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From left to right: OLLI members Ann Overman, Linda Shaw, Jim Hammond and Larry Weinberg enjoy a walk in Shevlin Park.

Hiking and Walking Central Oregon

Wednesday, July 9, 2:00 p.m. (Bend Senior Center)

Central Oregon is a hiker's and wanderer's paradise. There are trails to test any level of ability, from the casual walker to the dedicated mountaineer. **Jim Witty** from the Bend Bulletin will share with us some highlights of his favorite Central Oregon walks and hikes for seniors. Many of these pleasurable walks have historical and cultural aspects. Some paths are paved, some are not, but all these adventures in the great outdoors reward us with healthy exercise while we find pleasure in the beauty, peace, and wonder of Central Oregon.

Jim Witty is the outdoors writer for the Bend Bulletin. He has covered with both feet and words many of the finest places to walk and wander in Central Oregon.

Look for the Silver Sage Coupon Icon

This Silver Sage Coupon icon: **SSC** will be included in the course descriptions and calendar listings of the events that require Silver Sage Coupons. For details check enclosed insert.

Honorable Mention

A heartfelt thank you to the following OLLI members that helped make our May Open House a success:

- Bob Clautice
- Mary Cope
- David Goodwin
- Carolyn Hammond
- Jim Hammond
- Dalyle Hartsough
- Jim Horton
- Nancy Horton
- Ed Lee
- Helen Lilley
- Barbara MacMillan
- Paul MacMillan
- Mort Perle
- Marjorie Renick
- Darlene Smith

Bocce Ball Continues in July! **SSC**

Watch the weekly e-minders for the July dates and times for Bocce Ball at OLLI member **Charlie Piano's** home.

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Upcoming Presentations

Teaching Afghan Men in Islamabad—Seven Weeks in Pakistan

Tuesday, July 8, 2:00 p.m. (Bend Senior Center)

Ken Mays is the Director of the Automotive Technology Program at COCC where he has taught for eighteen years. Ken is active in college affairs and served as president of the Faculty Forum. This past year he was on sabbatical and chose to spend seven weeks in Pakistan teaching English to Afghan men.

Ken wrote the following for OLLI: "Four weeks after Benazir Bhutto was assassinated in Rawalpindi, I traveled to Islamabad to teach English and Technology at an EFL (English for Life) school, primarily to Muslim men from Afghanistan. I was there during Muharram and the elections. It was a fascinating time. I believe that you will enjoy sharing some of this experience."

Ken Mays and his wife Jacque have seven children. Both he and his wife are active in community help, and Ken leads the Men's Ministry at First Baptist Church in Bend.

Restoring Whychus Creek at Camp Polk Meadow

Wednesday, July 16, 2:00 p.m.
(Bend Senior Center)

A tributary of the Deschutes River Whychus Creek (formerly known as Squaw Creek) was once home to steelhead fish runs. With the building of dams near Warm Springs, steelhead and salmon runs on the Deschutes River ceased. To compound the problem, in the 1960's the Army Corp of Engineers straightened the creek's channel as it flowed through the Camp Polk Meadow. With plans in place to create fish ladders past the dams, the time has come to restore Whychus Creek to its natural meandering path through the meadow. The Upper Deschutes Watershed Council and the U. S. Forest Service are working with the

owner of Camp Polk meadow, the Deschutes Land Trust, to bring this restoration to a successful conclusion. Work on the creek rerouting will begin in 2009. Such a project involves far more than digging a suitable ditch. **Ryan Houston** is going to share with us the technical aspects of such a restoration project. Where to put the stream, how to restore the plant community, the ecological benefits of restoration—these and other questions will be discussed in Ryan's informative and enjoyable presentation. Details of a field trip to Camp Polk to see the site of the restoration will be made available soon.

Ryan Houston brings a diverse background in natural resource management, habitat restoration,

Are You Receiving OLLI's Weekly E-minders?

Each week OLLI sends an e-mail with the following week's offerings and announcements. We have updated our format which includes color and underlined links you can access by clicking on them. If you would like to receive these e-minders, give us a call with your e-mail address, or send us an e-mail and ask to be added to our e-minder list.

and community-based environmental problem-solving to his position as Executive Director of the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council (UDWC). Before joining the UDWC in 2001, Ryan worked as a Senior Associate with Sycamore Associates, focusing on restoration and management of wetlands and endangered species. Ryan has previous experience working in riparian restoration for the Nature Conservancy and as a research assistant at the Smithsonian Institution of Natural History. Ryan holds a M.S. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from the University of Arizona and a B.S. in Environmental Science, Policy, and Management from the University of California, Berkeley.

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Coming in August

Why Good Ideas Go Bad: An Introduction to Systems Thinking

Ever wonder why your great idea to get your teenager to adopt a new behavior wound up increasing the 'bad' behavior you were trying to correct? Why did the peace treaty to end World War I, the war to end all war, result in the horrors of World War II? Although we should know better, why do the nations of the world continually deplete new ocean fish populations? How did the United States get involved in the morass of the Vietnam War, and then get mired again in Iraq?

Systems thinking is a way of looking at the world that helps to provide answers to the questions above. It's not rocket science, but it does involve thinking of the environment and human activities as part of a complex feedback system with multiple time delays in responses. In August OLLI will explore this subject and **Larry Weinberg** will try to give some meaning to this concept in an introductory lecture. Look for more details in the August newsletter.

Outdoor Adventures for Summer 2008

The OLLI-CO Discussing Science group will sponsor local geological field trips. The first of these is July 18 where we will tour the recently discovered Crooked River Caldera. Look for details on future field trips in upcoming e-minders and newsletters.

- **July 18—The Crooked River Caldera**
- **August 1—The Lake Billy Chinook area**
- **August 15—The Deschutes River area—Benham Falls to Bend**

Calling All OLLI-CO Authors and Artists!

Plans are underway to compile a new edition of the OLLI-UO anthology. Members from Central Oregon, Eugene-Springfield and Portland are encouraged to submit works of fiction, poetry, essays and memoirs, or photographs, drawings, cartoons, or paintings for inclusion. Members may submit multiple works but we ask that written contributions be kept to a total of 2500 words or less. Artists may submit up to six pieces. Electronic submissions are preferred, please e-mail ruthh@uoregon.edu to request more information on submission formats. Submission deadline: Friday, October 3, 2008.

Study and Discussion Groups

First Tuesday Social Luncheon

Meets the first Tuesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. To reserve a space, contact Gail at 617-4663 or gailm@uoregon.edu.

July 1: Crossings Restaurant at The Riverhouse
Contact: Harlie Peterson, harliepete@hotmail.com

Discussing Science

Meets the first and third Fridays at 1:00 p.m.

July 4: No meeting due to holiday

July 18: Hike—The Crooked River Caldera—Time and meeting

location to be announced in the e-minder.

Contact: Harlie Peterson, harliepete@hotmail.com

Film Series at Touchmark

Will resume in the fall
Contact: Larry Weinberg, larry101@bendbroadband.com

Joy of Science DVD course

Will resume in the fall
Contact: Bob Clautice, bclautice@bendbroadband.com

Thinking Allowed

Will resume in the fall
Coordinator: Ruth Burleigh

Thinking Allowed II at Touchmark

Will resume in the fall
Coordinator: Helen Vandervort, helenv@bendcable.com





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Calendar of Committee Meetings

(All OLLI members welcome, meeting dates and times subject to change)

Governing Council Meeting

Friday, July 18, 10:00 a.m.
President: Mort Perle, 388-3376

Program Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 22, 1:15 p.m.
Chair: Helen Pruitt 382-7827

Hospitality

2008 Chair: TBD

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