

Nordic Gazette January 2013



<http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org>

Calendar

Tuesday, January 1 – General Meeting at the Cabin

NO MEETING AT BAYSHORE CORP. CENTER IN JANUARY

Wednesday, February 6 – 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 6 – General Meeting Bayshore Corporate Center conference room 1710 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo

7:00 PM Board meeting
8:00 PM General meeting

Haney or Carol Reed, \$2.00 at a monthly Vikings meeting, or send \$5.00 in cash or check, along with your name and mailing address, to cover the cost of the disk and postage to:

Curt Haney, 150 Sadowa St. San Francisco, CA. 94112

NORTH LAKE TAHOE SHUTTLE TO BE TRIED THIS SKI SEASON

The North Lake Tahoe Truckee Coordinated Ski Shuttle will launch as a pilot program this winter, running December 22 to March 31 -- but only on weekends and holiday weeks for a total of 46 days - - carrying passengers to and from area ski resorts free of charge. The shuttle will have six buses along with the two buses from Truckee's Donner Summit Shuttle in its fleet, with each having a minimum of 35 seats and room for carry-on equipment. For more information, call [530-546-2912](tel:530-546-2912).

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Vikings History Presentation at the 2012 Holiday Dinner, (COPIES AVAILABLE)!

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the San Francisco Vikings Ski Club, Curt Haney gave a digital slide show on the history of the Club. The pictures presented was a compilation of select photos from the clubs photo albums in the cabin, Barbara Supers collection, and rare pictures obtained from Norm Saylor at the Donner Summit Historical Society. The presentation took attendees on a chronological journey of the club from 1937 up to present day. If you would like to obtain a disk copy of the slide show presentation, along with a detailed description of the 143 pictures, give Curt

The Wandering Duct

Carl and I stayed at the cabin for one night, and, of course it was cold. And, as usual, the women's bathroom was an icebox. So we turned on the heat to the dorms which has a branch down to the women's bathroom. We also needed more than 42 degrees warmth just for sleeping. But the women's bathroom remained cold. So I did my own assessment as to why it remained cold. It was supposedly fixed a couple of years back.

I followed the duct work which proceeded up to Siegfried and Brunhilda, and then at some point wandered up to the dorms and men's annex which also warmed up sufficiently. A branch was brought down to the women's bathroom in recent years which seemed still cold at the vent.

Finally, I tore a ½ inch by 5 inch piece of single ply toilet paper and held it next to the bathroom vent to see how hard the air was coming out. Guess what?!!! The air was sucking air out of the women's bathroom and into the vent, thereby pulling cold air down from the vent over the toilets into the women's bathroom. Very likely there is a Venturi effect where the duct to the women's bath joins the main duct. The Venturi effect is "science speak" for running water or air used to pull a vacuum. We felt the temperature of the ductwork coming out of the furnace and the duct going into the women's room. The first was hot, the second was cool.

So I went into the men's bathroom. OOOOH, nice and toasty with two vents blowing into that room. No wonder the men never complain and just tell the complaining women to simply open their vent.

This needs to be fixed! We can hire a heating/air conditioning company to fix it, the women can go on strike not to do any chores until it is fixed (bad idea), we could re-route the vent in the men's bathroom to blow 90 degrees into the women's bathroom under the sinks, or...let's exchange bathrooms. The last is a great idea. Sorry guys. Until the wandering ductwork is fixed, you will just have to do without the urinal. The ladies will just ignore the one in their new warm bathroom.

So I took my shower in the men's room. The first time ever to shower in the cabin without freezing as soon as the shower was turned off.

Lynn Mortensen

ROYAL GORGE CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RESORT PROTECTED

TRUCKEE, Calif. Dec. 21.2012 — Conservation groups today announced the purchase and protection from development of the nation's largest cross-country ski area, the 3,000-acre Royal Gorge property on Donner Summit in the Sierra Nevada. The Truckee Donner Land Trust and The Trust for Public Land, working as part of the Northern Sierra Partnership, raised \$11.25 million, meeting a Dec. 20 deadline. The total includes private donations along with public money.

The groups bought the property from Court-appointed Receiver Douglas P. Wilson, who took over the land after a failed development plan that would have built a 950-unit resort on the property. More than 1,000 people donated to the five-month-long campaign.

"It is not exaggerating to say this might be one of the most important conservation victories for the Sierra in a generation," said Perry Norris, Executive Director of the Truckee Donner Land Trust. "This is a project that eliminates an enormous development threat, provides world-class recreation, and has fantastic and truly unique natural resources."

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation will provide bridge funding through a program related investment to cover for the expected public funds until those funds are available over the next two years. Overall, the three groups are trying to raise \$15.5 million, which will include future improvements on the property.

Local residents at Serene Lakes and Sugar Bowl, both near Royal Gorge, provided most of the private money. The Nature Conservancy, as well as Sierra Watch, also helped raise funds for the campaign. "Saving Royal Gorge is a great example of our goal of protecting land for people," said Will Rogers, President of The Trust for Public Land. "Families have been coming to Royal Gorge for many years and now those families can be assured that this wonderful place will still be there for future generations to enjoy."

The Truckee Donner Land Trust will own the land and lease it during the winter to the nearby alpine Sugar Bowl resort to manage. Royal Gorge is at Donner Pass, one of the West's best-known historic sites, chiefly because of the tragic story of the ill-fated Donner Party. In 1869, the nation's first transcontinental railroad crossed the Sierra at Donner Summit, opening the region to travelers. The Royal Gorge resort was opened in the 1960s by alpine skier John Slouber. A number of famous winter athletes have trained there, including Glenn Jobe, Keterina Nash, and Marcus Nash.

"Our shared success on Donner Summit will go down as one of the great chapters in the proud history of conservation in California," said Tom Mooers, Executive Director of Sierra Watch, which organized opposition to the proposed subdivision and development of the property. "Future generations will forever appreciate what we've done

to prove once again that we can work together to protect the places we love.”

The Palisades, Mountain Area Preservation, Sierra Business Council, North Fork American River Alliance, and Sierra Club also joined Sierra Watch in advocating for the conservation of Royal Gorge. “We couldn’t have succeeded today without the astounding generosity of hundreds of people who dug deep into their pockets to make this conservation victory possible,” said Lucy Blake, President of the Northern Sierra Partnership. The Truckee Donner Land Trust preserves and protects scenic, historic and recreational lands with high natural resource values in the greater Truckee Donner region. Visit www.tdlandtrust.org. Founded in 1972, The Trust for Public Land is the leading nonprofit working to conserve land for people. Operating from more than 40 offices nationwide, The Trust for Public Land has protected more than three million acres from the inner city to the wilderness and helped generate more than \$34 billion in public funds for conservation. Nearly ten million people live within a ten-minute walk of a Trust for Public Land park, garden, or natural area, and millions more visit these sites every year. Visit <http://www.tpl.org>.

The Northern Sierra Partnership is a collaborative initiative to conserve, restore, and enhance the magnificent natural landscape of the northern Sierra Nevada, and build the foundation for sustainable rural prosperity. Visit

www.northernsierrapartnership.org.

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How To Make Your Cabin Reservations

Please note new contact information for cabin reservations: Diane Kemsley and Janet Neilsen
Tel: 925-837-8664 e-mail: janneilsen@juno.com

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.)

1. Email janneilsen@juno.com or call 925-837-8664 **before 8 PM**.
2. Give the **nights** that you will be staying at the cabin.
3. Give the makeup of your group (i.e. 3 males, 2 females and guest or member).
4. Bunk or room preference.
5. 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.
- Turn off the upstairs furnace and close the doors to the dorms and Alpine and Donner. There are no water pipes upstairs subject to freezing.

- Leave the downstairs furnace on. It should be set to 35, enough to keep the pipes from freezing without breaking the budget.

- 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.

- 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 Margaret Glomstad mglomstad@comcast.net 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. They are 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/news13/january13.pdf>

Editor's Note

Wishing you and yours a happy and prosperous new year!

Happy Trails,

Anne Ording

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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

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The Club Roster is maintained by Margaret Glomstad. Please send your email address as well as contact updates to:

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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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