

# Nordic Gazette - March 2019



“No Friends on a Powder Day”

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 16:** St. Patrick's Day Feast and club meeting at the cabin, 7:30 pm  
**April 6:** Club meeting, Englander Pub, 101 Parrott St. in San Leandro, 7:30 pm  
**Early May TBA:** Club meeting, officer elections, San Francisco, more info to come  
**June 8:** Installation dinner at Nick's in Rockaway Beach, Pacifica (pending confirmation)  
**July 6:** 4th of July cabin work party and meeting at cabin  
**Aug. 17:** Cabin work party and meeting at cabin  
**Sept. 8:** VSC Picnic at Montclair Park in Oakland, club meeting  
**Oct. TBA:** Cleanup work party and club meeting

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To VSC Members from Prez Alice Masek,

GREAT SNOW up in them thar hills! I have things to share:

**GENERAL CABIN CLEANUP:** Within the past month, one of our esteemed members arrived at our cabin to find a mess everywhere. To be comfortable in the cabin, this member had to clean food scraps off the counters in the kitchen (to avoid attracting mice) and wash a sink full of dirty dishes! The carpets in party room and kitchen needed vacuuming, and the bathrooms needed cleaning. It seems the people who had left before, (without even severe weather as an excuse) had maybe done one “assigned” chore, and left the place in a mess! When Mike and I are at the cabin with only a few others, we do a “Chore” called “GCU” – General Clean Up of the cabin, to leave it nice for the next people to arrive. GCU is not easy. It means doing a lot of chores lightly, so the place is ready for the next inhabitants. But it is not difficult if as we have used the cabin, we have automatically cleaned up after ourselves.

I hope we will not have to call this to the attention of our membership again.

The February 9th meeting at the Sports Basement in San Francisco was located there to make it

more accessible to people who live in the city and on the Peninsula. Three regular members attended, one from SF, two from the East Bay. The other 7 present were either probationary members or potential applicants, with one regular member attending by phone conference call-in. The community room is large, with many comfortable couches, and parking is available under the building. It seems like it could be a workable location for further meetings. (We might hold May's Election meeting there.)

On Feb. 9th, we had a Treasurer's report (Club is in OK shape financially) and a membership report (Active 68, Life 4, Probationary 12, Jr. 15, Student leave 5, Passive 32, Applicant 5) and we have newly voted in Julia Babiarz as a probationary member. Recently elevated to full membership are: Dirk Heartman, Aidan Wylde, Glenn Kesselman, and Mark Malachowski.

Mike Masek reported as Cabin Chair that the cabin has passed the Truckee Fire Inspection, with 3 small requirements fulfilled.

We also learned at the Feb. 9 meeting that progress is being made on the new Web Site with primary help from new member Julia Babiarz. We hope to have the basic content of the site and new photos up soon, but "Phase 2," the making and payment of online reservations, will not be in place until next season.

The Celebration of Life Party for Life member Bea Lufi had been earlier that day in Tiburon, and quite a few longtime Viking Members were present at that lovely event at the Tiburon Yacht club, where Bea was as much loved as in the VSC!

We discussed the general direction of the club, towards more rules or less rules, and we had some phone input from Maureen Sala, who has been on the rules committee, about fine-tuning, especially around club welcome of younger children and a less demanding process for new member applications. There was consensus among those who had recently looked at the rules that it is good to have them in place and clear for new members. One new member who had read them on the web site assured us that she had not found them off-putting.

Thanks to prospective member Dan Leaverton for taking notes at the Feb 9 meeting.

Our MARCH MEETING will be a fun one, up at the cabin on March 16, the Saturday night before St. Patrick's Day. We will share a yummy Corned Beef and Cabbage (with fixin's) feast before our 7:30 meeting, which can be called into by those who wish to attend but who cannot be at the cabin that weekend (details at end.) The meal will be prepared by our President, with costs shared by those eating. If you have a special diet, you'll have to bring your own. Please respond by e-mail to alicehelen@juno.com if you will be enjoying the Corned Beef, so we will know how many to cook for. The VSC phone link for meetings is provided in the calendar. We will time the meeting to welcome conference calls at 7:30 PM.

Our APRIL MEETING will be Saturday April 6 (for sake of traffic) at the ENGLANDER Pub at 101 Parrott St. in San Leandro, not far from the San Leandro BART station. We will gather at 7:00 PM for those who want to order food, and the meeting will start at 7:30 for those calling in. (Phone Info above)

Our MAY MEETING may be back at the Sports Basement in San Francisco (1590 Bryant) if enough people from SF agree to attend. This is the Election Meeting, so a full slate will be presented for voting. More information to come soon. An alternate option would be to conduct the election through an e-mail ballot. This option will be discussed at the March meeting.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Officers and Board members are again needed, and it may be that most Board decisions will be made by e-mail going into the future, since business meetings have been poorly attended. Some ideas to improve meeting participation have been to provide more social opportunities, like a cabin-based mountain lake swimming weekend in the summer, or a biking weekend. Work Parties now count for meeting credits, and some other forms of active participation can count for either Work Party or Meeting credits. Being on the Nominating Committee could be one of these! Rory Hayden has indicated he is willing to participate, so if you are willing to help him, please contact him! This is a key transitional time for our club, with worsening traffic in the Bay Area making meeting attendance more difficult. Some key decisions must be made to move our club forward into the next decade.

Your current president, Alice Masek, will not be VSC President for a second term, because she has a new grandson coming in July, and wants to be available to help on the ranch of her daughter Mindy in Catheys Valley (near Yosemite). As much as possible, she will stay active in summer events and see the modernized Web Site project to its fulfillment. So we need a new President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, possibly a Treasurer, a Vice President of Membership, and several Board Members. Happy Skiing! Alice

## **PHOTO GALLERY: MIRACLE FEBRUARY MORE THAN 20 FEET OF NEW SNOW**





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**Cabin Fees Winter:** Members: \$12/night, Guests: \$21/night Summer: Members: \$8/night, Guests: \$17/night

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