

# Nordic Gazette March 2013



<http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org>

## Calendar

**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

**Wednesday, April 3 – General Meeting**  
**Bayshore Corporate Center conference room**  
**1710 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo**  
7:00 PM Board meeting  
8:00 PM General meeting

**Wednesday, May 1 – General Meeting**  
**Bayshore Corporate Center conference room**  
**1710 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo**  
7:00 PM Board meeting  
8:00 PM General meeting

## President's Message

The Race Is On

Save the date! April 20 at Donner Ski Ranch we will once again be racing against our long time friends and rivals, the Peninsula Ski Club. As we did last year we are planning on eating at the Ranch after the race with socializing at both cabins in succession.

The results from the last 3 years, which are now engraved on the trophy, are as follows:

- 2010 PSC
- 2011 Mother Nature
- 2012 Viking

Please drop me an email if you can make it.  
Mike

## MEMBERSHIP INVOICES TO BE EMAILED SOON

The annual dues notices will be sent out via email on March 1 (or shortly after). If you do not receive your notice by March 10 or have questions about your invoice, please contact Margaret at [mglomstad@comcast.net](mailto:mglomstad@comcast.net) or [650-349-7542](tel:650-349-7542).

## NORTH TAHOE LAUNCHES FIRST-EVER FREE SKI SHUTTLE

The North Lake Tahoe Chamber/CVB/Resort Association in partnership with the Truckee/North Tahoe Transportation Management Association and Placer County, the town of Truckee and several ski resorts recently launched the region's first-ever, area-wide Free Ski Shuttle, serving North Lake Tahoe, Truckee and Donner Summit between area lodging properties to 9 different ski resorts on weekends and holiday weeks through March 31. In addition to the Free Ski Shuttle, a number of ski resorts offer their own free ski shuttles, such as Alpine Meadows, Squaw Valley, Homewood Mountain Resort, Northstar California and Diamond Peak.

## Sports Authority Discount Coupons Available

As a benefit of the club's membership in the FWSA the Sports Authority is offering \$20 off \$100+ purchase, \$10 off \$50+ purchase in March. Please contact Paul Thompson or me if you would like a coupon.

## Cabin Report

The major news about the cabin in January is the heating system modification. David Chan and I

evaluated the air flow to and from the women's bathroom and found the combustion air was being sucked into the upstairs heater and water heater closet from the vent near the floor in the women's room. David designed and installed a temporary fix. The upstairs heater now supplies hot air to the lower vents in both the men's and women's bathrooms. He also installed a vent to allow warm air from the party room to be drawn into the bathrooms. We can now turn on the fan of the upstairs heater (the switch is located in the closet just behind the recycling bin) and send warm air into the bathrooms.

Mike

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.
- 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. It would be a good idea to also mark jackets and gloves, there are a number in the lost

and found. In fact, there is nothing in the lost and found with a name on it.

- 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 Margaret Glomstad [mglomstad@comcast.net](mailto:mglomstad@comcast.net) and Anne Ording [ording.anne@gmail.com](mailto: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/March13.pdf>

### **Editor's Note**

Spring skiing weather!

*Happy Trails,*

*Anne Ording*

*Gazette Editor/Corresponding Secretary*

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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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