

Nordic Gazette

January 2015



<http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org>

Calendar

NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION

Wednesday, January 7 – General Meeting

Home of Rosanne Ratkiewich and Noah

Saederup - See roster for address

7:00 PM Board meeting

8:00 PM General meeting

NO MEETING IN SAN MATEO

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

Sad News

Dan Glomstad conveyed the sad news that Viking Ski Club member Vic Shannon passed away on November 3rd. He was a good man! Good times at the cabin with the Shannon's! Let's do a few runs this winter for Vic!

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/rgj/obituary.aspx?pid=173065343>

SQUAW VALLEY HAS NEW GLADE AREAS

Squaw Valley spent November in an ecological forest thinning project to remove more than 5,000 dead or diseased trees from the Red Dog region in the lower mountain to improve the natural habitat, reduce the risk of wildfire, and improve access to tree skiing and riding in that area, resulting in nearly 100 additional acres of enhanced skiable terrain this season which resulted in three new designated glade areas - Red Dog Glades, Paris Glades and Heidi's Glades- as well as a new connector trail on Champs Elysees.

THE 20TH ANNUAL WINTER TRAILS DAY IS JANUARY 10, 2015

This year's Winter Trails day offers kids and adults an opportunity to try snowshoeing and/or cross country skiing FREE at over 100 venues throughout North America. There is no charge for the use of equipment or trails. Most locations offer snowshoeing AND cross country skiing. Some locations only offer snowshoeing and an estimated 11,000 new enthusiasts trying cross-country skiing and snowshoeing each year through Winter Trails and most event sites operate daily with rentals and instructors to make sure everyone learns correctly and has a great time. Locations, hours and offerings are posted at wintertrails.org and venues include alpine resorts, Nordic centers, state parks, National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service land. Advanced registration is suggested, but many sites also offer

on-site registration. Get the details about the 100 event's listing on the Winter Trails at www.wintertrails.org/wintertrails.aspx.

“FIRST DAY FACES” CONTEST FOR NEW SKIERS

A new campaign called "First Day Faces" debuted in December as part of the snow sports industry's efforts to attract new skiers and snowboarders. The social media campaign features the happy faces of "newcomers" who just took beginner lessons. Beginners have a chance to win a free ski trip to Utah by entering the First Day Faces promotion. Newcomers simply register and share their positive experiences about learning how to ski or snowboarding via lessons with and a photograph taken on the slopes in their posts. One photo will be selected weekly and will be posted on the learntoskiandsnowboard.org web site. The campaign ends February 28, 2015 and the Utah trip winner will be announced immediately after that date.

SKI NATION MOBILE APPLICATION AVAILABLE FOR IPHONE AND ANDROID

The new Ski Nation mobile app features updated snow conditions, trail reports, trail maps, photos, and resort information for more than 1,000 ski venues in North America, a list that's expected to grow as more "off-the-radar" areas are found. All ski venues are pre-loaded including downhill alpine areas, cross-country, and even ski jumps. The list includes major resorts, regional areas, local ski hills, and community facilities.

Skiers and snowboarders can also collect free digital pins to track a lifetime of all the places they've been, how many seasons on snow, gear preferences, skill, and more. "It's the modern version of old-school ski pin collecting," says Jack Turner. "Ski areas large and small have submitted unique designs that users can keep in an online pin collection.

See <http://www.skination.com/> for more information and download the Ski Nation mobile app from the Apple Store or Google Play.

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.donnersummithistoricalociety.org/P](http://www.donnersummithistoricalociety.org/PDFs/newsletters/news15/january15.pdf)

[DFs/newsletters/news15/january15.pdf](http://www.donnersummithistoricalociety.org/PDFs/newsletters/news15/january15.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

Hope to see you out on the snow!

Happy Trails,

Anne Ording

Gazette Editor

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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 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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