

Nordic Gazette – May 2019



“Make memories in the mountains”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 4: Club meeting, officer elections, Sports Basement, 1590 Bryant, San Francisco, 6-7:30 pm

June 8: Installation dinner at Nick's in Rockaway Beach, Pacifica

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 at cabin and club meeting

Dec. 21: Holiday party at Nick's in Rockaway Beach, Pacifica

VOTE FOR CLUB OFFICERS AT MAY 4 MEETING

Board Member Rory Hayden has been working on development of a slate of candidates for the club's election of officers for the upcoming year at our May 4 meeting. With President Alice Masek planning to be out of town during that meeting, Vice President Rick Haglund will preside over election. The meeting will be held at the Sports Basement at 1590 Bryant St. (which has a parking lot beneath it) from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the 5th floor west side room with “Viking Ski Club” signs leading the way. For those who wish to dial into the meeting by phone: Conference Call number (605) 472-5618 and type in code 249903# (Type 6 digits and then #symbol)

VIKING OFFICERS INSTALLATION DINNER ON JUNE 8

WHERE: Nick's at Rockaway Beach in Pacifica

WHEN: June 8, 6:30 pm no host cocktails, 7:30 pm dinner

SIGNUP DEADLINE: RSVP to carolreed@mac.com by May 25

MENU OPTIONS:

For adults: Pesto pasta \$38 Prime rib \$58 Roasted half chicken \$44 Sea bass \$50

(For the non drinkers in the crowd, a discount of \$9 will be offered from the prices above.)

Children's menu \$17

Choice of Chicken fingers or Hamburger

This price includes all of the usual, but no booze

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear VSC Members,

President Alice Helen Masek here, and I want to report on my last active month as President, the April Meeting, and small steps that have been taken.

The April meeting, held at the Englander Pub in San Leandro on Saturday April 6th, was attended by 8, including two new potential members, Kathy Brown and Michael Marchant.

We went through traditional business reports, with Treasurer Paul Thompson's report that the club fiscal status is amenable, though the PG&E bill is higher than previously. We heard Rick Haglund's report of 68 active members plus 14 probationary and 6 more applicants in the works. Fifteen Junior members and 5 on student leave represent the younger contingent. The 32 passive and 4 life members on our rolls remind us that the club is moving along supported by a rich history even as we look forward to more modern modes of management and activities. At the meeting, we voted 4 applicants into probationary status, including Lisa Loughren (sister of Julia Babiarz), Johan "Sebastian" Wigstroem, Jeff Goodwin and Dan Leaverton. Welcome!

Some concerns about the cabin came up with Mike Masek's report, with Michael Philpott a hero for somehow redirecting water so it would not flood the cabin as the snow began to melt. Fortunately, the smaller carpets in the Party room can more easily be taken up and rolled to stay dry, as we cope with spring. The Board will have to consider ramifications around the recent installation of electric heaters in a couple of the small rooms, whether that is a more efficient way to heat spaces than the large heaters or the wood stoves, and safety issues, including possible use of timers.

Presidential progress made this month has been a sharing of the text Julia Babiarz has prepared for our modernized web site, which is welcoming and friendly. Julia is currently working on uniting text and photos for an overall presentation of the renovated Web Site. I am grateful to Julia and Ana Mettole who has provided photos, and others who are working on other aspects of our Internet site building towards the future. This may well lead to more members coming to us through web connections, and we are looking for ways to make applicant procedures relevant for people who need to meet club members face to face to find sponsors. ("Meeting the Board" at regular monthly meetings is not working so well anymore.)

Back in February 1, 2017, a meeting at the home of Roseanne and Noah in Oakland drew 26 people to their welcoming living room. Except our banquets, no meeting has come close to this number all this year. The dynamic is changing with traffic, the wider range of members' residences, and perhaps life priorities. We continue the search for a more suitable form for Viking gatherings.

Thank God for the wonderful snow this year! The closing of resorts surprises me as you'd think we would be skiing through the 4th of July!

Mike and I look forward to seeing you at the June 8 Installation dinner at Nick's at Rockaway Beach in Pacifica. VSC Prez Alice Masek

PHOTO GALLERY: CLOSING WEEKEND FOR 2018-19 AT SUGAR BOWL



(Photos by Carol Reed)

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Cabin Chair: Mike Masek, Paul Kensinger

Nordic Gazette Editor: Peter Blumberg

Board Members: Paul Kensinger, Barbara Sorensen, Rex Haber, Mike Masek, Stephanie LaCarruba, Ed Russell, Rory Hayden

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Cabin Reservations: Penny Bair, (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