

Nordic Gazette May 2011



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Calendar

Wednesday, May 4 – Election & General Meeting

8PM General meeting at OPYC

7PM Board meeting at OPYC

Wednesday, June 3rd – Installation of Officers

6:30 – 7:30 PM No host bar

7:30 PM - Dinner Nick's Restaurant, Rockaway Beach, Pacifica

No meeting at OPYC

Saturday/Sunday – July 2/3 Work Party & General Meeting –

Saturday & Sunday – Work Party & General Meeting at the Cabin

President's Message:

Hello Vikings.

Spring skiing is upon us, the close of the season near. Cloudy days with occasional sprinkles of snow or rain and occasional sunny periods seems to be the general situation now, Get your last turns in. Sugar Bowl closes May 1st, but will be closed during the previous week due to lack of customers. Remember to remove skis by May 31st. Check now that they are really in your garage or wherever. Saucers etc. should also be removed from the front entryway, but not stored in the workshop/ski room.

The cabin came through the incredible storm series last month relatively intact; two power outages with high voltage spikes fried some stuff, but pretty

much is replaced or repaired, thanks to our resident Messrs. Fix-It.

If you have memories of things that need doing over the summer work parties, email Mike Masek so they can be put on the list. Mike is also making up a tentative Work Party schedule. We hope to be working on the flat roof this summer, more detail later.

It was a great season for snow, pity the freeway was closed so much; Southern Pacific was closed over Donner Summit 5 days and they had to get their big snowblower out for the first time in 15 years!

Elections next meeting May, have a great summer.

Paul

May Elections – Vote Early & Often!

We are holding the election of officers and board members on May 4th, 2011.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor on election night but the member nominated must have agreed to stand for election for the position for which they are being nominated.

John Schulz will act as the election coordinator.

Work Parties

It is time to start thinking about this summer's work parties. We have 4 scheduled so far:

July 2/3 (General meeting & work party)

August 6/7

September 17/18 (tentative).

Late October. This will be the fall cleanup work

party.

The September work party has traditionally been the trail building work party, however, that may have to change depending upon the condition of the cabin.

If anyone is interested in leading a work party, let me know. We can also add other dates as needed.

Mike

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Induction of New Officers

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It's also a nice way to end up the ski season, to talk about some great skiing, not to mention meeting up with old/new members. Guests are always welcome. No-host cocktails will be in the bar area from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Vikings like their cocktails!!!, followed by dinner at 7:30 pm.

Remember attending the dinner counts as a required meeting attendance. There will be NO meeting on Wednesday, June 7th, at Oyster Point Yacht Club.

Please mail your check (made payable to the SF VIKING SKI CLUB), and the reservation form to: Janet Neilsen, 2974 Limestone Road, Alamo, CA 94507.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: TUESDAY, MAY 30th, 2006. Any questions or last minute reservations, call Jan at (925) 837-8664.

Correction on the Communal Do's!

Blue kitchen towels are for dishes ONLY and the red terry cloth are for hand drying ONLY – not table wiping.

(If you clean a dirty table and then dry your hands on that towel, the germs are on your hands when you go to prepare food.) Cleaning towels are located beneath the kitchen sinks." Rags can be found in the locker room for the nasty jobs.

Train Adventure to Colorado

We went to Denver, Colorado by train on March

19, to see our daughter, Amber, a former Viking president, and her fiance, Jonathan and to do some skiing in Colorado powder.

The train trip on the California Zepher to Denver was wonderful. It was supposed to take about 33 hours, but a rock and snow avalanche over the tracks in the Sierra caused the train to leave four hours late with another two hours delay while the tracks were being tested for safety. Other than that it was great. The scenery was beautiful. Normally the train is scheduled to travel the Sierra and the scenic Rockies by day and the broad expanse of desert at night. It even stops at Frasier/Winter Park so that if you wanted to take it to Winter Park for skiing, you could do so.

The food was good, a lot better than airline food and included in the fare. We booked a sleeper so that at dinner, the car attendant folded down our private seats and made them into a bed and another bunk unfolded from the ceiling. The roomette had climate control, reading lights, a small closet, extra clothes hooks, a mirror, a fold-down table between the seats, privacy curtains, and a locking door. At breakfast the attendant removes the bedding and mattresses and puts the seats back for daytime travel. The fare was comparable to flying and bags may be checked. We had a box with two pair of skis, our boots and all our warm ski gear in two other bags, plus the normal suitcases. There was no charge for checked baggage.

We went skiing at Copper Mountain which had good skiing on packed powder. Carl's neuropathy and Lynn's recent knee injury kept us off the moguls most of the time, but there was plenty of fast cruising to be done. After a snow storm we skied at Mary Jane with what looked like a 60 degree face covered with moguls. But on top, at 12,062 feet, it was all about a foot of new powder as we skied through the mostly well spaced trees. The mountain is deceiving since it is all bald at the top, but gradually as you ski down, you suddenly realize that the slope has become much steeper and you are going like gangbusters. We happily skied the powder until the afternoon when it warmed up and became chunky-munky.

More avalanches closed the tracks over the Sierra for almost a week including during our return trip, but Amtrack provided an early breakfast before arriving in Reno and transferred us onto buses which took us to Sacramento where we caught the

Capital Corridor train (no extra charge) to San Jose and then the CalTrain to Palo Alto. So a short taxi ride got us home again. It was a bit more adventurous than planned due to the rock slides, but otherwise a decadent way to travel.

Carl and Lynn Mortensen

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.

1. Email mglomstad@comcast.net or call 650-349-7542
2. Give the **nights** that you will be staying at the cabin.
3. Give the make up of your group (ie. 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 your reservation, but I 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.

Editor's Note:

Feel free to share VSC stories, gossip, family updates, or photos. We promise to share information that's fun, interesting, and only slightly embarrassing.

Wishing you and your family all the best this coming year!

John

SAN FRANCISCO VIKING SKI CLUB

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - AWARD DINNER

NICK'S RESTAURANT, Rockaway Beach, Pacifica, CA.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd, 2006

DINNER: 7:30 PM

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MENU: Choice of one of the following, Roast Cross Rib of Beef au Jus, Roasted whole Half Chicken, Baked Sea Bass. All dinners come with mixed green salad with seafood, baked potato with sour cream and chives, vegetable du jour, garlic bread, ice cream, coffee/tea.

COST OF DINNER: \$25.00 PER PERSON, which includes the tax, tip and wine.

CHILDREN'S MENU: Choice of one of the following, Chicken Fingers, fish and chips, hamburger and fries. (Children 12 and under) \$5.00.

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Menu: Halibut Steak _____ Roast Chicken _____ Roast Cross Rib of Beef _____

Children's Menu: Chicken Fingers ____ Hamburger /Fries ____ Fish & Chips _____

NAME: _____ Phone: _____

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Club Meetings are held at 8:00 PM on the first Wednesday of every month at the Oyster Point Yacht Club in South San Francisco, unless otherwise noted in the Gazette.

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 John Fox at jtfoxvsc@google.com

The Club Roster is maintained by Elaine Honjas. Please send your email address as well as contact updates to: ehonjas@aol.com.

Directions to the VSC Monthly Meeting:

From Hwy 101 in South San Francisco, take the Oyster Point Blvd. exit. Go east on Oyster Point Blvd, cross the railroad tracks and to Marina Blvd. Go right on Marina Blvd, past an entrance kiosk and almost to the end. There is a sign that says "Oyster Point Yacht Club." Park in the parking lot on the left, just past the front door.

Postmaster:

Please return undeliverable mail to:

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