

Nordic Gazette April 2014



<http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org>

Calendar

NOTE: CHANGE IN LOCATION

Wednesday, April 2 – General Meeting

Englander Bar, 101 Parrot St, San Leandro

7:00 PM Board meeting

8:00 PM General meeting

NO MEETING IN SAN MATEO

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

Need ride to the Englander?

John Fox has offered to pick up Vikings from the San Leandro BART station. Please contact him at jtfoxdesign@yahoo.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The next meeting is at the Englander Pub in San Leandro. It's an interesting, friendly place with good food and many good beers (even the non-alcoholic beer tastes good). Come to meet, eat, drink and enjoy Viking fellowship.

Mike

Election 2014

Please consider volunteering for a board or committee position. The club needs YOU to participate. Now is the time to step up and do more. The election will take place at the May meeting – please plan to attend and vote. Remember, only members in good standing (attendance at meetings and dues paid) may vote.

If you are interested in running for office, please contact Mike Masek at mikemasek@juno.com.

Membership Dues – Deadline April 30

The Annual Dues Notice was sent, via email, to all VSC members. For those who don't use email, a paper copy was sent to your mailing address. The deadline for paying dues is April 30, 2014.

Questions? Email Barb Sorenson, Membership Chair: barb@barbsorenson.com

St. Patrick's Feast at VSC

The cabin was buzzing with about 14 members in the kitchen, lured by the aroma of corned beef that had been simmering all day to fall-apart tenderness. A couple vegetarians enjoyed alternates, including some of the potatoes, carrots, onion and cabbages cooked with the traditional spices but no beef. Most dipped into the two big pots and had their fill of a rich, salty (but delicious) Irish celebration! Irish Soda Bread with golden raisins and caraway seeds was a much acclaimed second treat, with Mike Masek's famous Irish coffee to crown the evening, companioned with chocolate chip cookies home-baked by John Fox!

A fun weekend was had by all, with some skiing and a lot of great conversations! Spotty snow can't get Vikings down!

Alice Masek.

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.

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION'S NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

In case you are considering taking advantage of our membership in FWSA and going on one of its trips. The FWSA has a new online registration system for trips that gives trip participants the option of using the traditional method of printing, completing and returning the hard copy of the registration form, signed liability waiver, payment by check, and copy of their valid passport by mail or registering online using the new trip registration system which offers various payment methods using PayPal and credit card -- you must also scan and e-mail or snail mail a copy of your valid passport for international trips.

<http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/travel.html>

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
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 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 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.donnersummithistoricalociety.org/PDFs/newsletters/news14/March14.pdf>

www.skiinghistory.org

Editor's Note

March – out like a lion!

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 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 Barbara Sorenson. Please send your email address as well as contact updates to: 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.

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