

Nordic Gazette September 2013



<http://www.sfvikingskiclub.org>

Calendar

Wednesday, October 2 – General Meeting
Bayshore Corporate Center conference room
1710 S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo

7:00 PM Board meeting
8:00 PM General meeting

WORK PARTY AT CABIN:

October 18 - 20 – Work party at the cabin

Annual deep cleaning work party

Wednesday, November 6 – General Meeting
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New Keys

We have re-keyed the front entrance to the cabin. The new keys are stamped "3" and replace the old keys stamped "8". New keys are \$3 each and will be available at our regular meetings. The old keys will work on the solarium door until at least the October work party.

Work Parties

The fall cleanup weekend is scheduled for Friday, October 18 (or arrive by 9am on Saturday, important as some people arrive late on Saturday morning, which is unfair to the others) thru Sunday the 20th. Usually, we finish by Saturday evening. Contact Richard and Jeannie rdoleman@comcast.net if you plan on attending.

Trail Building

The Viking Ski Club has participated in the Donner Rim Trail building for about 10 years. However, in the last two years we haven't been able to muster enough people for our own group. So, the Donner Rim Trail folks have agreed to allow us to add a few of our members to an already scheduled work day. Stay tuned for dates if and when they are scheduled.

Interested in Shaping the Future of the Vikings?



As you'd expect, you combine a bit of wine and margaritas with a group of Vikings and you get some pretty good conversations started. At our August meeting, we had an opportunity to talk about the future of the Vikings, the concerns about recruiting new members, revitalizing the social elements of the club, and addressing some of the financial concerns when our lease comes due.

Stephanie LaCarrubba and John Fox are looking for a few good Vikings to work on a long term plan on how to make our club more fun, better able to attract promising new members, and ensure we're ready to meet the costs of our upcoming lease renewal. It will require 3-5 working sessions over a 6 week period.

When we're done, we should have a range of options to share with the board and our members. Want to join us?

If so, send either Stephanie acusteph@yahoo.com or John jtfoxdesign@yahoo.com an e-mail by September 26th about your interest. We plan on starting the process in October.

Pilots will tell you that you need to plan your flight and then fly your plan.
It's time for us to start planning our flight.

Summer Cabin Reminders

- Turn off the water heaters and pilot lights when leaving the cabin in the summer.
- Beware of mosquitos! As of June 30 there are a large number of hungry mosquitos at the cabin.
- Check for mouse traps when you first arrive at the cabin. We do have mice and we have set out baited traps in the kitchen area.

How To Make Cabin Reservations

Please indicate VSC or cabin reservations in subject line, so that your email does not get deleted due to large volume of email.

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.)

- 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.

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

- Please leave the water heater pilot lights on by turning the control to pilot.
- Turn off the upstairs furnace and close the doors to the dorms and Alpine and Donner. There are no water pipes upstairs subject to freezing.
- Leave the downstairs furnace on. It should be set to 35, enough to keep the pipes from freezing without breaking the budget.
- 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.

- Don't forget to clean out your food locker.
- The blue trash bags are for recycling only.

They are sorted out by the trash company after they are picked up. The heavy duty white trash bags are for the compactor only.

- Please mark your skis, snowboards and bedding. Names should be on all bedding in the solarium cupboards. Unmarked bedding and sleeping bags will be disposed of. It would be a good idea to also mark jackets and gloves.

- Please initial your chore after you have completed it, it is easy to forget and many of us do forget.

- 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 Barbara Sorensen barb@barbsorenson.com 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.

Support the Future of the San Francisco Viking Ski Club

(Gift and Estate Planning)

For 75 years the SF Viking Ski Club has been an innovative and educational icon in San Francisco and the Sierra ski community. The club has a long term financial obligation to maintain a lease on a portion of the ski cabin which is on Union Pacific Railroad property. You may have assets to donate that can help ensure the long term future of this great club. The SF Viking Ski Club has enriched the lives of hundreds of Northern Californians.

Your future gift can help sustain the club's contribution to our community for many years to come. Please remember the San Francisco Viking Ski Club in your living will or trust.

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.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/news13/september13.pdf>

Editor's Note

Help make the Vikings continue to be a club YOU want to be part of. Contact John Fox or Stephanie LaCarrubba today.

Happy Trails,

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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 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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