

Nordic Gazette

July 2015



<http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org>

Calendar

July 4th/5th – Holiday Weekend at the Club **NO MEETING IN SAN MATEO IN JULY**

July - Saturday the 4th - Party and meeting at the Cabin. See the story in this issue.

July 18th/19th – Work Party at the Cabin (see article)

August 16 – SUNDAY - General Meeting and Pool Party at the Fox's in Walnut Creek

August 22nd/23rd – Work Party at the Cabin

September 2 - Wednesday - Annual Picnic and Party/ General Meeting at Beresford Park, San Mateo

October 3 – Saturday – Hike and meeting in the East Bay Regional Parks. Meeting location TBA

July 4th/5th Weekend at the Cabin

If you didn't get up to the club during the winter months, now is the time to join your fellow Vikings as they 'Party on the Hill' all holiday long.

The Oakland Ski Club has graciously invited the Vikings and other ski clubs to a party on the 4th. Back in 2004 members of 7 of the 8 Donner

Summit Ski Clubs gathered for a July Fourth party.

Please pass the word:

Date--July 4, 2015

Place: Oakland Ski Club Lodge deck

Time--5 to 8pm - last gathering went to 11pm!

Food and drink—Oakland Ski Club to provide a keg of beer and barbecued dogs.

All clubs to provide side dishes.

Oakland would love to hear about our club history and is asking us to bring a historian from each of the clubs to give a short synopsis of events of past decades.

Please get your 4th of July weekend reservations into Janet Nielsen ASAP so that we can give a count to Oakland Ski Club.

Other 4th of July Activities in Truckee

Truckee is hosting several small town events, each benefiting worthy organizations.

-Truckee Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast, 7-10a.m.

-Firecracker Mile Fun Run, 9:45a.m.

-4th of July Parade, 10:00a.m.

-Fireworks on Donner Lake – Dusk

For more information go to the Truckee-Travel-Guide at:

<http://www.truckee-travel-guide.com/fourth-of-july.html>

Lost and Found Corner

Several little Viking kittens have lost their mittens, but there is no need to cry. **Carol Reed** has found your mittens, and more. Carol took inventory of the lost and found items at the cabin. Here are a couple of pictures – did you get home and find out you only had one glove? There are lots of black gloves and more that are trying to find their way home. Call Carol on (415) 333-8820 for details and to claim your items.

Also discovered at the June 20th weekend at the cabin that there are no **RED Towels** to be found. There were plenty of blue ones available. Did someone take the red towels home for washing? Please make contact with someone going up on the 4th of July to get them back home.



Work Parties 2015

The Cabin Chairmen have work parties planned in July, August and October. There are no specific skills needed – they will find a job for you. They only require your willingness to get your hands dirty. I hear they are planning on sealing the parking lot in two phases.

Please call Janet Nielsen for reservations, or Mike Masek on 510 688-0440, or Paul Kensinger on 415-467-9337.

August General Meeting and Party

John Fox and his wife have again graciously volunteered to host the August meeting, a BBQ, and pool party at their house in Walnut Creek on SUNDAY August 16th. Details will be in the next Gazette. Mark your calendars for Viking fun.

Did you pay your Dues??

–One more Reminder

The Annual Dues Notice was sent via email to all VSC members. For those who don't use email, a paper copy was sent to your mailing address. The deadline for paying dues was April 30, 2015. Questions? Email Barb Sorenson, Membership Chair: barb@barbsorenson.com

Around the Club –

Father's Day weekend at the Cabin

Two groups converged upon the cabin for a wonderful weekend on the summit. **Chris and Maureen Oakes** hosted the Hayward Hiking Club and **Maureen Sala** hosted a family reunion, filling the cabin to its highest weekend attendance this year!

Hayward Hiking Club - On the weekend of June 19-21, hikers from Hayward Hiking Club joined members of Viking on historic and scenic hikes of Donner summit. **Cecily Harris, Carol Reed, Curt Haney, and Barb Sorenson** were kind enough to act as co-hosts for those staying at the cabin.

On Friday evening they hiked from Donner Lake to Viking, up the historic wagon road and through the tunnels.

On Saturday, most of the group hiked up Castle Peak, while a few others hiked to Grubb Hut. Both are beautiful destinations. Castle Peak hike is steep in some sections, while Grubb Hut stays on developed trails. Curt stayed at the cabin and held a private work party, fixing an exhaust pipe, spraying for bugs, and putting up the screen door to the back porch and making a list of future work party items.

On Sunday the group hiked to Mariah Point for views of American River Canyon.

Everyone had a grand time, and other than two minor scrapes and bruises, no one was the worse for wear.

Saturday dinner was a festive gathering of 13 HHC members and 4 Vikings (Chris and Maureen Oakes are both!), with lots of snacks and homemade lasagna.



Hayward Hiking Club



Hiking Castle Peak



Hiking Club on the Summit

Dangel/Sala Family Reunion – **Maureen Sala** brought her husband, **Andre**, son **Kenneth**, and daughter **Julianna Wallace** and family (husband **Sean** and kids **Joan** and **Samuel**) along with her sister **Laura Dangel Mitchell** and her husband, and her brother **Charlie Dangel** and his wife. Maureen’s husband, kids, and brother and sister were all members of the club many years ago. **Joan and Samuel** are 4th Generation Vikings to stay at the club. **Larry Dangel** was the first generation Viking, joining in the late 1940s. What other 4th generations do we have out there?

Their weekend included hiking along Tunnel 6, and a backroads hike to Lake Van Norden. Maureen, Andre and Joan had come up early and hiked with 3 ½ year old Joan up to Maiden’s Retreat. On Saturday she brought her pint sized fishing pole and caught her first ever fish – (yes it is still full of catfish). Other side trips were a visit to the new Emigrant Trail Museum inside Donner State Park, old town Truckee, and a nostalgic visit with **Norm Saylor** and his Historical Society Museum. The weather was fantastic, in the 70’s, and new sights explored. New friends were made over cocktail hour and all enjoyed a trip down memory lane.



The Salas with 3 generations of Vikings.



Kenneth and Andre Sala, Charlie and Dayna Dangel

More great Donner Summit pictures to come in future issues – Send me your pictures – I’d love to publish them.

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.

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.

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 (The Heirloom):

<http://www.donnersummithistoricalociety.org/PDFs/newsletters/news15/May15.pdf>

www.skiinghistory.org

<http://boundforsnow.com/subscribe-now/>

Editor's Note

This month includes an article and pictures of my family. I'd love to include you and your loved ones in the Gazette. What have you been up to? Anyone taking any trips? Anyone planning an event at the cabin? New grandkids? Great accomplishments? Just email me at mo_sala@pacbell.net. Deadline for August Gazette is July 21st (early due to vacation).

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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: Maureen Sala, mo_sala@pacbell.net

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 direction

Postmaster:

Please return undeliverable mail to:

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