

# Nordic Gazette - May 2018



“Every election is determined by the people who show up”

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8:00pm – General Meeting - ELECTIONS for the new ski year – Laura Salcido’s Home, San Francisco (see below)**  
**June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday – June Awards and Installation of Officers Dinner - Nicks Restaurant, Pacifica (see below)**  
**June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Maureen Sala sponsoring small group at the Cabin**  
**June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> – Work Party, General Meeting weekend at the Cabin.**  
**July 4<sup>th</sup> - Donner Lake Fireworks Spectacular and Parade in Truckee**  
**July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> – Work Party at the Cabin**  
**August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> – Work Party at the Cabin**  
**August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> - Rory Hayden sponsoring large group at the Cabin (Tuesday and Wednesday)**

## MAY 2ND - BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING

Come and join in our Election’s meeting to be held at our out-going President’s home in San Francisco. Let’s all thank Laura for her time and commitment to the Viking Ski Club over the last several years as a Board Member and President (for the last two years). She has graciously opened up her home for our meeting.

### **Laura Salcido’s Home**

Date: Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Time: 7:00 – 8:00p is the Board Meeting, 8:00 – 9:00p is the General Membership Meeting

Place: 380 Dolores St. #10, San Francisco, CA (Between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Street, accessible from BART)

Questions: laurabiking@yahoo.com

## MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> GENERAL MEETING – BOARD FOR THE 2018/2019 YEAR (Alice Masek)

THANK YOU to outgoing President **Laura Salcido**, Barb **Sorenson**, **John Fox**, and **Paul Kensinger** who have served well and are stepping down, and to several others whose terms of service have come to an end and some who will continue on the Board. Thanks to **Paul Thompson**, who continues to serve as Treasurer. All these people, at great sacrifice, have attended regular meetings on First Wednesday nights on about 6 months of the year, in addition to all-club social events and work parties.

This is **Alice Helen Masek**, wife of **Mike**. I have been attending board meetings with Mike through several of Mike's terms as President and Board Member, and for a while I have not been "official," but just listening. I

now will offer to serve as President for one Year, if we can agree that it will be a YEAR of TRANSFORMATION.

When the VSC was first started, it was a group of friends who lived in San Francisco and loved to ski. At that time, many people only worked 8 hours a day and had short commutes (what a concept!) and evening events were not a problem, especially when held in the city or near it. To have monthly meetings in SF was workable.

In recent years, I have watched people come into Board and General meetings in both San Francisco and the East Bay already exhausted from enduring a HORRIFIC commute. I tallied from our 9/11/2017 roster that only 23% of our membership is in San Francisco. 28% live in the East Bay, the rest across the area and as far as Auburn. With such a spread of members and such challenging commute driving, I believe we need to acknowledge that the First Wednesday meetings are no longer viable at any location. That we have kept up such good attendance at the December Party and June Banquet is testimony to long-term friendships built in the club setting, and the somewhat better Friday or Saturday night driving. I am interested in both researching and applying 21st Century solutions to this concern and others. Would you like to be able to make reservations online and pay with a credit card?

What we have in common in the Viking Ski Club now is not a neighborhood social group, but a widespread group of people interested in skiing and mutual use of the VSC Cabin up at Donner Summit! Is it possible that by focusing our energies on events at the cabin, (work parties and activities in summer as well as winter sports) we can fulfill the social ideals of the club. Necessary business can perhaps be conducted through telephone, e-mail or Skype connections rather than in face-to-face meetings. --And when needed, in-person meetings could be held at the cabin or scheduled in homes of officers... on Weekends, when commute pressures are not so intense.

I am seeking Officers for the June 2018 to June 2019 term. If you would prefer a more conservative approach, please step forward now and I will be glad to nominate you as President. If I am called to serve as President, it will be to bring the VSC into the 21st Century. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Current Roster, with Current officers into next year, and Vacancies indicated:

Officers for June 2018 - June 2019 (second term if desired)

- 1) President: Vacant (Possible nomination of **Alice Masek** for one year, or other persons stepping forward.)
- 2) Vice President/ Membership -- **Rick Haglund** (2nd term.)
- 3) Secretary (takes notes at Meetings) --Vacant
- 4) Corresponding Secretary (Communicates on behalf of club) -- Vacant
- 5) Treasurer -- **Paul Thompson** (can serve and has, for multiple terms)

Board of Directors: (7 with 2-year terms, this year 4 have termed out). Currently continuing are:

- 1) **Stephanie La Carruba**
- 2) **Rory Hayden**
- 3) **Mike Masek**
- 4) (Vacant) **Ed Russell** Nominated
- 5) (Vacant) **Rex Haber** Nominated
- 6) (Vacant)
- 7) (Vacant)

I would love to hear from members if you are able to volunteer to help out with a Board position. Also with ideas, or members opposed to change, at this e-mail address: [alicehelenpapercut@gmail.com](mailto:alicehelenpapercut@gmail.com).

**Alice Masek**

## **JUNE MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS MEETING**

Our annual meeting for the installation of officers and awards will be held at Nick's Restaurant in Pacifica on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. See the separately attached flyer that came with this email. It makes it easier to print a separate file than to separate it out from this gazette. The deadline for **Carol Reed** to receive your reservation is May 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Rick Haglund)**

Membership report:

Active: 70

Jr members: 11

Lifers: 5

Passive: 36

Probationary: 23

Welcome our latest Probationary member **Ranya Haddad** and her two children **Rasmi** (10 yrs) and **Antoinette** (8 yrs).

## **DUES FOR THE 2018/2019 YEAR ARE DUE NOW –**

You should have received an email from David Alter last month with an attachment of your invoice.

Just a reminder that dues post-marked May 1 or later are considered late and required a \$25 late fee. If you have not received this email please contact Rick Haglund, [haglund.richard@gmail.com](mailto:haglund.richard@gmail.com), for further information.

## **VIKING NEWS**

### **2018 Work Parties**

The 2018 schedule of work parties currently scheduled are as follows:

1. June 30 & July 1 - Includes a regular meeting at the cabin
2. July 21 & 22
3. August 18 & 19
4. September, if needed. Date to be determined.
5. Final Cabin Cleanup, date to be determined (usually scheduled sometime between mid-October and early November).

Thanks to everyone who has let me know of repairs that are needed. We definitely need roof repair, painting, parking lot work and a water heater solution. Feel free to drop me an email if you see a problem, I'd much rather get 5 emails about the same problem than none at all.

**Mike Masek**

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### **Ski for Light** ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ski\\_for\\_Light](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ski_for_Light)) (**Mike Masek**)

This January Tahoe Donner Cross Country hosted a 6 day event for visually impaired skiers from all over the world. There were 100 VIP's (Visually Impaired Persons) paired up with 100 guides. I had the privilege of doing Ski Patrol duties for 4 of those 6 days, including race day. ([www.tahoedonner.com/events/international-ski-for-light](http://www.tahoedonner.com/events/international-ski-for-light)).

What an awesome, inspiring experience! I couldn't get one thank you in without getting 2 back. The skiers and their guides are some of the nicest, most positive people in the world.

I saw several guide techniques. The most obvious was verbal directions from the guide to the skier, telling them which way to turn, uphill/downhill approaching etc. Many of the VIPs augmented this with the sound of the guide's skis in front of them and, of course, the feel of their own skis on the trail. The most interesting technique that I observed was the guide holding his poles behind him and tapping them together.

I had some wonderful conversations with individuals in the group. One guide is from Hayward ... Wisconsin. Another gentleman was thrilled when I told him "... " j'ne parle pas francais " which is I don't speak French, in French. We had a delightful conversation in my fractured French and ad-libbed sign language.

On Friday there were two races, a straight 10 kilometer for time and a 5 K for accuracy. The accuracy was race decided by whoever could predict their time most accurately, running the race without a time piece.

**Mike Masek**

### **There's Still Time to go Skiing (Michael Philpott)**

Michael has sent in photos of Squaw Valley (Squaw Mountain Run) from this week. They are still skiing, so it's not too late to take one last trip up the mountain. (Editor's Note: I was up on a gorgeous day April 6. It was great in the morning, but the nice weather at Sugar Bowl turned the snow to slush after 2pm. Still can't beat a half-plus great day of skiing.)



#### **San Francisco Viking Ski Club Officers – 2017/2018**

**President:** Laura Salcido; laurabiking@yahoo.com

**Vice-President/Membership:** Rick Haglund; haglund.richard@gmail.com

**Corresponding/Recording Secretary:** John Fox

**Treasurer:** Paul Thompson, Paul@pthompson.com

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

**Nordic Gazette Editor:** Maureen Sala

**Board Members:**

Paul Kensinger, Barbara Sorensen, Rex Haber, Mike Masek, Stephanie LaCarruba, Vacancy, Vacancy

**Info:** vikinginfo@prodigy.net

**Cabin:** 530-426-1231

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

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

Summer: Members: \$8/night, Guests: \$17/night

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