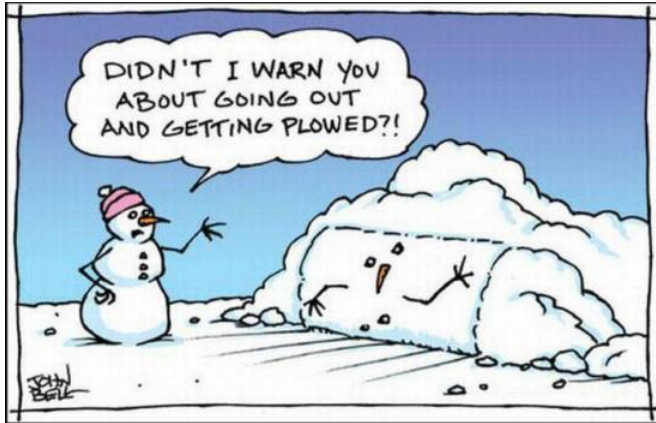


Nordic Gazette-April 2017

“This week’s storm of the century is way worse than last week’s storm of the century”



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, April 5th – Board/General Meeting – Laura Salcido’s house, San Francisco, see below article
Wednesday, May 3rd – Board/General Meeting – Elections of 2017/2018 Officers/Board – Location TBD
Saturday, June 3rd – Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner at Nick’s Restaurant, Pacifica

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Happy Spring Skiing Vikings!

More snow expected this weekend too so looks like we have a ways to go before the end of the season! Hope you've all been making it up to the cabin as much as your heart’s desire.

With the spring our minds turn to Viking Board Elections. Have you thought you'd like to assist more with the club decision making process? Or just learn more about what goes into keeping our lovely club running year round? Being a board member is great for these things! I was a bit intimidated when I first became a "Director-at-large" and have found serving on the board these last number of years has been immensely satisfying, both for my personal development, friendships forged, and in being more invested in the Viking Club as a whole. If you're an "Active Member" and on the fence about how you'd like to contribute or in what way you can best serve, rest assured that the club has a great history of helping get new board members get comfortable with the different roles. I've never felt a lack of support or camaraderie.

What positions are available?

Well, I'm glad you asked. Officers serve for one year. (They can be voted in for a second year if nominated)
President, VP (Membership Chair), Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary

Directors-at-Large, 3 positions available.

Board meetings are usually the hour before the general club meeting and no, you don't have to attend every one. (Though the more the merrier!)

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the current or past board members.

Happy Spring!

Laura Salcido

UPCOMING GENERAL AND BOARD MEETINGS

The **Wednesday, April 5th, 2017** meeting will be held at **Laura Salcido's** home in San Francisco.
Time: 7-8 Board Meeting, 8-9 General Membership Meeting
Place: 380 Dolores St. #10, San Francisco, CA (Between 16th and 17th Street, accessible from BART)

MEMBERSHIP (provided by Barb Sorensen)

Active 77
Probationary 23
Life 4
Applicants 17
Junior 17
Passive 32
Student Leave 3

Maximum membership is 125 (sum of Active, Probationary & Life)

A big warm welcome to our new "Probationary" members:

Dan Parks, sponsored by Pete Lin. t.dan.park@gmail.com
Carolyn Murphy, sponsored by Barb Sorensen. carmur1972@gmail.com (married to Donald Cole)
Donald Cole, sponsored by Barb Sorensen. dfrankcole@gmail.com (married to Carolyn Murphy)
Michael Estrada, sponsored by Pete Lin. michaelcarlestrada@gmail.com
Paul Niemann, sponsored by Rosanne Ratkiewich. pdniemann@gmail.com
Rob Harrison, sponsored by Rosanne Ratkiewich. robodeo@yahoo.com

We welcome the following people who have completed their probationary period and voted by the Board to "Active" status:

Mary Beth Falzareno, sponsored by Barb Sorensen. mmbbme@comcast.net
Gani Pinero, sponsored by Rosanne Ratkiewich. ganipinero@mac.com
Amelia Salis, sponsored by Barb Sorensen. asarles@mac.com
Peter Blumberg, sponsored by Rosanne Ratkiewich. peterblumberg@hotmail.com
David Rodriguez, sponsored by Rosanne Ratkiewich. orbitald@gmail.com
Jim Obrien, sponsored by Pete Lin. jbo1@pacbell.net

Annual Membership Dues Notices being sent out by end of March, 2017.

Annual Membership Dues Notices will be emailed to all members by end of March, 2017. Dues, written as checks, will need to be mailed to Membership Chair, Barb Sorensen, 318 Tappan Terrace, Orinda, CA 94563 before May 1, 2017. After that, there is a \$25 late fee. The details of your Annual Dues will be outlined in the notice you receive. If you see a mistake on your charges, please correct them with a written note as to why and/or contact Barb Sorensen, barb@barbsorensen.com with your questions.

Note: Dues notices will come to you via email from VSC member "**David Alter**". He is our "software" genius and does all the mailings from our software program, Filemaker Pro. **Barb Sorensen**, Membership Chair, is the "accountant" genius, who works with the software program to maintain membership related records - home

addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, lockers, number meetings attended, work party attended, history of Dues payments, membership status.

Note: According to our Club Constitution, if you did not overnight at the cabin during the fiscal year, May 2016- April 2017, you are exempt from attending a work party. If you are charged the work party "no show" penalty fee in your Dues Notice, you may ignore it.

CABIN NEWS and REMINDERS

Amelia Salis and her family will be hosting several guests at the Cabin between April 2 – 5th. Please note, there will be young children there and this time was reserved (discussed with the Board) with this in mind.

IF YOU ARE STAYING AT THE CABIN, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK.

It makes it very difficult to balance the cabin register when payments are not made in a timely way, and the register is left at the cabin for weeks. Please bring your payment with you to the cabin when you visit. If you forget and must mail a check, please do so immediately on your return home. If you visit mid-week in winter, you can leave your payment in the envelope over the desk, but if you visit out of ski season, mail your check AND the cabin register to the treasurer. In the memo field of your check, please write for whom you are paying, and the dates.

Paul Thompson VSC Treasurer

If you have some dry, clean, cut, burnable wood to spare, consider bringing up a box or two the next time you visit the cabin. You can also bring B&W printed newspaper for starting fires, but colored newspaper is toxic.

The solarium upstairs is for low level conversations or reading at all times. The solarium should not be used for sleeping. It has been recommended to bring ear plugs with you to drown out the snorers and people coming and going.

Reminders for all members making reservations – Please include the following information:

- Member's name
- Guest's name
- Children's names/ages/gender (if applicable)
- NIGHT'S staying at cabin
- Room preference (optional)
- Name and gender of a member's guest for dorm assignment

You will always see Penny Bair's email in the bottom paragraph of the gazette: yogibair@comcast.net

Sugar Bowl has not published a closing date – Yeah for the Vikings – that means more skiing days ahead in April. Get your reservations in early, plenty of great spring skiing ahead.

Michael Philpott sent in these pictures from the first week of March – he sure got his exercise that day! His title for the pictures: “Big Shovel Required”



**San Francisco Viking Ski Club
Officers – 2016/2017**

President: Laura Salcido

Vice-President: Rory Hayden

Membership: Barbara Sorenson, barb@barbsorenson.com

Recording Secretary: Mike Maesk

Treasurer: Paul Thompson

Corresponding Secretary: Rick Haglund, haglund.richard@gmail.com

Cabin Chair: Mike Masek, Paul Kensinger

Nordic Gazette Editor: Maureen Sala

Board Members:

John Fox, Maureen Sala, Curt Haney, Paul Kensinger, Barbara Sorensen, Rex Haber, Vacancy

Info: vikinginfo@prodigy.net

Cabin: 530-426-1231

Cabin Reservations: Penny Bair, Tel: (707)480-2234 or yogibair@comcast.net

Cabin Fees Winter: Members: \$12/night, Guests: \$21/night

Web Site: www.sfvikingskiclub.org