

Nordic Gazette - October 2018



“Skiing is expensive, but it’s cheaper than therapy”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 20-21 Work party (indoors) See below for more information

WHERE TO FIND GREAT DEALS ON USED SKI EQUIPMENT

East Bay

San Ramon ski and snowboard swap

Saturday, October 20 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Admission \$5 (free to children 5 and under with adult)

San Ramon Valley High School, next to the Performing Arts Center

501 Danville Blvd Danville CA, 94526

For more information: <https://srvskiswap.com/>

Marin

Marin ski and snowboard swap

Saturday and Sunday October 20-21 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Demo Sport

1101 Francisco Blvd., San Rafael, 94901

Selling gear? Register from 8 to 10 am Oct. 20

For more information: <https://www.demosport.com/pages/2018-marin-ski-snowboard-swap>

Any Mountain junior trade program

(Stores in Concord, Dublin, Redwood City and Corte Madera)

No specific date, but shop early for best selection

“When you join, you own your child’s equipment for only as long as it fits, and once they’ve outgrown it, trade it in for a new size and huge savings!”

For more information: <https://www.anymountain.net/services/jr-trade-program/>

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

It has been an interesting challenge trying to get people interested in Viking Ski Club issues, events, and projects when they are caught up in summer vacations and activities. Ironically, the time of year when cabin maintenance and planning must occur is also the time when skiing is the last thing on people's minds. So I greatly appreciate the people who have faithfully helped with so many aspects of VSC nitty gritty, Curt and Mike still working through the Water Heater challenge (anybody who knows more about it, please contact either Mike Masek or Curt Haney), many people participating in Work Parties, people who attended the Picnic

and Pool Party... Many of our projects (like web site improvements) are still in the works, but we shall persevere! We have 4+ cords of firewood in our woodshed, so the winter looks good! Our board is looking together at ways to make the VSC more welcoming and workable, a first consideration being to find a place and date for the board to meet! Here it is, almost October... Members, please have patience. In time, goals will be met and we can relax and enjoy the snow! Your Prez, Alice Masek

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Rick Haglund

Last year while on a Far West Ski Association ski trip to Banff I was told a story of how a person wanted to join our ski club but the process of attending a club meeting, spending a weekend up at the cabin and then having their name "read" at the next two consecutive club meetings to discuss acceptance as a probationary member was too long. That person ended up joining the Castro Valley ski club instead, as it was far easier and quicker. As our club needs and desires more members, the board last April voted to modified the membership process to make it simpler, more welcoming, and make our club more competitive to other clubs that also are trying to attract members. After all, we do have the best ski club on Donner Summit!

Specifically, we voted to do away with the two "readings" requirements. The rational was that first of all, it was extremely rare that an objection to accepting an applicant is voiced during these readings. Not to say it has never happened but as a Board member for four years, I've never heard one. Secondly, we retained that all applicants will still need to attend a meeting and stay a weekend at the cabin. During this initial meeting and stay at the cabin, one can get a pretty good impression if a person is a good fit. Finally, we will continue to enforce a probationary year for all new members allowing the club and its active members to evaluate the acceptance of any probationary members before granting active membership.

How does this work in action? Ana Mettola is one of our newest probationary members. She is friends of members Jessica Higgins and Ian Doleman. Ana attended our May general meeting at Laura Salcido's home and introduced herself to everyone. She lives in Corte Madera, works for a large wine and beer import company (yes!) and has a 6 year-old daughter named Nina. She had already visited the cabin as a guest of Jessica and Ian so upon receipt of her application fee, initiation fee, and annual dues she was accepted as a probationary member. Since then she has attended another meeting and plans to attend the October 20 work party. She is well on her way to becoming an active member!

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Active : 62
Life : 5
Passive: 32
Probationary: 20
Junior : 13
Student Leave : 5
Applicants : 0 (they move out of this category fast now)

WORK PARTY OCT. 20-21

People may come the night before, Friday the 19th. In order to get full credit, you need to show up ready to work at 9am on Saturday morning. As always, if we get the work done in a timely fashion, those who would like to can hike together on Sunday. Children will be welcome at this work party, with age-appropriate tasks available, and a rotation of parents to provide care and alternate activities for children during some time periods. As with most work parties, lunch will be provided by the club. Organizers are Richard Doleman and Jeanie Wedekind. Please check for details and register with Richard at e-mail: rdoleman@comcast.net or Jeanie at e-

mail: jeaniewedekind@mac.com, and also notify our reservation angel, Penny Bair, at email: yogibair@comcast.net, if you plan to attend.



``Dove of Snow'' from 2009 storm at Royal Gorge
(Alice Masek)

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Cabin Fees Winter: Members: \$12/night, Guests: \$21/night Summer: Members: \$8/night, Guests: \$17/night

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