

# Nordic Gazette - November 2018



“You can't buy happiness, but you can buy a ski pass”

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Nov. 14: General Meeting (8pm) & Board Meeting (7pm), The Englander Restaurant, San Leandro

Dec. 8: Christmas Dinner, Nick's Restaurant (see separate email flyer for details)

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I hope everyone has been having a great summer, and it seems amazing that we are turning towards autumn and the impending resumption of the snow season!

With our VSC membership relatively low (currently around 63 active members, though others are in the works) we are moving ahead with some changes to make it easier to join (no "readings," but still a year's probationary period before full membership is awarded) and to make the club more appealing.

Several Work Parties this summer have accomplished a lot, but we still have to replace the worn-out water heater (one of 2) and we are still in dialog about whether the replacement will be another large reservoir water heater, or an "on demand" version (more expensive.) The work of everyone participating in the Work Parties is much appreciated. Great fellowship has been experienced over the loading-in of the firewood, work on the parking lot, painting, and many such tasks.

The club is in relatively good financial shape, with dues collected and heading into the new season, in which we hope there will be lots of snow and good cabin fee income.

We have a highly capable helper, a member of Peninsula Ski Club who programmed their online reservation system, working on a variant to meet our club's needs, but for the rest of the upgrade of our Web Site (photos, edited text, etc.) we are still looking for volunteers. Work party credit can be earned through projects like these. (Please contact President Alice if you can help.)

Alice and Barbara Sorenson are working hard to establish a VSC Calendar well in advance so members will know when events and meetings will be held and where. Such a calendar would be posted on our new Web Site so potential members would know where to go to sign up to become prospective members!

One critical factor moving into next year will be to nominate a full slate of officers well in advance because the Maseks (Pres. and Cabin Maintenance) will be in China for the whole month of May, when VSC elections are held. They will be back for the June Installation to pass the baton to the next set of leaders.

It is the hope of this President that by that time we will have the new Web Site (with attractive wording and photos) and online reservation system in place, but until that happens, we will stay with our current system, which depends on the faithful service of Penny Bair to take reservations and assign rooms and bunks, and the traditional payment by checks to our treasurer Paul Thompson for the nights of our stays. Membership will be informed through the Gazette as more modern systems become available.

In any case, we will do our best to enjoy our cabin and the friendships with fellow Vikings.

LET IT SNOW! VSC Prez Alice Helen Masek

## **OCTOBER WORK PARTY REPORT**

We had a very enjoyable work party on Oct. 20-21, our last of the season, with great new energy provided by a few old and many newer and provisional members. The emphasis was on family fun and socializing by young and old alike -- especially 4 delightful girls, aged 5 and under, who dusted the trophies and played together exuberantly and well. Alejandra Suazo supervised and kept them busy. As always, we did spring cleaning in the fall, so the cabin is sparkly neat and clean for the upcoming ski season. Too many tasks to mention. Noteworthy is the updating of the fire extinguishers, extra detailing of the bathrooms, and a grand lunch for all, prepared by Artem and Vida. We also held a club meeting and discussed website and reservation system upgrading and water heater replacement, with volunteer help offered by Julia Babiarz and Mike Estrada.

Work Party participants: Reuben Shank, Dan Leaverton, Youssef Rafatiah, Dan Glomstad, Erika Martinez, Paul Niemann, Alma Lucia Martinez Niemann, David Rodriguez, Zak Zwitter, Lydia Zwitter, Eleanor Zwitter, Michael Philpott, Julia Babiarz, Artem Gassan, Vida Sapojnikovo, Jessica Higgins, Ian Doleman, Lilikoi Doleman, Alejandra Suazo, Michael Estrada. Penny Bair, Richard Doleman and Jeanie Wedekind.

Our thanks and appreciation to all of these hard workers who made this one of our most successful and fun cleanup work parties ever! - Jeanie and Richard

## **LOST & FOUND CORNER**

Rex Haber: glass bottles -- Khombu boots, size 11, medium -- Gray Enove running shoes, size 13, Northside snow boots, size 11 -- Kamik rubber boots, size 3 -- two duffel bags, green & black Columbia jacket, size large, black & blue -- Gap kid's snow pants, slate color -- pink towel Columbia black fleece, extra large -- Swany gloves, black -- blue neck gator -- burgundy stuff bag bracelet, kid's white electric -- gloves, large, black cotton knit -- Puma underwear, black Expedition sweat shirt, lined, blue -- scarf, navy blue fleece -- Asimba vest, navy blue fleece Hagggar shirt, flannel, burgundy checkered, large -- suspenders for snow pants, cream-colored Port & Co. jean shirt, large, light blue -- WCBS t-shirt, cotton, extra large Nike baseball cap, blue Reef knit beanie, navy blue -- water bottle, turquoise -- zipper bag, black, insulated -- Patagonia "live simply" t-shirt, blue, extra large -- Azumi sweat pants, black, medium -- turtleneck, women's, black, small -- three pair winter gloves, black, large -- Swiss sunglasses, black -- Samsung flip phones -- Ralph Lauren sweat pants, child size, blue -- white sparkly kid gloves -- Liberty Sports sunglasses, wine-colored -- Outside Turtle shirt sunglasses -- white stuffed lamb toy, pink ears -- Pan-Optix sports sunglasses & case -- Felts Acorn child's shoe (one), size 6



Early October mountain biking on the Donner Lake Rim Trail with a view of scenic Summit Lake

## **San Francisco Viking Ski Club Officers – 2018/2019**

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

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**Cabin Fees** Winter: Members: \$12/night, Guests: \$21/night Summer: Members: \$8/night, Guests: \$17/night

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