

Nordic Gazette

April 2016



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(photo above courtesy of Sugar Bowl FB page)

April General Meeting – Wednesday April 6th - Laura Sacido's House, San Francisco – see article

May General Meeting – Location TBD – Elections!

June General Meeting and Awards/Elections Dinner – Nick's Restaurant

July General Meeting – July 2nd and 3rd - At the Cabin

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The season seems to be tailing off with something of a rollercoaster ride. We get several days of warm weather with spring conditions punctuated by two to three day bursts of significant snowfall. The warm weather is helping us stretch our firewood supply and the snowfalls promise an extended season. This week has seen increased skier visits thanks to some schools declaring Easter vacations. The slopes will probably be less crowded next week. A great time to go up to the cabin and take advantage of the many feet of accumulated snow.

The spring days begin with a crust of snow firmed overnight. If there is a nice breeze, the slopes soften up early, are just right, and stay that way most of the day. On those breezeless days it gets a bit slushy on the flats in the early afternoon. But there are always stashes on the north facing slopes and in the trees to entertain and challenge.

The mountains are still a bit behind the average annual snowfall so we will have to hope for several more significant storms to begin to put a dent in the drought and its deficits. So I thank Ullr for his offerings and hope for more to come in April.

Those of us fortunate enough to spend some time on the slopes are enjoying each other's company in the cabin in the evenings. I hope each of you has a chance to come up and sample offerings of the many North Lake Tahoe ski areas. Come on up and join us.

Rory

APRIL BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING –

When: April 6, 2016

Time: 7:00-8:00pm- Board Meeting
8:00-9:00pm- General Membership Meeting

Place: - **Laura Salcido's Home**
380 Dolores St. #10
San Francisco, CA
(Between 16th & 17th St)
3 blocks from 16th St BART Station
Laura will provide snacks and tea.
If you like, please bring additional snacks or drinks.

The main topic of the April meeting will be completing a slate of candidates for our 2016/17 Elections! We have several members willing to stay on as board members, but we are always looking for new blood. ELECTIONS will be in May. If you haven't been on the Board, or it's been awhile, consider running for an office or board position. Board members are elected for 2 years and officers are elected for 1 year. We also welcome committee chairpeople or assistants. We guarantee more fun than work. We need help in getting our membership growing and help in preparing our cabin for next season, we need you!

MEMBERSHIP

Active- 70
Probationary- 19
Passive- 33
Junior- 16
Applicants-1
Life- 4
Student Leave- 3

We give a hearty welcome to our New Probationary Members:

- Peter Blumberg**, sponsored by **Rosanne Ratkiewich**
- Jim Obrien**, sponsored by **Pete Lin**
- Gani Pinero**- sponsored by **Rosanne Ratkiewich**

-David Rodriguez, sponsored by Rosanne Ratkiewich

Annual Dues Reminder- Your 2016-17 Annual Dues need to be paid by April 30th. After that there is a \$25 late charge.

Last week you should have received your dues invoice in an email sent by David Alter. If you have any questions about your Dues Notice, contact Barb Sorenson, VSC Membership Chair, barb@barbsorenson.com. David Alter sends out the Dues Notice emails, but Barb Sorenson does all the data base upkeep.

Make your Dues check out to SF Viking Ski Club and mail it to:
Barb Sorenson
318 Tappan Terrace
Orinda, CA 94563

Questions about membership? Contact: Barb Sorenson, 925-286-4028 or barb@barbsorenson.com

CABIN NOTES

Wood Stoves - The wood stoves at the cabin have the FAN set to automatic. You do not have to turn on the fan, in fact, you can't. The fan will kick in when the thermometer reads 160.

Ski and Snowboard Storage - By now, you have seen the notice from our corresponding secretary, Rick, that someone 'borrowed' clearly marked snowboard equipment and returned it damaged. Please note, we rarely have an incident like this, and it saddens me. Please label and tag your ski equipment that is stored in any of the storage lockers – be it skis, or sleeping bags. As a reminder, all skis and snowboards must be removed from the cabin by June 1, 2016 as we need to use the area for a workshop during the summer.

Please remember to be frugal with the wood, hot showers, and the heaters. Our bank account is low, and everything we can do in conserving energy is helping our bottom line. So, come up, use the facilities, but treat them with love!

Summer Plans – Our cabin is full of leaks and cracks. It's an ongoing battle to keep our cabin water-tight. Just like painting the Golden Gate Bridge, once you finish the task, you start all over again! The board discussed replacing the original upstairs windows - that are at least 30 years old – with energy efficient, non-leaking, double or triple pane windows. These windows would be installed by our experienced, strong, and capable Viking members.

We are asking for donations of any kind – from \$20 up to sponsorship of an entire replacement window, approximately \$400-\$500. If you donate a window, we will honor your contribution with a commemorative item of some type. Maybe you would like to donate in memory of a friend or loved one, or just in memory of the wonderful times you had while staying at the cabin. And if you donate, we promise you never have to wash the cabin windows again! Donating is easy and 'pane-free', just contact our President Rory Hayden, or Mike Masek. Better yet, send in a donation when you send in your dues for the year.

Cabin Rates – Winter/Reservations

Last year, the fees for staying at the cabin were updated to add \$1 per night to the Railroad Fund. Winter rates for cabin stays are as follows:

Weekend and Holiday Rates:

\$12 - (Includes \$1 Railroad Fund) - Active, Probationary and Junior Members

\$21 - (includes \$1 Railroad Fund) - Passive Members, Student Leave, Guests

Penny Bair is the new reservations chairwoman. Her contact information is:

707-480-2234 OR yogibair@comcast.net



GOOD NEWS, KIDS! THE EASTER BUNNY HAS HIDDEN EGGS IN OUR DRIVEWAY! NOW, TAKE THIS AND GET OUT THERE AND FIND THEM!/?

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