

Nordic Gazette May 2012



<http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org>

Calendar

Wednesday, May 2, General meeting

ELECTIONS – BE THERE!

Bayshore Corporate Center conference room

1710 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo

7:00 PM Board meeting

8:00 PM General meeting

Sunday, May 6

75th Anniversary Hike on Mt. Tam

9:30 meet at Pan Toll Station parking lot

10:00 hike begins

Friday, June 8

Annual Awards Dinner and Installation of

Officers, Nick's Rockaway Beach

NO MEETING IN SAN MATEO IN JUNE

Nick's Restaurant, Rockaway Beach, Pacifica

Cocktails: 6:30 Dinner: 7:30

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, December 7

Annual Holiday Dinner

President's Message

Hello Vikings.

The close of the ski season rapidly approaches, but it is not quite done yet. Sugar Bowl plans closing on April 29th, Donner will continue as long as possible = snow + visitors. Some other resorts plan on staying open a little longer. You all need to try & get a last trip in, even if only to remove your skis & poles - snowboards too, from the ski room.

You should also plan on attending the Election meeting on May 2nd and the Installation Dinner June 8th - that is the (only) June meeting!

The cabin survived the winter well, with the exception of some leaking from the landing outside the Solarium. We expect to fix that this summer, and also hope to re-cover the flat part of the roof, as some of it has rusted through. Look for the planned work parties and try to come up, as we will need extra effort for the roof!

The Constitutional Amendment passed, thank you to those who voted, and is now in effect. It will be emailed to you all, and those few members without email can pick one up at the May meeting.

Unfortunately, a few reminders about chores need to be made: Ash clogs the vacuum cleaner filter bags, don't wait until they are full before changing them, by then they are hardly sucking at all. Adults need to give proper supervision to their children doing chores, and members need to ensure guests' chores are done properly. Indeed, members also are sometimes too hasty about their own chores. Please read your chore carefully. If a chore has not been assigned to you, then please look & find something that needs doing before you leave. Also remember to sign off in the register that your chore has been done.

Have a great summer, remember our cabin is available year round, great hiking, etc. in the neighborhood.

Paul

May 2 Meeting – Elections

Elections are coming up - May 2nd!

Please consider volunteering for a board or committee position. The club needs YOU to participate. Now is the time to step up and do more. The election will take place at the May meeting – please plan to attend and vote. Remember, only members in good standing (attending meetings and dues paid) may vote.

If you are interested in running for office, please contact Paul Thompson paul@pthompson.com

75TH ANNIVERSARY HIKE – MT. TAMALPAIS, SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012

OK Vikings, for many years our club always had Spring and Fall hikes, most of which were on Mt. Tam or at Point Reyes. This year we are going on a nostalgia hike with our leader, Bob King, who has hiked every trail on Mt. Tam. We will be leaving the Pan Toll Station parking lot on Mt. Tam at 10:00 AM. Please arrive between 9:30 – 9:45 AM, as parking is limited.

The hike is approximately six miles. With panoramic views of San Francisco, the Pacific Ocean, all of Marin County, and the San Francisco Bay, it is truly the most spectacular hike on the mountain. We will be stopping for photo shoots, rests, etc., no racing around the mountain. Bring a bag lunch and water. So that we don't miss anyone at the beginning of the hike, please give me a call or e-mail to let me know that you will be joining us. Everyone is welcome.

For those of you who would like to stick around after the hike, let's plan on doing a tail-gate party with a little wine, beer, sodas, cheese, fruit, sweets, etc. Just pack your car with an ice chest and bring what you would like to drink and eat and we can all share in the fun. Cups, plates and napkins will be provided. Don't forget, BRING YOUR CAMERAS, and hope for a beautiful sunny day.

Janet Neilsen, 925-837-8664, e-mail: janneilsen@juno.com Cell: 925-786-2095.

June 8 Annual Dinner/Induction of Board Members

It's that time of the year again, when we all get together to greet the newly elected board members and to make presentations to those members who have gone "above and beyond" for the club.

It's also a nice way to end up the ski season, to talk about some great skiing, not to mention meeting up with old/new members. Guests are always welcome. No-host cocktails will be in the bar area from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Vikings like their cocktails!!!, followed by dinner at 7:30 pm.

Remember, attending the dinner counts as a required meeting attendance. There will be NO meeting on Wednesday, June 6.

Please mail your check (made payable to the SF VIKING SKI CLUB), and the reservation form (found at the end of this newsletter) to: Janet Neilsen, 2974 Limestone Road, Alamo, CA 94507. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: TUESDAY, JUNE 5. Any questions or last minute reservations, call Jan at (925) 837-8664.

75th ANNIVERSARY SCANDINAVIAN GIFT BASKET RAFFLE

Due to the recent financial situation within our club, long time member Berg Carlsen has offered to donate a Scandinavian Gift Basket to be raffled off at our June 8, 2012, dinner meeting at Nick's Restaurant in Pacifica.

Raffle tickets will be available at the May 2 general membership meeting and at the June 8 dinner meeting.

You do not need to be present to win. If you are unable to attend the June dinner, you may send me a check for your tickets and they will be added that evening to the raffle.

Tickets: 1 ticket \$5.00, 3 tickets \$10.00, 5 tickets \$20.00. The proceeds from this raffle will help generate additional needed funds.

Please make your check payable to the SF Viking Ski Club.

Mail to: Janet Neilsen, 2974 Limestone Road, Alamo, CA 94507

VSC CLUB'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Yes, believe it or not, our Club turns 75 years old this year, 2012.

Way back in 1937, a group of Scandinavian San Franciscans, with a love for the sport of skiing decided to form the SF Viking Ski Club. Now it is our turn to start thinking about how we can celebrate this great event. Some members thought that a Spring/Fall hike might be fun, a wine tasting event, a picnic, a party up at the VSC Cabin, and of course the annual Christmas Dinner. Need all your thoughts on this. To make a success of all the above, it is going to take a lot of planning, and a lot of help. I made the announcement at the January general meeting and John Fox offered to help. Please contact me with any/all suggestions and volunteer to help out. Once I hear from those who want to help, I will have a meeting and we can put a calendar of events together and set up committees.

Go Vikings, 75 years of great skiing and camaraderie, it is all so very special!!!!

Thanks, Janet Neilsen

925-837-8664 E-mail: janneilsen@juno.com

San Francisco Viking's Ski Club Member? Which Are You?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed, or are you just contented that you are on the list?

Do you attend meetings and mingle with the flock, or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along, or are you just satisfied to be the kind that "just belongs"?

Do you ever go to the cabin to give a helping lick, or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the clique?

There's quite a program scheduled, and it would be appreciated if you too will come and help out.

So come to the meetings often and help with hand and heart. Don't be just a member, but take an active part.

Think this over "member" you know right from wrong.

Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

(Obtained from a VSC scrap book located in the cabin, anyone know the author?) Curt Haney

WORLD'S SNOWIEST SKI RESORTS

Snow reporting agency www.skiinfo.co.uk has looked at average snowfall totals at some of the world's snowiest resorts and come up with a top ten of resorts that claim to have the great annual average snowfall over a variety of multi-year periods.

The top ten are as follows:

1. Mt. Baker, Washington State: Average 19.06m per season. Record was 28.5m in 98-99.

2. Alyeska, Alaska: Average 16.07m per season, based on a 31-year average.

3. Alta, Utah: Average 15.59m per season, based on a 5-year average from 6/07-10/11.

4. Niseko, Hokkaido, Japan: Average 15.11m per season.

5. Revelstoke, British Columbia, Canada: Average 15m per season.

6. Nozawa Onsen, Japan: Average 14.44m per season.

7. Gulmarg, India: Average 14m per season.

During the 2004-05 season there was 20m of snow.

8. Kirkwood, California: Average 13.96m per season, but received 20.4m of snow in 05-06 season.

9. Grand Targhee, Wyoming: Average 12.7m per season.

10. Snowbird, Utah: Average 12.5m per season.

How To Make Your Cabin Reservations

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 mglomstad@comcast.net or call 650-349-7542 **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

- 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.

- 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 and Anne Ording 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.

- 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://www.fis-ski.com/>

<http://www.skimtta.com/>

<http://www.nationalskiclubnews.com/home.html>

Check out the Donner Summit Historical Society newsletter:

<http://www.donnersummithistoricalsociety.org/PDFs/newsletters/news12/april12.pdf>

Editor's Note

Elections on Wednesday – have you volunteered for a position?

Happy Trails,

Anne Ording

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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

ording.anne@gmail.com

The Club Roster is maintained by Margaret Glomstad. Please send your email address as well as contact updates to:

mglomstad@comcast.net

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.

Postmaster:

Please return undeliverable mail to:

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**SAN FRANCISCO VIKING SKI CLUB
ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER - INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS
AND SCANDINAVIAN GIFT BASKET RAFFLE**

NICK'S RESTAURANT, ROCKAWAY BEACH, (Pacifica), CA.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2012

DINNER: 7:30 PM

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MENU: Choice on one of the following: Prime Rib of Beef au Jus, Roasted whole half Chicken, Grilled Halibut Steak. All dinners come with a mixed green salad with seafood, baked potato with sour cream and chives, vegetable du jour, garlic bread, ice cream, coffee/tea and of course, WINE.

COST OF DINNER: \$37.00 PRIME RIB, \$35.00, GRILLED HALIBUT STEAK, \$27.50 ROAST CHICKEN, per person, which includes the tax, tip, corkage and wine.

CHILDREN'S MENU: Choice of one of the following: Chicken Fingers, Fish and Chips, Hamburger and Fries. COST: \$12.00 per person.

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CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Fingers____Hamburger____ Fish & Chips_____

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