

# Nordic Gazette March 2014



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## Calendar

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### Need ride to the Englander?

John Fox has offered to pick up Vikings from the San Leandro BART station. Please contact him at [jtfoxdesign@yahoo.com](mailto:jtfoxdesign@yahoo.com).

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGES

### Valentine's Day Success

The weekend before Valentine's Day saw four people at the cabin, three ski patrollers and one ski instructor. There were 22 people at the cabin for Valentine's Day weekend, two ski instructors, David Chan's Dad, 7 guests and 12 members!

Two wonderful dinners were prepared by Alice Masek, and others contributed food including salad by Mark Sorenson and a kale/sweet potato dish by Noah Saederup.

Thanks to a small fall of snow, Donner Ski Ranch was open and the boarders could ride. Alice did not finish drawing the Viking ship to be cut but plans to have it ready by St Patrick's Weekend. Choc chip cookies fresh from the oven crowned

the Valentine celebration

### **The next two events at the cabin will be:**

March 15-16 Saint Patrick's Weekend with the traditional Corned Beef feast on Saturday evening. Alice will provide tender-simmered meat with carrots, onions, potatoes and cabbage.

Eaters will donate food or cash to cover costs.

Alice's favorite leprechaun will provide Irish Coffee and a good time will be had by all. Call Alice to coordinate food participation at [510-538-7617](tel:510-538-7617). Hopefully our new papercut Viking ship will sail on the stairwell wall by the weekend's end.

March 22nd is the GREAT RACE between VSC and the Peninsula Ski Club. Mark it on your calendar, tune up your skis or snowboard and pray for snow.

### **REMINDER**

The next two meetings are at the Englander Pub in San Leandro. It's an interesting, friendly place with good food and many good beers (even the non-alcoholic beer tastes good). Come to meet, eat, drink and enjoy Viking fellowship.

Mike

### **General Meeting Movie Night**

Paul Thompson will show a movie at the end of the March 5 general meeting at the Englander Pub. "Mammoth Dreams", the story of Dave McCoy and the starting of Mammoth Mountain ski area. Run time about 60 min.

## **Membership Dues**

The Annual Dues Notice will be sent soon, via email, to all VSC members. For those who don't use email, a paper copy will be sent to your mailing address. The deadline for paying dues is April 30th, 2014.

Questions? email Barb Sorenson, Membership Chair: [barb@barbsorenson.com](mailto:barb@barbsorenson.com)

## **Winter's Finally Arrived!**

Here's an excerpt from this morning's (Feb. 27) snow report from OpenSnow:

The ski resorts around the lake are reporting anywhere from 6-15 inches overnight up top. 9 inches so far at 6910' here on Donner Summit at the office at 6:30 and still snowing hard.

Scattered snow showers today could bring another 1-3 inches on the mountains with an inch or two at lake level, and 3-6 inches West of the lake along the crest. A brief break tonight before the next storm moves in Friday morning. The snow is expected to last through Friday night and taper off Saturday.

Another 6-9 inches could fall on the East side of the lake, 9-12 on the West side, and 12-15 inches West of the lake along the crest.

We should see a break later Saturday through Monday with a slight chance of scattered snow showers along the crest during the period. Then some models show a light snow event Monday night into Tuesday and again Wednesday into Thursday, while others keep most of the precip to our North. We'll have to keep watching the trend. It's possible if we do see snow that we pick up several more inches or more through next week.

Drier weather returns the weekend of the 8th before we could see a return of stormier weather by the 11th/12th of March.

All the best!  
John Fox

## **Fun at a VSC Monthly Meeting?**

Yes... it's true. You can have fun at a VSC monthly meeting!

Looking at bringing a little more social element to our meetings, the Board was able to negotiate the

use of the Englander Pub's party room. Several of us arrived early, ordered a meal off the menu and a drink. In addition to the normal meeting items, we discovered we were actually enjoying the time spent together. Who knew?

Sooooo... if you're overdue on making your meetings, make a point of coming a few minutes early and sharing a meal and a glass of wine or a beer with a few Vikings.

If you're coming out of San Francisco, give Rory Hayden or John Fox a call. Both volunteered to pick up Viking members from the San Leandro BART station. It's roughly a half mile from the Pub.

Hope to see you there in March!  
John Fox

## **Foodies Have Arrived in Pacifica**

Robbie and I had a chance to grab lunch at the Surf Spot in Pacifica.

The food was superb... not your typical pub food. Robbie enjoyed the Ultra Truffle Grilled Cheese sandwich consisting of bacon, avocado, Gruyere, truffle aioli, and truffle butter on a brioche toast. I went a little simpler with their Left Coast Clam Chowder with applewood smoked bacon, Manila clams, and Yukon potatoes. I enjoyed a bowl of soup but it left me hungering for more.

Their menu changes frequently depending upon local ingredients and the chef's creativity (or mood).

Check it out if you're in the area. Their web address is: <http://surfspoteats.com/>. It's located just off US 1 next to Sea Bowl in Pacifica.

John & Robbie

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:barb@barbsorenson.com) 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 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/March14.pdf>

[www.skiinghistory.org](http://www.skiinghistory.org)

### **Editor's Note**

Keep those snow dances coming – they seem to be working!

*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.

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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](mailto: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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