

Nordic Gazette

October 2015



<http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org>

Calendar

October 4 – Sunday – 10:00a.m. General Meeting and East Bay Hills hike – see article

October 24/25 Work Party - at the Cabin

November 4 - Wednesday - General Meeting. Location details TBD

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

President's Message

The Siren song of El Nino is calling me. I know that the meteorologists want caution but I can't do that. I'm getting in shape...well some shape, and planning to strip the summer wax from my skis. We have just one more work party to get the cabin ready for the rush of newly revived powder hounds among us. If you haven't had a chance yet this summer come on up the weekend of the 24th and get into the mood with the rest of us.

Last season I had great skiing almost every weekend. In November's Gazette I will tell you my secret. So keep your eye out for the inside track.

Keep on dreaming and check your tire treads.

Rory

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Viking Membership

Please congratulate **Annabelle Zakaluk**, who was voted from Probationary to Active at the September board meeting.

Also, we have a new Probationary Member, **Rex Haber**, sponsored by **David Phife**- voted in as Probationary at the same meeting. You saw his name last month, as he attended the August work party. Welcome Annabelle and Rex!

Our V.P., **Barbara Sorenson** is asking for Vikings willing to work with her to brainstorm and implement a plan to increase (double) Viking membership. A big part of our income is from dues, and with membership being low, and years of low cabin use, we need a plan to turn that around.

Current Membership:

66	Active (maximum of 125)
17	Junior
4	Life
35	Passive
5	Probationary
3	Student Leave

Sunday October 4th – Meeting and Hike

Our adventurous President, **Rory**, is leading our Fall Hike.

The hike will start at the Sequoia Bayview Trailhead on Skyline Blvd in Oakland, a short distance up Skyline from where it meets Joaquin Miller Rd. The hike will start at 10:00 am Sunday October 4. Bring a sack lunch and a water bottle. Suitable for all skill levels of hiking.

Joaquin Miller Park has a great variety of trails. We plan to decide on the trails based on the preferences of those who choose to come and play. The options range from a nice flat saunter on the Sequoia Bayview Trail to ambling through the redwoods of the Big Trees section all the way to charging up and down some steep ones in preparation for awesome El Nino fed off-piste skiing this winter. Meet at the Sequoia Bayview Trail entry just off of Skyline where it turns east about ½ mile the where Joaquin Miller Road ends and becomes Skyline. Bring a full water bottle and a snack, poles optional.

October 24th and October 25th – LAST WORK PARTY OF THE YEAR

The sun and fun of summer is over and we are settling into fall. What better way to spend a weekend than by enjoying the cabin; getting it into tip-top shape on Saturday and enjoying all the summit has to offer on Sunday.

Jean and Richard Wedekind will be leading the final work party of the year to ‘get the cabin sparkling’ on Saturday. Come up on Friday night, as they will be starting early Saturday morning and working all day. You may continue working on the cabin on Sunday or join others for a group hike or trip to Truckee.

Make your reservations with Janet Nielsen so that the leaders know how many to expect.

November General Meeting – Our plans (per the September Gazette) for a wine tasting event have been CANCELLED for now. The next Gazette will have details on location and times for the November meeting. We are trying to get a “conference call” type meeting together.

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.

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.

September Cookout – San Mateo

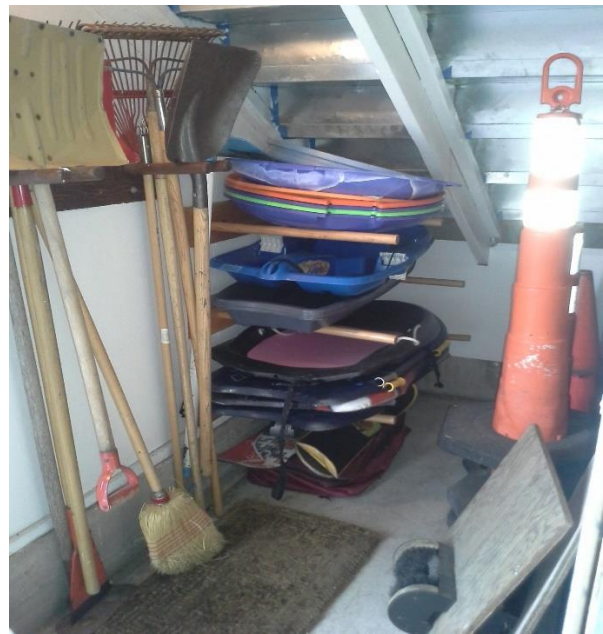
With **Gary Kramer** handling the BBQ, others providing pre-dinner snacks and table set-up, the Vikings again gathered for their annual September cookout. Although not supported in numbers like we used to have, we had a great time listening to stories of member's activities in the club and recent summer travel. A general meeting was lead by our President, **Rory**, while we all enjoyed **Ellie's** brownies.



Pictured: Left side: Gary Kramer, B. Sorenson, Rory Hayden, Mike Wright (gues of Lynn), Right side: Cecily Harris, Ellie Kramer, Mike Masek, Lynn Mortenson
Photographer: Maureen Sala

August Work Party - Improvements

Thanks to Phife and new probationary member Rex Harber for organizing and building new shelving under the stairs. This picture arrived just a little too late to show you last month. Great job guys.



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

Email Maureen at mo_sala@pacbell.net with any news items. Deadline for the November Gazette is October 22nd.

Phone numbers:

- 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.

Summer Cabin Chairmen:

Mike Masek on 510 688-0440, or
Paul Kensinger on 415-467-9337.

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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

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