

Nordic Gazette

March 2016



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March General Meeting – February 3 – Rory Hayden’s House (see article)

April General Meeting - To be announced

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

It has been a great snow year. We are told that El Ninos often give us a largely dry February and true to form.... But Thursday the 18th I gave novice lessons in a blizzard. We made three turns and stopped to turn our backs to the blast of wind-driven snow. Then we turned back down the hill and resumed our course. In the morning I had to take the children in for hot cocoa twice in two hours. But they went away with smiles on their gale pinked faces. The afternoon saw the wind pick up and my adult students decided that thawed hands would make it easier. So we went in and they stuck their fingers under running water before going back out to brave the storm. We were spared the closures of Squaw and Alpine Meadows and the avalanches at Alpine thanks to the symphony percussion section provided by the hand-tossed avalanche control charges. Friday brought light snow and Saturday presented us with a perfect bluebird day. The day was so nice that Northstar was reported to have had 45 minute lift lines. Not Sugar Bowl, thankfully.

I am surprised that most of the people staying in the cabin this winter seem to have been new and prospective members. I have not made a formal count but it seems as if most of the old members have lost their zest for winter sports. We miss you up on the pass.

Last month when we had a bout of warm rain we found some jobs that will need attention on this summer’s work parties. Nothing that can’t be fixed. Let’s hear it for the sump pump. It got a workout.

Come on up and enjoy the rest of the snow. Even with warm days the snow depth at Sugar Bowl is about 12 feet up top and six at the base: corn, starched corduroy and spring conditions await!

I look forward to seeing you at the March meeting at my house in the Oakland hills and in the cabin during the remainder of the season.

Rory

MARCH BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING

Time: 7:00-8:00pm- Board Meeting
8:00-9:00pm- General Membership Meeting

Place: Rory Hayden's house
31 Shadow Mountain
Oakland, CA 94605

FUTURE GENERAL MEETINGS

The Search for Better Vikings Meeting Locations

Traffic has become such a problem the board is looking for ideas for more convenient meeting locations and times.

The Englander in San Leandro is available and convenient for those in the East Bay and Marin. But traffic on the bridges makes the Englander inconvenient mid-week for those in San Francisco and on the Peninsula.

Perhaps we could alternate meetings on either side of the bay.

Other than dinners at Nick's, the 4th of July and New Years at the cabin and if we make work parties into meetings we would have about 5 monthly meetings to schedule in the Bay Area.

Can you recommend a restaurant or bar on the Peninsula or in San Francisco near a BART station that would welcome our meetings?

MEMBERSHIP

Questions about membership? Contact: **Barb Sorenson**, 925-286-4028 or barb@barbsorenson.com

Cabin Rates – Winter/Reservations

Last year, the fees for staying at the cabin were updated to add \$1 per night to the Railroad Fund. Winter rates for cabin stays are as follows:

Weekend and Holiday Rates:

\$12 - (Includes \$1 Railroad Fund) - Active, Probationary and Junior Members
\$21 - (includes \$1 Railroad Fund) - Passive Members, Student Leave, Guests

Penny Bair is the new reservations chairwoman. Her contact information is:

707-480-2234

OR

yogibair@comcast.net

Cabin Notes

The bylaws state that members and guests bring children under the age of 7 should bring up and use a water proof pad for the mattress. If this is probably news to you, that's why it's being noted in the Gazette.

In other News ---- well, I don't have any for this month. I've been thinking about getting up to the cabin in March – hopefully there is still lots of great snow on the slopes. Anyone have pictures or stories they would like to share? Get them to me and I'll publish.

Summer at the Cabin

Attention Ladies – what do you all think of a Girls Weekend away at the cabin this summer? Bring a friend or two and join in the activities the summit has to offer – hike, sunbathe, relax, eat, read a book, stroll Truckee, or whatever – just without husbands, significant others, or young kids. Thinking this would happen in June, when the weather is nice. Let me know if you are interested –

mo_sala@pacbell.net

San Francisco Viking Ski Club Officers - 2015/2016

President: Rory Hayden

Vice-President - Membership: Barbara Sorenson, barb@barbsorenson.com

Recording Secretary: Mike Maesk

Treasurer: Paul Thompson

Corresponding Secretary: Rick Haglund

Cabin Reservations: Penny Bair

Tel: (707)480-2234 or yogibair@comcast.net

Cabin Chair: Mike Masek, Paul Kensinger

Nordic Gazette Editor: Maureen Sala

Board Members:

Roger Zeltmann, John Fox, Bill Kahrau, Maureen Sala, Curt Haney, Paul Kensinger, Laura Salcido

Info: vikinginfo@prodigy.net

Cabin: 530-426-1231

Web Site: www.sfvikingskiclub.org