

Nordic Gazette

February 2016



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February General Meeting – February 3 - Rosanne Ratkiewich and Noah Sadaerup's house (see article)

March General Meeting - To be announced in the March Gazette

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The snow is deep and the skiing is wonderful. This El Nino fluctuates between warm and cold. Friday it is expected to rain hard. Friday night and Saturday it is expected to dump many inches of snow. We are definitely getting our money's worth for our payments to Norm for ploughing the parking lot. The waterproofing of the stairs to the Solarium is paying off and we are getting lots of chances to do job #1, clearing the snow from the stairs and the gas tank.

An unexpected effect of El Nino is the cabin, after 4 years of drought, is leaking in several places. We are setting about determining what we must do to stop the leaks and repair any damage caused by them. More news when we get it.

So come on up and take advantage of the cabin's great location near so many world class mountains: alpine, cross country and snowshoeing.

Rory

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Report as of January 18, 2016

Active	70
Probationary	11
Applicants	3

Juniors 15
Life 4
Passive 34
Student Leave 3

The following "Probationary" members were voted into "Active" status by the board:

1. **Aida Fantayne**, sponsored by Mike Masek
2. **Wayne Lang**, sponsored by Mike Masek
3. **Gemma Roche**, sponsored by Cecily Harris

The following "Applicants" have been voted into "Probationary" status by the board:

1. **Will Crichton**, sponsored by Rosanne Ratkiewich
2. **David McNulty**, sponsored by Barb Sorenson
3. **Thom Penner**, sponsored by Barb Sorenson

The following Applicants have had their "First Reading" by the board:

1. **Alan Reynolds**, sponsored by Pete Lin
2. **Mary Beth Falzareno**, sponsored by Barb Sorenson

Our Junior member, **Sutara Nitenson**, has just turned 18 and has been voted by the board to move into "Adult Probationary" status.

Congratulations to All:)

Questions about membership? Contact: **Barb Sorenson**, 925-286-4028 or barb@barbsorenson.com

FEBRUARY BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING:

Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Time: 7:00-8:00pm- Board Meeting
8:00-9:00pm- General Membership Meeting

Place: **Rosanne Ratkiewich and Noah Sadaerup's** house
3833 Ardley Ave
Oakland, CA 94602

This is a nice residential area and there is curbside parking available on the street.

Bring a snack to share if you can!

VIKING NEWS CORNER

The heavens have opened up this winter and are dumping lots of snow on the Sierra Nevada. After 4 years of drought, have our prayers to Ullr have been answered. From the appearance of our cabin and the surrounding area, we say YES! It looks like a normal year, but too soon to tell. Good-bye drought! For those of you who have not been to the cabin during the winter in a few years, **Carol Reed** has provided a few pictures from a week ago. It looks so white and beautiful!



The cabin from the parking lot mid-January 2016, 2nd picture – view from Mt. Jerome



View from the cabin towards Sugar Bowl

Cabin Rates – Winter/Reservations

Last year, the fees for staying at the cabin were updated to add \$1 per night to the Railroad Fund. Winter rates for cabin stays are as follows:

Weekend and Holiday Rates:

\$12 - (Includes \$1 Railroad Fund) - Active, Probationary and Junior Members

\$21 - (includes \$1 Railroad Fund) - Passive Members, Student Leave, Guests

Penny Bair is the new reservations chairwoman. Her contact information is:

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Cabin Notes

The bylaws state that members and guests bring children under the age of 7 should bring up and use a water proof pad for the mattress. If this is probably news to you, that's why it's being noted in the Gazette.

San Francisco Viking Ski Club Officers - 2015/2016

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