Buckley to Orting Half Marathon

By Robert Mahoney, Race Director

On July 25, 2015, the fourth annual Buckley to Orting (B&O) Half Marathon was run. We had a total of 171 people register, but some did not run due to injury or other reasons. A total of 156 racers made their way along the scenic 13.1 mile course that featured a new starting location at Glacier Middle School, and a fun detour around the downed bridge that was lost earlier in the year due to a wind storm. The morning was a little damp, we had a few showers roll through. By the time the race was about to start, the rain had finally quit. The City of Buckley provided excellent crossing support for our racers so that none of them were delayed crossing the streets. Our volunteers provided terrific support along with Pierce County 4X4 Search and Rescue and the ham radio operators. We had runners from five different states. Our overall winner was William Guo from New York who completed the course with a time of 1:29:51.6.
2015 Rainier to Ruston Rail-Trail Relay and Ultra (R2R) Founder’s Award

by Bill Hilton, Editor

Every year the Founder’s Award is given to someone who has made a significant contribution to the R2R. This year the award was presented during the June meeting of the Foothills Coalition board meeting by John Selby to Buzz Grant for his indefatigable trail work, bell tower setups, and consistent help on the R2R race committee over all the years. Congratulations Buzz!

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.
– Langston Hughes, U.S. writer, 1092-1967

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FEMA Switchback Bridge

by Bill Hilton, Editor
Photos by Mitch Nelson

Tony Tipton, Director, Parks and Recreation Services Department, reported that a contractor hired by Pierce County Parks completed removal of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Switchback Bridge that was destroyed by a tree during a windstorm last October. Further, a new bridge design is being investigated and Pierce County expects to replace the bridge in 2016/2017.

The location the FEMA Bridge was removed from is in the Upper Loop/Bow Tie area of the Foothills Trail between Buckley and South Prairie. It was one of the bridges that needed to be crossed in the proposed 2016 trail construction to connect the City of Buckley and the Town of South Prairie.

The original report of damage to the bridge was in the December 2014 edition of the Trail Line News (Page 6) which is available on line at: http://www.piercecountytrails.org/cities/south-prairie/newsletter/.
Here is a list of other winners by age group:

* Female 18 and under
Samantha Patterson 1:36:09.1

* Female 19-29
Mary Eldridge 1:36:33.6

* Female 30-39
Ann Miles 1:43:42.4

* Female 40-49
Amanda Hoskins 1:36:41.0

* Female 50-59
Sheryl Santos

* Female 60-69
Caren Adams 2:08:55.8

* Male 18 and under
Tyler Bogh 1:35:42.4

* Male 19-29
William Guo 1:29:51.6

* Male 30-39
Adam Barringer 1:38:17.3

* Male 40-49
Timothy Atwill 1:39:50.8

* Male 50-59
Keith Lerew 1:31:04.1

* Male 60-69
David Sheerman 1:32:58.6

The race went very smoothly as runners, volunteers, and spectators seemed to enjoy themselves. We received feedback saying that this was one of the most well organized races, and it is an excellent course to run. Thank you to everyone who helped out. Thank you to our sponsors; Fleet Feet, REI, & Pure O2 Healing. Thank you to the cities of Buckley and Orting, Pierce County and thank you to our volunteers and Pierce County 4X4 Search and Rescue for providing communication and emergency support. We are all looking forward to next year. It truly is “An Adventure in Your Own Backyard.”

For updates, please read the Trail Line News, follow the Buckley to Orting Half Marathon on Facebook at Foothills B & O Half Marathon and also on Instagram at B_O_Half.marathon.
ForeverGreen Trails Report  
BY JANE A. MOORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOREVERGREEN TRAILS

The date of the 2015 Pierce County Trails Conference has been changed since the last issue of this newsletter. It is now scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2015 from 4:00-8:00 pm. at the Puyallup Activity Center, at 210 West Pioneer, Puyallup, WA.

The theme for the conference is Activism and Advocacy. Here is the draft agenda:

4:00-4:30 Registration
4:30 Welcome and Introductions
4:45 Agency Panel: Tony Tipton, Pierce County Parks; Mary Dodsworth, Lakewood Parks; Terry Lee, Pen Met Parks; Kurt Reuter, Fife Parks

5:15 Q & A  
5:30 Activism & Advocacy Panel – participants to be confirmed
6:00 Q & A
6:15 Food & Networking
6:30 Keynote Speaker – Andrew Austin, Transportation Choices Coalition – Successful Advocacy & Activism
7:00 Puyallup Watershed Initiative Active Transportation Community of Interest Report – Liz Kaster
7:20 State of the Trails Address – Bryan Bowden, ForeverGreen Trails President
7:40 Awards & Celebratory Toast
8:00 Adjourn

Registration is on-line at: http://2015piercecountytrailsconference.eventbrite.com and for further information, please contact me at janemoore jm@gmail.com

Hope you will all join us for a great evening.

Washington State Fair Sign Ups  
BY KEN WOOLER, BOARD MEMBER

The Washington State Fair (Puyallup, WA) is fast approaching. We are asking that you sign up to volunteer for the Foothill Rails-to-Trail Coalition booth at this year’s fair. The fair runs from September 11 until September 27, 2015.

The volunteer time is in three-hour blocks. When you sign up, you will receive a free parking pass and ticket to get into the fair. Please sign up to volunteer at the following website: http://www.piercecountytrails.org/ (Once on the website, please click on the ‘Fair Sign Ups’ Icon to volunteer which is located at the top right of the page just below Enter Volunteer Hours)

Last year we started a new t-shirt program for the volunteers for the fair, R2R, and the B&O event. If you received a t-shirt last year, please use that shirt for this year’s fair.

If you need a shirt or have any questions, please contact Ken Woolery, Fair Booth Coordinator, by phone at 253-863-4773.
Memberships/Donations

The Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition is a non-profit organization with a mission to assist Pierce County communities in the creation, maintenance, and usage of a connected system of non-motorized trails for healthier people from Mount Rainier to Puget Sound. The following people and organizations have renewed their memberships or made a donation in the last two quarters.

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Wilkinson, Melanie S. Ito & Charles
Tracking the Foothills Trail Regional Active Transportation Network

by Dixie Gatchel, Coalition Coordinator for Active Transportation

Trail Regional Network Update (Sept 2015)

Puyallup Watershed Initiative – Active Transportation Community of Interest (PWI AT COI)

Alta Planning & Design’s Derek Abe led a trail visualization brainstorm workshop at our August meeting on economic analysis of walking and bicycling. Communicating the value of these benefits can be challenging as we well know. Alta’s economic analysis tools quantify and monetize these benefits using dollar values to communicate the value of investments in walking and bicycling. Our group collaboratively chose the Foothills regional backbone trail from Mount Rainier to Point Defiance as the focus for the economic analysis. In addition, we chose the Cross-County Commuter Connector (AKA Quad C or Tacoma Pipeline Trail) for similar analysis based on viability for accomplishment and possible future connection to the Foothills Trail.

There is a glimmer of hope that the Foothills Coalition may, sooner or later, receive some Year 2 funding for our proposed Matching Opportunity Fund, so keep your fingers crossed. Alta’s benefits-cost analysis has demonstrated value when it comes to receiving grants. Foothills Coalition President Buzz Grant and Work Party Leader Don Partington organized two walk/ride tours of the undeveloped portion of the Puyallup Watershed during August. Get involved! We’re making things happen. http://www.pwi.org.

The Puyallup Watershed Initiative’s Active Transportation Community of Interest has debuted a new monthly newsletter. Subscribe today to keep up with the latest active transportation events, opportunities to have an impact on local transportation decisions and updates on our work to ensure that everyone in the watershed has access to safe, healthy, and affordable active transportation options.

Friends of the Riverwalk Trail Happenings

The hot/sultry dog days of summer have caused no delay in the positive forward movement of the Puyallup Parks & Recreation folks with actions to improve and beautify the Riverwalk Trail and Veterans Park. Want to rent a picnic shelter? Call (253) 841-5457. The newly dedicated Veterans Park picnic shelter is open for business. Want to Adopt-a-Trail? Call (253)-841-5531. Friends of the Riverwalk (FRW), Daffodil Valley Volkssports Association and Subaru of Puyallup deserve a special “shout out” for being the first to adopt segments of the Riverwalk. The special “adoptee” signs are pretty cool as well.

Parks Director Sarah Harris reports that the 30% design contract for the extension of the Riverwalk Trail from Bridge Ave on 5th Street NE to near the Milwaukee Bridge should be complete next month. Harris also indicated installation of the Veterans Park restrooms will begin in the fall. The venue for the 2016 Families in Motion Fun Day will return to the Goodwill River Road parking lot with a date of event to be determined. Thanks to Manager Lance Ross for welcoming the event FRW back.

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Workshops – Active Transportation

A series of workshops designed to inform local planners, engineers and stakeholders about new evolving trends in all facets of active transportation best practices are scheduled as follows:

Pierce County, Puyallup, Thursday, 10/22/15, 8:30–11:30am, Puyallup City Hall/Council Chambers, CONTINUED ON PAGE 9
Let’s build the memorial for trail ‘father’ Doc Tait!

BY DON PARTINGTON, BOARD MEMBER

Your help to make sure that the legacy Doug “Doc” Tait left for everyone in Pierce County, and especially for the community of Buckley, is never forgotten.

Your contribution toward our $18,400 crowdfunding goal will help us build an already-designed memorial plaza in Buckley that will permanently honor Doc’s work as “the father of the Foothills Trail” and his 34 years of service as Buckley’s beloved town doctor.

Doc, who died in 2003 at the age of 76, loved to help people, and he loved his community. He was a throwback doctor, readily making house calls to ailing patients who couldn’t make it to his office on Main Street. He was the town’s emergency medic as well, keeping a fire department radio and rushing off to hop on the fire truck for any medical emergency. He delivered generations of Buckley babies.

But Doc’s legacy extends far beyond Buckley. When he saw crews removing the abandoned Burlington Northern Railroad tracks through the center of town, he immediately saw the potential for using the right-of-way as a recreational corridor, not just in Buckley but also through the Orting and Puyallup valleys to Tacoma.

Doc, along with his wife Donna, spent significant amounts of time and money promoting the idea of a rail-trail connecting the foothills communities. He lobbied public officials and obtained support from national trails advocates. He turned one of his examining rooms into an unofficial trail campaign office. Out of his efforts grew the nonprofit Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition, which carried on the fight to build the trail.

Today’s popular Foothills Trail, completed 14.3 miles from east Puyallup to South Prairie, is so distinctive in its views of rivers, farmland and Mount Rainier that it has been designated as part of the National Recreational Trails System. If all goes well, the trail will be connected to a segment in Buckley within two or three years, and eventually to King County’s trail system.

Doc Tait’s vision and tireless campaigning were instrumental in making today’s trail a reality.

The trail will promote healthy exercise and healthy communities for generations to come. Let’s give Doc the memorial he deserves.

Those who wish to contribute can visit GoFundMe at http://www.gofundme.com/ve86xn8 to reach the Buckley Dr. Tait Memorial page and easily charge their gifts to a credit card. The website will provide a running total for the fund campaign. Thank you for your support!

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How Well Do You Know Your Pierce County Trails?

by John Selby, Board Member

How well do you know your Pierce County trails? Here’s your chance to win a free membership renewal in the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition. If you can describe the location of the photo below before anyone else does, you will win a one-year individual membership renewal. (Board members are excluded.) The photo in the June issue was looking east from Borgen Boulevard to the trail head and brand new section of the Cushman Trail through Gig Harbor. No one even tried to guess it! Doesn’t anyone go over the Narrows Bridge?

Surely you can guess this one. Please respond to JohnSelby16@gmail.com with your answer to “Where is this?” Good luck! The winner will be announced in the next issue.

If you don’t know your Pierce County trails well enough to guess, then get out there and explore them! You are missing out!

Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) Stakeholders Review

RCO has been asked by the Washington Legislature to facilitate and convene a stakeholder process to review and make recommendations for statutory revisions to the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP). WWRP is a statewide grant program that provides funding for a broad range of land protection and outdoor recreation projects, including park acquisition and development, habitat conservation, farmland preservation, riparian protections, and construction of outdoor recreation facilities. The report to the legislature is due December 1, 2015. The Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition has benefited mightily from WWRP funding over the years it has taken to build the trail. Current example is the WWRP grant received as part of the funding for connecting the Foothills Trail from Buckley to South Prairie. We will be on the alert for stakeholder meetings and opportunities to support RCO’s WWRP. Contact RCO’s Policy Director Wendy Brown at wendy.brown@rco.wa.gov or facilitator Jane North at (561) 531-1421. You may also find additional information on the RCO website: http://www.rco.org

Trail-Talking Speakers Available–For Free

Need a speaker for a meeting/event? The formation of a new Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition/Friends of the Riverwalk speaker’s bureau resulted from an initiative approved at our recent retreat facilitated by former Senator Jim Kastama. Our “Mr. Trail” Ernie Bay launched the program last month with a Trail Talk speech before the Tacoma/Spanaway Kiwanis Club. Interested? E-mail Dixie Gatchel at gatcheldb@q.com.
Calendar of Events

Meetings:

Monthly Board Meetings:
Open to all members and are generally held on the 4th Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the Heritage Quest Research Library located at 1007 Main St., Sumner. Monthly meetings may be rescheduled, so check our website at www.piercecountytrails.org for changes.

Courtesy Patrol Meetings:
Scheduled the 3rd Saturday of each month at High Cedars Golf Course, 149th Street Court East, Orting. No-host breakfast starts at 8 a.m. and the casual meeting at 9 a.m. with a free-for-all discussion about the past, present and future of the Courtesy Patrol. Guest speakers and training sessions are often included. For more information please contact Ernie Bay at (253) 848-7718 or bugtrail@aol.com.

Friends of the Riverwalk Committee:
We are an informal group of volunteers devoted to the enjoyment and betterment of the Puyallup Riverwalk. Please join us for most Monday mornings* at 8 a.m. at Mrs. Turner’s Restaurant, 701 East Main, Puyallup. We also have a group walk that starts at 9 a.m. following the meeting and is open to those who would like to join us.
*call prior to confirm in case of cancellation. Bill Hilton (253) 302-1104, billhltn@aol.com, or Janet Rich, dcnjlrich@msn.com, Puyallup City Parks 253-841-5447.
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Please see the “Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Workshops” section in this issue’s Active Transportation article by Dixie Gatchel. There are some very important meetings for the future of trails, and the more of us that attend, the better.

Also see “Washington State Fair Sign Ups” by Ken Woolery. Volunteers will receive a free pass for the Washington State (Puyallup) Fair, free parking at the Fair for three hours of communicating with the public about trails and the rest of the day to “go hog wild’ and do the Puyallup. If you do not feel comfortable doing this yourself contact me and I will attempt to set you up with someone at the booth. Thanks for volunteering!

Membership makes a difference!

The work we are doing is made possible because of your membership and generous support. Credit cards accepted.

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