

# Nordic Gazette April 2013



<http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org>

## Calendar

### NOTE NEW LOCATION FOR APRIL MEETING:

#### Wednesday, April 3 – General Meeting Barb Sorenson's home in Orinda

7:00 PM Pot luck dinner

8:00 PM General meeting

Please contact [barb@barbsorenson.com](mailto:barb@barbsorenson.com) for address and directions.

NO MEETING IN SAN MATEO IN APRIL

#### Wednesday, May 1 – General Meeting/Elections Bayshore Corporate Center conference room 1710 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo

7:00 PM Board meeting

8:00 PM General meeting

#### Saturday, June 8 – Installation of Officers/Dinner Meeting

#### Nick's Restaurant, Rockaway Beach, Pacifica

6:30 PM No host cocktails

7:30 PM Dinner

NO MEETING IN SAN MATEO IN JUNE

## President's Message

Vikings:

We are going to meet at a new location in April.

Wednesday, April 3 General Meeting will be at Barb Sorenson's house instead of at the Bayshore Corporate Center

7:00 - 8:00pm Potluck dinner

8:00- 9:00pm General Meeting

If you feel like being a part of the Potluck dinner,

bring whatever is convenient for you. No obligations. Ideas: a salad, vegetable dish, fruit plate, cheese and crackers, dessert or a main dish to share. Coffee, Tea and Pellegrino will be provided. BYOB!! If you're willing to share your wine, Paul Thompson has a wine tasting game to show us!!

Look forward to seeing all you Vikings!!  
Mike

## MAY ELECTIONS

Please consider volunteering for a board or committee position. The club needs YOU to participate. Now is the time to step up and do more. The election will take place at the May meeting – please plan to attend and vote. Remember, only members in good standing (attending meetings and dues paid) may vote.

If you are interested in running for office, please contact Mike Masek at [mikemasek@juno.com](mailto:mikemasek@juno.com).

## HELP Needed for Race

Help is needed for the April 20 race with the Peninsula Ski Club. We need 3 or 4 people to help with the course set-up and as many folks as we can get to be timers (bring your cell phone and double check that you can find the stop watch function).

Race will be at Donner Ski Ranch. Everyone is responsible for their own lift ticket. We need snow! Ironically, the year before last we had to cancel because of too much snow! Right now the coverage is marginal. Here's hoping for an

awesome April (it's too late for a miracle March).

### **The Race Is On**

Save the date! April 20 at Donner Ski Ranch we will once again be racing against our long time friends and rivals, the Peninsula Ski Club. As we did last year we are planning on eating at the Ranch after the race with socializing at both cabins in succession.

The results from the last 3 years, which are now engraved on the trophy, are as follows:

2010 PSC

2011 Mother Nature

2012 Viking

Please drop me an email if you can make it.

Mike

### **MEMBERSHIP INVOICES EMAILED**

You should have received your membership invoice. Dues become delinquent on April 30. Dues paid after this date must include a \$25 late fee. Members who have not paid their dues by July 1, 2013 will be dropped from the membership. Please contact Margaret Glomstad at 650-349-7542 or [mglomstad@comcast.net](mailto:mglomstad@comcast.net) if you have questions about your dues.

### **School Ski Trip**

The Aptos Academy midweek school ski trip generated \$1,173 in additional cabin fees. The kids, teachers and adult chaperones (which included 3 Vikings) had a great time.

### **Cabin Report**

1. The Fire Marshall from Truckee Fire inspected the cabin in March. We passed with flying colors! He recommended that we install sheet rock on the ceiling of the locker room and wood storage area as an added safety measure, something we should do this summer. He also sent me information on the life expectancy of smoke and CO2 detectors.
2. David Chan completed a warm air intake system that takes warm air from the party room just above the kitchen sink and circulates it into the bathrooms and upstairs.
3. David also repaired the front doorbell which had stopped working.
4. I discovered that the electric heater in the women's bathroom was turned off and the fan was not operating. I lubricated the fan bushing and

turned it back on. We should keep an eye on it and consider replacing the fan.

### **X-C Ski Super Tour Finals April 4-11**

The best of the best of US Cross-Country skiing are coming to Auburn Ski Club (ASC) April 6 for a classic sprint competition. Come see the top skiers in the country battle it out in head-to-head racing. Qualifying begins at 9am followed by elimination heats of four racers at time until one left to cross the finish line as the winner.

The USSA SuperTour finals are the premier cross country ski races in the US, held annually in the spring so that the top American skiers can return from the FIS World Cups to compete with 200+ of our nation's best domestic cross country skiers. The SuperTour finals are a mini-tour of four races that cap off the 2012-2013 SuperTour series. Keep your eyes peeled while skiing at ASC in the next few weeks, you just might be sharing a trail with a member of next year's 2014 USA Winter Olympic member.

Volunteers are needed for [Super Tour](#). There is a classic sprint at ASC on April 6. Other Super Tour races will be April 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 at Tahoe Donner XC and at Sugar Bowl on April 8. If you are willing to volunteer at the ASC race or in the days beforehand please contact Meg Seifert: [megseifert@gmail.com](mailto:megseifert@gmail.com). ASC is looking for people to help with the set up, clean up, crowd control, and timing. In addition to race help they also need 3-4 people on April 4 for about 5 hours to help prepare at the club and 2 people on April 5 for 2 hours. Please fill out this [form](#) or email: [volunteersupertour@gmail.com](mailto:volunteersupertour@gmail.com) (Megan McClelland) ASAP if you are willing to volunteer at one more other races.

### **How To Make Your Cabin Reservations**

Please indicate VSC or cabin reservations in subject line, so that your email does not get deleted due to large volume of email.

Due to the increased usage of the cabin especially during holiday periods please use the following information to ensure we can get maximum usage of the cabin. Reservations must be made year round.

(Work party reservations should be made with the cabin chair or person leading the work party.)

1. Contact Diane Kemsley/Janet Neilsen  
Email [janneilsen@juno.com](mailto:janneilsen@juno.com)  
or call 925-837-8664 **before 8 PM.**
2. Give the **nights** that you will be staying at the cabin.
3. Give the makeup of your group (i.e. 3 males, 2 females and guest or member).
4. Bunk or room preference.
5. If you do not receive confirmation within 48 hours email or call again.

### **Guests:**

Guests can get bumped from the cabin based on the needs of the members. The official deadline for bumping guests, per cabin rules, is the Thursday before the weekend of your reservation, but the reservations person will try to inform you before then.

### **Cancellations:**

If you are unable to make it to the cabin or need to change the nights of your stay, it is very important to inform the reservations person as soon as possible. This will allow for members/guests who might be on a waiting list to get a bunk in the cabin.

### **Rooms and Bunks:**

Requests for specific bunks or rooms will try to be accommodated. Unfortunately there will be times that your request will not be able to be fulfilled due to the needs to accommodate as many members/guests as possible. Once at the cabin, if you would like to change your assigned bunk/room see the weekend chair before making any changes to the bunk list.

### **Weekend Chair:**

Each weekend or holiday period, a weekend chair is assigned. The weekend chair assigns the chores, collects the nightly fees and mails them to the treasurer, and makes changes to the bunk list as necessary. They are also there to resolve any issues that might come up during your stay.

### **Important Information and Reminders**

- Please leave the water heater pilot lights on by turning the control to pilot.
- Turn off the upstairs furnace and close the doors to the dorms and Alpine and Donner. There are no water pipes upstairs subject to freezing.

- Leave the downstairs furnace on. It should be set to 35, enough to keep the pipes from freezing without breaking the budget.

- The first person at the cabin should take chore #1: shoveling the stairs to the solarium and removing the ice. This must be done at the beginning of your stay, and touched up while people are there. (Have cabin chair assign it to a second person if a storm comes through.) The stairs are our fire escape, and must be kept free of ice for safety. Also, shovel and remove the ice at the entrance.

- Don't forget to clean out your food locker.
- The blue trash bags are for recycling only.

They are sorted out by the trash company after they are picked up. The heavy duty white trash bags are for the compactor only.

- Please mark your skis, snowboards and bedding. It would be a good idea to also mark jackets and gloves, there are a number in the lost and found. In fact, there is nothing in the lost and found with a name on it.

- Please initial your chore after you have completed it, it is easy to forget and many of us do forget.

- We have a "bear" box for the garbage which means we don't have to take garbage home with us! However, we still have to put it into the garbage can and put the can into the box. The waste disposal company will only take garbage in the can. Recycling, in a blue bag, can be set next to the can, or in the can, space available.

To recycle cardboard, it needs to be in a blue plastic bag. If the garbage collector has to pull out loose items that are not either in the trash can or a blue bag we are charged extra fees. Even stacks of cardboard that are bound together must be in a blue bag.

The box is located out by the road on the cabin side of the parking lot driveway. It's painted grey-blue and raised on stilts to keep it above the snow, so someone has to lift the can to get it in (ask for help if you need it.)

- Please keep Margaret Glomstad [mglomstad@comcast.net](mailto:mglomstad@comcast.net) and Anne Ording [ording.anne@gmail.com](mailto:ording.anne@gmail.com) informed of your current address, phone number(s), and email so that important information reaches you.

- We have Viking Ski Club stickers. They are available for \$2. The stickers must be displayed in your vehicle when parked at the cabin.
- Cabin keys are available from Mike Masek for \$3.
- Keep the front door to the cabin closed and locked at all times. Do not leave the door open with the expectation that someone else will close and lock it.
- If you are staying in one of the smaller rooms, please remember to vacuum the room as well as your assigned cabin chore before you leave.

### **Links to Ski Organizations**

There are many ski organizations that organize trips, publish newsletters, etc. Here are a few to check out online if you wish:

<http://www.skibac.org/index.html>

<http://www.fwsa.org>

<http://auburnskiclub.com/>

<http://www.fis-ski.com/>

<http://www.nationalskiclubnews.com/home.html>

### **Truckee Donner Land Trust Events**

<http://www.tdlandtrust.org/news-events>

### **Check out the Donner Summit Historical Society newsletter:**

<http://www.donnersummithistoricalociety.org/PDFs/newsletters/news13/april13.pdf>

### **Editor's Note**

Elections are upcoming, please consider running for a Board position.

*Happy Trails,*

*Anne Ordning*

*Gazette Editor/Corresponding Secretary*

## San Francisco Viking Ski Club Officers - 2012/2013

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Club Meetings are held at 8:00 PM on the first Wednesday of every month at the Bayshore Corporate Center in San Mateo, unless otherwise noted in the Gazette or on the website.

The Nordic Gazette, the newsletter of the San Francisco Viking Ski Club, is published monthly. Items for publication should be submitted to the editor by the 20th of the month.

Please send all submissions via e-mail to the Nordic Gazette editor Anne Ording

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The Club Roster is maintained by Margaret Glomstad. Please send your email address as well as contact updates to:

[mglomstad@comcast.net](mailto:mglomstad@comcast.net)

### Directions to the VSC Monthly

#### Meeting:

Bayshore Corporate Center, 1750 S. Amphlett Blvd., conference room, San Mateo, is off Hwy 101 just northwest of the intersection of Hwy. 101 and CA-92. Please see the Viking website for more detailed directions.

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