

# Nordic Gazette-May 2017

“You Can Make a Difference – Volunteer for the Vikings”



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> – Membership Dues are due. Please mail your check today, avoid late fees.**

**Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm– General Meeting – Elections of 2017/2018 Officers/Board – Englander Pub, San Leandro**

**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner at Nick’s Restaurant, Pacifica**

## **TAKE A MINUTE NOW AND PAY YOUR 2017/2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**Remember to pay your 2017-18 Annual Dues by April 30th.** After that add a \$25 late fee. Dues notices were emailed to all members at the end of March, 2017. If you didn't see the email, check your spam or check your inbox again. You may have ignored it! It came to you from David Alter, our club member who is in charge of mass e-mailing the Dues Invoices. It would appear in your inbox as: "VSC 2017-18 Invoice Reminder. And was from [David@alterconsulting.net](mailto:David@alterconsulting.net) "

## MAY GENERAL MEETING

We have the Englander Pub's back room reserved for our use on **Wednesday, May 3 from 6:30 - 8:30.**

6:30 - 7:00 No host bar/dinner.

7:00 - 8:30 General meeting/elections.

### **Englander Pub**

**101 Parrott St, San Leandro, CA 94577**

It's a 10 minute walk from the San Leandro BART station.

The Englander graciously lets the Vikings use their room for free, let's show our gratitude and order dinner and/or drinks so we can hopefully continue to use their facilities again.

You can find a link to the Englander pub below.

[Englander Pub - Meeting and Banquet Facility](#)

**John Fox, Alice Masek, Peter Blumberg**, have been campaigning to create the Officer/Board Member slate for the upcoming elections. There are still openings. Board members serve for 2 years, officers serve for 1 year. Please read the following article written by John.

Dear Vikings,

It is truly hard to think of skiing when the sun is shining and it's 72 degrees outside here in Walnut Creek. I'd like to ask you to take just a few seconds, close your eyes, and think about a perfect moment you shared with a friend or family member skiing or snowboarding in the Sierras.

For me, that perfect moment was about 12 years ago. We'd had nearly 10 days of non-stop storms with over 6 feet of snow falling in a 96 hour period. At the time, I was driving a Nissan Xterra and there was only a bump in the snow from where I'd parked the car. Digging it out at the end of the week was epic!

I remember making run after perfect powder run with the snow falling so hard, my tracks from my previous run were already filled in – which meant I experienced another run of trackless powder. Wrapping up my day of skiing, I remember coming through the cabin door and being invited to join several families or groups of friends for dinner.

It was a time of peace and of joy having shared the rigors of the storms, supporting each other in digging out, celebrating a rare experience skiing, and in sharing a meal over glasses of wine.

We are blessed by the hard work and efforts that previous Vikings have made in building and improving our cabin and in the spirit they imbued within the Viking Ski Club. Our cabin and our club didn't just happen. People worked hard to build something special.

We have elections coming up at our next meeting and, now, you have an opportunity to bring the joy and fun that is at the core of being a Viking.

We have several board member positions opening up for this election and... next year, we are going to have a large number of our current officers or board members who will be terming out.

Please consider running for an officer or board position. We need you to help make the Vikings a healthy, fun, and awesome group to be part of.

Join us on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Englander Pub (address listed below) for our elections. We will be meeting at 6:30 for a no host cocktail/dinner and the meeting itself will start at 7PM. What better way to start a Viking meeting than with a drink and a meal amongst friends? Join us, volunteer for a board/officer position, and be part of the fun in continuing the Viking Ski Club's great stories.

Hope to see you there!

**John Fox**

Viking Board Member, VSC Member since 2001

## **MEMBERSHIP (provided by **Barb Sorensen**)**

Welcome to new Probationary Members:

**Candice Balobeck**, sponsored by Barb Sorenson.

**Dirk Heartman**, sponsored by Barb Sorenson

**Elizabeth Fossum**, sponsored by Pete Lin

**Paul Fossum**, sponsored by Pete Lin

Status Report:

Active 69

Probationary 27

Life 4

Applicants 7

Junior 14

Student leave 5

Passive 37

## **JUNE AWARDS DINNER and GENERAL MEETING**

**Mark your calendars for Saturday June 3**– Carol Reed has reserved Nicks Restaurant in Pacifica for our annual awards dinner and general meeting. We promise to add excitement to your evening with a very special presentation. Look for a flyer coming under separate cover in the next few weeks. There will also be flyers at the May meeting.

## **CABIN NEWS and REMINDERS**

If you have some dry, clean, cut, burnable wood to spare, consider bringing up a box or two the next time you visit the cabin. You can also bring B&W printed newspaper for starting fires, but colored newspaper is toxic.

Sugar Bowl will be open through May 7<sup>th</sup>. Still time to get in one last spring skiing day or two. Please remember to take home your boards or skis for the summer months. We need the workshop area for work party storage.

Hate to remind you all again, but here goes. Please wash, dry, and put away your dishes and silverware, don't leave it for someone else to do. Dirty dishes, food, and crumbs bring mice, and we don't need any freeloaders.

Supplies like paper towels, toilet paper, coffee, coffee filters, cleaning supplies, some very generic condiments (salt/sugar/creamer) are paid for by your nightly fees and dues.

Food supplies like spices, condiments, cooking oil, etc are NOT purchased by the club. If you want to bring some and donate them, you are more than welcome to. Please label all donations with VSC/club and a date so people know that they are for sharing.

Also – several people have left towels in the restrooms, perhaps a sweep through the cabin before you leave just to ensure lights are off as well is a great reminder.

Carol Reed and Curt Haney will have up to 10 guests (and member Cecily Harris) at the cabin May 27-29<sup>th</sup> (approved by the Board). Other members are welcome to stay at the cabin during this time.

### **San Francisco Viking Ski Club Officers – 2016/2017**

**President:** Laura Salcido

**Vice-President:** Rory Hayden

**Membership:** Barbara Sorenson, [barb@barbsorenson.com](mailto:barb@barbsorenson.com)

**Recording Secretary:** Mike Maesk

**Treasurer:** Paul Thompson

**Corresponding Secretary:** Rick Haglund, [haglund.richard@gmail.com](mailto:haglund.richard@gmail.com)

**Cabin Chair:** Mike Masek, Paul Kensinger

**Nordic Gazette Editor:** Maureen Sala

#### **Board Members:**

John Fox, Maureen Sala, Curt Haney, Paul Kensinger, Barbara Sorensen, Rex Haber, Vacancy

**Info:** [vikinginfo@prodigy.net](mailto:vikinginfo@prodigy.net)

**Cabin:** 530-426-1231

**Cabin Reservations:** Penny Bair, Tel: (707)480-2234 or [yogibair@comcast.net](mailto:yogibair@comcast.net)

Cabin Fees Winter: Members: \$12/night, Guests: \$21/night

**Web Site:** [www.sfvikingskiclub.org](http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org)