

# Nordic Gazette May 2014



<http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org>

## Calendar

**Wednesday, May 7 – General Meeting**  
**Bayshore Corporate Center conference room**  
**1710 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo**

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

**Saturday, June 7 – Annual Dinner**  
**Meeting/Induction of Officers**

6:30 – 7:30 No host cocktails  
7:30 Dinner

Nick's Restaurant, Rockaway Beach, Pacifica  
**NO MEETING IN SAN MATEO IN JUNE**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** **ELECTIONS**

Elections are coming up. Nominations and the election will be held at the next meeting, May 7. We need to elect a President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, two new Board members and reelect two incumbents. I have found that serving on the Board and/or being an officer is very rewarding and I highly recommend it. It is a great way to meet and get to know a wonderful group of people (us, members of the Viking Ski Club).

## **MOTHER NATURE WINS AGAIN**

This year's ski/snowboard race with our friends of the Peninsula Ski Club saw another resounding victory by...Mother Nature. There was not enough snow for Donner Ski Ranch to be open. The last time Mother Nature won, there was too much snow! If my memory is correct this makes two out of the last three races won by Mother

Nature. Never fear, we will challenge her next year!

## **DUES ARE DUE**

If you haven't received your dues notice please let Barb Sorensen know as soon as possible ([barb@barbsorenson.com](mailto:barb@barbsorenson.com)). If you have received your notice and haven't yet paid...well...you know what to do.

Mike

## **SATURDAY, June 7**

### **Annual Dinner/Induction of New Officers**

It's that time of the year again, when we all get together to greet the newly elected officers and board members and to make presentations to those members who have gone "above and beyond" for the club.

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 5, in San Mateo.

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

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: TUESDAY, JUNE 3.** Any questions or last minute reservations, call Janet at (925) 837-8664.

## **Viking Ship Papercut...**

...was started but not completed. Alice has been cutting the most detailed parts, and Mike put in some time on the "shiver me timbers" front portion

of the Dragon boat. Much cutting remains to be done, doable by folks with moderate competence with a blade. (Pieces to be removed range from about 1 inch to about a foot long). If you are interested in helping cut the VSC Viking Longboat, please contact Alice Masek (510) 538-7617, and we will find a date that will work for a group cutting session at the Masek home in Castro Valley, or at another home more conveniently located for those interested.

It would be great to have the Viking ship installed on the stairwell wall for the new ski season of 2014-15! (Hopefully it will bring more snow!)  
Alice Masek.

### **How To Make 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.)

- Contact Diane Kemsley/Janet Neilsen  
Email [janneilsen@juno.com](mailto:janneilsen@juno.com)  
or call **925-837-8664 before 8 PM.**
- Give the **nights** that you will be staying at the cabin.
- Give the makeup of your group (i.e. 3 males, 2 females and guest or member).
- Bunk or room preference.
- 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.
- Thermostats for upstairs and downstairs furnaces are programmed – do not change the programming. Instructions provided at each thermostat.
  - 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. Names should be on all bedding in the solarium cupboards. Unmarked bedding and sleeping bags will be disposed of. It would be a good idea to also mark jackets and gloves.
      - 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 Barbara Sorensen [barb@barbsorenson.com](mailto:barb@barbsorenson.com) 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 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.donnertsummithistorical.org/PDFs/newsletters/news14/april14.pdf>

[www.skiinghistory.org](http://www.skiinghistory.org)

### **Editor's Note**

Elections–Run for office–Vote!

*Happy Trails,*

*Anne Ording*

*Gazette Editor/Corresponding Secretary*

## San Francisco Viking Ski Club Officers - 2013/2014

**President:** Mike Masek

**Vice-President:** Barbara Sorenson

**Recording Secretary:** Alice Masek

**Treasurer:** Paul Thompson

**Corresponding Secretary/Nordic Gazette**

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Mark Sorensen

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**Web Site:** [www.sfvikingskiclub.org](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 Barbara Sorenson. Please send your email address as well as contact updates to: [barb@barbsorenson.com](mailto:barb@barbsorenson.com)

### 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

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**SAN FRANCISCO VIKING SKI CLUB  
INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS DINNER**

**NICK'S RESTAURANT, ROCKAWAY BEACH, (Pacifica), CA.**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH, 2014**

**DINNER: 7:30 PM.**

**NO HOST COCKTAILS: 6-30 -7:30 PM**

**MENU: Choice on one of the following: Prime Rib of Beef au Jus, Roasted whole half Chicken, Grilled Halibut Steak. All dinners come with a mixed green salad with seafood, baked potato with sour cream and chives, vegetable du jour, garlic bread, ice cream, coffee/tea and of course, WINE.**

**COST OF DINNER: PRIME RIB \$40.00, GRILLED HALIBUT STEAK \$37.00**

**ROAST CHICKEN \$33.00 per person, which includes the tax, tip, corkage and wine.**

**CHILDREN'S MENU: Choice of one of the following: Chicken Fingers, Fish and Chips, Hamburger and Fries. COST: \$15.00 per person.**

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**Deadline for Reservations: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH, 2014, any questions and/or last minute reservations, please call Janet at (925) 837-8664.**

**MENU: Grilled Halibut \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib of Beef \_\_\_\_\_**

**CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Fingers \_\_\_\_\_ Hamburger \_\_\_\_\_ Fish & Chips \_\_\_\_\_**

**REMINDER: The dinner counts towards a required meeting attendance. There will be no general meeting on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at the location in San Mateo.**