

Nordic Gazette August 2013



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Calendar

WORK PARTY AT CABIN:

August 17 & 18 – Work party at the cabin

Ski swap with Peninsula Ski Club – bring any winter gear you want to sell

SEPTEMBER 4 - GENERAL MEETING/BBQ

6:00 pm Beresford Park, San Mateo

NO MEETING @ Bayshore Corporate Center

Wednesday, October 2 – General Meeting

Bayshore Corporate Center conference room

1710 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo

7:00 PM Board meeting

8:00 PM General meeting

WORK PARTY AT CABIN:

October 18 - 20 – Work party at the cabin

Annual deep cleaning work party

New Keys

The cabin door locks are being re-keyed, starting with the front door. We have new keys available for \$3 each that will be available at the next meetings and work parties. The old keys will still work on the solarium door which will be re-keyed sometime in October.

Work Parties

The next work party is scheduled for August 17 & 18. Peninsula Ski Club is having a work party the same weekend and has invited us to participate in a ski swap. So bring any winter gear you want to sell. But please plan to take it back home with you if it doesn't.

The fall cleanup weekend is scheduled for Friday, October 18 (or arrive by 9am on Saturday, important as some people arrive late on Saturday morning, which is unfair to the others) thru Sunday the 20th. Usually, we finish by Saturday evening.

Lost and Found

Warren Stewart found the sleeping bag pictured below misplaced in the bag for his sleeping bag.

Description; rectangular (old style bag), dark blue aqua gray exterior and a black soft, almost, velour interior with a yellow trim on zippered side. Please contact Warren if the bag belongs to you.

stewcycl@comcast.net



Meeting & BBQ – Wednesday, Sept. 4 Beresford Park

The annual Fall Cookout & meeting will take place at Beresford Park in San Mateo on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 PM. Please contact Mike

Masek to give him an idea of numbers of attendees and to help if you can. mikemasek@juno.com
We will be collecting \$\$ from adults at the picnic to help defray costs.

Directions: From Hwy 92, take the Alameda de las Pulgas exit south, right on 28th Avenue, right on Parkview Way, parking lot is on right.

MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2013 GENERAL MEETING

The regular July meeting was opened at 7:42 p.m. at the Viking Ski Club cabin. It was attended by nine members and two guests.

The reading of the reports was delayed to the next meeting. Old business and the reading of the minutes was dispensed with by unanimous consent as the secretary who had the minutes was absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Charles Gresl said that the water pipes that are still present in the old upstairs washroom (now a storage closet) could break in a heavy freeze. They run down behind the stoves in the kitchen and should be capped. It was verified that there is still water in those pipes upstairs. This will be put on a work list for another work party.
2. M'Liss Targgart alerted us that we have about 8 plastic sleds and 8 plastic saucers for children stored in the sleeping bag closet. It was suggested that we keep four of the best of each type of toy. We will vote on this at a later meeting when the owners can claim unwanted sleds and saucers.
3. Charles Gresl suggested that the board devise a policy before items be donated to the club. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the board establish a WRITTEN policy for inclusion in the cabin rules such that all personal items be taken home after using the cabin or must have board approval to donate or give them to the club. Exceptions would be labeled skis, snowboards, sleeping bags, and pillows. Board approval should be required prior to leaving toys, sleds, saucers, glassware, personal coffee makers or any other personal item or "donation" at the cabin.
4. Carl Mortensen asked if we are getting any use out of the current computer upstairs. It was suggested that the computer be removed as we only need a FAX machine to receive the bunk lists. This

should be up to the reservations chair. The board should establish a written policy for computer use for internet access if we continue to have a computer on site. We have a dial-up modem which we may also not need. The board should assign someone to dispose of old equipment that is no longer needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Recorded by Lynn Mortensen
Carl & Lynn Mortensen

Summer Cabin Reminders

- Turn off the water heaters and pilot lights when leaving the cabin in the summer.
- Beware of mosquitos! As of June 30 there are a large number of hungry mosquitos at the cabin.
- Check for mouse traps when you first arrive at the cabin. We do have mice and we have set out baited traps in the kitchen area.

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.
- Turn off the upstairs furnace and close the doors to the dorms and Alpine and Donner. There are no water pipes upstairs subject to freezing.
- Leave the downstairs furnace on. It should be set to 35, enough to keep the pipes from freezing without breaking the budget.
- 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@barbsorensen.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. They are 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.

Support the Future of the San Francisco Viking Ski Club

(Gift and Estate Planning)

For 75 years the SF Viking Ski Club has been an innovative and educational icon in San Francisco and the Sierra ski community. The club has a long term financial obligation to maintain a lease on a portion of the ski cabin which is on Union Pacific

Railroad property. You may have assets to donate that can help ensure the long term future of this great club. The SF Viking Ski Club has enriched the lives of hundreds of Northern Californians. Your future gift can help sustain the club's contribution to our community for many years to come. Please remember the San Francisco Viking Ski Club in your living will or trust.

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/news13/august13.pdf>

Editor's Note

There are still two more work parties this summer.

Happy Trails,

Anne Ording

Gazette Editor/Corresponding Secretary

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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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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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