

Nordic Gazette

December 2014



<http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org>

Calendar

ANNUAL HOLIDAY/AWARDS

DINNER/MEETING, Friday, December 12

6:30-7:30 No-host cocktails/7:30 PM Dinner

Nick's Restaurant, Rockaway Beach, Pacifica

NO MEETING IN SAN MATEO

NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION

Wednesday, January 7 – General Meeting

Home of Rosanne Ratkiewich and Noah

Saederup - See roster for address

7:00 PM Board meeting

8:00 PM General meeting

NO MEETING IN SAN MATEO

Wednesday, February 4 – General Meeting

Bayshore Corporate Center conference room

1710 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo

7:00 PM Board meeting

8:00 PM General meeting

Raffle Donations Needed!

Fellow Vikings,

As the ski season approaches it's once again time to prepare for our annual Christmas Dinner and Raffle at Nick's in Pacifica which will be held the evening of Friday, December 12, 2014. Thank you for your support if you have donated raffle items in the past. Remember, the success of the raffle depends largely on member generosity and creativity. Now is the time to take stock of your connections, creativity, generosity and resourcefulness and contribute to

making this year's raffle a triumphant success! Notify raffle organizer, Adam Flores, what item or items, big or small, you can contribute.

adamflorespt@yahoo.com

SF Viking Ski Club Annual Holiday

Dinner Meeting, Friday, December 12

It is that time again for all of us to get together for the annual Holiday Dinner and Awards Meeting on December 12, Friday night, at our favorite restaurant: Nick's at Rockaway Beach, Pacifica (see attached flyer for details). Sure hope all you Vikings can make this dinner. It's a great way for old and new members to meet and to start off the holiday season with a bang!!! Children are welcome as Santa always pays us a visit.

For those of you who like to "cut a rug" Nick's always has a great band playing out in the bar area after our dinner. Past years have seen some pretty fancy footwork out on the dance floor by Vikings. And, as wine flows freely, you may consider staying overnight at the Sea Breeze Inn, right next door to the restaurant. Sure looking forward to seeing all of you at the dinner.

WINTER CABIN RESERVATIONS - PLEASE READ

Starting NOVEMBER 1st, 2014, thru JANUARY 3rd, 2015, reservations will be accepted for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

All guests will be placed on a wait list to be confirmed by 12/15. After 12/15, members and

guests will be confirmed on an equal basis.

WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY RATES:

\$12.00 - (includes \$1.00 Railroad Fund) - Active, Probationary and Junior Members

\$21.00 - (includes \$1.00 Railroad Fund) - Passive Members, Student Leave, Guests.

HOLIDAY RATES WILL BE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 19th, 2014 THRU JANUARY 3rd, 2015.

Reservations for January start December 15, 2014
Reservations for February start January 15, 2015
Reservations for March start February 15, 2015

Contact Janet Neilsen for Reservations:
e-mail janneilsen@juno.com or call: 925-837-8664

New Members!

A warm welcome to 3 new junior members:

Nick Love

Ann Love

Matt Love

They are all participating in the Sugar Bowl Racing Team this season!!

Membership report for November:

Active. 68

Junior. 17

Life. 4

Passive. 35

Probationary. 4

Student Leave. 2

Applicant. 2

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@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 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 arrange 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>

<http://www.tdlandtrust.org/news-events>

<http://www.donnersummithistoricalociety.org/PDFs/newsletters/news14/December14.pdf>

www.skiinghistory.org

<http://boundforsnow.com/subscribe-now/>

Editor's Note

It's snowing!

Happy Trails,

Anne Ording

Gazette Editor

San Francisco Viking Ski Club Officers - 2014/2015

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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 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.

Postmaster:

Please return undeliverable mail to:

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER/AWARDS MEETING

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2014

DINNER: 7:30 PM.

NO HOST COCKTAILS: 6-30 -7:30 PM

MENU: Choice of one of the following: Prime Rib of Beef au Jus, Roasted half Chicken, Grilled Halibut Steak, Pesto Pasta/Vegetables. 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 \$40.00, GRILLED HALIBUT STEAK \$37.00,

ROAST CHICKEN \$33.00, PESTO PASTA/VEGETABLES \$25 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: \$15.00 per person.

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 9, 2014. Any questions and/or last minute reservations, please call Janet at (925) 837-8664.

**MENU: Grilled Halibut _____ Roast Chicken _____ Prime Rib of Beef _____
Pesto Pasta/Vegetables _____**

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 4, 2013, at the location in San Mateo.