

# Nordic Gazette February 2014



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## Calendar

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGES

Knowing that the cabin is feeling very lonesome this season due to a lack of visitors caused by a lack of snow we have decided to have some social events at the cabin. IF WE STILL HAVE NO SNOW by the time of these events and to encourage more people to come and bring guests the Board has voted to charge members rates for guests and allow guest reservations to be confirmed at the same time as member reservations. If there is snow regular rates and rules apply.

### Events:

#### Valentine's Day At The Cabin

We will have a potluck dinner Saturday night Feb. 15. Please coordinate food with Alice Masek. (510 538-7617)

This will be preceded by a paper cutting event. Alice will design a large Viking ship paper cutting to be cut by members. It will be similar in size to the skiing paper cutting in the women's

dorm. In addition there will be Valentines for the kids to cut. Alice will supply all of the materials.

### St Patrick's Day Potluck

There will be a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Sat. night, March 15. Please coordinate with Alice Masek to donate to the cost of dinner and/or food to contribute.

IRISH BEER IS WELCOMED. English beer, if brewed by Paul Thompson, would be allowed. If you have a favorite CD of Irish music bring it along!

### April at the Cabin

Any ideas? (I'm hoping for huge powder dumps, digging out cars buried in the snow, sledding behind the cabin etc.)

### Cabin Keys

If you still need a key the best way to get one is to come to a meeting. Also, each Board member now has a couple of keys, just in case...

### The Race

Once again we have been challenged by our friends at Peninsula Ski Club to a race. This year's race will again be at Donner Ski Ranch and is scheduled for March 22. Last year our winning margin was 1/100th of a second! Let's see if we can at least double it this year.

### Cabin Heaters

Do NOT try to REPROGRAM EITHER OF THE THERMOSTATS!!! In addition the upstairs furnace needs to be shut off (not just turned down, but the switch turned to "off") whenever closing the cabin.

The downstairs thermostat is programmed to default to 35 degrees which will keep the water

pipes from freezing. It can be manually turned up for I believe 4 hour blocks of time but will then default back to 35. This should be enough time to get a good fire going.

In addition, there is a thermostatically controlled switch which turns on the airflow and draws hot air from the ceiling of the party room and delivers it to the women's room and the upstairs.

### **Election 2014**

I know it sounds early but we have elections coming up in only a few months. Please consider running for one of the offices or a position on the Board. Being president, treasurer and board member has been a wonderful experience for me and I would not hesitate to highly recommend it to anyone who can find the time to do it.

### **Snow**

Yes! We need snow! Now! Actually a month ago would have been better. So, please pray for snow.

Mike

### **February 2014 General Meeting**



The first general meeting at the Englander was held on February 5. The Vikings plan to hold the upcoming March and April meetings there, too. Alice Masek relays that it was a very pleasant setting, and could be a great place for further meetings, especially if people want to come a bit early and eat or sip some of the many beers on tap (including some good tasting non-alcoholic ones.) The food is British, but interesting and not too expensive. Hamburgers are also available.

### **SQUAW VALLEY OFFERS FREE CHARGERS FOR ELECTRIC CARS**

Squaw Valley has installed four new electric car chargers at the resort, making it the first ski resort in California to install charging stations for electric cars. They installed two new CS-40 pedestal chargers from Clipper Creek, offering four 30 amp, 240 volt, J1772 charging stations. J1772 charging stations are a SAE standard for electrical connectors for electric vehicles, meaning the chargers will be compatible with most electric cars on the market today. The new charging stations are located at the western edge of the Far East Building at Squaw Valley, next to the Cornice Cantina. Guests are asked not to leave their cars at the charging stations for more than 10 hours at a time.

### **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](mailto: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@barbsorenson.com](mailto:barb@barbsorenson.com) and Anne Ording [ording.anne@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **Editor's Note**

Snow has finally arrived – yay!

*Happy Trails,*

*Anne Ording*

*Gazette Editor/Corresponding Secretary*

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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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