cutbacks, there is absolutely no money for this work in the park budget, which brings me to a point that is becoming very obvious. If the hiking community is going to have trails to use, they will have to assume the responsibility of maintaining those trails. In light of this, we have two work parties scheduled for this fall at Beacon Rock, one on October 28th and the other on November 4th. Come join the fun!

—Ted Klump, president

Thank you, Joan!

Joan Robertson Geisler, daughter of Ed and Grace Robertson, has been our membership renewal person since Ed's passing. Joan has changed employment, demanding more of her time. We are grateful to Joan for her work and for stepping forward to assume this responsibility. If there is anyone who would like to work in this capacity, please call the office at 360-695-7149. During this transition, acknowledgements of renewal may be slow in coming. Please accept our apology. We appreciate your continued support.

Chinook Trail Featured in *Backpacker Magazine*

The Chinook Trail was written up in a special article in *Backpacker Magazine*, September 1995. The article gave an excellent accounting of the story of the Chinook Trail. We are sure you will enjoy reading this. CTA is pleased to have received this recognition.

1995 Work Schedule...

1995 Trail Construction and Maintenance Dates and Other Events Set:

OCTOBER 21—Clark County Public Utilities Community Service Project at Cedar Creek Falls.

OCTOBER 28, NOVEMBER 4—at Beacon Rock State Park. Work on lower and upper Hamilton Mountain and Hardy Creek Trail complex.

NOVEMBER 18—at Augsburg Mtn. Carpool from Pendleton Woolen Mills parking lot in Washougal.

NOVEMBER 5—Chinook Trail Annual Meeting, Skamania Lodge.

All departures are scheduled for 8:00 a.m. and ETOR is 4:30 p.m. Tools and carpooling available. Participants are asked to wear boots, bring own drinking water, lunch, work gloves and other appropriate clothing as events take place rain, shine or snow.

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Ed's Trail Nears Completion

by Joe Sunthimer

Ed's Trail, #180A, (named in remembrance of Ed Robertson) will run just below the ridge overlooking the spectacular and extremely rugged Star Creek Valley on Silver Star Mountain. It will be a most difficult, hiker-only trail about 1¾ miles long. When we started this spring, the route was not even completely flagged and now we are close to completing the final half mile.

The success of National Trails Day, when the first half mile was completed, was followed up by our Work Week in July. Four of us (Florence Wager and her nephew Brad, Roger Anderson and myself) camped near the spring by the top of Silver Star Mountain during the week and worked on the upper part of the trail. In addition, we had several others join us during the days and eight for the weekend. This was enough to complete over a half mile on the upper part of the trail and to finish up the third mile of multi-use trail below Ed's Trail, which had been roughed in by trail contractor Daryl Hoyt.

This left about a half mile of the roughest terrain in the middle which had significant blasting. To avoid the blasting we sought an alternate route. Not only were we able to avoid the blasting, but we found a route which will actually pass through a natural arch! It also passes a large overhang which even on the hottest summer day remains cool and damp—the perfect rest spot! The new section also has almost a continuous view of the waterfalls on Star Creek in the valley below.

The terrain is still really rough, but in our first two fall work parties, we pushed the trail through to the arch, well over half

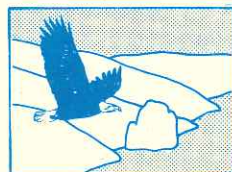


Mt. Hood along Ed's Trail
(Photo by Paul Greenland)

of the remaining way. We should connect to the upper part on our final fall Silver Star work party, making it possible to hike the trail. We will still have to install some steps, and do some other finishing work next spring. Watch the spring work party schedule to join us to finish it up and be one of the first to hike this very spectacular trail!

Equipment Needed

We are currently in need of a computer table, file cabinet, and answering machine for the office. If you would like to donate one or more of these items, or have them for sale CHEAP, please call the office at 360-695-7149.



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Sun., Nov. 5, 1995
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