

Nordic Gazette - February 2019



“Let it snow.”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 9: Celebrating the Life of Bea Lufi, 1:30-5:30 pm, Tiburon Yacht Club

Feb. 9: Club meeting, 5:30-7 pm, Sports Basement community room, 1590 Bryant St., SF

March 16: St. Patrick's Day Feast and club meeting at the cabin, 7:30 pm.

Early April TBA: Club meeting, officer nominations Englander Pub in San Leandro

Early May TBA: Club meeting, officer election in San Francisco (searching for a site)

June 8: Installation dinner at Nick's in Rockaway Beach, Pacifica (pending confirmation)

July 6: 4th of July cabin work party and meeting at cabin

Aug. 17: Cabin work party and meeting at cabin

Sept. 8: VSC Picnic at Montclair Park in Oakland, club meeting

Oct. TBA: Cleanup work party and General meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again, Members of the SF Viking Ski Club! President Alice here.

Whether you ski or snowboard, or you just enjoy the social company of the club, you are an intrinsic part of the living “organism” that is the Viking Ski Club. Whether you are a newcomer or a long-time member, whether you live in the core Bay Area, or on the fringes in each direction, you are not only important, but also NEEDED to keep our club... sliding down the slopes, biking and hiking on the trails, swimming in mountain lakes, or climbing the rocks!

We are already beginning the search for next year's Officers and Board members for open positions. For years, the same dedicated people have been serving in positions that need new people with fresh ideas and energy! I realize it is difficult to make meetings, with Bay Area traffic and also with the new less predictable schedule, with weekend meetings and a variety of locations. We are trying to make the 3-meeting ideal more doable for members, but regular attendance remains a challenge for Officers and Board members. Telephone call-in attendance is a step towards making the meetings virtually accessible, but there is more we can do in the future. If you have some ideas on how to draw our club together with members spread across several counties, and how to make

our special events more attractive, PLEASE consider leadership and let me know. (See contact information below)

February's meeting on Saturday Feb. 9th will be held at the Sports Basement at 1590 Bryant Street. It's about an 11-minute walk from the 16th Street BART Station, there's good parking close to the store at the Potrero Plaza lot. The published timing in the last Gazette was 5-7 pm but we have adjusted to 5:30 pm to allow people to get to the meeting and be ready for incoming calls. The number to call between 5:30-5:40 pm is: (605) 472-5618 and the code is: 249903# (press the pound sign at the end of the 6 numbers.) At the November meeting we had 11 people attending by phone! After our Sports Basement meeting, we can share a no-host meal together at a nearby restaurant. We are told there is an outstanding Burrito place near there, and surely with our genius phones we can find places for people with different diets and preferences in the area. Should be fun!

Earlier on the same day, Feb. 9, club members are invited to join an afternoon celebration of the life of long-time Viking Member Bea Lufi organized by her family at the he Tiburon Yacht Club. (See official invite attached to this email).

Julia Babiarz, a brand new Probationary Member as of this month, has already been working on the modernization of our web site with another new member, Ana Mettole, providing photographs. You may be lucky to hear more about their progress if I can get them to attend the meeting! This February Meeting is in the city and accessible to Peninsula and East Bay members.

Our March 16th meeting will be up at the Cabin, the Saturday night of the Saint Patrick's Day weekend! Hopefully we will have good snow, but I guarantee we will have a good meal to share as your Prez Alice is preparing to cook up a huge Corn Beef and Cabbage (and all the fixings like Irish Soda Bread!) feed for all who attend! (If you have other dietary preferences or needs you will have to provide for yourself, though there could be some collaboration on that if we communicate.) So in company of Leprechauns and Shamrocks we will have our meeting on full stomachs the night of March 16 with the dial-in at 7:30 pm. The cabin is the space we all share, so we hope that by having more meetings there, we can invite more participation.

The SF Viking Ski Club is moving through another snowy season with members up to enjoy the powder and warm fires in the wood stoves! How will the Viking Ski Club enhance your life this season, and what could be YOUR role in the VSC in the coming year?

Signing off with High Hopes, VSC 2018-2019 President Alice

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Active -	68
Life -	4
Probationary -	12
Junior -	15
Student Leave -	5
Passive -	32
Applicant -	5

We welcomed Julia Babiarz as a new probationary member. In addition, Elana Marquez, granddaughter of Mike and Alice, has turned 18 and no longer eligible to be a Junior member. She is now required to become an active member and will also serve a probationary year.

The Board also voted to accept Dirk Heartman, Aidan Wylde, Glenn Kesselman and Mark Malachowski as Active members after serving their Probationary year (and some) and completed the requirements to be active members.

Congratulations! Vice President Rick Haglund

PHOTO GALLERY



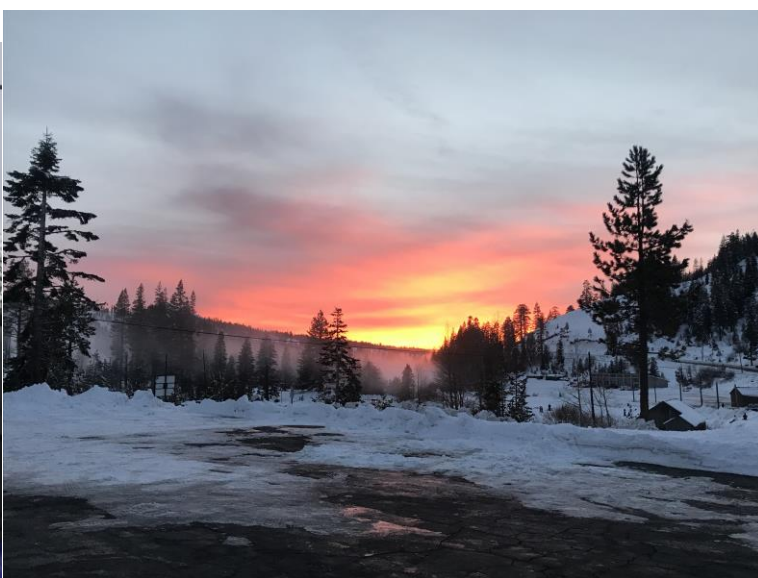
The morning after the Jan. 17 blizzard



NEW: Viking Ship paper cutting by Alice Helen Masek



Junior Member Hank Blumberg gets his Xmas morning wish: Fresh Powder! And a pretty Xmas sunset!



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