

# Snow News IS Good News

Newsletter of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club

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**January 10th, 2007**

Julia Menkee Presents:

Mad as a Hatter



**January 2007**

Thursday, Jan 10th, 7:00 pm to  
9:00 pm

Brigid Collins House, Garden St.  
Family Center, 1231 N. Garden  
St. This is located just across  
from Kinko's Copies on Holly  
St. Enter from the parking lot  
South entrance.

Anyone interested in Nordic  
Skiing is welcome!

New member orientation is at  
6:30; the meeting starts at 7:00.

**January Program**

Well, OK, so maybe we won't be making felt hats using liquid mercury. So how about a.... "Hat and Mitten Making Workshop, hosted by Julia Menkee of Fourth Corner Quilts. Julia Menkee, NNSC member and past club president will host a workshop on making fleece hats and mittens. Sewing stations will be set up. All materials will be provided at no cost! No sewing experience necessary. Come and create you own headwear and experience the 'fleecing of the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club."

**Club Meeting**

News Letter Cut Off Date.

Cut off date for the Feb news letter will be Jan 20th.

## Trip Listings



### January 18-21st, 2008 -- ----> Manning Provincial Park

For Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. Cost:\$126 dollars with a deposit for the full amount by 12/10/07.

From our trip coordinator John: Thanks to trip coordinator Carol Bronisz we can ski on foreign snow through a delightful trip to Canada, our great friends to the North. So come one come all to Manning Park where you will stay at the warm Chalets that allow you to enjoy not only fine groomed trails right out your door, but a pool, hot tub and dry snow. There is a central kitchen (meals are on your own or as a group), two wings with bunks (4) one double per end, thus 12 persons per chalet. You also can tear up your really nice and expensive gloves on the rope tow as your trail pass includes its use or abuse (depending on your outlook). The trip is scheduled for January 18-21st, 2008. The

cost is \$126 dollars with a deposit for the full amount by 12/10/07.

You can contact Carol by phone at (360) 733-4719 or email but hurry I have been told this trip fills quickly.

Of course there needs to be at least 10 people with a max of 24. Private vehicles with carpooling of course is the mode of transportation. Don't forget you will be in a foreign country so bring your passport and your visa."

### Informal Gathering's

At the last board meeting the board agreed to post informal outings where there may not be a formal trip leader. It will be up to each member to make their own reservations and arrange their travel / carpool. These outings will be invitations from other club members to join them as they ski at their favorite destinations.

### Sleeping Lady, Jan or Feb.

I am planning on scheduling a trip to The Sleeping Lady Resort, by Leavenworth, the last week in January or the first or second week in February, Sunday through Tuesday. I am waiting to firm up the date until after the Holidays in order to be sure of the weather and good snow conditions. We will go for the "Great Escape Rate" which is Sunday through Thursday, excluding holidays. That is \$380 for two nights double occupancy, private room and bath and gourmet breakfast and dinner. Single occupancy is \$280. There are 8 K of groomed trails across the road from the resort. A Lunch Pantry by the trail for lunch or a hot drink. The resort offers an outdoor hot pool, fitness center and beautiful outdoor sculpture

throughout the grounds. Sleeping Lady is a three hour drive from Bellingham over Hwy 2.

Ten of us went there last January and we had a great time and wonderful skiing. We all booked rooms in the same courtyard and gathered at one table for dinner and breakfast. We called ourselves "The Pampered Ten"!

Cross Country Ski Trails: Icicle River Trail, right out side your door at Sleeping Lady, Golf Course Trail, two miles from Sleeping Lady, Ski Hill Trail, adjacent to downtown Leavenworth, 8 km through a pine forest and lighted at night, Lake Wenatchee Trail, 25 minutes away with 15 km of groomed trails, just beyond Stevens Pass is the Nordic Center and we like to ski there on the way to Leavenworth.

If you are interested in joining us please call me or e-mail me. Jan Brown, 671-5056, or [kenbrol@msn.com](mailto:kenbrol@msn.com). I'll keep you posted. Jan Brown

### WINTHROP SKI & PARTY WEEK

Wahoo! We're going to Winthrop, and you're invited. Join us, Ken and Kathea Rasmussen on February 24-28 for five glorious days of skiing. Winthrop has 200 km of groomed cross country ski trails. The snow is almost always good, and Winthrop is a fun place to be at any time. We are staying at the Mt. Gardner Inn, 509-996-2000.

[frontdesk@mtgardnerinn.com](mailto:frontdesk@mtgardnerinn.com)  
This trip is not an organized club trip, so you'll need to book your own room and organize your own meals and carpooling. We'll be happy to see you before, during, and after skiing. The Inn is a

short walk to the Community Trailhead and within easy walking distance from downtown. Most of the rooms have small refrigerators, and some have microwaves. There are plenty of good restaurants in Winthrop as well. We intend to eat all our evening meals out. Come ski and socialize! Kathea and Ken Rasmussen, 360 766- 8720 or [kayakfit@fidalgo.net](mailto:kayakfit@fidalgo.net). For a more pampered experience you can book a room at the Chewuch Inn.

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

They provide a wonderful breakfast and also have a hot tub. The Chewuch is also a short distance from the trailhead. We'll still ski with you.

### Help Wanted:

**Audit:** Can you help with the year end audit? Contact Ed at 647-3560, or write him at [ehalasz@nas.com](mailto:ehalasz@nas.com)

### SnoParkPermits



Washington  
Sno-Park permits are accepted in Washington, Oregon & Idaho. Where do the permit fees go? Specifically, they go to

SALMON RIDGE! Proceeds from permit sales are used to maintain and improve non-motorized Sno-Park facilities. They pay for snow removal, sanitation facilities, trail grooming, trail signs, mapping, parking lot construction, education, enforcement and program administration. There are more than 40 SnoParks in Washington. Print a map at: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/winter/parks/nonmotorparks.asp>

Cost: 1 day permit: \$10, Seasonal permit: \$30. There is a \$1 fee added to the permits if you buy them through a merchant. If you buy through the club you can get the annual permit for \$30 (sorry, we don't carry the 1 day permit).

The fine is much more and no fun

Permits are available by purchasing with your membership, at club meetings, or at any of the following locations:

Backcountry Essentials  
214 W. Holly - Bellingham  
(360) 543-5678

G.I. Joes  
300 E Bellis Fair Pkwy  
Bellingham (360) 756-1120

REI - Bellingham  
(360) 647-8955  
400 36<sup>TH</sup> St. - Bellingham

Sportsman Chalet  
(360) 671-1044  
114 W. Holly - Bellingham

Mt Baker Snowboard Shop  
(360) 599-2008  
9996 Forest St. – Glacier

You can obtain a mail in order form on line and access 125 merchant locations.  
[www.parks.wa.gov/winter/permits.asp](http://www.parks.wa.gov/winter/permits.asp)

### Join The Club.

Join the Nooksack Nordic Ski Club. Benefits for \$25 single or \$40 per household include "Snow News" delivered, access to super trips and other activities, connecting with other skiers at meetings and trips, and joining approximately 90 other individuals or households in supporting local Nordic skiing. Beginning this year your dues will cover your membership from September of the current year through September next year. There is a membership form at the end of this news letter.

## Nooksack Nordic Ski Club Membership Application and SnoPark Order Form

Use this form to purchase SnoPark permits, or to join the club or to renew your membership.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please print VERY carefully so that we can record it accurately

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please read this agreement carefully before signing and dating:

In signing and submitting this form, I recognize that cross-country skiing involves strenuous activities, is potentially hazardous, and involves inherent risk. I knowingly and voluntarily assume all responsibility and risk for my actions and my family's actions while cross-country skiing, during travel related to Nooksack Nordic Ski Club (NNSC) activities, and during use of facilities and equipment. This includes, but is not limited to falls, collisions, effects of weather, conditions of equipment and trails and other areas while skiing or participating in NNSC activities. I hereby for myself, my heirs, administrators, or anyone else who may bring claims on my or my family members' behalf, covenant not to sue, release and discharge the NNSC, its Board and Committee members, and all related organizations or individuals, from any and all claims of liability for death, personal injury, or property damage arising from my or my family members' participation in NNSC activities.

All family members covered by this application must sign below:

Name (Print please)	Signature
(1) _____	_____
(2) _____	_____
(3) _____	_____
(4) _____	_____
(5) _____	_____

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please distribute my address and contact numbers to the membership:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

SnoPark permit – for the season \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

Annual NNSC Dues – calendar year

Membership \$25 per individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 per household \_\_\_\_\_

(Please check the appropriate items)

Total amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks out to: Nooksack Nordic Ski Club and mail to: P.O. Box 28793, Bellingham, WA 98228

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