

Nordic Gazette November 2008



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Calendar

November 5 – 8PM General meeting at OPYC
7PM Board meeting at OPYC

Friday, December 5 – Holiday Dinner and Meeting
Nick's, Rockaway Beach
NO MEETING AT OPYC

January 7 – 8PM General meeting at OPYC
7PM Board meeting at OPYC

Fellow Vikings,
October, end of Daylight Savings Time, snow predicted at Donner Summit this weekend, whew!
Where is the time going and why is it going so fast?

Keys: Please bring your new cabin keys (the ones stamped with an "8") to the next meeting. So far there have been two bad keys discovered and there may be more. Every Board Member has a small supply of new keys for distribution. Thank you to David Phife for discovering the problem with the new keys, Susan Saltgaver for traveling from Oakland to SF and back again to deliver the undistributed new keys to Paul Thompson and Paul for testing.

Any thoughts, suggestions or good jokes, please feel free to e-mail me. My e-mail address is Mike Masek, made into one word at Juno dot com. (In the last newsletter I wrote out my email address and have since received 3 Nigerian style scam emails. In the last 10 years I have only received one.)
Think snow! Mike

SF VIKING SKI CLUB - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER **SAVE THIS DATE - FRIDAY,** **DECEMBER 5, 2008**

Hi Vikings,

Wow, it is that time again for all of us to get together for the annual Christmas Dinner this upcoming December 5th, 2008, Friday night, at our favorite restaurant. Nick's at Rockaway Beach, (Pacifica). (see attached flyer for details). Last year we broke all records with an attendance of 105 members and guests. Sure hope all you Vikings can make this dinner. It's a great way for old and new members to meet and to start off the holiday season with a bang!!! Children are welcome as Santa always pays us a visit.

This year we will have a raffle, so be sure and contact Ellie Kramer should you wish to donate a gift, it is our only fundraiser. For those of you that like to "cut a rug" Nick's always has a great band playing out in the bar area after our dinner. In past years, I have seen some pretty fancy footwork out on the dance floor by Vikings. And, as wine flows freely, you may consider staying over night at the Sea Breeze Inn, right next door to the restaurant. Sure looking forward to seeing all of you at the dinner.

Janet

News from Kona, Hawaii

MahaloVikings,

I am coming over to the mainland to run in the Sacramento Marathon on December 7th, so that means after many years, (over 20), I will be able to make the Christmas Dinner. Sure looking forward

to see all my old friends and meeting some new Vikings. I'll be sitting down a lot, got to save my legs.

Aloha, Eric Neilsen

Vikings' Christmas Fund Raiser

The Vikings' Christmas Dinner is fast approaching. WOW! It is planned for Friday, December 5 at Nick's Seafood Restaurant at Rockaway Beach in Pacifica. Let's have a really big turnout this year. This year the Vikings Christmas Raffle plans to be one of the best ever. The Fund-Raising Committee has already received some donations and is promised more. This is the only fund-raising event that the Vikings have. Let's make it really successful.

This year the raffle will be slightly different. In the past tickets for raffle prizes have all been put into one pot. This year several popular items will have their own container that you can put your tickets into. One ticket will be pulled to determine the winner of that prize. You can put as many of your tickets into a container as you wish, hoping that your ticket will be pulled as the winning ticket for that item.

Here is a partial list of specific items. 1 & 2: Two members have each donated a dinner for four people. 3 & 4: There are lift tickets that have been donated by Alpine & Northstar. There may be additional items as well.

If you can donate any item or items, please contact a committee member. If you are not planning to attend the Christmas Dinner but would like to help with the fund-raising effort, please let us know. Money (\$\$\$) donations are greatly appreciated for the purchase of items to put into gift baskets or to purchase poinsettias.

Several people have already purchased tickets and are taking advantage of the offer to have their name put on the back of their tickets. If you are not planning to attend the dinner, please get your tickets at the November meeting or send me a check made payable to the Viking Ski Club for your tickets. If you are not there and win a prize, we will see that you get your prize. The committee will again sell tickets at the November meeting. The prices of the tickets are: 1 ticket for \$1.00, 3 tickets for \$2.00 and

10 tickets for \$5.00. Please call Ellie at 408-732-0404 or email at kramerel@yahoo.com.

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Think SNOW!!!

Ellie Kramer

10-11-08 Work Party

Harri Jalovaara, John Jenson, David Alter, Zach Alter, Maya Alter, Jeanie Wedekind, Richard Doleman, Susan Saltgaver, Carol Soppe, Sherry Green, Linda Kahrau, William Rodriguez, Melissa Rodriguez, Sierra Kahrau, Haley Kahrau, Penny Bair, Barb Cartwright, Nick Lawrence, Bill Kahrau, Zack Kahrau, Larry Kahrau, Barbara Super

What a great crew! We whipped this cabin into phenomenal shape in a whirlwind of activity. Controlled chaos, in the words of Linda Kahrau-Rodriguez. Every year we get better at the Fall Clean-up Party, preparing the cabin for the ski season. A new provisional member here for the very first time, Penny Bair jumped right in and inventoried the eats to cobble together what turned out to be a "feast" of a lunch, in the words of Maya Alter. The kids were great. Sierra cleaned light switch plates, filled paper towels in the bathrooms, cleaned smudges on the walls, put foil on the stove burner pans with Susan, and fixed lunch. Haley cleaned the front of the stove, did dishes and helped cook lunch, and played games with Will. Will picked up trash, and washed the sinks in the men's bathroom, had a cookie and went for a hike. Melissa picked up the Leg-o's, discovered a new land and a natural hibernation unit...?! Zachary went up on the roof, hung out over the abyss, safeguarding himself with only one hand, in order to change the light bulb over the Viking sign, only to discover that the new light bulb was burned out, and he had to replace it again at great personal risk. And he fixed the socket! Will did gymnastics on the ceiling of the party room. Maya helped Penny with the salad, cutting up the avocados. Penny said Maya was so skillful at getting the avocado out of the skins and preparing them for the salad. She helped her dad polish the trophies and cleaned the glass coffee table in the solarium. Zach Alter took the rancid olive oil, hiked up the hill and poured it out so we could recycle the container. He dusted the party

room. Zach, Haley, Melissa and Will hiked up to Sugar Bowl, and improved a cave into a fort.

Barb Cartwright cleaned the fridge and freezer all by herself, no mean feat! And cleaned the solarium and dorms, vacuumed everywhere, oiled the party room woodwork and cleaned the light fixtures (a rare and wonderful thing). Penny braved the cabinet under the kitchen sinks, sorting the terrifying collection of cleaning supplies. She cleaned out the entry shovel room, sorted the cleaning supplies in the woodshed, and attacked the area under the stairs. She and Linda went through the desk drawers, making them all organized. Carol practically cleaned the kitchen single-handed, cleaning the food lockers inside and out, and oiling them, and conquering many cabinet interiors, readying them for the snow-smitten hoards. She helped Penny with under-sink project.

Harri cleaned the microwave, inside and out, and totally blitzed through the men's bathroom, including cleaning the tile and grout in the shower, and the formerly grunge-y shower curtains. He was involved in several other projects, including the daunting replacement of the weather-stripping on the second entrance doorway. John and Nick persevered, with Harri playing a supporting role, doing an amazing job of diagnosing and solving the stubborn challenge of drilling into concrete to install the weatherstripping. John, a provisional member, also proved his mettle by, among other tasks, replacing the screen door with the outdoor freezer shelf. and cleaning and straightening the woodshed/locker room. However, he was finally defeated by the task of sorting the Lost and Found, from which Jeanie relieved him.

Susan distributed new cabin keys to all, and went to Truckee with Nick to get the locks re-keyed and to buy supplies. She washed dishes and cleaned stove burner pans. She cleaned our shiny, industrial-strength toasters, including the crumb trays. Come to think of it, we actually didn't see so much of Sue, what with her galavanting off to Truckee with Nick, Barb's new squeeze..., and then checking out real estate.

Sherry cleaned the women's bathroom, gently cleaning the lovely delicate shower curtains. What I didn't know is that Sherry had made them, including painting the pine boughs on them and

finding the neat moose and bear hooks. Sherry made pancakes, washed walls, cooked dinner (stuffed roasted chickens, fresh vegetables and herb seasoning), and will do the party room hearth. Linda took on the job of inventory-ing supplies, and supervising the kids' work, what there was of it. She was the Inventory Queen. She also organized the cooking of an incredible, yummy lunch (raviolis and pasta and meatballs, garlic bread and an incredible salad, see paragraph 1 for avocado-cutter kudos) for 22 starving Vikings. She cleaned ovens, not a small task, and deep-cleaned the stoves, removing all evidence of mouse habitation, and organized, inventoried and cleaned the desk drawer supplies.

David cobwebbed all the ceilings in the cabin. He did dishes, and cleaned and dusted all the trophies and game shelves and cabinet, including some of his own ski trophies earned many years ago. He dusted the entire party room and cleaned the upstairs couches. He was a good dad to his two kids whom he characterizes as characters.

Richard got up on a long ladder and cleaned the dust off the little metal Viking ship in the stairwell and liberated the chandelier from layers of dust and cobwebs, making it sparkle. Bill arrived around noon and joined Richard to wash every window in the cabin and scrape the paint off them from previous enthusiastic painting parties. They took down the screens and put up the storm windows. Following the window chore, they resolved the issue of combustion air in the furnace and water heater room. What a great team!

Larry did some electrical upgrade with Zack Kahrau, testing outlets, and solving the problem of the spotlight that didn't work. He checked plugs. The plug for nightlight on stairs from men's annex to bathroom was a fire hazard, so Larry fixed it that so it won't flicker. He fixed the loose screen in Brunhilde. He pinched his finger while doing the sign and got a blood blister. With his son Zach, he fixed the outside light on the telephone pole. Later Saturday evening, we celebrated Larry's 51st birthday with cheesecake with cherry sauce and whipped cream, lovingly served by sisters Sherry and Linda.

Nick, new love of Barb Cartwright's life, and John, with advice from Harri, and with about two hours of grief, managed to get the old weatherstripping

removed from the door, screws RUSTED in place. Due to a lack of tools, a trip to town happened in Nick's absence to buy new drill bits for cement. Lo and behold, when Nick awoke from his nap, he discovered that John had completed the task without him. Nick changed cylinders in all locks to fit the new keys. He prevailed upon Matt at Ace Hardware to re-pin the locks. He bought weatherstripping with Sue, and got Starbucks refills twice to facilitate accomplishing these tasks. A private investigator, he reinstalled and lubricated the locks. True to his métier as a PI, Nick grilled Jeanie about her first three dates with Richard, but Jeanie was mum. However, her loyal husband spilled the beans.

Barbara Super came from Truckee with groceries for lunch and supplies for the first aid cabinet. She did some cleaning of counters, tables and chairs. Actually, she "didn't do a hell of a lot, but sat and watched the rest of you work", says Barb. However, her good excuse was that she had sprained her ankle and had to quit her tap dancing class. Barbara is known for her tap dancing. At dinner she regaled us with anecdotes from her colorful past and her "Deadhead" wedding.

Jeanie organized tasks, and delegated, delegated, delegated. It worked so well that we were finished in record time. She also made a master list of tasks to be done at cleaning parties, so Vikings can be forced to accommodate her perfectionistic housekeeping whims. Heh, heh, heh! She also choreographed the composition of this article, with input from ALL.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanie Wedekind

Reminder – New Treasurer

Linda Kahrau is our new treasurer and all cabin fees and requests for reimbursements should be sent to her.

Important Information and Reminders

- Please keep Cristophe Marcant 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 from Cristophe Marcant for \$2. The stickers must be displayed in your vehicle when parked at the cabin.

- Please remember that reservations are required for cabin stays year round.

Cabin Information/Reminders

- 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.
 - We have only ten hours per month of computer time at the cabin. Please limit use of the computer at the cabin for retrieval of the bunk lists.
 - 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.wbees.com/page/page/686860.htm>

<http://www.skifederation.org/>

<http://www.skiclubnews.com/>

<http://www.goski.com/clubs/usa.html>

<http://www.skimtta.com/>

Editor's Note

I hope it's just a coincidence that Mike got a Nigerian-style scam email as soon as his email was published in the Gazette online. My email address has been in the Gazette for a few years now and I have not gotten one, but I'll keep you informed. I get so much spam to my other email addresses that I think it is just a normal course of sending email.

*Happy Trails,
Anne Ording*

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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.

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Please send all submissions via e-mail to the Nordic Gazette editor Anne Ording

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The Club Roster is maintained by Christophe Marcant. Please send your email address as well as contact updates to: vikings-ski@c.marcant.org

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.

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