

Nordic Gazette Jan/Feb 2012



<http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org>

Calendar

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

Wednesday, April 4, 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:

(editor's note: Paul wrote this for the January Gazette, so this message is outdated.)

Hello, Vikings.

As all of you doubtless know - no snow, and there is nothing in sight thru the first week in January. All the California resorts are in the same condition. Alpine/Squaw combined total 200 acres open, Royal Gorge closed after Jan 1 until they get snow - they only had 10 km open over the holidays, Donner Ski Ranch closed. A few resorts in British Columbia have good snow, but almost everyone in the Western US and the Rockies is hurting. Here is an excellent link for multiple resort snow conditions

in the US, Canada and Europe:
www.realconditions.com.

Our reservoirs in California are in good shape right now, but if the weather doesn't change we will have a big problem by the end of summer.

Meeting Wed 2/1, but nothing at the cabin has changed as far as I know.

Paul

New cabin rates

Effective January 1, 2012

Members:

Weekdays/weekends & holidays: \$7/\$11

Guests:

Weekdays/weekends & holidays: \$16/\$20

2012-13 Membership Dues

This year's membership dues notices will be sent out in an email on March 1. They are due and payable when you receive the dues notice and become delinquent May 1.

In order to ensure all the email addresses on file work, a test email will be sent out in the middle of February. If by February 27 you have not received the test email, please contact Margaret Glomstad at mglomstad@comcast.net or [650-349-7542](tel:650-349-7542).

If your email has changed or you are unable to receive email, contact Margaret Glomstad at [650-349-7542](tel:650-349-7542).

VSC CLUB'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Yes, believe it or not, our Club turns 75 years old this year, 2012.

Way back in 1937, a group of Scandinavian San Franciscans, with a love for the sport of skiing decided to form the SF Viking Ski Club. Now it is our turn to start thinking about how we can celebrate this great event. Some members thought that a Spring/Fall hike might be fun, a wine tasting event, a picnic, a party up at the VSC Cabin, and of course the annual Christmas Dinner. Need all your thoughts on this. To make a success of all the above, it is going to take a lot of planning, and a lot of help. I made the announcement at the January general meeting and John Fox offered to help. Please contact me with any/all suggestions and volunteer to help out. Once I hear from those who want to help, I will have a meeting and we can put a calendar of events together and set up committees.

Go Vikings, 75 years of great skiing and camaraderie, it is all so very special!!!!

Thanks, Janet Neilsen
925-837-8664 E-mail: janneilsen@juno.com

Longevity in the Club:

It was so good to see so many "old timers" at the recent Christmas Party, reminders of the good times we all have had in the Viking Ski Club. Down on their knees to the Ular chant (performed by Bea Lufi) for snow, for at least the last fifty years was Berg Carlsen, Betty Schriber, Bob King, Marie Rhein, Ed and Fran Carcot, Tom and MaryLu Lowe, Janet Neilsen, Mary Daley, Marie Drew, Ray DeVincenzi and all the way from Reno, Lee Lombard. There were also many second generation members present, who came into the club at age seven, who are coming up on the forty year mark...Heidi (Lufi) Fielder, Mark Sorensen, Eric Neilsen, Diane (Neilsen) Kemsley, Margaret (Levin) Glomstad.

Thanks to all the members who bought raffle tickets and provided great raffle prizes, it made for a very successful evening.

Also, great "Big Thank You's" go to D'Anna McNammer, who for the past few years has been purchasing and providing all the presents for Santa

to hand out to the younger generation, and to Alice and Mike Masek, who not only chair the raffle; but also provided the prizes for the children's raffle.
Janet Neilsen

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.

Disabled Sports USA Far West

Ability Challenge

Join in the Fun Even if you Don't Ski!

This event is designed to include anyone with a love for skiing, a love for someone with a disability, or a love for simply making the world a better place.

An **All Mountain Challenge** designed to accommodate and challenge skiers and snowboarders of all levels and abilities. Utilizing GPS technology, the Challenge will take skiers and riders around the mountain through a series of checkpoints with some bonus challenges mixed in. If you don't ski, join us for the celebration at the end of the day. Make it a family fun day, a company challenge, or just a great day of skiing and riding with a group of friends—all for a good cause. Participants must agree to raise a minimum amount of pledges to benefit the participants of Disabled Sports USA Far West; all ages, all disabilities, including wounded warriors disabled in Iraq and Afghanistan.

When: March 30 or 31, 2012

Where: Alpine Meadows Resort, N Lake Tahoe

How: Visit www.disabledsports.net and click on "Ability Challenge" to get started.

"If I Can Do This, I Can Do Anything!" sm

18th Annual Ability BASH Banquet

Saturday, March 31

6:30 to 10:30 pm

The Lodge at Alpine Meadows

The Ability Bash is the culmination of this week-long winter sports camp held for the 25 Wounded Warriors disabled in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. These men and women will be honored and recognized during the event through an uplifting presentation.

- Gourmet Dinner
- Fine wines and micro-brews
- Dance to your favorite tunes played by Wax Vinyl's DJ Brookio
- Silent auction and mystery raffle
- Tickets are \$100
- Reserved Tables for 10: \$1,000
- Must be 21 or older to attend

Contact Mary for more Bash Info
530-581-4161 x205

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 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 and Anne Ording 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.

Support the Future of the San Francisco Viking Ski Club

(Gift and Estate Planning)

For 75 years the SF Viking Ski Club has been an innovative and educational icon in San Francisco and the Sierra ski community. The club has a long term financial obligation to maintain a lease on a portion of the ski cabin which is on Union Pacific Railroad property. You may have assets to donate that can help ensure the long term future of this great club. The SF Viking Ski Club has enriched the lives of hundreds of Northern Californians. Your future gift can help sustain the club's contribution to our community for many years to come. Please remember the San Francisco Viking Ski Club in your living will or trust.

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

Finally some snow in the Sierras; hope everyone is getting a chance to enjoy it.

Happy Trails,

Anne Ordning

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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

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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