

# Nordic Gazette December 2011



<http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org>

## Calendar

**Wednesday, January 4, General meeting**  
**Bayshore Corporate Center conference room**  
**1710 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo**

7:00 PM Board meeting  
8:00 PM General meeting

**Wednesday, February 1, General meeting**  
**Bayshore Corporate Center conference room**  
**1710 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo**

7:00 PM Board meeting  
8:00 PM General meeting

**Wednesday, March 7, General meeting**  
**Bayshore Corporate Center conference room**  
**1710 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo**

7:00 PM Board meeting  
8:00 PM General meeting

## **President's Message:**

Greetings Vikings,

A beautiful sunny but cool day here, but no snow! Last night almost 100 Vikings and guests enjoyed an evening at Nick's for the Christmas party; a great turnout. Thanks to Jan and Alice for all the work, and to the members, ski areas etc. who donated prizes for the raffle. We are still waiting for snow to get the season started, not much hope for the next week. What is new: we have a new propane supplier, and hopefully our bills will drop by a quarter, it has become very expensive. In order to save more on this, a new routine has been instituted. The upstairs furnace should be turned off at the thermostat when the cabin is not occupied; there is

sufficient heat from the ground floor furnace to prevent the pipes from freezing. Once the stoves are burning, the furnaces should hardly go on at all, the wood costs far less than propane, so people at the cabin should light the stoves as soon as possible after arrival.

There are new cabin rates as of December 1, 2011. We are almost half way through our Southern Pacific 20-year lease for the land on which the back 1/3 of the cabin stands. We must start saving to pay for the next lease renewal (our original lease in 1959 was \$50 per year! and we paid \$10,000 for a 20-year lease in 2003). In addition, costs have gone up significantly since our last fee increase (the C.P.I. increased 35.9% from May '99 to May '11) and our bank balances have been slowly but surely declining.

The new rates are: Members: weekdays & summer \$7, winter weekends \$11, Guests: weekdays & summer \$16, winter weekends \$20.

Doug Pringle, President of Disabled Sports Far West will address our January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to tell us about the new event The Ability Challenge, combining the previous Challenge Ski Race and the SkiForAll events.

The BAC guide will be available at the January meeting, as will the FWSA discount cards. If you need a card before then (for the Sugar bowl free Core Pass) send me a stamped self addressed envelope.

Hope to see you at the January meeting and at the cabin,  
Paul.

## **Directions to 1710 S. Amphlett Blvd.**

From Hwy 101 South take exit 414B for Fashion Island Blvd. toward Hayward. Follow signs for Fashion Island Blvd. Turn right on Fashion Island Blvd. Continue straight onto 19th Ave. Turn right onto S. Grant St. Take the 1st right onto Concar Dr. Concar Dr. turns left and becomes S. Amphlett Blvd. Destination will be on the right.

From Hwy 101 North take exit 414B to merge onto CA-92 W toward Half Moon Bay. Take exit 12C for Delaware St. Turn right onto Concar Dr. Concar Dr. turns left and becomes S. Amphlett Blvd. Destination will be on the right.

## **Viking Christmas Extravaganza!**

You're out of luck, if you missed this year's SFVSC Christmas party! About 100 people crammed the Banquet Hall at Nick's at Rockaway beach, for a rollicking good time! Outside beyond the parking lot, a balmy wind was raising a glorious surf we could stand and watch without shivering. Inside, friendships, great food and wine raised laughter and conversations to fill the room with happy sound. "Father Christmas" (as President Paul Thompson called him), put in his annual appearance and the kids and adults alike wanted photos with Santa.



A "kid's raffle" of 10 prizes generated excitement especially among the three "elves" helping Alice Masek with the Raffle drawings! Vintage member Berg Carlson added a heirloom touch to the raffle with donated prizes from VSC history, an apron with VSC name and logo, a tapestry rug of a Viking warrior (donated to the club) and a foot-high statue of a Viking torch-cut and welded out of metal, prizes with our club theme. Eight ski areas donated lift tickets to be offered as

prizes, and one, Badger Pass, even replaced a pair of passes not used by last year's winners because the Badger Pass season ended earlier than some other areas. Excellent prizes were donated by several members, Ellie Kramer and Laura Salcido sold tickets, and THANKS to all, because the Raffle brought in \$507 for the club!!!!

Ski areas that donated were:

Homewood Mt. Resort -- 2 Comp lift tickets

Sugar Bowl -- 2 Comps

Alpine meadows -- 2 Comps

Boreal -- 2 comps

Soda Springs -- 2 comp lift and tubing passes

Badger Pass -- 2 Comp tickets, unrestricted, plus replacing last year's

Sierra-at-Tahoe -- 2 comps

Tahoe Donner -- 4 lift tickets (come and bring friends.)

To crown the evening, Bea Lufi was there to lead our prayers to Old Norse deity Ullr for snow!



Member of seven decades, Viking Bea Lufi connects with new member Rachel Hager over mutual roots in Northfield, Minnesota.

With a highly successful Raffle, tasty food, great service, and terrific Viking companionship, we concluded another Great Viking Christmas party organized so expertly by Jan Nielsen, THANKS, JAN!!! Now all we need is SNOW!!!  
Alice Masek

## **Ski Areas Opening Dates**

This article appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle on November 17, 2011 (Courtesy of Barbara Super)

## Interstate 80 corridor

**Boreal:** Open with 3 of 9 lifts operating and 5 of 41 trails accessible, \$49 lift ticket, rideboreal.com, (530) 426-3666

**Sugar Bowl:** Tentatively opens Wednesday, \$77 lift ticket, sugarbowl.com, (530) 426-9000

**Donner Ski Ranch:** Tentatively opens next Thursday, lift ticket prices not set, donnerskiranch.com, (530) 426-3635

**Soda Springs:** No opening date, \$36 lift ticket, skisodasprings.com, (530) 426-3901

**Tahoe Donner:** Opens Dec. 9, \$41 lift ticket, skitahoedonner.com, (530) 587-9444

## North Tahoe

**Alpine Meadows:** Opens Dec. 10, lift ticket prices not set, skialpine.com, (530) 583-4232

**Granlibakken:** Opens Dec. 15, \$24 lift ticket, granlibakken.com, (877) 552-6301

**Homewood:** No opening date, lift ticket prices not set, skihomewood.com, (530) 525-2992

**Northstar at Tahoe:** Opens Friday, \$88 lift ticket (varies by date), northstarattahoe.com, (800) 466-6784

**Squaw Valley:** Tentatively opens Wednesday, lift ticket prices not set, squaw.com, (530) 583-6985

## South Tahoe

**Heavenly:** Tentatively opens Friday, \$85 lift ticket (varies by date), skiheavenly.com, (800) 432-8365

**Sierra at Tahoe:** No opening date, \$74 lift ticket; sierraattahoe.com, (530) 659-7453

**Kirkwood:** Tentatively opens Nov. 25, \$78 lift ticket (varies by date), kirkwood.com, (209) 258-6000

## Nevada-Tahoe

**Diamond Peak:** Tentatively opens Dec. 15, \$54 lift ticket, diamondpeak.com, (775) 832-1177

**Mount Rose:** Tentatively opens Wednesday, \$69 lift ticket (\$36 online), mtrose.com, (800) 754-7673

## Central Sierra

**Badger Pass:** Tentatively opens Dec. 16, \$42 lift ticket, yosemitepark.com/badgerpass.aspx, (209) 372-1000.

**Bear Valley:** Opens Dec. 16, \$62 lift ticket; located off Highway 4 above Arnold; bearvalley.com, (209) 753-2301.

**Dodge Ridge:** No opening date, \$64 lift ticket, dodgeridge.com, (209) 965-3474.

## North State

**Mt. Shasta:** No opening date, \$44 weekend lift ticket (\$29 Monday-Thursday), skipark.com, (530) 926-8686

## Eastern Sierra

**June Mountain:** Opens Dec. 17, \$72 lift ticket, junemountain.com, (888) 586-3686

**Mammoth Mountain:** Open with 5 of 28 lifts operating (rest open Wednesday) and 7 of 150 trails accessible, \$89 lift ticket (varies by date), mammothmountain.com, (800) 626-6684

**Road conditions:** [dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi](http://dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi), or call (800) 427-7623. Visit live traffic cams at [video.dot.ca.gov](http://video.dot.ca.gov).

Tom Stienstra's Outdoor Report can be heard Saturdays on KCBS (740 and 106.9) at 7:35 a.m., 9:35 a.m. and 12:35 p.m. E-mail at [tstienstra@sfnchronicle.com](mailto:tstienstra@sfnchronicle.com).

Read more: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/11/16/SPO91LVMHC.DTL&ao=2#ixzz1fXVrajL4>

## Far West needs singles for Chamonix SkiWeek & Morocco tours

To Far West international travelers, **Chamonix Ski Week, Mar. 9 to 17, 2012;** We need a female and male single to share a double room and still have another double room opening left.

**One week Morocco extension after Chamonix, Mar. 17 to 25, 2012**

This trip is full except we need one female roommate to share a double room.

## **Two week Morocco extension after Chamonix, or two week Morocco trip *without* Chamonix, Mar. 17 to 31, 2012**

This trip still has 9 openings and we need one female roommate to share a double room.

If you plan to join us, e-mail us and send in a deposit now of \$500 if you do your own flights or \$1,500 if you want to fly with the tour group.

Please contact Norm Azevedo for more information, if interested. We hope you consider joining us on this exciting ski week and/or Morocco adventure. Please contact us and send in your registration along with your deposit. We also strongly advise all participants to obtain travel insurance.

Check out these great views of Chamonix provided by Danielle Battut:

<http://www.chamonix.com/ski-areas,22,en.html>

<http://www.chamonix.com/snow-report,89,en.html>

Norm & Mary Azevedo  
V.P. International Travel  
Far West Ski Association (FWSA)  
901 Sousa Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94597  
Phone: [925-944-9816](tel:925-944-9816)  
Fax: [925-944-0420](tel:925-944-0420)

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

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. Email [mglomstad@comcast.net](mailto:mglomstad@comcast.net) or call 650-349-7542 **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**

- 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.

- 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.
- 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://www.fis-ski.com/>
- <http://www.skimtta.com/>
- <http://www.nationalskiclubnews.com/home.html>

Check out the Donner Summit Historical Society newsletter:

- <http://www.donnersummithistoricalociety.org/PDFs/newsletters/news11/december11.pdf>

### **Editor's Note**

And a fun time was had by all at the holiday dinner meeting at Nick's Rockaway Beach. I had the pleasure of dining with a group of Vintage Vikings (to use Alice Masek's designation), two of whom were former Gazette editors from the days when it was done on a mimeograph – or some ancient machine or other. Thank Ullr for modern conveniences!

While getting to know each other better over dinner, the group relayed stories about marriages between Vikings and the fun that was had due to the friendships made in the club. It made me nostalgic for the "old" days, even though I wasn't in the club then.

The recommendation was made to include more "gossip" in the Gazette, so please send in any "items" and they will be considered for publication.

*Happy Trails,*

*Anne Ording*

*Gazette Editor/Corresponding Secretary*

Thanks to all of these organizations for donating to our annual holiday raffle:



Tahoe Donner Association

## San Francisco Viking Ski Club Officers - 2011/2012

**President:** Paul Thompson

**Vice-President:** Margaret Glomstad

**Recording Secretary:** Bill Kahrau

**Treasurer:** Mike Masek

**Corresponding Secretary/Nordic Gazette**

**Editor:** Anne Ording

**Cabin Reservations:** Margaret Glomstad

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

**Cabin Chair:** Mike Masek/Warren Stewart

**Board Members:**

Betty Avila

Charles Gresl

Marge Pitkin

Carol Reed

Mark Sorensen

Melissa Targgart

Roger Zeltman

**Info:** [vikinginfo@prodigy.net](mailto:vikinginfo@prodigy.net)

**Cabin:** 530-426-1231

**Web Site:** <http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org>

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

[ording.anne@gmail.com](mailto:ording.anne@gmail.com)

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.

Postmaster:

Please return undeliverable mail to:

SAN FRANCISCO VIKING SKI CLUB

c/o ANNE ORDING

PO BOX 330484,

SAN FRANCISCO CA 94133-0484