

Nordic Gazette - August 2018



“The mountains are calling and I must go – John Muir”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 7th and 8th - Rory Hayden sponsoring large group at the Cabin (Tuesday and Wednesday)

August 18th and 19th – Work Party at the Cabin

August 19th, 2 p.m. -- Pool party at the home of Jessica Higgins and Ian Doleman, 4 Maria Court, Novato 94945. This event will also include an informational meeting for members.

VIKING NEWS

JUNE 28-JULY 2 WORK PARTY REPORT

Warren Steward and Mike Masek conducted a cabin inspection that produced a list of 29 items.

Skilled workers of VSC this extended weekend were: Alice Masek, Charles Gresl, Lawrence Doxsee, Dirk Hartman, Peter Blumberg, Curt Haney, Carol Reed, Betty Avila and Rick Haglund. Major work was done on the roof, the west wall and solarium stairway and the parking lot. The screws on the roof were tightened and the holes filled and caulked as needed. The west wall and solarium stairway were scraped and primed and some finish painting was done. A section of the parking lot had cracks filled and a slush coat applied. Part of the back (east) wall was scraped and primed. Our small VSC sign was repainted.

JULY 21-22 WORK PARTY REPORT

Building off the great start/prep work done before the 4th of July, this work party completed many tasks.

Skilled workers of VSC this weekend were: Jim O'Brien, Art Gassan, Mark and Ryan Sorensen, Rick Haglund, Glenn Kesselman. Rory Hayden and new probationary member Mark Malachowski. Jim finished off the roof work that was started a few weeks earlier. Surprisingly, all the marks of loose screws had worn off over the three weeks so Jim had to check them again. While on the roof, Jim and Art took down the larger Viking Ski Sign as it needed major restoration repair to match the great work Carol Reed did on the smaller sign. They both look so wonderful and it feels great to maintain the work of member Carl Mortensen (his name is on the back of the small piece). Mark S. and Ryan, Rick, Glenn, and Rory got the west and south sides of the cabin painted in our classic Viking white, along with trim work. Mark M. and Ryan, Rick, Glenn, and Rory finished the signal blue trip around the windows on the west side and caulked the fiberglass coverings on the east side. We hope this will take care of the leaks reported in the Women's dorm, Sigfried, and Alpine.

NEXT WORK PARTY: AUGUST 18-19

Major projects still on the list: Fixing the plaster in the women's dorm and repairing parking lot cracks.

Please support the club and make an effort to attend one of the remaining work parties this summer.

Beyond August, there will be one more weekend scheduled in September, plus a final cabin cleanup between mid-October and early November.

Make reservations with **Mike Masek** at mikemasek13@gmail.com and Penny Blair if you plan on attending the work parties.

PHOTOS FROM JULY 21-22 WORK PARTY



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This late July finds your new President Alice and her husband Mike jumping on an airplane, not purposely to miss the July 21-22 Work Party, but to attend two events that have intruded on that weekend: Saturday, a Memorial service for Mike's mother who left us at age 92, and Sunday, the opening of a 4 day "Collection 2018" of the Guild of American Papercutters in Portland, Oregon. We fly home from Portland on July 26th.

Thanks to Rick Haglund for taking over the July 21 – 22 Work Party, and for running a meeting so all who attend can receive Meeting credit as well as Work Party credit for their participation. The meeting will have both informational and input aspects, and thanks in advance to all who put in their hours of work to maintain our cabin.

August 18th and 19th will be another split weekend for this VSC President, with a meeting at the Work party Saturday night, and another meeting at the pool party on Sunday the 19th in Novato, with some fast driving between! (I trust different people will attend the two events.)

Wishing our VSC friends a happy summer! Alice Helen Masek, July 18th 2018

WANTED: VSC SECRETARY

At this time, the VSC is moving through a series of transformations to become more welcoming to 21st Century skiers! Your new President, Alice Masek, seeks a VISIONARY to support her in the recording of Board Actions and their communication to the membership.

Right now, the positions of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, both formerly filled by John Fox, who has moved to Arizona, are OPEN, leaving Alice to both lead meetings and take notes. HELPER NEEDED! This could be both fun and satisfying. Please, if you are inspired to be a vital part of the VSC in its journey, call Alice at (510) 688-0441

VSC MEMBERSHIP: SPOTLIGHT ON GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSITY

Our Viking membership, once largely San Francisco residents, has spread widely.

From a tally of home cities of members (all categories) from the September 2017 VSC Roster, we find that San Francisco residents number 23% of our club. Peninsula members are 20%, and Marin County, 12%. San Jose/ Mt. View area tallies another 5%. The largest category is those in the larger East Bay (including the Livermore and Concord areas) which totaled 28% of our membership, but this is not a particularly scientific approach because the land areas are different. As we look at more remote membership, there are surprises, with 8% in Santa Cruz area, and 5% in Sacramento/East CA area.

We even have a few out-of-state passive members, longtime folks wanting to keep in touch.

What this means is that the place most of us have in common is our CABIN!

“It may be a good idea to focus on meetings in that place, where work parties, winter and summer sports and activities can enhance our gatherings for both social and organizational purposes,” President Alice Masek told the Gazette.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Lockers are available for rental - \$5 small and \$10 large - for Active members of the club. Contact Rick Haglund if you want to rent one for the season.

Reminder that sleeping bags stowed in the upstairs wall cupboards should be marked with members' names. The Solarium cupboards will be cleaned out this fall and unmarked sleeping bags will be moved to the wood room/lost and found area for members to claim and mark.

San Francisco Viking Ski Club Officers – 2018/2019

President: Alice Masek, alicehelenpapercut@gmail.com

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

Summer: Members: \$8/night, Guests: \$17/night

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