Buckley to Orting Half Marathon

by Bill Hilton, Editor

The fifth annual Buckley to Orting (B&O) Half Marathon held on Saturday, July 23, 2016, has successfully come and gone. This year’s race faced a unique challenge with construction occurring on a portion of the trail where the race normally run in the Buckley area. The solution, this year’s course was out-and-back from Orting to South Prairie and then return to its regular route (Buckley to Orting) next year.

A total of 162 runners and walkers made their way through the 13.1 mile, scenic course.

Here is a list of the top finishers by category for the event.

- Female - 18 years of age and under
  Noah Loftis from Arlington Washington in 1 hour 41 minutes
- Female - 19 to 29 years of age
  Mary Eldridge from Gig Harbor Washington in 1 hour 34 minutes
- Female - 30 to 39 years of age
  Lori Stafford (City/State Not Listed) in 1 hour 42 minutes
- Female - 40 to 49 years of age
  Caroline Hughes from Mercer Island Washington in 1 hour 44 minutes
- Female - 50 to 59 years of age
  Laurie Rice from Auburn Washington in 1 hour 45 minutes
- Female – 60 years of age and over
  Caren Adams from Renton Washington in 2 hours 16 minutes
- Male - 18 years of age and under
  Dawson G. Andrews from Arlington Washington in 1 hour 41 minutes
- Male - 19 to 29 years of age
  Nick Paterno (City/State Not Listed) in 1 hour 31 minutes
- Male - 30 to 39 years of age

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Thank You.....

Dear Rails to Trails—

Thank you so much for your generous donation to our 8th grade class for supplies for our annual breakfast held at the Wilkeson Eagles! We really appreciate your donation!

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ForeverGreen Trails will host the 2016 Pierce County Trails Conference on Thursday, September 29 starting at 4:30 pm at University of Washington Tacoma, William Philip Hall, Milgard Assembly Room.

Learn more about how trails are related to health & equity through transportation. Keynote speaker is Ron Sims. Sims is former King County Executive, former HUD deputy secretary. As County Executive, Sims was nationally recognized for his work on the integration of environmental, social equity and public health policies that produced groundbreaking work on climate change, health care reform, affordable housing, mass transit, environmental protection, land use, and equity and social justice.

Also on the program are networking, dinner, 2016 State of the Trails report, an agency panel providing updates on trails in Pierce County, and ForeverGreen Trails annual awards.

Registration will start at 4 pm with the program starting at 4:30. Arrive early and go for a walk on the Prairie Line Trail at 3 pm. Milt Tremblay, Director of Planning and Sustainability at University of Washington Tacoma, will lead the walk and discuss the history of the Prairie Line rail line and trail.

Sound Transit Link Light Rail has a stop on Pacific Avenue at University of Washington Tacoma. You can park at the Tacoma Dome Station and ride the Link Light Rail to UWT. Multiple Sound Transit and Pierce Transit buses also stop at UWT.

Parking near the University of Washington Tacoma can be difficult. There is paid parking available across Pacific Avenue near the Washington History Museum.

For questions or information on scholarship funds contact: ForeverGreenTrails@gmail.com
Register at: https://2016piercecountytrailsconf.eventbrite.com
Bacon and Eggs Project
by John Hillding, Coalition Member

Hello Pierce County!

My name is John Hillding, and as a long-term promotor of rails to trails, I’m excited to have a chance to be a part of this-month’s newsletter! I’ve been working on a project that will be a part of the Foothills Trail in downtown Wilkeson. In fact, the park would be immediately adjacent to the trail! I hope to create a unique experience in Wilkeson that is part Skate Park, part sculpture, and most importantly, a big part of the community.

A little about myself:

I grew up in Seattle with an early interest in the arts. From the University of Washington, I continued to study art for a Bachelor’s degree from the Kansas City Art Institute, followed by a Masters from the Maryland Institute College of the Arts in Baltimore. I returned to Seattle as an active member of the arts community in the 1960’s, and was one of the founders of the Seattle Bumbershoot Arts festival. My work and need for a studio took me to beautiful Wilkeson in 1972, where I have lived ever since. I love this area and believe it deserves an attraction that allows others to enjoy it as much as I do.

A few examples of my varied work include a 40ft inflatable light bulb, a 400ft long extension cord, and giant letters that spell the word “OFF” for Seattle City Light. These were created as a commission for Seattle City Light as a group of objects focusing on saving energy.

My work at Bumbershoot expanded the 20 years of the festival. I created special projects every year under the
name “T.R. Uthco” and recruited dozens of volunteers, family, and friends.

Shortly after moving to Wilkeson I became a professor at the Art Institute of Seattle (where I taught for over 25 years), and also became an active member of the community. I served on the Wilkeson Town Council and Planning Commission for over 15 years; I worked to bring arts to the town and started the Wilkeson Handcar National Championship (now on its 40th year), while also serving as a member of the Tacoma Pierce County Arts Commission.

When the Foothills Trail was formed in the 1980’s and faced early opposition from landowners, we worked with Dr. Tait, Ernie Bay, and Wilkeson Mayor Gino Fabiani, and were able to procure short sections of trail between Wilkeson and Carbonado.

And now!

Which brings me to the current Bacon and Eggs Project. I have been working closely with the local company of Grindline who design skate parks worldwide. Including the latest Buckley skate park, as well as the existing Wilkeson park. The goal is to incorporate a fun and family friendly sculpture of Bacon and Eggs that serves as a skateable art extension to the current park. Grindline has come up with a plan based on my original drawings and concept and are completely supportive and excited by the project. The concept is as much a piece of pop art-sculpture, as it is a unique and skateable art work, and a community destination. Its location on the main highway through town would bring a lot of exposure to

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Kelly Mackay from Burien Washington in 1 hour 17 minutes
- Male - 40 to 49 of age
Trevor Pettingill (City/State Not Listed) in 1 hour 19 minutes
- Male - 50 to 59 of age
Bruce Robie from Puyallup Washington in 1 hour 40 minutes
- Male – 60 years of age and over
Chuck Cathey from Seattle Washington in 1 hour 44 minutes

We received kudos from various participants, who thought the race was well run, and were going to tell friends and fellow running club members about the race.

We want to thank all of the great volunteers we had for the B&O, because without them, the race would not have been as successful as it was.

“This is a great race. And the trail is perfect. I love Orting and I’m happy to be here supporting the event. And this was a perfect morning to be running.”
Anonymous.
“I’ve been riding my bike and walking on this trail for 10 years. The B&O and R2R events are now annual events for my family too. I come over to watch the runners and all else that goes on here. We are lucky to have such an amazing trail for all to enjoy.”
Anonymous.

“We are a husband and wife team. This is her second time running. It is a fast, flat track with great scenery. We loved it. We had a lot of fun with this run.”
Anonymous.
How Well Do You Know Your Pierce County Trails?

BY JOHN SELBY, BOARD MEMBER

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 of the Mashel River Bridge about ¼ mile from the trailhead in Eatonville. Dave Kokko knew where this is Congratulations, Dave! You know your trails.

Let’s see how well our members do on this one. Please respond to JohnSelby16@gmail.com with your answer to “How Well Do You Know Your Pierce County Trails?” 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!

Washington State Fair Sign Ups

BY KEN WOOLER, BOARD MEMBER

Now that the Washington State Fair has started we still need volunteers for the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition booth. The fair runs from September 2 until September 25, 2016 (Closed Tuesdays). 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’ Blue Icon to volunteer which is located at the top right of the page).

If you have any questions, please contact Ken Woolery, Fair Booth Coordinator, by phone at 253-863-4773.
For those who may not be aware there is construction taking place on a portion of the Foothills Trail. Pivetta Brothers Construction, from Sumner Washington is preforming the work on a section of the trail from south of Buckley to 268th Avenue Court East. Currently, they have graded the trail and are doing the grading for the mitigation site. Additionally, the foundations for the small bridge over the intermittent stream have been installed (on the “downhill” end of the trail) by 268th Avenue Court Avenue East.

The project requires a pin pile bridge 850 feet long. Using the pin pile bridge avoids impacts to the wetlands and associated buffers and has helped to permit the project by avoiding the impact to wetlands as much as possible on the site. Unfortunately, the actual pin piles, which are needed for the construction, have a longer lead time than anticipated. The paving work can’t be started until the pin pile bridge is installed and the piers for the pinpiles will not be installed during this paving season. Paving of this section is anticipated in the spring of 2017 because the paving work needs to be completed when temperatures are above 60 degrees.

Photos provided of the construction work show the north (upper) end, the beginning of the pin pile bridge section and the back of the pin pile bridge.
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 Rainer 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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Thanks For Your Support!
Wilkeson and several other groups promoting tourism, from the Carbon River Corridor up to Mount Rainier National Park.

How you can help:

With the help of the Foothills Rails-to-Trail Coalition, the City of Wilkeson, and many local sponsors and friends of the project, I have raised five thousand dollars toward a goal of 35 thousand. I am seeking local community support. We had a successful art auction at The Art Institute of Seattle, as well as selling tiles during Wilkeson Days that will be incorporated into the park.

The price for a ceramic tile which include the donors name are $100 for a business or individual to buy an entire tile, $50 to share the tile with another name, and $20 for four names. Grindline has suggested that the 35 thousand dollar goal could be lowered if we get a strong group willing to volunteer and donate their time to help build the park. Which could also be another great community event!

We are looking for donations, interest, volunteers, and anyone willing to share their ideas to help make this project happen. Please visit our website to contact me and spread the word to support public art, community, and a unique destination on the Foothills Trails!

You can learn more about the project, purchase a tile to become part of one of the most unique Skate Parks ever created or feel free contact me with questions at the following website: http://www.baconandeggs.info/

Thank you,
John Hillding

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Calendar of Events

Meetings:

Monthly Board Meetings:
Open to all members and are generally held on the 4th Thursday of each month 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.

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, dcnjrlrich@msn.com, Puyallup City Parks 253-841-5447.

Charlie Chat - Weekly Luncheon:
Informal luncheons every Wednesday from 12-1 p.m. at Charlie’s Restaurant, 113 East Main, Puyallup. All are welcome to come and share what they have been doing to promote the mission of the Coalition. No business is conducted even if a quorum of members is present.
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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