

Nordic Gazette

August 2016



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 13th and 14th – Work Party at the Cabin (see notes below)

August 20th – Pool Party/General Meeting at John and Robbie Fox's house (see article)

September 24th and 25th – Work Party at the Cabin

October 15th – Work Party at the Cabin (see notes below)

Friday, December 2nd – Christmas Dinner and Meeting – Nick's Restaurant

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Vikings -

How's your summer going? Things have been great for the cabin. We've had two successful work parties and the remaining ones have been scheduled. Work parties are a great way to meet some of your fellow members while enjoying warm sunny weather so mark your calendars and get your Viking pride on.

And speaking of a fun way of meeting fellow members...Saturday, August 20th is our General Meeting/Pool Party! What better way to get meeting credit than while bonding in a pool while sipping a cool one.

Hope to see you soon at one of the upcoming events!

Laura Salcido (Thanks Laura for answering my request to supply a beautiful picture to go along with your message.)



AUGUST GENERAL MEETING AND POOL PARTY



You are invited to the 2016 Viking Pool Party!

Join us for the 2016 Viking Pool Party at **John & Robbie Fox's Home**

When: 20 August 2016 from 2 PM – 6 PM.

Where: 1331 Ramsay Circle, Walnut Creek, CA

We'll provide: Music, Fun, Chips, Hamburgers, Chicken Wings, Soft Drinks, and a half case of beer.

You provide: Great sense of humor, salad or side dish, and a sampling of your favorite beverage.

Music and grilling will start at 2 PM with Vikings celebrating another great year of fun, friendship, and outdoor adventures.

Please RSVP John & Robbie by 18 August so they can ensure they've got enough food. Use the e-mail listed below:

jtfoxdesign@yahoo.com

If you have questions, call John at 925-323-8746

It's going to be fun! Hope to see you there!!!

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS – THE VIEW IS AWESOME

The second July work party was held the weekend of July 16 and 17. In attendance were 6 members and 4 guests. All 4 guests were family of the attending members. Work consisted of more scraping on the north, west and east walls. A large amount of firewood was cut, split and stacked. The parking lot was worked with 50 lbs. of crack sealant applied with putty knives. Fifteen gallons of slurry was spread over the crack sealed area.

Early in the work party I received a call from **Rory** alerting me that we needed to lower the light switch going into the men's room so young boys could reach it (this would also bring it into code). **Rachel Hagers** husband, **Mark**, was at the work party, he is an electrician by trade and he had his tools with him! Within 2 hours he had the light switch moved.

Oh, and the work party survived my cooking ... I bought cold cuts, bread, mayo, mustard and pickles. **Jim O'Brien's wife Vera** made 2 nice salads. Desert was ice cream.

Reminder, the next work party is Aug. 13/14. When you make a reservation with **Penny Bair** please notify Mike Masek and **Paul Kensinger** also.

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4TH OF JULY MEETING AND WORK PARTY AT THE CABIN – HEY --IS THAT MY WINDOW COMING DOWN THE FREEWAY?

VSC Cabin Window Project – July 2016 (written by Gary Kramer)

At the April 6th meeting, a lengthy discussion on cabin windows was begun. I had an extra window left from my house remodel and I offered it to the club if any of the cabin windows was the right size. It turns out that a window for a house at sea level is not appropriate for installation at over 7,000 feet, so that offer was declined. I then offered to donate \$200.00 toward a window if other members would match that amount. The response was far more than I expected. Maureen Sala offered a window in honor of her father, Larry Dangel, who was a long time member of the club. Rory Hayden, and Mike and Alice Masek also pledged enough for two more windows.

On May 31, Paul Kensinger, Mike Masek and I went to the cabin to assess the strategy of replacing the windows for Donner, Alpine, and the Men's Annex. These three windows are facing west and receive the worst of the prevailing winds and weather. After removing the shutters from the Donner window, it was obvious that the leak in Donner was due to a screw hole for holding the shutters. A little caulk filled the hole, but the siding behind the shutters also needs scraping, priming, and painting. Paul and I removed the trim boards around the window to assess the construction and determine the best way to remove the old window and install the new one. We determined that cutting ½ inch of the siding around the window, would allow removal of the old one and installation of the new window. While Paul and Mike did a "walk thru" of jobs to be done this summer, I removed the inside trim boards for Donner, Alpine, and the Men's Annex. Then I could measure the rough opening and thus be able to order the new windows at the correct size.

On June 3rd, I ordered the windows at Home Depot in Reno. Curt Haney was another member that was on our window project committee and he offered to use his military discount. So I had them put Curt's name on the order as an alternative pick up person and received the discount.

On the way up to the cabin on May 31, I had stopped and picked up a van load of lumber, mostly 2 x 6s and 2 x 8s, for use as firewood. As we had time, Paul, Mike, and I pulled nails and cut the lumber into appropriate length for burning in our stoves.

The windows were ready for pick up by July 1st. Ellie and I were returning from a vacation in the Midwest, and we stopped and picked up one of the windows. Because of all of our suitcases, clothes, etc. in the car, that was all that we had room for. When we arrived at the cabin we unloaded the window and also all of our suitcases, etc. We then went back to Reno to get the remaining two windows. The smaller window fit easily in the back of our SUV. The larger window would not fit inside, so with the help of some Home Depot personal, we were able to load it on top of our SUV. I had brought along rope and a foam cushion for the window on top. Heading back to the cabin at 40 mph and all the traffic whizzing by at 65 mph or more, was a bit stressful. We had to stop three times to tighten the ropes. With a great deal of relief, we arrived safely at the cabin. Curt Haney arrived about the same time and helped unload the big window.

The next day, Curt and I planned to begin working on removal of the shutters and outside trim boards for the three windows. However, without a skill saw, we would not be able to remove the siding around the windows. Instead we helped the crew that was stacking firewood inside the storage areas. I estimated

that we would probably only have time to install two windows at this work party, and the third one would need to be done later.

Before noon a new member, Jim Barger, arrived with all the tools we needed, and an extra ladder on his truck. Jim is a retired contractor and had lots of knowledge on how to manage this project. We were able to start work on the removal of the windows. With Jim doing the majority of work, both Donner and Alpine were installed Saturday. Plans were made to do the Men's Annex on Sunday morning, after the planned July meeting at the cabin. Chris and Maureen Oakes stopped by on Saturday to find out when the meeting was scheduled, and Chris volunteered to help with the last window. He arrived at 7:00 AM on Sunday, and helped with the removal of the shutters and trim boards before our 8:00 AM meeting. Jim, Curt, Chris and I were able to remove the old window and hoist the new window into place. While my legs were starting to give out, Jim was still going strong. He finished the paper seal on the outside, while I worked on the inside. I used "Great Stuff" (insulating spray) to fill in the cracks and a little caulk when the crack was too small. Curt cut the inside window sill boards to fit the new windows. These were installed with a final bead of caulk. The inside is finished except for a bit of spackling, then painting. That will be done at a future work party.

The outside of the windows are complete except for installing the new trim boards, and a final caulk seal around the trim boards. Jim Barger agreed to procure the trim boards and install them at the August work party. It was agreed at the meeting that the shutters will not be put up again. Less work for everyone and less chance of future problems. The last time that the outside of the cabin was painted, the shutters were not removed. The area underneath definitely needs scraping, priming, and painting.

We hope you all enjoy this article, and have an appreciation and understanding of what still needs to be done. After I got home, I got an email from Rick Haglund, stating that many more members had given donations toward more cabin projects. Just before we left for home, Russ Haber offered a nice donation toward another window. Maybe the Solarium windows will be next.

We hope you enjoy the pictures also.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary Kramer

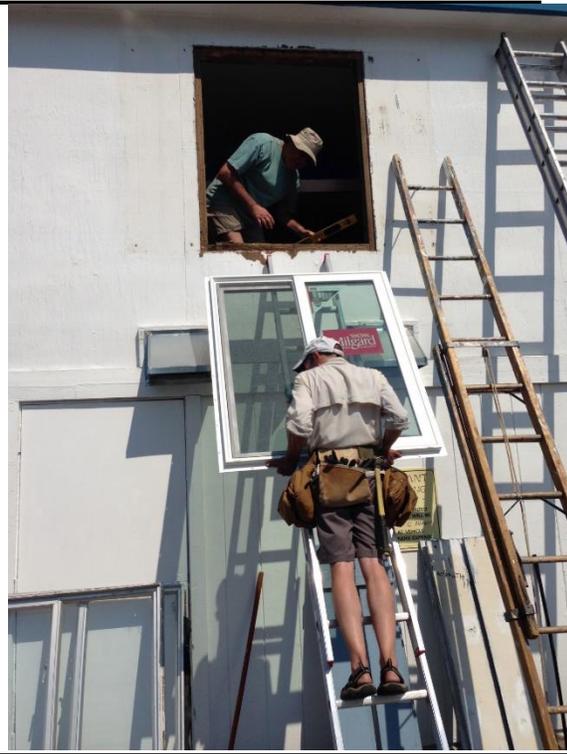
Work Party Attendees:

Gary and Ellie Kramer, Carol Reed and Curt Haney, Lynn Mortensen and Mike Wright, Rex Haber, Jim Barger, Cecily Harris, Betty Avila, Melissa Targartt, Chris and Maureen Oakes, Gemma Roche and her son Steven.

Joanne and Roger Zeltman stopped by to visit.

CABIN PICTURES SUPPLIED BY ELLIE KRAMER

Window Committee – Curt Haney, Jim Barger, Gary Kramer



OCTOBER 15th CLEAN UP WORK PARTY – Make it New Again

Richard Doleman and his wife **Jeanie Wedekind** will be leading the final work party again on Saturday, OCTOBER 15th, 2016. This entails a very full day of work for all, so anyone wishing to get work party credit needs to be there and ready to get to work at 9 am Saturday. On Sunday they are planning to hike to Anderson Peak, down the Pacific Crest Trail, 10 miles round trip, about 2,000 ft. of vertical climbing and descending. Anyone is welcome to join Richard and Jeanie..

CABIN NOTES: A blue yoga mat has been left at the cabin – could it be yours? At the last work party, the crew identified several items in the lost and found, and all found a home except this blue mat. Please let Mike Masek know if it is yours, and he'll have someone mark it as such.

This is a year-round club – it is beautiful on the mountain this time of year. Help support our club and enjoy a vacation at the cabin!!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - We still have 2 vacancies on the Board – won't you consider joining this fun group – we will take you for a one year stint, or you can join for 2 years.

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