

Nordic Gazette

May 2016



Mt. Tamalpais



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 4th - May General Meeting – Rory Hayden’s House - Oakland – See article

Sunday, May 22nd - Mt. Tamalpais Hike – Lead by Cecily Harris - See article

Friday, June 10th - June General Meeting and Awards/Elections Dinner – Nick’s Restaurant – see flyer

July 2nd and 3rd - July General Meeting/1st Work Party -- At the Cabin

July 7th and 8th – 2 Hikes lead by Cecily Harris – Starting At the Cabin – see article

July 16th and 17th – Work Party at the Cabin

August 13th and 14th – Work Party at the Cabin

August 20th – Pool Party/General Meeting at John and Robbie Fox’s house

September 24th and 25th – Work Party at the Cabin

Friday, December 2nd – Christmas Dinner and Meeting – Nick’s Restaurant

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Season Ends with a Bang...and a Whimper

We have had the best ski season in so long it sometimes seemed forever. It even brought us almost 2 feet Friday the 22nd followed by the customary spring warm up. Our firewood supply just made it to the end. Whew! Great planning? Maybe just good luck.

We’ve had Some Surprises

Episodes of intermittent snow and rain with plenty of wind reminded us of some cabin maintenance projects we need to attend to. The seal between the chimney and the roof sprang a leak one evening dripping into Siegfried for a couple of days. The winds drove rain through the windows in the Solarium and Donner and even through the bricks in the front of the cabin. Thanks to that, we noticed we have been having leaks through the concrete bricks around the cabin as evidenced by blistering paint on the inside. We got a brief shower in the men’s bathroom below the joint between the south cabin wall and the roof over the toilet areas. We even had a brief leak near the stove in the party room. Fortunately, the sump pump worked throughout.

Cabin Maintenance Projects

We have some new chores to add to the usual list during this summer's work parties. The usual chores include seating and sealing the screws in the roof, re-sealing the cracks in the parking lot and loading next winter's firewood. To these we will be sealing the outside of all the bricks, caulking the roof/wall joint on the south wall, caulking the chimney/roof joint, caulking the north wall/boulder joint and following the lead of our experts on how to prevent window leaks in the future.

So get out your calendars. We will need all the hands we can muster.

Work Party Dates

This summer's work parties will be held:

1. July 4th weekend, actually July 2 and 3 with the 4th on Monday
2. July 16 and 17
3. August 13 and 14 (don't forget the pool party at **John and Robbie Fox's** August 20)
4. September 24 and 25
5. October's deep cleaning with **Richard and Jeanie** is to be announced.

These dates should give us a chance to catch up on the needed maintenance projects.

Election Reminder

Board Elections are coming. Come and cast your vote. Please consider stepping up to serve. We need to replace the President and Vice President positions.

Rory

MAY GENERAL MEETING – 2016/17 ELECTIONS

When: Wednesday, May 4th, 2016

Time: 8:00 pm- General Membership Meeting

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

If you get lost and/or need directions, call Rory at 626-483-2100.

MEMBERSHIP

Annual Dues Reminder- Your 2016-17 Annual Dues need to be paid by April 30th. After that there is a \$25 late charge. If you have any questions about your Dues Notice, contact **Barb Sorenson**, VSC Membership Chair, barb@barbsorenson.com.

Make your Dues check out to SF Viking Ski Club and mail it to:
Barb Sorenson
318 Tappan Terrace
Orinda, CA 94563

MT. TAMALPAIS IS CALLING OUR NAME

Sunday May 22 - Annual Mount Tamalpais State Park Viking Club Day Hike

Meet at 9 am at Pantoll Ranger Station parking area. Be ready to leave by 9:30 am. Lead by **Cecily Harris**.

There is a loop hike using Steep Ravine and Matt Davis Trails. The hike takes us down to Stinson Beach so we could stop for lunch and hike back.

Bring lunch, chocolate, snacks, and water. Be sure to bring sunscreen, hat and hiking shoes or boots.

Directions: Take Highway 101 heading north from San Francisco. Take the Stinson Beach exit and follow signs to top of mountain. Pantoll Ranger Station is at the top so allow for travel time. There is a parking fee.

Note: Carpooling is suggested. **Cecily** is willing to keep a list of people that can be shared but not arrange carpools. Please email Cecily with your RSVP so she can plan accordingly, her email is **cecily999@sbcglobal.net**

CABIN NOTES

This year our cabin has taken an "El Nino Beating" and needs some repairs. In particular, a number of the windows are leaking and need to be replaced. This can be costly but the good news is that one of our members has stepped up and willing to match up to \$200 ala KQED Pledge Week, if we can get other members to donate to the "New Window Fund". The match must be met by June 1 or the member has the right to withdraw their generous match donation. Come on Vikings! We can do this! Donating is easy and 'pane-free', just contact our President **Rory Hayden**, or **Mike Masek**. Better yet, send in a donation when you send in your dues for the year.

SUMMER 2016 HIKING WEEKEND – AT THE CABIN

Enjoy two fabulous one-day hikes led by Viking member **Cecily Harris**. Cecily has been a Tahoe Rim Trail Association segment hike leader for six summers and has hiked the 165-mile Tahoe Rim Trail almost that many times. She also occasionally leads but often joins the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Day Hikes in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Note that these are all day one-way hikes with a car shuttle. Each hiker must carry lunch and snacks and at least two liters of water. Hikers should dress in layers to be prepared for changeable weather. Closed toe hiking shoes or boots, sunscreen, and sunhat are a must. Hiking poles are suggested. Hiking group size: Minimum of four and maximum of fourteen hikers.

Meet evening of July 8 at the Viking Cabin. Hikes on July 9 and/or 10. Evening potluck dinners encouraged. Non-hikers also welcome.

1) Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) Hike

Start at PCT trailhead near Mary Lake in the morning and end at Squaw Valley in the late afternoon (16 miles)

This hike begins within walking distance of the San Francisco Viking Lodge, traverses Sugarbowl Ski Resort, and passes the Sierra Club Benson Ski Hut. Continuing along the Pacific Crest Trail until a left turn at the Granite Chief Trail and hiking down to Squaw Valley where we can enjoy happy hour or dinner before returning to the Lodge.

2) Tahoe Rim Trail Hike

Barker Pass Trailhead to Tahoe City (16.7 miles)

This is a very scenic hike that goes past Alpine Ski Valley and Granlibakken Ski Resort. We'll shuttle cars to the Bridgetender in Tahoe City but start the hike from Barker Pass.

Contact **Cecily Harris** at 650-593-3281 or cecily999@sbcglobal.net if you are interested and for more information. Make your Cabin reservations with Penny Bair @ yogibair@comcast.net.

*******SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR THE JUNE DINNER FLYER*******

San Francisco Viking Ski (and Outdoor) Club Annual Awards/New Officers Dinner

Nick's Restaurant, Rockaway Beach,
Friday, June 10th, 2016



We had an abundance of snow this year, we played hard, and we worked hard, now let's celebrate!

No Host Cocktails - 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Dinner and Meeting – 7:30pm until ???

Menu and Prices:

Prime Rib of Beef au Jus	\$42	# of People _____
Grilled Halibut Steak	\$40	# of People _____
Roasted whole half Chicken	\$35	# of People _____
Pesto Pasta w/Vegetables	\$25	# of People _____
Children's Menu – Chicken Fingers, Fish and Chips, Hamburger and Fries	\$15	# of People _____

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 wine!

Reservations above are made in the name of: _____

Check enclosed for total amount of \$ _____

Please mail your check (made payable to the SF VIKING SKI CLUB) and reservation form no later than December 8th to : **Carol Reed, 150 Sadowa St. SF 94112 by June 4th**

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