

Nordic Gazette July 2014



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Calendar

Saturday, July 5 – General Meeting and Work Party at the Cabin

NO MEETING IN SAN MATEO IN JULY

Wednesday, August 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, September 3 – Summer BBQ and General Meeting

NO MEETING IN SAN MATEO IN SEPT.

Work Parties

Work parties for this year are scheduled for July 5 & 6, which is also a general meeting; July 19 & 20; August 16 & 17; September 21 & 22; and October 18 & 19. Please let Mike Masek or Jan Neilsen know if you plan on attending. If you need to schedule a private work party talk to Mike about what you can do.

The September 21 & 22, note that this is Sunday and Monday, work party will be organized by Carol Reed. A movie night is planned by Paul Thompson for Saturday, September 20, to kick off the weekend, and there may be a hike on Monday.

The last work party of the year, October 18 & 19, is the final cabin clean up for the following ski season. This work party is run by Richard Doleman and Jeannie Wedekind. Please arrive by

9 am on Saturday, ready to go to work. This applies to the first day of all work parties.

Richard and Jeannie plan a hike down the Pacific Coast Trail to Mount Anderson and back on Sunday after the work is done. It's a fairly challenging hike, with a vertical change of 2,500 feet and length of about 10 miles. You can go as far as you like and return early, too. Hike goes over the top of Mt. Lincoln and south down the ridge between Sugar Bowl and Squaw Valley with great views.

Summer is here

Hope this doesn't cause severe depression among the Vikings, but what ski season there was is over...and you know what that means. Please ensure that all of your ski equipment is removed from the cabin so that it is not in the way of the summer work parties.

Happy 150th Birthday!

On this day - June 30 1864 - as the civil war raged, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Yosemite Grant, guaranteeing the preservation of 39,000 acres "of the Yo-Semite Valley and of the land embracing the Mariposa Big Tree Grove . . . inalienable for all time" - and paving the way for a national park system.

The Yosemite Grant, introduced by California Senator John Conness, was the first act of the federal government to protect scenic landscapes. The nation had learned about Yosemite just as political strife was driving the Union into civil war. Carleton E. Watkins' mammoth-plate and stereo-view photographs (as seen above) - perhaps suggesting Yosemite as a place for the nation's

wounded psyche to heal - helped convince Congress and Lincoln to take action and pass the Yosemite Grant.

Lake Mary Cabin Dinner

Join the friends of the Truckee Donner Land Trust at Sugar Bowl's Lake Mary Cabin for a very special dining experience with delectable foods and fabulous views. A portion of the evening's proceeds will benefit the Land Trust.

July 23rd

5:30 – 9 p.m.

Number for reservations: [530-426-7002](tel:530-426-7002)

Truckee Donner Land Trust

While the Vikings will not be organizing a trailbuilding group, the Truckee Donner Land Trust has trailbuilding dates if you are interested. Trailbuilding will occur on various Land Trust properties throughout the season. Work time is typically 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 12th

Sunday, August 10th

Saturday, September 6th

To sign up, contact Kevin Starr at 530-582-4711, or kevin@tdlandtrust.org

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/PDFs/newsletters/news14/july14.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

Summer is here and the work parties need your participation.

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 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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