

Nordic Gazette October 2012



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Calendar

Final Work Party at the cabin:

October 13-14 annual deep cleaning work party

Wednesday, November 7 – General Meeting Bayshore Corporate Center conference room 1710 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo

7:00 PM Board meeting

8:00 PM General meeting

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, December 7

Annual Holiday Dinner @ Nick's Restaurant

NO MEETING @ Bayshore Corporate Center

President's Message

Closer Than You Think

I know it's over 90 degrees in the Bay Area, but ... the ski season is closer than you think. There is only one more scheduled work party, the final cabin cleaning led by Jeannie Wedekind and Rich Doleman (rdoleman@comcast.net). The firewood is stacked and ready for the coming season, ski patrols are finishing up their preparations for the season and there is snow in the mountains! Flying back from our nephew's wedding in Kansas last Monday we saw snow in the Rockies! Yes it was on the highest peaks, yes it was on the north side of the slopes and yes it was just a dusting ... BUT ... snow is snow.

Mike

October 3, 2012

Update on Royal Gorge from Paul Thompson

SAM Magazine—Norden, Calif., Sept. 28, 2012—Sugar Bowl has signed an agreement with the Truckee Donner Land Trust to lease and operate the neighboring Royal Gorge cross-country ski area this winter, pending completion of the Trust's purchase of 3,000 acres of Royal Gorge terrain.

If all goes according to plan, Sugar Bowl will also purchase the X-C resort's Summit Station and related acreage in the Station's immediate area within the next year. The Trust will retain control of 3,000 acres that are home to Royal Gorge trails. Sugar Bowl is working with 13 private landowners who have in the past leased another 3,000 acres to Royal Gorge, to keep the entire 6,000-acre resort intact. Royal Gorge has more than 200 kilometers of trails on this High Sierra terrain.

"We want to return Royal Gorge to its pre-eminent position in the U.S.," Sugar Bowl president and CEO Rob Kautz told SAM. "Royal Gorge really fits with and complements our authentic alpine adventure brand. We're very excited about this opportunity."

To support its aims, Sugar Bowl plans to offer a combined alpine/Nordic season's pass starting next week. It currently rents cross-country gear and sells lessons out of the Sugar Bowl village, where trails connect to the Royal Gorge system. Sugar Bowl has already purchased new Prinoth X-C trail grooming machines to maintain Royal Gorge's trails.

The resort hopes to expand the cross-country skiing, and the two resorts' integration, over the coming

years. As part of that effort, Sugar Bowl has consulted with Royal Gorge founder John Slouber on possible future developments.

Sugar Bowl's lease and operation of Royal Gorge is contingent on the purchase of Royal Gorge by the Land Trust. That purchase is expected to be solidified by Oct. 1 and completed by Dec. 20.

<http://www.saminfo.com/news/sugar-bowl-operate-royal-gorge>

Lange Women's Ski Boots for Sale

Model - Anthem, Size 25.5. (about 8 1/2 in US size) 4-Buckle. Color Gray \$20 or Best Offer. Contact Ellie Kramer at [408-732-0404](tel:408-732-0404) or email kramerel@yahoo.com.

Truckee Historical Haunted Tour **Oct 18-19**

This much loved annual walking tour features tales of yore with a memorable and entertaining twist at Truckee's historic gems and watering holes. The spooky walking tour begins with a glass of wine, interesting characters and a prize packed raffle at Moody's. Let the Halloween fun begin! Support Trails & Vistas and the Truckee Donner Historical Society and get your tickets now <http://truckeehistorytour.com/>

How To Make Your Cabin Reservations

Starting in November 2012 there will be a new reservations person. Many thanks to Margaret Glomstad for managing the reservations for many years! More information will be provided in the November Gazette.

Due to the increased usage of the cabin especially during holiday periods please use the following information to ensure we can get maximum usage of the cabin. Reservations must be made year round. (Work party reservations should be made with the cabin chair or person leading the work party.)

1. Email mglomstad@comcast.net or call 650-349-7542 **before 8 PM**.
2. Give the **nights** that you will be staying at the cabin.
3. Give the makeup of your group (i.e. 3 males, 2 females and guest or member).
4. Bunk or room preference.
5. If you do not receive confirmation within 48 hours email or call again.

Guests:

Guests can get bumped from the cabin based on the needs of the members. The official deadline for bumping guests, per cabin rules, is the Thursday before the weekend of your reservation, but the reservations person will try to inform you before then.

Cancellations:

If you are unable to make it to the cabin or need to change the nights of your stay, it is very important to inform the reservations person as soon as possible. This will allow for members/guests who might be on a waiting list to get a bunk in the cabin.

Rooms and Bunks:

Requests for specific bunks or rooms will try to be accommodated. Unfortunately there will be times that your request will not be able to be fulfilled due to the needs to accommodate as many members/guests as possible. Once at the cabin, if you would like to change your assigned bunk/room see the weekend chair before making any changes to the bunk list.

Weekend Chair:

Each weekend or holiday period, a weekend chair is assigned. The weekend chair assigns the chores, collects the nightly fees and mails them to the treasurer, and makes changes to the bunk list as necessary. They are also there to resolve any issues that might come up during your stay.

Important Information and Reminders

- The first person at the cabin should take chore #1: shoveling the stairs to the solarium and removing the ice. This must be done at the beginning of your stay, and touched up while people are there. (Have cabin chair assign it to a second person if a storm comes through.) The stairs are our fire escape, and must be kept free of ice for safety. Also, shovel and remove the ice at the entrance.

- We have a "bear" box for the garbage which means we don't have to take garbage home with us! However, we still have to put it into the garbage can and put the can into the box. The waste disposal company will only take garbage in the can. Recycling, in a blue bag, can be set next to the can, or in the can, space available.

To recycle cardboard, it needs to be in a blue plastic bag. If the garbage collector has to pull out loose items that are not either in the trash can or a blue

bag we are charged extra fees. Even stacks of cardboard that are bound together must be in a blue bag.

The box is located out by the road on the cabin side of the parking lot driveway. It's painted grey-blue and raised on stilts to keep it above the snow, so someone has to lift the can to get it in (ask for help if you need it.)

- Please keep Margaret Glomstad mglomstad@comcast.net and Anne Ording ording.anne@gmail.com informed of your current address, phone number(s), and email so that important information reaches you.

- We have Viking Ski Club stickers. They are available for \$2. The stickers must be displayed in your vehicle when parked at the cabin.

- Cabin keys are available from Mike Masek for \$3.

- Keep the front door to the cabin closed and locked at all times. Do not leave the door open with the expectation that someone else will close and lock it.

- If you are staying in one of the smaller rooms, please remember to vacuum the room as well as your assigned cabin chore before you leave.

Links to Ski Organizations

There are many ski organizations that organize trips, publish newsletters, etc. Here are a few to check out online if you wish:

<http://www.skibac.org/index.html>

<http://www.fwsa.org>

<http://auburnskiclub.com/>

<http://www.fis-ski.com/>

<http://www.skimtta.com/>

<http://www.nationalskiclubnews.com/home.html>

Truckee Donner Land Trust Events

<http://www.tdlandtrust.org/news-events>

Check out the Donner Summit Historical Society newsletter:

<http://www.donnersummithistoricalociety.org/PDFs/newsletters/news12/October12.pdf>

Editor's Note

Winter's coming.

Happy Trails,

Anne Ording

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Club Meetings are 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 Anne Ording

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The Club Roster is maintained by Margaret Glomstad. Please send your email address as well as contact updates to:

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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.

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