

# Nordic Gazette-February 2017

“We Asked For Snow, We Got an Avalanche”



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – Board and General Meeting – 8:00pm, Rosanne’s house, Oakland (see information below)

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Board and General Meeting – Location TBD

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Board/General Meeting – Laura Salcido’s house, San Francisco

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Vikings,

We may have overdone our rallying cries for lots of snow. Have you been up yet? How's it been? I've been snowed out of going 3 times now. It's raining and hailing in SF as I write this so I imagine we have plenty more snow coming our way up there. Good time to remind people to get a locker if available and consider keeping some extra food/supplies there in case of an emergency. Have your phones and backup battery packs fully charged as well. Fingers crossed that the season is long and we get the chance to play to our hearts content!

Laura Salcido

## MEMBERSHIP (provided by Barb Sorensen)

Active 71

Probationary 19

Life 4

Junior 17

Passive 33

Student Leave 3

Applicant 23

According to the Constitution, "The total membership (Active, Probationary, Life) in the club shall not exceed 125." We now have a total of 94 Active, Probationary and Life members and if all 23 applicants follow through, then we'll be up to 117.

- The Vikings welcome Thom Penner to Active status, voted from Probationary to Active in January.

The Vikings welcome the following new Probationary members:

- Cris Petrea, sponsored by John Nitenson
- Reuben Shank, sponsored by Barb Sorenson
- Susie Quach (Davis), sponsored by Gemma Roche
- Thom Davis, sponsored by Gemma Roche

A new club roster should be coming out soon. We are awaiting the final touches on the formatting.

## **UPCOMING GENERAL AND BOARD MEETINGS**

The **Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**, 2017 Board and General Meeting

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

Place: Home of Rosanne Ratkiewich and Noah Saederup, 3833 Ardley Ave, Oakland, CA 94602

Contact info of Rosanne: 510-761-1462 (cell), [robustliving@gmail.com](mailto:robustliving@gmail.com)

The **Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>**, 2017 General Meeting needs a location. Please contact any Board member if you would like to host in your home or know of a community space or restaurant willing to accommodate us.

## **VIKING NEWS**

Sugar Bowl reports they received 451 inches of snow in January 2017, with 96 inches in the last 7 days. Wow - it seems like Old Man Winter sure decided to let it all fall at once. I've seen it referred to as the Donner Summit Snowpocalypse of 2017. Sugar Bowl was closed a few days during storms, but no one could get up anyways, and those that were up, may have been stranded for a day or two. It's definitely been the biggest dumping of snow in such a short time span in at least 5 years. With the good news of snow, comes the bad news of rain – and that rain found its way into the cabin in several places, enough to have a nice big puddle in the downstairs, soaking the carpets. Thanks to those who were up and worked to dry up the water.

Several members have sent in pictures of the cabin and their 'buried' cars. One member reports taking 4 hours just to dig out their car. Snow plowing has been in high demand – there is just nowhere to put the snow and Norm has had equipment failures. I heard we got enough plowed in our parking lot to fit 6 cars. Gary Kramer reports he came up mid-week and had to park across the street at Donner (with permission). Here's the proof:



Carol Reed took this pic of Mark Sorenson shoveling snow. Rick Haglund was snowed-in, and had to dig out.



Look how high the snow is, where is the parking lot? Michael Philpott sent in this awesome pic.

REMEMBER: YOU MUST HAVE A CABIN RESERVATION VERIFIED BY PENNY BAIR BEFORE STAYING AT THE CABIN. HER INFO IS BELOW. REMEMBER TO FOLLOW CABIN SHUT DOWN INSTRUCTIONS IF YOU ARE THE LAST PERSON LEAVING.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** - We still have 2 vacancies on the Board – won't you consider joining this fun group – we will take you for a one year stint, or you can join for 2 years.

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**San Francisco Viking Ski Club  
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