

Nordic Gazette December 2012



<http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org>

Calendar

Friday, December 7

Annual Holiday Dinner @ Nick's Restaurant

NO MEETING @ Bayshore Corporate Center

6:30 No host cocktails, Viking history slide show

7:45 Dinner

Tuesday, January 1 – General Meeting at the Cabin

NO MEETING AT BAYSHORE CORP. CENTER IN JANUARY

Wednesday, February 6 – General Meeting

Bayshore Corporate Center conference room

1710 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo

7:00 PM Board meeting

8:00 PM General meeting

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, SNOW!

As I write this, Wednesday night, Nov.28 at 6:30 pm, the Caltrans web cam at Soda Springs shows rain ... grumble, grumble ... any time it wants to snow we are ready. The cabin roof has been patched, the driveway cracks have been worked (thanks again Peninsula, your help is much appreciated) and the firewood storage area is full. Please note, the first meeting of 2013 will be at the cabin on Jan. 1. This is an official meeting as approved by the Board. Some wise guy/gal (I wish it had been me) said we should call it the hangover meeting.

As some of you may know some of our members were National Ski Patrolers at Royal Gorge, which is in the process of being purchased by the Tahoe Donner Land Trust (the same people we do the trail

building for). They have contracted with Sugarbowl to operate Royal Gorge. The new Sugarbowl management told our volunteer patrol that we are no longer needed. That's right they fired their volunteers. Hmph!

The Tahoe Donner cross country area has invited us to patrol there, so the old Royal Gorge patrol will have a new home.

Mike

CABIN STUFF

A few reminders about the cabin:

1. Please leave the water heater pilot lights on by turning the control to pilot.
2. 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.
3. Leave the downstairs furnace on. It should be set to 35, enough to keep the pipes from freezing without breaking the budget.

CALTRANS

It's Good to Know!

By Laura Salcido

So after a couple of amazing powder days at the cabin last season (Where were all of you? It was fantastic!) Mike Masek and I were ready to hang up our skis and head back to the Bay Area. The snow was still coming down so we went to the CalTrans website to check what traffic would be like. After sitting at a dead stop for two hours I decided I wanted to become better at reading their website! Here's what I've learned after my conversation with the very helpful Caltrans Headquarters Communication Dept.

If the notice says:

"I 80 [In Northern California & The Sierra Nevada] is closed from 3mi E of Gold Run (Placer Co to

Truckee) - Due to multiple spin-outs. " What it means is this: Traffic is closed East AND Westbound.

The friendly folks at CHC explained that they would only post on the direction of the closure if ONLY the Eastbound, or ONLY the Westbound highway was closed, and so, if neither is mentioned, you must assume that the closure is in both directions. (In the example above, DO NOT assume that because it says from Placer Co to Truckee means that the closure is Eastbound only! They will say Eastbound if it is only Eastbound.)

The Highway Information Line (1-800-427-7623) is updated immediately.

The CalTrans website is updated almost as quickly as the phone line!

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi>

Also, please don't start an extra lane if you are backed up in traffic. There must always be room for emergency vehicles. (Unfortunately we saw this error a couple of times as well.)

Well Vikings, please learn from our mistakes! Stay by the warm fire in the cabin drinking cocoa while traffic clears, or better yet, stay another night and enjoy the powder one more day!

75th Anniversary – Christmas Dinner – Raffle – Santa Claus
Friday, December 7th, 2012
Nick's Restaurant, Rockaway Beach, Pacifica, Ca

Hi Vikings, What a fantastic way to jump-start the upcoming holidays by attending our annual Christmas Dinner at Nick's Restaurant. Please complete reservation form found at the end of this Gazette and send to Janet Neilsen by Tuesday, December 4.

This year marks our fabulous ski club's 75th Anniversary. All you Vikings out there, active and passive, get out your party clothes and please make an effort to attend, as it would be wonderful to see all of our good friends we have made over the many years our club has been active. A special slide show will be presented by Vikings Curt Haney and John Fox, in the main dining room starting at 6:30 PM, so grab a cocktail at the bar and watch the show.

Also, if anyone has some pictures, old Viking Gazettes, please bring them to share.

Bring your children as Santa Claus will be making an appearance.

Adam Flores, will be handling the club's raffle this year, so please contact Adam regarding your raffle donation. Home: [408-655-0964](tel:408-655-0964) or e-mail adamflores@yahoo.com. Be creative and get together with some of your Viking friends to put together an interesting gift basket, donate a service, wine, etc. Alice M. has already sent out letters to the ski resorts for complimentary lift tickets, so there will be some great prizes.

Nick's always has a fun band playing in the bar area, so stick around and have a few dances before heading home (like the old days when we would close the bar/dance floor down before heading back to SF in dense fog). **SEE YOU ALL AT THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.**

Vikings History Presentation at the 2012 Holiday Dinner

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the San Francisco Vikings Ski Club, John Fox and I will be giving a digital slide show and video on the history of the Club. The pictures to be presented are a compilation of select photos from the clubs photo albums in the cabin, Barbara Supers collection, and rare pictures I obtained from Norm Saylor at the Donner Summit Historical Society. The presentation will take you on a chronological journey of the club from 1937 up to present day. John is presenting a video of personal interviews he conducted with long time active and passive club members, recollecting their stories and past history of the club. The show will begin at 6:30-pm in the dining area at Nick's Restaurant. If there is time, we will give it again at about 7:15pm for late comers. Enjoy your cocktails this evening with some fun entertainment, and 75 years of Vikings history.

Curt Haney

FWSA Discounts

It has been determined that Sugar Bowl will again give free Core membership to FWSA members. Core Membership costs \$19, and obtains a \$15 discount on daily lift tickets; it is coordinated with

your credit card, no waiting for a lift ticket, the first scan of the day on a lift charges your card, and the Core card is also available to be swiped for other services e.g. food, obviating the need to dig for your credit card through your ski clothing. Present yourself at Special Tickets to join the Core club.

I shall bring FWSA cards to the December dinner to be given out there. If you need a card(s) before then send a stamped, self addressed envelope to me and I will mail your card(s) by return. You need one Core card per person.

mail to me,
Paul Thompson
1816 Magellan Drive,
Oakland CA 94611.

Also extra discount coupons from Sportsauthority.com, they are more than the standard 10% we get as FWSA members. There will be coupons each month.

Hope to see you 7th December at the meeting/dinner - Paul

How To Make Your Cabin Reservations

Please note new contact information for cabin reservations: Diane Kemsley and Janet Neilsen
Tel: 925-837-8664 e-mail: janneilsen@juno.com

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.)

1. Email janneilsen@juno.com or call 925-837-8664 **before 8 PM.**
2. Give the **nights** that you will be staying at the cabin.
3. Give the makeup of your group (i.e. 3 males, 2 females and guest or member).
4. Bunk or room preference.
5. 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

- 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.

- 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 Margaret Glomstad mglomstad@comcast.net 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.

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.skimtta.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.donnersummithistoricalsociety.org/PDFs/newsletters/news12/December12.pdf>

Editor's Note

It must be snowing by now!

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

ording.anne@gmail.com

The Club Roster is maintained by Margaret Glomstad. Please send your email address as well as contact updates to:

mglomstad@comcast.net

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.

Postmaster:

Please return undeliverable mail to:

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RESERVATON FORM

**75th ANNIVERSARY
SAN FRANCISCO VIKING SKI CLUB
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER**

NICK’S RESTAURANT, ROCKAWAY BEACH, (Pacifica), CA.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 2012

DINNER: 7:45 PM.

COCKTAILS: 6-30 -7:45 PM SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION: 6:30 PM

MENU: Choice of one of the following: Prime Rib of Beef au Jus, Roasted whole half Chicken, Grilled Halibut Steak. All dinners come with a mixed green salad with seafood, baked potato with sour cream and chives, vegetable du jour, garlic bread, ice cream, coffee/tea and of course, WINE.

COST OF DINNER: PRIME RIB \$38.00, GRILLED HALIBUT STEAK \$35.00

ROAST CHICKEN \$30.00 per person, which includes the tax, tip, corkage and wine.

CHILDREN’S MENU: Choice of one of the following: Chicken Fingers, Fish and Chips, Hamburger and Fries. COST: \$12.00 per person.

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Please mail your check (made payable to the SF VIKING SKI CLUB, and reservation form to Janet Neilsen , 2974 Limestone Road, Alamo, CA 94507

Deadline for Reservations: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 2012. Any questions and/or last minute reservations, please call Janet at (925) 837-8664.

MENU: Grilled Halibut _____ Roast Chicken _____ Prime Rib of Beef _____

CHILDREN’S MENU: Chicken Fingers _____ Hamburger _____ Fish & Chips _____

REMINDER: Attending the dinner counts as a required meeting attendance. There will be no general meeting on Wednesday December 5th, 2012, at the location in San Mateo.

YEAR YOU JOINED THE CLUB _____