

Nordic Gazette

November 2015



<http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org>

Calendar

November 4 - Wednesday – NO GENERAL MEETING THIS MONTH - CANCELLED

November 7 – Saturday – San Ramon Valley High School Ski Swap – Member Recruitment Event – see article

December 11 - Friday – December General Meeting and Annual Christmas Dinner – See Article

January 1, 2, 3rd – General Meeting and New Years at the Cabin

President's Message

Those of you who passed on skiing most or all of last season joined the thousands of other Northern Californians in helping me have a great ski season. I didn't teach all that often but I had great skiing almost every week. Staying off of the beautifully groomed slopes saved them for me and the small number of us who showed up. When patches got thin snow making often stepped in and did a great job. But the real stars of the show were the groomers. Almost every morning we would warm up by dropping down on Lake View to swoop across California Street and on down to our ride back up the Lincoln chair. Two or three runs later

we would move to Hellmans and or 2-1/2 and the other groomed runs on the face. When Lincoln was a bit skied out we would move over to Disney with East Face, Market Street softened up and then around to Eagle, Donald Duck, Pony Express and on around as far as Crow's Nest. If your day is not complete until you have skied in the trees, there were not that many days that would satisfy. But thanks to the grooming stars and the weak attendance those who showed up at Sugar Bowl had a great season. I kept urging friends to join us. Most of the time I was met with, "No thanks. It hasn't snowed since December."

If El Nino really comes through for us this season there will be plenty of new snow on the groomers and off piste for us all. But the next time snow conditions sound uninspiring give us a call at the cabin or just come on up and enjoy the fun. If you think tennis is the better option, give me a call. I'll be happy to share what I know. And we can all go out at 9 and come in with frozen grins plastered across our faces.

Rory

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Viking Membership

67 Active (maximum 125)
17 Junior
4 Life
35 Passive
4 Probationary
3 Leave

- 5 Applicants
- 3 Student Leave

Membership (Continued)

In October, the board voted for "probationary" member, **Jesse Nelson Dunn**, to become an "active" member. We all give her a warm welcome! She was sponsored by **Rosanne Ratkiewich**.

Interested in Joining a Great Club?

Calling all members! Calling all members!! Tell all your friends and neighbors that the Viking Ski (and Outdoor) Club is accepting new members and we would love to have them be a part of our year round activities.

The club has a cute, cozy cabin at Donner Pass (only 2 hr 45 min drive from the Bay Area) where there are so many wonderful things to do nearby in all the seasons: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall: downhill skiing, x-country skiing, back country skiing, snow shoeing, sledding/tubing, hiking the PCT trail next to the cabin or many other trails nearby, water activities at Donner Lake 3 miles away, activities in Truckee or Lake Tahoe 8-12 miles away, road or mountain biking out the front door of the cabin, and more!!!!

Questions about membership: Contact Barb Sorenson, Membership Chair, barb@barbsorenson.com

November General Meeting – There will be no General Meeting in November. **The NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING IS CANCELLED.**

San Ramon Valley High School – Recruitment Event- November 7th

At the September meeting we discussed ways for increasing our membership. We cannot continue to meet our financial obligations at the current income (lack of) and low membership levels. We talked about the local ski swaps as a place to meet potential members. The San Ramon Valley High School Ski, Board, and Bike Swap is a huge event held at the high school in Danville every year. Thousands of people attend, standing in line hours before the opening. The Vikings will be setting up a

booth and promoting our club to event goers. And while you are there – why not pick up a new pair of skis or snowboard?

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS – If you volunteer 3 hours at the event, you will fulfill your work party requirement for the year. The event runs from 10:00a until 4:00p. but we will set up a few hours early. Thanks to those who have already called Barb to work the event!

Barb Sorenson will be coordinating coverage. Contact her at barb@barbsorenson.com The website is <http://www.skiboardbikeswap.com/>. The location is 501 Danville Blvd., Danville.

Meeting and Hike in the Oakland Hills

Apparently, the thought of exercise in prep for ski season was not on the mind of many Vikings. Our President, **Rory**, lead a hike in October. **Mike and Alice Masek** showed up ready and prepared. The 3 Vikings had a great time wandering through the redwoods at the top of Joaquin Miller Park.



Rory vacuuming with the new bagless vacuum.



Will G. putting back floor mats in kitchen area.

October 24th and October 25th – WORK PARTY

We had 19 Vikings at the final work party, including four prospective members, who rolled up their sleeves to give the cabin a thorough cleaning in anticipation of an El Nino-influence ski season. Windows were washed and storm windows put up thanks to **Mark and Ryan Sorensen** and probationary members **Jim Barger** (friend of **Penny Bair**) and **Bill Barber**. **Barb Sorenson** and **Rick Haglund** scrubbed the bathrooms in a competition of who could get theirs the cleanest. The **Glomstad family** vacuumed and swept and Margaret made a wonderful spaghetti lunch for all hungry workers. On Sunday, **Carol Reed, Betty Avila and Curt Haney** got everybody out of bed so they could handle the washing of all the bedding covers, fleece blankets and towels. No area was left untouched as **Richard Doleman** even mopped out the Storage/Wood-Shed! **Barb, Penny, and Jeanie** did a complete inventory and created a shopping list of supplies needed for the cabin. A big thank you to all workers!

Here is a list of Prospective members that attended during the weekend.

Jim Barger (friend of Penny Bair) - worked
Bill Barber - worked
Tom Penner – saw our sign and visited
Aaron McMoran (and wife Cortney - not present) - worked
Dylan Savidge (Friend of Barbara Sorenson) - worked



Barb S., Penny, and Jeannie W. taking inventory

Annual Christmas Meeting and Dinner

Janet Nielsen has again arranged for our Annual Christmas Dinner and meeting at Nick's Restaurant in Pacifica on Friday, December 11th. The flyer is below – be sure to get your reservation and money in early. This is our big event for the year. If you can't make it, consider sending in a donation for the club. We have not had fundraisers in a long time and our bank account is getting slim. The raffle is one way we can make a few bucks and ensure we can continue to enjoy our awesome cabin. More info next month.

My Christmas wish is for rain in the valley and snow in the mountains! Be there to tell Santa what's on your Christmas wish list!

Lost and Found Corner

We are still looking for anyone who may have taken red hand towels home for washing. Since the July newsletter we've gone from none to one. Keep 'em them coming in. Cleaning rags too as the women were eyeing the towels on the shelf in the men's bathroom to make more cleaning rags.

Richard Doleman took inventory at the final work party 10/24. Here is his detailed description:

Mens long-sleeved shirt, purple plaid pattern by Haggard size L

Mens denim long-sleeved shirt with "Molokai Ranch" pocket logo, size L

Fleece base-layer shirt, black by "Columbia" size XL

Pair of X-C ski gloves black size L

Pair of X-C ski gloves black by "Omni Tech" black size L

Pair of glove inserts, black synthetic by "Gordini" size L

Ski glove right-hand black by "Manzella" size L

Ski glove right-hand black Thinsulate with leather palm size L

Ski glove left-hand black by :Gordini size L

Ski hat blueBall-cap style Nike hat blue

Base layer shirt by "Winter Silk" black size large

Socks - 3 pairs backSocks - 3 pairs white

Plastic soap dish with soap

Water bottle - 16 oz. blue

Around the Club –

Viking Website - Are you a techie? The board is looking for someone who can set up and rewrite the website for the Club. Contact any of the board members if you would be interested. We are looking at Google Website Designer/Hangouts

RESERVATIONS FOR THE CABIN

- Contact Diane Kemsley/Janet Neilsen
Email janneilsen@juno.com or call **925-837-8664 before 8 PM.**
- Give the **nights** that you will be staying at the cabin.
- Give the makeup of your group (i.e. 3 males, 2 females and guest or member).
- Bunk or room preference.
- If you do not receive confirmation within 48 hours email or call again.

San Francisco Viking Ski Club Officers - 2015/2016

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Club Meetings are SOMETIMES 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: **Maureen Sala, mo_sala@pacbell.net**

The Club Roster is maintained by Barbara Sorenson. Please send your email address as well as contact updates to: barb@barbsorenson.com

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.

WINTER CABIN RESERVATIONS

Starting NOVEMBER 1st, 2015 through JANUARY 3rd, 2016, reservations will be accepted for the Christmas and New Year's holiday period.

All **guest** requests for a reservation during Christmas and New Year's will be placed on a wait list to be confirmed by 12/15.

After 12/15, members and guests will be confirmed on an equal basis.

WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY RATES

\$12.00 Active, Probationary and Junior Member (includes \$1.00 Railroad Fund)

\$21.00 Passive, Student Leave, Guests (includes \$1.00 Railroad Fund)

HOLIDAY RATES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 14th, 2015 THRU JANUARY 3rd, 2016

San Francisco Viking Ski (and Outdoor) Club Annual Christmas Meeting and Dinner Party



Nick's Restaurant,
Rockaway Beach,
Pacifica

Friday,
December 11, 2015

Join the crowd and be merry! **Mingle, Jingle, and Tingle** while enjoying a festive holiday dinner.

No Host Cocktails - 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Dinner, Raffle 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 : **Janet Neilsen, XXXXXXXXXXXX**

