Nordic Gazette
February 2015

http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org

Calendar

ELECTION TO BE HELD
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

Wednesday, March 4 – General Meeting
Bayshore Corporate Center conference room
1710 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo
7:00 PM Board meeting
8:00 PM General meeting

Wednesday, April 1 – General Meeting
Bayshore Corporate Center conference room
1710 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo
7:00 PM Board meeting
8:00 PM General meeting

February Meeting

Our theme for the meeting will be Vintage Viking - Throwback to 1950. Wear your oldest, Nordic, fashionable vintage ski sweater or ski outfit. We will award a prize to the best sweater as voted on by a team of judges.

Maureen Sala has found Viking race books from 1950 and 1951 along with lots of Viking photos. These books have been in a secret location for the last 65 years, covered in cardboard, unrevealed to anyone and have just recently been discovered. The albums contain pictures, race results and other fun information about the SF Viking Ski Club and the competition with other clubs in the area. They are in excellent condition and will be available for viewing at our Throwback to 1950 theme evening. Our race chairmen during those years were Bob Anderson and Larry Dangel (Maureen's dad). Come see the activities of the club during those early years.

Drinks and sweets will be served.

ELECTION AT FEBRUARY MEETING

Election to be held at the February general meeting. Two board positions are open, the Corresponding Secretary and one Board Member.

THE RACE IS ON (We Hope)

Our annual race with the Peninsula Ski Club, which has been dominated by Mother Nature in the last few years, is again being planned. The race will be either the first or second weekend in March, depending on Donner Ski Ranch's availability. We will race, eat, announce results and end with Irish coffee at the Viking cabin. Everyone is responsible for their own lift ticket. Please let me know if you are tentatively interested, age group and ski or snowboard participant.
Mike Masek

Membership Report for January 2015

Active	68
Applicants	2
Junior	18
Life	4
Passive	36
Probationary	6
Student Leave	2

A big welcome to our new “Probationary" members
Aida Fantaye
Wayne Lang
Gemma Roche

And to our new "Junior" member:
Amber Keown-Lang

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@barbsorenson.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 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.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/news15/February15.pdf
www.skiinghistory.org

New Digital Ski and Board Planning Guide
SnowBound – check it out, it's free
http://boundforsnow.com/subscribe-now/

Editor's Note
Go the February meeting and volunteer for a board position and vote!
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.

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